

Arts Connection

In this issue of 'the NEWS' we take a look at the latest arts developments in North East Derbyshire

Hidden histories

Buried treasure, secret tunnels and age-old mysteries ... These are among the tales which budding young Spielbergs unearthed about their community as part of an innovative film-making project.

Young people living in North Wingfield worked alongside a film crew, poet, musicians and historians to script and shoot their own DVD, called 'Hidden Histories.'

More than 150 people turned out for the community premiere of the film at Deincourt School – and this can now be viewed on the Council's YOURspace site at www.neddc-yourspace.org.uk



Cllr Graham Baxter, Council Leader, said: "The young people thoroughly enjoyed this project. It's taught them a whole range of new skills, boosted their confidence and opened their eyes to a possible new career!"

"A big well done to all those who took part – they really did their community proud."

The film – which was created as part of the project led by NEDDC's Arts Development Team – is also available at libraries across the district, and will be entered in film competitions.

The project was part-funded by housing and regeneration group, LHA-ASRA, which is working with the Council to build dozens of 'eco-homes' in North Wingfield.

Two of the project's participants, Jack Lomas and Jacob Cousins, pictured at the premiere

New music project launched

A music project designed to improve the health and wellbeing of older people with dementia has been launched in North East Derbyshire, thanks to a funding boost of almost £20,000.

Residents living in care homes are taking part in a series of music-based workshops, which aim to stimulate their memories from years gone by - and use them to inspire their own songs and music.

Local schoolchildren are also involved in the project, which was launched by North East Derbyshire District Council in October thanks to a £19,500 grant secured from Arts Council England and Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust.

For more information contact Kay Ogilvie, Arts Development Officer, on (01246) 217346.

Participants included pupils from Deincourt School, young people from Derbyshire's Youth Service and young people with learning and physical disabilities who will be living in specially-adapted homes included in the North Wingfield development.

Other partners include Rykneld Homes, NEDDC's South Eastern Community Partnership, Extended Schools Services, DCC, United Response and North Wingfield Parish Council.

NE Derbyshire homes in on new business

Two firms are thriving in their new home after setting up at one of North East Derbyshire District Council's business centres.

KanDo Business Coaching Ltd and Trimwell UK Ltd have set up shop at Westthorpe Business Innovation Centre in Killamarsh after hand-picking the venue as a prime spot to grow their business.

Rudi Jansen is Managing Director of KanDo, a company which offers exclusive, tailor-made business coaching for firms across the region.

He said: "Due to the growing demand for our service and expansion of the business, we urgently needed new premises.

"When we discovered Westthorpe Business Innovation Centre we were incredibly impressed with the location, value for money and how new the premises are.

"Since moving in we've also really appreciated the



L-R, Fiona Jansen, Rudi Jansen, Babajide Peters, Lee Whittington from KanDo Business Coaching Ltd and Joanne Anderson from Trimwell UK Ltd

helpfulness of the reception team."

Meanwhile Trimwell UK Ltd, founders of a successful diet tablet, is enjoying similar success in their new base at the centre.

Jo Anderson, Sales Manager for Trimwell, said: "Our move to the centre is a step in the right direction for us.

"It is a fantastic business development in the heart of the Killamarsh community and has the perfect professional image Trimwell

is looking for - with room for us to grow further."

Find out more about the services offered by these companies visit

www.kandobusinesscoaching.com and www.trimwell.co.uk



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Avenue clean-up

Work to transform the former Avenue Coking Works in Wingerworth is now underway, as part of a £172m clean-up scheme.

Demolition and drainage work has already been carried out, and now the second phase is underway.

It paves the way for the long-term vision to bring the polluted land back to life, bringing jobs, homes and enjoyment to the community.

Cllr Betty Hill, Deputy Leader of NEDDC and spokeswoman for the Avenue Community Liaison Group, said: "People living near the Avenue have a real interest in seeing the site change for the better.

"A safe, clean and re-developed site will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come."

Once complete, the site will include a mixed use housing and commercial property development, along with a nature reserve and recreational facilities, that will benefit the wider community.

A flood relief scheme will also be incorporated into the development to help protect the area from the risk of flooding from the River Rother.

For the latest news about the Avenue project, which is due to be completed by the end of 2013, visit www.theavenueproject.co.uk



L-R: Cllr Lilian Robinson, Chair of the Council with Cllr Betty Hill, NEDDC Deputy Leader.

Inspire Clay Cross!

Residents are asked for their views of Clay Cross past, present and future – to inspire public art being created as part of a massive regeneration scheme.

Artist Peter Maris has been commissioned by developers, GMI Property Company, to produce artwork which will fit into the town's £22m New Bridge Street regeneration scheme.

People can work alongside Peter in a series of workshops being held in the new year – see the website for dates, and to submit your ideas online.

It is just one of many opportunities for people to get involved as part of an ongoing community consultation about the public art project, which is a partnership between

GMI and North East Derbyshire District Council.

Cllr Peter Riggott, NEDDC's Member Champion for the Clay Cross regeneration, said: "We want to hear people's memories but, just as importantly, we want the artwork to take inspiration from people's views of the town as it is today, and what residents want for the future."

Find out more about getting involved in the project and take part in our survey, at www.claycross2020.org.uk/public-art



North East Derbyshire District Council

Clay Cross is getting dressed up for Christmas!

Businesses across the town will be decorating their shops as part of the Clay Cross Christmas Window Dressing Competition.

See their creations between **7 December and the New Year** - against the seasonal backdrop of the new **Clay Cross Christmas Illuminations**, launched this year by Clay Cross Parish Council.

So come and see the town shine - and support local businesses, by buying your festive food, cards and presents in your community.

Visit www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/news after December 11 to find out who's top of the shops

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!


