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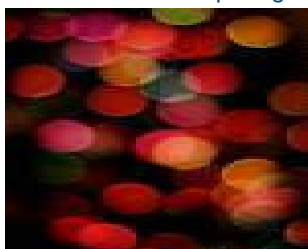
What No Christmas Lights!!!

Were you as disappointed as me that there wasn't any Christmas lights on the big tree in the village square ?

Well the reason was due to a technical fault that is going to cost several hundreds of pounds to repair. As a result it was felt the Christmas Market should also be cancelled which I know was a disappointment to many.

On the bright side we were able to illuminate 2 new trees on Sheffield Road with funds raised over the previous 2 years and they looked stunning with the blue led lights.

If we are to continue putting on



the Christmas Market and the Festive Lights in future years we require new volunteers to help.

Following several retirements we are left with only 2 volunteers and with out extra help we cannot carry on as we are.

We meet about once a month in an evening to arrange fund raising activities. Any help big or small would be gratefully received. Share with us your ideas!!

In the past we have included BBQ's, family fun days and several cover artists in the Royal pub. With Freddie Mercury being a particular favorite and we hope to have him back again later this year.

If you would like to volunteer or have an idea about fund raising then please contact Mark on (0114) 288 9080 for further details.

New Newsletter

This is the 1st edition of the new newsletter that we hope to issue 4 times a year (Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter)

So if you have any ideas for a story or article for this newsletter please contact Kathryn on 07875 134255

We will always be looking for

good ideas for stories so we would love to hear from you.

The same goes for advertising if you wish to place an advert once again give Kathryn a call. This newsletter will be distributed to every household in Woodhouse giving you a 1000 plus target audience.

Upcoming Events



Woodhouse & District Community Forum

Meets every 3rd Thursday in the month (except August) at 7pm in the Trinity Chapel School Rooms on, Chapel Street. This meeting is open to all residents so come along and have your say.

Jack Taylor also won the Young Person of the Year 2008 Award for his work on the Youth Forum.

South East Oscar Awards

The Woodhouse Youth Forum recently accepted an Sheffield South East Young Persons Group Oscar for the work they have done in raising funds towards the restoration of Beaver Hill Park. Courtney Steele & Chelsea Taylor-Middleton were in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the group. Jack Taylor the chair of the group also won the Young Person of the Year award.

They have raised funds by holding a Family Fun day on Brunswick school fields during the summer and the 2007 Christmas Market.

Market Square

Over the summer of 2008 work was carried out repairing the empty shops and flats in Market Square. This work has now been completed and already we are seeing some of the units being occupied and hopefully over the coming months the other units will also come into use.

Affordable Community Broadband

Woodhouse Social Enterprises in partnership with the Woodhouse and District Community Forum, are about to pilot an affordable community broadband project. This will be initially for the tenants and residents of the Badger Estate in Woodhouse.

This pilot project will bring the Internet experience to households who have previously been unable to afford or access the Internet. The scheme will be entirely wireless and can be booked on the minimum term, meaning, people will be able to book as little as one month if they wish, with no long term contracts or credit checks.

Making this an easy opt in opt out product.

The tenants and residents of the estate will be asked to test the system and if the venture is successful, the system will be made available to the whole of Woodhouse.

Support for this pilot project has been forthcoming from agencies such as Sheffield Homes Ltd, from our local councillors and from Sheffield City Council South East Area Panel. Community organisations also lending their support to this project are: Badger Tenants and Residents Association, Bay Broadband, Handsworth

Community Forum and Woodthorpe Development Trust and the National Community Broadband Association.

If you want to take part in this exciting venture please contact the Badger TARA on 0114 2293933 or Woodhouse Social Enterprises 0114 2690222.

Beaver Park

There is some good news for the kids in Woodhouse.

A cool £20,000 is to be spent on new play equipment to be placed in Beaver Park (or Beaver Hill Recreation Ground) whatever you want to call it.

Children at both Woodhouse primary schools and pupils at

Handsworth Grange school have been consulted and asked which pieces of equipment they would like see

We at the Forum and a group of invited children will liaise with the Parks and Countryside Department to decide where the equipment will be placed.

The money has to be spent before May so the improvement will be coming very soon.

Community Resource Centre Latest

The Woodhouse and District Community Forum are working in partnership with relevant departments of Sheffield City Council to build a brand new facility on the site of the old Tanery Lodge Nursing Home.

The original proposal was to build a community resource centre attached to the

Woodhouse Library. This plan has now been changed and the Forum is excited about this new venture.

We are now awaiting further discussions on this project whilst a Sponsor and a Developer can be found,

but we are hopeful that this will be good for everyone who lives and works in the area. This site could not be more central and accessible for all.

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