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## November 2020 Newsletter

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# Lockdown Edition



*DWICA staff on the Covid Kitchen hold up the Big Lottery logo. To read about the Covid Kitchen see page 3*

### *Chairman's Remarks*



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“It saddens me to say, but this month the centre will once again have to close its doors to the public. It felt like the organisation had just started to return to some normality but now we have had to close due to government guidelines. Fortunately, all of our usual classes are now online through Zoom at the similar times as before. For full details see page 2. The centre and our staff all hope you all stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.”

## DWICA Notice Board

*At DWICA we are continuing to support the community, this time it will be virtual though. Times and Zoom details are listed below. If you are unsure on how to use Zoom, feel free to call the centre on 01332 371529/07908897084 for some guidance.*

### Virtual Timetable

| <i>Monday</i>                         | <i>Tuesday</i>                     | <i>Wednesday</i>              | <i>Thursday</i>   | <i>Saturday</i>                   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Tai Chi</b><br>11.00am-<br>11.45am | <b>Computer<br/>Class</b><br>2-3pm | <b>Hot Meals<br/>Delivery</b> | <b>DCCT<br/>Chair<br/>Exercise</b><br>10.30-<br>11.30am | <b>Hot<br/>Meals<br/>Delivery</b> |

### Tai Chi Details

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 530 678 1553 Passcode: Qigong**

Join Carol's Tai Chi Zoom class every Monday from 11-11.45am. Cost for the class is 2 Pounds. If you'd like to participate, please text: 07920080443 or email: carol@wildhorsetaichi.com to confirm your place.

### Computer Class Details

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 389 423 2151 Passcode: DWICA**

Feel free to learn how to get the best out of your laptop, phone or tablet at our weekly computer classes. The free classes give tips and tricks on how to use the latest technology and is not to be missed by those old and young!

### Chair Exercise Details

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 852 7507 5216 Passcode: 171339**

**Link:**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85275075216?pwd=cmtYZ1cxNU5zdTgraHNGZDZmTXhDQT09>

The Derby County Community Trust's Chair Exercise classes are the best way to stay fit in lockdown. Starting at 10am every Thursday morning, the class is free of charge.

# Obituary



## Finbar Sonny Richards

Former Liberal Democrat Allestree councillor and Derby West Indian Community Association (DWICA) member, Finbar Sonny Richards, sadly passed away this September aged 72. A pioneer for the community, Mr Richards, leaves behind his three children and seven grandchildren. The picture (right) shows the wreath which the Association sent for Mr Richard's funeral. He will be sorely missed as a true champion of the black community throughout his career.

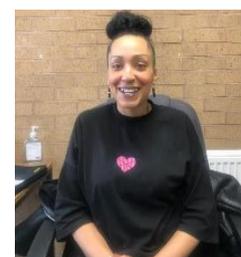


## DWICA Welcomes New Staff



*Charis Betts is the new Project Manager*

The Derby West Indian Community Association has appointed a new project manager called Charis Betts for the 'Stronger Together Project'. A Costume Designer for carnivals across the country, Charis has been working alongside the organisation for a number of years. She hopes to bring some big ideas to the association and is happy to help with any queries you may have.



*Hollie White is the new Project Officer (CYP)*

Joining Charis in entering the organisation is Hollie White who will take up the Project Officer (CYP) position. Hollie has also previously worked for the organisation supporting the children and young people's summer school programme and is very excited to bring new ideas to build on the great projects DWICA has been delivering for the leaders of tomorrow.

## DWICA's Covid Kitchen Goes from Strength to Strength



The Derby West Indian Community Association's Covid Kitchen is still serving the community as the project reaches its ninth month in operation. With over two hundred meals delivered each week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the service is really making a big difference to the community. Much of the work wouldn't have been possible without the help of our funders, DCMS Big Lottery. Donators to the project, like Rolls Royce Unite Union and the DWICA members are also warmly thanked. Another show of appreciation is also needed for our partners, Food4Thought who have provided food for the project. Without the aforementioned and our wonderful volunteers, much of this work could not happen.

# Top News Stories from the West Indies

## *Storms Zeta and Eta rip through Jamaica*

This past month two storms in three weeks have devastated Jamaica. Named Zeta and Eta, the storms have taken two lives in Jamaica and left bridges and other infrastructure destroyed. Overflowing rivers and hills were still being reported weeks after the storms in the hardest hit parish of St Andrews. The most damaging of the two was Zeta which also hit other nations in North America and was also felt in the UK. In Jamaica, the precursor of Zeta caused J\$2 billion in damages (US\$13.7 million). Eta also caused \$18 million to roads and \$13 million in agricultural losses. The storms punctuate a 2020 which was a record year for the hurricane season in the region.



*Jamaican residents look at a landslide caused by the two storms that hit the nation*

## *St Paul's Cathedral monument to 'Tyrant of Trinidad' under Review as Britain reckons with Colonial History*



*Picton's statue, surrounded by Angels and Lions, is under review.*

A statue in St Paul's Cathedral of Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Picton, a Battle of Waterloo British Officer who died in the war, could be removed soon due to his crimes in Trinidad. The only Welshman to be buried in the London cathedral, Picton was known as the "Tyrant of Trinidad" due to his brutal crimes on the island as well as the profits he made from his slave trade business. His most shocking crime came in 1806 when he was found guilty of ordering the torture of Luisa Calderon, a 14-year-old mixed-race girl. However, no sentence was ever handed down to him and two years later the decision was reversed, allowing him to fight and die in the battle against Napoleon's forces in 1815. Now, his crimes are being brought back into the spotlight as the legacy of the Black Lives Matter protests reigns on. The statue is part of a three-year review which has received public money from the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

## **Cubans in America now unable to send money back home as US sanctions disrupt the nation**

Cubans have been dealt another blow as the US campaign of sanctions continues to devastate the Caribbean island. Sanctions set out in June have now forced the closure of almost all of the remittance companies working in the nation as 400 Western Unions were forced to close. The closures are due to the US banning all forms of activity with Fincimex, a military-controlled firm in Cuba that processes remittances for Western Union. This will be a huge hit to Cuba's people who rely on their families sending money home as well as the government as remittances from the US contribute more than \$3bn a year to the economy.

### **This Month in Black History**

- *Antigua and Barbuda (1<sup>st</sup> November), Dominica (3<sup>rd</sup> November) and Barbados (30<sup>th</sup> November) all celebrate their independence days this month*
- *In November 1965, Britain's first Race Relations bill gained Royal Ascension. The next month the bill came into force.*



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