



Shildon Town Council Newsletter

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Family Fun Day

Shildon Town Council's Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 16th August at the Hackworth Park, Shildon. Fun for all the family including a 32ft high inflatable slide, children's rides, face painting, bouncy castle, magician, Wizard World.

Come along and make a secret potion and a Wizards Hat also featuring an exciting Big Bubble Workshop. Local Organisations will be holding table top sales to help boost their funds. Come along and have a fun day with all the entertainment free.



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New Town Mayor



Councillor Ann Hammond is the new Town Mayor for Shildon Town Council taking over from Cllr Brian Stoker. Cllr Stoker raised £1024 during his year of office which he has donated to the four schools in Shildon to

be used to benefit children with special educational needs. Councillor Hammond has also chosen this worthy cause to raise money throughout her year of office.

Prestigious Awards

Each year at the Annual Conference the National Association of Local Councils presents awards to celebrate the work of town and parish councils. This year the late Cllr John Smith sought to submit nominations from the Town Council for Council of the Year, Clerk of the Year and Newsletter of the Year. The number and quality of entries for the awards this year reached unprecedented levels and the great news is

that the Town Council was awarded runner-up in both the Council and Town Clerk of the Year categories. It is perhaps a fitting legacy to the late Cllr Smith that the efforts of the Town Council have been recognised nationally.

Councillor Stuart Bird and the Town Clerk were presented with the relevant certificates at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 27th May.



Town Clerk and Cllr S Bird

Shildon Town Council Meeting Dates

23rd June - 6.30pm
28th July - 6.30pm
22nd Sept - 6.30pm

Resources & Service and Amenities Committees

9th June - 6.30pm
14th July - 6.30pm
8th Sept - 6.30pm

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 as well as suggestions on how the newsletter looks and what you would like to see in it.

Tel 01388 772563

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AT A GLANCE

Durham County Council

Name	Address	Ward	Telephone No.
Gary Huntington	5 Central Parade, Shildon	Shildon West	01388-773225
David Hancock	34 St John's Road, Shildon	Shildon West	01388-772797
Dorothy Bowman	4 Eskdale Place, Newton Aycliffe	Shildon East	01325-308094
Brian Stephens	30 Jubilee Crescent, Shildon	Shildon East	01388 773168

Sedgefield Borough Council

Name	Address	Ward	Telephone No.
Vernon Chapman	1 Newlands Avenue, Shildon	Sunnydale	01388-775077
Ina Jackson	6 Mafeking Place, Shildon	Sunnydale	01388-775433
Gary Huntington	5 Central Parade, Shildon	Byerley	01388-773225
Gareth Howe	32/34 Dean Street, Shildon	Byerley	01388-772473
David Hancock	34 St John's Road, Shildon	Thickley	01388-772797
Brian Stephens	30 Jubilee Crescent, Shildon	Thickley	01388-773168

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Vernon Chapman	1 Newlands Avenue, Shildon	01388-775077
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Lorraine Smith	1 New row, Eldon	01388-774734
Allan Walker	25 Primitive Street, Shildon	01388-775130
Ann Hammond	43 Burnie Gardens, Shildon	01388-779476
David Hancock	34 St John's Road, Shildon	01388-772797
Mike Hardy	8 Fulton Court, Shildon	07831378887
Gareth Howe	Dean House, 32/34 Dean Street, Shildon	01388-772473
Gary Huntington	5 Central Parade, Shildon	01388-773225
Ina Jackson	6 Mafeking Place, Shildon	01388-775433
Peter Quinn	96 Jubilee Road, Shildon	01388-775741
Brian Stoker	29 Main Street, Shildon	01388-772968
Frank Timmiss	4 Aspen Court, Shildon	01388-777570
George Swinbank	66 Dale Road, Shildon	01388-773262
Richard J Matthews	18 Dalton Crescent, Shildon	01388-775178

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Useful Contact Nos.

Sedgefield Borough Council Tel: 01388 816166 Fax: 01388 817251

Durham County Council Tel: 0191 3834567 (Help Desk) Fax: 0191 383 4500

Durham Constabulary Non Emergency Number 0845 6060365

News from Sunndydale Community College

CTC Theatre came into Sunnydale Community College on 31/3/08 to perform followed with a workshop for all year 7 pupils. Year 7 and 8 pupils

enjoyed a golden afternoon on 2 and 3 April. Golden afternoons are provided for pupils who are well behaved in school. Forthcoming event - Lightwater valley on

22 July for yr 7 8 and 9 pupils who behave well in school. Forthcoming event - current yr 7 pupils who will be yr 8 pupils will get the opportunity to go to Butlins for a Learning on Location event in November.

By Mrs Wilkinson - Head of Year 7
Forthcoming events - Dracula Spectacula, musical
Tues 24th, Wed 25th
Thurs 26th June at 7.15pm
By Ms Brown - Music teacher

“Come and Join Us”

Shildon Running & Athletic Club (Stadium 2000 - Middridge Lane, Shildon.)
Club Nights: Monday & Wednesday 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Open to anyone from age 8 upwards. Anyone interested in joining can come along for a free try-out session on a Wednesday, please check on our web-site www.shildonrunning.co.uk for more details. If you require any more information please call us on our new number **07888398653** or e-mail; enquiries@shildonrunning.co.uk

”We Look Forward To Seeing You

Any Group wishing to have a table at the Fun Day on Saturday, 16th August, please phone Shildon Town Council on 01388 772563

Young Persons Advice Centre

Sunnydale Leisure Centre

Thursday 3.30 - 5pm

Confidential help available

Diet Advice

Counselling

Relationship Advice

Drugs Advice

Contact Info

Alcohol Advice

Leisure Centre

Smoking Advice

01388 773400

Free contraception &

Surgery 08444771884

advice

Health/School Nurse

Bullying advice

01388 774668

Listen to Music
Chat with friends
All in a friendly atmosphere

Shildon Library

On Friday 20th June, we'll be taking part in the Marie Curie Cancer Care's Blooming Great Tea Party. As well as tea and cakes, there will also be a tombola stall. The "Passionate about Health" campaign continues with book displays and free information leaflets. There will be more free raffles during the coming months – both for children and adults.

Remember – the more books you borrow, the better chance you have of winning a great prize. We had loads of fun during the Easter school holiday with our free craft sessions for children. We'll be holding 5 more free craft events during July and August, but as places are limited so be sure to book your place early. At the end of July the Reading Game will

start and run for the whole of the school holidays.

We are always happy to promote local groups and in June we'll be hosting a display from Shildon Tearaways. In July we'll have displays from Shildon Time Detectives. If you are a member of a group and would like to have an exhibition, then please contact us to arrange a date.

PILGRIMS & ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Work on The Pilgrim Club 30 control point permanent orienteering course in Hackworth Park has been completed. The course commissioned by The Pilgrim Club with support from Mike Hardy, Development Officer for Cleveland Orienteering Club and professionally mapped by Phill Batts of Richmond company Batts Eye View.

Pilgrim Club orienteering coach John Cutting explained “Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport that exercises both the mind and the body. The aim is to navigate in sequence between control points marked on a unique orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how old or fit you are, as long as you can run, walk or jog the course and progress at your own pace.

The Hackworth Park course has three marked routes, but any combinations may be used. An easy 1.2km taking in 12 control points. A more difficult 1.9km with 14 control points and a 20 control point difficult 2.3km. With its natural obstacles the course will most certainly prove to be challenging to people of all abilities and completes the charity’s aims to provide orienteering as a mainstream activity within the club.



Hackworth Park Orienteering Course

The new course will provide The Pilgrim Club volunteers with a practical orienteering training and activity facility on its doorstep and in a safe environment. We expect to commence orienteering training within the next few weeks, where youngsters will have an introduction and learn the basic orienteering skills. This will then lead on to the club providing opportunities for the kids to take part in the numerous events and competitions held throughout the North of England and beyond. The course has also attracted attention from outside Shildon and is being viewed by Cleveland Orienteering Club Development Officer Mike Hardy as an ideal competition course. Together with Sunnydale Community College and Mike, an orienteering festival competition involving local junior schools has been organised. With up to 180 pupils from Thornhill, Timothy Hackworth, St John’s all Shildon,

Sugar Hill, Vane Road and Aycliffe Village schools expected to be taking part in the event on Monday 30th June, starting at 1.00pm. All the above schools grounds are mapped for orienteering and have received training from Mike, so hopefully we can create enough interest to provide more competitions and provide opportunities for pupils who want to become more involved in the sport.

The Pilgrim Club would like to thank Local Councillor and businessman Mike Hardy, Shildon Town Council, Pilgrim Club Trustee and Durham County Councillor Dorothy Bowman as well as Lottery fund provider, Awards for All for their support in enabling the orienteering project to go ahead.

Maps are available to the public from Shildon Town Council Offices Tel 01388 772563, or from John, 12 Primrose Drive, Shildon, Tel 01388 778503, 07722957304. Cost £1-50 per map.

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.

The Church is open for quiet

prayer and for people to view the memorial book most Thursdays from 9.30 a.m to 11.00 a.m. and most Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

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 Tennis Courts and Bowling Green

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am to 12 midday

12.30 pm - 4.40 pm

5.30 pm - 9.00pm

Saturday

9.00 am to 12 midday

1.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Closed all day Sunday and Bank Holiday
Tennis Equipment available



A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Shildon Young Voices

Want to know what's happening for children and young people in Shildon? Why schools, GP's, leisure and libraries are working more closely for the benefit of your children and how you can get involved? Answers to these and many more questions about children and young people's services will be available soon.

The Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network, or SCYPAN for short are working

towards improving the provision of local services for children, young people and their families. They are working closely with the Sedgefield Local Children's Board to host a showcase event at the **Shildon Civic Hall on Thursday 19th June from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.** The event will have displays from local organisations and several of the local services including the Shildon Youth Forum, 'Tearaways Youth Theatre Group, Pilgrim Club, Youth

Development (Sedgefield Borough Council), Sure Start, St John's & Methodist Church.

There will be a presentation and surgery around the progressing children's agenda and a discussion around the formation of a Shildon wide issues group, to work alongside SCYPAN, and examine some of the bigger issues that are affecting our children and young people including education, employability and child poverty.

Derrick Robinson, Chairman of SCYPAN, is

keen to see as many young people and residents attend this event; "this is an ideal opportunity for parents and young people to see what's available to them in Shildon and how the bigger picture could improve this provision. It also offers you the opportunity to give over your views and help us develop our priorities for the remainder of 2008."

For further information on this event, SCYPAN or the Local Children's Board contact Tracey Bellas on 01388 772563.

— Shildon People's Centre

Youth workers from The Shildon

People's Centre would like to invite young people, aged 12 - 19 years old to come along to youth sessions and join in the activities provided.

Arts & Crafts-Mosaics, Drawing & Painting, Nail Art, Self Portraits, trips, Nintendo Wii, Play Stations, Cultural & English cookery sessions, Decks/ DJ, Music and T.V.
Monday: Detached Youth Work 3.30-5.30pm

Monday: Youth Session 5.30-7.30pm

Tuesday: Youth Session 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday : Youth Session 6.00-8.00pm

Thursday : Youth Session 5.30-8.00pm

Our Youth Club Email Address is: shildonyc@live.co.uk

Coaching Sessions

Free Tennis Coaching Sessions will be held at Hackworth Park Tennis Courts from 11th August - 15th August and 18th - 22nd August 10 am - 12 noon. If you are interested in taking part, please ring the Leisure Department, Sedgefield Borough Council on 01388 816166 to book a place

Shildon Community Safety Group



Registered Charity No. 1089902

The group continues to be busy trying to raise people's awareness on community safety matters. If you have any issues regarding safety in your own home or environment then give us a ring and we will see if there is anything we can do or at least try and point you in the right direction where you can obtain the necessary information needed.

'Young at Heart Club'

News from the group – meeting monthly in the Rest House – Hackworth Park, this group continues to grow from strength to strength with members having had talks, quizzes, beetle drive, cuppas and organised trips for the forthcoming months. For more information on the group please give me a ring on 01388 778300.

Dog Fouling & Fly Tipping

These two issues always seem to annoy local people and quite rightly so. Most of us are responsible citizens and clear up any mess left by our pets and we also

**Shildon Community Safety Group
Town Council Offices
Civic Centre Square
Shildon
Co. Durham
Tel: 01388 778300
Office Hours
10.00 am – 2.00pm**

make sure that items no longer required by us in the home are disposed of correctly, not littering the countryside and causing environmental problems.

There really is no excuse for any of these issues, if you have something to dispose of there are charities which take away clothing, bric-a-brac, books etc., and also some which take away unwanted furniture (for details of these please give us a ring .

The Borough Council also collect unwanted items and a visit to the local 'tip' at Tindale Crescent with garden waste etc., is also possible. Don't forget if you are caught fly tipping a penalty will be imposed and if this remains unpaid a visit to court could mean a fine of up to £2,500!

'Doggy bags' are provided free of charge and at the moment can be collected from the Borough Council's Housing Office in Church Street and also Shildon Town Council Offices, with possibly other venues throughout the town also stocking them in the near future.

So why not collect some and put a couple in your pocket every time you take the dog for a walk, it is much better than getting fined a £50 fixed

penalty by the local Community Wardens and refusal to pay could land you in court with a bill of up to a £1,000!

The area in the vicinity of Timothy Hackworth School and Hackworth Park is always a problem area with people walking their dogs along the same route taken by many children walking to school i.e. Surtees Avenue route. If you walk your dog in this area make sure you clean up the mess, children arriving at school or at home with shoes covered in 'dog mess' is not particularly pleasant and there are plenty of 'doggy bins' in this area for disposal of the bags. The Community Safety Group in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Wardens is going to run a campaign in this area at the beginning of July to try and clean up the area and ensure it stays clean so watch out for publicity about this in the local press.

If there is a particular area of the town which you feel could benefit from more 'doggy bins', then please let us know and we will try and arrange for others to be located.

Wardens and local Police are now being

encouraged to be vigilant in these areas
**BE RESPONSIBLE –
CLEAR UP AFTER
YOUR PET AND
DON'T FLY TIP !!**

Wheelie Bins & Recycling Boxes/ Bags

Do you have problems in physically being able to move your wheelie bin or recycling box/bag to the perimeter of your premises for collection. If you do why not ring the Borough Council on 816166 and ask to speak to someone about this issue, you may be eligible to have your bin or box collected without having to physically move it a long distance, it is certainly worth enquiring about.

Useful telephone numbers

Police non-emergency
0845 6060365

GP Out of Hours Service
01388 455455

Shildon Community Safety
01388 778300

Age Concern
01388 720064

Community Wardens Shildon
01388 777450

Community Wardens Chilton
01388 721351

Sedgefield Borough Council
01388 816166

Shildon Town Council
01388 772563

Neighbourhood Watch
01325 742755

Shildon Civic Hall Live Entertainment

FRIDAY 27 JUNE	FRIDAY 4 JULY	SATURDAY 26 JULY	SATURDAY 2 AUGUST
<p><i>Billy West tribute to Freddie Mercury Plus North East rock bands Loaf and Stan</i></p> <p><i>Doors Open 6.30 pm Bar Closes 11.30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Tickets £7</i></p>	<p><i>Take That 2 plus Northern Sounds Disco</i></p> <p><i>Doors Open 6.30pm</i></p> <p><i>Bar Closes 11.30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Tickets £8</i></p>	<p><i>Poison Ivy 60's Show plus Northern Sounds Disco</i></p> <p><i>Doors Open 6.30 pm Bar Closes 11.30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Tickets £7</i></p>	<p><i>Jam Tribute Plus Mod Band Modern Works and DJ Baz O'Neill</i></p> <p><i>Doors Open 6.30 pm Bar Closes 11.30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Tickets £7</i></p>

*Shildon Civic Hall
bringing live
entertainment to
Shildon*

*Tickets for all the
events available
from the Civic Hall
Monday - Saturday
9-11.45am or
6-11pm*

or

*Council Offices
Monday - Friday
9.15am - 4.00pm*

**FRIDAY 22
AUGUST**

Union Gap

**BANK
HOLIDAY
SUNDAY 24
AUGUST**

Ska Mania

Christmas Party Nights

Sunday 7th December
LOVE AFFAIR 60'S Night

Saturday 13th December
IVY LEAGUE 60'S Night

Friday 19th December
BALLROOM GLITZ 70's Night

Tel 01388 772902
www.shildon.gov.uk

South Durham Counselling Service

There is an alternative

<p>You feel troubled and confused about how to change your life. You speak to your GP and you are offered sessions of a counsellor led therapy to address your negative thoughts. You think this is not appropriate to your needs. You need a counsellor who will allow</p>	<p>you the time to work through your problems and find a solution. Your GP may discuss this with you and refer you to our service. If not, you may self refer by contacting us yourself. As an independent c h a r i t a b l e organisation, funded in</p>	<p>part by the PCT, we act as a complimentary service to those provided at your GP's surgery. We offer access to client centred counselling on neutral ground in a confidential setting throughout the week. You may contact the Counselling Manager:-</p>	<p>By Post : 1st Floor, Shildon Town Council Offices, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co. Durham. DL4 1AH By Phone: 01388 773598 (voicemail service available) By Text : 01388 773598 By email: shildoncounselling@yahoo.co.uk</p>
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Jubilee Fields Community Centre

What's on Programme 2008

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Messy tots Jazzband	9.15am-11.15am 5.00pm-7.00pm
Tuesday	Youth Night Ian Sanderson (Debt Advisor) Bowls Bumps & Babes Junior Clubs	6.30pm-8.30pm 11.00am-1.00pm 1.00pm-3.00pm 1.45pm-3.15pm 4.00pm- 5.30pm (5-9 years) 6.00pm-7.30pm(10-13 years)
Wednesday	Mothers & Toddlers Luncheon Club Tai-Chi	9.30am-11.30am 12.00pm-1.00pm 6.00pm-7.30pm
Thursday	Jabadao Citizens Advice Bureau Bowls Keep Fit Youth Night	10.00am-11.00am 10.00am-1.00pm 1.00pm-3.00pm 6.00pm-7.00pm 6.00-8.00pm
Friday	Mothers & Toddlers Luncheon Club Junior Clubs	9.30am-11.00am 12.00pm-1.00pm 4.00pm- 5.30pm (5-9 years) 6.00pm-7.30pm (10-13 years)
Saturday	AVAILABLE ALL DAY FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES	
Sunday	Football Crazy Tai-Chi	11.00am-12.00noon 6.00pm-7.30pm

Please note: All rooms are available for private functions, parties, meetings, sports etc. We welcome any new ideas/activities. For more information contact Barbara or Sally Ann on 01388 775425

A trip to South Shields on Saturday 9th August has been organised - all seats are £4, anyone wishing to go can book their seats by contacting either Barbara or Sally Ann at the Centre on 01388 775425.

Arts, Crafts and Photography Competition



Hundreds of people attended the Arts, Crafts and Photography Exhibition which was held over a period of 2 days at the Shildon Civic Hall. Shildon Town Council resurrected the Competition after a lapse of 10 years and attracted over 100 entries ranging from painting, textiles, sculpture/ceramics, wood/metal crafts and photography. Judging of the Competition was performed by Katy Banner

and Emily Crallan, Sedgefield Borough Council. The winning entries were Ted McArdle (painting/drawing), Ann Shaw (Sculpture/Ceramics), A Dargue (Wood/Metal Craft), Mal Carson (Textiles), Barbara Nicholson (black and white photography) and Chris Houke (colour photography). On the junior side, Lauren Bowden was the winner in the 12 – 16 painting category, Jessica

Emmerson, up to and including 11 yrs category, Sam Morgan in the colour photography and St. John's Primary School for the Group Project category. A spokesperson for the Town Council said "The Competition had been well received within the community and the entries were of a very high standard. We look forward to hosting another event in 2009 and hope that the community will once again support the competition."



Art, Crafts & Photography Exhibition
Shildon Civic Hall

SHILDON METHODIST CHURCH

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN – YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

The next few months are going to be very busy for us as a Church, we are currently fundraising in order to replace our boiler in the Church Hall, as like a lot of us, it has 'seen better days'. Our hall is a vital resource for the local community, used by many of our Church led groups and also by outside agencies and groups, Feedback from most people who use our premises is good, they find our hall large, accessible and user friendly and of course our rates are reasonable, so it is vital that we raise the money we need in order to keep the premises in use. Below is a list of our forthcoming events and we welcome everyone in the town to come along and join with us and share in fun and fellowship together, we look forward to seeing you ALL.

Wednesday 18th June – Concert by our 'world famous' MAD group – tickets only £2.00 to include concert and a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Saturday July 12th – Annual Summer Fayre – 10.30 – 1.30 pm - Admission 20p – an opportunity to come along and buy items, especially our wonderful selection of homemade items and mouth-watering refreshments. Why not pop in for your lunch whilst out doing your shopping.

Monday 15th September – 7.00 pm – GRAND AUCTION – Many items up for grabs, admission is free, come along and join in the bidding, grab a bargain, refreshments will be available during the evening.

WATCH OUT FOR OUR VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET ON SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AND ALSO OUR 'PANTOMIME EVENING' ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2009. MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS LATER. POP THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!!

Further information on all these events available from Susan Horner on 773171 or better still join us for worship, we meet each Sunday at 10.30 am and 6.00 pm, you would be made most welcome.

Shildon Community Safety Group

Registered Charity No. 1089902

Mind where you keep your keys

Have you ever stopped to think where you keep your keys in the house? Burglars are very good at retrieving keys left in the back of doors or sometimes people even leave keys on a string hanging behind the door or on a shelf very near and visible through the letterbox, all of these are ideal places for the local burglar to access.

It is good practice to always keep your doors locked but it is equally important that you know where your keys are, should you need to exit the property in an emergency. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR KEYS ARE SAFE AND INACCESSIBLE TO LOCAL OPPORTUNIST THIEVES!!**

Intergenerational Carousel

The Community Safety Group holds a Carousel event on June 10th in the Methodist Church Hall. This is a slightly different format from the previous events and involves both older people and local primary schools. There are 4 workshops on keeping fit and active, fire safety in the home, reminiscence workshop and also an art workshop.

Discarded Syringes

This is a continual problem in areas of the town, please be vigilant. If you spot a discarded hypodermic needle then please **DO NOT TOUCH** it, if possible, cover the needle with something, preferably heavy, so that children cannot access it and then ring the Neighbourhood Wardens in order for the needle to be disposed of in the correct way. The number to ring is 01388 721351

..Watch out for future events now being planned, we will keep you updated..

TO WALK OR NOT WALK? THAT IS THE QUESTION!!

During May a campaign was held for 'Walking to School'. Here are the usual excuses for not doing this.

- I work and don't have time
- The weather is bad
- We live too far away
- The children are too little to walk

However congestion around schools with traffic causes huge problems and sometimes the safety of our children is a real issue with lots of cars around and also tempers may become frayed as people arrive earlier and earlier at school gates just so they

can get a good parking spot.

Obviously there may be times when walking our children to school is not possible but most of the time walking is a viable alternative, even if we just park a little further away from the school and then walk with our children. There are various car parks around the town where cars can be left some quite near various schools.

There are lots of incentives for trying to walk our children to school

- Exercise leading to healthier lifestyle
- Weight loss
- Walking to school gives valuable time to talk to our children
- Good for the environment – less exhaust fumes
- Good for our pocket – save money on fuel costs
- Makes children more aware of highway safety issues
- Makes our children more independent and streetwise
- Gives time for both children and carers to appreciate their surroundings.

SO COME ON LET'S ALL TRY AND BE HEALTHIER AND SAFER – WALK!!

'The

Tearaways'

Hiya, it's us again members of 'The Tearaways' Youth Theatre Group, keeping you up to date with what's happening. After the success of our last production 'Oliver' which we performed to full houses in the Civic Hall, we are now getting down to serious rehearsing for our next show 'A Night at the Movies and Musicals' which has 24 pieces of music from films and musicals from the 1950's to the present day. We will be performing the show late September. Our membership in the group grows every time we do a show and now stands at 91 Wow! We don't just do shows at the Civic Hall, No, we go out in small groups and entertain and promote 'The Tearaways' at Community Fairs and Fun Days around the area. Our next one is Saturday, 28th June at the Aycliffe Leisure Centre. If you would like to dance, sing or act ring Derrick on 01388 774838 for more information 'The Tearaways'