

## **Shildon Memories Project - Update**

Shildon Memories Project is up and running in your community and is on your doorstep.

Pupils from St John's C of E Primary School joined older Shildon residents to explore how toys and games have changed over the years. They wrote some lovely 'day-in-the-life' diaries where they imagined what they would have played with if they were young in the 1930's and 1940's. Two pupils read them out to a crowd of around 40 people at the project launch on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at Locomotion. They really did us proud.

People from Shildon have loaned items to the 'Shildon Memories' display case in the Locomotion Museum. If you haven't been along to see it yet, get down there soon, as the display is being constantly updated! In fact we have several mystery objects that we would really like you to help us identify and collect stories about. The first is a china cup with "A present from New Shildon" inscribed on it. It has a very elegant design and was rescued from a car boot sale by a local resident. Have you seen anything like this before? Or have any idea about who would have given such a gift and why? The second mystery object is a collection of Shildon Motor Club trophies, again rescued from a local tip. Does anyone know anything about the Shildon Motor Club, did you use to race with the club? Did you win any of the trophies? Is your name one of those inscribed on the cups? Please contact Brenda Alexander at Age Concern Durham County or Tony Attle at Locomotion if you can help.

The project is out and about in your community, in many different venues. Ladies at the Jubilee 50+ Craft group and the Monday Club have already had presentations at their meetings. If your group would like a talk, please contact Brenda Alexander.

Come along to our Family Fun Day on Thursday 30 October from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Where you too could have a go at traditional toys like the Diablo or spinning top or make your very own whizzer. Share your memories of war time in Shildon, pour over old maps and photographs and share your precious memories of life in Shildon. Bring along any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share with the project or indeed some answers to our mystery objects. We hope to see you there!

For more information about the project, please contact Brenda Alexander at Age Concern Durham County on 0191 3740934 or call into Locomotion or Shildon Library.