

VALLEY VOICE

North-East Valley
Community Newsletter

A Publication From The North-East Valley Community Development Project
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Old Post Office revival: ready and waiting

Adam
Doering

Perhaps the title of this column sounds more like the name of a folk-rock band than an update on the North East Valley social enterprise initiative, but like waiting for your favourite band to come to town there is a sense of anticipation in the air concerning the Old Post Office revival.

Over the past year the Valley Project and local residents have been busy developing a plan to revitalise the Old Post Office building as a community-led social enterprise initiative. The vision: to build a viable and sustainable business within the Old Post Office property that is owned and operated by the community for the benefit of residents from North East Valley and surrounding areas. We are a few steps closer to making this vision a reality.

The preliminary groundwork has already been laid. At the request of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), a feasibility study has been conducted, feedback has been solicited from a broad range of NEV residents, and community members associated with *the Project* recently attended a social enterprise workshop with the Ākina Foundation to analyse potential options based on their social and financial outcomes.

The feedback about the proposal has been almost entirely positive and the initiative was considered to have immediate potential to contribute to the social and economic well-being

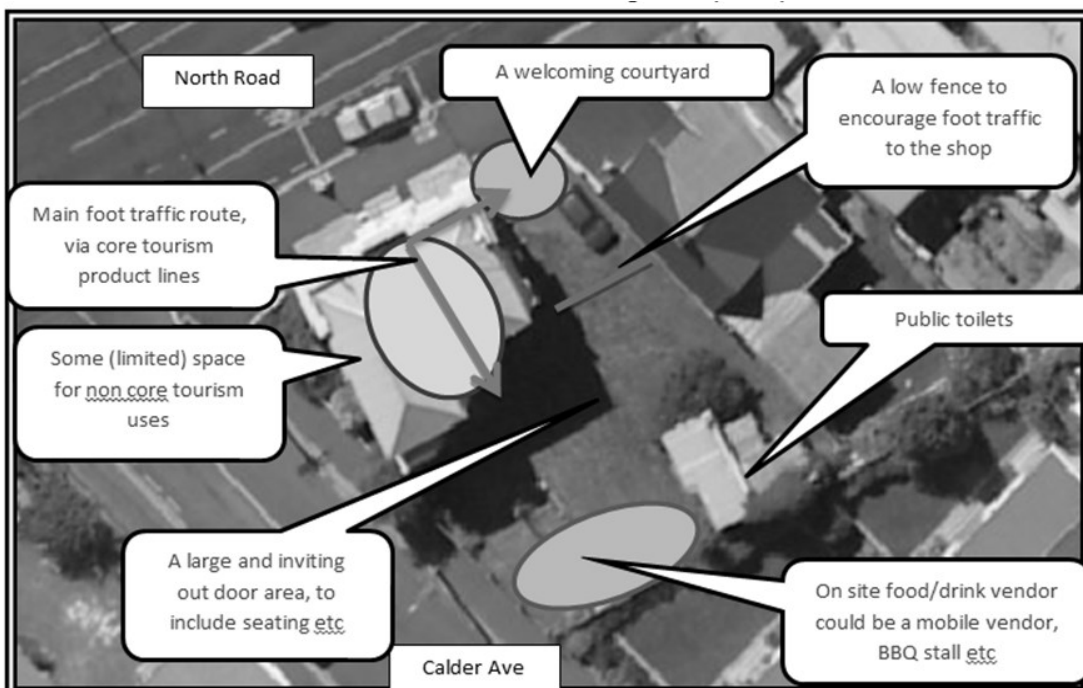
of the NEV community.

So where are we now? The paper work mentioned above was submitted to DIA at the end of June for a final decision on the funding and subsequent purchase of the Old Post Office. We are currently awaiting their response, but anticipate that the enterprise funding will be discussed and approved by the end of July.

To keep the momentum going, work is currently being undertaken to clarify the decision-making authority for the Old Post Office Social Enterprise and a clear line of communication between the social enterprise and building committees and the NEV executive. Establishing a strong organisation structure now will help ensure processes are in place for this venture to be up and running in time for the 2014-2015 tourist summer season.

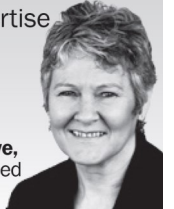
In the meantime, if you would like to get a taste for the exciting potential of this community-led initiative take a winter stroll down to Baldwin Street this weekend and as you pass the Old Post Office imagine how wonderful a hot cuppa would feel at that very moment! If you have any further suggestions, questions or would like to walk through the Old Post Office to get a better look please email us at jane@northeastvalley.org.

Below: some of the ideas for the Old PO site.



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TV 473

Maureen Howard

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- Food & Gardening
- Transport
- Biodiversity
- Local Economy
- Heart and Soul
- Energy and Housing, particularly improving old houses

TV473's initiating group is looking for a few more members- particularly with an interest and energy for the following: sustainable transport; energy; local currency; local food production. The initiating group get some projects started, liaise with others with expertise in these areas and the wider TV473 group. We usually meet once a month. If this is you, please contact Maureen on 473 9967 or tv473ig@list.king.net.nz

Man o man

Tone Miller

In a recent speech David Cunliffe said he was "Sorry for being a man." Mr Cunliffe's observation caused derision amongst many. In response John Key said "The problem isn't being a man, the problem is if you're an abusive man, and I think it's a bit insulting to imply that all men are abusive."

Whether you agree with Mr Cunliffe's statement, or not, the facts are hard to ignore. Family and sexual violence is perpetrated overwhelmingly by men against woman and children. Every day the news carries stories of indecency, rape, murder, and wars - crimes committed by men on woman and children throughout the world. This is a male dominated world and Mother Nature also shows many scars caused by the rape and pillage of the environment, in the name of progress for mankind.

Yet there are other statistics that may also offer pause for thought. Suicides are far higher among men. Education fails many young men, boys do worse at all levels of education compared to girls. The Media's depiction of men is all too often stereotypical (brutes or buffoons). Society has placed a narrow definition as to "what it is to be a man" and it is damaging and destructive.

If you would like to share your thoughts and story and examine different narratives as to masculinity, I would like to hear from you. If you think it is time to "wake up, stand up, man up and stop this bullshit." I would like to hear from you. If you feel you are a gentleman who wishes to change mankind into the kind men they can be, I would

Art Tardis

Jasmine Lamorie

Since its launch in June the Art Tardis has been very warmly received and was recently invited to participate in the University Art Week: 28 July-1 August. The Art Tardis spent the week in the St David Street Lecture complex where we exhibited the work 'Protected in Comfort' by Dunedin artist Rowan Holt.



She has used the domestic craft of crochet to create a soft large scale blanket from caution tape. The work critiques our perception of danger and protection. Rowan Holt is a highly qualified and experienced artist who has exhibited widely in New Zealand and has recently participated in the Legato Exhibition in Italy.

The Art Tardis and Holt's artwork 'Protected in Comfort' will return to the Valley for the month of August.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/ArtTardis. Artists who wish to display their work in the Art Tardis can submit proposals to us via Facebook or email

northernartery@gmail.com. If you would like to see the Art Tardis in your street or to suggest a location please let us know.



During August the Tardis will be located in front of the Salvation Army Hall on North Road

like to hear from you.

I am a gardener, educator and mentor. I have through serendipity and hard work learnt much about what it is to "be a man". Fortune has introduced mentors who have helped direct my learning, and challenged my beliefs, as to my own masculinity and how to be a gentleman. I have expanded this knowledge further with my own study and participating in courses and organisations that promote greater understanding and awareness of masculinity.

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Gabrielle Pankhurst

Welcome to our occasional column on inclusion. The term 'inclusion' usually refers to including people with disabilities but we want to include everyone who might feel left out or have difficulty attending events or activities.

I recently interviewed Hahna Briggs who teaches Inclusive dance. Inclusive dance incorporates people with a diverse range of embodiments including people with and without disabilities. *What lead to your interest in Inclusive dance Hahna?*

For my Masters in Dance Studies I decided to research inclusive dance since I had been working in the field of disability, and had some really memorable past experiences such as supporting two Physical Education students with disabilities in their dance classes and struggling to include a young high school student who used a wheelchair in the Smoke Free Stage Challenge when I was a senior high school student. Since then I have not stopped.

I just love the interesting range of movement that comes out of an inclusive dance class; and the ability to have a class that is so diverse and focused on supporting rather than competing with one another.

What are the benefits of Inclusive dance for participants?

I see the benefits of inclusive dance as being

the opportunity for self-expression and creativity; to find a voice through movement; to be part of a diverse community; and to challenge stereotypes about who can dance.

Hahna is part of the GASP! Dance Collective and runs an inclusive class on Monday evenings at King Edward Court on Stuart Street. GASP also runs a class in North East Valley on Thursday nights at the Salvation Army Hall taught by a variety of dance teachers in five week blocks. The level of inclusiveness will depend on who is teaching and what they are teaching. People are invited to come try out the first class of a block and talk with the teacher. For more information email gaspdance@gmail.com.

Contemporary Dance:

GASP! Dance collective classes open to the community on Thursday evenings at the Salvation Army Hall on North Road. The next block starts on August 14th. The class will be a combination of facilitated improvisation and taught contemporary sequences. Cost: \$45 / \$35 for a five week block. Contact: gaspdance@gmail.com



Cop that! Meet Brendon

Brendon Thomson

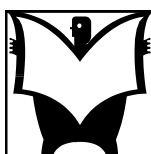
I have been in the Police coming up 27 years and have worked in the Dunedin Area all that time apart from a 6 month deployment to the Solomon Islands in 2010 where I was part of the Regional Assistance Mission. This was largely capacity building the Royal Solomon Island Police after what could only be described as ethnic cleansing had occurred. I was part of a multi national police operation which included most if not all South Pacific Nations and lead by Australia.

For the past 14 years I have been a Tactical Options Trainer for the Southern area which involved me training Police Staff in their 'appointments' such as Asp baton, OC spray, Taser, Both Bushmaster and Glock firearms. Alongside this was instructing staff on the tactical aspects of how to conduct a 'High Risk' vehicle stop or the systematic clearance of a building or structure.

Together with these duties, I also spent 21 years on the Armed Offender Squad dealing with incidents of a serious nature involving offensive weapons and firearms offences.

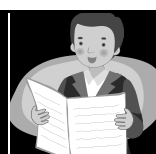
Since my move to North Dunedin, I would have to say it's been a pleasure to be out and about dealing with the public again. My perception of the area is that it is a tight community with a plenty of support for people not only from the police, but other agencies all working together to keep the area safe and enjoyable for all.

A final point I would like to make is that North Road is extremely busy with both vehicle and foot traffic. Schools, shops, take away bars etc line the road so let's just take that extra second or two and make sure the road or footpath is clear before either turning into a park or driveway or exiting back into the traffic flow. Schools are back in business so it's a 'no brainer' to expect a higher volume of traffic around drop off and pick up times. Let's be careful and look out for each other.



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Ngā whetū o Matariki - Matariki hunga nui: The Pleiades have many people

The beautiful sounds of the pūkaeā (wooden trumpet) signified the beginning of our Puaka Matariki community event held at DNI on Saturday 12. Wendi Raumati (Kāi Tahu) welcomed the community with a karanga and karakia. Our MC, Clare Adams, kept everyone informed and made sure the day ran smoothly. The weather was

share his knowledge about Puaka as people sat and ate their dinner. Elder Flame Entertainment amazed us with their fire performances. The night concluded with acknowledgements, karakia and waiata. The above whakataukī was the theme of our Puaka Matariki community event; a fitting proverb as there were many people who were involved in ensuring our celebration was successful. Kotahitanga and whanaungatanga

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certainly in our favor this year and it meant we were able to utilise both the indoor and outdoor spaces for the many activities on offer. These included games and waiata with Te Ara Reo Māori ki NEV and South Dunedin, exploring traditional Māori instruments with Te Roopū Taonga Pūoro o Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo, The Valley Ukes, Jayden TJ, circus tricks with The Circulation Festival Community, kite flying with Andrew Wills and, art activities with Elizabeth and Inge. Our local choir, Sounds Nor'Easterly, blessed the kai with a karakia and entertained the crowd as they lined up to collect their hāngī. We were very privileged to have Justin Hanning (Kāi Tahu)

(unity and relationships) were reflected in the whole process, from the planning meetings to the clean up at the end. I would like to acknowledge the following matariki ☆stars☆ for their support:

- ☆ Ross Leach and all the staff, tamariki and whānau of DNI;
- Antony Deaker and the Puaka Matariki Festival Steering Roopū ☆
- The North East Valley Community Development Project;
- ☆ The Department of Internal Affairs;
- ☆ Jenny Roxborough and Richard Tozer from the NEV Community Garden;
- ☆ Geoff from Hintons Fruit and Vegetable Shop;

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Hill from Salvation Army; ☆ North East Valley Normal School; ☆ Sacred Heart School; ☆ The Open Wānanga; ☆ Charlotte Flaherty from the Dunedin City Council; ☆ Our community workers, Jane Clutha and Charlotte Wilson; ☆ our photographers, John Roxborough and Tushar Robins; ☆ April from the Salvation Army Family Store; ☆ Restore.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers (too many to name here!) who helped with the preparations and clean up, your help was very much appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to the group who made all this happen, Te Roopū Matariki:

☆ Taneroa Paratene ☆ Greg Marion O’Kane ☆ Clare Adams ☆ Wendi Raumati ☆ Paritai Samuels ☆ Kyoko Nakamura ☆ Kristen and Chris Bracey ☆ Pam and Tom McKinlay ☆ Steve O’Connor ☆ Sue Marshall ☆ Lynda Scott ☆ Michael Gaffney ☆ Maya Tate-Manning

☆ Audrie Rogers and whānau ☆ Kuini Scott ☆ Your hard work, dedication and energy was inspiring and I look forward to working with you all again in the near future! Nō reira, tēnei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa. Paia Taani




Editor’s comment
Matariki is a festival that celebrates the ascending of the Matariki star cluster, which marks the beginning of the Maori New Year.

A solitary star may look pretty in the night sky but many stars lighten the dark and point the way.

Paia you are a ☆ star among stars ☆☆☆, thanks for pulling together the many stars that helped make matariki a great community occasion where together we shone and pointed the way to a bright future together.

Photos clockwise from top left: A welcoming sign; children enjoying hangi kai; it takes a lot of puff to blow the conch, Kristen presents one of the many yummy puddings, the “Ukes” play some old favourites in the tech foyer, a demonstration of tradition Māori instruments; Greg Kerr guards the fire pit as the day dawns delightfully dry.



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For the Grey Matter: use it or lose it!

Mental Motivation: The first organisational meeting of a new group to arrange stimulating discussion, was held in July and now it's time for the next steps. You are invited to come to a meeting on Wednesday 6 August from 10-11.30 am at the Community Rooms. After a brief discussion about what topics you would be interested in, we will then listen to our first presenter. The subject will be "Meeting the Maldives".

You may also like to come to another session at night time if it suits better and we can talk then about the topics that interest you and also plan ahead. The second meeting is on Thursday 7 August from 7-8 pm also at the Community Rooms. We want to find out if day or night time slots suit more people better. All inquiries to Jane 473 8614. (Help with transport available.)

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Reclaiming the night

A group of senior and enthusiastic residents have begun to take evening walks together, refusing to be confined to their homes simply because it's dark outside. This endeavour to 'reclaim the night' begins at DNI each Wednesday at 6.30 pm. For more information contact Jennifer 473 1694.

Women's Health

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Community Patrol

Do you wish to volunteer to give something back to your community? Dunedin North Community Patrol is looking for new Volunteers so join us to help make a difference by working together to reduce crime and build safer communities. The Dunedin North Community Patrol Annual General Meeting will be held at Dunedin North Police Station Monday 4 August 7 pm and we welcome interested folk to attend - for further information call 4737174.



House Sitter Available

From September 1 onward; please contact Jane at Community Rooms 473 8416

Catch Daniel Madill a Dunedin musician living in Opoho about to embark on a South Island tour to promote his debut album. The tour will include a backing band and singer/songwriter Jo Little in support. Playing 9 shows over two weeks from 31 July. Homecoming gig at Inch Bar 16 August.

Youth Picnic On Saturday the 12th of July the North East Valley youth community group held it's first community event at the local Botanical gardens. The afternoon consisted of fun and games including a sack race, egg and spoon race and hula-hooping. The weather was in our favour, the sun was shining and it was warm. After all the games everyone enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and drink. The event was a success and we hope to put on more events in the community for school holiday fun! If anyone has any suggestions of events or ideas we can do within the community feel free to contact Kyra, via the Community Rooms *Annabelle Johnstone*

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TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

(Age Concern) NEV Baptist
Hall, Thurs 1.30–2.30 pm,
Contact: Margaret 477 1040.

SPAN NEV Stretch'N'Flex Tues,
10–11 am. Over 65s \$3 per ses-
sion. Gentle low-impact exer-
cise. Lounge at St David's
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ircoxhead@gmail.com.

OPOHO EUCHRE GROUP Wed
1.30 pm Opoho Bowling Club
Ph Lesley Bosman 473 9771.

INDOOR BOWLS Come and join
NEV Indoor bowls. Thur 1.30–
4 pm at NEV Bowling Club,
139 North Rd.

Ph Jack KotKamp 473 9565 or
Sean Cadogan 473 8822.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CLUB's
Masters team, for male players
aged 43 and older – wanting
new players. Contact Wayne on
021 056 1268, or
wmmralph2003@gmail.com.

FREE FITNESS CLASS

Outdoor circuit training NEVN
School Saturdays 9.30 am.
Bookings essential, ph Knox
Rehabilitation Clinic 474 0517.

RECLAIMING THE NIGHT walk-
ing group. Meets @ DNI car
park 6.30 pm Wednesday
nights, contact:
Jennifer 473 1694.

MEET NEW PEOPLE

NEW TO THE VALLEY

Meets each Friday morning at
the Community Rooms. Chance
to meet new people and find out
what's going on in the Valley.
10.30–11 am.

LIONS IN THE VALLEY

Toroa Lions Club meets twice
monthly on Monday evenings at
the Morrison Lounge, Opoho
Church. New members, both
men and women, are welcome.
To find out more call Tess on
473 8114 or email Genny
gennyhann@gmail.com

CHAI AND CHAT Where wom-
en can come together to social-
ise. Children most welcome.
Community House, 283 Moray
Place, opposite Countdown,
Monday 10.30 am. Gold coin
donation. Ph Afife: 473 8944.

YOUTH DROP-IN

Supervised fun for young peo-
ple years 7–13, NEV Baptist
Church Fri and Sat evenings 7–
10 pm. Ph Steve 027 424 1828.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

PLAY GROUP for 0–4 yrs.
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9 am–3 pm on Tues & 9–11.30
am on Wed at the Baptist Hall
(270 North Road). Want to
know more? Call Michael
473 0572.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT for
little ones at the Salvation Army
Hall on Mon 9.30 & 10.30
school terms only. Between
sessions morning tea from
10–10.30 am. Gold coin.

OPOHO PARENTS AND KIDS

Opoho church 2nd & 4th Thurs,
10–12 noon. See 'Snippets', on
previous page, for more details
of this new group.

TRY SOMETHING NEW

ITALIAN CLASSES Exp teacher
& native speaker of Italian
(PhD Linguistics). Antonella:
antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com,
473 0832 or 027 341 8312.
Benvenuti!

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QIGONG: Interested in
Qigong? contact Ans, Qigong
Teacher home: 473 6114
or 027 756 8383.

www.qigongrenxue.org.nz

QIGONG CLASSES Jay Baker
runs a Qigong class at the Com-
munity Rooms Thursday eve-
nings 6 pm. 027 5844 537.

FREE LITERACY COURSE For
more information contact Liter-
acy Aotearoa Ana & Marg on
477 2055.

LEARN ENGLISH FAST Contact
Paul or Glenys at English Lan-
guage Partners 477 7261 or
Dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz
English for work and daily life.

ART CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

Casual attendance welcome.
Tutor: Anneloes Douglas
Thurs 10 am–12 noon, NEV
Community Rooms, 262 North
Road, Dunedin. Ph 467 9993
or 027 3077 034,
anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

CAN YOU HELP?

ENLIVEN DAY CLUB Ross
Home. **Wanted:** Drivers, as well
as help with activities, light
food preparation. Tues, Wed &
Fri. Ph Maybank on 473 0890.

MENTORS REQUIRED Become
a mentor to young people who
need a good male role model in
their lives. Operation 'New Di-
rection' Rob Fitzpatrick on
473 6825.

garden@northeastvalley.org

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

Working Bees: Bonnington
Street, two shifts Saturdays 9–
12.30 and 12.30–3 pm.
Boots and gloves essential.
Coffee, tea & scones welcome.

KNITTING SQUAD

Meets Wednesday 1–3 pm in
Community Rooms. BYO knit-
ting or crocheting or come
and learn. Marjory Brown
ph 473 7751.

EMPLOYMENT

BABYSITTING

14 years old with National Cer-
tificate in Babysitting and in-
volved in St Johns. Please ph
Kyra Murdoch on 473 7087.

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Ph Dave 473 9542.

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Glenaven Methodist, 7 Chambers St, 11 am

Pacific Island Presbyterian, 160 North Rd

English 11am on 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays

Cook Island 9.30 am, Samoan 11 am on 4 and 5th Sundays

Anglican: St Martin's, 194 North Rd, 10.45 am

- **St Thomas'**, Raleigh St & Pine Hill Rd, 6 pm

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10 am

NEV Presbyterian, 224 North Rd, 9.30 am Cafe Service

St Mark's Presbyterian, 304 Pine Hill Rd, 10 am

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30 am

TV473 Home energy tour Sat 9 Aug, 1 - 3 pm

Visit 3 local homes to see a range of energy efficiency measures. Contact Kristen to register your interest tv473ig@list.king.net.nz, or 473 9535, or 027 779 5481

1 pm visit the first house (in Opoho). This has insulation and some higher cost measures: acrylic double glazing (magnetic); solar hot water; solar photovoltaic, heat pump.

1.30 pm visit the second house: acrylic double glazing (DIY), insulation, shutters.

2 pm visit the third house (in Normanby). This has a range of high and low cost measures: pelmets, seals on doors and windows, acrylic secondary glazing, heat pump, extra insulation in ceiling, wall and floor insulation, double glazing in existing timber sashes.

Fruit tree grafting with TV473, the Dunedin Permaculture group and Jason Ross from Habitate. Come and learn how to graft a fruit tree at our hands-on workshop. Grafting of young trees and re-grafting of old unproductive trees will be covered. Contact Kristen tv473ig@list.king.net.nz or on 473 9535 to register. (Places limited). The cost of the workshop is \$30p.p. This covers the cost of an apple rootstock, potting mix, scion wood and tuition. If you just want to learn the techniques, but don't want a rootstock, it is \$20p.p.

Key dates August

- Aug 2: New discussion group meets, p.6
- Aug 6: Reclaiming the night walking group 6:30 pm DNI see page 6, each Wed
- Aug 6: For the Grey Matter 10:30 am
- Aug 7: For the Grey Matter 7 pm
- Aug 8: Community police clinic 10.30 am NEV Community Rooms
- Aug 8: New to the Valley group, 10.30 am NEV Community Rooms, each Fri
- Aug 13: Project Exec 7 pm Comm. Rooms
- Aug 13: Reclaiming the night
- Aug 13: Dance workshop, see p.2
- Aug 15: Community police clinic 10.30 am Pine Hill Community Rooms
- Aug 15: New to the Valley group, 10.30 am
- Aug 20: Reclaiming the night
- Aug 22: Police Clinic Pine Hill 10.30 am
- Aug 22: New to the Valley group, 10.30 am
- Aug 27: Reclaiming the night
- Aug 28: Folding Guild, 7-9pm (none Fri)
- Aug 29: Police Clinic NEV 10.30 am

Community Asset Mapping Workshops

Two workshops about community (social) asset mapping were run in June. The aim of the workshops was to begin to identify what we have in North East Valley as a social resource. Who can we count on in terms of individuals and groups of people for support and community building. This comment of one participant in the second workshop summarizes very well the experience:

"I think showing our skills, interests and knowledge is very useful. It is a way of communication, to know how we can help, and maybe is a good way of making life easier in communities where resources are scarcer. At the same time in places like NEV where there is people better off and not so good, this could start a real community life where we could help each other and share. Try to make a less individualistic life. This workshop could be done several times and then pass to a second stage of develop to organize people's interests and skills and start something new or improve what is already happening in the community." (Carolina Gomez).

Thank you very much to all of you who gave your time and shared your skills, knowledge, interests and concerns with us! If you wish to know more about asset mapping or share your own assets (including ideas, energy, spare time), do not hesitate to contact the Valley Project.

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