



## BLACKSTAFF RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The democratic and voluntary voice of the Blackstaff from May 1978.

### OBJECTS

- I. To provide a forum where complaints may be ventilated and, by discussion and constructive criticism strive to improve the standard of life for the residents of Blackstaff Ward.
- II. To assist Government Departments, Local Authorities and other bodies, by discussing and giving the possible reaction to schemes proposed; to initiate discussions on schemes which, in the opinion of the Association, would contribute to the Development of the Community.
- III. To support or organise activities which would encourage Community Development.
- IV. To protect and promote the interests of the Blackstaff Ward Community.

**FORMER OLYMPIA COMMUNITY CENTRE & NEW OLYMPIA LEISURE CENTRE**



Our community events will be held over a number of months. The first event will be the Blackstaff & Windsor Urban Walk and walk details along with other events will be given at our monthly meetings and the 'Blackstaff nextdoor' social media site.

Blackstaff Community Week

4- 9 September '17

## THE BIG CLEAN UP

**OVERGROWN TREES & HEDGES - WEEDS - BAGS - BRIC-A-BRAC - GENERAL RUBBISH - FLAKING PAINT - DAMAGED WALLS - RUSTED RAILINGS .**



**Mervyn Storey**

The frustrating aspect of the problems associated with house frontages / gardens is that we keep complaining but can't find a solution, even when we take them to the highest level. For example, we held a meeting in the Windsor Women's Centre at which the state of frontages was fully aired with Mervyn Storey, the then Minister for Social Development who said the problem was 'widespread and not confined to this area'. We believe Mervyn had a genuine interest and had he stayed in the job, we might have made more progress. However, we are where we are. Rather than continue to be frustrated, we felt that we should take some form of action. Our community week is therefore being focused on the problems associated with frontages / gardens and more importantly, to investigate what can be done to resolve the problems. Doing nothing is not an option. We are therefore inviting our public representatives to see what they can do to help introduce legislation to ensure landlords and private owners maintain their property in a reasonable condition.

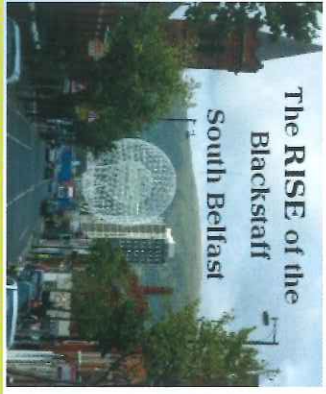
**This will be the main issue for discussion at our residents' meeting on Wednesday, 6th September between 6.30pm and 8pm in Olympia Leisure Centre.**



**Some people are living beside a jungle and rubbish dump and told they can do nothing about it; this can't go on!**



The 8th Blackstaff Community Week makes it possible for everyone in the community to get involved. The main object is to get as many people as possible participating in doing just one thing for the Blackstaff Community Week. It could be anything from painting your front door and window frames to having a well kept garden. Awards will be given for the best efforts.



The RISE of the Blackstaff South Belfast

**BLACKSTAFF RESIDENTS' MEETING**

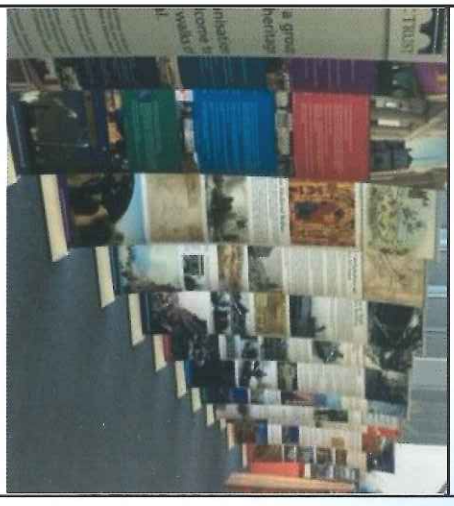
Wednesday 6th September  
In Olympia Leisure Centre

At 6.30pm

The meetings are well attended but unfortunately some streets are still not represented. Perhaps your street is one of them

Many issues have been discussed and we are pleased to say we have a number of successful outcomes, these include the alley gates, puffin crossing, seat at Donegall Road bus stop and so on.

**DISCOVER THE STORY OF BELFAST**



at the Belfast Civic

Trust's superb

Exhibition in Olympia

Leisure Centre.

4-9 September

School groups

especially welcome!



New Gate & Railing - View from Olympia Drive

**PROPOSAL TO NAME NEW OLYMPIA ENTRANCE AFTER JOHN BELL.** This proposal was discussed and agreed at the local residents' meetings, however this is to make sure that all residents are aware of the proposal and if you have any views on the proposal, we would love to hear from you by contacting Billy Dickson, 07974315293.

Naming of new entrance from Olympia Drive to Olympia Leisure Centre. Belfast City Council confirmed that a letter had been received from the Blackstaff Community Development Association inviting the Council to name the entrance at the above-mentioned location in honour of the eminent local physicist John Stewart Bell.

The Association had highlighted both Mr. Bell's links to that area and his lasting impact on modern physics and had confirmed that its proposal had received the consent of his family.

A Council Working Group endorsed the naming of the entrance from Olympia Drive to the Olympia Leisure Centre in honour of Mr. John Stewart Bell.

We understand the proposal is now with the People and Communities Committee for approval.

**KEEP IN TOUCH BETWEEN MEETINGS BY JOINING**

**NEXTDOOR.** A free and private social network for just the Blackstaff neighbours. Share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighbourhood better.

**JOHN TODAY!** [www.nextdoor.co.uk/join](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk/join)

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