

HAPPENINGS

February 2008



Welcome

Jason introduced the meeting by welcoming everybody and drawing attention to the fact that it was Rebecca McCready's birthday. So he led a chorus of "Happy Birthday to You!" He then introduced Lindsay and Alan from WEEN who explained their three year project to bring enterprise education to the children of Wansbeck and they were looking for artists to do projects in schools. They also mentioned the open top bus which people may see trundling around Wansbeck. Eddie reiterated the information about Woodhorn Family Trees with Ira Lightman who is expected to visit the Forum again in the near future to develop the ideas so far executed. Laura drew attention to a sale of old artists' magazines in aid of Claire Cooper's China Project. Pete Seddon drew attention to the pots which had been glaze fired and were ready for collection. Somebody asked what would happen to those that were not collected and it was suggested that they could be thrown at Eddie but this was not really taken seriously!

Jason went on to explain the current position with regard to the status of the Arts Forum. Documents are at Companies House and on their return the Arts Forum will be a Company limited by guarantee. Two benefits accrue because of this. The officers are safeguarded against litigation and the way to attract funding is opened up. It is

intended eventually to seek charitable status.

Jason asked for ideas for the Forum to effectively engage with the community. Eddie proposed an event for the Moor Estate which would be looked at in due course.

Pete Seddon drew attention to the exhibition at **Shepherds Dene** and arranged for people to be given lifts.

See separate item. Information also on the website.

Groups

Photography Group Wednesday
February 13th - 6.30pm Pride of
Northumbria.

Writer's Group Thursday February 21st -
6.30pm The New Ship, Gibson Street.

Reading Group Wednesday February
27th - 7pm Newbiggin Library.
"Stornaway"

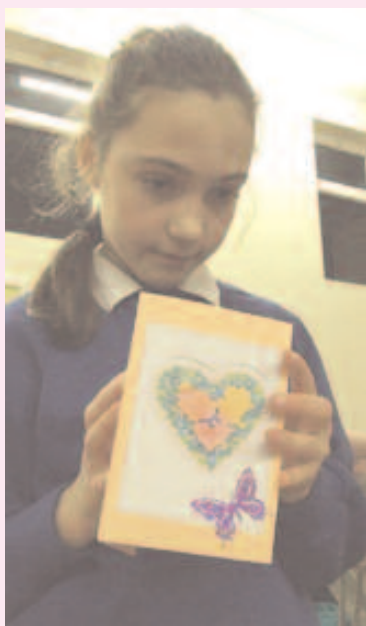
Painting Group Tuesdays from 1pm until
3pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Robinson
Square.

**Next Meeting Monday
March 3rd at 7.00pm**

**Gipsy & Traveller
Art - Eddie Galvin
The Mushroom Works &
The Brick Works
- Nick James**

Kid's Forum

The Kids Arts Forum had had a successful workshop earlier in the evening when they made sweets and Valentine Cards. Jean Thompson made a plea for more children to attend and asked that everybody advertise what is on offer at the Kids' Forum. The next Kids Forum on 3rd March will be doing Gipsy Art.



Shepherds Dene Exhibition Open Day Sunday 24th February 2pm - 4pm

If you are travelling independently by car from Newbiggin Take the A189 Spine Road

turn right onto A19

turn left onto A1

turn right onto A69

turn left onto A68

turn right at first roundabout for Riding Mill.

Continue through the village, past the Wellington pub and up the hill past the speed camera (slowly!). At the end of the village take the left turn up a steep hill signposted 'Shepherds Dene and Slaley'. About 1.5 kilometres along this road on the left enter the grounds by the second entrance. It is about 38 miles from Newbiggin and takes about 45 minutes.

If you have indicated a wish to travel in someone else's car please meet at the **Leisure Centre no later than 1.15pm.**

Eddie Galvin will give **Connie Hovespian & Sue Skinner** a lift
Laura Mathieson will give **Claudia Ridley & Jenn Ridley** a lift.

Mike Atkinson will give **Cathy Hawkey & Ann Dermont** a lift

Pete Seddon will give **Lorna Anderson** and **Ian Robinson** a lift

If I have missed anybody out please contact me urgently on 01670 817029 or PS@peterseddon.com

Newsletter

Please note that Pete Seddon has now produced the Newsletter for over twelve months and for personal reasons will only be producing one more after this one. A volunteer is urgently needed to take over this important task.

AGM

The Secretary, Rebecca McCready said that we now had 34 paid up members who were entitled to vote. Members of the steering group who had resigned during the year or who were stepping down now were thanked and presented with a small token of appreciation. They were Eddie Galvin, Pete Seddon, Eva Hartley, Alan Vinters and Gillian Perfect. The Treasurer, Alan Vinters gave his report: Over the two years the Forum has been in existence we have attracted an income of £16,092 and we have spent £14,704. This leaves a healthy balance. We have always been in a plus situation and the money has been used for a variety of purposes. Alan thanked Eddie for acquiring much of the funding. Since all officers had now effectively resigned Eddie chaired the next part of the proceedings.

The details of the voting will be contained in the secretary's minutes, but the outcome was as follows.

Chair:	Jason Thompson
Treasurer:	Laura Mathieson
Secretary:	Rebecca McCready
Vice Chair:	Rebecca de'Wessington
Member:	Claire Cooper
Member:	Andy Curtis
Member:	Jean Thompson (CAP Rep)

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