

Coming Soon

Theme Groups

Get Together

Tuesday, 22nd July 2.00—4.00 Havelock Street Community Centre: Speakers—Sharon Brown, Sue Davison and David Plews, Connecting with Communities Team

Transport

Friday, 25th July 2.00—4.00 Wesley Court Community Centre: Speaker —Sue Dobson, Transport Policy Officer for Darlington Borough Council

Health

Monday 4th August 10.15—12.15 Havelock Street Community Centre
Speaker— Advocacy Together

Positive Images

Wednesday 6th August 10.30—12.30 Havelock Street Community Centre

Community Safety

Monday 11th August - this meeting has been cancelled, next meeting Monday, 8th September

Economy & Environment

Wednesday 20th August 10.30—12.30 Havelock Street Community Centre: Speaker—Claire Owers from Durham & Darlington Fire Safety Team to talk about fireworks

Get Together

Wednesday, 13th August 10.30—12.30 Wesley Court Community Centre: Guest—Councillor Veronica Copeland, Cabinet member with Adult Services Portfolio

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Wednesday 30th,
Dolphin Centre 10am - 12
& 5.30pm—7.30pm

Tuesday 5th August,
Elm Ridge Church, Carmel
Road South
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 7th August
Mowden shops 2pm -4pm

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Would you like to get crafty?

Age Concern are running a
craft club in Bradbury House.
It will meet on the third
Wednesday of each month at
2.15pm. The focus will be on
making cards, gift envelopes
and gift boxes.

If you are over 50, and are
interested in joining, please
contact Helen at Age
Concern on 356558 for more
information.



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July 2008

Important Change to the Tea Dance!

'Fancy a Dance?' will now take place on **Friday, 15th August**, during the Summer Market Spectacular, Darlington's biggest market event.

The annual tea dance, which was due to take place on July 17th has been moved to the same day as a market celebration because of planned strike action.

There will be a live dance music, and a range of information stands, including:

Supporting People	Age Concern	Adult Social Services
Advocacy Together	Housing Benefits	Primary Care Trust
Darlington Residents Panel	Library & Community Learning	and many more

There will be free cream teas and strawberries, prizes for dancers and a free draw for a food hamper.

Why not come along and enjoy a fun and informative day!

Darlington's 26th Community Carnival

Once again GOLD members took part in the annual Community Carnival held on Saturday, 28th June.

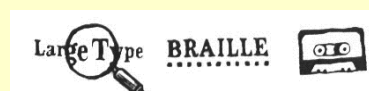
Preparations had been going on in the Arts Centre for five weeks before the main event and the results of all that hard work were evident by the fantastic procession which made its way from the Arts Centre to the Town Centre and back.

There was music en route provided by a pipe band,

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If you have comments or suggestions about this newsletter please contact Lesley Compson on 388845

Feedback

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a group of drummers, and a brass band.

GOLD members were dressed as 'hippies' and gave away flowers which they had made. They also helped with the collecting donations for Family Help, this year's nominated charity.

There were stalls in Stanhope Park with cakes for sale, tombolas, roundabouts, information, face painting and many other things of interest.

With the lovely sunny weather and the happy relaxed atmosphere it was a very enjoyable day for everyone.

We are looking forward to next year's event.

GOLD members have been out and about—spreading the word about the things they get involve in as members.

On Monday, 16th June, members manned a stall in the outdoor market giving information about GOLD and talking to people. It was a very successful day and as a result 10 new members signed up.

We also attended a coffee afternoon at Heighington Church where we talked to residents about issues that are important to them.

If you are a member of a group or organisation and would like to know more about the work in which GOLD is involved please do not hesitate to contact Claire or Lesley on the number below.

Joke of the month

Two lenses in an opticians window got together and made a spectacle of themselves!

Feedback from Transport Group meeting 27th June 2008

This group has a large membership of people who are interested in transport issues in Darlington. They are keen to make a contribution to any planning of services which may be done, have been involved with the campaign to get dropped kerbs in Hurworth Place and have also made their feelings clear about the concessionary passes.

At the meeting on 27th June Mark Ellis from Arriva came to give a presentation on the results of the recent 'Bus Review' and explained about the use of 27 new buses in the town and the renumbering (and in some cases naming) bus routes.

Members had some very pertinent questions regarding the changes and Mark answered most of them on the spot, but with some he is going to let us know the answers.

The group is planning a Transport 'Listening' Event in October when members of the public will be able to come along and talk to Council Officers, and representatives from organisations and agencies which deal with transport of all types. Alan Milburn will also be there to answer questions on a National, as well as local level. Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and get answers.

More details of this event will be given later.

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What's on



Connecting with Communities



Talking Together is a chance for Darlington residents to have their say about issues which affect them. The next round of Talking Together events is starting shortly, watch out for one near you!

There will be free refreshments available and bring the children along. They will be amazed by the magical antics of Ian Wragg, while you talk to staff from the Council, the Police and the PCT, which provides local health services; about how they deliver services which affect all our daily lives.

Why not come along to one of the events near you. It's always good to talk!

Monday July 14th	High Row	9:30am -4:30pm
Saturday 19th July	Stanhope Park	11am -1pm
Tuesday 22nd July	St Mary's Community Centre	5:30pm -7:30pm
Thursday 24th July	Corporation Baptist Church	5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Saturday 26th July	Eastbourne Park	11am - 1pm

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Equal Access to Information

Do you want to know more about your rights as a disabled person?

Do you know when you have been treated unfairly, for example in your job, in education, when shopping, eating out, on public transport, in a bank?

Do you want to share your concerns with other disabled people and policy makers to help make local services better?

Darlington Association on Disability (DAD) has a new project, thanks to generous funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Equal Access to Information Project brings together several strands of DAD's existing work and also gives DAD capacity to develop its information and advice services for younger disabled people, and for parents of disabled children.

A new full time Information and Advice Officer is now in post. The new member of staff, Jane Woodward, is giving information and advice for disabled people and carers about disability rights.

She will also be raising the profile of disability issues and the Disability Equality Scheme with local authority staff. Jane can provide information and advice to individuals and deliver presentations to local groups.

If you would like Jane to come along to speak to a group or for more information please contact her on 01325 489999 or e-mail her at jane@darlingtondisability.org.