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Take a step towards adoption

In Barnsley we are working to speed up the adoption process so that more children can benefit from the stability and security of a permanent, loving family. The new two stage approval process can be completed in six months and we are ready to work with you.

In Barnsley we have around 40 children a year who need adoption. Some are very young, some are school age, some have health needs and many need to be growing up with brothers or sisters.

We understand that the decision to adopt is not one you will take lightly. We are here to give you the information you need and to offer advice, guidance and support as you decide if adoption is the right decision for you and your family.

We welcome enquiries from all sections of our community. You may be single or in a partnership. If you live within 30 miles of Barnsley and want to know more, why not take a first step to adoption?

See our website – www.barnsley.gov.uk/adoption

Come to an information evening

Tuesday 17 September	Tuesday 12 November
Tuesday 15 October	Tuesday 10 December

Barnsley Town Hall 6pm.

If you want to talk to us about adoption, call us on 01226 775875.



Welcome



As we send this edition of *open door* to print, we are looking back at the best summer in years. We've had glorious weather, and despite the occasional thunderstorm, we've not had the floods of recent years. However, we haven't been complacent. As you'll see, our preventative measures will help those who face losing the most when flooding does happen.

As the role of the council continues to evolve and those services we continue to offer change to improve and meet the financial pressures on us, we look at how the Youth Service is adapting to this challenging climate.

We also explore volunteering and how it can benefit you, as well as those around you, as the role of groups and individuals in enriching their communities grows.

We always welcome your comments, so if you'd like to feedback on this edition of *open door*, or anything council-related, please contact us using the details on this page. Or why not start a conversation with us on Facebook or Twitter?

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Front cover: Finlay enjoying family-oriented activities at Darton Children's Centre.

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A walk around the town centre

FORMERLY CALLED THE WHITE BEAR PUBLIC HOUSE & RE-NAMED THE ROYAL HOTEL AFTER PRINCESS VICTORIA & THE DUCHESS OF KENT CALLED HERE IN 1835

To help celebrate the opening of Experience Barnsley museum at the town hall this summer, *Open Door* invites readers to learn a little more about some of the places of historical interest in the surrounding area. Using the numbered map, visit as many of the locations as time allows.

Church Street. Formerly known as Kirk Gate, this was one of several gates into town. The word gate comes from the Norse word for street.

2 White Bear. Renamed the Royal Hotel in 1835 after Princess Victoria and the Duchess of Kent changed horses there on their way between Harewood and Wentworth Woodhouse.

1 The town hall. Designed by Briggs and Thornley of Liverpool and opened by the Prince of Wales in 1933, the present town hall replaced an earlier building which stood in St Mary's Gate. The town hall is Barnsley's major landmark and home to Experience Barnsley.

Shambles Street. One of the town's oldest streets. Shambles is a name given to a street occupied by butchers. Formerly known as Westgate, it was the main western exit road.



3 Blah Bar. Called the Exchange Buildings it replaced the old Corn Exchange, which was burnt down in 1927.

4 Russell Eaton hairdressers. This building was once a pawn shop and at one time three balls, the sign of a pawn broker, would have hung outside. The framework of this sign can still be seen at first-floor level.

Peel Square. Formerly known as Peashill Nook, there are several buildings of interest here. The Hart of Barnsley is perhaps the finest mid-Victorian terrace in the town centre.

5 Chambers. One of the outstanding commercial Victorian buildings in Barnsley. Built in 1877 for the Barnsley Chronicle who occupied it until 1930.

6 The Corner Pin. The Corner Pin dates from 1912. On the opposite side of the road is Chennell's. Originally a corn warehouse, it became Chennell and Armstrong's Wine Merchants in 1897.

Market Hill. This street derives its name from the market which stood on the left-hand side of the hill. It was the centre of commercial Barnsley where the majority of the town's banking interests were located.

The Arcade. In the 19th century this was known as Clark's Yard and later Guest's Yard. The final breakthrough to Market Hill was made in 1893. The Arcade's finest feature today is the decorative iron-work supports to the glazed roof.

Eldon Street was built in 1835 as the beginning of the turnpike road to Wakefield.

7 Civic Offices. Built as the Public Hall in 1878, it housed the School of Science and Art – the name can still be seen inscribed along the first floor windows.

8 Regent Street. The building on the corner facing the former Queen's Hotel was originally built as a court house in 1861 and became the station for the Manchester, Sheffield, Lincolnshire Railway Co in 1870.

9 Queens offices. Built in 1872 it displays the finest example of stone carving in Barnsley town centre. On the Regent Street side are several stone heads. The one over the door is Queen Victoria.

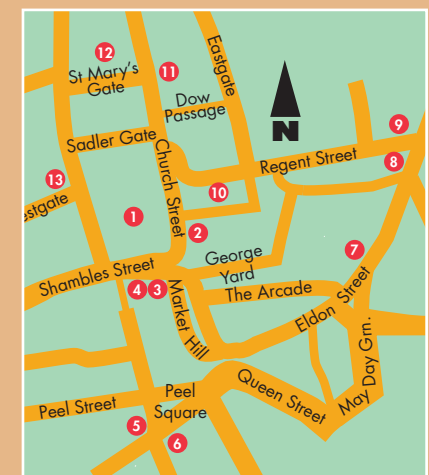
10 The old post office. The town's central post office until 1967. Under each door canopy nestles a pair of lions' heads.

Dow Passage. Named after Dr Dow who lived in the red brick house at the top of the passage.

11 The Cooper Gallery was formerly Holgate Grammar School. The building was extensively remodelled at the turn of the 20th century and its 17th century origins are no longer visible.

12 St Mary's Church. The parish church of Barnsley. The oldest part is the tower of 14th century date; the rest was rebuilt in 1822. To the north of the church, the old burial ground has been landscaped.

13 Former courthouse, Westgate. Formerly the court house for West Riding Council.



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Barnsley's Local Plan

Have your say

Barnsley Council is preparing a new Local Plan which will consider the future use of all land within the borough.

As well as setting out a vision for Barnsley town centre, it will highlight a step-change in our approach to how land is to be used to stimulate economic growth, and contain general and site-specific policies which will be used to determine planning applications.

The Local Plan has a statutory planning purpose and is crucial in allocating enough land for development in the right places for homes and businesses to deliver Barnsley's spatial strategy and the priorities and aspirations set out in the economic strategy 2012 to 2033. While much has been achieved to rebuild our economy there is still much to do. Barnsley has an undersized economy and there is a deficit in business stock and local jobs. We have high levels of worklessness, and an inadequate supply of development sites, low density housing and available business premises.

To improve this we need to allocate greater choice in sizes of employment sites in places where business wants to be located.

The economic strategy also seeks to broaden the housing mix so dwellings are built in locations attractive to the market; the size and footprint are such that the room, garden sizes and design bring a real step-change in the quality of new housing to enhance the quality of the housing stock for residents. Local Plan is the government's latest term for several documents known previously as the Local Development Framework. The new Local Plan will incorporate parts of the adopted core strategy and present new propositions for land use considered relevant to the borough's economic aspirations.

There will be a consultation document which will give the public an opportunity to comment on sites and issues they have not previously seen. A summary of all representations made to date can be viewed on www.barnsley.gov.uk and these, along with all new representations made, will be taken into account in preparing the version the council wants to submit for examination, which will be called the Publication version.

The new Local Plan is important for everyone who lives, works and runs a business in Barnsley, so please make sure you have your say. Further updates will be provided in the next edition of open door in December 2013.



Contact the planning policy team on 01226 772606, email planningpolicy@barnsley.gov.uk for more information.

BARNSELEY
Local Plan

A new approach

The Dearne Approach pilot, which saw 22 local residents recruited and trained as community researchers, has completed its first year.

The project, run in partnership between the council and Turning Point, seeks to change the way services in the area are commissioned. It involved people living in Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe, Bolton-upon-Deerne and Highgate, being asked what local priorities are and thinking about how they could be delivered in an innovative and cost-saving way, by working with these communities.

The top issues were found to be: access to GPs; housing; debt and benefit problems; unemployment and training; teenage antisocial behaviour; dog mess; drug dealing and usage.

The full research findings report, published in August, can be found by visiting the Dearne Area Council link via www.barnsley.gov.uk

The findings will feed into the council's new area arrangements for the Dearne and will form the basis of phase two of the Dearne Approach. This will identify existing services in the Dearne that could help tackle the top issues, as well as proposals for a community led enterprise scheme.



For more information on the Dearne Approach please contact Elaine Slater, Dearne Area Council Manager: elaineslater@barnsley.gov.uk

How to get benefit advice

Details of when welfare reform benefit changes come into force, and how they may affect you, is available now. The leaflet 'Benefits are Changing', as well as other advice, can be viewed online at www.barnsley.gov.uk/benefitchanges

This page will be updated regularly so if you are affected, you can start to prepare for changes to the welfare and benefits system as soon as possible.

Please add it to your 'favourites' to ensure that you are kept up to date.

The leaflet and webpage are the work of the One Barnsley Anti-Poverty Board, which co-ordinates the work of the council and its partners to combat and tackle poverty in Barnsley. They aim to make sure that residents receive clear and consistent information and advice about changes to benefits and the actions that residents can take to help themselves to manage any reductions in their finances.



Helping you help yourself

Need advice or support to live independently? Visit Connect to Barnsley at www.barnsley.gov.uk/connecttobarnsley

You'll find information about a wide range of local services in one, easy-to-use-website. You can now find out more about how health and social care services can help you and read about what support is available in your community.

Connect to Barnsley also features an online marketplace - Connect to Support - where you can browse a directory of groups and activities. Also, if you want to buy a social care service or a piece of equipment to help you live independently, you can order and pay online. You'll find our online marketplace at www.connecttosupport.org/Barnsley

If you have any feedback for us about the website, or if you feel you should be included in our directory of services, email us at adultsocialservices@barnsley.gov.uk

Connect to Support
Barnsley
eMarketplace for adult social care

Milling around



What did the Romans do for Barnsley?

A fantastic new exhibition is taking place at Experience Barnsley until the beginning of January.

Professor Joann Fletcher of the University of York, who is archaeology consultant for Experience Barnsley, is guest curator of the Romans exhibition and is delighted to have been involved in its development over the last 18 months.

As well as researching Barnsley's wonderful Roman artefacts with colleagues at the universities of Sheffield and York and with local historian Martyn Johnson and ex-Time Team archaeologist Guy de la Bedoyere, Jo and the Experience Barnsley team have also selected fascinating Roman artefacts from other Yorkshire museums to highlight Barnsley's little-known Roman heritage. These include exhibits from York, Malton and the Cawthorne Jubilee Museum.

The exhibition will explore themes of food, empire, fashion and death – the everyday lives of Romans living in the borough approximately 2,000 years ago.

People came from all over the Roman Empire to Barnsley, which was on a key route – settlements were established in Doncaster, Malton and York.

Many artefacts were discovered in Darfield, including pottery, intricately designed jewellery and some very rare Marc Antony coins.

Find out more about the exhibition by visiting www.experience-barnsley.com



*the 60-acre reservoir
is a haven for wildlife*

**As we are sure you'll agree
Barnsley is an interesting
and exciting place to visit for
a day out or weekend trip. We
want to spread the word as far as
possible to encourage visitors from
far and wide to see all the great things
we have to offer.**

That's why we've launched www.visit-barnsley.com - packed full of useful information, with comprehensive listings of things to do, places to visit and where to stay. It's an excellent resource for visitors to the area as well as our own residents – you never know what you might learn about the borough you live in.

Also worth checking out is www.barnsley-museums.com Acting as a central hub this site contains information about each of the individual museums, the collections on display and the events and exhibitions taking place across all of the museum sites.

*premium quality
artisan flours*



Mill Museum
Shop & Toilets

Transpennine Trail
Wigfield Farm
Bird Hide

*have fun and see
history come to life*

One of the attractions you can find out more about is Worsbrough Mill - a 17th century working water mill set in 240 acres of tranquil country park. It is an amazing place to visit, have fun and see history come to life for all the family.

Visitors can tour the working water mill and learn about the milling process, following it from beginning to end or enjoy a leisurely day out exploring the country park either on foot or by bicycle. The 60-acre reservoir is a haven for wildlife and regularly attracts birdwatchers.

Worsbrough Mill is also proud to be carrying on the tradition of stone grinding flour using water power. Using the best quality organic grains sourced from the UK, they are creating a range of premium quality artisan flours.



Following an inspection from the Soil Association, Worsbrough Mill flour has been certified as organic and proudly carries the Soil Association Organic logo on its packaging.

The exciting range of organic flours is carefully created to meet the needs of the discerning baker using traditional production methods and machinery that dates back to the 18th century. Using horizontal millstones driven by water power to create a fine meal, flours retain all the nutritional goodness of the grain.

Worsbrough Mill flour is available to both trade and retail customers from the mill shop or through stockists, including the Experience Barnsley shop in the town hall.

The site is open Saturday to Wednesday, 11am to 5pm and is closed on Thursdays and Fridays. While at the mill, why not also refresh yourselves at Millers Tearoom, which serves light refreshments including soft drinks, teas, coffee, cakes, paninis and toasties.



17th century working water mill



Make it at the market

Barnsley's market has long been a source of local pride, as well as national renown. Its wide range of goods at affordable prices continues to attract shoppers in their thousands. We spoke to some traders and asked: what is it that really makes the market the beating heart of the town?

The family butchers

Garry Copley has been a butcher on the same market stall for nearly 40 years. Garry said: "The markets are unique. You get what you actually want. It's not like the supermarkets where you have to buy pork chops in packs of five. If you want one pork chop here, then you can buy one pork chop. What's even better it's all fresh and it is all British."

Sweets and Cakes

Dealing in clearance-line confectionery, they have been trading for four years. Market holder Dan Shaw said: "The customers make this job so much fun, and the staff I work with are great. There's a load of banter, and there's a true community feel as you're walking around."

Marilyn's Asian brew

Trading for just a few months in slimming teas and coffees, Marilyn loves to see the results of customers who use her products. "Business has been boosted by word of mouth. I like the personal service, in which people can talk to me to see what is best for them."

Toys

The Toy Store has been running for just a few weeks. Stallholder Kevin Johnson said: "The wonderful Barnsley people make the job fun. It's great getting to meet completely new people every day."

"The market is everything under one roof. If you're looking for anything it's right here and you can talk to the people who know about the products."



Want to trade?

Does the market lifestyle appeal to you? Stall rents on the open market start from £7 up to £14, depending on size of stall. The car boot stalls are all £10. Prices in the semi-open market range from £9 up to £15 per day.

For more information, contact the market office on 01226 772239 or 772238. Alternatively, visit the market office, Level 5, Metropolitan Centre, Upper Mayday Green, Barnsley, S70 1SX.

www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/business/markets, or you can visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/barnsleymarket or contact us on Twitter @barnsleymarket



Be prepared

After enjoying heatwave conditions over the summer few people in Barnsley will be turning their thoughts towards flood prevention.

However, residents and businesses alike are being urged to remain vigilant, and take simple but effective steps to prepare their properties – knowing that sooner or later the weather will turn for the worse.

Much has been done in Barnsley since 2007 to improve resilience to the threat of flooding at vulnerable locations, with river banks strengthened, property protection equipment fitted and community flood stores installed at five locations.

Seventy homes at Darfield bridge, which were among the 660 flooded in Barnsley in 2007, have been fitted with door guards and other defences against inundation. Such 'property level protection' is set to be extended to other communities in coming months, including Lang Avenue and parts of Bolton-upon-Deane, thanks to Environment Agency funding.

Regardless of where you live or work, you can get comprehensive information and practical advice on how to protect your property should localised flooding be forecast.

Flood prevention: self-help guide

- During adverse weather listen to weather updates on local radio
- Register with the Environment Agency floodline service.
- Keep important personal and official documents in a safe place where they cannot be damaged by floodwater.
- Road users: obey road closure signs. Do not drive through floods: a moving vehicle can push a wave of water into properties, causing further inundation and damage.

Useful websites

- Barnsley Council www.barnsley.gov.uk
See Flooding emergencies.
- Environment Agency. www.environment-agency.gov.uk
See Prepare for flooding.
- National Flood Forum. <http://nationalfloodforum.org.uk>
The Blue Pages Directory of flood protection products and services.
- South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum.
www.southyorksprepared.org.uk

Changes to registering your vote

The introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) next summer will be the biggest change to the voter registration process in Britain since the 1980s. From July 2014 each person will be required to register to vote individually. At present, one person in every household usually takes on the responsibility for registering everyone else who lives at that address.

The change to IER means it is especially important everyone in Barnsley who is eligible to vote gets their name on the electoral register. The current electoral canvass – in which the council carries out an annual review of the register of electors – will commence in the last week in October 2013 and will end in the last week of January 2014.

People of voting age who get their name on the register this autumn will remain registered to vote until the 1 December 2015, giving them the opportunity to vote in next year's local government and European elections and the 2015 General Election.

There has never been a more important time to register.

There are additional benefits to getting your name on the electoral register. It may be of use to support any application you make for credit, a mortgage, loan, insurance or a mobile phone. Without your name on the register you may be restricted in the range of financial or business transactions you can complete.

Most of the borough's 107,500 households simply need to confirm the information about them printed on their electoral registration form is still correct. They can do this by using the freephone number, internet or text messaging services, rather than by returning the form. This will help the council to save money.

Follow-up canvass forms will be sent to those households that do not respond. The council is urging people to save money by responding to the first canvass form. Use the e-registration options if possible. The revised electoral register will be published on 17 February 2014.

If you need any help or assistance in completing your form please contact a member of the Elections team on 01226 773070 or email electoralservices@barnsley.gov.uk

Take business into your own hands



Do you have a brilliant business idea but don't know where to start?

This short guide could set you on the road to entrepreneurship and takes a look at two Barnsley business people who are already experiencing success in their own businesses.

"Have the confidence to challenge yourself"

Three simple steps to business success

Step 1 - Take a chance

Fortune favours the brave, if you have an idea or skill that could bloom into a business then the only way to find out is to take a chance and give it a go. Do you make scrumptious cakes, are you a skilled creator of gifts or do you have that one unique idea that could make millions?

The huge multi-national companies were all once just a stray idea in one person's head that was brought to life.

Step 2 - Do your research

There are a lot of things you'll need to cover before you even think of starting up. Does your idea already exist? What legal hurdles would you have to jump? What makes your business special? The world of business is tough but you can make the ride much easier on yourself if you have read the books or web and prepared yourself.

Step 3 - Ask for help

You won't be able to get everything right on your own - don't be afraid to ask for help. You may need some easy to rent office space, guidance on making a website or access to start-up funds. Enterprising Barnsley and the Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre are here to provide that support.

SmartStart is a programme which helps businesses to get off the ground with a range of free support and advice sessions - they are set up to take your business from idea to success. There's huge business aspiration in Barnsley and lots of great businesses have undergone the programme and emerged into profit.

Here's a look at two companies which are now set up and earning cash thanks to a good idea combined with some great support from the SmartStart Programme.

Helen Townsend

Helen attended the SmartStart Programme in March and has successfully started trading in May this year. She was made redundant from her job in mental health care and seized the opportunity to retrain as a beauty therapist and is now managing her own business - Ageless Sparkle. She developed her business plan and applied for a Coalfields Regeneration Trust Loan, which was successfully approved and has allowed Helen to purchase new-age electronic equipment used to provide her unique service.

What does she do?

Helen is now trading as Ageless Sparkle a professional, fully qualified mobile beauty service delivering a unique anti-aging facial treatment in Barnsley.

What support did she need?

She needed to figure out finances and business planning. She had all the necessary skills from her college course but needed business mentoring through the BBIC to fine tune her business plan.



She was advised to make her work stand out and has now bought a website and is using social media to promote her work.

What advice would she give to a new starter?

"You don't have to bear the burden on your own, business specialists are out there to help you and finding them isn't hard."

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Chris Andrewartha

Chris was a senior IT executive in his previous job but was made redundant last year.

Three months into his business and he had already found success - having achieved 50 percent of his projected earnings. There's also another three important contracts in the pipeline.

What does he do?

His company CASOL is an IT consultancy providing technical services to businesses on either a fixed, variable or interim basis.

Due to the high growth potential, the business has now received further support from Enterprising Barnsley - meaning Chris receives office space and an expert business tutor.

What support did he need?

He is a technical expert so he knew he had a skill to sell but that didn't make the business world any easier to understand. He had to understand marketing, finance and administration to ensure his business would succeed.

What advice would he give to a new starter?

"Have the confidence to challenge yourself"

What is Barnsley Business Innovation Centre?

BBIC provides a supportive environment for businesses. It offers quality workspace on 'easy-in, easy-out' terms along with mentoring and support in areas such as business planning, management development, finance and accounting from the in-house management team.

To find out more go on the website www.barnsleystartup.co.uk or telephone 01226 249590



All change

We have been telling residents for a while that the council of the future will be nothing like the council you're used to. Currently, there is no better demonstration of this than our new Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS).

By 2015, when a further £2.138 million has been saved on top of the £1.6 million already found since 2011/2012, the service will be operating on a budget 43 percent less than it was in 2010/2011. This has meant job losses, and reductions in buildings and activities, in order to meet the savings target.

Given all these impacts, it would have been impossible for the service to continue operating in its familiar format, or even to just scale down what was being done. A drastic rethink of the entire service was needed.

Sustainability and flexibility are the most important factors of



2010 - 2011



2015

the new service. Six hubs within each of the new area council areas will provide:

- Youth Services including health awareness
- Help and advice for employability
- Things to do and positive activities including volunteering
- Opportunities for young people to influence change in their area
- Activities and support to prevent offending and reduce crime

The hubs will allow council services for young people to be delivered into the heart of communities, as well as those of partner, volunteer and social enterprise agencies. They will provide a place for young people to go to find out about activities in their area, as well as being a centre where they can receive advice, help and support from any or all of the agencies based there.

The new hubs will also play a key role in helping identify where gaps are locally, as well providing staff training, funding

advice and support, and toolkits for commissioning local services by local providers, which will help plug those gaps.

It will also mean that the six hubs – all former youth clubs – will withdraw from their traditional recreational and leisure roles. Other former youth centre buildings that haven't become hubs will be closed. Closure of buildings will reduce the amount spent on repairs, maintenance and utility bills and allow us to concentrate on funding the remaining buildings and supporting services and activities from them.

Consultation around the service is ongoing, but we are confident that these new proposals will allow us to continue a high-quality, more targeted and more flexible service for young people now, and into the future.

For information on IYSS, visit the council's website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/IYSS. Why not let us have your thoughts on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/barnsleycouncil



Families

get a helping hand

Specialised support for young families is one of the key services available at Barnsley's children's centres. Two parents, Lindsey and Tanya, speak about the challenge of raising children of pre-school age with additional needs, and how the support of one children's centre enabled them to achieve positive outcomes.

Lindsey's story

"I can't praise the staff at Darton children's centre enough for the support and advice they've given us. Working with them to get the right support for our son's needs has made an enormous difference to all our lives," says Lindsey.

At the age of two, Lindsey's son Finlay was struggling to interact socially with his peers. The family was referred to Darton where family support worker, Mary Elliott, helped Lindsey through the common assessment framework (CAF): a process to help determine Finlay's needs.

"This got the ball rolling," says Lindsey. "Mary explained the purpose and benefits of the CAF process which gave me the confidence to go ahead with it."

Through the CAF, a co-ordinated programme of professional services were put in place to support Finlay and his mum.

"Mary also introduced me to various techniques and recommended groups we could join, run by the children's centre. The playgroup allowed Finlay to interact with children his own age as well as engaging him in activities and games to improve his motor and social skills.

"Finlay became more sociable. He got used to the loud noises and large groups of people. As a parent I realised I was not alone and other parents had similar problems. It was great to meet other mums and give my son a new social circle."

"Finlay's five now and attends school. I'm so grateful for all the support they've given me and will definitely be making more use of the centre now I know what resources and groups are available."

Tanya's story

Tanya gained support from Darton children's centre for the youngest of her three young boys who has autism.

"The help has been amazing. I'm so glad I took the opportunity to let these people help me and the boys," she says.

Family support worker, Shaun Smith, worked closely with Tanya's youngest son, Bailey, who arrived at the children's centre with delayed speech development, and a reluctance to mix with his peers.

"Bailey really took to Shaun who understood what he needed to help him develop his communication skills; these were simple things like blowing bubbles and role play.

"He's come on wonderfully since he started at the children's centre and through their support he's been able to join mainstream education. He's now talking, reading in a busy classroom, but most of all, he's a happy little boy."

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Learning changes lives

Carol's confidence boost



A spell of serious illness left Carol's confidence in tatters but a course from Adult Learning has helped restore her can-do attitude.

Carol Gratton is one of Barnsley's many adult learners. Seeing her sat happily chatting away in her word processing class it's hard to believe that less than a year ago she was frightened to leave the house. She credits the Adult Learning Service with helping her get back to her old self and wanted to share her story with *Open Door*.

In October 2012 Carol, who is from Worsbrough Common, collapsed and was taken to hospital. "I nearly died en route," she says. "I was found to have a blood clot on my lungs, a stomach ulcer and anaemia."

After three weeks of treatment, including a blood transfusion, she was discharged but on returning home she felt very vulnerable, shaky on her feet and frightened to go out in case she collapsed again. "I was scared I wouldn't be able to breathe," she says.

Previous to her collapse Carol had enrolled on a word processing course. She rang Adult Learning and asked if it would be possible to start attending again, explaining her medical condition.

"The person I spoke to was extremely helpful and said I'd certainly be welcome back," Carol says. "She

explained that the course at Horizon Community College is on the ground floor and that a first aider would be on duty. They would also make people aware of my condition so I would be kept safe at all times."

Before, Carol felt too afraid to leave the house, but now she had a purpose. At first she attended the class, held on Tuesday evenings, by taxi. The driver would assist her into the building. But as her confidence grew and she began to feel a bit better and stronger, she started to get the bus: "I got off at the stop round the corner and for the first time in ages, crossed a busy road."

A crucial factor of Carol's road to recovery and feeling herself again was seeing all the friendly faces at her class. "Everyone was pleased to see me and gave me plenty of encouragement."

As the course progressed and classmates were preparing for an exam, Carol felt driven to take it herself. "I asked the tutor if I could take it, too. She asked me if I felt physically strong enough and I'm just waiting on my results now."

"To complete these in a year is excellent, she has done very well"

Carol's tutor Susan Royle is very pleased with her progress: "She's done very well with her qualification aim. I originally enrolled her for an 'award' qualification which is two modules, but as she has progressed it's been changed to four modules. To complete these in a year is excellent, she has done very well."



"Everyone was pleased to see me and gave me plenty of encouragement"

Carol's doctor has also commented on how happy he is with her progress, saying the best thing she could have done is get back on the course. "He said when you become isolated you can sink into medical depression. He thinks more people should try these courses as it keeps the mind occupied so people like me are no longer frightened to leave their own house or have time to dwell on their illness," Carol says.

Carol was supported to get into adult learning in the first place by Voluntary Action Barnsley, where she also attends a job club. The club supports people in a change of direction, gives the opportunity to update skills and helps people get access to all different types of learning across the borough. For more information please call 01226 320100.



Barnsley Council's adult and family learning services offers an exciting and diverse range of learning opportunities for adults aged 19 and over. Courses are designed to suit all needs and interests and are held in local, community venues across the borough, including dedicated adult learning spaces in each of the Advanced Learning Centres.

They welcome adult learners from all sections of the community including those with learning support needs or disabilities. Whatever you want to learn and whatever your reasons, they can help people to make the right individual decision.

Before starting on courses, most clients will need to undertake an initial assessment so that a suitable class can be identified. Following the assessment an offer of a class will be made based on individual requirements and skills. This is a roll on, roll off style of delivery so there are no common fixed start dates for courses – people can join at any time.

Courses on offer include, brushing up on English and maths skills, childcare, computing, foreign languages, arts and crafts, teaching assistants, cookery, digital photography and many more.

For more information visit their website: www.barnsley.gov.uk/adultlearning

You can also visit the team at Eldon Centre, Eldon Street North, Barnsley, S71 1LQ, telephone 01226 775271 or email adultlearning@barnsley.gov.uk

What's on

To book your place or for more information contact the individual venues.

The Civic

Box office and enquiries: 01226 327000
enquiries@barnsleycivic.co.uk
www.barnsleycivic.co.uk

Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm **Ellie Harrison's Etiquette of Grief** £10

Saturday 21 September, 8pm **Snake Davis** £12, concessions £10

Thursday 26 September, 7.30pm **Twelve Miles from Nowhere** £12, concessions £10

Friday 27 September, 8pm **Laurence Clark: Inspired** £12, concessions £10

Friday 28 September, 8pm **Blueflint** £10

Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm **Translunar Paradise** £12, concessions £10

Friday 4 October, 8pm **Alex Horne: Lies** £12

Sunday 6 October, 2.30pm **Bin Men** £7, concessions £6, children £5

Friday 11 October, 7.30pm **In My Shoes** £12, concessions £10

Saturday 12 October, 8pm **Cabaret Boom Boom** £12.50, concessions £10

Thursday 17 October, 7.30pm **Showstopper! The Improvised Musical** £12, concessions £10

Friday 18 October, 8pm **Rob Beckett Live** £10

Saturday 19 October, 7.30pm **Queen II** £12

Sunday 20 October, 2.30pm **The Boggle** £7, concessions £6, children £5

Wednesday 23 October, 7.30pm **Daniel Bye: The Price of Everything** £10

Thursday 24 October, 7.30pm **A Real Man's Guide to Sainthood** £12, concessions £10



Roisin Conaty: Life Hunter

Saturday 26 October, 2pm to midnight **Cinema of Screams** £5 per film or £10 for all five

Friday 1 November, 7.30pm **The Statement of Randolph Carter** £10

Saturday 2 November, 8pm **Lucy Porter: Northern Soul** £12, concessions £10

Sunday 3 November, 2.30pm **Scrooge (A Christmas Carol)** £7, concessions £6, children £5

Thursday 7 November, 7.30pm **Best of BE FESTIVAL** £12, concessions £10

Saturday 9 November, 7.30pm **The Ugly Sisters** £12, concessions £10

Sunday 10 November, 8pm **Russell Kane: Smallness** £17.50

Thursday 14 November to Saturday 28 December **Raw Craft** Open daily. Free.

Thursday 14 November to Saturday 28 December **BoneShaker: 365** Open daily. Free.

Thursday 14 November, 8pm **Steve Hughes: While It's Still Legal** £13, concessions £11



Russell Kane: Smallness



The Boggle

Friday 15 November, 7.30pm **Pete Lockett Live** £12, concessions £10

Saturday 16 November, 10am to 4pm **I Love Craft Fair** Free.

Sunday 17 November, 2.30pm **Who's Been Sitting in My Chair?** £7, concessions £6, children £5

Thursday 21 November, 7.30pm **Billy With His Boots On** £12, concessions £10

Friday 29 November, 8pm **Roisin Conaty: Life Hunter** £12

Saturday 30 November, 1.30pm and 7pm **Treasure Island!** £10, concessions £8

Worsbrough Mill Museum

01226 774527
worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk

19 October 2013 **Zombie Run UK** Get over 10 obstacles and escape hoards of the living dead. Supporting Barnsley Hospital Charity.
www.zombierunbarnsley.co.uk



Barnsley Metrodome

01226 730060
www.bpl.org.uk

Friday 27 September. **Over the top.** Eight superstars of darts: Dean Winstanley, Dennis Priestley, Michael van Gerwen, Simon Whitlock, Raymond van Barneveld, James Wade, Kim Huybrechts, James Wilson. Tickets £15 and £20.

Monday 30 September to Tuesday 1 October. **World snooker international championships.**
www.worldsnooker.com

Friday to Sunday, 11 to 13 October. **Weber Cup XIII.** Ten-pin bowling competition between USA and Europe.
www.webercup.com for tickets

Friday to Sunday, 25 to 27 October. **World pool masters.** www.matchroompool.com



World Pool Masters

Wentworth Castle Gardens and Stainborough Park

01226 776040
www.wentworthcastle.org

Saturday 21 September. **Living in the wild.** Morning session: families; afternoon: ages eight to 13. Shelter-building, tracking, lighting fire. £10 per person.

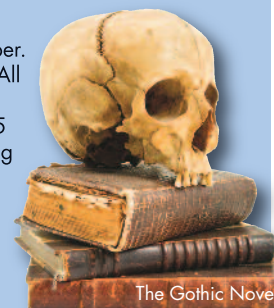
Sunday 29 September. **Alzheimers memorial walk.** Charity walk in the parkland.

Saturday 5 October. **A history of deer parks.** All day adult leisure learning event, conservatory education room. £35 per person including lunch.

Sunday 6 October, 11am to 1pm. **Leaf art.** Children's art event. Contact venue for admission details.

Saturday 12 October. **The gothic novel.** All day adult leisure learning event. £35 per person including lunch.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October. **Garden tour weekend.** Garden admission plus £3 for tour.



The Gothic Novel

Sunday 20 October. **Fungal foray.** Mushroom hunting in the parkland.

Saturday 26 October, drop-in session. **Make the guy.** Free.

Saturday 26 to Thursday 31 October. **Halloween garden trail.** Normal garden admission.

Sunday 27 October. **Halloween disco.** £6.50 per person.

Monday 28 October. **Pumpkin lanterns.** £5 person.

Monday 28 October, from 5pm. **Spooky Monday.** Ghost walks for under-sevens. Contact venue for admission details.

Tuesday 29 October. **Young writers' workshop.** Creative writing for young people age 13+. £35 per person including lunch.

Tuesday 29 October. **Broomsticks.** £5 per person.

Wednesday 30 October. **Treats for Halloween.** Cupcake decorating. £2 per person.

Thursday 31 October, drop-in session. **Cast a spell.** Normal garden admission.

Thursday 31 October, from 6pm. **Ghost walks.** Contact venue for admission details.



Thursday 31 October, 11am to 1pm. **Junior rangers.** £3 per child.

Saturday 2 November, 11am to 1pm. **Bonfire art.** Contact venue for admission details.

Tuesday 5 November. **Bonfire night.**

Sunday 10 November, 2.30pm. **House tour.** £3 plus garden admission.

Sunday 10 November, 7.30pm. **Forties night!** Includes meal. Contact venue for admission details.

Sunday 24 November, 2.30pm. **House tour.** £3 plus garden admission.

Sunday 24 November. **Festive gift fair.** Santa arrives.

Saturday 30 November. **Christmas willow weaving.** £50 per person including lunch.



Forties night

things to do in Barnsley

...for children and young people
www.thingstodoin.org.uk

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Saturday 9 November, 7pm to 9pm. **Junior Bandfest.** Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road. Barnsley Metropolitan Band's informal music festival for junior bands and ensembles. Refreshments available. For ticket information contact Barnsley Music Service on 01226 291525, or visit www.barnsleyband.co.uk

Saturday 16 November, 5pm to 9.30pm. **Bandfest 2013.** Building 21, Elsecar Heritage Centre, Elsecar. Barnsley Metropolitan Band's informal annual music festival celebrating their 40th anniversary. Barnsley Metropolitan Re-union Band and two Yorkshire championship section bands among the performers. Ticket information from Barnsley Music Service on 01226 291525, or visit www.barnsleyband.co.uk

Get your voice heard through the Participation and Inclusion Service, drop in sessions at ALCs and in the community.

Call 01226 759617 for more information.

Lamproom Theatre

01226 200075
enquiries@barnsleylamproom.com

Monday 16 to Saturday 21 September, 7.30pm **Murder at Oil Drum Lane** – Steptoe and Son Harold Steptoe gets locked in his old house. £11, concessions £10

Monday 23 September, 7.30pm **Royal Flush**
The story of Thomas Crapper. £11, concessions £10

Tuesday 24 September, 7.30pm **Jack The Ripper – a 21 Century Investigation.**
Presented by Trevor Marriott. £11, concessions £10

Wednesday 25 September, 7.30pm **An Evening with Carl Wilde.**
Outrageous celebrity florist £11

Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 September, 7pm (Saturday Matinee, 2pm) **Cavalcade XI** Music, movement and dance from the Jay Bee Theatre School.

Sunday 29 September, 7.30pm **An Evening with David Nobbs.** The writer talks about his life and work. £12, concessions £10



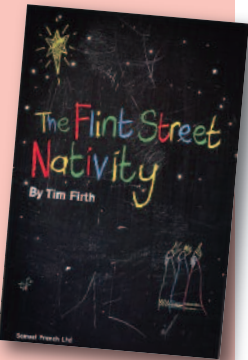
Monday 7 to Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm **Boeing, Boeing.**
Riotous farce set in Paris. £11, concessions £10

Monday 16 to Saturday 19 October, 7.30pm **Not With a Bang** by Mike Harding. £11, concessions £10

Monday 28 October to Saturday 2 November, 7.15pm **Keep Calm and Sing for Victory.** Nostalgic Second World War musical. £9, concessions £8, family tickets £25, groups of 10 or more £7 each person.

Monday 11th to Saturday 16 November, 7.30pm **The Flint Street Nativity.** Based on Tim Firth's hit comedy. £11, concessions £10

Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 and Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 November. **Mr Scrooge.** Wonderful Christmas family show. £12, concessions £11, groups of 10 or more people £10 each.



Cooper Gallery

01226 242905
coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk

Until 24 December **Edward Wadsworth: his life and art** Paintings on loan from the Tate, Leeds Museums and others.

Saturday 5 October to Tuesday 24 December **Deborah Geddes - Paper cuts**

Saturday 12 October, 11am **Glenys Parkes** Friends £3, non-friends £5

Until 2 November **The Art of Printmaking**
An exhibition by members of Printmakingonline.

Saturday 9 November, 11am **The Sir Michael Sadler Memorial Lecture Wadsworth and the North** with Dr Jonathan Black. Friends £3, non-friends £5

Saturday 9 November to Tuesday 24 December 2013 **Christmas Craft Showcase** Feast of top quality items.

Elsecar Heritage Centre

01226 740203
elsecarheritagecentre@barnsley.gov.uk

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September. **Garden Railway Show.**

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October. **BBR Autumn Extravaganza.**

Sunday 13 October, 10am to 4pm. **Antique and Collectable Fair.** £1.50 adult, £1 concession.

Sunday, 20 October, 10am to 4pm. **Wedding Fair.** Free admission.

Monday, 21 October **Warnings to the Curious: Ghost Stories of M. R. James**

Sunday, 27 October, 10am to 4pm. **Craft Fair.** Free admission.

Thursday, 21 November **The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes**

Barnsley town centre

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September. **Yellow Bus street theatre festival.**

Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 September. **Continental market.**

Monday 11 November to Friday 6 December. **Bring the Happy.**

Wednesday 20 November. **Switch On,** Town Hall.

Thursday 28 November to Sunday 1 December. **Christmas market.**



Experience Barnsley

01226 772500
experiencebarnsley@barnsley.gov.uk

The Romans are coming! Discover special Roman treasures and find out what life was like in Roman Barnsley. Curated by Prof Joann Fletcher.

Romans exhibition. Saturdays unless otherwise stated. Family activities, 10am to 12noon; adult focused, 2pm to 4pm. www.experience-barnsley.com

21 September. **Cornu-making workshop; Archaeologist for the day.**

28 September. **Gladiators!; What have you found?**

5 October. **Roman jewels; Life and death.**

12 October. **Bronze animal gods. Barnsley's Roman pottery.**

19 October. **Vitrum Citara** (glass harp); **Barnsley, Egypt and beyond.**

26 October. **A very Roman menu; Creating Roman jewellery** *1pm.

Thursday 31 October. **Gruesome gargoyles** (drop-in 11am-3pm).

Friday 1 November. **Monster mummies** (drop-in 11am-3pm).

2 November. **Sweet mosaics; local archaeology.**

9 November. **Cornu-making workshop; Looking after the past.**

16 November. **Gladiators!; Community archaeology.**

23 November. **Roman jewels; Romans in South Yorkshire.**

30 November. **Saturnalia** (drop-in 11am-3pm).

Wednesday 16 October, 13 November (and dates until March 2014), 10am to 4pm. **Family history surgeries.** Discovery Centre.

Wednesday 9, 23 October, 6 November (and dates until March 2014), 9.30am to 10am. **Introduction to the Discovery Centre.**

Friday 22 November. **Take over day.**

Cannon Hall Museum

01226 790270
cannonhall@barnsley.gov.uk

Sunday 22 September **Pear Day** Free

Friday 27 September. **An evening with Eric Knowles.**

Saturday 26 October **Ghost Night**

Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 October, 6pm to 10pm. **Cannon Hell.**

Saturday 23 November. **Regency Ball.**



Volunteering- what skills could you offer?

Volunteering is a fantastic way to engage your passion and boost your CV credentials, while help improve the borough as you do it. Over 4,000 people across Barnsley have been using some of their free time to contribute to all sorts of causes, ranging from the heart warming to the outrageous.

The Zombie Horde

This 'flesh eating' bunch donate their free time by becoming part of the living dead to raise money for Barnsley Hospital.

The team get together to contribute towards fundraising events and have make-up artists prepare their necrotic flesh for the day's work. They recently walked in the Mayor's Parade and won the outstanding contribution award for their zombie-themed entry.

The Zombie Run is a charity event with a difference; forget trying to set a new personal best, the aim of this race is to reach the finish line alive. There's one coming up in October – to enter visit www.zombierunbarnsley.co.uk

Kelly Baker

Four and a half years ago Kelly Baker decided to start volunteering as a Breastfeeding Peer Supporter, helping other mums understand breastfeeding.

Her voluntary work saw her turn that passion into a livelihood: just six months into voluntary work she gained a job working a Voluntary Action Barnsley as a breastfeeding link worker. She led breastfeeding groups and taught at breastfeeding classes; it was then her job to support the new volunteers coming into the service.

After three years she decided to take the next big step, and thanks to her valuable years of voluntary work, met the entry requirements for a degree in midwifery. She hopes to become a specialist midwife in the area of breastfeeding.



Mythbusting

Myth: Health and safety legislation applies to all community activities.

Fact: The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 falls under criminal law and is primarily aimed at protecting people at work. Individual volunteers or small volunteer groups which do not employ people or have control of premises cannot be prosecuted under this Act.

Myth: I have to conduct a risk assessment for every community activity I arrange.

Fact: While risk assessment is a legal obligation for employers and the self-employed (under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974) not all organisers of community activities will need to conduct one.

However, it can be useful to conduct a risk assessment to demonstrate you have considered your duty of care sufficiently.

Myth: I need to buy special insurance to get involved in volunteering.

Fact: Depending on the activity, you may already be covered for certain tasks under your personal car or home insurance policy, for example if you are using your own car to shop for an elderly neighbour. Check with your insurance provider.

Myth: I'll be held liable if anything goes wrong.

Fact: While you cannot be held liable under criminal law, organisers of any activity have a duty of care to people taking part. For most activities, sensible planning and a common-sense approach will guard against this.

Contact Voluntary Action Barnsley 01226 320100 to register your interest in volunteering or to recruit volunteers to your project. They've been providing support to the voluntary and community sector for over 20 years.



Building active communities

In the last edition of *open door* we explained our commitment to assisting the huge efforts that hundreds of Barnsley residents make in supporting their communities and addressing local issues, through a new approach to area working. Three months on, we are starting to see these changes come together and want to say a big thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in getting involved so far.

At a local level, all of the ward alliances have now met for the first time and have invited interest from local community groups, volunteers and local businesses. This has generated a good response and in some areas community representatives have now attended their first ward alliance meetings. We expect to have community representatives agreed and attending ward alliances in all areas by the end of October.

Get involved

We've been out and about visiting and talking to local residents and community groups and asking them to tell us more about what they do using a short survey (available online at <http://tlal.webs.com/community-mapping>). This information will help us to support communities in setting up local neighbourhood networks.

If you want to know any more about the new area arrangements and how you can get involved please telephone us on **01226 773014** or email areacouncils@barnsley.gov.uk

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Need to contact the council?

Remember, our website at www.barnsley.gov.uk is available all day, every day, and has plenty of information about our services. It also allows you to report, pay or apply online. We are currently updating the content of our pages, making it even easier for you to use.

If you prefer to phone, here are some numbers you may find useful.

Call us about anything to do with roads, pavements and car parks on **01226 773555**.

To report dog fouling, noise, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, or to request a visit from Pest Control, call **01226 772468**.

Call **01226 772045** for information about household bin collections, recycling, or our waste recycling centres. For commercial waste services, call **01226 772050**.

Struggling to pay? Call our council tax helpline on **01226 774774**, the housing benefit helpline on **01226 774743**, or get some free financial advice from Welfare Rights on **01226 772360**.

Council housing: Call **01226 787878** for repairs or **01226 775555** for general enquiries.

Got a planning enquiry? Call **01226 772000**.

Call **01226 774200** at any time to report faults with street lighting.

Got an enquiry about education or schools? Call **01226 773500**.

Seen graffiti, litter, flyposting or some council land that needs a clean up? Call Neighbourhood Pride on **01226 775656**.

Have a disability and need a bus pass or a blue badge for your car? Call **01226 775656**.

Worried about someone's welfare? Call child protection/ children's social care on **01226 438831**, or for adults, call **01226 775656**.

To make an appointment at one of our offices, call **01226 787896**.

Other useful numbers

Building Control
01226 772678

Consumer Direct and Trading Standards
08454 040506

Crematorium and cemeteries
01226 206053

Families Information Service
0800 345340

Registrars
01226 773085

Safer Neighbourhood Teams
101

Social services and homelessness
emergency line
08449 841800

Can't find what you need?

Call us on
01226 770770

A full list of numbers is available in previous editions of *open door* or on the council's website.

Notice to parents

Admission to school

2014/15

Was your child born between 1/9/09 - 31/8/10?

You can now apply for admission to next year's reception year (September 2014). The 'Admission to School' guide contains important information about making an application for your preferred schools, and is available from:

- www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- Schools
- Nurseries
- Calling the School Admissions section 773689 / 773677 / 773588

Please note that all children, including those resident outside the Barnsley borough, have an equal right to apply for a place in any school.

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2014/15 is:

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2014

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It's a great way to discover what's available on Barnsley Market's many stalls, as well as numerous special offers in town centre businesses.

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WANT TO MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR?

Barnsley's councillors hold regular advice sessions or 'surgeries'. These sessions give you the chance to raise any problems or discuss issues with them. If you want to find out when your councillor is next holding an advice session - ring: **01226 787890** Or go online at www.barnsley.gov.uk | Or visit any Barnsley Connects office



Enjoy fine art, special exhibitions and local artists' work at

the Cooper gallery

The Cooper Gallery is a vibrant, creative art-space on Church Street in the heart of Barnsley town centre. It has a regular programme of contemporary touring exhibitions and exciting events. The gallery is also home to the craft showcase which features crafts and artwork for sale by regional and local artists.

There's also a range of tempting cakes and snacks as well as hearty meals to be enjoyed in Impressions Coffee Lounge.

Opening Times

Monday - Friday, 10am to 4pm

Saturday - 10am to 3pm

Sunday - closed



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