

# TOW LAW TATTLER

**FEBRUARY 2005**

## **JOINT WORKING**

Following a series of consultation meetings with the County Council, the Town Council is to be offered a one-to-one meeting with County

officers to discuss the setting up of a Charter between the two authorities, based on the Model published by the Government as part of its Quality Town/Parish Council initiative. The Charter would offer the Town Council the opportunity to take on, or become involved in, certain functions and service delivery not previously open to it.



Alan is away on sick leave for the next few weeks. Diane is at the centre part time and the best time to catch her is Monday to Thursday between 11 and 1. The centre number is 01388 731444.

Alternatively ring Jenny Flynn on 01388 730525 or Judith Stevens on 01388 731029.

## **BATHS BUS**

Thanks to its popularity in 2004, the Town Council is considering extending this service to the six Wednesdays of the summer holiday 05 period in place of the previous four. *Further details will be publicised nearer the time.*

## **COMMUNITY FUND**

The Town Council will take over the administration of the Community Fund, formerly operated by n-power, on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Application forms will be available shortly.



## **"PRIDE IN WEAR VALLEY"**

Wear Valley District Council's Community Services Department is now operating this initiative which covers dog fouling, litter

dropping, fly-tipping and rubbish dumping, and abandoned vehicles. Anyone wishing to report instances of this form of anti-social

behaviour should contact Debbie Hibbert, the Community Services Enforcement Officer on 765555 extension 453.

## **WATCH YOUR WASTE**

From 6<sup>th</sup> December, a scheme has been in force requiring persons using a van, pick-up truck, or towing a trailer to tip household waste at any of the County Council's 17 recycling centres to have a permit for the purpose. At this stage, the sites closest to Tow Law are at Brown's Houses, Frosterley, and at Todd Hills near Willington. Enquiries should be made at the sites themselves, libraries, or at the County Council's web site : [www.durham.gov.uk/environment/permit](http://www.durham.gov.uk/environment/permit). The move has been made necessary by illegal use of the household sites by traders, which currently costs the County Council over £1 million. This in turn finds its way on to residents' Council Tax bills.



## **GOING WITH THE WIND**

Another planning application is pending, this time for a "watered down" version of the west Durham Wind Farm. The number of turbines has been significantly

reduced, and the application is now under consideration by Derwentside District Council, in whose area the installation will be sited.



## **WANT TO GET IN TRIM**

Tuesday night is the night for this at the centre. 6.0'clock is weight watchers and at 7.30 there is keep fit with Pat Parker. Make 2005 the year you get slimmer and fitter just come along to either or both.



## **MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS**

We have just secured funding to

create a seat for the wetland area. Artist Lesley Silvera will be holding workshops to design the seat at the Community Centre on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am the workshops are open to all and are free. Please come along and help us to create something new for the Green. We now have a number of packs of poop scoop bags at the community centre.

Try and keep the green free of dog muck. Collect your free pack of bags and use the bins at either end of the green.

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### **Community Association AGM**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 in the Hall.at 7.00pm.**

Open to all members. There will be a Cheese and Wine party afterwards. We still need volunteers for the committee.

Meetings take place once a month on the first Monday of the month and last for about an hour and a half.

Contact Jenny Flynn on 01388 730525 if you are interested in joining us.



### **EVER WANTED TO HAVE A GO AT YOUTH WORK?**

Starting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45AM is an Introduction to Youth Work course.

The course fee is £30 for waged and free to those on means tested benefit.

Come along on the day if you wish to enrol no prior booking necessary.



### **LADY MOLLY OF SCOTLAND YARD**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2005**

**AT 7.30PM**

### **MAIN HALL TOW LAW COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

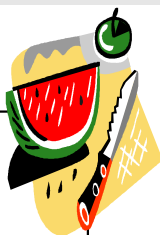
Lady Molly and her assistant Mary lead the audience through a giddy series of adventures adapted from the stories of baroness Orczy, creator of the Scarlet Pimpernel

Tickets Adults £4.50 and Children Concessions £3.

Tickets available from Greens Newsagents or from 01388 730525

### **HANDS ON HEALTH COURSE**

We would like to run a Hands on Health course in the Spring. The course covers basic cookery, simple first aid nutrition advice with a bit of aromatherapy and fun thrown in. Want to know more ring Diane at the centre. The best times are between 11 and 1 each day Monday to Thursday.



### **From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30AM**

Jenny Mountain is continuing her **ART for Everyone** course. Part of the course is restoring the banner that was painted in 1990.

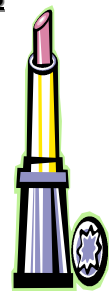
If you enjoyed art or have always wanted to give it a go this is the course for you.

COME ALONG ANY MONDAY TO JOIN IN.



### **HOT HAIR AND MEGA MAKEOVERS**

Interested in hair styling and hairdressing then hot hair is for you. Interested in facials and makeovers then mega makeover is for you. Two new courses to be brought to you by Bishop Auckland College. We will need 10 names to get them going but if you are interested then ring Diane on 731444 between 11am and 1pm Monday to Thursday.



The pensioners Christmas party was a great success with a super meal cooked by Jeff Gale. 50 pensioners took part and Father Christmas paid a visit.

Entertainment was provided by Jill Hall.

Our thanks to all who helped including

Father Christmas, Jill, Judith, Ailsa, Veronica and Sandra.

### **I.T. COURSES AT THE CENTRE**

Want to use the internet come along and see Jason Miller on Saturday mornings at 10.00, at the internet café cost £1.

Currently we are operating from an ISDN line so the connection is not always good but as soon as Broadband comes to Tow Law we will be making the change

Want to have a go at computing but don't want to commit to a full course. Then call in on Monday afternoons from 1.00. Ann Appleby runs a drop in basic computing course for beginners. Cost £1.



## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS**

We are currently looking at finding funding to do a full survey of recreational activities for our young people. Once funding is in place we will be carrying out surveys to find out what people actually want.

We have just successfully finished a flower arranging course with Norman Deacon and a reflexology course with Margaret Collins. We are looking to organise further courses as soon as we have confirmation of funding for Diane. Watch out for posters around the town.

The food co op has come to an end through lack of orders. It ran successfully up to Christmas but orders dried up after Christmas. If there is a demand in future we will restart it, but we will need some volunteers to help.

### **WEST DURHAM WIND FARM PROPOSALS**

Following our public consultation last year we have analysed all the feedback we received and drawn up a final design for the above proposals, which lie on land between Satley and Tow Law. The proposals have changed significantly in response to the feedback we received. We have reduced the number of turbines from 22 to 13 placing them in a more clustered design and reduced the site area.

We submitted a planning application to Derwentside District Council at the end of January. The planning application will be available for viewing by appointment only at both the Council offices in Consett and the Banks offices in Tow Law. It will also be available in Tow Law Community Centre, please contact the community centre on 731444 for times that the application will be available.

If you would like further information on the proposals contact Rob Williams or Emma Lewin at Banks on 01388 738350.

### **GOING, GOING, GONE**

Developers Alexander Homes have submitted a formal planning application for a mixed housing development at the Auction Mart site. The proposal is for the provision of 67 dwellings on the 1.9 hectare site, and for the removal of the redundant buildings and paddocks. The Auction Ring, as a Grade 11 listed building will be retained in situ, and will be enclosed on three sides by the proposed boundary treatment to the adjacent houses, and will have a green landscaped seating area to the front. The development if approved, will create an environment which will sit sympathetically with the surrounding urban fabric.



### **POLICE WARNING :**

In his report to the recent meeting of the Town Council, Sergeant Steve Donnelly Community Beat Team based in Stanhope, warned householders that there has been a county-wide spate of bogus callers, claiming to be officials of various public undertakings. These people have various ways of gaining entry to private premises, and he warned people, especially the elderly, not to be duped by the excuses given. Bona fide callers always carry identification, and the Police advice is to refuse entry to anyone who does not. If in any doubt, householders are asked to try and get some brief description of the callers, who they claim to represent, and then ring 999. He assured the public, that this was an authorised use of the emergency number.



### **SHELTER FROM THE STORM :**

In an effort to retain the bus shelter at the junction of High Street and Church Lane over the Winter period, the Town Council has arranged for it to be cleaned on a regular basis so as to make it more attractive to bus users. The Police have also undertaken to monitor the situation, especially in the evenings, when pedestrians are often intimidated by youths who gather in the shelter.



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### **NO SWINGS OR ROUNDABOUTS**

On an anti-social theme, the Town Council has removed and stored for the Winter, the swings on the Alpine Way play area. It is hoped that this will discourage teenagers from gathering in the area in the evenings and causing nuisance to nearby residents. The equipment will of course be replaced in the Spring. The swings at Deerness Estate, which continue in the control of Wear Valley District Council have also been removed for a similar reason. The Town Council has now taken over the play areas at Alpine Way and Pennine View with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.



**Stop Press**

**Broadband is due in  
Tow Law at the end  
of the month.**

**The deadline for the  
March/April 05 edition of  
the  
Tattler is Monday 7th  
March**

**WANT TO BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE****The prices are as follows****Commercial Hire by businesses etc.**

Hall £20 per hour  
Meeting Rooms £15 per hour

**Social Use**

Hall £12 per hour  
Meeting Rooms £8 per hour

**Party Rate for Children's Party**

3 hours plus set up time and use of kitchen  
£30

**Evening Use**

7pm 'till Midnight  
£60 to include use of kitchen

**Community Centre**

**Dans Castle  
Tow Law  
Co Durham  
DL13 4AY  
(01388)731444**

**If you have any stories you would like to see in the Tattler please email**

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**Tow Law F.C.**

The Lawyers have made an encouraging start to their return to the Ironworks road ground. The Coal Authority thankfully stepped in and took responsibility for the subsidence. Had it not done so the club could have been faced with a bill in the region of £250,000 – and the possibility of extinction. The Coal Authority by acting promptly enabled the 850 tonnes of concrete to be poured unendingly down the old workings and the turf to be laid in time for the game against Chester le Street on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Sadly the pitch did not thaw out sufficiently for the fixture to go ahead. The first game back took place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. January with a welcome Lawyers 3-1 victory over West Auckland. A close 0-1 defeat followed away to Consett but a magnificent 3-0 win at home to Durham on 5<sup>th</sup>. February took the Lawyers off the bottom of the table. The home support is going to be crucial in the run in to the end of the season so please come along and help the team and our managers Geoff Young and Local Hero Brian Fowler to get the club over the disaster and problems caused by the subsidence. With your support the club can turn the season round. Well done to the Juniors who have ended their league season clinching the runners up spot.

**Remaining Fixtures**

**(Please check press and notices in case of last minute changes)**

Wed. 9/2/05 – Billingham Synthonia vrs Tow Law,

Sat. 12/2/05 – Bedlington Terriers vrs Tow Law ,

Tues. 15/2/04 Tow Law vrs Horden,

Sat. 19/2/05 Tow Law vrs Billingham Synthonia,

Sat. 26/2/05 - Tow Law vrs Ashington,,

Sat. 12/3/05 – Tow Law vrs Jarrow Roofing,

Sat. 19/3/05 – Tow Law vrs Peterlee,

Sat. 26/3/05 – Tow Law vrs Guisborough ,

Sat. 2/4/05 – Tow Law vrs Shildon,

Sat. 9/4/05 – Tow Law vrs Dunston Fed.

**To be arranged–      Guisborough (away), Esh Winning (home), Billingham Town (home),  
Chester-le-Street (home), Morpeth (home),**

**STOP PRESS: THE BEDLINGTON GAME TO BE REARRANGED BECAUSE OF THEIR F.A. VASE COMMITMENTS**