

# TOW LAW TATTLER

March/April 2005

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Tow Law Community Partnership has recently discussed in detail the problems associated with this modern day issue. The last meeting was attended by representatives of Home Housing, the Police, Wear Valley District Council, Education in the Community and the Town Council. Home Housing was to issue a letter to each of its tenants setting out its policy regarding the problem, and a number of ideas are being addressed in order to provide the young people with some alternative form of entertainment. Facilities such as youth shelters and skate boards are only two ideas which spring to mind, and a survey to canvass the youngsters' views is being considered.

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## BATHS BUS

The Town Council has now agreed to extend this service for 2005. The bus will now operate every Wednesday during the school holiday period instead of the previous four. Youngsters asking for tickets will be handed a questionnaire seeking their views on what activities and/or facilities they would like to see provided in the town for their leisure time. Anyone who has ideas on this subject will be welcome to pass them on to the Town Council,

either by calling in to the Community Centre or popping them through the letter box. This is your opportunity to have your say.



## COMMUNITY FUND

The Town Council will administer the Community Fund, previously operated by n-power, from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Individuals and groups may apply for grants from the fund, and each application will be treated on its merits. Application forms will be available in April, and can be obtained from the Town Council's office in the Community Centre. Telephone 731444.



## West Durham Wind Farm

H.J.Banks & Co. has now submitted its revised plans for a new development of 13 turbines on land at South Shields, West Carr and Stonefoot Hill Farms. The original plan was for 22 turbines, but following a series of public consultation exercises and exhibitions, this has been revised. A copy of the plan is available for inspection in the Community Centre.

## NEW LIFE FOR CATTLE MART



The Town Council has been pleased to support the application by Alexander Homes for a mixed housing development on the Cattle Mart site. The application is now before planners at Wear Valley District Council, and the Town Council feels that it will provide a great boost to the environmental and economic regeneration of the town. The auction ring itself, which is a Grade 11 listed building will have to be retained, but it will be screened on three sides, with the other side, facing High Street, being landscaped and public seating provided.



## Looking for a Job?

Wear  
Valley

Action Team  
for Jobs

Is now go-  
ing mobile

Call the job-  
centre for  
details

Thursday May 5th is polling day for the County Council elections and could possibly be the date of the General Election.

If you are voting for the first time or even the 21st time use your vote. We are lucky to live in a stable democracy but it will only remain so if we use our vote. Love your politicians or hate them use your vote to tell them what you think!

Workshops to design a seat for the Millennium Green had to be put off until the 12th March. We had over 12 Children at the workshop and the sculptor went away with some good designs. We are going to design a seat for the pond area of the Millennium Green. There will be some further environmental workshops after Easter. Look out for the posters.

### **STOP PRESS**

**RAINBOWS: TUESDAY 5-6PM**

@ Tow Law Millennium School

**BROWNIES: TUESDAY 6.15-7.30PM**

@ Tow Law Millennium School

**GUIDES: TUESDAY 5pm-6.15pm**

@ the Church Hut

The performance of Lady Molly of Scotland Yard had to be cancelled because of the weather and poor ticket sales. we would like to continue putting shows on at the Centre but unless people buy tickets when they go on sale we will not be able to continue.

Please support your centre.

### **FREE FOOTBALL TRAINING** **TOW LAW RECREATION GROUND**

TUESDAY 7pm-9pm

THURSDAY 5pm-6pm under 14's

THURSDAY 6pm-8pm 16 years +

### **ANYONE INTERESTED IN RUNNING A YOUTH CLUB FOR THE OVER 12's .**

We now have a very successful fun club for 6-11 year olds. Anyone interested in running a club for the older year groups? If you have a recognised youth work qualification we may even be able to get you paid.

Contact Jenny Flynn on 730525 if you are interested.

### **STRUGGLING WITH HOMEWORK?**

### **JOIN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **HOMEWORK CLUB**

**4.15-6.15PM**

You can get trained staff or work on your own with full on-line service to support you. Parents welcome to the Family Learning Sessions on Tuesday.

**Monday-Year 11**

**Tuesday- Year 7**

**Wednesday Year 7&8**

**Thursday-Year 9**



### **FUN CLUB** **WEDNESDAY**

**6-7.30PM**

**50P PER SESSION**

**CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS**

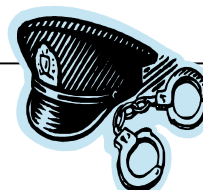
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

### **BEGINNERS COMPUTING**

**WITH JASON MILLER STARTING ON TUESDAYS**

**FROM APRIL 5TH at 6.00**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT DIANE AT THE CENTRE ON 731444**



### Football Club News

Unfortunately the club news is not good. The team are currently languishing at the bottom of the table. We have a large number of games in hand, because games have had to be postponed because of the state of the pitch. The Coal Board contractors now have come back on to the pitch to ensure we can complete all home fixtures.

The Club does need support to get us over this bad patch and hopefully keep us up. The next scheduled home game is on Saturday 2nd April V Shildon Kick off 3.00 although another game may be scheduled before that to catch up with the backlog so please check the local press. The club also needs volunteers to help on the committee. There is a supporters meeting at 7.30 on 1st April in the clubhouse

### **23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL & 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 10AM-4PM**

Four Artists will visit the Community Centre, offering workshops focusing on textiles.

Patchwork, Embellishing, Batik, Collage

Looking at the processes of producing textile works such as drawing and painting.

We are hoping to attract

Artists from a large geographical area to share knowledge and appreciation of these disciplines.

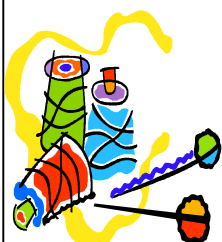
This is a great chance to socialise and learn with

others who also enjoy art and textiles.

£20- per day

Bring a packed lunch

Book in advance on: 01388 731444



We always need volunteers at the centre. Can you help! Contact Jenny on 730525 if you can



### **Hot Hair & Mega Makeovers**

10 Weeks

**£30** *(Free to those on means tested benefits)*

Gain a qualification that introduces you to

Hair & Beauty which includes

- Hair Care
- Make Up
- Manicures

Start date to be confirmed

Please ring Tow Law Community

Centre on

(01388) 731444



### **Art Banner**

Jenny Mountain has been repairing and repainting the Community Centre Banner, with the aid of local enthusiasts. They will be working on the banner on Thursday 31st March from 10 - 2,00. If you would like to join them please come along then

**We still need more volunteers**

**Or come along any Monday from 4th April 9.30 -10.00**

### **CHILDREN'S ART WITH SUE, TRISH & JENNY,**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS:**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 10-2**

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 10-2**

**This is your chance to make a big impression!**

**We want the children and young people of Tow Law to create a large painting on board to be put on permanent display at the Community Centre. You can also produce small paintings on board to take home.**

**We want YOUR ideas, put into YOUR work.**

**MUST WEAR OLD CLOTHES (these paints don't wash out!)**



### **PARENT AND TODDLER GROUPS (1-3 YEARS)**

**Monday 1-3pm Tiny Tots @ Tow Law Community Centre**

**Wednesday 1-3pm Parents & Toddlers @ Tow Law Millennium Primary School**

**Thursday 9.15-11.15am Tiny Tots @ Tow Law Community Centre**

**Friday 9-11am Parents & Toddlers @ Tow Law Millennium Primary School**



## **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

### **Refuse to Suffer In Silence**

Anti Social Behaviour covers a wide range of problems. It is associated with loutish and unruly conduct such as verbal abuse, harassment, assault, graffiti and excessive noise. It also includes racial harassment, drunk and disorderly behaviour, throwing missiles, vehicle crime and hate crime.

If you believe you are suffering from acts of anti-social behaviour which are causing you or your family harassment, alarm or distress, please contact one of the following numbers for advice.

<b>Martin Scurr</b>	<b>Home Housing Tenancy Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>01429 260476</b>
<b>Phil Shaw</b>	<b>Wear Valley Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator</b>	<b>01388 660953</b>
<b>PC Jeff Moore</b>	<b>Local Beat Officer</b>	<b>0845 6060365</b>

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE**

### **WHEELED BIN COLLECTION SERVICE**

Wheeled bins are being allocated to every household in the area very shortly. If you have any problems with the DISPOSAL of any materials and also the MOVEMENT or SIZE of these bins please contact

**Wear Valley District Council** on 01388-765555 or  
**Cllr Ron Grogan** on 01388 731969



#### **TOWN CLERK'S HOURS OF DUTY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

TUESDAY	22 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURSDAY	24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
TUESDAY	29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURSDAY	31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
TUESDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURSDAY	7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
TUESDAY	12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURSDAY	14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
TUESDAY	19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	1 P.M. – 6 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	11 A.M. – 4 P.M.
TUESDAY	26 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURSDAY	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

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If in doubt, please telephone ahead to confirm the Clerk's attendance



**The Deadline for  
the May/June  
edition of the  
Tattler  
is  
Monday 9th May  
2005**

**Community Centre**  
**Dans Castle**  
**Tow Law**  
**Co Durham**  
**DL13 4AY**

**(01388)731444**