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September 2011

Tow Law Community Centre contact number **01388 731444**

Tow Law Community Centre - **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday 6th October @ 7.45

Followed by Cheese and Wine party
All members welcome

New Committee members needed. Can you help by volunteering to be a director on our Board. We always need new members and people willing to help run the centre. Please call in any morning or call the centre on 01388 73144 or speak to Jenny Flynn on 01388 730525 evenings.

*Tow Law celebrates
World's Biggest Coffee Morning*



On **Friday SEPTEMBER 30th, 2011**, between 10.00 and 1.00 p.m., Tow Law Community Centre will hold a Coffee Morning as part of the Macmillan Cancer Charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

There will be a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses as well as tombola, a cake stall and a sale of second hand books and jigsaws. Members of our IT Drop-In Group will be selling Christmas Cards that they have made (and excellent they are too!), the whole proceeds going to the Charity. In addition there will be a flower arranging demonstration with the arrangement being raffled off in a separate draw.

At last year's event, we raised over £600 for the Charity and this year, as it is the centenary of the founding of Macmillan we would like to raise even more.

The Association is also holding an information-giving session to highlight what is on offer at the Centre. As well as tea, coffee, scones and biscuits, there will be members of staff on hand to answer any questions about the Programme at the Centre .

COME ALONG AND DRINK TEA, ENJOY A CHAT AND RAISE MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE.



News about Learn Direct Courses at Tow Law Community Centre –

In conjunction with Kaplan Open Learning College, a number of online courses will be offered to participants at Tow Law Community Centre from September 5th, 2011. These qualifications will include Numeracy and Literacy courses to NVQ level 2, as well as IT courses such as the ITQ, which covers all of the Microsoft Office suite and gives a basic level of competence which is recognised by employers.

If you are interested in improving your qualifications, then please pop into the Tow Law Community Centre between **10.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.** on either a Monday or a Wednesday, from September 5th, 2011; or call 01388 731444. If you cannot make those particular days, then give us a ring and we will work something out for you. Remember that the courses are all **FREE** and there is support available for you at the Centre.

BOOK LAUNCH

“TALES FROM A HILLTOP TOWN”

Short stories letters and reminiscences from Tow Law

Please come along and buy your copy and enjoy
cheese and wine

St Philip and St James Church Hall
Church Lane Tow Law

**On Friday 7th October
7pm-9pm**

All Welcome
Tow Law & District History Society

Tow Law Youth Project

Weekly Activity Time Table

Monday

Monday - 5:30 - 6:30 **Football** (Ages over 11)

Instructors: Ashley Kay & Volunteer Amelia Herbert

Monday - 6:00 - 8:30 **Drumming** (All ages)

Instructor: Volunteer. Brian Elliot and
Volunteers Ron and Melvin White

Monday - 7:00 – 8:30 **'Monday Youth Club Drop In Night'** (Ages 8 –11)
Primary School Age

Activities: Pool / Badminton /Table Tennis/ I.T. Art/ Karaoke

Youth Workers: Jenny Mountain/ Ashley Kay/ Jason Miller

Volunteer Youth Workers: Christine Emmerson, Jordan Anderson.

Volunteers: Michael Suddes, Jake Brennen.

Tuesday

Tuesday - 4:30 – 5:45 **Boys Club** (Ages 6-8)

Lead Worker: Jenny Mountain and Volunteers Denise Thornton, Amy Thornton & Michael Suddes.

Wednesday

Wednesday - 5:00 - 6:00 **Rainbows**

Leaders: Joanne Burrows and

Volunteers : Anne Marrie Sweenie

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:15 **Brownies**

Leaders: Elsie Gent and Joanne Burrows

Volunteer: Anne Marrie Sweenie

Wednesday - 7:30 - 9:00 **'Wednesday Youth Club Drop In Night'** (Ages over 11's)
Comprehensive School Age

Activities: Street Dance/DJ'ing/ I.T./ Art/Sport/Cooking/ C-Card Youth Workers: Jenny Mountain/ Jason Miller. Volunteer. Youth Workers: Christine Emmerson, Jordan Anderson. Specialist Instructors: Michael Walker and Ellena Plumb. Volunteers: Marie Appleby and Donner Hind.

Thursday

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 **Music** (All ages)

Lead instructor: Heather Bland

Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 **Duke of Edinburgh** (Ages 14- 25)

Lead Instructor: Jenny Mountain

Friday

Friday 5:00 – 6:30 **Karate** (Junior ages)

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 **Karate** (Senior ages)

Lead Instructor: Angeline Evens

Saturday Morning

Saturday Morning 9:00 - 10:30 **Karate** (Junior ages)

Saturday Morning - 10:30 -12:00 **Karate** (Senior Ages)

Lead Instructor: Angeline Evens

Saturday Morning - 10:30 - 12:30 **Internet Café** (All ages)

Lead Instructor: Jason Miller

Saturday Morning - **Football - Tow Law AFC Juniors (Ages U13s)**

Instructors: Howard Carey and Darren Whitfield - Tow Law Football Club

The Tow Law Community Association would like to very much 'Thank' the Volunteers and Volunteer Youth Workers, Instructors and Leaders that make this weekly program possible. If you think you would be interested in volunteering please contact us on 01388 731444 to make an appointment to discuss: What you think you would like to do; what would be expected of you if you took on a volunteering role; what possible training and experience you would like to gain from volunteering? The Community Association is committed to correct volunteer agreement, procedures and support.

**Three Towns Area Action Partnership
(in partnership with the Positive Activities for Young People Team – Durham County Council)**

**“It is up to you” Trips and Visits Club
Autumn Half Term 2011 - Programme**

DATE	Activities
Monday 24 th October 2011	Go Karting 12.30am – 4 pm Cost £6 25 Places PL
Wednesday 26th October 2011	Ice Skating Whitley Bay 1.30pm – 5.30pm Cost £6 25 Places PL
Friday 28th October 2011	Wet n wild 10am – 1pm Cost £6 25 Places PL

The deadline to return all forms and payments is Friday 14th October 2011.

Please Note – Ice Skating Trip – Please wear warm clothing to include gloves and also bring spare pair of socks.

PLEASE NOTE: Individual families with two or more children may be offered further reductions in the Booking Fee. A change of socks are recommended for Ice Skating.

PL: indicates Pack Lunch Needed.

Pick up and Drop off Points are – Tow Law Community Centre, Willington Resource Centre (Lay-by next to Centre), West Durham Youth Community Resource, New Rd, Crook
If you require further details – please contact Graeme Black on – 01388 762760

Computer Basics Online

A new type of session is available from Monday September 5th 2011, at Tow Law Community Centre for absolute beginners in Computing. The idea of these sessions will be enable people to become confident in the use of a computer, not only in the basic use of it but also exploring the Internet with skills such as e-mails, and online services such as shopping, using public services, job hunting and banking, plus digital photography. This is not a course as such but a steady progression through what interests the user, newcomers only access what they want to learn.

This is carried out using the **Go ON** website – www.go-on.co.uk – which offers free, easy-to-use email and web-search tools from a simple, banner-free website. It also includes basic IT courses – from how to use a keyboard and mouse to keeping safe online, using government e-services, social networking and even online job-hunting.

Because it's for absolute beginners, it's also designed to be supported, so all of the first steps in computer and internet use will be supervised in our sessions. We will offer a positive experience so that users will want to keep on using it.

Drop-In sessions are available at Tow Law Community Centre open to any adults and it's **all for free**.

The times of sessions are:
Every Monday and Wednesday, 10.00 - 12.00 p.m, and 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.
For further details call on 01388 731444.

So don't delay, if as a potential user you are not sure of what you want to do, phone (01388) 731444 or pop into the Centre for a coffee (or tea) and a chat



Art Exhibition at Tow Law Community Centre the Weekend of 22nd/23rd October

Showing: Local practicing artist work alongside examples of school and community art.

Displaying the work done by BJD and TLMP schools work, Russell Bell and the Community Centre have done for developing the Pathways project for Tow Law.

Invited Exhibitors:

Local Practicing Artists
Tow Law Artist Group
History Group
TLMPs and BJD Schools
Tow Law Community Groups

We are having an '**Open Afternoon**' on the **Sunday afternoon 23rd October** with additional attractions of Puppet show, Table Top Sale and Bouncy Castle, Raffle and Tombola

The Black Prince Banner will be on display with examples of Banner Restoration Projects.

We would like to invite all interested parties who wish to see the return of the Black Prince Banner to come along in support. We want to use this as an opportunity to launch a **Black Prince Banner Group**. With the aim of making a funding application for a replica Banner for taking out and about. We are also interested in a new Banner or mural work stemming from this, involving children and young people, history group and Tow Law Community.

Please can you let Jenny Mountain If you would be able to be part of:

- the exhibition
 - The banner group
- furthering the Banner Restoration and the related Schools and Community art project for 2013
On 01388 731444 or email
jennymountain@hotmail.co.uk