



DWICA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - DECEMBER '25 | Q4



Mr Mighty receiving the CARICOM Award from the Jamaica High Commissioner



(From L to R) Roger Dale (Unite Union)
Catherine Atkinson (MP Derby North)
George Mighty (MBE)
Nicole Ndiweni-Roberts (Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire)
Nadine Peatfield (Derby Council Leader)



Angella Mighty and Cecille Wright

As we draw near the end of another remarkable year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we have achieved together. 2025 has been nothing short of historic, a year in which we **celebrated 70 years of DWICA and 50 years of the Derby Caribbean Carnival**, milestones that speak to the endurance, creativity, and unity of our community.

This summer, the Carnival once again brought our city to life in spectacular fashion. Yes, the skies opened and the rain came pouring down, but so too did the love and support of the Derby public. Crowds lined the streets, their spirits undampened, their hearts as bright as the costumes on display. That moment captured everything our Carnival has stood for over five decades, resilience, joy, and togetherness, whatever the weather.

Between July and October, our community's calendar was alive with meaning. We came together for the **Windrush Thanksgiving Service**, honouring those whose courage and sacrifice laid the foundation for generations to come. Our **Summer School** gave our young people the chance to explore their heritage through art, music, and culture, sowing seeds for the next seventy years of DWICA's story.

What a season of recognition it has been. We've proudly received the Caricom Award, the Derby Civic Award, and the EMCCAN Award, as well as the DHIP Certificate, each one a tribute to the collective effort of our volunteers, funders, and supporters. This year, it was also our turn to host the EMCCAN Regional Carnival Costume Showcase at Derby Theatre, a truly vibrant and memorable event that highlighted the incredible artistry and collaboration within our region. A huge thanks to Tamara Rashford for her outstanding work in organising it and ensuring it was a resounding success. All these honours remind us that what we do matters, not only to our own community but to the wider tapestry of Derby's cultural life.

As we now look ahead to the festive season, we invite everyone to join us for our Dinner and Dance in December, a joyful celebration of how far we've come and where we're heading next.

Seventy years of service, fifty years of Carnival, and countless stories of strength, love, and community spirit. Here's to every volunteer who gives their time, and every partner who believes in what we do. Together, we've made history, and together, we'll continue to shape the future.

With gratitude and pride,

Mr George Mighty
Chairman, Derby West Indian Community Association

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WHAT'S ON @ DWICA



TAI CHI

MONDAYS 11:30-12:30PM | £4

Stay fit and focused in our Tai Chi class. Light refreshments available.

TUESDAYS 12:30-2PM | FREE

Get the most out of your devices. From booking an appointment to playing music, we've got you covered!

TUESDAYS 6:30-8PM

Join our band and learn **Steel Pans** note for note.

WEDNESDAYS 12-2PM

Come with us for a scenic walk to connect with nature and the community.

THURSDAYS 11-4PM

Join our weekly **Warm Hub** for a hot meal, some gentle exercise, games and opportunity to connect.

SATURDAYS 10-12PM | FREE

'Get on ur bike' in our **Cycling Club** and explore Derby. Bikes available on request.

AGM

09.11.25

The Derby West Indian Community Association hereby gives notice that its **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on above named date at 3pm.

The purpose of the meeting is for:

1. Presentation and consideration the Annual Report and Social Club for the year 2024-2025.
2. Presentation of the Annual Accounts and Reports of the Auditors.
3. Election of Officers and SIX members of the Executive.

Members are encouraged to attend and participate in shaping the direction of our community.

Those wishing to submit motions or nominations must do so in writing to the Secretary via email to: info@DWICA.co.uk.

By Order of the Management

Angella Mighty (Secretary)

D.W.I.C.A



The Centre will be closed for the **Christmas Holidays** on 25th and 26th December 2025 and 1st January 2026.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Email corrine@dws.co.uk to be featured in our next Newsletter



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Before wrapping up this newsletter, we'd like to:

- Congratulate Derby Theatre on their 50th year serving our community.
- Wish Dr Arthur France MBE, Leeds Carnival founder a Happy 90th Birthday! What a blessing.
- Acknowledge the passing of some of Derby's loved and respected members of the West Indian Community. Condolences to the bereaved family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



Mrs Georgia Francis
25/10/34 - 11/10/25



Mr Herbert Gayle 'Tom'
21/01/38 - 28/08/25



Mr. Donald Percy
06/01/50 - 29/08/25



Mr Caleb Alexander'
20/02/32 - 25/04/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

HADHARI CENTRE
CAR BOOT SALE
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025
10AM-3PM
LOCATION
350 BURTON ROAD, DERBY,
DE23 6AF
"DISCOVER HIDDEN GEMS AT OUR CAR BOOT"
STALL HOLDER FEE - £10
CALL-01332-384379

NOIR SPORTS & OPEN DOORS FORUM PRESENTS
Black Tie DINNER & DANCE
IN AID OF PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH
BLACK TIE THREE COURSE MEAL
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLE PRIZES
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
7:00PM - 1:00AM
DERBYSHIRE CRICKET GROUND, NOTTINGHAM RD, CHADDESSEN,
DERBY DE21 6DA
TO PURCHASE TICKETS & FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT:
07876 547906 / 07941 892536 / 07971 669562

08.11.25
@ Derby West Indian Centre,
Carrington Street, Derby, DE1 2ND
2-7PM
Hurricane Melissa
FUNDRAISER
FAMILY DAY
Get Involved! Drop off your donations and help us bring relief to the victims of Hurricane Melissa. Together, we make a difference.
MUSIC FOOD RAFFLE NETWORKING & MORE
West Indian organisations across Derby stand together to bring relief and hope to those affected by Hurricane Melissa.
THE HADHARI PROJECT
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