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I.T Centre Created for Heywood

Heywood is to become a centre for creative Information Technology thanks to an award of over £50,000 in funding which has been granted to Heywood Arts.

The centre, which will be based near to the centre of Heywood will run courses which include digital photography, basic internet skills, radio presentation skills and music technology.

The courses are initially aimed at people who are over 18 and have an interest in wanting to progress a career in the creative industries. Also if organisations who run a youth base wish to become involved there is scope for them to do so.

The funding has been obtained as part of New Heart for Heywood's delivery programme, which is to improve employment prospects and health and well being in the town.

New Heart for Heywood's Social Investment Fund Manager Jean Palin said "This is a perfect example of the community and officers working together in partnership. I was part of a very skilled team who completed the bid and I am so glad that it has been successful",

Chairman of Heywood Arts, John Schofield has been involved with creative industries in the town for sometime. He said "Heywood Arts is a not for profit organisation that has already worked in association with New Heart for Heywood to deliver

other training. We recently trained six people on a sound and lighting training course, which has resulted in some of the trainees becoming employed and four of them going onto further education studying in this field".

Some of the training is to be carried out by local media training company Pride Media. Jonathan Burns from the Pride Media association said "The project will provide excellent opportunities for local community groups and residents to develop skills in digital photography, publicity promotion, use of the Internet and web design. Hopefully the training

will enable participants to gain employment and access to further education. Heywood Arts Director Cyril Greenwood added "We are always trying to bring new ideas and creative industries into Heywood. We have previously done some digital camera training and the sound and lighting training and found there was a greater need to create further opportunities for people in Heywood. The only other alternative for those who were interested in receiving creative I.T. training was to travel some distance so we are glad we have created a new centre for Heywood folk.



Pride Media's Jonathan Burns (left) and Heywood Arts Director Cyril Greenwood receiving the cheque for the new I.T. Centre.

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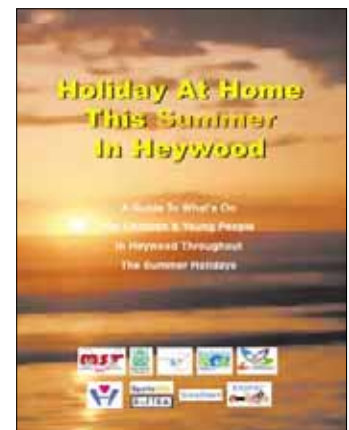
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Sam goes behind the scenes



St. Joseph student Sam Birrell working hard for New Heart for Heywood.

Sam Birrell is a 15-year-old student from St Joseph's High School. He spent a week with the New Heart for Heywood team as part of his work experience from school.

The work experience course allows students to spend a week at a workplace of their choice, which will give them an insight into the career that they may wish to pursue upon leaving school.

Sam spent time with several different sections of the organisation and on his last day with us we asked him to write an article for Heartbeat about his weeklong experience, here is what Sam had to say.

"My name is Sam Birrell. I am 15 years old and currently in my fourth year at St. Joseph's R.C. High school. For my work experience, I am working for 'New Heart for Heywood'. My mum used to work there last year and managed to get me an interview for my work experience in February. I was asked what school I go to, what lessons I chose for my G.C.S.E's and what hobbies I enjoy doing. At the end of the interview, I was told I could work for 'New Heart'.

Now it is July and I have already worked there for a whole week. Whilst there, I learnt about all the things that will be happening in Heywood and what 'New Heart for

Heywood' is all about.

On the first day of working there, I was introduced to everyone who works for 'New Heart' and learnt what each person does. I was taught that Heywood received £52 million to spend on the town over 10 years time and its up to 'New Heart' to spend it to improve this town. I was also taught how the voluntary pot worked, how to use a photocopier and how to frank letters.

On the second day, I went to Back O' Th' Moss Community centre with the Community Development trainees to talk to the elderly residents about the forthcoming Charities Fete. Then, I went around Back O' Th' Moss and was told about all the improvements that are going to happen. After that, we went to Plum Mill to take photographs of all the parts that were looking run down and we asked the residents what they wanted changing in their area.

On the third day, I had to gather information on web sites about youth groups for children and create some posters about them.

On the fourth day, I went to the Cherwell Centre and Heady Hill to talk to them about the Charities Fete. After that, we went to Plum Mill to record the problems the residents are having.

On the last day, I designed a web page for the children of Heywood on

the 'New Heart' web site. For lunch, we all went out for a pizza and after that, I wrote this!

I enjoyed the whole week of working there, but what I enjoyed the most was walking around Heywood, asking residents about the improvements that are happening.

Working at 'New Heart for Heywood' was great and I encourage younger students to think about working there for their work experience."

We would like to thank Sam for the hard work he put into his brief insight into New Heart for Heywood, and we would welcome him back to visit the office anytime.

Apology

In the last edition of Heartbeat we mentioned St James Mothers Union. We have been informed that the Mothers Union is no longer active, but there is a ladies group active at the church. May we apologise for any upset this may have caused.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT US

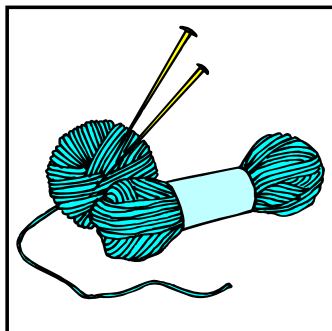
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Doreen has them in stiches

Doreen Travers from the Back O' Th' Moss Tenants and Residents Group has come up with an ingenious idea of how to raise money for this years pensioners and children's Christmas parties at Back O' Th' Moss.

Doreen is preparing to click her days away over the next few months by knitting Victorian dolls to sell to the public. All monies raised will go towards funding the Christmas parties that are put on free of charge for pensioners and children.

In order for Doreen to make the project a success and her fingers no doubt sore she needs your help. Doreen would like you to donate any old wool, lace or ribbon. Any amount, any colour will do. All you have to do is give her a call on 01706 691596 and she will arrange for it to be collected or you can drop it off at the Back O' Th' Moss Community Centre on Peel Lane.



Chairs Chat

The work of New Heart for Heywood has from the beginning included help for existing organisations within the town. A good example of this has to be Heywood Charities Fete. The Fete, which was reasonably successful before New Deal, has been given a new lease of life thanks to the financial and practical assistance they have provided. The Charities Fete Committee has been able to expand the Parade and have more free events in the park. So on September the 5th why not come down to Queens Park and meet the staff and find out for yourself what New Heart for Heywood has to offer. Come down and have a great day out and find out how you could help to make a difference to the future of Heywood.

(See page 3 for more details on the Charities Fete)



New Heart for Heywood Chairman David Rothwell.

Brains, Babies and Bangers it's a busy time for the Trainees



The Trainees with their certificates Manager Trish Hickey and new addition Bethany Marie.

BRAINS

Well done to the 6 trainee community workers who have received their certificates this July in NVQ Community Development Level 2. They have attended North Trafford College since January of this year on a part time basis. With the support of their tutor and manager they have had the opportunity through their work to learn for themselves and to discover, practice, discuss, learn through their mistakes, develop and explore what makes a good community worker.

With the experience they have gained they have supported staff and Board Members with the work of NDC and proved to be a great asset. Not only have the trainees gained certificates this month but we have also gained an apprentice trainee. Community Development Trainee, Rachel Beaver has given birth to New Heart for Heywood's second baby.



Heywood and Middleton
Primary Care Trust

How do you get your views known about the National Health Service? There is a new group to contact: The Patient & Public Involvement in Health Forum.

The Forum represents the Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health. Forum members are volunteers and act within the Heywood and Middleton Primary Care Trust area.

There is a separate Forum to cover the hospitals operated by the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Heywood & Middleton Patient & Public Involvement in Health Forum is there to hear the views of the public about health issues in the Heywood & Middleton PCT Area. The Forum meets on a monthly basis at Sandon House, Taylor Street, Heywood and will be making contact over the next year with most of the voluntary bodies, pensioner groups, Citizens Advice Bureau and other centres concerned with improving health.

New members of the Forum are still needed: will you consider volunteering?

Contact points are:-

Gaddum Centre, 6 Gt. Jackson St. Manchester M15 4AX.
phone 0161 214 3900

or

Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health, 4
Mandarin Court, Lakeside Drive, Warrington WA1 1GG.
Phone 01925 543000

BABIES

Daughter Bethany Marie was born on 3rd June 2004 at Fairfield General Hospital. Her proud Grandparents are Debra Beagin who is the Assistant Manager of Heywood Housing Partnership and her husband David and we can't forget Rachel's Sister Kirsty who is delighted to be an aunty at the grand age of 13.

The trainees are as busy as ever at the moment planning several summer events and consulting with the community about New Heart for Heywood.

BANGERS

They are planning to help you hold a community barbecue this summer (if the weather allows), they will even help you to pay for it by providing up to £75 worth of funding and they will provide the barbecue itself. All you have to do is the following

- **Fill in an application form for the funding**
- **Provide receipts for items purchased.**
- **Have someone responsible running the event who holds a Food Hygiene and First Aid Certificate (we can help you with these)**
- **Invite the trainees to come along to advertise New Heart for Heywood and the theme groups**

Even if you haven't got a first aid certificate or a Food Hygiene Certificate we can help. In association with Heywood Housing Partnership we are looking to run courses to cover both of these subjects. If you are interested in joining one of these courses please contact Trish Hickey on 01706 694508 for more details.

Any community group can hold a barbecue. For more information contact the office on 01706 694500.



Have a great day out – and help support local charities

Heywood's biggest community event takes place at Queen's Park on Sunday 5th September. The Heywood Charities Fete promises to be a fun filled, great day out with something for everyone! The park opens at 10.30am and will feature assorted charity stalls, Punch and Judy show, face painting, youth activities, fairground rides and a beer tent which proved very popular last year!

This year also sees the return of the 'Dress your Wheels' competition where groups or individuals can decorate or 'dress up' cycles, prams, go-karts, even skateboards! Prizes will be awarded.

HFM, Heywood's local Community Radio station will be providing music from the open air theatre and will hopefully be joined on stage by local bands.

This year the parade will depart from Heywood train station at 1.00pm. This year's theme is 'Heywood into the Future'.

If the success of last year's Fete is anything to go by, this year promises to be bigger and better, with more community groups joining in the parade, which could possibly even be the biggest for a number of years.

For further information on the 'Dress your Wheels' competition please call Tracy Preston at Heywood Township on 01706 867305.

If your group would like to get involved in the parade, please contact David Rothwell on 01706 367861 as soon as possible.

New Heart for Heywood Partnership Board

Members of the Partnership Board



David Rothwell - Chairman Heywood NDC and Resident Director



Malcolm Olive - Vice Chair of Heywood NDC and Resident Director



Roger Ellis - Chief Executive Fochdale Metropolitan Borough Council



Inspector Angela Bradley - Greater Manchester Police



Andy Mackay - Heywood Housing Partnership



Paul Neate - Fochdale Boroughwide Housing



Abdul Hamied - Borough Economic Partnership



Peter McNulty - Heywood Township Manager

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Councillor Brian Davies



Keith Surgeon - Primary Care Trust



Jacquie O'Neill - Government Office North West



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Margaret Shakkleton - Resident Director



Frank Hickson - Resident Director



Wendy Gibson - Resident Director



Martin Litter - Resident Director



John Heywood - Resident Director



Diana Johnson - Greater Manchester Probation Service



Liz Thorpe - RMBC Adult Care Services



Mirella Dekker - Senior Office Administrator Heywood NDC

In this edition of Heartbeat we would like to introduce you to our Partnership Board
The New Heart for Heywood Partnership Board is made up of lead officers from different organisations as well as our own Resident Board Directors and other Community and Partnership Members. The Partnership Board meets once every three months.
The aim of the Partnership Board is to work together to make Heywood a better place to live and work.
They ensure that New Heart for Heywood is working towards its outcomes that have been set out in the delivery plan. They offer advice and guidance and share ideas about how New Heart for Heywood and its partners can improve the town for those who live and work here.
NDC staff who support the Partnership Board are also shown

Size Matters Bowled Over

The Heywood Food and Health Team successfully delivered the National campaign 'Size Matters'. The team measured over 50 men's waists and body fat percentages. Thank you to the Heywood Market, Job Centre, Heywood Library, Morrisons, The Brunswick, Three Terriers, The Dressers Arms, Wetherspoons, Queen Ann and Free Masons for supporting the campaign.



Staff from the Queen Anne Pub supporting the Size Matters campaign

Members of Bullough Moor Bowling Club were recently bowled over when they received numerous thank you cards made by the 3rd and 4th Ravenscroft Cub Scouts. They were made as a result of the members of the bowling club inviting the pack to join them for a bowls taster session.

Bullough Moor Bowling Club, which backs onto the scout hut were recently awarded funds from New Heart for Heywood to purchase some junior bowls so that they could encourage local youngsters to join the club.

Cub Scout leader, Gail Walthall said, "The members of the bowling club were superb and really helpful to the cubs. They really enjoyed themselves"

Pictured are two of the many colourful thank you messages sent by the cubs to club secretary, Rick McClean and some of the cubs in action.

Schoolies Summer Smoothie

We are on a search for the perfect smoothie recipe. During the school summer holidays the Food and Health Team will be out and about asking children to come up with their own unique smoothie recipe. The winner of the competition will be presented with a hand blender at Charities Fete on 5th September at Queens Park.

Try our Raspberry yoghurt smoothie recipe to get your taste buds tingling.

Serves 4 You will need:
4 cups of raspberries
6 - 8 ice cubes
1-cup low-fat yoghurt
Sparkling water or semi-skimmed milk

Method: Put the raspberries in a blender with the ice cubes, yoghurt and a dash of sparkling water/milk to get the machine to run. Blend until a little frothy, add more sparkling water or milk as required. Pour into a glass and enjoy.

If you've got a recipe you would like to enter, jot it down on a piece of paper with your name, age and address and deliver to: Heywood Food and Health Team, Heady Hill Community Centre, Whalley Road, Heywood OL10 3JG. Tel: 01706 367357.

Closing date for entries 27th August 2004



3rd-4th Ravenscroft Cubs showing their bowling action above and right two of the many thankyou cards sent.

Magic Training Courses

Below are some training courses which are available over the next few months at the Magic Training rooms on Hartley Street in Heywood

For more information contact (01706) 627803



Wed 18th August An Introduction To Market Training. aimed at anyone who has thought of becoming a Market Trader.

Wed 8th Sept Self Employment Course - Aimed at anyone who has thought of starting their own business

Wed 29th Sept Traders - What trading is about aimed again at anyone interested in self employment

Wed 6th Oct Self Employment - Follow up to follow on from the Self Employment Course

Wed 27th Oct Traders and Small Businesses - Aimed at anyone already involved in trading.

Wed 3rd Nov Business Planning - A further development from the Self Employment Course

Early Break Mobile Outreach Team

Working in the New Deal Area Now!

Early Break's Mobile Outreach Team is mainly street based. We target young people under the age of 19 who may be vulnerable to becoming involved with drug or alcohol misuse.

We meet up with groups of young people on the street, in playgrounds and parks and any other areas where young people like to gather. We offer information to young people about different substances, helping them to make healthy choices and trying to make sure that they keep themselves safe. We are able to offer support to individuals and small groups, with more complex intervention needs being referred to the core service or to 4U18, where they can receive one to one help.

There are eight employed staff in the Mobile Outreach service and the team is frequently strengthened by volunteers, Youth Workers and Connexions workers. The team is managed by John Swallow, Mobile Outreach Coordinator and his deputy, Bev Ebbrell.

The Outreach team are very proud owners of a large white van, which allows us to take our resources straight to the estates and streets where we are working. The van also allows us to work in confidence with any young person that needs to talk and offers a safe environment for group work. It is also fantastic on those cold dark winter nights! Here are some comments from young people in Rochdale when work in a neighbourhood renewal area came to a conclusion. "It's been a change, somewhere to go and talk to people in confidence. I have been made more aware of the effects of drugs and alcohol. It's stopped us hanging around on the streets and causing problems."

This is what they thought of the staff. "The staff are brilliant. I'm gutted the van is going I will miss the van, I'll miss asking John questions."

Parents and carers are more than welcome to come and visit the van and speak to any of the team when they are out and about. In fact we welcome parent and carer support and involvement. We try to make our presence in the area we are working well known, and leaflet before we start a piece of work. The van displays the Early Break logo, of two blue circles, so that it is easily identified.

The Outreach Team is in the New Deal area on Tuesday & Thursday evenings between 6 – 9pm. Chrissie & Clare are your area workers and can be contacted below for information and advice on all aspects of the service.

To contact the Mobile Outreach Team
Tele 0161 797 6312
www.earlybreak.co.uk



Your Say in Heywood Theme Group Launch

On Tuesday 13th July, in conjunction with Heywood Township we launched three new Theme Groups.

The three groups will look at developing projects that relate to their particular theme, and make recommendations on what should be developed or considered further.

The three theme groups details are shown below:

Community Activity and Health

This group will cover health, leisure activities, tourism, events and other social issues that affect the people of Heywood.

Housing, Environment and Safety

This group will cover Housing, Environmental and Community Safety and other issues that affect where we live,

Jobs, Training and Learning

This group will cover all issues that relate to the Economic improvement of Heywood.

For further information contact

New Heart for Heywood on:
01706 694500 or **The Township office on:**
01706 867321

We would like you to become involved in as many of these groups as you want to.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5th August, 6.15pm	Community Activities & Health Theme Group Hind Hill Centre - Room 4
Sunday 5th September	Charities Fete Parade starts at 1pm park open from 10.30am Queen's Park, Heywood
Mon 13th September 6.15pm	Jobs Training & Learning Theme Group Magic Training Suite Heywood Market, Hartley Street
Mon 22nd September 6.15pm	Housing, Environment and Safety Theme Group Hind Hill Centre - Room 4

**Please note these dates are subject to change.
Please call the office on 694500 to confirm.**

Community Radio Returns to Heywood



Heywood's very own Community Radio group have made an application for a short term licence to broadcast from Sunday 29th August to Sunday 12th September. This two week broadcast is by far the most ambitious project so far and the group is currently making preparations. Activities will include an all day roadshow from Heywood Charities Fete event at Queen's Park on Sunday 5th September. The whole idea of community radio is to highlight the work of community groups, associations and agencies in the town and promote their current and future projects

If you are a local community group or association and would like to be featured on air, please contact Karl Parr on 01706 694513 or by e-mail at radioheywood@fsmail.net

Heywood's Youth to take part in the Olympics

Apart from Christine Gaskill I can't think of any other Heywoodite who has achieved a medal in an international athletics tournament, whether it's the Commonwealth Games or the Olympics, but New Heart for Heywood may just be about to change all that.

Summer fun is on its way for 42 young people from the Heart of Heywood on August 16th and Olympic style awards beckon for all of them.

They will be taking part in an activity day at the City of Manchester Stadium with young people from all the other New Deal for Communities areas in the North-West. The aim of the day is to involve young people who don't normally get involved in sports.

The theme will be the Olympics and the young people will be divided into groups named after countries taking part. They will receive T-shirts and mementoes of the day.

Some of the activities on offer include Athletics, Football, Cricket and Rugby. There will also be a chance for the participants to have a go at a duathlon, which incorporates both running and cycling.

Professional sports people will also be at the event so not only will it be a chance to take part in some fun activities but it is also an opportunity to get up close to one of your favourite sports stars.

Each activity has been organised with the help of professional coaches and the whole day is to take place at the state of the art City of Manchester Sports Stadium.

This is all thanks to funding from Sport England, the Football Association and all the New Deal for Communities Partnerships.

Even if you're more of an arty person than a sporty person some of the days activities will focus on the arts. The activities include dance, which is now recognised as a great activity to improve health and well being. Local youngsters have also been asked to put on a display during the day and they will perform in front of all the spectators and athletes.

Rochdale Federation of Tenants & Residents Association will be working with young people in Heywood over the summer and the 42 young people will be recruited through them.



Future International cricketers could come from Heywood.

Money May Grow on Trees in our Valley

They say money doesn't grow on trees but in the Roch Valley money is certainly helping out the trees.

Friends of Roch Valley, which holds several events each month applied for lottery funding to help towards the costs of maintaining the valley's walkways.

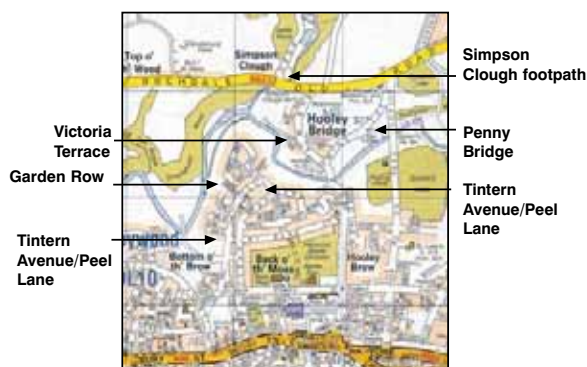
Their application was successful and they have been awarded £10,000 as part of the lottery funded People's Places project.



Friends of Roch Valley meet before a walk.

The money will be spent on improving the footpaths to the area as well as the signs, which link the valley to Queen's Park, and other areas.

If you have never visited Roch Valley then on the right are several events which you could attend over the next couple of months. Or if you fancy a stroll here is a map showing where the entrances to the valley are.



Roch Valley Community Ranger Events | August - September 2004

Friday 6th August 2004

Course - Emergency First Aid

A 6 hours BTCV Institute course, certificated by Broxtowe College, Nottingham, to be held at the BTCV Office, West Street, Rochdale (Contact Nick Martin 01706 713244 or Rowena Maslaczkyk on 01772 204651 to book or obtain details).

Friday 13th August 2004

Course - Summer Tree Identification

A 6 hours BTCV Institute course, certificated by Broxtowe College, Nottingham, to be held at the BTCV Office, West Street, Rochdale (Contact same as 6th August)

Sunday 29th August 2004

Hard Walk - Walk the Roch Valley (17 miles)

Walk the 17 miles of the Roch Valley with Rochdale Countryside Services and the Roch Valley Community Ranger (Sturdy footwear should be worn with suitable clothing in case of bad weather. Bring packed lunch and plenty to drink, (especially if the weather is hot). NB: Prior booking is essential as transport needs to be arranged. For more details & bookings, contact Mike on: 01706 366464

Sunday 8th August 2004

Course - Summer Tree Identification

A 6 hours BTCV Institute course, certificated by Broxtowe College, Nottingham, to be held at the Barn Countryside Centre, Phillips Park, Whitefield, Bury (Contact same as 6th August).

Tuesday 10th August 2004

Four Seasons Walk (Easy) - Summer

A three mile leisurely walk through the Roch Valley, looking at plants/birds and butterflies that are prominent at this time of year. Meet at Café, Queens Park, Queens Park Road, Heywood at 1.0pm

Tuesday 10th August 2004

Course - Basic Food Hygiene

A 6 hours BTCV Institute course, certificated by Broxtowe College, Nottingham, to be held at the BTCV Office, West Street, Rochdale (Contact same as 6th August).

Tuesday 7th September 2004

Course - First Aid at Work

A four day certificated course to be held at the Barn Countryside Centre, Phillips Park, Whitefield, Bury (Contact same as 6th August)

Friday 24th September 2004

Course - Fungi Identification

A 6 hours BTCV Institute course, certificate by Broxtowe College, Nottingham, to be held at the BTCV Office, West Street, Rochdale (Contact same as 6th August)