

Gleadless Valley residents pulled together to lay on their second “Community Social” at Newfield Green Tenants’ Hall on Saturday 14th May 2011. The event attracted approval from the *Star* newspaper, whose editorial described it as “a tremendous effort (that) will go a long way towards building closer understanding among people who have made the estate their home”.

The event, organised by City of Sanctuary and Gleadless Valley Community Forum, and funded by the Community Assembly, brought together people from the many different cultures living in the area for a celebration of food and conversation.



They began by playing an ice-breaking game of bingo, when everyone had to write down the name of someone, for example born in Africa, or wearing a beard. There was also a short film about life in Burma, and food cooked by refugees and local people, giving guests an opportunity to sample the delights of Burmese and Kurdish cuisine, alongside Yorkshire pudding and shepherd’s pie.



After lunch the public played a couple of games of fruit bingo which is played the same way as bingo just instead of calling numbers we call out fruit. The winners received bags of fruit which was kindly donated to us by The Constable Road Co-Operative Food store. Thank you to Eddie Wright and Kathryn Ruddiforth for making the donation of fruit possible.

To finish the day off, I gave a 10 minute taster session of Chairobics. There were councillors involved, Terry Wright, volunteers, children and adults having fun and exercising.



The *Star* editorial finished by saying it looked forward to similar events taking place elsewhere in the city because “it is only by meeting and understanding our neighbours, from whatever backgrounds, that we can begin to cast the seeds of tolerance that are vital for the harmony we all appreciate.”

All in all the day was very successful!!!!