



Summer 2011

CAVOS newsletter

Setting the record straight

In the Voluntary Sector, we are all aware of the difficult times in relation to lack of funding opportunities and being able to provide the services we have always offered. CAVOS is under the same pressure as all other groups and organisations and in particular, as there are fewer funding opportunities for organisations like ours that deliver support to others rather than deliver services directly to the community.

We informed our membership in our newsletter in April 2011 that we were *not* considering a merger with other organisations as we firmly believe that local voluntary sector support is essential and this was backed up by our membership in our online survey. **Our stance not to merge into a single countywide organisation remains.** However, we have always clearly stated that we will seek to work with others and the Local Authority where this will benefit those we exist to serve.

We remain committed to providing our high quality service. We are doing all we can to secure continuation funding to provide the support our members have become accustomed to. We will also be reviewing what we do and how we do it to provide an efficient and cost effective service into the future.

More info on the current position of CAVOS and future plans will be available during our AGM (see below)

CAVOS AGM & Voluntary Sector Question Time

Friday 9th September 2011 @ Spennymoor Town Hall

12.15pm buffet lunch and networking 1pm start (3pm finish)

It's that time of the year again and our AGM is fast approaching. We like to run our AGM a little bit differently every year and 2011 is no different.

This year, our AGM will include a **Voluntary Sector Question Time** where you can put your questions to a panel of knowledgeable experts! This interactive section of the event is a one-off opportunity to ask those burning questions that are important to you and your organisation. With so many questions and too few opportunities to ask them, can you really afford not to attend this event?

Booking is essential for this event, contact CAVOS to book and submit your questions in advance.

The AGM official business will include an update on CAVOS future plans (see above).

If you have any queries relating to this newsletter, or would like an article published in the next issue please contact us:

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Volunteer Awards Evening 2011 - the Winners

The 2011 Volunteer Awards Evening was held on Wednesday 8th June at Spennymoor Town Hall.

This year's Awards Evening was a great success, well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The evening saw volunteers from the 'Sedgefield Borough' area rewarded for their hard work and Julia Bowles (CAVOS Chair) presented the awards.

No one left empty handed as thank you certificates were presented to all volunteers who attended the event.



This year's winners were:

Volunteer of the Year:

Kate Fenwick (County Durham Youth Offending Service)

Special Recognition Awards:

Julie Towler (1st Sedgefield Guides)

Andrew McLeod (GOALS Project)

Bob Waller (Fishburn Kurling Club)

Luke Walker (Heel & Toe)

Volunteer Group of the year:

Cornforth Partnership

Special Recognition:

Sedgefield Locality Carers

For further information on recognising the good work of your volunteers, contact Sharon at the Volunteer Centre on 01388 811115 or email sharon@cavos.org.uk. The Volunteer Centre provides a broad range of advice so ring to find out how we can support you!

'Combat the cuts with CAVOS' Event—Update

Due to the popularity of our previous Community and Funder's Networking Events, we decided to run our 2011 event; again with local groups and funders stalls, but this time with a bit of a twist!

Local organisations were encouraged to promote and share their positive, successful ideas and experiences of raising funds and securing grantsand so the 'Combat the cuts with CAVOS' Event was born!

The event was successfully held on 27th May 2011 at Spennymoor Town Hall - we even had an interview with BishopFM live from the event. The feedback from the day was fantastic!

Many stall holders told us that they received a great deal of interest in their organisations and even recruited new volunteers from it!

People who popped in to visit us on the day made brilliant comments about the innovative and inspirational ideas they heard about and the fantastic range of activities being run in the area. Better still, everyone who came along left with their very own copy of our 'A-Z of Social Fundraising' which included a thought-provoking list of potential fundraising activities that groups could organise so who knows what local events we'll see in the future. It was a great opportunity to network with other groups, talk to some of the North East's top funders face-to-face and find out about local volunteering opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who was involved.



'Never do Nothing' - helping you to 'keep kids safe'

You may have previously heard about the 'Voluntary Sector Participation Project' that CAVOS has been funded through the Sedgefield Local Children's Board to provide. This project provides support to Voluntary Sector organisations to help them through the uncertainties of keeping children and young people safe from harm: including what to do, how and when to do it.

A key part of this project is our '**Never Do Nothing**' campaign which supports volunteers and groups to clearly identify a course of action if you suspect a child is in danger of harm and so you know that there is always something that you can do.

The principle is that there is always something you can do, so 'Never Do Nothing'. The campaign is focussed around the CAVOS traffic light system which tells you which course of action to take (*report, support or monitor*) and also tells you what to do next.

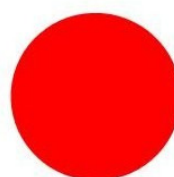
CAVOS owns the copyright to 'Never Do Nothing' and we have plans to take it a long way! It's a great idea after all. The campaign was launched at our event on Friday 27th May 2011: 'Combat the Cuts with CAVOS'.

Groups who came to the event were able to get their hands on the Free 'Never Do Nothing' information packs available on the day. If you weren't able to come to the event but would like to know more, contact CAVOS for a Safeguarding Support Pack and 'Never Do Nothing' information pack

The packs contain a wealth of valuable information to keep you on track with safeguarding children. This includes factsheets on topics such as the Vetting and Barring Scheme and Every Child Matters, an excellent Child Protection policy template, a range of our brilliant new 'How To' Guides and all you need to know about our fantastic 'Never Do Nothing' campaign.

Contact CAVOS for your FREE support packs now (01388 811115).

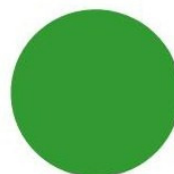
'Never Do Nothing'



Report



Support



Monitor

How healthy is your organisation?

If you're wondering whether your organisation has the correct policies and procedures in place, CAVOS can help! The CAVOS Group Health-check is an easy way to find out what you *should* have, what you *do* have and what support you *need*.

Things to think about:

- ⇒ Even if you are not a registered charity you may still need to have certain policies in place – *we can help with these*
- ⇒ You don't need to reinvent the wheel – *we already have model policies in place to adapt & adopt*
- ⇒ When was your Constitution adopted? Is it still relevant? - *we can help you update it*
- ⇒ Not sure what training you and your group needs? - *we can help you to identify anything you need to brush up on and which training courses you need*

It's straightforward, won't take up much of your time and it's a great way of prioritising, so get in touch now and help us to help you. Contact Donna at CAVOS to arrange an appointment.

Dates for your diary!

Employers Forum

After the successful training session we held in Employment Law, CAVOS recognised a need to set up a new Employers Forum.

This forum is for local community organisations that employ staff so that we can share-up to-date information on legal changes, policy updates and best practice.

As part of the forum we thought it would be useful to hold a very informal forum session for employers so that any of you can come along and talk about any areas of interest or issues you may be experiencing.

It will also be an opportunity to discuss experiences and chat (over a cuppa!) about the day to day challenges and management of staff.

The Employers forum will be held on:

**Monday 19th September, 5.30 – 7.30pm
@ Dean Bank Literary Institute.**

Some light refreshments will be served at the start of the session. Please confirm your attendance with Amanda at CAVOS on 01388 811115 or enquiries@cavos.org.uk

If you would like to find out more about the forum please contact Laura at CAVOS on the number above or laura@cavos.org.uk

Chair's Forum

Often in community organisations the role of the Chair Person can be a difficult one. The pressure to know everything that's going on, controlling meetings, driving the organisation forward, thinking strategically and leading the committee is not an easy task.....and can sometimes be a lonely one too!

CAVOS thought that it would be useful to provide an opportunity for Chair's to be able to meet together and talk informally about the challenges they face, how they have found solutions to those challenges and offer one another support (with tea and biscuits of course!)

This will be a very informal opportunity for discussion which we feel many Chair's will find extremely beneficial!

The first Chair's forum will be held on:

**Monday 5th September 5.30 – 7.30pm
@ Dean Bank Literary Institute.**

Light refreshments will be served at the start of the session. Please confirm your attendance with Amanda at CAVOS on 01388 811115 or enquiries@cavos.org.uk.

If you would like to find out more about the forum please contact Gillian at CAVOS on the number above or gillian@cavos.org.uk

Contracting & Tendering Session

CAVOS will be holding a session about 'Contracting and Tendering' on
Wednesday 21st September 1pm – 4pm — local venue TBC

Several groups and organisations have expressed concerns about the reduction in grants and the new emphasis on voluntary sector groups and organisations tendering for contracts that are issued by the Local Authorities and Health Services etc.

There is also a push toward more partnership and collaborative working whether for grants or contracts and many are unclear what this all means.

This session will be more of an informal discussion whereby people can air their views and concerns and learn from others and the benefit of the knowledge of those running the session. It will be practical, supportive and informative.

Light refreshments will be served at the start of the session. We hope that you will be able to come along, please confirm your attendance with Amanda on 01388 811115 or enquiries@cavos.org.uk.

For more information contact Gillian on gillian@cavos.org.uk

Big Society Update

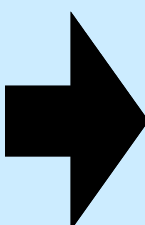
The Big Society is David Cameron's 'big idea' to change the relationship between citizens, the Voluntary and Community Sector and the state. CAVOS continues to provide ongoing updates on the Big Society and how our sector will be affected. Checkout the latest information below.

We recently saw the latest (fourth) re-launch of the Big Society with the Prime Minister, David Cameron insisting that creating the Big Society remains at the heart of Government policies, alongside cutting the deficit. The latest re-launch comes after a senior cabinet minister admitted that the Government had still "failed to articulate" what the Big Society actually stood for. The re-launch was followed by the news that Big Society Advisor, Lord Nat Wei, is to step down after a year in the role, as announced in a Cabinet Office statement and via his blog. The Big Society Advisor role will not be reappointed. Lord Wei will be taking up a part-time, unpaid role with the Community Foundation Network.

The Big Society Awards: Don't miss YOUR opportunity:

You may have read about the Big Society Awards in our last newsletter; to date only one group in the North East has received an award: Biddick Hall Community Focus Group in South Shields. There are only two rounds remaining so don't miss your chance to put this area on the map!

NOMINATIONS: Anyone, including people who benefit from the organisation or individuals activities, may make a nomination. Every nomination must have at least one other independent person that has agreed to second the nomination. This person should not be on the committee of your organisation or be family or close friends. You can nominate yourself or the organisation you run, work for or are involved with but, if you do, there must always be *two* independent people that have agreed to second the nomination. The Scheme is focussing on 3 Big Society topics for the awards:

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1. **Promoting social action** – people being more involved in their communities
 2. **Empowering communities** – local people taking control of how things are done in their area
 3. **Opening up public services** – public sector organisations and individuals demonstrating innovative ways of delivering public services. This includes voluntary sector organisations and private companies showing new ways of delivering public services.

All winners will be announced within three months of each deadline – details of winners will be placed, one a week, on the Big Society Awards site. Remaining deadlines are:

Round 4 - deadline for nominations is August 8th 2011 at 6pm

Round 5 - deadline for nominations is October 4th 2011 at 6pm

Award winners will receive a certificate from the Prime Minister and will be invited to a Big Society Award Winners reception at Downing Street. To access the nominations form, go to the 'Online Resources' Page of the CAVOS website for the link to the online form or ring 0207 276 6072

New guide about Council-owned premises and the Compact

Many organisations may either rent or use council-owned premises. NCVO's Empowering the Voluntary Sector project has produced a new guide as a short introduction on how the Compact, Public Law and equalities duties are relevant and can be used where decisions are taken that affect your use of premises. It will help organisations to know where they stand, what their rights are, and how they may be able to challenge unfair decisions. The Empowering the Voluntary Sector project brings together expertise in the Compact and Public Law providing advice and advocacy for organisations on a whole range of decisions taken by public bodies. This guide will be particularly useful to anyone involved in running a Council rented or owned community building. For more information or to request a copy of the guide, contact Laura at CAVOS on 01388 811115 or email laura@cavos.org.uk

Health & Well-being

Health and wellbeing has been a hot topic recently. Whatever age you are, there's always a good reason to look after your health (*physical and mental!*) The summer is fast upon us and now has never been a better time to shout out about the great activities and groups in the area. So.... let us know what you've got on and we'll help spread the word.

Whether you're a local club that's physically active such as karate, rugby, boxing, bowls, cricket or kurling or a more support focussed group such as cancer support, disability and special needs support, counselling or MIND.....we can help!. Lets work together and let people know what's right on their doorstep ready and waiting for them to join in!

Have a read on and check out some of the opportunities we already know about.....

Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP)

The Pioneering Care Partnership is a local charity whose aim is to improve people's health and wellbeing.

The charity is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe and a number of outreach projects in local communities across County Durham and Darlington such as County Durham LINK, Arts for Well-being, Positive Steps, Health Trainers, Options and Offender Health.

As part of the charity's aim they also have a number of healthy activities, treatments and therapies that are regularly available. During the summer there will be opportunities to take part in:

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| ☉ Cycling | ☉ Boxercise | ☉ Weight Watchers |
| ☉ Lazy Daisy Birthing | ☉ Aquacise | ☉ Weight Management Class |
| ☉ Health Walks | ☉ Stop Smoking Drop in | ☉ Pilates |
| ☉ Cooking On A Budget | ☉ Back Exercise Class | ☉ Zumba |
| ☉ Yoga | ☉ Options Social Club | ☉ Skills for Life Maths & English |
| ☉ Tai Chi | ☉ Colour Your Life – Arts on Prescription | |

The PCP also has a Hydrotherapy Pool as well as therapies and treatments available on request. They include acupuncture, a range of massages, reiki, reflexology, osteopathy, skeletal balancing, physiotherapy, homeopathy, hypnotherapy and cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

Contact the PCP for a copy of their brochure with further details or download from www.pcp.uk.net or the 'Online resources' page of the CAVOS website (www.cavos.org.uk)

Call 01325 321234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net to book or for more information.

Health Trainer's Project

The PCP are delivering a Health Trainers project which aims to support people to lead a healthier lifestyle through the delivery of Health Trainer Support.

The PCP now have 5 Health Trainers who can operate within the former Sedgefield Borough area and County Durham to help support people with behaviour changes such as exercise / activity level, healthy eating etc.

If any venue would be interested in holding drop in sessions (or some structured sessions) or would like further information regarding the project, target groups, services etc please contact Liz Godfrey by email at liz.godfrey@pcp.uk.net or by calling 01325 321234.

IMPACT - Social Prescribing for Better Physical and Mental Health

The IMPACT project grew out of a desire by several GPs in the Sedgefield area to have a means of prescribing social activities for patients as an alternative to prescribing medicines. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop a source of information that will help to improve well-being and mental health and reduce social exclusion.

There are now more than 1000 activities on the IMPACT social prescribing website!

Members of the public and professionals can access information on activities that aim to improve people's health in County Durham and Darlington. Most of the activities are free and most do not require medical referral. The website welcomes organisations to submit activities for inclusion on the site. Activities on IMPACT include physical activity, arts & creativity, learning, volunteering, befriending and self help. Organisations can register to use the site and then once registered they can submit each and everyone of their activities.

For more information contact Louise Tanner, Health Improvement Facilitator (Mental Health) by emailing louise.tanner@nhs.net or dar-pct.impact@nhs.net

This is an excellent opportunity to increase the number of people that access your service and also allows you to support people who really need it. If you feel that your organisation or group provides an activity that could be added to the IMPACT website but you want to ensure that you have everything you need in place before you register, contact CAVOS. We will support you to complete a group healthcheck and then work with you to get what you need in place before you register your activities on the IMPACT website.

Leisure services for disabled children & young people in our area

There are a range of activities available within the area for disabled and young people. Check out below *what, where and when* and why not give them a try!

Activity	Time and Place	Details
Swim session	Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Monday 5.00 – 6.00pm	For more details contact the leisure centre on 01325 300800.
Swimming Club	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre	For more details contact the leisure centre on 01325 300800
Swimming Lessons	Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Thursday 4.00 – 4.30pm	For more details contact the leisure centre on 01325 300800
Football session	Ferryhill Town Youth Junior Football Club	For more details contact Rita Foster on 01740 651508.
Sedgefield Sportsability Club	Spennymoor Leisure Centre Monday 5.00 – 6.30pm – 5 – 16 years old.	For more details contact the Sports Development Team on 01740 654123
Athletics Club	Sildon Running and Athletics Club Sildon-Sunnydale Leisure Centre Wednesday 7.00 – 8.00pm	For more details contact Sildon Running Club on 0788 839 8653.
Gymnastics session	Jayenell Gymnastics Club Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Sunday 9.30 – 10.30am	For more details contact Val Beck on 01325 319262.



Directory of Social Change Awards

Nominations for the 2011 Awards are now open so don't miss out!

The Social Change Awards celebrates the passionate individuals and effective organisations committed to making a positive impact on society. This change can come about through everyday actions of one individual, many people pulling together, a local company that cares about their wider community or the thoughtful investment of resources.

The nomination process is simple and can be done online. You can nominate yourself or your own organisation in less than 30 minutes. Awards are under five categories:

- ⇒ **Everyday Impact Award - New Enterprises**
- ⇒ **Everyday Impact Award - Long-term Enterprises**
- ⇒ **Influencer Award**
- ⇒ **The Great Giving Funders Award**
- ⇒ **Life Time Achievement Award**

DSC will produce a shortlist from each category once nominations have closed, and there will be an online public vote to pick the winners. Voting will open once the shortlist has been decided in October. Nominations for yourself/your organisation closes 26th August 2011 and nominations for others closes 19th August 2011.

Visit the website www.socialchangeawards.org.uk for more details.

County Durham Sport Partnership Award Scheme

This year's County Durham Sport Partnership Award Scheme has now launched, so don't miss the opportunity to nominate the unsung heroes of sport & physical activity from across the County. The categories for the 2011 Awards are under four main headings:

- ⇒ **Sports Awards,**
- ⇒ **Physical Activity Awards,**
- ⇒ **Combined Sport & Physical Activity Awards**
- ⇒ **School Awards**

Details of the 13 specific categories and the Award Criteria are available via the County Durham Sport Partnership website. Anyone can nominate for any category or area, so don't miss out!

Nominations are made through the five local Community Sport Networks (CSN) areas of Durham & Chester-le-Street, Derwentside, Easington, Sedgefield and Wear Valley & Teesdale.

Local winners then feed into the county event to compete for county title in their category.

Local events will take place in September 2011, with the County Durham Sport Partnership Awards Dinner taking place on Thursday 13th October 2011 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.

Nominate by **Wednesday 31 August 2011** ensuring you have read the Award Criteria 2011 before making your nomination.

For more info visit www.countydurhamsport.com/events/award-scheme

Need a CRB umbrella body? We have the answer!

Durham County Council has ceased to provide a CRB service to organisations in the area who do not work as part of the Council. As a result, many of these organisations are looking elsewhere for an umbrella body that can provide them with the help and support they need to carry out their CRB checks. Well, Voluntary sector organisations need look no further! CAVOS is an umbrella body with the Criminal Records Bureau and we provide our CRB service to voluntary sector organisations working within the former Sedgefield Borough area. As we specialise in working with these organisations, our service is tailored to meet your needs. For more information and an informal chat about the service, contact Michelle at CAVOS (michelle@cavos.org.uk)

Need more help finding (*and keeping*) volunteers? Look no further!

CAVOS Volunteer Centre offers a support service for our Voluntary and Community sector groups to help them develop new and unique ways to 'find and keep' volunteers. As we specialise in working with these organisations, our service is tailored to meet your needs. We can provide you with new tools, tips and techniques as well as support to set up the right systems and find new people within your community to assist you with your activities.

This is not about getting people on your committee but about helping you to identify other needs you may have, and finding ways of involving people to help out. You may think you have tried many things, to no avail, but we think we have the answers and we would like to help you achieve your aim in 'finding and keeping' volunteers. This service is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and can give you exciting and interesting tips and tools to get you on your way.

Do you promote your group in the right way to the right people? Are you offering what people want? Many people are afraid to volunteer because they may get roped into to other things. Many people leave volunteering because things are not well organised. We often WANT more people to help but aren't sure of exactly WHAT we want them to do.

Let us help – you have nothing to lose and much to gain. For more information and an informal chat about the service, contact Sharon at the Volunteer Centre, CAVOS on 01388 811115 or by email sharon@cavos.org.uk – go on – you know you want to!

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) 2011 update

Five years after the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) model was announced there are signs that, at last, it will soon be available!

The CIO is a new corporate structure for charities providing some of the benefits of being a company but without some of the burdens. Traditionally, the usual way of achieving limited liability protection has been to become a 'company limited by guarantee' and *then* register as a charity. This has never been a perfect fit for charities; having dual regulation with both Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The Charity Commission will begin registering and regulating CIOs once parliament has passed the necessary regulations, which is likely to be in the autumn. It will take up to 40 working days to register a CIO with the commission.

CAVOS will continue to keep you updated

New resource for small charities and new trustees

The Charity Commission has produced a web section on *risk* designed specifically for small charities, newer charities or new trustees. This can be accessed via their website: www.charity-commission.gov.uk

As part of this, they have published a handy document that covers ten useful questions that small charities should consider to help avoid problems. This document is available to download from the Online Resources section of the CAVOS website and may be of particular use to new groups and potential trustees.

If you are part of a group that's just starting out or a new trustee to an existing group and want to know more, why not contact CAVOS for support and book onto some of our training? (*see enclosed yellow pullout Training sheet*). CAVOS will be holding our ever popular '**How to be a brilliant organisation**' and '**How to get your hands on the money**' training that can provide you with a wealth of knowledge to help get the best from your group.

This newsletter is available to download from the CAVOS website:

www.cavos.org.uk

The CAVOS website also has a range of helpful information and materials available to download

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Summer Activities in Shildon & Newton Aycliffe for Children & Young People

Shildon Methodist Church

- ⇒ **18th Aug 2 - 4pm** Tea on the Lawn with Cockerton Old Band (*if wet, activities will be held in the Church Hall*)
- ⇒ **25th Aug, 10 - 12** Family fun morning, something for everyone, just turn up and its free entry.

Contact Emma Morgan -01388 772898 for details.

Shildon Youth Cafe (with St Johns & SCYPAN)

- ⇒ **10th, 17th & 31st Aug, 12.30–2.30**
Cook4Life (*10–14 yrs £1 each*)
- ⇒ **10th Aug, 2:30 – 5pm** Street Dance workshop & other activities (*10–14 yrs £1 each*)
- ⇒ **12th Aug** Bushcraft Day (*to be confirmed*)
- ⇒ **17th Aug 2.30 – 5** Rock Climbing (*10–14 yrs £5*)
- ⇒ **24th Aug 2.30 – 3.30** Treasure Hunt (*Up to 10 yrs £1*)
- ⇒ **24th Aug, 3.30 – 5** Murder Mystery (*10–14 yrs £1*)
- ⇒ **31st Aug** Zumba workout & activities (*10–14 yrs £1*)

(*Getting a place on any of the activities depends on returning a signed consent form and payment for the activities you are attending. Most activities have limited places so sign up ASAP.*)

Contact Helen Sheppard - 0787 0652675 for details.

JAFFA @ Burnhill Way Methodist Church

- ⇒ **15th – 19th Aug 10 – 12**
Holiday Club (*Ages 5– 11yrs. 50p per day per child*).
- Contact Liz Robson - 01325 317 482 for details.

Heel & Toe's Annual Ball

Friday 11th November @ Newcastle Civic Centre

- ⇒ Champagne reception ⇒ 5 course meal
- ⇒ Live entertainment ⇒ Grand auction
- ⇒ Special celebrity guest

The ball is in aid of Children's Charity Heel & Toe, who provide FREE Conductive therapy for children with cerebral palsy or dyspraxia. Conductive therapy is a mixture of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and learning rolled into weekly sessions.

Children can receive up to 6 hours per week FREE. In 2010 they provided over 6,500 hours of therapy to children in the region.

The charity started with only 4 children and now caters for over 70 children throughout the North East.

To reserve a table contact Doug Long on 0844 3350512. Tickets are priced £60 per person.

Newton Aycliffe Royal Navy Association

Do you or did you serve in the Royal Navy, Marines, Wrens, Reserves or Fleet Auxiliary? Yes? Read on.....

The Royal Navy Association covering the Newton Aycliffe area is looking for new members. They are a friendly group who aim to provide social and welfare support to help their members. The group meets in the Navy Club in Newton Aycliffe usually on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

If you're interested and would like to know more ring 01388 810197 for details.

Ferryhill Gala 2011

The Ferryhill Annual Gala is organised by the Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 and usually attracts over 5000 people during the event. The next Gala will take place on **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August 2011, from 11am to 5pm**

The weekend will be packed full of family entertainment:

On Saturday there will be children's entertainment, face painting, rides, balloon artists, refreshment vans and various stalls including those for charity and much more. On Sunday there will also be live entertainment on the main stage. Stalls are available on both days.

If you are interested in having a stall or performing at the gala contact John Rogerson on 01740 652157

Drama Festival in Sedgefield

The next 'Sedgefield Players' event is the Annual Drama Festival of One Act Plays. **12th - 16th September starting 7:30 each evening @ Sedgefield Parish Hall**

There is a Presentation of Awards Evening on the Saturday. More details will be available via www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk Anyone interested in joining the Sedgefield Players group or in entering a one act play in the Drama Festival should contact Norma Neal at norma@neal.myzen.co.uk

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Feature Organisation - Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters

Who we are: The Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporter and Community Association works to support and promote the scout movement in Newton Aycliffe. They have successfully run their Scouts and Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe since 1976.

(the scout hall)



What we do: The association raise their funds through hiring out their hall space that can host up to 80 people. They have a bar area which can cater for drinks during functions, a cinema screen that is very useful when making speeches or run slide shows and they have recently invested into wifi which allows people to use the internet onsite. As well as supporting Scouting activities, for which no charge is made, the hall is used for Thai Boxing and as a meeting place for the REME Association, as well as other community groups.

Why we're needed: After 35 years, the association are keen to expand their building to enable the development of new exciting projects and activities for young people and the wider community. The pool of loyal volunteers and members are determined to raise the much needed £200,000 to make this community building extension project a reality. They have so far raised a significant £70,000 by themselves through fundraising days, hall hire and their regular Social club. Also, since October last year they have been submitting funding applications to donor charities and have raised a further £37,500 from the Clothworkers Foundation, the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, Sherburn House Hospital Trust and Catherine Cookson Foundation and are awaiting results from others.

Where we are: The association is based at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham DL5 7PW. They meet every evening from 7pm.

How people can get involved: The association's members are very excited about all the positive developments regarding the extension project and are very hopeful of the possible support from local businesses and the wider community. The community can also hire this hall on weekends and during the day. To enquire or book the hall contact: 01325 318901

How to contact us: For further information about the Scouts Supporters you can contact the Secretary; Louise Fawcett on 07725515978.

Girls Big Night In

Wednesday 12th October

@ Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe 6.30-9.30

This event is bring run by Get Set Kids who are raising Money for Cash For Kids and Lymphoma & Leukaemia Research. The event will include a House of Fraser fashion show, around 40-50 shopping stalls, cakes, beauty treatments, fully licensed bar, Zumba, dancers, raffles, stand up bingo and an auction with TFM presenter Antony Collins.

Stalls are available at £25 plus raffle prize and £5 to hire a table.

Tickets for the event will be available mid Summer, names can be put on our waiting list by ringing Ally or Emma on 07971

577572, 07534 997875 or email info@getsetkids.co.uk

'As we see it'

Painting for Pleasure (based in Trimdon) are having a selling exhibition at the McGuinness Gallery at Bishop Auckland Town Hall from 22nd August to the 10th September.

The exhibition is called 'As we see it' and is very varied both in subject and technique....well worth a look!

Entry to the gallery is free.

New face at CAVOS!



CAVOS is pleased to announce that we have successfully been awarded funding from Awards for All to deliver our Community Buildings Support Project which includes the development of a website to promote community buildings throughout the area as well as the development of a new volunteering project.

We're also delighted to welcome the latest addition to our staff team, Helen Brown (nee Thistlethwaite) as our new CAVOS Projects Officer who will be leading on the project and will be in contact with all community buildings in our area for inclusion on the website. Helen has been working within the Voluntary Sector in County Durham for several years now so may already be a familiar face to some of you.

Check out below to familiarise yourselves with the rest of our lovely staff team. For information on specific job roles, visit our website at www.cavos.org.uk and check out our CAVOS Team page.



Gillian Fortune
Chief Officer



Sharon Vasey
Volunteer Centre
Manager



Laura Agar Wilson
Development
Manager



Michelle Fortune
Organisational
Development
Officer



Donna Zepernick
Information &
Communications
Officer



Tracy Bowman
Finance Officer



Amanda Jewell
(formerly Turner)
Admin & Support
Worker

