



FEBRUARY 2023

Accidents/Incidents reported – 0
Complaints received – 0

This report is written collectively from all staff, with snippets and photos from our busy centre allowing us to share some of our good news stories, successes, achievements, and lessons learnt.

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU

Do you have a couple of spare hours each week?

Would you like to make a positive difference within your community and gain experience with early years aged children?

Do you have an interest or passion to support children and families?

Would you like to lead or help support the smooth running of our baby and toddler sessions?

Volunteer activities

Setting up toys and activities

Planning & leading craft activities

Offering a warm welcome to children and adults

Chatting to families

Reading stories

Singing songs

General admin (very basic)

Packing toys away (adults and children help too!)



You can give as much time as you would like to help us, your time can make a HUGE difference

Current sessions
Monday & Wednesday afternoons, Friday mornings

All volunteers will require a DBS check (costs covered by Pelton CC)
If you would like to know more email our development worker Ellen
ellen@peltoncc.org.uk

Children's Corner Report

♥♥♥♥ Have you heard
our news?? ♥♥♥♥

Asda have been in touch to inform us all your voting paid off!! We came 2nd in the green token vote and we have been awarded £400 for the Owl & Owlets toddler group. We plan on using this to fund external trips for our toddlers to enjoy. A massive thank you to each and every person for all the votes, we couldn't have done it without your support!

- We had a stomping story time with Jackie from [Seven Stories The National Centre for Children's Books](#) in January.

We had lots of fun acting out the bear hunt story, reading books and playing with all the puppets and instruments. Children got a taster of what it is like at Seven Stories in Jesmond and we hope this encourages storytelling at home too.



- The Baby Hub funding also allowed us to invite Joanna in to meet our parents and carers one Monday afternoon. Joanna joined us to chat all things weaning as she is an infant feeding specialist! I've been told it was very informative with useful advice and tips and hope to add more of these visits to our diary for this year. 🥕🥦🍎

- During this weeks Baby Hub we welcomed staff from local nurseries to chat with our Mums and Dads about starting nursery and how to go about getting enrolled. It was a



very informative session and we plan to hold another in the near future. Thank you to the staff from [Pelton Community Primary School](#), [Chester-le-Street CE Primary School](#) and [Selby Cottage Childcare Centre](#) who took time out of their busy schedules to visit us. As a new parent, you often feel overwhelmed with the choices and decisions you must make within your child's early years, and unless you know someone who has done it recently, it is often hard to find the info you need. We hope to offer help and support through sessions like this and hope it does help. We are looking into offering similar sessions with Schools popping into the toddler sessions and hopefully this will help families too.



Recent Developments:



PELTON COMMUNITY GYM

LOCAL COMMUNITY GYM ON YOUR DOORSTEP



A FREE INDUCTION FOLLOWED BY A FREE SESSION
NO CONTRACT, NO JOINING FEE, NO HASSLE

Opening Times:

Mon 9am-8.30pm

Tues 9am-8pm

Wed 9am-7.30pm

Thurs 9am-7.30pm

Fri 9am-6pm

Sat 9am-5pm

£2 PAY AS YOU GO

£15 MONTHLY

£100 ANNUAL

Half price PAYG for Students with valid student photo ID.

Under 16's half price when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian over 18yrs

To become a member all you need to do is complete a simple medical form and book an induction by popping in to see us or call reception on 01913700726 or contact us on Facebook – Pelton Community Gym.



•Gym Leaflet revamp.

It has been a while since we needed gym leaflets, and with our prices staying the same for over 10 years...we didn't need to change anything, but a little revamp doesn't go a miss. Our new Gym leaflet can be found in reception...it has everything you need to know about our fab community gym and has given many that little nudge to start their fitness journey using our friendly and welcoming gym. We have done 56 Inductions this year so far....well done team!!

•County Durham Age UK

approached us as they have funding to help our Warm Spaces project. They could provide tutors and coaches to do some activities with our community. We decided to give Archery a go, so Julie will be popping in every Thursday until the end of March. So far those who have attended have had a great session, many saying it is harder than it looks and more of an exercise than they



thought. We look forward to seeing the improvement they make along the way. The hall is a great size and we can fit more people if anyone wants to give it a try.

Keep Warm Keep Moving

Indoor Archery

Starts Thursday 26 January 2023 at 12.30pm
at Pelton Community Centre, Front Street,
Pelton
Chester-le-Street DH2 1DE



For more information, call
0191 374 6568

or email us cet@ageukcountydurham.org.uk

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FREE



- Our 50th Timeline is coming along nicely, it is generating some chat, but we would really love to see more photos and comments.

- J's events are hosting a Heritage Day here at the Centre in March. We

are going to be the new home for the Stargazers Banner and they hope to celebrate this with a day and evening of fun for all to

enjoy. The banner will be unveiled at 3pm by Kevan Jones MP and we are looking forward to see their memories and photos from years gone by.

- Terri and myself have created a new style of family disco, and are hoping families with younger children, those with SEND or those who are just a little nervous about big large events, can all enjoy a quieter time. Our Valentines Quiet Disco is on Friday 17th Feb and is only £2 a ticket.

Candy Kids are going to turn the volume down a little, we have limited numbers so we aren't too busy and started a little earlier so we don't get too tired. We won't be opening the bar, but will have goodies, treats and refreshments.

- We are also hosting a Lego day in February Half Term and are looking forward to our families joining in and having a great time together with the help of Construction kids.

Stargazers Remembered Heritage day

Pelton Community Centre

Table Top Sale

Looking for sellers 5th March

1pm - 5pm

£10 per table.

Tables provided.

Contact

Email :- jsthisandthatgifts@gmail.com

Tel :- 0191 3701826

Mob :- Joan 07496267807

Stargazers Remembered Heritage Day

5th March 1 - 5pm
Pelton Community Centre

Table Top Sale, Refreshments & Official unveiling
of the Pelton Stargazers Banner
Special Guest Kevan Jones MP.

Evening

Stargazers Jazz Band Reunion Party

7 - 10pm Tickets: £1 Buffet Disco & Entertainment.

Get your tickets to enjoy a great night

More information contact John or Joan
Tel :- 0191 3701826 Mob :- 07496 267807
Email :- jsthisandthatgifts@gmail.com

Organised by J Events



Join us at our first Lego workshop with
Construction Kids

Wednesday 22nd February

11am-12.30pm

£4 Per Child

Get creative with a fantastic selection of Lego bricks,
mini figures, and accessories to build with.

Create vehicles with Lego wheels and base plates then
race your designs on the supersonic racetrack.

Call in for your ticket today, limited spaces

Adult supervision required throughout, recommended age 4+

Pelton Community Centre

CANDY
Kids Entertainment

Valentines quiet disco.

Friday 17th February
5-7pm

£2 Per ticket - Everybody needs one.
Limited availability, get yours while you
can from reception.

TOMBOLA **RAFFLE**

Lower noise level,
softer lighting & lower
occupancy. This may
suit SEND families.
Recommended
ages 4 - 10.

Fancy Dress, come as
anything you love.

Hot and cold soft
drinks available.

No alcohol to be consumed on the
premises

For more info call: 01913700726

COFFEE MORNING

BY HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



WHEN

**Saturday 4th of FEB
(this Saturday!)
10:30am - 12:00pm**

WHERE
**Pelton
Community
Centre Lounge**

**A RANGE OF HOME BAKED
GOODS FOR SALE**

COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE AVAILABLE

**WITH A WARM WELCOME AND
A CHANCE TO HAVE A CHAT**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PELTON**



We are working behind the scenes to try and start a drop in Credit Union here at [Pelton Community Centre](#) and hope to have some great news for you soon. 🙌

Would this be of interest to you, do you want more info?

Might you be able to help us with this session on a weekly or fortnightly basis?

Get in touch now if so! <https://www.facebook.com/nefirstcu>

FREE COURSE!



**NORTH EAST
DANCE**
EDUCATION, FITNESS & SPORT

Step Forward

with general fitness

Monday's 10.30am - 11.30am
(starting week commencing 6th Feb)

Pelton Community Centre
Front Street, Chester-le-Street, DH2 1DE



is then still available after for yet another cuppa and a chance to chat to others again. We love Thursdays!

As always we are continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...you just need to ask. Regards Clare Robinson and Team

• Pelton Holy Trinity Church have also moved their Saturday morning coffee morning to our lovely lounge once a month. They hope to entice new people in and make it easier for those who live this way to access a nice cuppa and a cake.

• Eden training have now hosted two great courses here at the centre, utilising Room 14 during the day and then our lounge and Room 2 for a weeklong evening course. We have a third course booked in soon and numbers are again filling up nicely. What a fantastic opportunity this is for our community. The course was well received by all and a great group of people to host for.

• We had the pleasure of meeting Jackie from [NEFirst Credit Union Ltd](#) today and what a great chat we had 🍵



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FREE DRIVING THEORY SUPPORT COURSE



Start learning to drive with our FREE driving theory support prep course

**Our 2 week course starts in Pelton Community Centre on Monday 20th February 2023
9.30am till 2.30pm**

Through our 2 week course you will cover:



**Hazard Awareness
Road Signs
Vehicle Safety
Functional Skills**



Free provisional licence or theory test (paid for)



Please call 07932975939 or email katrina@edentrainingacademy.org.uk



• North East Dance have also started a free weekly session in our Main Hall, to encourage our community to get fit whilst having fun. We hope this group builds as it is often something our timetable is missing.

• Busy Thursdays, WOW! What a change to our week we have had. As Thursdays used to be a quite one, however this year that has changed. We hosted 17 groups over the day yesterday, alongside our busy Gym and Office. Social Thursdays we call them, as many come and stay for the day. We have Gentle Circuits first thing, followed by a cuppa and a chat.... Then a few of our regular's head into our Warm Space for a rest, another cuppa and a spot of lunch with others. We then have a split, where some go to Archery, others go to Craft Together and some pop into the gym. The warm space



We have all had a tough time recently, we have missed your company and want to see you again.
Come and join our new artist led craft group, learn new crafts, experience new techniques, further your knowledge, meet new friends and enjoy a relaxed session with a cuppa. All materials supplied and group direction led by those who attend.
For more information or to book your place, please pop in or contact reception on 0191 3700726.



Drop-in Warm Spaces
Every Thursday 10-4pm and Saturday 10-2pm
We all know how much our utility prices are rocketing up. Pop along to spend some time here at the centre in a nice warm room, no charge. Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Meet other people, enjoy a chat. Do the crossword or puzzles in the newspaper. Enjoy one of the small activities that are on offer.
For more information, please contact 0191 3700726

We have some boots to fill....



Who we are: Pelton Community Centre exists to make people's lives better in Pelton and surrounding areas by delivering health and wellbeing activities that make a positive difference in their lives. We offer a warm, modern and safe venue that allows each of us to grow, connect and belong. We do this through a diverse programme of activities and facilities for leisure, learning and wellbeing.

Help us shape our future... ...join our Trustees.

We are looking for Trustees to help support the growth of the charity. We meet once a month* for a couple of hours, with reports and emails circulating between those meetings. As a trustee you will help oversee our long-term strategy, as well as supporting the team to deliver our busy programme of activities, groups and events as well as maintain and improve our facilities. We are especially looking for someone with a financial background.

For more info or to chat about the role, please get in touch with Clare on 01913700726 or [email clare@peltoncc.org.uk](mailto:clare@peltoncc.org.uk)

*usually the third Wednesday of the month, 6pm-8pm

Can we politely remind our users, our visitors and community members that our building is a **No Smoking Zone**. We do not allow smoking or vaping within our building.

We would love to create a safe and welcoming environment for all our visitors and would also like to ask people to refrain from smoking or vaping in our entrance, this is not the first impression we want to give our community.



We need your help!

In 2023 it's our Community centres 50th birthday!

We would love your help to construct a timeline covering the Community centre over the last 50 years.

We would like information, photos, newspaper articles, personal stories relating to the community centre over this period. Did you attend any groups here? Have a party or wedding reception? Etc

We will photocopy any images & give you the originals back straight away.

Please call into reception with any information that you have or email it to us on hello@peltoncc.org.uk
Could you please note the date that these events took place,



Thank you.





Community Litter Picking

Can you head out and litter pick around our local area?
If so, ask at reception NOW as we can supply all the equipment you will need!



