



## Ferham School Gets Organising

**The young people at Ferham School came together to organise their own summer fayre this year with the help of our Community Organiser Vicky Hilton.**

The young people came together as a group made up of initially the school council and friendship ambassadors which then extended out to other pupils within school.

The young people had the chance to learn about community organising and how they have the power to bring about change and make things happen.

They set the date and time, designed posters and wrote letters to the voluntary and community sector to garner support and invite people along to the event. The young people even extended the invite out to Buckingham Palace by inviting the Queen.

The young people took part in a school wide competition which listened to the voices of over 50 school children to find out what they like about where they live, what they don't like and how they think they can make changes.

The young people had a great insight into their community, what works well and what we need more of. The most common problem identified was there was more provision needed for young people in the area, although Ferham Park came up top trumps for one of the young people's favourite place in the area.

Vicky said 'It's been a privilege and an honour to work alongside the young people at Ferham Primary School. The school has been extremely supportive and it's the start to a whole programme of events designed by local school children'.



Ferham School Pupils

They had a Fire Engine, Bouncy Slides, African Drumming and much more planned for the day. The Ferham School Summer Fayre took place on Thursday 20th June 1.15 – 4pm at the school.

Your local community organiser for Ferham is Vicky, if you are interested in getting involved in your community please do email Vicky at [Victoria.hilton@rotherfed.org](mailto:Victoria.hilton@rotherfed.org)



# Celebrating 100 years of Council Housing

## This year we are celebrating 100 years of council housing in Rotherham.

The Council's first homes were built at a site near Doncaster Road, now called East Dene in 1919. This came about through the Housing Act of 1919, which gave Councils the responsibility to build properties for the first time.

Rotherham was one of the first in the country to take up this opportunity and completed the construction of 700 homes by 1923.

To mark this centenary milestone, The Council and Rotherham Federation have been planning an exhibition to celebrate the importance of council housing and will launch this at the Tenant Open Day on Wednesday 10th July 2019.

The idea came from Stella Parkin, a member of the Rotherham Federation Board and Chair of Rotherham Council's Housing Improvement panel, who wrote to the council suggesting the borough should celebrate the 100th anniversary of Council Housing; she had no idea where it would lead.



Stella Parkin

Now, tenants of all ages from across the borough have got involved by sharing their memories, from growing up in their family home, moving into their first property and celebrations which have taken place in their current homes.

We have collected photographs showing personal memories as well as historic items such as rent books alongside architects drawings and maps which will all be displayed in a special exhibition at the Tenants' Open Day on Wednesday 10 July.

Please come along, take a look and get involved in the activities at the Open Day.

If you wish to attend the Open Day to see the exhibition please book your place online at [www.rotherham.gov.uk/housing](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/housing) or call Jessica Sarracco on 01709 822100.

## RotherFed Training

Mental health awareness training

Thursday 22nd August, 9:00am - 12pm  
Springwell Gardens Community Centre

We will cover:

- What is mental health?
- What is well-being?
- Identifying mental health conditions
- Providing advice and starting a conversation
- Stress
- Signposting available help

Places must be booked, contact us on 01709 368515 or [info@rotherfed.org](mailto:info@rotherfed.org) to book your place.

A £5 refundable deposit is required, which will be refunded upon attending the course.



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If you are interested in starting or joining in with activities in your area please contact one of our community organisers or our Communities and Projects officers.

Our employment coach works exclusively in Thurcroft for Thurcroft residents.



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# Bakersfield Court 10th Anniversary Event

**Bakersfield Court TARA celebrated their 10 year anniversary with an event on Thursday 16th May 2019**

The former mayor and his wife attended, one of the last events he attended as Mayor.

Congratulations to Bakersfield court for 10 years of involvement and social inclusion at the centre!



Tenants and the Former Mayor



TARA Treasurer/Secretary and the Former Mayor and his Wife

## Dinnington's Bus Route Changes

Community Organiser Ian Huddleston received feedback whilst speaking to Dinnington residents that the bus route to Rotherham Centre had been changed, it no longer went through High Nook Road.

This was isolating many people, especially older people who then struggled to get to a bus into town. An open day was then put on at High Nook Community Centre due to the feedback, members of the Council and a local Councillor was invited to answer residents' questions.

The local council then spoke to the bus company. Through working together with the councillor, Rotherham Council, the bus company and Rotherham Federation, a change in the bus route was achieved for the local residents.



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# The Lanes Community Centre

**The Lanes Community Centre is a hotspot of community life in East Dene.**

As well as hosting coffee mornings, bingo throughout the week, a lunch club, trips away for members and putting on events throughout the year, the community centre offers a space for people living in the area to socialise and an opportunity for residents to be an active part of their community.

The local community organiser Sarah will be based there every Friday to listen to the community and support them to create and carry out projects that will benefit East Dene and the people living there.

If you'd like more information on activities at The Lanes Community Centre, you can call

them on 01709 366690. You can reach the community organiser for East Dene on 07538625150 or [sarah.bingham@rotherfed.org](mailto:sarah.bingham@rotherfed.org).



# RMBC Tenants' Open Day

**All council tenants are invited to the Tenants' Open Day**

It takes place on 10 July, from 9.30am to 2pm at New York Stadium, New York Way, Rotherham S60 1FJ.

Places are limited, booking is advisable. Book your place online or call Jessica Sarracco on 01709 822100.

Please see your invitation below.



**Tenants' Open Day 2019**  
**New York Stadium**  
**Wednesday 10 July**  
**9.30am to 2pm**

The Open Day is your chance to find out more about what's happening in housing services, meet other tenants, visit stalls and put your questions to members of staff face-to-face.

**Places limited. Booking is essential.**  
For more information and to book visit [www.rotherham.gov.uk/housing](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/housing) or call 01709 822100

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**The Open Day includes:**

- Celebration of 100 years of Council housing
- Rotherham Federation awards ceremony
- Mayor's Charity raffle
- **A free pie 'n' peas lunch is provided**



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# East Herringthorpe Easter Extravaganza

## Local residents hosted an event to promote family fun and raise money for charities.

The Easter Extravaganza was held on 20th April at East Herringthorpe social club by sisters Paula Allen, Toni Connell and Elle-Mae Spittle. East Herringthorpe Social Club kindly provided the room for the event free of charge.

The organisers received over 70 donations of prizes from local businesses and local residents for a tombola and a raffle, all of which have been won!

The prizes included a holiday to Mablethorpe, a Carlton Park Hotel meal for 2, Jump Inc tickets, Fantasy Island vouchers, Camelot tickets, Cannon Hall farm family day pass, a Toby Carvery meal for 2, hampers, bottles of wine, chocolates, cakes, and many more generous donations!

There was plenty for all the family to do on the day with stalls ranging from local artist's artwork to hair extensions. Soaps, wax burners, bath bombs and decorated stones were available to buy.

The event also had a cake stall manned by Elle-Mae and Penny Thompson, an impressive 180 cakes and cookies were baked by Penny! Cakes were also donated by local residents including a huge chocolate one by a lady from Rawmarsh. Every last cake was sold!



Elle-Mae Spittle on the cake stall

You can't have an Easter Extravaganza without an Easter egg hunt, right? After the children designed and decorated their own Easter bags to put their eggs in, they took part in an Easter egg hunt. The hunt was fun and enjoyable for the kids who took part and also for their parents. Every child even took home an Easter egg for participating as well as doing an excellent job in finding all of the eggs that were hidden!



Residents who attended the Easter Extravaganza

The event was so well attended, with over 120 local residents stopping by, that the club had to bring in more staff to keep up with demand, and more seating had to be brought in from the bar area, as more people attended than anticipated.

Not only did the event create an abundance of family fun it was also a fantastic opportunity for the residents to raise a bit of money for McMillian, CALM and Rotherham Hospice. The residents managed to raise an incredible £613.12, which was split between all 3 charities. The money was raised through the tombola and raffle as well as a £1 charge to take part in the Easter egg hunt.

If you would like support to get involved in activities in East Herringthorpe, contact Penny Thompson by email at [penny.thompson@rotherfed.org](mailto:penny.thompson@rotherfed.org) or call 07813 543332.



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# Summer Holiday Word Search



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 BRIGHT  
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## Quiz

- Pentle Bay is the name of a beach. Where is it?
- What is the name of the festival that takes place in Cornwall, which will take place from 7th August until 11th August this year?
- The hotel that was featured in the TV show Benidorm has what name?
- 'Home and Away' is set in a fictional seaside town. What is the name of this town?
- Which American state is nicknamed the 'sunshine state'?
- True or false, The month of July was named after Julius Caesar
- In Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream", who was the Queen of the Fairies?
- Which girl band released a song called 'Long Hot Summer' in 2005?
- Where will the Summer Olympics take place in 2020?
- In which country was the film 'Mama Mia!' set?
- Live Aid took place on Saturday 13th July 1985 at 2 stadiums simultaneously. Where were these stadiums?
- What is the traditional birthstone for August?

Answers  
 1. Tresco, Isles of Scilly, 2. Boardmasters, 3. Solana, 4. Summer Bay, 5. Florida, 6. True, before this the month was known as 'Quintilis' which means 'fifth month' in Latin which represents where the month originally fell in the Roman calendar, 7. in Philadelphia, 8. Girls Aloud, 9. Tokyo, Japan, 10. Greece, 11. London and Philadelphia, 12. Peridot  
 The names of these are Wembley Stadium and JFK Stadium



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# Supporting Rotherham

**We are dedicated to supporting the people of Rotherham. We do this by looking for projects to work on, offering excellent community workshops and providing apprenticeship opportunities.**

By engaging with the local people we find ways of using our skills and experience to carry out projects that will make a real difference to the lives of the people in Rotherham. Projects are varied and can involve us working with schools, churches, local environmental groups, youth clubs, facilities for older people or by helping local businesses and social enterprises.

**If you have a project planned and feel that you would benefit from our support please contact Diane Keay, Customer Care and Community Manager on 01709 789 154 or email [diane.keay@mearsgroup.co.uk](mailto:diane.keay@mearsgroup.co.uk)**



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