



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEE CALENDAR**

- Conservation Areas: Big Debate 3 6pm start 25th Nov 09 All Welcome!
- Light Dragons Parade
- Xmas Party
- Rivers Project

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## Shop Award Winners 2009

This year's shop awards were a fantastic success. Held at The Civic for the first time, the prestigious celebration evening was attended by over 100 people including shop winners, judges and individuals celebrating success in of Barnsley in Bloom competition.

BCT Chair Garreth Bruff introduced the shop awards with praise for all the efforts retailers have made in the town over the year. Liz Walker (owner of House of Beauty) and Mayor Cllr John Parkinson thanked the dedication and talent in the town today.

209 shops entered the awards this year, covering 14 categories. Winners are:

**Overall winner and large shops is Superdrug.** Small shop *Boots Opticians*. The Mall *Next*. Semi-open market *George the Sock Man*. Indoor market *Old Barnsley*. Café *Blackburn's Café*. Ladies Fashion *Dorothy Perkins*. Men's Fashion *Tom Foulstone*. Hairdressers *Vanilla Hair*. Bridal *Elegance*. Charity Shop *British Heart Foundation*. Travel agents *Ilkeston Travel*. Jewellers *Ernest Jones*. Florist *Gail Lawrence Flowers*.

Runners up are: *Munchies*, *New Look*, *Ghia Menswear*, *Paul Wilkinson*, *Diva Bridal*, *NCH*, *Kennedy Travel*,

*H. Warners and Sons*, *Flowers R Us*, *Walmsley*, *Iceland Peel st*, *G. Ward and co Ltd*, *Officers club*, *KT Bags*, *Dave & Dave*, *T. Pickles Farms Ltd*, *Keegan Sports*, *Bryan Butches*, *Vitesse*, *PJ Textiles*, *Momento Cards*, *Primark*, *Bliss*,

*Card Corner*, *Fosters Bakery*, *Reenas Watches & Jewellery*.



## Blue Plaque No'4 Samuel Joshua Cooper

The success of the Blue Plaques scheme continues to grow in Barnsley. The Civic Trust is pleased to announce the unveiling of a fourth Plaque in the Town Centre.

Mr Paul Elmhirst, Chairman of the Cooper Gallery Trustees will unveil a blue plaque dedicated to: 'Samuel Joshua Cooper'.

The event will take place at 1pm, Thursday 7th January 2010

(immediately following the Trustee's meeting). All are welcome to this function at The Cooper Gallery. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact John Bostwick on 01226 299443 before 18th December 2009.

## Time Trail delights

On a cool to chilly night in October, dusk was upon us and the ghouls of the night began to stir. Civic Trust members went on a journey back in time as they travelled the old streets of Barnsley with Brother John and John's Brother (actor John Hislop). Tales of days passed and Barnsley's forefathers.

The 20 strong group was lit up in neon lights, glow sticks and glow bands courtesy of James Cameron's Glow Company. Passers by were very confused. We had a great time and the Halloween décor in Joseph Bramahs made it a spooky and mysterious atmosphere for our meal later.

A big thank you for your performance John and also to Laraine for organising the event.



## Rivers project coming soon

The Civic Trust was informed of a new initiative for Barnsley which will be launched with an event in the town centre in the new year.

The aim of the Rivers Project is to create awareness of climate change and its consequences by means of art, poetry, science and technology. It hopes to attract the attention of policy makers through this work and seek funding from institutions and individuals who agree with the general principles of the Rivers Movement to create tangible outputs: publications, art work, workshops, exhibitions.

The initiative is created by the Dearne Group who plan to have their first big event from the 1 February 2010 for 4-6 weeks. The event will take place in the centre of the town of Barnsley and include an exhibition, book launch, writing workshop, installations and documentary show.

For this event to be successful it needs the support of local people of Barnsley. This is a non profit making project and its success will be depend entirely on local support. If this event is a success, the organisers would like to tour the exhibition nationally and internationally.

Barnsley Civic Trust will keep up developments as they arise in the new year.

Contact Runima Kakoty for more information (Chair of The Rivers Project)



## Light Dragoons on Parade

Arrangements are being finalised to welcome members of the Light Dragoons back 'home' to Barnsley from Afghanistan on Monday 7 December, after an arduous six month tour of duty in Helmand Province.

Led by the band of the Light Cavalry some 200 troops, supported by a number of military vehicles, will set off from Churchfield at approximately 12.15pm and parade through the town centre. On its way round the parade will come

to a halt outside the town hall for presentations, speeches and inspection.

This is a great opportunity for people



from right across the borough and beyond to show their appreciation and support for the work of one of 'our' regiments and, at the same time, remember those who won't be returning.

As part of a public awareness campaign to promote the parade, posters will shortly be appearing with the message 'We're in step with the Light Dragoons'.

So lets get out to welcome these brave men and women, from 12.15pm on Monday 7th December.

Everyone Welcome!!



# Big Debate: Future of Conservation Areas

Presented by:  
**BARNSELY  
CIVIC  
TRUST**

**Wednesday 25th November, 6pm  
NUM Miners Hall, Victoria Road, Barnsley**

**A constructive debate which will explore the requirements of conservation areas and the future role of the policy.  
The session will cover issues and questions:**

- What is a conservation area?
- What preservations are required?
- Who writes the policy?
- Who up holds the requirements?
- How can the future of conservation areas be best managed?

**With a panel of local and national experts to answer your questions and hear your views**

## Programme:

**6:00pm** Doors Open

Refreshments available

**6:20pm** Welcome from **Rebecca Keep**

Barnsley Civic Trust, Vice Chair  
Setting the scene.

**6:30pm** Panel introductions with:

**Tony Burton**, Civic Society Initiative

**Archie Sinclair**, Retired Conservation  
Manager

**Tony Wild**, Assistant Conservation Officer

**Richard Vivian**, The Green Shoots

**Stephen Morely**, The Assistant Director  
of Planning & Transportation

**6:55pm** Discussions, debate and questions from  
the audience

**7:55pm** Sum up and final remarks

Write up in December/ January newsletter and  
online.

## Paladar! Nigel's feast goes down a treat

What a wonderful night we lucky people enjoyed in the delightful home of Nigel and Julie. It was truly a privilege to be waited on by William and Robert whose attention to everyone's needs would have been acceptable in a top rated restaurant. The menu was brilliantly thought out each course complimenting the other. The ingredients were all sourced as locally as possible including the blackberries on the cheese cake which had been picked from local hedgerows. The main cooking

was carried out in a traditional wood burning oven (a la Jamie Oliver).

The menu was a fusion of Tuscan and Cuban Paladar style dining, including Nigel's Special Salad of Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Cheese with fresh Garlic Bread and Tuscan style rib of beef,

roast potatoes and vegetables.

The company was good and the evening flew by, an indication of good conversation and a good time was definitely had by all. All money raised from the event will support Barnsley Civic Trust's work and we hope to see more events in the future!



## How to contact BCT:

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### Future Blue Plaques

Samuel Joshua Cooper - the Cooper Gallery (funding secured)  
Unveiled Thursday 7th January 2010

### Events:

#### Conservation Area debate

**Wednesday 25th November 2009 - 6pm. NUM Hall, Victoria Road.**  
**Free to everyone. Refreshments provided.**

#### Light Dragons Parade

**Monday 7th December 2009 12.15pm. Churchfield & Town Centre.**

#### Xmas Party

**Wednesday 16th December 2009 - 6.30pm. Aroma Café Bar, The Arcade.**  
**3 course dinner and games/quiz.**

# PLANNING REGENERATION CONSERVATION

## Regeneration:

### Court House re-development

The Council is working with Estell Warren Ltd to produce a master plan for the future development of the Court-house site in Barnsley Town Centre. The site extends from Regent Street to Old Mill Lane and from Eastgate to the railway.

It already has the Core and the Digital Media Centre and is used as a car park. The master plan, which is in draft, shows how the site could be developed over the next 20 years or so. The car parking will be progressively replaced without loss of numbers so that eventually all the parking would be in multi storey accommodation.

There will be a public exhibition of the draft master plan at The Core off County Way in Barnsley on Wednesday 11th November and Friday 13th November between

9.30am and 5.00pm and on Saturday 14th November between 10.00am and 2.00pm

It is open to everyone and members of the team which has produced the plan and Council officers will be there to discuss the proposals. It will be especially of interest to Civic Trust members and the 'Planning Group'.

### Barnsley College site starts work again

The contractors have resumed work on the foundations for the new college after a short delay in funding.

New hoarding's and a splash of colour on the remaining older block are the first signs of things to come. The revised plan had to be scaled down to meet the new government budget, but will still represent a major investment in this northern end of the town centre.

## Conservation:

### Missing plaques update

The investigation lead by BCT into the disappearance of several historical plaques of Barnsley continues with pace, headed by Mavis Sidebottom.

Councillors have made several inquiries after plaques were put away for safe keeping during renovation works in the town. So far all leads have failed to locate the plaques, but there was speculation late last week of one being found.

The plaques were originally paid for by the Heritage Lottery sometime around 2000. No on-going maintenance policy or funds were provided at the time. The planning department at the Council has stated that funds are very limited for replacing them and that additional fund raising will be needed to reinstate new ones.

We are aware that an architectural building company in Derbyshire was commissioned to do the plaques and that the original moulds may well be in storage. The investigation will continue in the New Year and a plan of action for replacing them will be considered.

*Future... Look out for the coal tubs' new home on Church Street roundabout, opposite the College (formally located in Peel Square), after a period of repair and maintenance.*