Olympic Torch to pass through Shildon

The 2012 Olympic Torch will pass through the town next June.

The 2012 Olympic Torch is set to visit Shildon this year, en-route to the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games on 27th July. Thousands of torchbearers will carry the flame on its 70-day journey across the UK. Bishop Auckland and Shildon will be just two of 18 destinations the torch will visit on Sunday 17th June, before spending the night in Middlesbrough, where celebrations will be held during the evening. It will then be carried on down the coast to Teesside and on to North Yorkshire. MP for Bishop Auckland, Helen Goodman, was delighted with the news. She said, "It will be great for local people, especially children, to see the Olympic flame being carried through the streets of Bishop Auckland and Shildon and I’m sure it will be a thrilling experience for those people chosen to carry the torch."

"The Olympic ideals are cherished across the world and it’s great news that local people will be able to play a part in the build up to London 2012."

The Olympic flame will arrive in the UK from Greece on 18th May 2012. The relay will begin at Land’s End in Cornwall on Saturday 19th May, making an 8,000 mile journey around the UK before arriving at the Olympic Stadium in London on 27th July for the official start of the games.

Half-term activities at Jubilee Fields

Jubilee Fields Community Centre has several activities taking place for young people this half-term.

On Tuesday 14th February, from 9.30am to 11.30am, a Recycling Arts & Craft Session will be taking place, when Junior Club members (aged between 5 and 15) will be able to make sculptures from recyclable materials. There is a small charge of 75p for the session and places are limited to 30 children.

Between 2.30pm and 4pm on Wednesday 15th February, the team from Ashby & Atkinson’s dental team will be visiting the Centre to provide a free information session on how to take good care of your teeth. Youngsters aged 5-13 years will learn all about oral hygiene, before taking part in some fun activities.

A Graffiti Art Workshop, costing 75p, will be taking place for 5-13 year-olds on Friday 17th February, between 10am and 12pm. The session is limited to 15 Junior Club members who will learn how to design and produce a creative piece of art.

For more information on any of the above activities, contact Amy, Kingsley or Kim on 01388 775425.

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In Memoriam

Ernie McKimm
You were the best
They took your money
But not your trousers
Sense of humour they
didn't have
My name you said last
Chris'
God bless, sleep tight

Rest in peace Ernie,
Your partner-carer
Chris

Pat Walton
12.2.2010
To an amazing Wife, loving
Mother, Mother-in-Law & Nanna
We love you and
miss you every day
All our love Brian, Mark, Neil, Susan, Caroline & your
wonderful Grandchildren

Richardson
11th February
Happy 50th Birthday Garry
Happy 1st Birthday
Love you loads,
Nana, Granda, Sarah, Sophie & Zoe

Bridie-Leigh Race
11th February
Happy 1st Birthday to our
beautiful Grand Daughter
Hugs & kisses,
Grandad Gary & Nana Lorraine

Bridie-Leigh Race
Happy 1st Birthday
Bridie-Leigh
Lots of love,
Great Nana Eleanor
& Great Grandad Joe

Garry Richardson
Happy 50th Birthday Granda
Love William

Doris Ellwood
13th February
Remembering our dear Mam
& Gran on her 83rd Birthday
We cannot stop
The hands of time
Nor live again the past
But we shall love & miss you
Mam & Gran
As long as time will last

Happy 50th Birthday Granda
Love William

Bridie-Leigh Race
To my God-Daughter
Happy Birthday
Love Kimmy

Hannah Quinn
14th February
Happy 18th Birthday

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All about local people...
Tree-mendous effort in Dene Valley

Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership (AAP) is supporting a project to carry out improvements in the Dene Valley area.

It’s hoped tree planting and resurfacing work to improve a car park, popular with walkers, will improve the area for residents and visitors.

Work is being carried out at the entrance to the Close House area of Dene Valley with councillors Tommy Taylor and Dorothy Burn contributing £10,000 from their neighbourhood budgets with a further £25,000 coming from Durham County Council’s Urban Rural Renaissance Fund.

The project came about when over 1000 residents were asked where they would like to see improvements and this area was highlighted.

Cllr Tommy Taylor said, “We are delighted this project is taking place.”

Cllr Dorothy Burn commented, “We believe the improvements to this area will promote a sense of wellbeing for both residents and visitors alike.”

Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP is one of 14 set up by Bishop Auckland and Shildon and visitors alike.”

Police appeals

Police are appealing for witnesses after a house window was smashed in Shildon between 1am and 1.30am on Saturday 4th February.

The damage happened when a lump of concrete was thrown through the ground floor window in Primitive Street.

Witnesses are also urged to come forward after an earth closet was damaged outside the Timothy Hackworth House in Shildon.

Police believe the incident happened between 4pm on Saturday 4th February and 9.45am Monday 6th January.

The earth closet, which is an old fashioned toilet in a separate outhouse to the main building, was smashed and the broken pieces left inside an old bath tub which was also outside.

Police are also urging residents to come forward regarding the following incidents;

- On the evening of Monday 6th February a wheelie bin was put next to the rear door of a house on Cooperative Street and set alight. Luckily there was nobody in the house at the time, however the door was badly damaged by the fire and the house suffered smoke damage.

- Just after 12 noon on Saturday 4th February an unknown male stole two crates of lager from Morrison’s in Church Street.

- Sometime overnight on Thursday 2nd February wing mirrors were smashed on a Honda motor car parked on George Street and a Vauxhall motor car parked on Byerley Road.

- Between Thursday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd February an address on Waterloo Terrace had lead flashing stolen from the roof.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above incidents should call local police on the new non-emergency number, 101.

Sunnydale stages Dick Whittington

Sunnydale Community College is proudly presenting its pantomime Dick Whittington, which will be staged for three nights this month.

Follow Dick and his cat on their journey to London, set sail to foreign lands and help the heroes fight off the evil King Rat in an attempt to save the day and win the heart of the beautiful Alice Fitzwarren.

You can watch the show on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th February. The show starts at 7.15pm and doors open 6.45pm. Tickets are available from the school from Monday 20th February. (Please note the school will be closed for half term between 13th and 17th February.) Opening night tickets are available at a special price of £2, while tickets for the Tuesday and Wednesday showings will be £3.

Call the school on 01388 772526 for more information or to buy tickets.

Parish meeting

A meeting of Dene Valley Parish Council will take place on Monday 13th February from 6pm at the One Stop Shop in Eldon Lane.

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The above by-election will be held on Thursday 16th February 2012.

The candidates are as follows:

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The polling stations will be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm.

Details of the polling stations and the areas of the ward covered by each of the stations are as follows:

**West Close Grouped Accommodation**

Adelaide Bank (South Deanery Farm, Sunset View, Beechtree Nurseries), Auckland Terrace (2-17)(52-150 even), Garbutt Street (1-13 odd, 57), Main Street (63-109 odd), Princes Street, Vaughan Street, Waterloo Terrace, Coppy Crooks Farm, West Auckland Road, West Close, West Road (4-34 even), York Square

**Harrison Close Grouped Accommodation**

Adamson Street, All Saints Road, Bluebell Walk, Bouch Street, Brusselton Engine Houses, Brusselton Lane, Celandine Way, Foxglove Way, Harrison Close, Kilburn Street, The Mallards, Pears Terrace, Primrose Drive, Redworth Road (7-43 odd)(22-138 even)(The Grange, The Old Vicarage), Royal George Close, Scott Street, South Street, South Terrace, Thomas Street, Tomlin Street, Walter Street, Woodland View

**Timothy Hackworth Primary School**

Central Parade (23-47 odd), Hackworth Street, Mafeking Place, St Johns Road, Windsor Gardens

Adelaide Street, Alma Road, Braithwaite Street, Byerley Court, Byerley Road, Clarendon Court, Cross Street, Diamond Street, Drybourne Avenue, Drybourne Park, Freville Street, George Street, Granville Avenue, Granville Close, Hackworth Close, Henry Street, Lambton Street, Maddison Street (Holly Lodge Care Home), Middleton Road, Mill Street, Newlands Avenue, Osborne Street, Oxford Street, Pearl Street, Regent Street, Richmond Close, Ruby Street, Ruskin Avenue, Salisbury Terrace, Plevna Mews, Soho Street, Station Street, Strand Street, Surtees Avenue, Victoria Street, West Auckland Road, West Park, West Road (1-9 odd), Windsor Court, Wylam Close

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Paint Pot

As part of their Awesome Activities sessions, Locomotion; The National Railway Museum at Shildon, will be holding free ‘Paint Pot’ classes throughout February half-term. From Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February, between 11.30am and 3.30pm, families can go along and take part in the self-led art activities. Last admission will be 3pm. For more information call Pam Porter on 01388 771445.

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Family Fun

Pupils undertake a Titanic task!

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Pupils and parents at St John’s School enjoyed cream scones while they perused the youngsters’ work.

Police make arrests

On Sunday 5th February police arrested a Shildon man - Jonathan Banks - for aggravated vehicle taking and driving whilst disqualified. He appeared at South Durham Magistrates court in relation to these offences on Tuesday 7th February and was sentenced to 30 weeks in prison.

The next PACT meetings for the Shildon area are being held next week. Byerley and Sunndale ward PACT meetings are at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th February at the Civic Hall, Thickley ward PACT meeting is at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th February at the Jubilee Community Centre. “Please pop along if you wish to discuss any local issues with a member of the Shildon Beat team,” said a spokesperson.

Paint Pot

As a result of new evidence coming to light, police arrested a man on Monday 6th February on suspicion of the thefts from motor vehicles that took place in Shildon in December 2011. He was charged with several thefts and will appear at Newton Aycliffe magistrates’ court on 22nd February.

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Vote for Shildon pupils in national design competition

Two pupils at Sunnydale Community College are urging people in Shildon to help them reach the final of a national design competition run by the wildlife charity WWF-UK and packaging company Tetra Pak.

Kenan Samme and Meghan Jones, both aged 13, have had images they created for a project and packaging company Tetra Pak and WWF-UK will then use the winning image in future campaign activities to promote the importance of renewable resources.

People can vote online at www.renewableidea.co.uk and can vote once every day. Tetra Pak and WWF-UK organised the competition to help pupils understand the impact people’s choices have on the natural environment. Sunnydale geography teacher Michelle Delacey encouraged her students to get involved by introducing the competition to them in lessons.

Cherry Duggan, Head of Schools and Community Relations at WWF-UK, has been involved in the project and says, “Young people are the parents, citizens and decision-makers of the future - but they also have great a great impact and influence now. We want to help them make wise choices about the environment on which we all depend.”

Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 10th February and £2,000 for the school will then be given to the pupil who receives most public votes and £100 for themselves.

Up to three entries from each UK region have been selected for the shortlist and the entry that receives most public votes will progress to the final stage to be judged by a panel of experts in March. Tetra Pak and WWF-UK will then use the winning image in future campaign activities to promote the importance of renewable resources.

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Valentine’s disco

Jubilee Fields Community Centre is holding a Family Valentine’s Disco on Tuesday 14th February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. There will be party games, a tombola stall, cake stall and the opportunity to have your face painted.

Hot food will be available to purchase and entrance is £1 for adults and 75p for children. All proceeds will go to the centre’s Junior Club to help them purchase much needed arts and crafts materials.

Apologies for funds

The Northern Citrines Jazz Band are appealing to local businesses and councillors for cash donations. The band need to raise £300 in order to pay for their public liability insurance.

If you think you can help, call 01388 775728.

Spiritualist meetings

Shildon Spiritualist Church on Middleton Road will be welcoming Bill Lloyd to their next meeting, on Sunday 12th February from 6pm.

On Wednesday 15th February the church will be holding an Evening of Mediumship with Jackie Wright from 7pm. Entry is £3 on the door.

Civic Hall concerns

Concerns are to be raised at the next meeting of Shildon Town Council regarding vandalism and anti-social behaviour around the Civic Hall building.

In recent weeks two windows have been damaged to the rear of the Hall, with an estimated repair cost of between £400 and £500. This follows the need for four windows to be replaced in just 12 months. During the recent snow and frost, members of the Civic Hall also had problems with youths throwing snowballs at the kitchen windows - a problem which re-occurs every winter.

In a Council report by the manager of the facility, Paul Watson, it is stated that the issue is a major concern for the management team, and that consideration needs to be given to preventative measures. The meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 13th February.
Dear Editor

With regard to last week’s letter regarding Durham County Council’s proposal to reduce the opening hours of Shildon Library from 43 hours to 20 hours, I would advise that following representation made on behalf of the Town Council the report was withdrawn and not considered by the Cabinet because Shildon Library had been incorrectly classified as a community library rather than a town centre library.

A revised report is to be considered by the Cabinet on 8th February which correctly classifies Shildon Library and consequently proposes a smaller reduction in opening hours from 43 per week to 36.

If the report is approved by the Cabinet a period of public consultation will be undertaken from 10th February to 4th May and residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to let the County Council know their views regarding the proposed reduction in opening hours for their library.

M W Waterson, Town Clerk

Accident investigators are appealing for witnesses to an incident on Eldon Bank on Saturday 4th February which saw three pedestrians injured after they were struck by a car.

The incident happened at 5.30pm during the heavy snowy weather on Saturday 4th February on Eldon Bank, as a blue Ford Fiesta was heading towards Eldon crossroads. Due to the icy conditions the driver of the Fiesta, a 34-year-old local woman was unable to slow down sufficiently to avoid colliding with three teenagers who were walking on the nearside footpath.

The three were then either carried on the bonnet of the car or dragged alongside it for around 40 metres before the car collided with a Vauxhall Insignia which was parked on the roadside. The Vauxhall then in turn collided with a parked silver Peugeot 807, before the Fiesta ended up crashing into metal fencing and the wall of no 5 Eldon Bank.

The three teenagers were all from the Eldon area, the most seriously hurt being 19 year-old Steven Marley, who suffered serious injuries to both legs, hips and his pelvis. He underwent surgery at Darlington Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Sunderland Royal Hospital.

The others, 18 year-olds Steven Williams and Thomas Sumpton, sustained broken legs and were kept in at Darlington Memorial where they were due to have surgery. The driver of the Fiesta was unhurt and neither of the other two cars were occupied at the time.

Police say the road conditions at the time were extremely icy as a result of heavy snowfall and the road was closed to traffic from 6pm to 8.50pm while the vehicles were recovered from the scene.

Any witnesses are asked to contact the force’s collision investigation unit on 0191 375 2159.

Letters
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Running Club celebrate 25th anniversary

Members of Shildon Running & Athletic Club.

Shildon Running and Athletics Club has enjoyed 25 years in action, and to mark the occasion members are holding an anniversary celebration.

The event will take place on Saturday 3rd March, from 7.30pm at Elm Road Club.

When it all began in 1986, there was no Stadium 2000 or even somewhere to get changed. Founder members would meet at Elm Road Club in Shildon to get ready for their athletic training.

Now, some quarter of a century later, the club has an excellent state-of-the-art running track with nearly 200 members aged between 8 and 80 years-old.

Some of the first members included Neil Stockley and Dave Preston, who cherish those fond memories of the early days.

Back in the day there was only a handful of members which is testament to how far the club has travelled, given the GB runners it has produced over recent years.

The 25th anniversary of the founding of Shildon Running and Athletic club will mark the Olympic year in style with a local band called ‘Settin’ Stone’ performing.

A member of the group was ‘Shildon AFC Development Centre’ which holds football training sessions for youngsters every Saturday morning on the Scouts Field, is planning to enter teams into the league next season starting from 6 - 7 years upwards.

There is also a Trial Day planned in April at Dean Street ground for under 18s.

Shildon Manager Gary Forrest and Assistant Manager Stuart Niven will be present on the day - the date of which will be published in The Crier once it has been decided.

You can now read the latest information about the Development Centre on Facebook, search for ‘Shildon AFC Development Centre.’

If you are a young budding Wayne Rooney, why not go along to the Scouts Field and learn some football skills from qualified coaches?

Sessions are from 9.30am to 10.30am for 5 - 11 year-old, and from 10.30am to 11.30am for 12 - 18 year-olds.