

# Coming Soon

## Group Meetings

**Focus Group** - Tuesday 11 August at 2pm  
Havelock Street Community Centre

*You are very welcome to come along and observe.*

**Considerate Parking Task and Finish Group** -

Friday 28 August at 2pm  
Wesley Court Community Centre

**Promoting Positive Images and Publicity** -

Wednesday 2 September 2009 at 10.30am  
Havelock Street Community Centre

**Health** - Monday 7 September 2009 at 10.15am  
Havelock Street Community Centre

Speaker: Fred Marrin from the Intermediate Care Team

There will be a Talking Together event in Central Hall at the Dolphin Centre on Wednesday, 30th September 2009 from 6 - 7.30pm to discuss Dog Control Orders.

This follows on from a preliminary consultation event held in May of this year. This event will be considering in detail which control orders may affect which parts of the borough.

More details will follow in the next GOLD newsletter.

## Talking Together Feedback -

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of supported bus services would be introduced:

- An hourly Sunday service to West Park Hospital
- A two hourly service through Blackwell on the service 29 from Richmond

Darlington Borough Council have recently commissioned a new service called **The Enablement Team**. This is a small friendly team delivering a free discreet service for a period of up to 12 weeks. The support is available to all residents of Darlington aged 55 plus.

The Team aims to:

- Following an assessment, work in partnership to achieve your personal goals
- Encourage independence and well-being
- Work with local agencies
- Promote equal opportunities for all

For more information or for a leaflet please contact: The Enablement Team, 13 Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5PW or telephone 01325 388508

## An inclusive approach

If English is not your first language and you would like more information about this document, or if you require information in another format please contact GOLD on 01325 388845

This document will be made available on request in any format.

**Urdu** اگر آپ کو یہ سہولتیں چاہیں تو براہ کرم 388845 پر فون کر کے حوالہ دیا جائے گا۔

**Punjabi** ਜੇ ਇਹ ਪਰਚਾ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਲਿਖ ਕੇ 388845 ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ (ਹਵਾਲਾ) ਨੰਬਰ ਦੱਸੋ।

**Hindi** यदि आप यह प्रकाशन अंग्रेजी के अलावा अन्य भाषा में चाहते हैं तो कृपया संदर्भ नम्बर (एफनस नम्बर) बताकर निम्नलिखित 388845 पर संपर्क करें।

**Cantonese** 如果你需要其他語言的版本, 請與以下電話聯絡並報出參考號碼: 388845

**Bengali** যদি আপনার ইংরেজী ছাড়া অন্য কোন ভাষায় এই প্রকাশনাটির দরকার থাকে, তাহলে নথির ফোন করুন এবং সূত্র নম্বর উল্লেখ করুন। 388845

**Arabic** إذا رغبت الحصول على هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى غير اللغة الإنجليزية نرجو الاتصال بنا على رقم الهاتف التالي: 388845 مع ذكر رقم الإشارة.

**Polish** Jeżeli chciał(a)by Pan(i) otrzymać polską wersję językową tego dokumentu, proszę zadzwonić pod numer 388845 i podać numer identyfikacyjny dokumentu.



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Talking Together

## Talking Together Feedback

Following the GOLD Talking Together Transport Listening event held last November, a consultative working group has been set up with representation from visually impaired people to look at the feasibility of introducing "beeps" at pelican crossings. Arriva has made changes to the timing of services which operate along North Road to provide services at more regular intervals with the aim of reducing the congestion on Prebend Row in the town centre.

There were issues raised about the taxi voucher scheme, the scheme remains unchanged.

The Supported Buses Talking Together event also held last November attracted residents from northern areas of the town, Sadberge, Blackwell village and Mowden.

Residents told the Council they wanted to maintain and improve their existing bus services. These comments were fed into a report for the Council's Scrutiny Committee the next day.

Taking into account the feedback from the consultation, the Council's Cabinet decided that the existing supported services were to be maintained. Cabinet also decided that some enhancements to the network

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## The Tea Dance is on Thursday, 13 August 2009

The annual Tea Dance is being held again on Thursday, 13 August 2009, in the Market Square, between 11am and 3pm. It will be opened by His Worshipful The Mayor and the Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs Ruck.

There will be information stalls from Age Concern, Advocacy Together, Housing Benefits, Adult Services, Supporting People, Patient Advice and Liaison Service, The Mental Health Improvement Team, GOLD, Tenants Board, Darlington Association on Disability, LINKs, Evolution, Democratic Services and Libraries and Community Learning.

The 'live' dance band will be playing a wide variety of dance music, from 1940s up to 1970s - catering for all tastes!

As usual there will be tables where you can sit and enjoy the music when you have gathered your information and free cream teas will be served by members of GOLD and the YMCA who will



be helping on the day. There will be 'spot' prizes given throughout the day and a free hamper draw - the tickets will be located on the information stands.

The Get Everyone Motivated Team will give a demonstration of their exercises, and the Red Hall Dancers will perform one of their routines.

It should be a very interesting and lively day and hopefully the sun will shine for us again this year.

## Darlington Community Carnival 2009

GOLD members took part in the 27th annual Community Carnival. The Carnival aims to raise awareness of, and involve, the many Community Groups working within Darlington in a fun and innovative way. Our members take part to demonstrate that older people can still be active, interested and useful members of the community.

The theme of the Carnival this year was 'Past, Present and Future' and our members were part of the 'present' which was based on summer and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

The workshops took place over a period of five weeks with the Carnival artists, Amy and Emma.

Together with members of the YMCA they created some fantastic brightly coloured costumes to wear in the procession.

The members who attended the workshops had a great time and helped with the painting, sewing and paper mache.

People watching the parade were given flowers, some made by one of our members and others generously donated by a market stall holder.



Members choosing materials



On the procession route

Our thanks to everyone who donated for the carnival including Mr Thompson who donated the roses, The Bag Junkie in Duke Street, Sainsburys and GOLD members who donated bottles for the tombola stall.

Despite rain in the late afternoon the day was a great success and was very well attended, both on the procession route and in the park.

There was live music from young bands in the park, face painting, bouncy castles and many different stalls.

GOLD members ran a tombola stall to raise funds which are used to help finance some of the events held, such as the Christmas Party. Everyone is looking forward to next year's carnival.

### The GOLD Readers' Group

Members of this group are keen to ensure that leaflets and forms are produced so that they are user friendly. They review forms and leaflets for organisations designing new documentation. The group members check to see if it is easy to read, too jargonistic, needs clearer explanation or if pictures or diagrams would be helpful.

The comments are sent back to the author and changes made.

The group have successfully reviewed information on Falls and Osteoporosis, Podiatry and Chiropody, Housing Benefits,

Charges for Lifeline Services, Welfare Rights, Care Reviews, Supporting People, Charges for some of the service provided by Adult Services and Charges for Home Care and Non Residential Services.

If you would like to join this interesting and worthwhile group please contact Lesley or Claire of the GOLD Team. Relevant training will be given.

### Contact Details

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## What's on

### Do you have memories from war time?

### Were you evacuated to the country or were you a teenager during the war?

The 'Their Past Your Future' project is recording as many memories from war time as possible - whether they are school time antics, reminiscences about war time dances or memories of how the war affected your family.

These memories will be included, alongside work produced by the pupils from the Phoenix Centre, in a book which will be used as a teaching aid for schools and a resource for the Library Service.

Author John Dean has been working with members of GOLD who have already started to record their memories. We would like to give you the opportunity to join the project.

If you would like to record your memories, over a cup of tea or coffee, you will be very welcome at the Community Room at Crown Street Library on Tuesday, 18 August, at 10am. Your stories can be written down for you if you wish.

If you would like more information please contact Lesley or Claire at the GOLD office.

### Do you live in one of the following areas?

Bank Top	Lascelles
Red Hall	Lingfield
Cockerton East	Northgate
North Road	Cockerton West
Central	Park East
Eastbourne	

If so, do you know that there is a Community Partnership in your area working hard to involve residents in improving your area and the quality of life for people who live there?

The Community Partnerships are all active in different ways and have clubs to help you to learn how to use computers, develop play schemes, improve green spaces and the Bank Top Partnership have re-opened the Eastbourne Park Pavilion on certain days with volunteers serving teas and coffees.

If you would like to know more about how you can get involved in the Community Partnerships please contact the Connecting with Communities Team on 01325 388257.

## Focus Group Feedback

The Focus Group met on Tuesday 14 July and among the issues discussed the main points were:

- The first Task and Finish Group has met to discuss 'Considerate Parking' and a work plan has been brought together. This group will meet on the last Friday of each month at Wesley Court Community Centre, off Yarm Road, at 2pm. Anyone with an interest in parking issues wishing to attend will be made very welcome.
- A drop-in session at the Dolphin Centre and a phone-in session were held in July, giving people the opportunity to further understand GOLD and to give their views, opinions and experiences.