



TOW LAW TATTLER

MAY/JUNE

Anti-Social Behaviour

Home Housing has been instrumental in advising its tenants on its anti-social behaviour policy, pointing out the implications of breaches of its requirements. Early indications are that the hard-hitting letter which has been sent to every household has had a positive effect. As a follow-up to this action, it is hoped to arrange a meeting with young people to discuss their recreational aspirations, and to arrange a visit to various facilities which exist in other areas, to ascertain whether similar provision might be appropriate locally.

Recreation Ground

Funding is now available for a feasibility study on the proposed revamping of the area, which



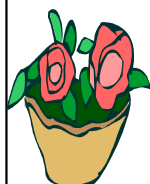
provides a vital source of recreation for the young people of the town. The study will include wide consultation with the youngsters to canvass their views on the type of facilities which they would like to see provided. In the meantime, the surface of the playing area, which has been badly corroded, is to be re-laid, to enable it to be re-opened as soon as possible.



Remove that Rubbish!

In an attempt to reduce the increasing incidence of fly tipping in the area, Wear Valley District Council offers a free service for the collection and removal of large items of household rubbish. If you need help in this matter, simply ring the Civic Centre in Crook on **765555**.

TOW LAW IN BLOOM



The Town Council has again arranged for the provision and maintenance of the usual floral tubs in the Bridge Street, High Street and Dan's Castle

areas during the summer months. These are provided by a local contractor, and will be on



Take Notice

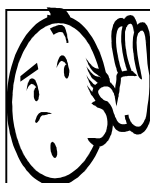
The Town Council has

recently taken delivery of a large wall-mounted public notice board, which is now in place by the main door of the Community Centre. The board will be used to display the ever increasing number of statutory notices, as well as Town Council notices, meetings agendas, minutes and other information. This will help to keep residents informed as to the work of the Town Council throughout the year.



Residents are reminded that they have a statutory right to attend all Council and Committee meetings, except in certain circumstances. Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and December. Committee meetings are convened as necessary

Young Voices Being Heard



Starting in June, two representatives from each of the School Councils at the Millennium and Blessed John Duckett R.C. Primary Schools will be attending meetings of the Tow Law Community Partnership. Initially as observers, it is hoped that the young people will become confident enough to participate in the discussions, and offer their own views on how they see recreational provision in the town, especially for their own age

HEDLEYHOPE FELL



The Fell now has a new Warden. Craig Best has been appointed by Durham Wildlife Trust to implement its plans for the area, and the Town Council has already held informal talks with him to learn details of his remit. Despite the new "Right to Roam" legislation, the Trust is seeking to encourage the public to keep to the existing Rights of Way and subsequently to the new paths which will be brought into use in partnership with the County Council. The longer term aim is to have the area designated as a Nature Reserve. Craig is particularly keen to deal with the problems caused by off-road vehicles and motor bikes, since much of the wildlife to be introduced will be "ground based". There are no plans for large scale water features, although a number of "scrapes" may be provided to encourage wading birds etc. Similarly, there are no current plans for a visitor centre/education facility, though these could be considered in due course depending on the popularity of the Fell. Despite this, school groups will be encouraged. The main thrust of the development is to provide recreational opportunities, and these could possibly include provision for horse riding.



NEW HOUSING FOR TOW LAW

Plans by Alexander Developments (N.E.) Ltd. for the erection of 65 detached, linked and semi-detached dwellings on the Auction Mart site have been approved by Wear Valley District Council. Initially, the old auction ring, which is a Grade 2 listed building will have to be retained, albeit well landscaped, but efforts are being made to have this restriction lifted, so as to provide space for additional houses. The development is a welcome addition to the environment of the town, and will provide a boost to the local economy, while helping to reverse the current trend of falling rolls at the two primary schools.

TABLE TOP SALE

We held a Table Top Sale on Sunday 8th May. Unfortunately the turn out was not as good as we would have liked, but a big thanks to all those who came along to support us. Many thanks to the stall holders, and to Mavis, without whom the event would not have taken place.



CHAIRMAN STANDING DOWN AFTER 14 YEARS

At the Annual meeting of the Council on the 17th May, Jenny Flynn has stood down as Chairman of Tow Law Town Council after 14 years.

Jenny felt that after such a long time it was time to retire and let a new chairman take over. There is two years left of this council to go and it seemed right for a new chairman to have time to settle in before the next election. Councillor Flynn will continue to serve as a Councillor.

Terry Batson has now been appointed Chairman



YOUTH SHELTER, WHAT'S THAT?

Well, it's exactly what it says it is - a shelter for youths.

Young people are often criticised for 'hanging around the streets', so the idea is to give them somewhere to go. Youth shelters are often a metal structure, with walls and a roof, but no door. There is no heating, but they are water tight and have seats where people can chat.

Home housing will be asking young people if they would like to visit a youth shelter in another area and see what they think of it. If youths like the idea, and we can find a suitable site, then we

BLESSED JOHN DUCKETT FUND RAISING FOR LENT

Blessed John Duckett RC Priamry School has been raising money during Lent for charities such as St Cuthbert's Care and Cafod. The houses (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) chose different things they would like to do to raise it. There were lots of different suggestions, but the School Council cut it down to only four: A disco, a cake sale, and Around the World Day, and a penny trail, which were held every Friday in Lent.

The disco, which was held on the first Friday, was a great success. Everyone was up on the dance floor, dancing to tunes chosen by the House Captain DJ's: Hannah, Luke and Nicola.

LETS BOOGIE!!!

The cake sale was held the second Friday, and council members Craig, Beth and Jenny sold many scrummy treats. Everyone was certainly looking forward to this, and everyone brought something to sell. Thanks to everyone's hungry stomachs we managed to raise loads of cash for charity.

YUM!!!

Around the World Day was brilliant, and everyone came dressed in different costumes from all over the place. There were Indians, cowboys and cowgirls, Mexicans and even surfers from the Caribbean.

We managed to raise so many pennies for the final Friday, and it was laid in a big swirl in the middle of the hall. It was over a metre and a half in diameter once everyone had finished.

Thanks to all of these events, Blessed John Duckett School raised

£100 FOR CAFOD AND £250 FOR ST CUTHBERTS CARE!

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!!

CANCER RESEARCH'S

'RACE FOR LIFE'

Each year Cancer Research UK hold a sponsored run (or walk) in Sunderland to raise money to help cure cancer faster.

Diane Pearson (your Community Development Worker), will be taking part in the 'Race for Life', on June 5th 2005. If anyone would like to sponsor Diane, she will be at the Community Centre week days, or you could see any other member of staff. She has already received support from the Community Centre Management Committee, the Fun Club, and the Dance Club.

Many thanks to those who have supported so far!



CHILDREN'S ART with Sue, Trish & Jenny (Wednesday 23rd March)

This went very well with around 25 children, and 10 adults turning up.

Plenty of evidence of our activities in the foyer.

Work has continued on Wednesday nights with the Fun Club. The art work is now complete and can be seen in the community centre. Well done to all those who took part.

MEGA MAKEOVERS

10 week course, provided by Bishop Auckland College started, 18th April. The course is going well, with students enjoying learning about make up and skin care, while gaining a qualification.

HOME HOUSING

John Ray from home housing will be holding surgery ever Wednesday 2-3 in the Community Centre.

PRIDE CAMPAIGN—MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2005

Children painted and planted, plant pots, to take home to make their door step look good. Very well attended with around 30 children taking part.

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THOSE PLANT POTS IN THE TOWN.

TOW LAW FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The local football season has now finished.

Thankfully Tow Law Town were not relegated as looked likely earlier in the season and they finished with 43 points.

A new chairman has been appointed, Sandra Gordon, to replace Harry Hodgson who retired this year and the committee are concentrating on getting the pitch ready for next season and on building up the team. The club always needs new members and new volunteers. If you can help please call down at the club any evening and speak to one of the committee.



Date for your diary Saturday and Sunday 1st & 2nd October 2005

Tow Law history Group will be holding an exhibition in the Community Centre. The Centre would like to contribute with some photos of the centre in use over the years, including the social centre and the old mechanics Institute. If you have any photos please could you contact Jenny Flynn on 01388 730525 and she can arrange for them to be copied.

WOLSINGHAM COMMUNITY POOL TO REOPEN - SATURDAY 28th MAY 2005

Wolsingham Community School Pool is once again ready to open its doors for community use.

Now to the pool needs your support—further details at www.wolsinghampool.co.uk

Auction Mart

Development

Do you think the auction mart ring should stay or should it go as part of the new

Development. We would like your views if you feel there is a use for it or that it should go. Give John Abbot a ring on Tuesdays or Thursdays on 731444 or speak to a Town Councillor

NEW SEAT FOR THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Millennium green has a new seat by the pond area. It was sculpted by a local artist from designs created by a group of local children. The main design used was that of Nicola Laing and she helped when the seat was installed. We also constructed a willow shelter over the seat to hopefully produce a natural shelter once the willow has taken. This is slightly out of shape at the moment as a few refinements have been added by local children but should correct itself once the willow starts to grow.



TOW LAW COMMUNITY GYM

OPENING ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2005 @

TOW LAW WORKINGMENS CLUB

GET IN THE SWIM



The Town Council is now seeking quotations for the provision of transport for youngsters wishing to visit Crook swimming baths during the school holidays. This year, the service has been extended to six Wednesdays during the holidays, and full details of timings, tickets etc., will be published nearer the time.

MEN'S NIGHTS:

MON & WED, 7pm—11pm

& SAT 12 noon—4pm

LADIES NIGHTS:

TUE & THUR 7pm—11pm

& MON & WED 12 noon—2pm

MEMBERSHIP ONLY £20.00+ £2.50 PER SESSION

(MEMBERS MUST BE AGED 16 OR OVER)

YOU CAN EMAIL ANY NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE TATTLER TO

towlawtattler@hotmail.co.uk

STEP AEROBICS EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

7PM—8PM