



DPC NEWSLETTER

SUMMER FAIR - 23RD JULY 2022 10AM - 2PM

The Dorothy Parkes Centre and Smethwick Old Church invite you to our Summer Fair on Saturday 23rd July 2022 @ 10am - 2pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Dorothy Parkes Centre for fun, games, music, food and stalls for our first Summer Fair since 2019. Let's make it a good one.

Confirmed so far:

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| Tombola | Samosas | Display from GKR Karate | Slime Lab |
| Bric-a-brac | Hook a Duck | Uplands Manor Musicians | Craft making |
| Handmade items | Games | Raffle | |
| Bird boxes | Face painting | DJ | And more..... |
| Cake stall | Plant sale | Special guests | |



Refreshments will be available from our kitchen and also from Tashbob Catering who will be set up outside at the front of the centre.

If you would like to donate prizes for any of the stalls, we would be very grateful:

- Raffle prizes
- Tombola prizes
- Bottles for the bottle stall
- Prizes for children's games i.e. sweets, toys
- Cash donations welcome

No jumble/bric-a-brac required

The last date for donations is Friday 15th July 2022.



PLATINUM JUBILEE

News of our latest raffles:

We are proud to say that we raised a total of £243.00 with our Jubilee Raffle held between 25th April and 2nd June and the funds raised will all go back to the centre. The winning tickets were drawn at our Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

During our recent Community Party on 11th June, we also raised £90 for the centre in a raffle and selling teams on 2 Football Cards.

***** Congratulations to all winners *****



AFTERNOON TEA

Our Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Bank Holiday Thursday 2nd June was a huge success and everyone had a great time. We had sandwiches, cakes, Pimms and a theatre show.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and also those who were involved in organising the event:

Heart of England Community Foundation
Arts Council England
Black Country Touring
Kepow Theatre Company
Tashbob Catering
Our volunteers - Chris, Linda, Gail, Will and Nicky



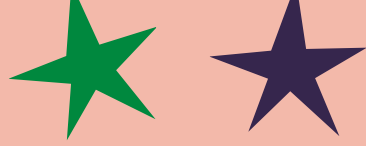
COMMUNITY PARTY

Thanks to money raised by The Dorothy Parkes Centre's CEO Robert Bruce during lockdown, the centre were able to hold a community party on Saturday 11th June 2022.

Members of staff, volunteers, Board Members, and members of the local community attended the party and everybody had a good sing and dance.

We would like to thank our local PCSO's, Councillor Parbinder Kaur and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr John Wood, for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the event, Trevor Underhill, photographer, Tashbob Catering for the food and the live band the Noisy Parkas for their amazing set.





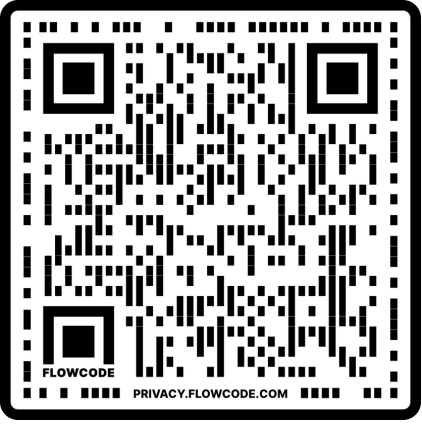
In 2022, Wright Solicitors based at Lutley House in Dudley, have teamed up with the Dorothy Parkes Centre and will be supporting us as much as possible by hosting events, fundraising and providing services to the local community in partnership with the centre.

One of their fundraising events is the Three Peaks Challenge. 2 members of their staff, along with Rob Bruce, CEO of The Dorothy Parkes Centre, will be heading off for the challenge on 14th and 15th July.

All money raised will go back into the centre and all donations are gratefully received.

You can donate by visiting:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wright-solicitors

or by scanning the QR code:



Everyone at The Dorothy Parkes Centre would like to wish Matt, Pardeep and Rob the best of luck for their adventure. Check out the next addition of the newsletter to find out how they got on...

MEMBERS OF STAFF FROM THE DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE AND WRIGHT SOLICITORS ARE TAKING ON THE

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

14TH & 15TH JULY 2022

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE

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DOROTHYPARKES Community Centre

SNAPSHOT

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!

Science Shows - We have two Science Shows left and they will take place in the Summer holidays. 28th July will be a Commonwealth theme at our Centre and on 13th August we end with a 'Bug' theme down at our community allotment.

Play Plot - Our popular outdoor sessions for children aged 3-9 years based down at our Community Allotment plot are on the first two Saturday mornings of each month

Loss Matters - Our loss and bereavement sessions will continue to run at various times. Please complete an enquiry form on our website for more information

Baby Brunch - A meal and a chance to socialise for parents/carers with children who were born during lockdown. Our first two groups are fully booked but we are planning more throughout the year with dates in October/November/December.

This Girl Can - FREE exercise classes for women continue to be a big hit. Sessions are Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. You can book your session via our website. These sessions will end in September.

Summer Fair - Saturday 23rd July 10am - 2pm all welcome!

Youth Club - Summer holiday activities will be announced soon - keep an eye on social media and our website for details.

Check out our social media pages and our website for more details on all upcoming events

Positive quote of the month...

"OUR GREATEST GLORY IS NOT IN NEVER FALLING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FALL." "



The Dorothy Parkes Centre were proud to be part of the Our Commonwealth Exhibition created by the Living Memory Project. The centre hosted a launch event on 17th June 2022, with a further two events taking place later this month.

Our Commonwealth is a photography, film and oral history project that celebrates some of the many extraordinary people of Sandwell who give their time, energy, and support to help others in their community. Participants from across Sandwell worked with photographer Anand Chhabra, filmmakers Lauren Hatchard and Joseph Potts to create this new exhibition of photographic portraits and two new films. The artists Ruth Turnbull, Caitriona Dunnett and Polarbear (AKA Steven Camden) also led a series of creative workshops with people across the borough. Each of the participants worked with our project team to share their own stories and how they see the world, exploring the themes of belonging, identity and community. We were very proud to see so many familiar faces on these photographs - working partners, volunteers, colleagues and those who use our centre.



You are warmly invited to the launch of:

Our Commonwealth

A photography and film project celebrating some of the extraordinary people of Sandwell

6pm - 8pm, 14th July 2022

Bearwood Community Hub
St Mary's Road, Bearwood B66 4BX

The launch of our new exhibition produced by photographer Anand Chhabra

The premiere screening of the films *Behind the Counter* by Lauren Hatchard and *Common Wealth* by Joseph Potts

A showcase of work performed by artist Polarbear and pupils from St Michael's School, Rowley Regis

A special guest appearance by performer Billy Spakemon

www.livingmemory.live/ourcommonwealth

Photographs © Anand Chhabra (clockwise from top left) Sally Taylor (centre) with Albert Smith and Susan Hassan Turner; Jubir Kaur and Jubir Singh; Bora Malik; Paul Landace and Errol Phelan



Details of the next event are:

Bearwood Community Hub, St Mary's Road, Bearwood
14th July 2022 @ 6pm - 8pm

The Dorothy Parkes Centre, SinglePoint Plus in Oldbury and Breathing Space Therapeutic Services at Baggeridge Country Park in South Staffordshire have been awarded a grant for £421,180 from The National Lottery Partnerships Fund to provide specialist care to help Children struggling to re-adjust to life after Covid-19 and life under lockdown.

The three organisations will deliver Rewire, a recovery project to support local children and families. The project offers targeted and open access community services aimed at building community resilience to enhance the wellbeing of local people. Rewire includes child and adult counselling, family support services, peer support and youth clubs and therapeutic woodland activities.

The project will hopefully launch in September and more details will follow in the next newsletter.



LITTER PICK

Every month, members of our local community come together to clear the area of rubbish! They do an amazing job but we are always looking for more willing volunteers!!

Please email

admin@dorothyparkes.org for more information.

The next litter picks are on 6th August and 3rd September

AFTERNOON TEA

We regularly host Afternoon Tea at the centre at a cost of £10 per person. Book by calling the centre or online.

Our next event will be on:

Wednesday 14th September 2022
1pm - 4pm

LENDING LIBRARY

We have a wide variety of books at our centre that you are more than welcome to take. Why not pop in and have a look. We will also take donations of any books you may have to offer.

Thanks



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