

**Report of Moorends Miners Welfare  
and  
Community Development Centre  
Information Sharing Event Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010**

The Thorne Moor Working Group who runs the Community Centre, invited Doncaster LINK to have an information sharing event at their Thursday over 40's club.

During the event LINK members/host had plenty of time to engage with local people who had attended the various events that the community centre provided on the day which were as follows:

- Painting Club
- Yoga
- Computer Group
- Card Making Group
- Thursday Dinner Club (providing hot and cold dinners for between 28-40 people)

The event enabled LINK members/host the opportunity to raise the profile of Doncaster LINK and also discuss any concerns that the locals had regarding health and social care in their community.

### **Findings**

After talking to groups and individuals who were present, a specific issue was identified with chiropody, with one lady stating she had asked the GP service for an appointment to see a chiropodist and was told that there was a 3 month waiting list. This resulted in her deciding to pay for private treatment.

Another lady said she had struggled to do her feet. She also enquired with her GP about a visit from a chiropodist but was told it would be 3 month's before she would be seen. This resulted in her having to pay privately even though she was on a low income and was in need of the GP service offered.

A gentleman also told a LINK member that he had to wait 3 month's for a chiropodist home visit, even though he had been receiving treatment for cancer.

The event proved to be very successful with 9 new members being recruited.

**Report by Kay Kirk (Doncaster LINK Member) 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010**