

NEWSLETTER



April - June 2026

As we look ahead to the coming months, I would like to thank our members and supporters for the continued commitment and unity you bring to DWICA. Your support remains the foundation of all that we do. With the conclusion of the Even Stronger Together Project at the end of March 2026, DWICA faces a challenging period ahead.

The coming months will require careful management as we work to secure the resources needed to maintain our activities. I am confident that with the continued support of our members and the wider community, we will navigate this transition successfully. For a long time, we will need the help of volunteers.

As a result of the lack of funding this year's carnival is on a reduced basis and will be held in the Derby City Centre where it has been held in the early years. The Centre continues to have networking activities on a regular basis, such as our Community Open Day on Saturday 6th June from 11am to 2pm.

All our regular activities can be viewed on our social media platforms and our website. Please remember our annual Windrush Service of Thanksgiving in June, the date for which is still to be confirmed.

I encourage all members to take part in the opportunities this quarter brings. Your participation is what makes DWICA the organisation it is.

With best wishes for the months ahead.

George Mighty
Chairman, Derby West Indian Community Association

WHAT'S ON

@ **DWICA**

TAI CHI
MON • 11:30-12:30 PM **£5**
Improve Balance

TEA & TECH
TUE • 12:30-2:00 PM **FREE**
Help with devices, apps and music.

STEEL PAN
TUE • 6:30 PM-8:00 PM **FREE**
Join the band and learn how to play steel pan

WALKING GROUP
WED • 12:00-2:00 PM
Walk with others

WARM HUB
THU • 11:00-4:00 PM
Hot meal, gentle exercise, connect with others.

CYCLING CLUB
SAT • 10:00-12:00 PM **FREE**
Explore Derby
Bikes available on request.

SUN • CLOSED
Private hire • 01332 371529

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

06 JUN **DWICA Community Open Day**
11am - 2pm • Carrington Street

TBC JUN **Windrush Service of Thanksgiving**
Remembrance & Legacy

19 JUL **Derby Caribbean Carnival 51**
Derby City Centre

Derby Caribbean Carnival 2026 Moves to City Centre Location



Sunday 19 July 2026 | Derby City Centre

The Derby West Indian Community Association (DWICA) is pleased to announce that the **Derby Caribbean Carnival 2026** will take place on **Sunday 19 July 2026**, in an exciting new city-centre setting.

A Strategic Move for Sustainability

This change of location reflects the evolving realities of delivering large-scale public events. Significant and unsustainable increases in infrastructure costs linked to health and safety requirements combined with limited public funding and private-sector investment have led DWICA to make the strategic decision to bring the carnival into the heart of Derby city centre.

As organisers of the 2026 event, DWICA remains fully committed to celebrating Caribbean culture while ensuring the long-term future of the carnival. The revised city-centre format has been carefully designed to preserve the spirit, energy, and cultural richness that the community has enjoyed for decades.

For further information, please contact: info@dwica.co.uk



Warm Welcome Hub

DWICA's Weekly Senior Warm Welcome Group offers a friendly and inclusive space where connection, laughter, and companionship are at the heart of every session. Meeting every Thursday from 10am to 4pm.

These are some of our fun activities we do:

- Quiz
- Chair exercise by Lee from DCCT
- Tai Chi, Yoga and Qigong to relax the mind and body)
- A range of Creative Arts
- Bingo
- Assortment of board games
- We invite guest speakers focusing on health and well-being topics

Come and have a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit or two, and having a lovely chat, and making new friendships.

As part of our warm welcome hub, we also enjoy a home cooked lunch.

We are more than just a group, it's a community bringing people together to share stories, building friendships, and feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

We help plan activities that reflect the group's interests and diverse cultural backgrounds. It is a safe space where support is available where needed.

If you or someone you know feels like you don't get out much or even at all and feel perhaps lonely or isolated, why not pop in and you'll be made very welcome.

Where to find us:

Derby West Indian Community Centre. Carrington Street, Derby DE1 2ND, (behind Tesco and the Stuart Hotel). For more information, please contact us on 01332 371529 or email: info@dwica.co.uk



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DWICA COMMUNITY

OPEN DAY

Coffee Morning Fundraiser

Join us for a relaxed and informative morning.

Date: Saturday 6th June 2026

Time: 11am to 2pm

**Location: Derby West Indian Community
Centre Carrington St,
Derby DE1 2ND
☎ 01332 371529**




**On Sale: Assortment of Cakes,
Tasty Treats & Caribbean Snacks**

- ✓ Jamaican Patties
- ✓ Saltfish Cakes
- ✓ Coconut Drops
- ✓ Assortment of Cakes

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Tell us what events & activities you'd like to see and would attend.

 **Learn about DWICA**
Our Mission & Activities

 **Share your ideas!**
A Questionnaire to complete

Support our centre!  **Fundraising ideas**

For More info: 01332 371529

All proceeds go towards supporting the DWICA Centre!