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Six Streets

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autumn newsletter 2022

What's all this then?

Welcome to our six monthly newsletter.

If you've recently moved into the area (or even lived here a while), you might be wondering "What is Six Streets?"

It's two things really.

Firstly - it's where we live. The Six Streets includes all the houses on Wheeldon Avenue, Park Grove, Bromley, Statham and White Streets, and Parkfields Drive. These are the 'six' streets at the centre of a community which welcomes residents in its streets and those which surround it.

Secondly - it's a small group of volunteers. The 'Six Streets Group' is made up of local people who volunteer a little time to make life living in and around our community even better.

Over the summer, they've organised an arts trail, an Easter children's event, a street sale and much more.

In the coming months, they will arrange our annual advent windows display, and make sure the pavements are kept clear if it snows.

The group manage our website and Facebook pages at

Web: sixstreetsderby.org
Facebook: @sixstreets

Anyone can be part of the **Six Streets Group**. It's super friendly and informal. If you have a little time to help out, something you'd like to make happen, or fancy helping us coordinate our meetings, please drop us a line.

Patrick, Six Streets Group



New Six Streets Walking Group

The new Six Streets Walking Group has got off to a cracking start and it's been wonderful to welcome regular members and newcomers alike.

It's lovely to see new friendships in the making as everyone walks and talks.

Our latest walk is on **Sunday, 23rd October**, meeting at 11.30 at **The Robin Hood Inn**, Chesterfield Road, Baslow DE45 1PQ. The walk takes us past the Nelson & Wellington Monuments, approx 6 miles through stunning countryside and has been picked for its beauty especially as we approach the stunning Autumnal colours.

Our Group meet **once a month** and walks are normally 5-8 miles. We all take a sandwich and a drink so we can enjoy a short break half way round, then if time permits we sometimes stop somewhere for a drink on the way home.

We are a friendly bunch and all new members are made to feel very welcome, as are well behaved dogs on a lead. Don't feel you have to participate in all walks. It's just lovely to see whoever happens to be available. We like to keep things flexible so we don't have a regular day but as soon as I know the date, **we quickly get the information on the website** where there is a form that connects directly to my email if anyone has any queries.

Lyn and Peter



Hallowe'en



Hallowe'en has become a very busy evening in our area and so once again residents can choose to decorate their houses and give out small treats.

Please bear in mind that this event is aimed at small children, so we are looking forward to a wonderful **family friendly evening**.

The aim is also that people who choose not to take part are left in peace so please check to see if there is an **orange "Trick'n'Treaters Welcome Here"** sign before ringing a bell and please ask others on the night to do the same. Please be careful not to disturb houses where the white signs are displayed; residents with sleeping babies, anxious dogs etc. should be left in peace.

If you are a resident who is choosing to be generous, then **please display your orange sign** just for the time that is best for you to give out some sweets and display the white sign for the rest of the time. If you have never been involved before, it is the case that you simply can't buy enough sweets – so please don't feel you have to!

Timings are completely up to individual residents though in past years, the area has been fairly quiet before 5.30ish and everything has been over before 7pm as sweets run out and young children head off home.

Local groups (such as Broadway Scouts and Markeaton PTFA) have fundraised in the past, so watch out for refreshment pop ups across the area!

Six Streets hopes that Hallowe'en passes off safely, so we are again offering free **battery powered tea lights** to residents to use as part of their outside displays. Please email 6streetsderby@gmail.com or pop a note into **54 Wheeldon Ave** before Oct 25th saying how many you would like (up to 6) and these will be delivered to your house.

We also ask that you discuss with your children issues such as road safety and what to do if they become separated from you during the evening. We sincerely hope you don't need the Stop, Drop and Roll fire safety advice this Hallowe'en or, indeed, in Bonfire Night celebrations.

An appeal for new contributors to Six Streets Food Bank



Six Streets Food Bank was set up in May 2013 and since then residents from Six Streets have donated hundreds of pounds worth of food to the Red Cross in Derby for distribution to its users.

The Red Cross has now become a member of the Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance which aims to ensure a co-ordinated and sustainable approach to providing food for vulnerable people in the city.

Guy Freeman from the Red Cross says that **"It continues to astonish me that your food project has been running for so long and so successfully. We remain so very grateful for your monthly deliveries"**.

Marie McGirr and Michele Zala now run the project and on the first Sunday in each month they arrange the collection of the donations - either collecting them from individual contributors' houses or leaving a box outside 22 Wheeldon Avenue for a few days before so that contributions can be dropped off by the contributors at their convenience.

Over the years some of the residents who originally donated to the Food Bank have left the area but as there are many people who have recently moved into Six Streets we are hoping that this appeal might encourage new people to contribute to the Food Bank.

We are very aware of the news that this winter, with the rise in food costs and increased energy bills, is likely to be a difficult one for many vulnerable people and that the number of people in food poverty is likely to see a sharp rise.

If you would like to get involved and donate each month or as a one off, please get in touch with Marie or Michele via the SixStreets website. sixstreetsderby.org/food-bank

They will talk to you about what you might donate - there is a list of the items which are most in demand - and what collection arrangements most suit you. **Any donation would be most welcome, no matter how small.**

Snow Patrol

Six Streets are pleased to announce that once again the "Snow Patrol" will be up and running ready to keep our pavements walkable if and when it snows.

Snow Patrol are our neighbours who have volunteered to help keep our pavements cleared of the white stuff, but many hands make light work and we would welcome volunteers for your street.

If you are able to join the team whether for the first time or as a seasoned snow shoveler, please do contact me and Six Streets will provide you with a snow shovel if required and grit. All past volunteers have reported a great sense of camaraderie, and there have been many reports of grateful thanks from passers-by who benefited from their energy.

Don't worry, you don't need to clear the whole street – we all just do what we can. Please contact Becky Hyde rebekah.hyde@hotmail.co.uk if you can help or for more information.



Darley Winter Living Room

As you are aware, this winter is going to be incredibly difficult financially for many households as gas and electricity bills skyrocket in both October and, as currently predicted, January.

The continued cost of living crisis is affecting the poorest most acutely, however we are expecting to see middle-income households start to really struggle too. West End Brews and West End Community Centre are partnering together to offer some assistance to those who need it by setting up a 'Winter Living Room', building off the back of a regular coffee morning currently running every other Monday at Whitecross House, on Leyland Gardens in the West End.

The plan is to run the coffee morning as usual every **Monday from 10-12**, then from **November open on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 10-3pm** offering tea and toast, hopefully simple soups, conversation and various activities. It will be in Whitecross House from November – December then move to the West End Community Centre from January - April after some contracted work on the WECC has been completed. At this point we are hoping to open for a second day, as well as an extra 3 hours (until 7pm) on Wednesdays, with a

Advent Windows 2022

Would you like to take part in the advent window display this year?

Are you new to the area and want to find out more? Last year, we had 34 houses from Six Streets to Longford Street and along Kedleston Road.

What do you need to do?

If you live in or around the Six Streets area you request a number from 1 to 24 and reveal your festive window on that date in December (a number will be dropped through your door). You can either drop a note through the letterbox at **19 Statham Street** with your name and contact details or email: **6streetsderby@gmail.com**

Designs can be simple or complex and there is no limit to the number of windows - when we have allocated all the dates from 1-24 we just start doubling up!

The only 'rules' are that you display your number in your window from Sunday 27 November, you reveal your display first thing in the morning on your allocated date and we ask that windows be left up until the end of the week after Christmas.

Pictures of previous windows are on the Six Streets Facebook page so you can see the wide variety of decorations.

Everyone is welcome to take part! **Closing date** (to allow for the poster to be produced) is **Monday 21 November.**

Lyndsey

particular invitation to kids and teens wanting to do homework. We are in the process of gathering information and advice from **Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance, Community Action Derby,** and other sources, to offer advice, or host the offering of advice, for those seeking help. We are targeting this space at low & middle-income households likely to struggle financially through winter particularly the elderly, those with young children at home, and the vulnerable.

It will be a safe space.

In order to do this we need volunteers to cook, sit and chat, serve food and drink, welcome, do various odd-jobs, supervise, and then from January help with the homework club.

All required training will be provided including food hygiene, and safer recruitment will be followed for all volunteers.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Ben via email on **Ben@stalkmunds.org.uk**

The History of Newton's Walk

Over the summer I'm sure many of us have watched with interest as the Parkfields community garden (next to the WI hall) has taken shape. This picture shows how the area looked in about 1913 looking up Newton's Walk towards Broadway, with Longford Street in the distance on the left.

A stream ran along the side of Newton's Walk until it was diverted through a culvert (a covered channel under the road) in 1930 at the same time the church hall (now the WI hall) was built). **This improvement work followed flooding of the area in May 1925 when the top 20 houses on Cedar Street were flooded with overflowing stream water and sewage from "old bucket lavatories" on Penny Long Lane.**

Further down Newton's Walk, between Park Grove and Wheeldon Avenue the stream was culverted at a much earlier date after the area was sold off for housing following the death of George Wheeldon of Parkfields House in 1899. **The stream is still visible between the University cut-through and the Leylands estate before disappearing underground down Newton's Walk, crossing Kedleston Road and culverted beneath gardens on Redshaw Street and Cowley Street.**

Newton's Walk is named after the Leaper Newton family who owned Leylands (now the Retail Trust) on Broadway. The path ran down through farmland from the Newton estate to Kedleston Road.

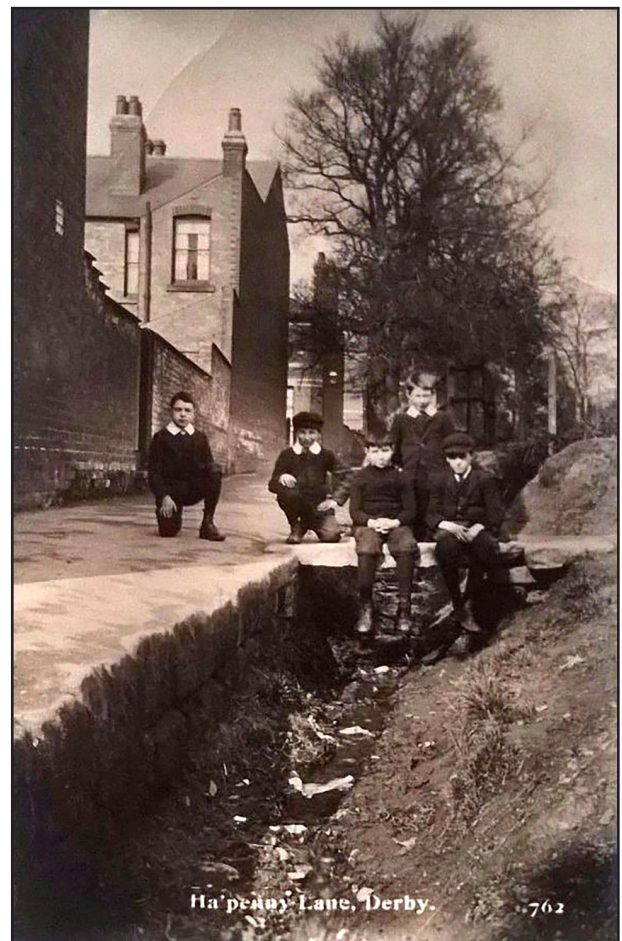
At the date of this photograph the hall (now owned by the Women's Institute) was yet to be built. Originally it was a church hall built in 1930 for St Aidan's Church which stood at the bottom of Cedar Street. St Aidan's was originally dedicated in 1895 as "The Cedar Street Mission", but was better known locally as the tin church.

Before the church was built **Miss Emily Newton** (of Leylands) helped with the purchase of 49 Cedar Street as a mission house. Although it is mid terrace the interior was adapted with a large room for meetings on the ground floor and living quarters upstairs. She also rented a house at **no 43 for use as a day school.**

The land on the right of the stream was used for allotments from 1916 until after World War 2 when the houses in West Park Road were built.

The church hall was used in World War 2 by the army, and later as an exam hall by Parkfields Cedars School – at that date the hall had a glass roof, making it freezing in winter and unbearably hot in summer.

With the building of the new **St Alkmund's Church on Kedleston Road in the early 1970s** St Aidan's church was demolished (Dayton Court stands on the site of the church) and the church hall was sold in 1974 to the Women's' Institute for their county headquarters.



Caption: **Newton's Walk was originally known as Ha'penny Lane. Often boys were fined for throwing bricks and stones around in this area, keeping the local police busy!**

