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Newsletter



Round-up Edition 2023
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Hello and welcome to the D.W.I.C.A Newsletter.



As this is the final newsletters before Christmas, I want to extend seasons greetings to you all and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024.

This year despite the high cost of living the Association has managed to organise and deliver activities for the benefit of our elders, children, young people and the community in general. The Centre has seen a host of inclusive events some organised by the Centre and others by external agencies and partners.

The Windrush 75 Celebration and Derby Caribbean Carnival are highlight events of which the organisation is rightly proud. Following the Cultural Heritage and Legacy Exhibition in Partnership with Derby Museum a book is being produced and a book launch will take place early next year at which we hope many of you will attend.

DWICA is determined to continue providing services, activities, information, advice and advocacy to our community and ask for your support as we continue our development work.

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President/ Chairman
(DWICA)

Welcome to the DWICA Newsletter. My name is Simon Taylor I am the new Project Officer for Elders here at DWICA since June 2023.

We plan to produce a newsletter every quarter keeping you informed of events, activities and occasions.
Enjoy.



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What's On At D.W.I.C.A.

Mondays

Tai Chi 11.30am - 12.30pm

Zumba 6.30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesdays

I.T. Classes 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Steel Pan 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursdays

Warm Hub Chair Exercise

Social 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturdays

Cycling Club 10.00am - 12.00pm

CYP Saturday Club -

10:00am - 2:00pm, for further information: 01332 371529

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What's The News



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Annual Christmas Dinner.

Saturday
16th December 2023

Tickets are £35 each (£30 for Senior Citizen)

7:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT
THERE WILL BE A 3 COURSE MEAL /MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKET EARLY.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

Annual Christmas Party 2023
It's that time of the year again where we gather for the Annual Christmas Dinner!
Saturday 16th December 2023
7.00pm -12.00 Midnight
Book your tickets early.



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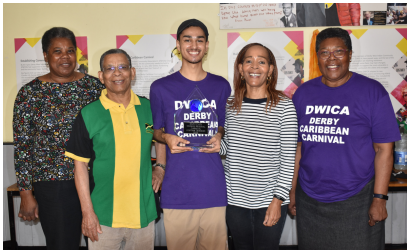
DWICA CARNIVAL COSTUME DESIGNER LEADS BY EXAMPLE

As the carnival season comes to an end we can reflect and conclude that 2023 was another successful year for CRCT (Cultural Roots Carnival Troupe) participating in the EMCCAN Regional Carnival Queen Costume Show that was held in Leicester on Saturday 1st July.

Building on CRCT 2019 success, Niaz Stephenson designed, and wore Derby's Caribbean Carnival King costume, which he won the title of EMCCAN regional carnival king, and in doing so represented DWICA at many carnival events, regionally and nationally.

Niaz again in 2023 has shown us that with hard work and determination it is possible to achieve. This time building on his creative skills he designed and made the queen costume worn by our Caribbean Carnival Queen Zhanè and won the EMCCAN regional queen show competition. DWICA acknowledges that recognition must be given to Niaz for his outstanding work in order for us to get first position.

We salute you Niaz !!!!!



Derby Caribbean Carnival's Cultural Roots Carnival Troupe – 2023

Derby Caribbean Carnival was held on Sunday, 16th July 2023. Over 500 troupe members were on procession. The Carnival Procession started from Derby Silk Mill Museum, Cathedral Green, through Normanton to Derby Osmaston Park.

The Derby Caribbean Carnival Queen and Troupe costumes were designed and made by Niaz Stephenson, with members of DWICA Mas Camp. The mainframe of the queen costume was constructed by Steve Hoyte from Rampage Mas Band.



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Windrush 75

DWICA AFB Windrush 75 event 25th June 2023

For several years now, DWICA and the Assemblies of the First Born (AFB), have remembered the arrival of the Windrush Generation to the United Kingdom with an annual Service of Thanksgiving and reception. To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Windrush Generation arrival, we decided to put on something a little extra this year, resulting in a day of celebrations. The event started with a service at the Holy Trinity Church, London Road, which was supported by dignitaries and guest speakers including Mr James Stafford, Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Mrs Patrice Laird Grant, Acting High Commissioner for Jamaica, Rt Hon. Dame Margaret Beckett MP, and Bishop, Dr Desmond Jadoo, Chairman of the Windrush National Organisation.

Following the service we moved to our community centre for a Sunday dinner, and an afternoon of activities to celebrate the contributions the Windrush Generation, and their descendants, have brought to Derby and the country. The entertainment included a parade of national flags, a steel band, cultural dancing by young people, and discussions with elders reflecting on their memories and experiences of making life in a new country.

There were two centre piece items for the day. Firstly, we had a demonstration from a play called, Echoes of the Front Room by Voices of Vision, which centred on a typical West Indian family making their way in 1960s Britain. To bring the event to a close we then had the nationally acclaimed El Eaga choir from Leicester, who lifted our spirits with a selection of gospel favourites which had everyone singing, clapping and dancing. It was the perfect end to a perfect day.



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Summer School

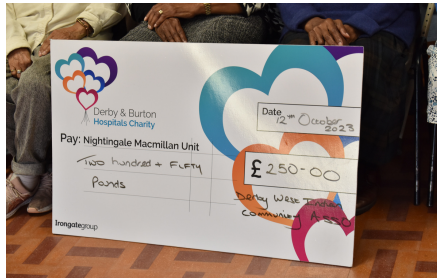
Once again this year the young people enjoyed Summer School and took part in various games, activities, adventures & outings. All staff & volunteers contributed to ensure the youngsters received a good balance of fun, education, awareness & exercise. To top it all off a trip to Blackpool for the young people, parents/guardians alongside DWICA staff members/volunteers. The Summer School ran from 31st July - 25th August 2023.



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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th October we presented MacMillan Derby with a cheque for £250 collected from the attendees of the elders group plus a few guests. We would like to thank Catherine Allen for organising and the following for their baking skills Pamela Samuel (Caribbean rum cake), Lee Lewis (Banana bread), Beverley Lyons (Jamaican Coconut drops), Gavin Allen (Banana cake, banana & raisin muffins & shortbread), Costco (Toffee Cheesecake) & Lidl who donated a gift voucher.



Bakewell Trip

Thursday Sept 14th the Elders group enjoyed a day trip to Bakewell. They did a little shopping and then had an enjoyable lunch at The Wheatsheaf Pub before returning back to Derby safe and sound by 4.15pm. We would like to thank Derby County Community Trust for driving their minibuss alongside Simon driving our 'old faithful' DWICA minibus.



Warm Welome

Once again this year funding has been secured so we can provide **DWICA Warm Hub** service.

October 2023 - March 2024 10.00am - 4.00pm

Come in, stay warm,
have a hot drink and something to eat.

Support offered in making referrals for food/energy vouchers or accessing hardship payments.

Keep active and socialise with chair exercise, group games as well as dominoes, card games, arts and crafts & line dancing!!

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Warm Welcome
DWICA WARM HUB
Thursdays

From October 2023 to March 2024
Time: 10am to 4pm

Come in, stay warm, have a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat.
Support offered in making referrals for food/energy vouchers or accessing hardship payments.

Activities on offer are: indoor bowls, dominoes, scrabble, board games, chair exercise, card games and more.

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