



Friends of Chellaston Library Save Our Staff Protest Day, Oct 19th

Rain didn't stop play at Friends of Chellaston Library's Protest Day. A huge thank you to the 135 people who braved the rain to sign our record of attendance sheet. We are sure that many more were with us in spirit! Thank you also to George's chip shop who generously provided the rain-soaked Friends with very welcome cups of coffee in the morning and sustaining boxes of chips at lunchtime.



We were delighted that the people we spoke to were overwhelming in favour of keeping staff jobs and strongly against having our library totally run by volunteers.



Both ITV and BBC TV cameras came to record the occasion, as well as Russell Pollard from Derby News online paper. Councillors Phil Ingall and Alan Grimadell were there to support us.

Hot water for drinks was provided by Unison in the afternoon and there was a plentiful array of cakes throughout the day provided by the Friends and finished off by children from the Academy.

The winner of the bottle of Prosecco for the quiz about Voluntary Management was Sue Sewell. Congratulations, Sue.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the day's success, and to those who said they wished to be kept in touch with any developments.



Some of you may have heard that one 'expression of interest' in running all 10 libraries has been submitted to the City Council from a charity called Direct Help and Advice (DHA) who offer housing advice for the homeless. They and any other group that decide to put in a registration to run any of the libraries will have to develop an Application and Business plan to submit for scrutiny by Council Officers by December 4th. We will be keeping a watch on further developments.

The 100 Club, one year on.

The 100 Club has been going for a year and has raised welcome funds to pay for small improvements to the environment in Chellaston and to pay for these newsletters three times per year. If you would like to support us and become a member for £4 per month (half of which is paid in prizes) then contact us on

100club@chellastonmatters.co.uk



Rose and Crown events.

The CRA is arranging two events at the Rose and Crown, which should be of interest to many people of Chellaston.

The first is a coffee morning. This is on Saturday, 25th November at 10 a.m. Coffee and cake will be £2, funds going to the CRA to help fund its activities. Come and meet old and new friends.



The second is a disco put on by your very own John Boy and Mitch. This will be on Saturday, 9th December from about 8.30 'til late. You are used to the format of the end of month disco, well this one will be similar but the CRA raffle will be drawn by the Derby City Deputy Mayor. See below for more information about the raffle.



The local shops and businesses have generously donated over £1200 in prizes. Many of the shops are selling the tickets. The prizes are too numerous to list here, but the top prize is £600 of meat vouchers from Scott the butcher. £100 to spend over Christmas and New Year and £10 every week for 2018.

Full details can be found on posters in the shops or on our website www.chellaston.org.uk You can also buy the tickets on line on the website.

Chellaston Neighbourhood Planning Forum

We are delighted to announce that we received notification from DCC on the 4th October that the whole of Chellaston has now been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Forum area. This means we are ready to forge ahead with developing a Chellaston Neighbourhood Plan which includes everybody who lives or works in Chellaston. Working together we can make sure the voice of local people is heard loud and clear in future strategic and planning decisions that affect the quality of life in Chellaston.



Early in 2018, we will be holding 2 exhibitions/workshops to get the views of residents from the newly included designated areas of the Bonnie Prince Estate and the Fellowlands Way Estate.

It is also very important to hear the views of our children and young people about their experience of living in Chellaston. To this end please encourage them to come along and share their views and ideas at the workshops. Dates and times and venues for these will be circulated on the CRA facebook and the Chellaston Neighbourhood Forum website, www.chellaston-npf.org. Please visit to find out more or sign up to the online forum.