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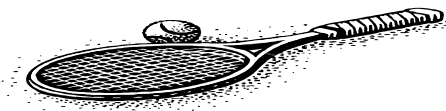
## Hackworth Park Tennis Courts

### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

The tennis courts in Hackworth Park are to be completely refurbished and it is anticipated that the new courts will be available for use from the end of June 2007 – just in time for the post Wimbledon rush!

The Town Council, together with Groundwork East Durham, has secured £50,000 funding from Barclays Spaces for Sport and £35,000 from the Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme to finance the refurbishment works at no cost to the taxpayer.

A Sports Development Programme will be produced in partnership with the Borough Council and it is planned that, in time, a Tennis Club will be reintroduced.



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## TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT SET FOR 2007/08

The Town Council has agreed a precept for 2007/08 of £553,090 which represents an increase of £7,610 or 1.4%.

This precept equates to a Band D Council Tax of £194.96 representing a reduction of £1.61 or 0.8%.

New items included in the precept are the cost of the May 2007 local elections, printing and distribution costs of the quarterly newsletter, the re-introduction of the Arts and Crafts Competition and the additional monitoring and maintenance costs of the CCTV cameras to be introduced into Hackworth Park.

### Shildon Town Council Meeting Dates

26th March 2007  
23rd April 2007

### Resources & Service and Amenities Committees

12th March 2007  
9th April 2007

## Shildon Community Safety Group

2006 What a Good Year!

We had a very busy and successful year in 2006. Two activities we are very proud of are the Bogus Callers Initiative and the Shildon Intergenerational Calendar Project. Both these initiatives reached every home in the town, the first with a bright yellow sticker warning unexpected callers not to knock on the door, the second with a calendar depicting Shildon and giving useful safety tips throughout the year. Other achievements include:

**961** people used our services

**569** safety and security items were distributed

**74** dusk to dawn lights were fitted

**122** personal safety alarms were given away

**59** households fitted prikka-strip to keep intruders out of their gardens

**90** people over 50 years old received a reflective shopping bag

**140** locks and alarms for windows, doors and sheds were distributed

We gave **14** talks to local groups, attended **5** local events and organised **2** safety awareness events

Volunteers gave approximately **750** hours of their time to the Group

## Shildon Town Council Fun Day

This year's Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 21st July, 2007 in the Hackworth Park, Shildon.

Any voluntary organisation wanting to take part in a table top sale please ring Shildon Town Council on 01388 772563 to reserve a space.

**YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AT A GLANCE****Durham County Council**

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## Jubilee Fields Community Centre

### Friday Lunch Club

Every Friday afternoon from 12 noon - 1.00 p.m. at the Jubilee Fields Community Centre.

£2.00 per head for a set two course meal. Any age welcome.

ALSO..... hot food available from 11.00 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All prices £1.00.

Bacon or Sausage Sandwiches or Soup & Bun.

The Jubilee Community Centre can supply hot or cold buffets for any birthday party at the Centre for just £2.50 per head. (minimum 10).

### Junior Club

Tuesday and Friday Evenings.

4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Age range 5 - 9 year olds

6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Age range 10 - 13 year olds

For further information, please contact the Centre on 01388 775425

## Sid Chaplin Library

A craft group meets in Shildon every Monday from 10.00am until 11.00am. So if you are interested in knitting, crochet, cross stitch, rug making or any other craft why not call in and have a chat. Membership is free and new members are welcome.

The Library also has a Reading Group which meets once a month and a Craft and Reading Group for children which meets once per fortnight.

Please contact the Library on 01388 772203 if you would like more details of any of these activities.

### Reduced Charges

Senior Citizens benefit from reduced charges for fines and reservations. Please inform library staff if this applies to you so that we can update your details on our computer system.

To keep our records up to date, please remember to tell us if you change your address or telephone number.

## Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network

**The Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network (SCYPAN)** is a partnership of local organisations who all deliver services for children and young people in Shildon. We have been meeting together for just over a year. The purpose of our group is to provide ways for children and young people to have a say about what they would like to see and do in Shildon. We also work together to develop joint activities and support each other.

Over the past few months a small group of children and young people have come together to become the **Shildon Youth Forum**. The Forum is looking for more members and wants to be the group that brings forward children and young people's views of Shildon and make sure they are both listened to and acted upon.

They have developed the 'Big Vote' which has asked over 700 children and young people what activities they would like to do. The results of the vote have been collated and now the Youth Forum are working on putting on the activities that children and young people would like to do. Keep an eye open for information about our trips to go swimming, ice skating and ten pin bowling!

Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network are always looking to involve any local community group that works with children and young people. Shildon Youth Forum are also looking for any children or young people who would like to get involved. If you would like any more information please contact Laura at the Shildon Centre on 01388 777948



# SureStart Children's Centre Opens For Business

Councillor Vernon Chapman will officially open the fantastic new Sure Start Children's Centre in Shildon on Saturday 17 March 2007 with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

The Sure Start Centre is located on Byerley Road (Close to Timothy Hackworth Primary School) and forms part of the Children's Centre programme for Sedgfield.

Sure Start offers many activities to families with children under 5 living in the area such as toddler groups, sparkle time, ante natal groups, tuneful tots and many more.

## Open Day Event

Saturday, 7 July, 9am - 3 pm.

The event will be a fantastic opportunity for you to come along, meet the friendly staff, ask any questions you might have and have a look around the Children Centre

**For more information call Lisa on 01388 777613 or Michelle on 01325 319753**

## Shildon Environmental Awareness Week

New Shildon Residents Association are planning a Shildon Environmental Awareness Week in the week commencing 18th June 2007 culminating with an event at Locomotion on Sunday, 24th June. The week aims to raise awareness of environmental issues within Shildon's community. It is hoped that the week will include the following activities:

### Visits to environmental projects

#### Talks

An environmental Fayre

Workshops for local residents

Arts projects with local schoolchildren

Guided walks, and

Home composting promotion



We are interested in hearing from local businesses, schools, community groups or individuals who are interested in helping to support this project. Support could take many different forms from simply running a stall at the environment fayre to giving a talk on an environmental topic, such as organic gardening or bird watching. Whatever the contribution you make we are keen to hear from you. Please contact Ruth Clayton, Sustainable Communities Team, Sedgfield Borough Council on 01388 816166 ext 4227 or email [riclayton@sedgfield.gov.uk](mailto:riclayton@sedgfield.gov.uk)



## Shildon Residents Get a Taste of Kurling

Two local community groups had their first taste of the relatively new sport of Kurling in January. The Every Other Tuesday Group and Age Concern Nifty Fifties, both had their tasters within 24 hours at their respective venues, the Civic and the Salvation Army Hall.

The game /sport is based on the ancient sport of ice curling though is played on a wooden floor. It was developed to try and level the playing field between able bodied and disabled sportsmen and women, though it can be played by either group without any loss of enjoyment – as shown by both the groups.

Mike Bridge, Age Concern Development Worker said, “ Everywhere I go, the Kurling is well received, however, the response from both groups was exceptional. Once getting the hang of it, both groups soon became competitive and “doubles” matches were organised. The great thing about the sport is that it allows people of any age or ability to become suitably competitive without much training, whilst realising that a lucky shot can beat even the best player. The enthusiasm of both groups was thrilling to see, the enjoyment of all who took part, be it playing, scoring or supporting their friends was a real tonic to the dreary weather.

We're planning to organise further sessions of Kurling for the residents of Shildon, if you run a group for the over 50s in the area then please get in touch and we'll plan a taster day. All you need is a group of willing people, a playing area (approximately the size of a badminton court) some free time during the week and the spirit to “have a go”.

For further information please get in touch with Mike Bridge on 01388 720064

## THE PILGRIM CLUB

By Thomas Stott



I am a member of The Pilgrim Club which meets every Wednesday from 5pm until 8-30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 a.m. for Duke of Edinburgh's Award training and outdoor activities at the Rest House in Hackworth Park, Shildon. If you are aged between eight and eighteen you can join us, it only costs you 50 pence each time you visit us. We have a computer, karaoke, a pool table, play station 2 and a table tennis table and we learn lots of other things such as first aid, map reading and outdoor survival and you can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards

John Cutting who runs the club with Ann, Alice, and Kelly takes us on bike rides and camping trips to Ellerton Lake near Catterick or Hamsterley Forrest. The club has its own Mountain Bikes, Kayaks, canoes and equipment and tools which we learn how to use on our trips. We now have a mini bus which was given to us by DA Taxis. We have also had help from Aycliffe Fabrication, The County Durham Foundation, Mike Hardy, Shildon Town Council and Sedgfield Borough Council.

We are starting our bike swop shop where we will be repairing the bikes that the people of Shildon gave us. The bikes will be used by the club and also given to families who cannot afford a bike for their children. We will tell you more about this project when we get started.

In August we will have our Fun in the Park Day and this year we hope to have more activities and music.

The Pilgrim Club is good because John, Ann, Alice and Kelly listen to us and try to give us the things that we like doing. We also have to help plan and run our own trips or we don't get to go.....no work ----- no play.

Many thanks to Chris from Console Connections, Shildon, for his kind donation of play station games.





**Advertise in the Newsletter**

Would you like to place an advert in the Newsletter? If so, contact the Town Council on 01388 772563.

Advertising costs as follows:-  
£25.00 per quarter page advert  
£50.00 per half page advert  
£100 per full page advert

**Forthcoming Event**

World Jazzband Championships to be held in Shildon on Saturday, 25th & Sunday, 26th August, 2007.

The Street Parade will be held on Saturday, 25th August followed by Band Displays in the Hackworth Park, Shildon.

More details later.....

**EVENTS**

The Tearaways recent Pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Civic Hall attracted capacity audiences for all three performances. The children and young people aged 8 - 16 yrs entertained with the traditional story with in between music, singing, dancing and lots of jokes and slapstick. 'Oh yes they did! A spokesperson for the group said "After 14 weeks of rehearsals it all paid off and the young people did everyone proud".

The Tearaways are to begin auditions for their next production Sound of Music which will be performed at the Civic Hall from Thursday, 10th May to Sunday, 13th May. Anyone interested in singing, dancing or drama aged between 8 and 16 years who would like to join the youth theatre group should ring 01388 774838.



Shildon Town Council is grateful to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter. The newsletter is a quarterly publication and we would welcome contributions from local groups.

**COMPETITION TIME**

We are offering a Shildon—Our Town DVD to the first person drawn out of the hat after answering the following question correctly.

**The question is.....**

**One of the signatories on the death warrant of King Charles I was a Shildon man. What was his name?**

Please send your answers to:- Shildon Town Council, Council Offices, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co. Durham, DL4 1AH or email t.bellas@shildon.gov.uk.

Closing date for entries is April 6th, 2007.

Question & prize courtesy of the Shildon History Recall Society.

**St. John's Explorers**

St. John's Church Sunday School (The Explorers) meets on Sundays at 9:30am in church. Stories, Craft Activities, Games and Songs. All children aged four or above are warmly welcome. Sessions last approximately one hour.

If you have any enquiries for St. John's Church, please phone Reverend Rupert Kalus on 01388 774494 or go along to the church on a Wednesday evening between 6.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**Shildon Junior Football League**

**Registration Night to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 2007 at the Shildon Civic Hall from 6.00 p.m.—7.30p.m. Registration Forms are available from the Council Offices, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Jubilee Fields Community Centre, Jubilee Road, Shildon or through your school. The League will start on Saturday, 12th May at the Hackworth Park, Shildon at 9.30 am. For more details please phone Elaine on 07854814546 or Tracey on 01388 772563.**