



Barnsley Life

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Events at Wentworth Castle & Gardens

Wentworth Castle, Stainborough, Barnsley

- **Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th February: Wentworth Wedding Fair, 10am-4pm**
Meet the Wentworth Castle Wedding Coordinator and find out how you can enjoy a dream 'Wentworth Wedding'. Local wedding related businesses will be there to offer advice and discuss your requirements. FREE admission to the Wedding Fair. For more information email: heritagetrust@wentworthcastle.org or phone Elaine McGoogan on 01226 776040.
- **Tuesday 19th February at 10am: Wentworth Walk**
Join the Parkland Ranger for a guided walk through the 500 acre Parkland estate at Wentworth Castle, and improve your fitness levels at the same time. On your return you will be able to enjoy a FREE bowl of home made soup & bread roll in the cafe. Cost £4.50. For more information contact 01226 776040.
- **Every Wednesday: Soup Wednesdays at Wentworth Castle Gardens**
Enjoy a winter warming walk and then a FREE bowl of home made soup & bread roll, with regular garden admission. Garden admission: Adults £3.95, seniors (Age 60+) £3.25, Children (Over 5 yrs) £2.00, Children (Under 5) FREE. For more information please contact 01226 776040 or visit www.wentworthcastle.org
- **Thursday 21st February: Walk & Talk, 10am**
Informative guided walk with head gardener Steve Catchpole and illustrated talk on the plants and history of Wentworth Castle Gardens, light refreshments provided. Tickets cost £7.50 each (£8.50 on the day). For more information please contact 01226 776040 or visit www.wentworthcastle.org
- **Starts Friday 18th January then every Friday at 11am: FREE Gardener's Choice Tours**
Join a member of the Garden Team for a special guided tour of the gardens, highlighting developments and discussing some of the recent planting and restoration work. Tour free with regular garden admission price. Garden admission: Adults £3.95, seniors (Age 60+) £3.25, Children (Over 5 yrs) £2.00, Children (Under 5) FREE. For more information please contact 01226 776040 or visit www.wentworthcastle.org
- **Sunday 2nd March: Mother's Day at the Castle**
Treat your Mum to a special lunch in the newly restored 18th century Long Barn and then relax with a walk around the gardens. Marvel at spring bulbs and the views from the restored Stainborough Castle - one of the biggest gothic follies in the country! The gardens are open from 10am and lunch is available from 12pm. Booking is required - book early to avoid disappointment. Contact 01226 776040 for more information.

Burns night Supper Dance

Friday 25th January, 7.30-11.30pm

Cannon Hall Museum, Barnsley

Live music and dancing in the Ballroom and a traditional supper in the Servants' Hall. Tickets: £25 (Friends of Cannon Hall £22.50). Pre-booking is essential. For more information and booking contact 01226 790270 or email: cannonhall@barnsley.gov.uk

Locke Park

Locke Park was established on the southern edge of Barnsley in 1862. An area of agricultural land was purchased from the Duke of Leeds by Phoebe Locke, widow of the renowned railway engineer, Joseph Locke, and gifted to the people of Barnsley in her husband's memory. The Tower was erected in memory of Phoebe by her sister Sarah McCreery, in 1877. Sarah also donated a further twenty acres of land to extend the top part of the park. The land is held in trust by the Council as a park and pleasure ground for the people of Barnsley; it has a variety of monuments including the Locke Park Tower, bandstand and statue of Joseph Locke. Locke Park is included within English Heritage's 'Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest' where it is graded II.



Neighbourhood Services are delighted to be working the Friends of Locke Park in regenerating the Park. Recent successes have been in obtaining grants of £395,000 - including £100,000 from the Community Greenspace Fund, for a new play area due in Spring 2008 and improvement to the footpaths due for completion in March 2008. The Friends of Locke Park applied to the WRG Communities Challenge for £125,000. During the judging stage it became apparent that they had been unsuccessful in a bid for £45,000 from Biffaward. It was then decided that WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) would award the applicants **£194,000** towards the Locke Park Play Area project.

An innovative fun world of play is envisaged in the new play area; children will be able to enjoy a novel play experience in a safe location themed with train connotations, linking in with the heritage of the Park. Other funding is being sought for restoration of the tower and the café.

Newcomen Fairs at Building 21, Elsecar Heritage Centre Wath Road, Elsecar, Nr. Barnsley

- **Antiques & Collectables Fairs: Sunday 10th February, 9th March**

Approximately 135 stalls in the award winning Building 21 and various outside pitches. Public Entry is from 10am-4pm; adults £1.25 concessions £1.00 and free entry for accompanied children.

- **Toy, Train and Doll Fair: Tuesday 12th February**

Stands selling: tin plate and collectable toys, model railway and die cast models, teddies and dolls. Admission 7pm-9pm, adults £1.00 and children 50p.

- **Collectors Evening: Wednesday 13th February**

Stands selling: Ephemera - Stamps, Postcards & Books. Mining Memorabilia. Coins and medals/militaria. Automobilia. Pens and writing equipment. Sporting memorabilia. Textiles. Treen. Smoking and sewing accessories. Public Entry 6pm-9pm. Adults £1.25, concessions £1.00 and accompanied children 50p.

- **Craft Fairs: Saturday and Sunday 16th/17th February**

Handmade crafts with live demonstrations. Hand made silver, gold and beaded jewellery and accessories. Needlework, woodwork. Outdoor crafts, basket and willow crafts. Rattan cane seating, rushwork, beadwork and machine embroidery. Lavender based textiles. Artwork (watercolours), wooden cards, wood turning and hand made greetings cards. Hand painted glass. Personalised items. Public Entry 10am-4pm Sat/Sun. Adults £1.50, Concessions £1.00 and accompanied Children free.

Save money with a Passport to Leisure card

Passport to Leisure is a scheme operated by Barnsley Council to help residents access leisure facilities at reduced costs. Membership is available to the over 60's, people on a benefit (including Working Tax Credit), disabled people, 16 and 17 year olds, full-time students aged 18+ and children age 3-15 who are disabled, or whose parents/guardian's are eligible for membership to the scheme. Children's cards are issued free of charge and last for one year, those for the over 60's and disabled adults cost £2 and last for 5 years, all other cards cost £1 and last for up to one year.

Adults with a Passport to Leisure card can get discounts at all Barnsley Premier Leisure facilities, various leisure centres across South Yorkshire and Wakefield, golf courses, cinemas, retail and other outlets, visitor attractions and libraries. Cards issued to children, aged 3-15, can be used to obtain discounts at Barnsley Premier Leisure facilities for swimming and Teen Gym and at the Metrodome for 360° membership - a fun, fit club for kids, and at Zero Ice - the synthetic ice rink on Lambra Road in Barnsley.

Cards can be obtained from any Leisure Centre operated by Barnsley Premier Leisure, Barnsley Connects Offices and most Libraries. Anyone wishing to apply for a card needs proof to show their eligibility for membership, a passport sized photo, and the appropriate joining fee. If you would like more information about the Passport to Leisure scheme, call 01226 774477.

Packs of Barnsley Cycling and walking Guides

Barnsley MBC has produced a pack of cycling guides to encourage cycling in six regions spread across the borough. Each guide has a map and route description including difficulty, time needed to complete the ride, local visitor attractions and points of interest along the route. The pack can be picked up from the VAB reception, 33 Queen's Road, Barnsley, the Cooper Gallery, Elsecar Heritage Centre, Worsbrough Mill and Cannon Hall.

There are two different walking guide packs produced by Barnsley MBC. One pack covers the eight short walks of the Dearne Way whilst the other pack covers the twelve short walks of the Barnsley Boundary Walk. These Walking Guides packs can be picked up from the new Barnsley Tourist Information Centre based at the new Civic Centre, 46 Eldon Street, Barnsley. Guides of other local walks including the Trans Pennine Trail, the White City Woods at Grimethorpe, Thurgoland Boundary Walk and The Owl and Fox walks at the Worsbrough Country Park, Worsbrough Bridge can also be picked up here.



The Barnsley & Penistone Ramblers Walks Programme

The Ramblers Association is Britain's biggest walking charity; they have more than 500 walks taking place every week. Annual membership costs £27 per person; membership is free for under 16's. Various reduced rates are available, visit www.ramblers.org.uk for more information.

Regular walks are mainly intended for members, but you are welcome to attend two or three walks on a try-out basis. Please contact Walk Leader for more details about boots and clothing, food and drink requirements and difficulty of the walk.

January Walks

- Sat 19th** **Wrenthorpe (8.5 miles)**, meet at Carlton car park at 9:15am, Leader: Lawrence Hartley 01226 740045
- Sun 20th** **Honley (12 miles)**, meet at Darton car park at 9am. Leader: E Brown 01142 883891
- Sun 27th** **New Mill/Castle Hill (12 miles)**, meet 9am at Darton car park. Leader D Wainwright 01484 862485

February Walks

- Sun 3rd** **Denby Dale/Hartcliffe Hill (12 miles)**, meet at Denby Dale Cenotaph car park at 9:30am. Leader D Wainwright 01484 862485
- Sat 9th** **Around Silkstone & Cawthorne (9 miles)**, meet Dodworth railway station at 9am. Leader B McGuinness 01226 283598
- Sun 10th** **Crane Moor (10 miles)**, meet Birdwell at 9:30am. Leader D Dyson 01226 749017
- Sat 23rd** **Bretton Park to Calder Grove (10 miles including pub stop)**, meet at Bretton Sculpture Park Visitor's Centre car park at 9:30am. Leader Neil Dransfield 01226 246211
- Sun 24th** **Alphin Pike (10 miles)**, meet Birdwell at 9am. Leader C Daniels 01226 385644

Early March Walks

- Sat 1st** **Goldthorpe (8.5 miles)**, meet Stairfoot – Doncaster Road at 9:15am. Leader Lawrence Hartley 01226 740045
- Sat 8th** **White Edge/Froggatt & Curbar (9 miles)**, meet Birdwell at 9am. Leader S Mouncey 01226 386102
- Sun 9th** **Golcar (12 miles)**, meet Darton car park at 9am. Leader E Brown 01142 883891

For further enquiries about other walks contact Neil Dransfield on 01226 246211 or Lawrence Hartley on 01226 740045.

Old Moor RSPB nature reserve events



RSPB Old Moor is a wildlife and visitor centre which forms part of the RSPB Dearne Valley. It contains a fantastic diversity of bird life in a habitat of open water, marsh, reed beds and species rich grassland. Five purpose built hides overlook different habitats and the visitor centre provides an RSPB shop, drinks and snack bar. The nature reserve can be visited and explored at your leisure (admission charges – adults £2.50, concessions £2, children (over five years) £1.25, family £5 (free entry for RSPB members and Barnsley MBC 'Passport to Leisure' cardholders). Guide dogs and assistance dogs only.

Opening times:

Thurs 1st Nov – Thurs 31st Jan: Visitor centre open 9.30am-4pm. Gates closed 4.30pm.
Fri 1st Feb – Fri 31st Oct: Visitor centre open 9.30am-5pm. Gates closed 5.15pm.

There is a varied programme of events run at the nature reserve; booking is essential for the most popular events. Most events start from the visitor centre. General event prices: Adults £4, children £2 (RSPB and Wildlife Explorers members half price - event prices include admission to the reserve for non-RSPB members).

Saturday 19th January: Big Garden Birdwatch

10am-3pm. Free Entry. Take part in the world's biggest bird survey. Find out how to attract birds to your garden and brush up on your identification skills. Suitable for beginners.

Sunday 3rd February: Guided walk around the reserve

10am-12 noon. Suitable for birdwatching beginners. Event prices: Adults £4, children £2 (RSPB and Wildlife Explorers members half price - event prices include admission to the reserve for non-RSPB members).

Wednesday 13th February: Wild Wednesday

11am-12 noon, 2-3pm. Simple crafts and outdoor exploration for three to five year olds and accompanying adults. Booking is essential. Cost: £1 per child.

Sunday 17th February: Nestbox day

11am-3pm. Build a nestbox for your garden birds. Cost: £3 per box.

Sunday 2nd March: Guided walk around the reserve

10am-12 noon. Suitable for birdwatching beginners. Event prices: Adults £4, children £2 (RSPB and Wildlife Explorers members half price - prices include admission to the reserve for non-RSPB members).

Visit www.rspb.org.uk for more information or contact the Visitor Officer, RSPB Old Moor, Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S73 0YF. Telephone 01226 751593 or email old.moor@rspb.org.uk

The Penistone Line Partnership Events

The Penistone Line Partnership is a voluntary organization which supports & promotes community involvement along the Huddersfield to Sheffield railway line.

Burns Night with the 'Good Egg Band' on the Music Train: Fri 25th January

There will be a piper and complementary haggis, neeps and tatties; an on-board bar with real ale and a range of canned beer and lager, wine and soft drinks. Train departs from Huddersfield at 7:17pm and calls at all stations on the way to Sheffield; the train leaves Sheffield at 8:41pm and arrives back at Huddersfield at 9:56pm. The return fare from Huddersfield is £6.70 – payable to the conductor on the train. Booking is essential, call David on 01226 765450 or 07803 677767.

Guided Walks Programme

The walks are intended to encourage people to use the train to see some of Yorkshire's finest scenery, learn about the history of the Penistone Line and its surroundings. Bring along a flask and sandwiches; good footwear and waterproofs are recommended. All walks are at an easy pace, accompanied children are welcome. Please have your dog on a lead. On linear walks, which start at one Penistone Line station and finish at another, it is cheaper to buy a return ticket to the more distant station, rather than purchase two single tickets. Contact the Penistone Line Partnership for more information and to confirm dates and times. Telephone: 01226 761782, email info@penline.co.uk or write to St Johns Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone, South Yorkshire, S36 9AR.

Sat 19th January - Restoration Ramble! (9 miles)

A walk taking countryside paths towards the newly restored Wentworth Castle at Stainborough taking in a new loop of the Castle grounds and exploring an Eighteenth Century wonderland. Start 9.10am at Dodworth station (train from Barnsley at 9.01am), finish at Silkstone Common station. Leader: Joy Rawlings.

Sat 2nd February - Go Gadding To Cuckold's Carr (8 miles)

Enjoy some February fresh air strolling through this very rural landscape, characterised by hedged fields and narrow wooded valleys. Start 10.15am at Silkstone Common station (Train from Barnsley at 10:01am), finish Denby Dale. Leader: Liz Colquhoun.

Saturday 16th February - Penistone Line Trail Part 3 (6 or 12 miles)

Following the Penistone Line Trail linking station-to-station from Sheffield to Huddersfield. Start at 10:30am from Wombwell (train from Barnsley at 10.01am), follows a section of the Trans Pennine Trail, via historic Monk Bretton Priory, Dearne Valley Park, rich in industrial archaeology, before leaving the town along the Barnsley Canal onto Dodworth. Finish at either Barnsley or Dodworth. Leader: Stuart Parker.

Sat 1st March - On The Up 'n' Up (10½ miles)

A walk through wonderful scenery ascending The Upper Dearne Valley and crossing into the Holme Valley via Broadstone reservoir, Cheese Gate Nab and High Brow. Starts 9.35am at Denby Dale station (Train from Barnsley at 9:01am) and finish at Stockmoor. Leader: David Cook.

Light of Life Social Club *Wednesday evenings from 7:30-10:30pm* *The Sturdy Lads, Monk Bretton*

The volunteer-run club is open to children and adults with disabilities and parents/carers. There is wheelchair access and disabled facilities on the premises. Activities include karaoke, bingo, race nights. Cost: £2 per week for membership (includes free raffles tickets on the night). Reduced cost trips out are also organised. For more information contact Ken Scott on 01226 295498 or visit the club.

Free Arts based activities e.g. Dance, Art, Crafts, Drama, Creative Writing for all ages and abilities!

Forge Arts for Health is a Barnsley Healthy Living Centre, funded by Fit for the Future and managed by Forge Community Partnership. The project provides a broad range of arts based activity to promote health, improve well-being and quality of life for people of all ages. Being creative is good fun and has many health benefits; it can raise self-esteem, increase sociability, overcome boredom and increase motivation, relaxation and stress relief. For more information on these projects, please contact Sarah Coleman on 01226 747719, sarah-forge@btconnect.com or write to her at Forge Community Partnership, Hoyland Common Community Centre, 30a Hoyland Road, Hoyland Common, Barnsley, S74 0PB.

Under fives - Mother and toddler creative dance sessions including movement games, nursery rhythms and dancing to encourage toddlers to move to music with carer's. Free healthy refreshments are provided. Sessions run at 3 locations:-

- **Thursdays** from 9.30-10.30am at Cloughfields Community Centre, Shaftsbury Drive, Hoyland
- **Thursdays** from 1pm –2pm at the Jump SureStart Centre, Jump
- **Fridays** from 2pm-3pm Salvation Army, Hoyland Common

Youth Projects: The projects help to increase confidence in young people and encourage them make positive life choices. Healthy refreshments are provided and exercise is encouraged through creative dance at projects in Elsecar and Blacker Hill.

- **Blacker Hill Youth Arts Project** - graffiti art, creative writing, crafts, photography, video art, dance, drama and graphic arts on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5.30pm at Blacker Hill Lifelong Learning Centre

- **Elsecar Youth Street Dance Project** on Mondays (except bank holidays), registration and healthy Snacks from 4.15pm, dance Class 4.30–5.30pm at Elsecar Parish Hall, Church Street
- **Welland Crescent Community House “Arts Explosion”** on Thursdays 4.30- 6pm at Welland Crescent, Elsecar
- **Tankersley Youth Arts Group** - graffiti art, creative writing, crafts, photography, video art, dance, drama and graphic arts on Fridays (8yrs to 11yrs) from 6-7.15pm, (11yrs+) from 7.15-9pm at Tankersley Welfare Hall
- **Young Carer’s Art Group** - Please contact Sarah for further details

Projects for Older People – designed to increase confidence, encourage sociability and aid relaxation through activities such as painting, textiles and sculpting.

- **West Bank House** - Arts and Crafts in partnership with Barnsley Social Services. Please contact Sarah for further details
- **Glebe Court Crafts Group** - Arts and crafts techniques in a supportive group on Wednesdays, 10.30am–12.30pm at Glebe Court Supported Accommodation project, Tankersley
- **St Andrews Craft Group** - Textile, sewing and embroidery in a supportive sociable group on Tuesdays 1–3pm at St Andrew Church Hall, Hoyland
- **Elsecar Craft Group** - Textile, sewing and embroidery. Arts and crafts techniques in a supportive sociable group on Fridays 1–3pm at Milton Hall, Elsecar
- **Hoyland CardCraft** - Crafts in a supportive sociable group on Thursdays 10am-noon, Salvation Army, Hoyland Common

Barnsley Open Day for Yorkshire Young Dancers *Sunday 10th February, PADS, Barnsley*

Yorkshire Young Dancers (YYD) is an advanced training scheme offering young people (age 13-17) with exceptional potential the opportunity to access the best contemporary dance training available. Students are required to attend three weekly classes at The Northern School of Contemporary Dance (NSCD), Leeds, as well as intensive weekends and Summer schools. There are also performance opportunities.

The scheme is most suitable for those considering a career in dance; entry is through audition. Places are offered on potential rather than previous dance experience. To find out more and audition young people should attend an Open Day. Fees are means tested with financial support available. The scheme works in partnership with Northern Ballet Theatre and is funded by The Department for Children, Schools and Families. To book your place for the Barnsley Open Day, phone 0113 219 3005, or email yyd@nscd.ac.uk

Mathias Bengtsson @ design centre north *11 Shambles Street, Barnsley, until Saturday 26th January*

In a unique collaboration, four venues across the country have commissioned leading 3D designer Mathias Bengtsson to create a series of new works, to mark his first one person shows in the UK. Bengtsson’s works are experiments in sculptural furniture, which adapt industrial processes to create one-off astonishing objects. His work can be seen at design centre north for the next two weeks. Gallery open: Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-3pm. Free admission.

Events at the Cooper Art Gallery

Church Street, Barnsley

- **Life Class:** Tuesday mornings for 10 weeks starting 8th January, 10am-12 noon
Jill Hopkins will be running this drawing and painting life class for both the experienced and beginners. Contact Maxine Turner (WEa) on 07966 588 383 for more details.
- **Visibility 'The Orient Express':** Mon 11th-Fri 15th February, 1pm to 3:30pm
An arts programme for primary school aged children and for children with learning disabilities aged 8 to 16 years. This project from Action Space Mobile and supported by Arts Council England, BBC Children In Need and BMBC, gives children the opportunity to work together with professional artists in a living story book about 'The Orient Express', using art, music, movement, puppets and drama to create a story within a unique environment. The sessions cost £10 per week and places are limited. To book a place: email contact@actionspacemobile.org or phone Karen Shore on 01226 391112.

Exhibitions at the Cooper Gallery

- **Obsessions and Celebrations:** Saturday 12th January – Friday 22nd February
An exhibition of work by local artists John McPake and Anne Genner Crawford.
- **Hens Teeth:** Friday 29th February – Friday 11th April
Artists Collective 'Hens Teeth' proudly show a range of work in response to the Cooper Gallery Trustees permanent collection
Opening times of gallery: Mon to Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sunday CLOSED.

Events at Cudworth Library

Roberts Street, Cudworth, Barnsley

- Cudworth Local History and Heritage Group meet every Wednesday 10am-12noon. This is a lively group, which welcomes new members and is delighted to accept relevant information, photographs, documents etc.
 - Cudworth and District Visual Arts Group hold a regular monthly, Monday afternoon meeting. The group seek to promote amateur artists by staging exhibitions where they can show and sell their work
 - A Study Support group also holds sessions in the library. Aimed at young people aged 8-16, it is open Mon/Tues 3.30-6.45pm and Weds 3.30-4.45pm. Young people can do homework, enjoy arts and crafts, educational games and have access to computers and the internet.
 - For pre-school children a story time session is held in the library every Friday afternoon 1.45-2.45pm (with the exception of holiday weeks). This session includes stories, songs and rhymes and activities.
 - Two Readers Groups hold monthly meetings facilitated by the library. The daytime group meets on the first Monday of each month at 10.30am (unless a Bank Holiday when it moves to the second Monday). The evening group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. Both groups enjoy lively discussion about books, authors and life in general over tea and biscuits.
- Please contact the library on 01226 717531 to confirm times of classes and groups.

Ensemble 360° concert series

Emmanuel Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley

Ensemble 360 brings together artists from across the globe to form a versatile ensemble of eleven musicians: five wind players, a pianist, a double bassist and the Elias String Quartet - the only professional ensemble resident in South Yorkshire.

Friday 22nd February: Elias Quartet

Programme includes: HAYDN Quartet in C Op. 76 No.3, BARTOK Quartet No.4, BEETHOVEN Quartet Op.59 No.2 *Razumovsky*

Friday 14th March

Programme includes: MOZART Horn Quintet in E flat, SCHUBERT Impromptu No.3 D.935, BLOCH Suite Modale, SCHUBERT Piano Quintet in A - *The Trout*

Venue: Emmanuel Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley. All Concerts start at 7:30pm. Tickets are £8, Under 16's are FREE. Tickets are available from 01226 321511 or on the door, subject to availability.

Music in the Round is funded by Arts Council England, Yorkshire, Mayfield Arts Trust and Sheffield City Council. To join the mailing list and receive updates on all concerts email tracyj@musicintheround.co.uk or visit the website www.musicintheround.co.uk

Barnsley Recorded Music Society Programme

All meetings take place on Wednesdays, starting at 7pm

Society of Friends (Quakers) meeting rooms,

Western Street (off Huddersfield Road), Barnsley

The Barnsley RMS (established 1953) is run by members for the mutual enjoyment of recorded music. Programmes are presented by members as well as guest speakers on a variety of themes. Refreshments are served at the interval and programmes usually end by 9:15pm. The Society has the use of high quality audio equipment and an excellent listening room. Annual subscription: £15 minimum. New members and visitors are warmly welcomed. Visitors £1/meeting. Refreshments £1.

January 16th: Love, Sex & Perversion

Passions in music from Gluck to Zemlinsky.

Presenter: Derek Bacon

January 30th: Mostly Organ Pipes, Pieces, Pictures & Puzzles

The multi-media story behind the restoration of the Schulze organ at Armley.

Presenter: David Senior

February 6th: There's Bees-in-this Bonnet. But which ones?

Presenter: Robert Seager

February 20th: The Hallé Orchestra & Sir John Barbirolli

A presentation by Hallé member for the Orchestra's 150th anniversary.

Visiting speaker/presenter: Peter Worrall.

March 5th: An A-Z of the 'top 50' conductors

A selection thereof, in the humble opinion of.....

Visiting speaker/presenter: David Patmore

Performances at Dearne Playhouse

Washington Road, Goldthorpe

- **Saturday 19th January: Thursday 24th January: Aladdin** - Dearne Community and Miners Welfare Scheme Theatrical Section proudly present Aladdin. Performances at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets: Adults £6.50, kids/OAPs £5.50.
- **Friday 22nd February: We Are the World!** - Featuring talented local youth groups performing in aid of the Limes After Care Centre at Barnsley Hospice. Featuring: Irish Dance, Hits from Annie, School Choir, Ballet Spectacular, Hits from Bugsy Malone, Tickets £5, No concessions.
- **Tuesday 26th February: Viva Variety** – From the Company that brought shows such as “We’ll Meet Again”, “The Good Old Days”, “The Fabulous Forties & Fifties”, “Those Marvellous Musicals”, “Memories and Melodies” and “Holiday Express”. The production features comedy sketches, tributes to Burt Bacharach, Cliff Richard and The Blues Brothers and a selection of hits from the movies “Viva Variety”. Tickets £8, No concessions.

Phone the theatre on 01709 894128 to book tickets.

Holocaust Memorial Event

Friday 18th January, doors open at 6.30pm, programme starts at 7pm

Lamroom Theatre, Westgate, Barnsley

“I’ve never been so moved in all my life”. “My thinking has been changed forever”. “It’s the most amazingly beautiful experience”.

These are just some of the comments from last year’s Holocaust Memorial Programme. This year’s event promises to be equally compelling. The evening will be filled with moving, soul searching footage, special guests, drama, dance and singing.

Major Robin Bruce will give a powerful presentation on his experiences in Bosnia and Kosovo. Qdos dance and theatre youth group will be performing contemporary dance and drama. Welcome additions to the programme are the African Soul Singers, who will be singing traditional and modern classics. Special guests include Mr Michael Clapham MP, Mr Arek Hersh Holocaust Survivor, Reverend William Shaw and the evening will be presented by Diane Weston from Berneslai Homes, and Max Senior from the Safer Communities Partnership (www.saferbarnsley.co.uk).

Tickets are free and available by contacting the Lamroom Theatre Box office 01226 200035 or Maxwell Senior, Racial Harassment Strategy Coordinator, Safer Communities Partnership, Phase 1, Beevor Court, Pontefract Road, Barnsley, S71 1HG. Phone: 01226 774991 or e-mail: maxwellsenior@barnsley.gov.uk

Other Performances at the Lamroom Theatre

- **Wednesday 30th January - Saturday 2nd February: Once on this Island Junior** – The youngest performers (5-11 year olds) from the Lamroom Theatre Company bring you this lively musical set on an island. Start time: 7.00 pm, Saturday Matinee at 2.30 pm. Adults £8.50, Concessions £7.50. All tickets £8.50 on Saturday evening.



- **Monday 11th - Saturday 16th February: Nunsense** - The Lamproom Theatre Company perform this hilarious musical comedy where 'The Sound of Music' meets 'Sister Act'. Start time: 7.30 pm. Prices Adults £8.50 / Concessions £7.50 (part of the Season Ticket Offer).
- **Sunday 17th February: An Evening with Barnsley Concert Band** - An evening of popular entertainment for all the family, featuring music from the stage and screen. Starts 7:30 pm. All tickets £5.00.
- **Friday 22nd February: The World's Greatest Elvis Concert** - starring the best Elvis Tribute Artists from around the globe. Starts at 7.30pm. Prices: Adults £12.00, Concessions £10.00. For more information visit www.theworldsgreatestelvis.co.uk
- **Saturday 23rd February: Complete Works of William Shakespeare - 37 plays in 97 minutes.** Join the world's greatest bard busters on a rollercoaster ride, proving there's no abridgement too far. Starts 7:30pm. Adults £16.50, Concessions £15.50. Visit www.markgoucher.com for more details.

Box Office opening times: Monday to Friday 9.30-4.30 pm, Saturday 10am-2.30pm.
 Box Office/Enquiries 01226 200075 or email enquiries@barnsleylamproom.com or boxoffice@barnsleylamproom.com

Performances at the Academy Theatre

Take2 Centre, 311 Sheffield Rd, Birdwell, Barnsley,

- **Mon 14th-Sat 19th January: My Fair Lady** - Featuring: 'Wouldn't it be Lovely', 'On The Street Where You Live', 'The Rain in Spain', and many more. Starts: 7.15pm (Matinee 2.30pm on Sat 19th). Tickets from £10 and £9.
- **Fri 25th-Sun 27th January: Take 2 Music Festival** - Academy's 3rd Annual Competitive Music Festival. Please ring 01226 744 441 for further information.
- **Fri 1st February: Three Men in Black & The White Lady of Soul** The UK's No.1 Tribute Show to Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley and Dusty Springfield. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets from £13 & £12.
- **Saturday 2nd February: An Evening with Gervase Phinn** – with his keen ear for the absurd and sharp eye for the ludicrous, Gervase Phinn has delighted audiences across the UK with stories of his experiences as a school inspector. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets from £10.
- **Saturday 9th February: U2UK – U2 tribute show.** The band perform hit after hit with their unique stage presence and ability to connect with their audience. Starts at 7.30pm, tickets from £12 & £10.
- **Tues 12th - Sat 16th February: Take 2 Theatre School Showcase.** A fantastic opportunity to see young stars shine. Starts at 7.00pm, tickets from £6 & £5
- **Fri 22nd February: Sailing to Paradise** - presented by ACTION SPACE MOBILE. Call Box office for more details.
- **Sat 23rd February: An Evening with John Parr** - The Grammy nominated singer songwriter's one man show takes you on an inspiring and amusing journey from the working men's clubs to Madison Square Garden and the stadia of America. Starts at 7.30pm, tickets from £12 & £10.
- **Mon 3rd- Sat 8th March: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** - Take 2 Theatre School Seniors present this classic musical. Featuring songs like 'Bless Your Beautiful Hide', 'Lonesome Polecat', 'Spring, Spring, Spring', and many more. Starts from 7.15pm, tickets start from £10 & £9.

For all enquiries and booking call the theatre on 01226 744442 or email enquiries@theacademytheatre.co.uk

Performances at the Penistone Paramount, Penistone

- **Thursday 24th January – Saturday 2nd February: Penistone Theatre Group presents 'Snow White'.** Starts at 7pm, matinee performances at weekends. Tickets: Adults £7, Concessions £4.
- **Friday 8th February: Mercury** - one of the world's most authentic tributes to Freddie Mercury and Queen. Starts at 8pm. Tickets £12.
- **Saturday 9 February - THE IAN McMILLAN ORCHESTRA Sharp Stories.** Ian McMillan, the John Peel of poetry, sets his poems to music: Stories, songs and poems, many autobiographical are rolled out in a hypnotic European folk style by multi instrumentalist Luke Carver Goss with McMillan's Barnsley patter laid over the top. Starts at 8pm. Tickets: £12/£10 concessions.
- **Friday 7th March: All Our Yesterdays** - Timeless Theatre Productions present this new show featuring songs & dancing from the 40's through to the 70's with performances from West End & International vocalists. Performances at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets: £11/concesions £10.
- **Saturday 8 March: Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir - Celebrity Concert.** Starts at 7:15pm. Tickets and Information available on 01226 766286. Visit www.penistoneparamount.co.uk for more information. Phone the box office on 01226 767532 / 762004 to book tickets.

'Get Fired....up' – Free Applied Drama and Creative Enterprise Course Saturday 19th and 26th January, 2nd and 9th February, 10am-4:30pm

Have you ever thought about getting into the sort of enterprising activity they talk about on 'Dragons' Den' and 'The Apprentice' Want to find out how enterprise training could be relevant to you, your interests and your community? Point Blank (formerly The Open Performance Centre) are launching a new initiative, aiming to train South Yorkshire residents in how to turn the germs of ideas into reality, using the medium of performing arts.

The course forms part of the 'Academy Community Leadership and Creative Arts' programme. It aims to equip people with the skills to go on to all sorts of enterprising activity: whether mainly commercial, social or arts-based. There are 3 themes to the course: -

- personal development through group drama sessions which focus on confidence, teamwork, self-expression, and bringing a positive attitude to all aspects of life
- practical experience in organising and staging a performance
- insight into what's involved in getting any enterprising project off the ground, whether drama-based or not

To book a course place or find out more, please contact Corinne at Point Blank on 0114 249 3650 or info@pointblank.org.uk

Study Support Network at Barnsley Libraries

The Study Support Network operates in 10 libraries and one community Hall across the Borough. Membership of the library and attendance at Study Support is free. All young people aged between 8 and 16 years are welcome. There is homework support, computers, art/craft sessions, board games, reading groups and accreditation schemes (First Steps/Asdan). Opening times are generally from 3:30pm and most centres are open on Saturday mornings. Contact your local library or the Study Support Office on 01226 773910 for further details.



The AltFormat Story Competition 2008

*£25,000 worth of prizes to be won
for schools and students!*

The Altformat Story Competition is open to dyslexic and visually impaired students from year 3 to year 11 only. The official launch date of the competition is Tuesday January 22nd and the competition deadline is Tuesday 18th March. For more information visit www.altformat.com

Altformat (www.altformat.com) is an independent online resource focusing on how developments in the production of alternative formats are transforming the education of visually impaired and dyslexic students of all ages. Alternative formats allow text in standard print to be reproduced in formats such as Braille, audio for MP3, digital talking books, tactile diagrams and large print.

The website will be of special interest to Disability Officers, Learning Support staff, SENCOs, Assessment Centre staff, Assessors for Assistive Technologies, those supporting students with reading difficulties and professionals from further and higher education including those developing online or e-learning materials. Content is constantly updated to bring you the latest news and information with links to other useful resources

Dearne Agewell Project for the over 50's

Dearne Agewell is a new programme to promote better health in the over 50's through interesting activities. Healthy living is not just about eating healthy food and getting exercise; it is also about quality of life. Having a good quality of life means different things to different people but often relates to happiness, doing things you enjoy, having enough money and making friends.

Dearne Agewell could help you to: - Learn more about specific health conditions. Get a more adequate income - get advice and support to claim all you are entitled to. Dance, exercise, walk. Cope with bereavement. Express your creativity through art, drama, crafts, singing and gardening. Learn - through classes, short courses. Make friends through social activities. Learn about healthy eating through talks or cooking sessions. Be an active citizen - through volunteering opportunities. Learn about alternative therapies - reflexology, massage, relaxation.

Age Concern Barnsley wants to hear from as many local groups and individuals as possible about what matters to you, what kinds of activities you want, how often and where. If you are interested in knowing more, would like to talk about your ideas or want to find out what Agewell groups are up to in your area, then phone Bern Johnson or Yvonne Allott @ Dearne Agewell on 01226 214820, or write to them at: Age Concern Barnsley, 36a Queen's Road, BARNSLEY, S71 1AR.