

## MEETINGS UPDATE

This section summarises the most recent Business Forum Meetings and Events and includes a brief summary of what was discussed and key decisions

### MAY MEETING

#### What we discussed

- Developing the constitution and structure for the Forum
- Future of the Supporting Business Project

#### Key Decisions

- Agreed constitution & AGM Format

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (JUNE)

#### What we discussed

- Review of successes to date and future plans
- Sheffield City Strategy and feedback

#### Key Decisions

- Adopted Business Forum Constitution
- Election of Management Committee

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time	Contact
2 Aug	New Deal Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30 - 3.30pm	BNDfC 0114 2922907
11 Aug	"Revitalise Your Business" Advanced Manufacturing and Materials	7.45 - 10.00am	Emma Knott 01709 386310
6 Sept	Business Forum Management Committee Meeting	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Tom Coldron - 2920462
7 Sept	New Deal Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30 - 3.30 pm	BNDfC 0114 2922907
20 Sept	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry South Yorkshire Networking Breakfast	7.15am	
4 Oct	Full Business Forum Meeting	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Tom Coldron - 2920462
5 Oct	New Deal Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30 - 3.30 pm	BNDfC 0114 2922907

## PROFILE

Peter Handy is the new Chair of Burngreave Business Forum. Pete is the Managing Director of RSM Contract Catering (Sheffield) Ltd which sells commercial catering equipment to anyone from small coffee shops to Weston Park Museum here in Sheffield and has carried out large contract refits in the NHS.

RSM is based here in Burngreave because Pete is committed to the area and has been involved with the Business Forum since the outset. As well as being the newly appointed Business Forum Chair, Pete represents the forum on the New Deal Partnership Board and is totally committed to the success of the area.

"We must work together to ensure the directions we are moving in are maintained and that Burngreave is taken seriously at all levels. Burngreave has had a bad press in the past; some we must accept was justified but what I have found since moving to the area is honest, hard-working people with many gifts and talents with a determination to make things better. Many of the business people I come into contact with also live in the area and are keen to give it a good name. I believe that if we all work together we can achieve this and more."

"I have made many new friends here and would like to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given me and the infectious enthusiasm and commitment to the forum. Together we can achieve even more success."



With this issue of Burngreave In Business we are pleased to celebrate the first anniversary of the establishment of the Burngreave Business Forum. The Forum continues to go from strength to strength, with almost 50 members, and is now formally constituted as you will see from our lead story.

I thank all those businesses and supporters who took their time to join us at the AGM and also congratulate the new management committee members on taking on their roles. Any existing or new business to the area wanting to join the Forum should contact the Business Support Team at the address shown on the back of this newsletter.

Finally, on behalf of the Forum I would like to thank Business Link South Yorkshire for their sponsorship of this Newsletter.

**Saghir Ahmed**  
Business & Enterprise Champion

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# Burngreave In Business

News and Information from Burngreave Business Forum

Summer 2005

## Burngreave Business Forum Goes From Strength to Strength

Burngreave Business Forum (BBF) recently held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which it formally adopted its constitution and elected a management committee to look after the growing day to day business of the Forum.

As the recognition and profile of the BBF grows both within the area and more widely across the city it was a natural step to move towards formalising the organisation. This growing recognition and reputation was evidenced at the AGM by the attendance of Rachel Wileman, Deputy Director of



Photo: Members of the Business Forum getting down to business

Sheffield First Partnership (The organisation responsible for developing and delivering the City Strategy), who as well as presenting on the future plans for Sheffield wanted to hear, for the first time, the views of local businesses on future city wide developments. This was an indication that BBF is now clearly on the radar of city-wide decision makers.

The formal business of the AGM culminated in the election of a management committee. Any questions, issues or suggestions you have regarding the Forum can be raised with any member of the committee.

## Meet the Committee



**Peter Handy**  
Chair BBF

**Business:** MD of RSM Contract Catering Sheffield Ltd.  
Business Rep on BNDfC Partnership Board



**Janice Young**  
Deputy Chair BBF

**Business:** Young's Criminal Defence Services Ltd



**Lee Furniss**  
Secretary BBF

**Business:** Director of Time for You & FMS Cleaning Services  
Business Rep  
Advancing Together Steering Group



**Francis Feeley**  
Treasurer BBF

**Business:** Francis Feeley Fundraising Services  
Business Rep BNDfC Employment & Enterprise Theme Strategy Group



**Marjorie Thompson**  
Committee member (not pictured)

**Business:** Glass Bucket



**Brian Howard**  
Committee Member

**Business:** Howard Music



**Keith Laycock**  
Committee Member

**Business:** Laycock Jewellers LTD



**Amanda Wells**  
Committee Member

**Business:** Stress Solutions  
Business Rep on BNDfC Partnership Board



**Fuad Saeed**  
Committee Member

**Business:** Company Director Open Choice UK Ltd

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Contact details for committee members can be found on the BNDfC Website (see Newsletter Page 3)

## Business Profile - FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (FMS)

### A Flying Start Means Local Business is Cleaning Up



June 2005 saw yet another new company start up in Burngreave building on the success of the award winning Time For You Domestic Cleaning Agency. Director, Leo Furness has launched Facility Management Service (FMS) which specialises in commercial cleaning for offices, factories and shops.

Leo says "FMS got off to a flying start with 4 companies taking up our services within the first week of trading. Including a nursing home, a charity, a prestigious shop in the city centre and the offices of a small company."

"Over the past few months we have invested heavily in staff training to meet the anticipated demand of this new business". Leo added that "having a team of 70 people already working with Time For You has meant that we could hit the ground running giving us a flying start". "It's a fantastic start" said Francesca, an FMS employee.

So, we asked Leo, what makes FMS different? "We are reliable with quality control measures that ensure happy clients and we supply all the equipment needed to get the job done. In addition we invest in the ongoing training of our staff, ensuring a highly motivated team and if that isn't enough we offer highly competitive rates!"

## Business Profile - THE CACTUS CLUB



The Cactus Club is a newly opened community venue offering space for hire in the day and a pub/night club at night open until 4am. The venue has a fully licensed bar and a fully functional kitchen that can cater for a variety of events.

Anwar Suliman, of the Cactus Club says "We can host business meetings, promotional events, weddings, birthdays, parties,

funerals, christenings etc. We have a media suite to facilitate PowerPoint presentations via data projector and drop down screen, ideal for business seminars."

Anwar adds "We have refurbished an old workshop into a local amenity and club that we are very proud of and with all the amenities including disabled facilities."

As a pub we run a bingo night and people come in to play pub games like pool, dominos etc. As a nightclub we are running open mic nights on Tuesdays, African nights on Wednesdays, 70's, 80's & 90's soul nights on Thursdays and a mix of DJ's and artists for weekends."

For more details contact Anwar Suliman

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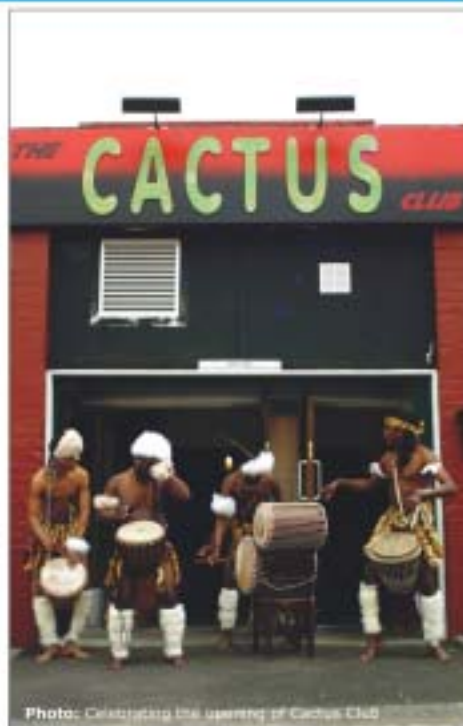


Photo: Celebrating the opening of Cactus Club

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Making a Difference for Women in Burngreave

BNDfC in partnership with SCEDU, have provided their first set of training and support services to local women in Burngreave to encourage them into self-employment and entrepreneurship.

A total of five Burngreave women attended the Business Start Up Course in May. Topics included writing a business plan, marketing, finance and social enterprise.

Jo Goodison was one of those attending the course and this is what she had to say: "There is only one word for this course - excellent. It was well structured, informative & completely jargon free. The tutors, both of which were local women, took us through the complete process of starting-up from idea/dream to registering your business. We covered marketing, business planning and accounts in a way that took the fear out of these areas of business. This course has given me the confidence to take that next step with my business & to look forward to growing rather than fearing the future. If you are serious about your dream go on this course."

Similar free courses will run later on in the year, if you would like more information about the Business Start Up Course please contact: **Carol Anderson on 0114 2920460 or via e-mail: Carolanderson@bndfc.co.uk**

### Get Online to see what is happening In Burngreave.

BNDfC has launched its brand new website available in three languages. If you want to find out more about the Business Support Team & its activities, The Burngreave Business Directory or The Burngreave Business Forum then log onto: **www.bndfc.co.uk**

### Get a head start

Starting a business is exciting time but to be successful, entrepreneurs must also be aware of their legal obligations. Business Link South Yorkshire is offering easy-to-use, printed guides to small businesses and people who are considering setting up. The No-Nonsense Guides provide essential information about the legal, official and financial aspects of setting up and running a business.

### train2gain Develop the Skills of Your workforce

train2gain is the name for South Yorkshire's Employer Training Pilot. This is a scheme that focuses on raising the basic literacy, numeracy and language skills of employees across South Yorkshire, helping to raise their standard of living and allow them to work more effectively and realise their potential.

Businesses in South Yorkshire who are looking to improve the skills of their workforce can claim up to 100% of the total training cost from the train2gain scheme. **For more details contact 0870 837 2707.**

### Frequently Asked Questions Business Rates

**Am I entitled to any discount on my business rates bill?**  
You may be entitled to Small Business Rate Relief, available to businesses with a rateable value of less than £15,000. Eligible businesses, with rateable values of below £5,000, can get 50% rate relief on their liability. This relief decreases on a sliding scale of 1%, for every £100 of rateable value over £5,000, up to £9,999. Businesses with rateable values of between £10,000 and £14,999, may also be eligible for discounts.

**If you would like further details on any of the above then call the Business Support Team on 0114 292 0462 or visit our website www.bndfc.co.uk**

### Farewell from Trywell

I am sorry to announce that I am leaving the BNDfC Programme at the end of July 2005. I would like to say good bye to the BNDfC Business Forum and sincerely thank you all for the support and corporation render to me and the Business Support Team. I look forward to the day when I shall say to my children and friends that I was there when the first BNDfC Business Forum Committee was ushered into office and they reply "that was nice I wish I did" Trywell Kalyata

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