

Howey the lad as star helps out cricket club

A FORMER England footballer is hoping to draw in the crowds to help boost the funds of a cricket club.

Sunderland-born Steve Howey – whose clubs included Manchester City and Newcastle United – will be at Whitburn Cricket club to host a talk-in.

The event, on Friday, October 31, will be compered by Phil Hourigan and aims to boost the funds of the club based in Whitburn Road.

The central defender, whose brother Lee also played for Sunderland, earned four caps for England. He has also played for Leicester City, Bolton Wanderers and Hartlepool



STEVE HOWEY

United. The night, starting at 7.30pm, will see Howey take fans through his footballing career before they will have a chance to put questions to the former Magpie.

Whitburn Cricket Club, founded in 1862, plays in the North East Premier League First Division.

The club also has an active junior section with sides at Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, and Under 18.

Tickets, priced £10, including a pie and peas supper, are available now from the club by calling 529 3187 or emailing info@whitburncc.org.uk



ON DISPLAY: From left: Michal Chantkowski, Karolina Osmak and Magda Soko from ICOS in Foyle Street with the Polish Film Festival posters.

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City hosting film festival

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SUNDERLAND will play host to a prestigious Polish film festival in a bid to boost knowledge of the country's culture.

The city is one of only three in England to take part in Play Poland, a global cinematography event.

Highlights of the festival on Wearside will include film screenings and a movie poster exhibition.

International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS) has teamed up with Sunderland University for the festival which will feature events at North Shore and David Puttnam Media Centre, which are both on St Peter's campus.

Sunderland University student Karolina Osmak, who is helping to stage the event, said: "The Play Poland festival takes place across the world and grows every year.

"There's a strong Polish community in Sunderland and about four years ICOS came up with the idea of staging the festival here. We are hoping to get as many people as possible along.

It's not just for the Polish community, people from other cultures are welcome to come along too. It's free to everyone."

Tonight from 7pm, North Shore, formerly Manor Quay, will host the screening of five



SHORT FILM: Chicken by Aleksandra Terpinska.



SCREENING: The Return by Ewa Bukowska

short films: Chicken by Aleksandra Terpinska, The Boys by Pawel Orwat, The Return by Ewa Bukowska, The 128th Rat by Jakub Paczek and Beat Frequency directed by Arkadiusz Biedrzycki.

As well as Polish food stalls, there will also be a poster display on show tonight at North Shore.

Sunderland's arm of the fes-

tival will close at 5pm on November 10 with a screening of Grzegorz Jaroszuk's comedy Kebab & Horoscope at the David Puttnam Media Centre.

Karolina said: "There are 13 posters in total which have come from famous art institutions in Poland, they are very prestigious. Not many people here have the chance to see Polish art. In Edinburgh, which also hosts Play Poland, there is quite a developed knowledge because of the embassy, but we don't have that here, so it's a unique chance to see Polish art."

Karolina estimates there are just over 300 Polish people living in Sunderland.

"Certain groups of Polish people stick together, so this is a chance for them to integrate," she explained.