TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

GET IN THE SWIM

Once again the Town Council is providing transport to Crook swimming baths on five Wednesdays during the school holidays. As an additional feature for this year, arrangements are being made for an outing to the "Wet 'n Wild Water Park on North Tyneside. This trip will take place on the remaining Wednesday of the holidays, and full details will be given by public notices as soon as arrangements are complete. In the meantime, please contact the Town Clerk or the community workers at the Community Centre, either in person or by calling 731444 if you need any further information

Bath Bus timetable:

Wednesday 25th July 2007 Wednesday 1st August 2007 Wednesday 8th August 2007 Wednesday 15th August 2007 Wednesday 22nd August 2007 Wednesday 29th August 2007 Wet n Wild trip

Consent forms need to be filled in available at Greens Newsagents shop

Vacancies

Efforts are being made to fill the vacancy which currently exists on the Tow Law Town Council. If you are interested in joining the Town Council please contact John Abbott at the Community Centre on 01388 731444.

Dog Fouling

The Tow Law Town Council are looking into the ongoing problem of dog fouling, and how to resolve this. If you have any comments or suggestions contact the Town Clerk at the Community Centre on 01388 731444.

DJ / MC Night Tow Law Community Centre Wednesday July 18th 8:30 - 10:30

Young people have approached us to allow them hold an event with DJ's / MC's and music. There are limited places - 50, and this is a ticket only event, for 14 to 19's. This event will have the involvement of the street wardens, volunteers, and refreshments will be available.

Tickets will be available from Greens Newsagents.

Learning at Tow Law Community Centre

There are a number of local residents accessing our computing facilities at the Centre. Why? Some, like Madge Coughtrey and Nancy Russell have been coming to the Centre for a number of years, firstly with Jason, then with Anne Appleby and now are regular attendees on a Monday afternoon at the Drop-In session. They still enjoy trying to fathom out the intricacies of using the computer but also enjoy the relaxed, friendly atmosphere that there is at the Drop-Ins. Others such as Helen Beveridge, Janice Gould, Andrea Richardson, Anne-Marie Charlton and Ann-Marie Sweeney are taking long-distance learning courses with Learn Direct. (Long-distance learning courses are online courses, many of them available for free including numeracy and literacy, courses in data basing, accounting, word processing, etc).

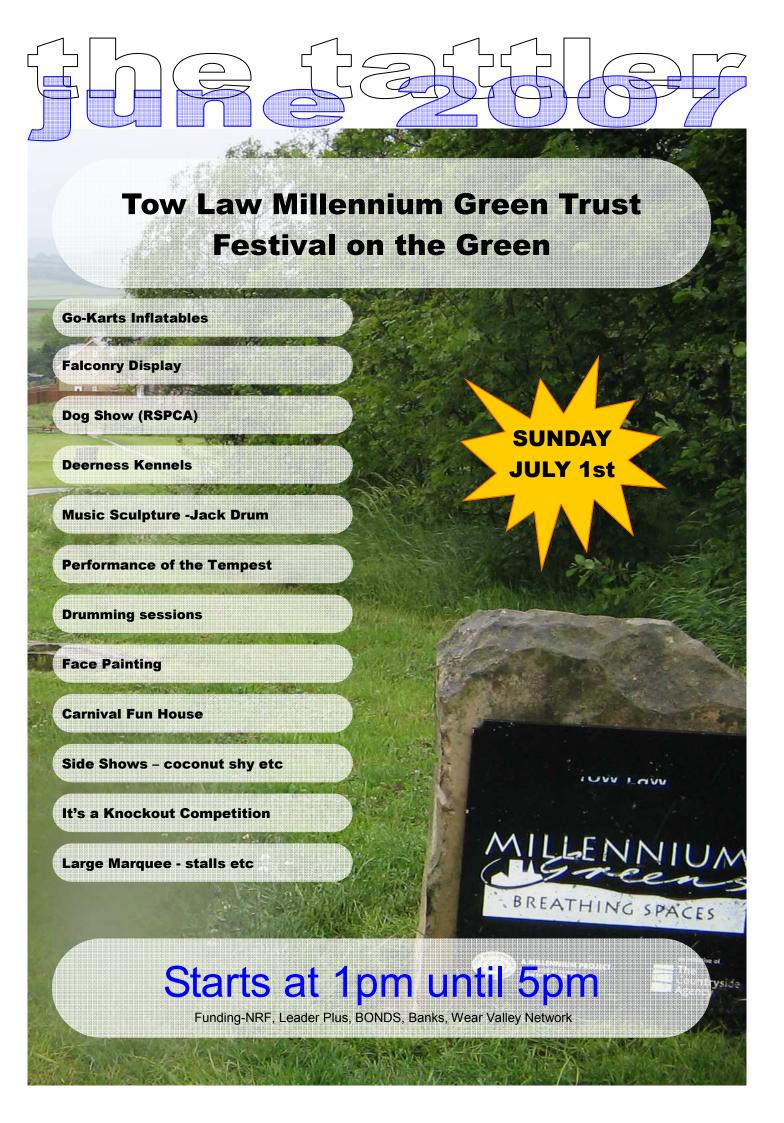
Help is available to all the learners both in the room and also by online tutor, and all the qualifications are recognised City & Guilds or CLAIT qualifications.

Others such as John Fraser are starting off on that long (and sometimes frustrating) journey trying to achieve a level of confidence to enable them to show off to the grandchildren or at least not to feel too embarrassed when they come to visit. Beginners can quickly gain confidence in doing simple tasks such as letter writing or setting up posters, and really then the world is their oyster. With the rapid advances in digital photography and the easier use of software, it's not too long before anyone can be producing their own Christmas Cards, Business Cards, Calendars or whatever.

So if you have thought in the past that you can't, why not start thinking that you can and come and join the rest of the gang who attend the sessions. Sessions at the moment are Mondays and Wednesday s, 10.00 a.m – 12.00 p.m and 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m., Tuesday afternoons, 12.30 - 2.30 p.m. (Crèche provided for those of you with young children). All drop-ins are free of charge so what's stopping you?

Calendar Competition

The Community Centre once again are inviting all you budding artist and photographers to submit photos, drawings, or any art work relating to Tow Law and the surrounding area for possible inclusion in a calendar for next year, 2008. We are looking for images or art work of Tow Law throughout the year, so all weathers can be included. Please submit copies of images to **calendar@towlaw.org.uk**, or drop them off at the community centre. If you only have originals only please arrange with Alan or Lynne at the community centre prior to submission so that you can keep your originals.





THE BRITISH HEART **FOUNDATION Tow Law Select 11** Vrs. Weardale Select 11 Tow Law Town AFC, Ironworks Road, Tow Law. Friday 13th July 2007. Kick off 7pm. All proceeds to The British Heart Foundation. Man of the Match Sponsorship by David Coulson. Events 2007 Tuesday 24th July - Fun Day from 11:00 At the community centre for more details closer to the event on 01388 731444. 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 St Phillip & James Church Hall OPEN DAY JUNE 30TH

in aid of

The HISTORY SOCIETY will be displaying a selection of boards and the books of photographs. Also the church hall art group will have art work on display

10AM-4PM

Entrance will be £1 which will include raffle tickets and refreshments.

HEDLEYHOPE FELL

Volunteers have been essential to the development and management of Hedleyhope Fell over the last two years. Without the support of local volunteers the majority of management works undertaken on the reserve would simply not happen!

- Over 1500 volunteer days have been committed in the last 2 years by volunteers.
- Hedleyhope Fell is over 200ha is size, making it the largest reserve managed by Durham Wildlife Trust.
- Groups from the BTCV Green Gym, Conservation Society and Probation Service are working on the Fell, on average, once a week.
- Parts of the Fell have the most potential in County Durham to reintroduce the small pearled-bordered fritillary butterfly.
- Over 3500m of fence will be erected over the next few months so that sheep and cattle can graze the Fell.
- The Fell is an important site for snipe over the winter months and many other ground nesting birds during the breeding season.
- This year the BTCV held a week long conservation holiday on the Fell with some volunteers coming from as far away as Hong Kong and Spain!
- Over 1700 juniper trees have been planted on the Fell by volunteers.
- The Fell is important for a range of reptiles including the slow worm, common lizard and adder.

The Hedleyhope Fell Volunteer Task Force is working on the Fell to improve habitats for wildlife and access for people, 162 days of the year!

The Hedlevhope Fell Volunteer Task Force work on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

We carry out conservation tasks such as footpath maintenance, wildlife surveys, bracken control, tree and scrub management and heather burning. Pick ups are available from Witton-le-Wear, Crook and Tow Law.

For more information contact Craig Best on 01388 488728 or cbest@durhamwt.co.uk or call into Low barns Nature Reserve in Witton-le-Wear for a chat.

BOXING

Has restarted on Monday Nights 7:00



to 8:30, interested contact Ashley or Lynne on 01388 731444



What's	on at the C	ommunity Centre
Monday	9:30 - 11:30	IT Drop-in
	1:00 - 3:00	IT Drop-in
	1:00 - 3:00	Baby and Toddler Group
	4:30 - 6:30	Homework Club
	6:30 - 8:30	Percussion Drumming
	7:00 - 8:30	Boxing Club
Fuesday	12:30 - 2.30	IT Drop-in with a crèche
	6:00 - 7:15	WeightWatchers
	6:30 - 8:30	Summer IT Drop-in
	7:15 - 9:15	Keep Fit Class
Wednesday	9:30 - 11:30	IT Drop-in
	1:00 - 3:00	IT Drop-in
	5:00 - 6:00	Rainbows
	6:00 - 7:15	Brownies
	6:00 - 7:30	Art Project
	7:30 - 9:30	DJ Night
Thursday	10 - 12	Baby and Toddler Group
	5:30 - 7:30	Carpet Bowls
	6:30 - 8:30	Summer IT Drop-in
	8:00 - 10:30	Sequence Dancing
riday	9.00 - 11.30	Tapestry
	9.30 - 11.30	Writing Skills
Saturday	10am - 12 Noon	Internet Café

Telephone 01388 731444



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> Telephone: 01388 730622 Mobile: 07880 790875

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