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September 2009

our new refurbished **Shildon Civic Hall**

The newly refurbished Shildon Civic Hall was opened by Cllr Gareth Howe, helped by Chloe Clark from Shildon.

The improvements include a new pitched roof, external improvements, new front entrance, toilets and refurbished bar area.

Local residents packed the Hall to see Cllr Howe and Chloe cut the ribbon to mark the community opening of the building. The Town Mayor presented Chloe with a gift to show his appreciation to the guest of honour.

Andrew Tombling School of Dance and the Tearaways Youth Theatre Group gave performances along with a Family Disco and face painting. Shildon Town Council would like to thank customers for their support during the refurbishment period and welcome customers to this fantastic community facility.



Cllr Gareth Howe and Chloe Clark at the opening.

Shildon Town Council
Meeting Dates

Sept 28th	6:30 ^{pm}
Oct 26th	6:30 ^{pm}
Nov 23rd	6:30 ^{pm}

Resources & Service
and Amenities
Committees
Meeting Dates

Oct 12th	6:30 ^{pm}
Nov 9th	6:30 ^{pm}
Dec 14th	6:30 ^{pm}

we're grateful to every-one who has contributed to this newsletter
we would welcome any suggestions of contributions from local groups
telephone
01388772563
thank you for your future contributions
they are what keeps this newsletter going!

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e-mail drop us an e-mail council@shildon.gov.uk
phone chat with us personally by phoning 01388 772563

it's coming... **A New Play Area**

Shildon Town Council has launched an ambitious project to encourage both young and old alike to discover the benefits of playtime. The play area at Hackworth Park in Shildon is to be transformed as part of a project managed by environmental regeneration Charity Groundwork North East. *Ctn'd Page3*



your elected
representatives at a glance



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The area will include swing, rope bridge and slides for young people as well as a fitness trail that adults will be able to try out when they bring their children to the park.

Plans for the site were drawn up following extensive consultation with the local community, including residents, primary schools and Age Concern charity.

Funding for the scheme has come from Marks and Spencer's Greener Living Spaces Programme, County Durham Environmental Trust and the former Sedgfield Borough Council - now Durham County Council.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Gareth Howe said "I think it is going to be very good for the area. We need more facilities like this and I am sure it will be very well used."

Leah Remington, Play Development Officer for Groundwork North East,

said: "Once it is finished, the area will be a fantastic resource for the local community."

"There will be a lot of opportunities for natural play and we look forward to seeing both young and older residents making use of the facilities."

Kirsty Readman, of Marks and Spencer in Bishop Auckland, said its element of funding for the project had come from the five pence carrier bag charges the company recently introduced.

She said: "We have 100 green pledges to meet by 2012 and the introduction of the carrier bag charge has allowed us to support excellent local initiatives such as the Hackworth Park play area."

The play area, which is situated next to the Bowling Green, will be closed from the 1st September until completion in November.

The Mayor's message

Civic Charity Evening

Councillor Gareth Howe, Town Mayor, is to hold a Civic Charity Evening on Friday, 13th November at the Shildon Civic Hall to raise funds for his Charity which is supporting Lupus UK and four local organisations in Shildon.

Tickets for the event are priced at £15 to include a Three course meal with wine plus entertainment by the Beat Club and Disco. Lounge Suit/Black Tie Optional.

Tickets can be obtained direct from the Town Council Offices and Shildon Civic Hall.

For further details phone us on 01388 772563.

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the Town Council Offices on 01388 772563 as usual.

Come and visit our newly refurbished Civic Hall. Dine in our restaurant and relax in our refurbished lounge. Christmas Events and Menus are now available. Book early to avoid disappointment



Civic Hall Lounge

'SMARTWATER'

Due to a successful funding bid to the Durham Police Authority Initiative Support Scheme, Shildon Community Safety Group will soon be able to offer 'SmartWater' Kits to local residents.

Watch the local press...

Did you know you can hire the Rest House, Hackworth Park for private events such as a children's party
Tel. 01388 772563

Shildon Community Bus

Are you bored, do you want to spend a few hours a week helping out a local community group? Can you drive? Can you answer the phone?

If the answer to the above is yes and you would like to become one of our volunteers, we would love to hear from you. Contact our office week day mornings on 01388 773666.

Christmas Event for your Diary

Friday, 4th December

Christmas Procession followed by the Lighting up of the Christmas Tree plus Christmas Craft Fayre and family entertainment at the Shildon Civic Hall - Free for all the family

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Sunnydale Students Achieve Even More Outstanding GCSE Results

Students at Sunnydale Community College in Shildon have re-written the record books by achieving the school's best examination results ever.

Eighty-one per cent of this year's leavers achieved the equivalent of five or more higher-grade A*-C GCSE passes.

That easily eclipsed the previous best of 57% recorded just last year.

Headteacher Sue Byrne said: "Everyone at the school is absolutely delighted with these results. They are a credit to the efforts of the students and of the staff who have taught them.

They continue the trend of

rapid improvement of recent years. A huge amount of hard work has been put in over a considerable period of time by a large number of people to achieve this level of progress. All of our students follow a broad and balanced curriculum so we are able to map improvements. For example, one of the government's key indicators – the percentage of students achieving two or more passes at grades A*-C in science - rose, from 48 percent to 67 percent.

"What is especially pleasing is that the results are excellent across the whole range of abilities. One of the reasons we have been able to do this is

because of the detailed knowledge staff have of students and the way that as a small school we can work with them as individuals. This is a school that is very close to its community."

Thirty-nine per cent of students achieved five or more higher-grade passes including English and Maths – up from 28% in 2008.

And 99 per cent of students recorded five or more passes at grades A*-G including English and Maths.

The results meant plenty of smiles on the faces of students as they collected the results of the summer exams on Thursday 27 August. All indicators for next year point to another outstanding set of results.

Shildon Jazzband Sweeps The Board

The Shildon Jubilees Jazzband took the title of World Champions 2009 at a tournament held at Liverpool, competing with more than 40 bands.

The band has 33 members aged from 5yr - 34yrs and rehearse on a regular basis in Shildon.

The Band achieved the following:-

1st place Band Major, Rear Guard, Mascot, mini mascot, flags, pom poms, batton, banner, bass drum lead kazoo plus many more first places. They were placed 1st overall winning the championships.

Well Done!

useful numbers

Non-emergency Police

0345 6060365

Shildon Community Safety

01388 778300

Age Concern

01388 720064

Community Wardens

01388 777450

01388 721351

Durham County Council

0300 1237070

Shildon Town Council

01388 772563

Shildon Library > What's on?

The library has had a busy summer of events including the children's Reading Game with several linked craft sessions, a cookery display from Expochef and a Heritage coffee morning.

Once again we'll be supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Care on Friday 25th Sept. As well as tea and coffee we'll be having a Tombola stall, Guess the name of the

Teddy and homemade cakes for sale. The coffee morning will run from 10.00am until noon and everyone is welcome.

Our popular Toddler Time starts again on Thursday 24th September. It runs every Thursday morning from 10.00am until 10.45am and is for children under the age of 4 with their parents or carers. Come along and enjoy stories, songs and crafts and make new

friends. The Reading Group is held on the first Thursday of each month from 2.00pm until 3.00pm. We enjoy a wide range of books and new members are always welcome.

We're already busy planning competitions, events for school holidays and a major book promotion for the Autumn. For more details of these forthcoming events check out the display boards in the library.

the Shildon

Community Safety Group

Registered Charity No. 1089902

The group celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year.

Congratulations to all those who initiated the group and those who have worked tirelessly over the last 10 years to ensure its work continues!!

Many thanks to all our funders and supporters

Well done!!

If you are still unsure about what exactly we do, please give us a ring we would be happy to chat to you.

PACT MEETINGS

Police and Community Together - These meetings are held regularly in order for **YOU** the residents of Shildon to meet with your local Police and discuss any issues you may have. So if you have anything you wish to bring to the attention of the Police then attending these meetings is the ideal opportunity. If the local Police do not know of the problems then they cannot try to solve them!

PLEASE COME ALONG

Meetings are held every 4 weeks.

Shildon Community
Safety Group
Council Offices,
Civic Hall Square,
Shildon

Co. Durham

01388 778300

10:00am - 2:00pm

Shildon Community Safety Award

This new project is commencing in September. The three local primary schools in the town have identified issues around health/safety/environment that they would like to address with the children.

The Community Safety Group, working in partnership with other agencies and professionals, have initiated and organised a series of workshops on these topics to be delivered to year 5 pupils at the three schools on a 'rolling programme' basis. The project will commence with St. Johns School in the September term and then move on to Thornhill Primary and Timothy Hackworth Schools in subsequent terms.

We hope that the 'hands-on' workshops will leave the youngsters with some 'food for thought' and make them think a little more about their own safety, the safety of their local environment and also the impact that we all have on the world around us.

On the successful completion of the series of five workshops, all children attending will receive certificates. If successful we very much hope that this Scheme can take place again.

'Building Bridges' – DVD Project



The DVD is now complete and its inaugural viewing will be at our 10th Birthday celebration event to be held on 1st October as part of our Carousel.

This 'thought provoking' DVD on how the younger and older generations see each other and the impact it has on anti-social behaviour and fear of crime is available on request to be used in conjunction with visits to local community and voluntary groups.

If you are interested please give us a call.

Intergenerational Carousel Event

An Intergenerational Carousel event is to be held on 1st October – Watch local press for a report on this event.

When Calling...

...if no one is in the office leave a message, we promise to get back to you, no matter what the issue!



If you need any items of safety equipment to make you feel more secure in your home and you have not accessed our service before, why not give us a ring to see what we can offer you. Items are free of charge subject to availability. Don't be a victim of crime, we can help you to keep them out.

If you need a tradesman and are not sure who to use, Durham County Council have a Registered Traders list of people in the area who have proved reputable and been put on their list. If you require this information, please do not hesitate to contact us for further details. Remember DO NOT employ people who just casually call at your home!!

If you are over 60, disabled, or a victim of crime then the Three Rivers Housing Association's Care & Repair Department known as the Handyman Service may be able to help with small jobs around the home for more information on this scheme please give us a ring and we will provide information on the scheme and contact details.

news from the Shildon People's Centre

The centre is organising more popular educational courses for the autumn.

Anyone over 16 seeking a first qualification in English and Maths can study over a 20 week period for a qualification up to level 2, the equivalent of GSCE Level C.

There is no charge for the course. Free English Course (National Tests) starting 14th September 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Other courses from September will include, Counselling (level 2), conversational languages, Cookery Around the World, Basic IT, Improving Employability, First Aid and Food Hygiene.

(Courses will be run subject to demand).

There are regular youth clubs held at the Centre, Monday - Friday. Anyone over 11 is welcome just contact Caroline Cluer for more details at the Centre or email info@spcentre for more information.

The Cafe remains open every day except Saturday from 10 am - 1.30 pm and a new Sunday Lunch Club is proving popular.

A Citizen Advice Bureau session is held on a Wednesday from 10 am - 12 noon.

Anyone interested in joining the Mother and Toddler group please contact us.

Walking is Good For You

More than 90 Durham walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you.

It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing!

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit.

It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things. If children experience walking as part of

a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks in the County.

So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it!

This is where the site, www.walkingindurham.co.uk came into being.

www.walkingindurham.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

So check out the website and get walking!

These C.A.T.S Deserve the Cream

Children's Amateur Theatre Shildon

All young people dream of Disneyland and all its wonderful characters, well now C.A.T.S. (Childrens Amateur Theatre Shildon) are giving all young people aged 8 to 11 years old the chance of becoming those characters in their next production "The Disney Show". The show will include such favourites as

Winnie The Pooh, Tigger, Mickey Mouse, Snow White, Cinderella, Mary Poppins, and many more. If you want to learn to Act, Dance, or Sing or just to improve on your present skills and become part of the C.A.T.S. production to be staged early next year, then ring 07747826324.

A Beast of a Show

It's nearly Pantomime time again, (Oh Yes It Is) and to prove it "The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group" are about to start rehearsals on their panto "Beauty and The Beast".

If any young entertainers out there would like to join them (Oh Yes You Would) and have a great time (Oh Yes You Will) in this popular show, then as

long as you're aged 11 to 19 years and have plenty of enthusiasm and a pleasant smile, give us a ring and we'll do the rest.

Go on try it — you know you want to get a custard pie in your face or dress as a Fairy, or maybe you just want to dance and sing.

Ring now, 01388 774838.

Railway Ghost Walk

The National Railway Museum at Shildon is holding a nighttime "GhostWalk" for those who book on Saturday October 31 from 7pm. The hour-and-a-half long walk sounds scary - dare you stomach it?

This event is by ticket only and is open to visitors aged 16 or over.

Tickets are on sale now, priced £10 per person, which includes a 90 minute walk and refreshments.

Call 01388 771439 for more details on the event, and for any questions you have.

Durham Police Authority

They want to know what you think about policing in your area and invite you to work with them at a Police Community Consultative Group to be held on Monday, 28th September at 7pm Tudhoe Community Centre, St. David Close, Spennymoor.

Views are sought on what you think about policing in your area and to work with the Police in preventing and reducing crime.

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For information on all music events at the Civic please check our dedicated music site @

www.myspace.com/musicatthecivic_shildon

Shildon Running & Athletic Club

After a well deserved summer break Shildon Running & Athletic Club return to training at the Stadium 2000 this month in readiness for the forthcoming winter season.

Our under 11's group will be competing in the Minor Athletes Grand Prix series at Jarrow beginning in November.

The Sprints, Jumps & Throws group will be gearing up for the numerous indoor meetings which take place around the country, whilst the Middle Distance group leave the running track behind them and begin their preparations for the various Road Races and Cross Country events taking place

both locally and nationally. Our newly formed Disability Athletics group meets each Wednesday starting at 7.00pm and continues to grow by the week.

The Club also has a Senior group who meet on a Monday, Wednesday & Friday evening to engage in a spot of road running.

If you're eight and over and would like to join us then come to the Stadium 2000 in Shildon on a Wednesday for a free try-out session.

To find out more about the club and what we do, please go to our web-site: www.shildonrunning.co.uk.

say hello to James...

James Land took up his part-time post as a Church and Community Worker in Shildon on June 1st of this year; and one of his jobs is to work with the youth of Shildon.

He is working closely with SCYPAN (Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network) and forming links with the Jubilee Community Centre; Tudhoe Church Youth Group; The Tearaways plus many more groups.

One of James' aims is to visit as many groups as he

can in Shildon so he can meet with the young people, talk and find out what interests them, and help to "catalogue" - in a way, what groups there actually are in Shildon, for future projects.

Please welcome James when he comes to visit your group sometime in the next couple of months!

James is enjoying working in Shildon and the opportunities that come from working with children and young people and hopefully you'll see him soon!

the Shildon Civic Hall

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Friday 16th October



Saturday 31st October



Saturday 14th November



Saturday 5th December



Sunday 6th December



Saturday 19th December



Saturday 26th December