

Free Full Day Workshop Free Lunch



We can offer this opportunity, but must have 8 plus names to book Bishop Auckland College to run the event. Please contact Diane Pearson at the Community Centre for more info. 01388 731444

Bidding for Quality Town Council Status

Gaining Quality Town Council Status enables councils to work closely with others in the delivery of local services; to better represent their local communities; to solve certain local issues without recourse to the district or the county council and to provide a local information access point.

Examples of the range of services that might be delegated to the town council include:

Street cleaning; maintenance of highway verges, pavements and footpaths; litter collection and control; street lighting; street naming; parking restrictions; issue of bus passes; road safety measures; noise and nuisance abatement; tree preservation orders and the management of libraries.

In order to achieve quality status a council has to satisfy certain criteria to show that it is:

Representative of the whole community

Communicates with its residents

Properly managed and responsible

The town council has registered with the county Durham Association of Local Councils and is preparing the portfolio and application form. Further information will be included in the next edition of the Tattler.

Drama **ART** & photography

Ages 8 to 11

At Tow Law Community Centre

Wednesday and Thursday

April 11th and 12th

from 1:30 - 3:30

Family Learning
In County Durham

National Test Numeracy

Level 2

Tuesday 25th April

12.45-2.45 pm

10 week course

FREE Creche

Contact Diane Pearson at the Community Centre on
01388 731444

MUSIC TASTER DAY

APRIL 13th

This day will include Music Production, percussion, DJ session (mixing), Rock Band (Guitars, Drums, etc)



| Time | Activity | Max No | Activity | Max No |
|-------|------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| 10:30 | Music Production | 4-6 | Percussion | 15 |
| 11:30 | Music Production | 4-6 | Percussion | 15 |
| 13:15 | DJ Session | 6 | Rock Band | 6 |
| 14:15 | DJ Session | 6 | Rock Band | 6 |

(Please note that there is limited places you must sign up ahead of time, at the Community Centre.)

Next Town Council Meeting

The Next meeting of the Town Council is Tuesday 17th April 2007 commencing at 6:30 at the Community Centre.

Tidy Garden Competition

Look for further details of the Tidy Garden Competition sponsored by the Tow Law Town Council in the Next Edition of the Tattler

N-POWER Community Fund

Financial assistance is still available for groups within the Tow Law area from the N-POWER Community Fund. Further details and an application form is available from the Town Clerk (01388 731444)

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COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM THURSDAY 19TH APRIL AT 7.00 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

All members are invited to the Community Centre Annual General Meeting. On the agenda is the conversion of the Association from an unincorporated Association into a company limited by guarantee.

If you wish to be nominated to the committee please contact Lynne Rowland at the centre for a nomination form. Membership is open to all members of the community on payment of an annual fee of £1.50 children £2.00 OAP's and £2.50 for adults. We are looking for new committee members and a Treasurer for the association to work alongside our finance officer. Further details can be obtained from the centre.

YEAR OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS

The events leaflet has now been printed and 2 events have now happened.

The Play '*The Man who would be King*' was excellent with live music played on the sitar and zither giving a real atmosphere of India and Afghanistan. A small but appreciative audience was well entertained for over 2 hours and we hope to see the company back again with other productions in the future.

The *Antiques Roadshow* event proved to be an interesting and informative evening with Matthew Festing from Sothebys giving an explanation and valuation of items brought in by the audience. No one went home very much richer but a lot wiser about the items they brought. Again the Centre is looking at making this a regular annual event.

The next leaflet will be printed by the end of May. Do you have an event that you wish to advertise. It is free to community groups. Contact Diane at the centre and give her details.

HOME HOUSING DROP IN SESSIONS

From 4th April these will take place fortnightly at the Community Centre between 3-4p.m

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Unlike District Councils, Parish Councils are set to continue. The Town Council elections will take place on the same day as the District Council elections on Thursday May 3rd. The Town Council needs people from the community to stand for election to the Council to replace Councillors who are retiring and to bring some new blood to the council. Are you interested in your Town and want to see changes then apply for election. Forms must be completed and returned to Wear Valley District Council by 12 noon on Wednesday 4th April. Nomination forms are available from the Town Clerk who is at the Community Centre every afternoon between 1-4 Monday to Thursday or from Wear Valley District Council Civic Centre Crook.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Trustees of the green have made a formal request to the Town Council to take over the trusteeship of the Trust and to manage and maintain the green. The Trustees as individuals are finding it extremely difficult to continue to manage the green without ongoing resources to do so whereas the Town Council can manage it as part of its responsibilities and is able to raise funds to do so. It would also mean that the Town Council could look at establishing a play area for the town on the green in line with the conclusions of the Recreational Feasibility study that was completed last year. If you feel this is an appropriate way forward contact your Town Councillors and tell them so.

The Festival on the Green on 1st July is continuing to be organised subject to funding being available to pay for the attractions and we hope that it will be as well attended as in the past. We also have a funding bid with H J Banks community fund to pay for some lighting on the green but whether it is put in will depend on whether the green is taken over by the Town Council as the trustees do not have the resources to pay for the running costs.

Basic Web-Design

The object of this short course is to design at least two linked web pages on one of the following topics

- A hobby or pastime
- TV programme
- Family
- Yourself
- Personal interest

To include all of the following

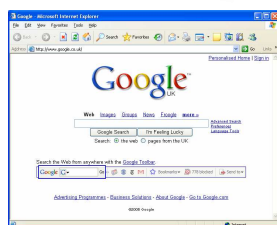
- At least 2 images
- 2 links to other websites
- paragraph of own text
- piece of text imported from another website
- mixture of fonts and colours

Discuss your chosen theme

- research other websites on your chosen theme
- use the evaluation sheet and evaluate other websites
- print the evaluated websites
- design your website
- Make any final adjustments
- Print the web site off in design and from the browser

- Collate all information together

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<HEAD>
<TITLE>Headings Exercise</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
<H1> This is the largest heading</H1>
<H2> This is the next size</H2>
<H3 ALIGN=LEFT> This is the third size heading</H3>
<H4 ALIGN=RIGHT> The headings are getting smaller now</H4>
<H5> This is the fifth level heading</H5>
<H6 ALIGN=RIGHT> This is the smallest heading allowed by HTML</H6>
</BODY>
</HTML>
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Internet

Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30,
April 19th for 6 weeks, all welcome
£2 per session
Tow Law Community Centre 01388 731444

Tow law Community Centre



Why don't you come along and dance the night away at Tow Law community centre. Old time dance along with sequence dancing with help available from the long term members. All adults are welcome and can become a new member within our friendly fun packed dance group. For more information contact the centre on (01388) 731444.

TOW LAW YOUTH PROJECTS

Monday Night

HOMEWORK CLUB 4:30 - 6:00

Starting April 16th

BOXING CLUB 6:00 - 8:00

(Starting later in April)

We have almost finalised a boxing coach to restart the Boxing Club, with a shift to Monday nights. If you are interested please drop into the Community Centre and sign up.

Wednesday Night

MURAL PROJECT 6:00 - 7:30

Starting April 18th

To produce a large scale piece of work for the main hall, drawing on images and inspiration from the local landscape. We will be using IT, digital photography to help in our final design *(Please note that there is **limited places** you must sign up ahead of time. Please drop in to the Community Centre and sign up before the night as consent forms are required.)*

Digital Imaging

Topics to be covered

- Selecting the appropriate software
- Opening an image
- Edit an image using a variety of tools available
- Adjust the image settings, adjust the brightness level
- Crop the picture, or resize the canvas
- Adjust the brightness level
- Use Filters
- Merge different images
- Colour correct images
- Import pictures from scanned images
- Understand media limitations
- Save the changes made
- Save the image to a new file type/ new file name
- Printing the image
- Use layers
- Save a layered image
- Export a layered image to a different file type
- Close the application
- Shutdown the computer
- Understand copyright issues



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£2 per session
Tow Law Community Centre 01388 731444

Events 2007

Come along and help us to celebrate 2007. There is something for the whole family to enjoy.

APRIL

Saturday 7th April

Cinema at the Centre

Lilo and Stitch @ 17:00

Doors to open at 16:45

JUNE

Friday 8th June

Community Sports Day

This is to include both local primary schools, Blessed John Duckett RC, and Tow Law Millennium Primary

JULY

Sunday 1st July

Millennium Green Festival- Festival on the Green

From 1:00

This years event will include bouncy castles, falconry, side shows, children's entertainment, tables for community groups and much, more. Please contact the community centre for more details closer to the event on 01388 731444.

Tuesday 21st July

Fun Day from 11:00

At the community centre for more details closer to the event on 01388 731444.

AUGUST

Saturday 4th August 10:30am

5 Mile Walk

A walk from Tow Law to Thornley and return starting from the Community Centre car park and taking in a picnic (sandwich and drink)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 7th, 8th & 9th

Celebration of Marriage

A include 10 flower exhibitions, Wedding Dresses, photos etc. We hope to have school children do workshop and make flowers for the end of the pews.

First Time Online



Just a reminder that the Drop-In sessions are continuing at the Centre throughout the Easter break open to any adults interested in learning how to use a computer, developing new skills such as word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, etc or those who wish to learn how to use the Internet e.g. how to e-mail, how to shop on line, etc 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; plus Tuesday afternoons (with crèche) 12.30 - 2.30 p.m.

In addition, these sessions are a must for anyone who wishes to access any of the Learn Direct courses and work towards a qualification. This can be done totally online either at home or at the Community Centre. There are courses in Literacy and Numeracy (you can update your qualifications to Level 2 for free!), Computing, Digital Photography, Business and Management. Again, there is no cost for doing any of this!

In addition, those of you who wish to take qualifications in computing, numeracy and literacy, languages or whatever, can now do so **entirely** at the Community Centre. We will be able to register you with a course or courses from Learn Direct **at the Centre**, you will be able to receive tuition **at the Centre** and you can even take any tests that will give you a qualification **at the Centre**. The training, registration and courses in numeracy and literacy are all free. Some of the courses may carry a small charge but in some cases, there may be financial help available. In addition, once you have taken out a registration, all of your learning can be conducted at the Centre or even at home, particularly if you have broadband access.

If you cannot make these times, then please ring and we can make alternative arrangements, either on a morning or evening. For further details give Alan a call on 01388 731444. Funding is also available for crèches, so if you need childcare, then let us know in advance.



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