

**Headway** aims to let local residents know which way we're heading in & around Headingley. Local community associations have got together to share & circulate information – Cardigan Triangle, Far Headingley, Headingley Network, Kirkstall Valley, Moor Parks, North Hyde Park, South Headingley & Turnways. We'd be pleased if other associations joined us. Everyone is invited to send us any news that matters to Headingley. **Headway** is an initiative of Leeds HMO Lobby, the collective campaigning for local housing balance.

*Here's how it works:* Latest news is published on an ongoing basis on the Headingley Community website. The printed version of **Headway** comes out every quarter. Anyone is welcome to send us items for either or both of these. Anyone is welcome to be on the mailing list. Let us know if you are online, and we can deliver **Headway** by email. See back page for contact details.

## Communities Speak ...



The National HMO Lobby represents communities all round the country affected by concentrations of houses in multiple occupation (HMOs),

especially student shared houses. Since it was set under way by Leeds eight years ago, it has lobbied government to take action, at first with little success.

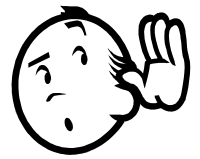
- But in the last year, the campaign has gathered strength. Two new campaigning groups have been set up, one by MPs and one by councillors, representing areas afflicted by HMOs. And several local councils, including Leeds, have called on the government to tighten up planning controls on HMOs. Our Area Committee is also asking our Council to follow the lead of Loughborough and Nottingham, and send a delegation to Westminster.

- Meanwhile, both universities and students nationally have admitted there is a problem, and have published reports on studentification. But neither recognises the real seriousness of the issue. So the National HMO Lobby has now published its own glossy report on *Balanced Communities & Studentification*. For the first time, this explains the importance of *balanced communities*. For the first time, it gives a thorough account of the impact of *studentification*. And for the first time, it suggests a *Ten Point Plan*, to guide action on HMOs (which is the basis of Leeds' own Shared Housing Action Plan). If you would like a copy, send a self-addressed envelope, with a 70p stamp, to Leeds HMO Lobby,

Cardigan Centre, 145 Cardigan Road,  
Leeds LS6 1LJ.

## ... Government Listens!

For years, the government turned a deaf ear to the arguments of the National HMO Lobby, and a blind eye to the obvious effects of HMOs. But now at last, it has begun to listen.



- At the end of January this year, the Housing Minister announced a review of the private rented sector - to which all HMOs belong. Two academics from York are carrying out the review, and one (Dr Julie Rugg) has been holding a series of meetings with interested parties. The National HMO Lobby was invited to outline residents' concerns at a meeting on Student Housing. Earlier, Dr Rugg had already recommended that no university should expand without a proper housing strategy. The review is due to be published later this year.

- Meanwhile, at the beginning of January, the Planning Minister announced a review of planning legislation on HMOs, the Use Classes Order. Consultants have already interviewed people concerned with HMOs, including the National HMO Lobby. Focus groups are meeting in several university towns, including Leeds. And these will be followed by a National Seminar on HMOs. On the basis of this research, a consultation on the Use Classes Order will be published later this year.



Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby

## Housing in Headingley

- *HeadingleyHomes* has been running jointly between HDT and Manning Stainton for a year now, and it's clear that most residents sell to other residents if they have to leave. The Headingley Branch Manager says, "I do personally feel Headingley Homes is good

publicity for the Headingley area, and long term, will help to encourage private buyers into our area." So, if you have to sell, go to *HeadingleyHomes*, to find a family buyer. Ring Stevie Sawiuk at Manning Stainton on 274 8646.

- *HeadingleyHomes* and other sources provide invaluable market research. In May, HDT will be holding a Public Seminar on *Housing in Headingley*, looking at what's happening in our neighbourhood - the key issues, what's possible and what's not, new developments under way. See back page for details.

- Meanwhile, HDT is planning to enter the market in its own right. We hope to secure an agreement with a local developer, along with a local housing association, to buy some of the affordable housing they have to provide at the Tetley Hall site. We hope also to lease houses from local owners at below-market rates (get in touch if you know anyone who might be interested). We will then rent or part-sell these as affordable housing, to help families move back into the neighbourhood. We hope to announce our first occupants in the next issue of **Headway**.

Richard Tyler, Headingley Development Trust

## Kirkstall Festival

Our 28th annual Kirkstall Festival takes place as usual in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey, on 12 July. Our Parade heralds the start of the Festival, and any group or organisation wishing to take part can contact me on Leeds 278 5987. Our theme this year is "Festival of Colours". All our local primary schools will be taking part but we welcome any schools to come and join us for the day. Schools can enter our Poster Competition, take part in the parade, have a stall or perform for us. The Poster Competition is open to children of primary school age and the overall winning poster becomes the cover of the Festival programme. Apart from prizes given for each age group in the Poster Competition there are also prizes given for fancy dress in the Parade as well as group prizes. Everyone is welcome to take part in the Festival - so if you fancy doing something, give me a ring!

John Liversedge, Festival Chair, tel 278 5987

## Woodhouse Moor 1: DPPO



The Council has agreed to remove illegal wording, contained in the existing Designated Public Places Order, which states incorrectly, "The effect of this Order will be to make it a criminal offence to consume intoxicating liquor in a designated public place". The offence isn't drinking alcohol, but continuing when asked by the police to stop - which is only when drinking is causing a public nuisance. The new Hyde Park and Woodhouse DPPO should be worded correctly. The Police (at Chief Inspector level) have confirmed to us that the law says a DPPO is not a drinks ban. Scare stories of a drinks ban on Woodhouse Moor were just that - scare stories. Families (or students) WILL be able to have a drink with a picnic on the Moor, as long as their drinking is not causing trouble. We need the Moor in the DPPO to avoid attracting street alcoholics and rough sleepers from the whole of Leeds to the only tolerance zone near the City centre; the resulting problems would spill into both neighbouring Wards. The DPPO consultation exercise should begin shortly.

Janet Bailey, DPPO Consultative Committee

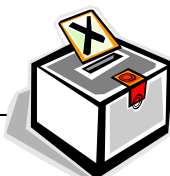
## Neighbourhood Design Statements

- The Headingley & Hyde Park NDS has been tramping the streets throughout the winter, surveying our different character areas. This stage is nearly finished, and will be followed by an exhibition, where the conclusions we have drawn will be up for initial consultation. Maps, photos and analysis will be on display on 19 May at Headingley St Columba (see back page).
- The Hyde Park Conservation Area Appraisal is steadily covering this particular neighbourhood in much closer detail.
- Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Design Statement has a wide ranging steering group and the help of consultant Peter Baker. A public meeting to introduce it formally was held in January on the worst night of the year weatherwise. Workshops were held on two weekends in February & March to walk round, photograph and generally discuss the LWCA area. We are also presenting our Neighbourhood Review, done in 2006, published 2007, which has LWCA's recommendations about services and community matters in the area, as well as comments about planning and development.

Richard Tyler, HDT, and Freda Mathews, LWCA

## Free web sites for Residents Associations

The Headingley community web site now offers



Residents' Associations free web space for their own web pages. RAs can have as many pages as they wish and change the text when needed. They can have a web form for residents to make contact via email. Please see the "Groupings" section of the web site to see what's possible. Some RAs now have "holding pages", but these can be removed when you post your own content. There is a listing (only visible to residents, so you have to be logged on) of residents, in each RA, who are members of the site.

Nigel White, Headingley Community Website,  
[www.healheadingley.org.uk](http://www.healheadingley.org.uk)

**Letting Boards** The 'To Let' boards initiative has been in operation for over two years. The Direction was granted for three years and so the Council now needs to re-apply to government to continue beyond 2008. Within the Direction Area, the Council is prosecuting landlords who fail to comply with the agreed code of practice. The code is also operating on a voluntary basis in a wider area. The Area Committee's Planning Sub-Group has recommended that a new Direction Area is enlarged to include The Turnways 'Triangle', as well as the area between Brudenell Road and Royal Park Road. The Group considered that some of the more technical aspects of the code could be simplified, but boards must still be located flat against the wall of properties and there should still be restrictions on numbers per street. The 'firewall' period in the month of November should also be retained. The group agreed that the voluntary area should be increased in size to cover the whole of the Area of Housing Mix.

Andrew Crates, Community Planner

**Leeds Girls' High School** There will be Community Consultation on the future of LGHS sites, owned by the school since 1905 and proposed to be sold for development. What do you think these sites should be used for? Planning Workshops will take place at 10.30am and 1.30pm on Saturday 10 May 2008 at Headingley Methodist Church Hall (opposite Somerfield, entrance on Chapel Street). Please come along and contribute your views and ideas for an hour or so in one of the sessions. The information collected will be formed into a community planning document representing the community's views. Refreshments available. Organised by LGHS Action Group with planning consultant Peter Baker

### **Local Elections, 1 May 2008**

When you go to vote, do you ever wonder who the people are whose names are on the ballot

paper? The North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association is arranging a two hour session for local residents to meet the candidates for the local elections. The candidates will be from two wards, Headingley, and Hyde Park & Woodhouse. The meeting will be in the Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Headingley, at 7.30pm on Monday, 28 April. Please come along with your questions for the candidates in clearly written form. We all have concerns for our areas, and need to know which local candidate is willing to really represent our views. For further info, ring 275 1597.

### **Woodhouse Moor 2: MUGA**

Without consultation on the principle, the Council plans to establish a large new sports facility for students on the site of the existing Hyde Park Corner tennis courts, which we will lose. Called a Multi User Games Area (MUGA) it will comprise (if installed): • two 5-a-side football pitches with goals, • two basket ball courts, • one cricket wicket. MUGAs are highly likely to be flood lit - to extend the hours of use for night time bookings. The Council, Planner Paul Gough says, has accepted £255,697 from the University in return for allowing the University to build on the protected sports pitches on the old Grammar School site. The University does need to provide replacement sports facilities to honour promises made when given planning permission, but this does not give them the right to take Woodhouse Moor. Note the MUGA is just the start, more pitches will follow. Meanwhile, the University is selling off its own excellent sports facilities at Bodington Hall.

Janet Bailey, Friends of Woodhouse Moor

### **When Leeds Met Headingley ...**

Last year, at their third attempt, Leeds Met got planning permission to build new housing for 500 students at Beckett's Park. Now they want a third campus in Headingley! They are supporting Headingley Stadium's proposal for a new pavilion - so they can teach over 1,000 students at the Stadium. Already, teaching at the Stadium is attracting new student housing to the area.

- At least Parklane Properties' plans for 250 student beds at the Glassworks was turned down by the Council after local opposition.

## Neighbourhood News

**Little Woodhouse Community Forum** Leeds Civic Hall, 7pm Tuesday 1 April (don't laugh!) will include a Progress report on Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Design Statement.

### Café Scientifique

- Monday 7 April, Alasdair Beal 'Polymaths – who needs them?' on Leonardo and Thomas Young.
  - Tuesday 6 May, Steven French (Leeds Uni) 'The world as structure - exploring the implications of modern physics.'
  - Monday 2 June, Jo Neill, 'Sex and drugs and broken bones.'
- All at 7.45–9.30pm, New Headingley Club, 56 St. Michael's Road, Leeds LS6 3BG All welcome, admission £2. Contact [ann.clarke17@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann.clarke17@yahoo.co.uk) An HDT initiative.

**Tetley Hall Site** drop-in session, 5-7pm, Thursday 10 April, Meanwood Methodist Church Hall, Monkbridge Road.

**Deli Market** 9.00-12.30, on the second Saturday of each month, 12 April, 10 May and 14 June, in the Rose Garden, North Lane (opposite the Community Centre). Local organic vegetables, fish, cheese, mushrooms, meat (farm reared and organic), honey, bread, free-range eggs, cakes and baked goods. Also, guest stalls every month. An HDT initiative.



**WRAG** Action Days: Sundays 27 April, 25 May and 29 June. Further info [www.woodhouseridge.org.uk](http://www.woodhouseridge.org.uk)

**Local Election:** hustings, 28 April, voting 1 May 2008. (See page 3)

**Leeds Girls' High School** Consultation 10.30-1.30, Saturday 10 May, Headingley Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street. (See page 3)

**Cardigan Triangle May Fun Day** for children and young people, 2-4pm Sunday 18 May, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardigan Road. Free!

**Housing in Headingley** Public Seminar, 7.30pm, Monday 19 May, Headingley St Columba. An HDT initiative. (See page 2)

### South Headingley Community Association SHCA AGM

7.30pm, Tuesday 20 May, Cardigan Centre



**Open Gardens** Sunday 8 June. Tickets with details of gardens & refreshments from Oxfam bookshop, in due course. Would you like to include your garden? Contact Rachel Harkess, on 2756652. An event celebrating Headingley!

**Headingley & Hyde Park NDS** Public Consultation Exhibition, 11.00-2.00, Saturday 14 June, Headingley St Columba. An HDT initiative. (See page 2)

**Planning Problems?** Ask Andrew! For advice, contact Andrew Crates, Community Planning Officer, 247 8027 or [andrew.crates@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.crates@leeds.gov.uk) Or come to the Planning Surgeries, 4.45-6.45pm, Monday 7 April, Monday 12 May and Tuesday 10 June, at Headingley Library.

**Planning Applications** New planning applications in the area are published every Thursday in the *Yorkshire Evening Post*, and are circulated by the Community Planning Officer on the Activists Email List (available to residents via the web site [www.healheadingley.org.uk](http://www.healheadingley.org.uk)).

Contact **Headway** by email at [hmolobby@hotmail.com](mailto:hmolobby@hotmail.com). To join your local association, for Headingley Network (central Headingley) contact Lesley Jeffries (tel: 274 1011), for South Headingley contact Sue Buckle (tel: 278 2296), for North Hyde Park contact Annie Faulder (tel: 2758738), for Far Headingley contact Donald Hood (tel: 275 5575), for Kirkstall contact John Liversedge (tel: 278 5987), for Moor Parks contact Kate Henshall (tel: 274 1550), for Cardigan Triangle contact Peter Spafford (tel: 275 4199).

Keep up-to-date by checking the Headingley Community website at [www.healheadingley.org.uk](http://www.healheadingley.org.uk). Anyone can post content on the website once they have registered and got a password. Internet access is provided free at Headingley Library, where help is available if needed.

**Headway** is also available online at [www.healheadingley.org.uk/node/45](http://www.healheadingley.org.uk/node/45)

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