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# Shildon Yella

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The Shildon  
Yella is  
developed  
and written  
for the youth  
of Shildon.

## Pied Piper was a success



The cast of Sunnysdale's 'Oh Rat's' production. The 'Mayor' and 'Piper' (behind), Towns people (middle) and the Rats (bottom) can be seen here.

Three shows, three nights and three spectacular performances. The standards were exceptional, the excitement was thrilling and tensions were high; Sunnysdale Community College has, once again, put on an awe-inspiring production to entertain its audiences. The whole week's performances had been organised by the passionate and talented Allison Brown and Ursula Massingham, managing and helping choreograph the whole production. Envious to say the least. Opening with a variety of musical numbers, including adverts for 'Rentokil,' we

were treated to the musical story of the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin.' The story was narrated by the talented Stephanie Peareth, a frequent star in all school performances and music teacher Ursula Massingham. The Piper was played courageously by Andrew Alderson, while the Mayor was played by school teacher Alan Fletcher (who, according to many reports, played the part in his everyday attire). With amazing dance numbers from Andrew, a scarily talented rendition of 'Me and My Corporation' from Alan Fletcher, and harmonious yet heart-breaking songs from

fictitiously disabled Katie Park-Brown, the audiences on all three nights were in for a stunning and emotional two and a half hours. The music numbers for the performances were provided by organiser Allison Brown, bass player Daniel Ward, drummer Johnny Welburn and Claire McNeil on the flute, who accompanied the actors the entire way through with brilliant, first-class music scores for the audience to join in with. The story was portrayed flawlessly, with immersive scenery by technology teacher John Gilling, magnificent lighting by Tim Paver, Sam Foster and Phillip Massingham accompanied by sound technician Phillip Park. We can't list the entire crew here, but as quoted from head-teacher Sue Byrne, who was there on the nights, "Thanks to everyone backstage and the music teachers for making all the performances possible." All in all, the show was, as usual, a great success, breathtaking and emotional at the same time. 5/5.



Alan Fletcher plays the 'Mayor' while Andrew Alderson portrays the 'Piper'.

## Shildon Yella



The members of the Yella Editorial Team show veteran journalist John Smith their newspaper.

We're pleased to present the very first issue of the 'Shildon Yella', the town's very own Youth Newspaper, for young people, written by young people. Initially, the Yella is being produced by the Shildon Youth Forum, with help from the Community Newspaper Support Association. We hope that, in coming publications, we will be able to create a newspaper that is purely aimed at the younger generation of Shildon's community and has news and information that concerns them directly. Thanks to the delivery team of the Shildon Town Crier, the Yella is being published and distributed inside the popular

community newspaper, but we are looking for alternative ways of distribution, to make the Yella even more interesting, and more accessible by all readers, regardless of their age. We want the paper to be a voice for young people and if readers have anything they would like to comment on, or have any suggestions or comments on what we could do to improve this paper, please log on to [www.shildonyouth.co.uk](http://www.shildonyouth.co.uk) and click on the 'Contact Us' link. We hope the Yella will be enjoyable, and we thank you for reading it.

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### Jubilee Fields

Community Association  
Jubilee Road, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 2AL

### BIG VOTE YOUTH TRIPS (Mondays) 13 - 19 year olds

£2 per person (this includes travel cost and entrance  
to activity)

|                       |                      |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| AUG 13 <sup>TH</sup>  | ROCKWALL             | 6.30 - 9.00 |
| AUG 20 <sup>TH</sup>  | CINEMA               | 4.30 - 9.30 |
| AUG 27 <sup>TH</sup>  | NO TRIP BANK HOLIDAY |             |
| SEPT 3 <sup>RD</sup>  | BOWLING              | 6.00 - 9.00 |
| SEPT 10 <sup>TH</sup> | BOWLING              | 6.00 - 9.00 |
| SEPT 17 <sup>TH</sup> | ROCKWALL             | 6.30 - 9.00 |
| SEPT 24 <sup>TH</sup> | ICE SKATING          | 6.30 - 9.30 |
| OCT 1 <sup>ST</sup>   | BOWLING              | 6.00 - 9.00 |
| OCT 8 <sup>TH</sup>   | SWIMMING             | 6.00 - 8.30 |
| OCT 15 <sup>TH</sup>  | ICE SKATING          | 6.30 - 9.30 |
| OCT 22 <sup>ND</sup>  | CINEMA               | 4.30 - 9.30 |
| OCT 29 <sup>TH</sup>  | ROCKWALL             | 6.30 - 9.00 |
| NOV 5 <sup>TH</sup>   | NO TRIP              |             |
| NOV 12 <sup>TH</sup>  | ICE SKATING          | 6.30 - 9.30 |
| NOV 19 <sup>TH</sup>  | SWIMMING             | 6.00 - 8.30 |
| NOV 26 <sup>TH</sup>  | BOWLING              | 6.00 - 9.00 |

\*Please ring the Centre on 01388 775425 to book your place.

# Sunnydale Community College 'hotspot'

As parents and pupils of Sunnydale school will already know, the community college is currently creating their own interactive hotspot café, with wireless internet. The facility, which the school hope to have completed by September this year, will include top-of-the-range computer systems, a brand new café, and a Wi-Fi hotspot for visitors to use with their own computers and gadgets.

CaféHotspot, as it is to be called, has its own dedicated creative team, with students of Sunnydale making decisions related to the running of CaféHotspot, and they are looking out for ideas on how they can create an interactive online website for hotspot visitors to use.

If you have any suggestions or questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to e-mail [questions@cafehotspot.co.uk](mailto:questions@cafehotspot.co.uk).



The new, modern café hotspot logo.

When the time comes, we will let you know how readers can take advantage of this facility, and how they will be able to use it.

## Big Vote.. days out please!

When young people in Shildon were asked what they wanted to improve their lifestyle, the answer was a resounding yes to organised trips to various venues throughout the year.

The consultation involved, all the young people in Shildon who attend school in the town, and was called the "Big Vote".

As a result, a whole schedule of fascinating trips away have been arranged on Mondays, co-ordinated by Jubilee Fields Community Centre for youngsters.

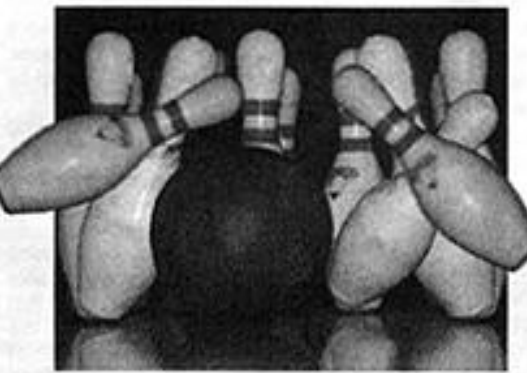
The trips start on Monday August 13th with a trip to (and up) a rock wall!

Newton Aycliffe WAS the venue for the fascinating trip out, and, for those who had never tried climbing up the wall, great fun and everyone WAS harnessed on, so there no danger of landing on something painful if you fell off!

The trip out set off from Jubilee Fields Community Centre at 6.30pm and the event ran until 9.30pm.

Similar trips are organised for September 17th, and October 29th.

Readers who fancy a trip to the cinema can take advantages of trips on August 20th and October



Ten pin Bowling trips will be sure to attract youngsters -especially when it only costs £2.00 including travelling there, entrance and a game!

22nd. Enquire at Jubilee Fields to see what is showing for booking a place.

Ten Pin bowling was one of the most asked-for events in "The Big Vote" and trips to a rink have been arranged on September 3rd, 10th, October 1st, and November 26th from 6.00pm until 9.00pm.

Another venue high on youngsters minds was a trip to the Ice Skating Rink.

Trips have been arranged on September 24th, October 15th and November 12th to Billingham Forum and as the weeks move on, the organisers are confident that youngsters will soon move from taking tentative

steps round the outside to trying a double salsa in the centre of the ice!

Lastly, Swimming trips have been arranged to either Spennymoor or Newton Aycliffe Leisure PoOIs on October 8th and November 19th.

The best news is that the cost of the weekly trips is just £2.00 each person, per event and that includes all travel and entrance to the event.

To book a place, simply ring Jubilee Fields Community Centre on 01388 775425 or call in and enquire at reception.

The Monday trips away are for 13 to 19 years old only and must be pre booked.

## Sunnydale's Fundraising Finale

Over the last few weeks of term, Sunnydale School and its students held countless events in aid of raising money for the Stephen Jones Memorial Fund.

The main event of the weeks was a whole-school Sports-Day, which was a great success.

There were only a few spots of rain throughout the whole day, yet it did not dampen spirits.

The events included varied sports such as javelin, 800 metres and shot-put.

Additionally, there was also a 'Tuck shop' on site to supply everyone with food and drinks.

The shop was organised and run by Year 10 pupils with all the proceeds going to the Stephen Jones Memorial Fund.

The students from Year 10

spent their time organising the purchase of stock and setting up the stands on the day.

On the Friday of the penultimate week, the students also organised a "Wacky Car Race".

Pupils from each Tutor Group used materials to build a vehicle that their Form Tutor would run in.

The race was held on the afternoon, and though the rain joined them, this did not prevent the race, and fun was had by teachers and students alike.

The project aimed to raise £1000, and Sunnydale School is confident they can achieve that target.

Stephen Jones was a student at Sunnydale School who suddenly, sadly, passed away earlier this year.

## Disney comes to Shildon!

Youth theatre group, "The Tearaways", is currently in preparation for ITS next 'Big Show'.

The Disney Show, as it is being called, is in the making now, at Timothy Hackworth Primary School with all the singing, dancing and drama rehearsals underway.

The performances will, as usual, be held at the Shildon Civic Hall.

Tickets can be purchased at the Town

Crier Offices in Main Street, Shildon, or on the door and are £4 for Adults and £2 for Children and Concessions.

"The Tearaways" Production will run from Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October, till Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

"The Tearaways's" productions are always well attended and it says, it hopes to make this production its best yet!

Watch out for a review in the next "Shildon Yella".

## Joke Corner

We asked the Committee to come up with their worst jokes ever....

Q: What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?  
A: Flatman and Ribbon.

Q: When is a car not a car?  
A: When it turns into a garage.

Q: How much do American pirates pay for their earrings?  
A: A Buccaneer!

Q: Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door?  
A: He wanted to win the Nobel prize.

Q: Why did the atoms cross the road?  
A: It was time to split!

Q: Why do eskimos wash their clothes in tide?  
A: Because it's too cold out side!

Q: What kind of car does Luke Skywalker drive?  
A: A Toy-yoda.

Q: Why did the boy blush when he opened the fridge?  
A: He saw the salad dressing!

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Have you a joke to share? Submit your own jokes to [yella@shildonyouth.co.uk](mailto:yella@shildonyouth.co.uk)

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# BORED? PLENTY TO DO AT THE LEISURE CENTRE ...

With another couple of weeks left before the big return to school and college, the long summer break is threatening to become just a bit of a bore for some readers.

Many won't have realised that the Leisure Centre at Shildon has had a

series of holiday attractions running throughout the school holidays and there are two weeks of activities still on offer.

Amongst the offers is a chance to join in with the local theatre group "The Tearaways", on Tuesday 21st August and 28th

August from 10.00am until noon.

One session with the group is 60p and two sessions are £1.00.

The Leisure Centre Sports Hall is on offer to large groups over 8 years old wishing to play a wide variety of sports at just £10 per hour on

most of the remaining days of the holidays and there's a "Sportsmix" running daily from 1.00pm until 3.00pm which includes various sports hall games, competitions, and fun on a Ninteneo WIs.

The Sportsmix is free but numbers are limited so

book in advance at the Leisure Centre.

The Leisure Centre's Cyber "Hot Desks" are also available to web surfers at all times during the holidays for 50p per half hour, bookable in advance.

Full details from the Reception desk.

## SHILDON WILL BE A RIOT OF SOUND SIGHT AND COLOUR....

The sight of the drum majorettes and the sounds of kazoos, drums, and glockenspiel will be like a magnet, drawing thousands to watch the colourful bands marching in perfect precision in Shildon over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The town will be packed with young and old alike, lining Church Street, eager to watch and listen to over 45 marching jazz bands strut their stuff proudly as they compete for the accolade of World Jazz Band Champions 2007.

The main part of the World Championships will take place in Hackworth Park, Shildon's famous 'Green Lung'.

But for the whole of Saturday morning, August 25th, Shildon's Church Street, and parts of some surrounding roads will be closed to traffic, allowing hundreds of youngsters and adults to proudly march, play and parade in safety, watched by thousands lining the streets.

And whilst the crowds will no doubt bring a trading bonanza to local shopkeepers, it will be a nightmare for Shildon's drivers as they try to negotiate their way through the town.

Down in Hackworth Park, the area which is commonly home to pub



Over 45 jazz bands will parade up Church Street on Saturday August 25th.

football teams will be transformed into a splendid arena, complete with grandstand seating, whilst charity stalls and a supporting fairground will add to the sight and sound of the weekend.

With almost 2000 performers and just as many supporters arriving in Shildon, accommodation alone has been a nightmare for the competition organisers.

Every church and village hall for miles around is booked up solid, with youngsters prepared to rough it for the weekend, sleeping on floors, surrounded by their beloved instruments and uniforms.

The whole of Hackworth Park, bordering Middleton Road, will become a giant bus and

coach park and Shildon will throng, for one weekend at least, with hundreds upon hundreds of gaily dressed youngsters all proud to show off their marching and musical talents, each and every one coveting that illusive World Championship.

The World Jazz Band Championships take place from 8.30am on Saturday, August 25th until 5.00pm Sunday, August 26th in Hackworth Park, Shildon.

Church Street, part of Central Parade, Wesley Crescent and Raby Gardens and adjoining streets will be closed to traffic from 8.30am until 1.00pm on Saturday, 25th August and Primitive Street becomes two-way to allow access to and from the Co-op Supermarket.

## A web site for the Forum...



Shildon's Youth Forum website

Shildon's young people now have their very own website.

The designers hope that it will be the perfect place to find out the latest news for the activities which are going to be taking place in Shildon

near future. The Shildon Youth Forum is working closely with "Live Shildon", another voluntary group that works to bring young people information on activities going on in Shildon.

Shildon Children And Young Peoples Action Network Presents....

## "GO POTTO" POTTERY PAINTING SESSION



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FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
2 - 4pm

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# COUNCIL SURVEY SAYS LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HAPPY, HEALTHY AND WELL-ADJUSTED . . .

. . . But what do you think?

A major survey aimed at giving Council chiefs a better understanding of what it's like being a youngster in the area, has painted an 'overwhelmingly positive picture', its findings have confirmed.

Durham County Council says the survey showed that the majority of children and young people in the county are happy, well-adjusted, make friends easily, eat healthily, feel respected, and enjoy school. But, says the County Council, it also showed it's not a county of "goody-goodies".

The level of drinking among secondary-age young people is 'by far' the result of greatest concern, says the survey report.

The level of bullying among primary and secondary pupils remains a significant problem, despite strategies to combat it, the survey adds.

And the lack of career aspiration is worryingly high, particularly among older pupils.

The survey was conducted among a random sample of around 4,500 children and young people aged from 8-18 at 32 primary and secondary schools, including young people with special educational needs, looked-after children and those from traveller families.

The survey questions for both age groups were very similar, but with the addition of questions relating to drink, drugs and alcohol in the secondary age group.

The results showed that 97.5% of the primary and 95.6% of the secondary group report being always or sometimes happy.

88.6% of the primary and 93.5% of the secondary group say they can make friends easily always or sometimes.

87.9% of the primary and 80% of the secondary group always or sometimes eat fruit, vegetables or salad most days.

85.1% of the primary and 70.7% of the secondary group always or sometimes enjoy school.

94.6% of the primary and 70.9% of the secondary group always or sometimes enjoy taking part in activities or clubs.

Just under half of the secondary age young people surveyed (49.8%) say they drank sometimes or always.

37.5% of the primary and 30.2% of the secondary group say they are always or almost always bullied at school.

Despite all the health warnings, the survey showed that 14.7% of secondary age young people smoke

sometimes or always, and 5.6% of secondary age young people take drugs sometimes or always and one per cent of the secondary age group, mostly girls, enjoyed taking part in anti-social behaviour.

Amazingly, more than 50 per cent of sixth formers surveyed didn't have a career aspiration. Coun. Claire Vasey, Durham County Council's Cabinet

Member for Children and Young People's Services said, "In conducting the survey, we did not expect it to reflect an ideal world where no problems existed and in which all of our children and young people lived a perfect life".

"But it has shown that the majority are "happy and healthy" and if you ask any parent, that is what they wish most for their children."



Are local children and young people healthy, happy and well adjusted?

## Shildon Running and Athletic Club success

Shildon Running and Athletic Club has been established and achieving successes for over 20 years now, and it hasn't gone unnoticed either.

Athletes such as Kate Avery, Fiona Higgin, Elizabeth Wood and Fergus Chadwick often find their names in local newspapers.

And, to celebrate their triumphs, athletes are rewarded at a night especially for them.

Every year, the Club hosts an awards night where trophies or certificates are presented to recognise the efforts over the season, both track and field and cross country.

Awards are presented for a range of achievements such as 'athlete of the year', or most improved over the season.

Members are extremely dedicated to the Club, and voluntarily train once, twice or even three times a week when they are looking forward to a competition or an important event of the season.

Coaches train the youngsters voluntarily as well, receiving no payment for their services, but they say they enjoy the



Shildon's Kate Avery (l) in action

satisfaction of seeing the hard-earned success of their very own athletes.

The Club is open to youngsters from the age of 8 and over, with training times to suit each age group.

Children are trained with others of their age, in a comfortable and friendly environment, and can study different disciplines of athletics as they become more confident in themselves.

For more information about the Club or its members, readers should log on to [www.shildonrunning.co.uk](http://www.shildonrunning.co.uk) or call 0774 622 8050.

To see the athletes in training, readers can

visit the Stadium 2000, opposite the Leisure Centre, on a Monday or Wednesday evening from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

## Next Issue

We plan to produce The Shildon Yella monthly. The next edition will be distributed with the Shildon Town Crier in the middle of September. Readers who would like to submit stories or articles for the next edition should send them to [yella@shildonyouth.co.uk](mailto:yella@shildonyouth.co.uk). We also welcome more volunteers to help produce the paper. Readers who are interested should send us their name, address and contact details to the same email address.

**14.7% of secondary age young people smoke and 5.6% of secondary age young people take drugs.**

**Despite that, are local children and young children happy, healthy and well-adjusted?**

**Email your views to [yella@shildonyouth.co.uk](mailto:yella@shildonyouth.co.uk)**