



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.

Come Join Us timetable

March

Wednesday 12th Mosaic **Craft** 1-3pm

April

Wednesday 9th **Craft** Easter Felting 1-3pm

Thursday 24th Salvation Army Singalong 1-3pm

May

Thursday 8th **Film** Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kids 1-3.30pm

Tuesday 13th **Craft** Button Art 9.30-12.30pm

June

Thursday 5th **Film** Carousel 1-3.30pm

Saturday 21st **Event** Bright Street Band & Afternoon Tea 12.30-4pm

July

Monday 7th **Film** Bonnie & Clyde 10.30-1pm

Wednesday 23rd **Film** Chicago 1.30-3.30pm

August

Monday 18th **Film** Some Like It Hot 11am-1.30pm

September

Saturday 20th City Swing & Afternoon Tea

We are looking forward to another busy year, thanks to Chester-le-Street AAP for the funding this year.



Ellens Report,

Move & Grow Session

We have been working hard behind the scenes with Phil the Community & Wellbeing Coordinator from Move Durham to set up a weekly gardening session.

The group will meet on a Thursday morning and is due to start in early April. Watch out for more details coming soon.

To make sure our garden is accessible to all who wish to join the session we have added a raised planter to the Rainbow Patch. Phil and his colleague Stephen joined us as well as Sarah and Kev (volunteers from the Co-op Distribution Centre) to recycle donated pallets into a planter that we hope the group members enjoy.



Donations

Sarah the engagement coordinator from The Co-op has organised a number of donations from the company this month. As well as answering our call for pallets to recycle, Sarah also donated a very generous donation of flower bouquets. The flowers were from a damaged delivery that were unable to be delivered to stores. However, the children in Owl & Owlets enjoyed making their own small bouquets to gift to parents in the run up to Valentines Day. She also brought refreshments including soft drinks and biscuits when she came to help build our new planter with her colleague Kev.



After School Multi-Sports

Our new multi-sports after school session kicked off at the start of March. Sports Cool Durham are helping us deliver these sessions

offering a different sport each week to help children build confidence and skills as well as an opportunity to socialise and make friends for £1 per week!



Baby Hub

Staff from the Growing Healthy Team have been visiting Baby Hub each month to hold advice sessions, to support parents around a range of topics. In February we held a healthy teeth workshop attended by 8 parents. Elisabeth and Charlotte had lots of useful information to share and the session gave parents the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice

Funding

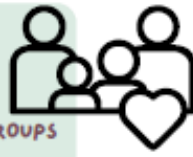
Thanks to the generous support of our local County Councillors, we are thrilled to announce that all of our regular Children's Corner groups will continue running for the next year. With essential costs like room hire, resources, and guest visitors covered by this funding, we can maintain our commitment to offering the best possible opportunities for families. This ensures that our sessions remain accessible and affordable for everyone in the community

CHILDREN'S CORNER FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



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NEW FAMILIES WELCOMED AT GROUPS
THIS MONTH



OUR BUSIEST WEEK WAS THE WEEK
BEGINNING
10.02.25
WE SAW 91 CHILDREN ACROSS ALL
SESSIONS



B A B Y
HUB

OWL & OWLETS



WE SAW

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DADS AT OUR SESSIONS
THIS MONTH



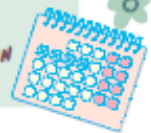
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED
THIS MONTH



14/02/2025
&
21/02/2025

WERE OUR BUSIEST SESSION
THIS MONTH



Recent Developments:

- We are pleased to be officially accepted into the Breastfeeding Friendly Scheme. 💜

Although we have always welcomed breastfeeding within our building, some further staff training and some slight adjustments have enabled us to be official and we are so proud of our new sticker.

We also love seeing the team on a regular basis at our Baby Hub Session. 💜

We are pleased to be able to support breastfeeding families within their community and are happy to help accommodate families with anything they may need.

Look out for our Breastfeeding friendly purple sticker in our building.

To find out which other businesses in your area support breastfeeding families please take a look here

www.durham.gov.uk/breastfeedingfriendly

- On Monday 3rd March Ellen and Micheal hosted a stall at the **Chester le Street and District Area Action Partnership** Celebration event at The Brockwell Centre. It was a good chance to catch up with other buildings and partners. It was also good to be able to tell others about our exciting adventures and plans for the future.



- **Live Well North East** are using Room 2 as a calm environment to host a weekly SEND emojis group for our young people to enjoy and benefit from. The space worked really well and the young people were shown different ways to control emotions and negotiate life and it's challenges.

- We had such a fab morning in February Half Term, as we hosted our very first Silent Disco. 🥳 What a great event, with around 50 of our community coming along to see what all the fuss is about.

Thank you to **Fidgets and Things Gifts** for the fab stall of goodies and to **Sparkle Glitter Tattoos** for adding lots of glitter to our disco.

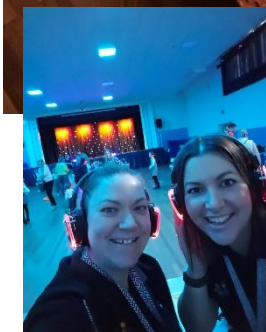
A huge thank you to **Silent Disco 4U** for hiring out your amazing kit! ✨

Thank you to all who came along and joined in the fun, we really loved our morning 😊.

We had fun watching everyone dance, and the grownups seemed to love it just as much as the little ones 😊 Some

singing was on top form...some not so much 🎵

... bring on the next one!



The amazing staff from Pelton Grange Care Home bring their residents over to the center.

Today these were his words to Suzanne his carer after he left the session...

"I really enjoyed that, and I look forward to going every week, it has become a routine for me.

I love seeing everyone, it's like they have become my friends, and they always talk to me and ask how I am.

It's lovely"

This has made our day Bob ❤️.



- Calendar Girls, were here for a week in February, with The South Moor Theatre Group moving in. They gave us 4 fabulous performances for our community to enjoy. The performances were mostly sold out, with some fantastic comments coming from the Audiences who came along who enjoyed a special treat on their doorstep. We look forward to our next show later in the year.

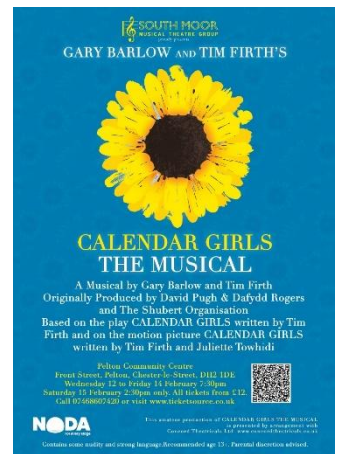


Chris Garforth

"We regularly attend the dance on a Saturday and were amazed to see the transformation of the venue into a theatre. Sets and lighting were excellent and the show and cast were brilliant. Well done to the Community Centre and all involved in the production."

Gillian Wilde

"We were so lucky to be able to use your fabulous stage. Your staff went over and above to make us welcome. So friendly and helpful. Thanks Pelton Community Centre x"



- Charity Fashion Show, everyone had a lovely time at the fashion show on the Saturday afternoon, here at the centre, with **Complete Clothing Company**.

We must say a massive thank you to all of our models for their hard work. We wouldn't have had a show without you. The day was a lovely one, again the



feedback was amazing to hear, we held a raffle and made money on the door, over £350 was made that day for the centre, but more importantly, we held a lovely social event for all to enjoy.

- AGE UK Durham also held another fantastic event at the centre in March, we worked with them to host their first Day Disco for those over 50 looking to have a great time with others. A DJ entertained everyone, along with the bar and cuppas for all to enjoy. The session went so well, they are rolling the same model out around the area and hope to return to our venue soon. DACC who are here 4 days a week also joined in the fun, and said it was a lovely treat for their members.



- We secured further funding this month, towards our large capital project, with a successful bid for a £5000 Energy Efficiency Grant, this money will go towards our Solar panels and allow us to install a battery to be able to store electric in, for use within power cuts, shortages etc. We will then be able to create a better environment when we open as a safe place in storms, power cuts or other natural disasters, as the battery can provide electric to power a laptop, chargers and phones, to boil a kettle to two or to use small heaters. Previous funding allowed us to purchase items for such an occasion, such as radios, torches, blankets, whistles, hi vis jackets, wind up torches etc. Hot water bottles have also been added to the boxes.

Work on the Windows, solar panels and insulation are booked to start on **Monday 24th March**. Some groups have had to move, a few have been cancelled but all have been notified of the disruption we expect to see and hear over the fortnight; however the improvements these works will make to our building, and the savings we hope to see, will make it all worth while we hope.

Tickets are still on sale for the Plenty of Laughs comedy night, go online or pop into reception to get yours, we can't wait.

PELTON COMMUNITY CENTER, FRONT ST, PELTON, CHESTER-LE-STREET DH2 1DE

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL
£15 PER TICKET

PELTON
PLENTY OF LAUGHS
COMEDY

Benidorm

STEFFEN PEDDIE - PSYCHIC STU - CONNOR READ - CAL HALBERT
TICKETS AVAILABLE : WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK
DOORS OPEN 7PM , SHOW STARTS 8PM

18+

*As always we are continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...you just need to ask.
Our Community centre also allows you to recycle damaged, broken or unwanted electrical items that fit in a carrier, these can be put in the DCC box under reception. You can also recycle your old batteries, vapes and now your soft plastics.
Regards Clare Robinson and Team*