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Chris Welton, communications manager at Hydro Polymers, said: "We are very proud to be the official wet weather kit sponsor for the team. Aycliffe Sports Club has trained and held its home ground matches on our pitch for the last three years, and we have watched the under-11 boys climb the league during that time." The trophy winning team ended last year's season in fourth position and brought home the North West of England

Cup. The team kicked off the new season in the first division and made the leap from seven to eleven-a-side competition. Cameron Smith, who works at Hydro Polymers, and whose son plays in the team commented: "The boys would like to thank the company for showing its support for the team, and also say a special thank you to the groundsman at Hydro Polymers, who put a huge effort into maintaining the pitch."

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Anyone can nominate a STAR. To be eligible nominees must work in the learning and skills sector, which includes organisations such as FE colleges, work-based providers, prisons, adult learning centres and UK online centres.

Last year over 1,600 nominations were received, 34 of which came from people working and learning in County Durham. One of last year's winners, Richard Spencer from Bede College in Billingham, said:

"I was so proud to win a STAR Award last year. No words can really describe it. I'm also proud of my students who work incredibly hard and make my job so rewarding."

There are sixteen prize categories this year, including newly introduced awards for volunteers, teams and Subject Learning Coaches. Winners will be chosen by an independent Judging Panel, and will receive a £2,000 cash prize, trophy and certificate. The winning team will receive a £5,000 cash prize, trophy and certificate. Dr Kim Howells, Minister for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, who attended the Ceremony in 2004 said: "These Awards are the Oscars for the sector and recognise and reward the dedication of these STARS, so that their success can inspire others. Whilst actors and actresses, pop stars and singers are recognised regularly for their achievements, at events like this week's Baftas Ceremony and Brit Awards, we all now have a great opportunity to celebrate an unsung hero by nominating them for a STAR Award."

To nominate your STAR, visit www.dfes.gov.uk/starawards, or call the STAR Awards Helpline on 0800 652 0528 and request a nomination form.

Councils Concern Over Assembly's Master Plan

Council leaders throughout County Durham have added their joint weight to a growing chorus of opposition to "restrictive" draft planning guidance for the North East which jeopardises a long term vision for the county.

And they say that in its present form it represents a serious setback to their vision for a "Dynamic Durham".

The draft document, known as the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) has been drawn-up by the North East Assembly, and in its final form will serve as the masterplan to which other more local development plans must conform up to 2021.

But a joint statement issued today by the leaders of Durham County Council and the seven District Councils says the draft strategy document has "restrictive and negative" implications for the County.

And in the most significant act of unity since leaving the tensions of local government reorganisation behind them, they say they are "as one" in their opposition to it and will be seeking major revisions before it is submitted to the Secretary of State in March.

Coun Ken Manton, Chair of the County Durham Association of Local Authorities, said the draft strategy document put a stranglehold on planned social and economic development which had already been drawn-up for the county.

"Last summer, the Prime Minister helped us put down a marker for a better and brighter future when he launched the County Durham 'Vision' - a strategic plan to re-shape County Durham's fortunes over the next 20 years," he added.

"That document, 'Dynamic Durham', is the shared vision of the County Durham Strategic Partnership, a forum comprising representatives of the County's key service providers, policy makers and decision takers working in partnership with business, voluntary and community organisations.

"It is a joint masterplan that will influence and guide the activities of the partner organisations so that individually and collectively they can shape the County's fortunes and ensure that County Durham is a great place in which to live, work and invest and a super place to visit.

"Sadly, the Regional Spatial Strategy, in its present form, virtually nips that in the bud.

"It restricts population growth in the County; denies existing residents and future generations access to an adequate level of new homes, improved living environments and local job opportunities; fails to recognise the County's potential to contribute to the economic renaissance of the region and hinders our efforts to tackle the severe problems

of deprivation which exist in significant parts of the County.

"It not only jeopardises our joint plans for the next 20 years, but puts us back 20 years in that it asks us to plan for decline when we have just spent the last two decades clawing our way up from massive job losses, population drift and an impoverished environment.

"Put bluntly, the draft Regional Spatial Strategy is a serious setback to 'Dynamic Durham', and we shall be telling the Assembly that we cannot accept it."

Coun Robin Todd, Vice Chair of the County Durham Association of Local Authorities said that apart from limiting growth and development in the County, the draft strategy wrongly favoured the region's big towns and cities over more rural areas such as County Durham.

"It concentrates too heavily on promoting growth, development and jobs provision in Tyne and Wear and the Tees Valley, at the expense of other parts of the region, particularly our County" he added.

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MAKING MONEY FROM POLITICS?

Dear Sir,
The Newton News, w/ ending 4th February, carried a front page story "Off Licence Watch" a scheme between Durham Constabulary and Sedgefield Borough Council to cut down on under age drinking and unsociable behaviour. What rubbish, to introduce a measure to stop under age drinking by taking the retailing licence from the retailer for 6 months for a first offence and forever if found to have done it again.

This seems to be another New Labour let's keep the mob happy scheme until after the coming Election. People cycling on the footpaths and vehicles parked on footpaths blocking the way for the public are two problems going on for a number of years, with the Police and SBC saying they are doing everything they can to rectify the situation, but nothing is ever done. I should imagine "Off Licence Watch" will go the same way as soon as someone comes up with another bright idea.

There's a councillor walks up our Close several times a week walking his dog and he sees vehicles parked on the footpaths, but completely ignores them. He steps onto the road to go round them and he draws money for representing us, which to me, shows he is in local politics for what he can get out of the community not what he can put in. Call me cynical if you like but 'Teflon' Tony and his 'New Labour' have turned local and national politics into a money spinning shallow occupation to be in.

Regards,
Peter Dolan

Letters to the Editor Councils Must Stop Scoring Points Against Each Other

Dear Sir,
Due to work commitments, I was unable to attend the meeting of the 19th January advertised in some of the Neville Parade shops and even though I was unable to attend, at least this time details were published. This would have enabled other interested local residents to attend and is a great improvement from the last meeting and shows that the council can involve local residents when there are differences of opinion and conflicts of interest.

As I was unable to attend the meeting please would you try to confirm or clarify the following points which have been taken from the Newton News article:-

Was the Sedgefield Borough Council "independent consultants" report available for this meeting. When will the report be published? What has happened to make security around Neville Parade the number one priority? If there is a perceived problem, then this information should have been passed onto the Neighbourhood Watch for dissemination to local residents.

Car parking has always been an issue at peak times around Neville Parade. The front of the shops could be made into a 30 minute parking zone to stop all day parking. Even with the new housing in the area, this problem does seem to have eased since Tesco opened and the Post Office closed.

I am glad to see that the traffic calming measures on Shafto Way are no longer being considered and that only the calming measures on Gilpin Way are being reviewed. This must mean that the traffic calming measures on Shafto Way are here to stay and will continue to do the job they were designed and installed for. I welcome this as the traffic calming measures have made Shafto Way safer for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Off road parking areas for residents along Shafto Way who currently must park on the road would also improve road safety. I sympathise with residents in the vicinity of Shafto Way, however I do not want to go back to our road being used as a rat run again. The fact that other roads in the vicinity are now being used as rat runs reinforces the problem that did exist on Shafto Way. I am sure the consultant who reviews (or has reviewed) all the facts will come to the same conclusions as Durham

Only Two at Ward Meeting

Dear Sir,
How gratifying to know that residents of Woodham have no problems they wish to address and are fully aware of all the activities of our local Authorities and how they spend our money" Or so it would seem!

My wife and I attended a Ward Councillors Meeting in the Woodham Community Centre which our local representative chaired. He gave a very informed insight into the expenditure of our Council from both local and Government levels. As the only ones in attendance we would like to thank him personally for the time he spent with us and for the information gleaned. Perhaps at the next meeting to be held on the second Tuesday in March many more Woodham residents will attend and make the Councillors time with us more worthwhile.
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Parents Urged to Talk to their Teenagers this Valentine's Day

As Valentine's Day looms national charity Parentline Plus is sending a message to parents to take this opportunity to talk to their teens about sex and relationships but warns - 'don't just focus on biology.'

The charity says that parents talking openly to their sons and daughters about the emotional side of relationships is just as important as the biology

- although this can be overlooked when parents panic about underage sex and teenage pregnancies. "We know that fears over underage sex, can send parents into a panic but in fact the average age of first sex is 16 for both boys and girls," said Dorit Braun, Chief Executive of Parentline Plus.

"We would urge parents to talk to their children about waiting to have sex with the right person, when it feels right. Particularly as research shows that when teenagers talk to their parents about sex, they are more likely to delay sexual activity and use contraception."

Plus understands how awkward and embarrassing it can be to talk to your teens about sex and relationships, which is why over 4,000 parents call the charity helpline every year, worried about underage sex and teen pregnancies. Making 'Time to Talk' helps young people to feel safer and less anxious about sex and relationships, however there is still a reluctance to start those conversations. Parentline Plus tips to get you talking to your teens

- Talking is the key. You can't be with your teens 24-hours a day so you have to trust that what you have taught them will help them make sensible and safe decisions in life
- Your teenager may be reluctant to talk, so don't give up if it doesn't work at first. Try to broach the subject when you are doing everyday things - such as when you are in the car - so it feels more casual
- Keep knowledgeable. If you are up to date and show you know the real facts about all sorts of issues around sex and relationships, they are more likely to want to talk
- Ask them what they think about waiting to have sex with someone they care about, and who will share the responsibility for contraception and safer sex
- Use the media to start up conversations - soaps, adverts, tv programmes, magazines - then you can talk about other people which is sometimes easier to start with
- You know your teen best and if you think laying down the law will make them rebel more, think about a different approach
- Don't be nosy. Teenagers can strongly resent parents who demand to know exactly what they are doing and this could put a full stop to any more talk
- Make sure they know you care and are there for them
- Do you find you argue about curfew times? Encourage your teen to keep in touch by text as a compromise so you know they will get home safely if you are not the taxi driver for the evening
- Remember what you were like as a teen. You may need to help them realise not everyone is having sex, as teens do tend to exaggerate and they shouldn't feel under pressure to do so until the time is right for them, with the right person.

Parentline Plus provides help and information on parenting issues including a free, 24-hour helpline 0800 800 2222, website packed with information and tips:
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Valentines Day Greetings

Mrs McClusky

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Fireman Sam xxx

Bev

Valentines Day - 14th February 2005

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Chris

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Love from Barbara

Paul

Pete

Carole

To my Pilot Pete on Valentines Day

Love from your Little Podgey

June

All my love always

Rob

Joanne

All my love today, tomorrow, today.

Your super husband, Stuart xxx

Barbara

Love you heaps n loads n stacks, now and forever

Chris xxx

CRAIG JACKMAN happy Valentines Day. Love you more than ever. Always yours, S-J xx

CHRIS happy Valentines Day. Love now and always, Spud xx

SHINGLER Nanna and Grandad. Happy Valentines Day. Love AJ (Alice)

RACHAEL TAYLOR to my darling Rachael. Thank you for all the happiness you have brought to my life. Hope you have a great day. All my love as always, Kieran xx

KIERAN CATTERSON from the first time we met, I knew we were for keeps. You make me feel so special now it's my turn to let you know how much you mean to me. 3 years we will have been together in August and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. Love you on Valentines Day and every day. Love, Rachael xx

SANGSTER Happy Valentines day Claire. All my love forever and always, Jonathan xx

LILY YOUNG happy Valentines Day. Keep staying beautiful. Love, Rachael xx

MIDDLETON DAVEY words can't express how much you mean to me. You've been my rock, my knight in shining armour. Thing's haven't been easy lately but you have been there not just for me but for my family too. Happy Valentines Day babe. Love always, Nicky xx

PERCY all my love now and forever. Love, Valerie xx

NIGEL PRICE best husband, best dad. We love you, Sharon, Daniel and Chloe xx

CHARLOTTE to my "Little Piranha Fish" love you loads, Michael xx

TAD love you always, big boy. Happy Valentines Day. Lots of love, Trish xx

PAUL BOWERS Happy Valentines Day to my husband to be. Love you loads, Lisa xx

MARTIN DAWES to a very special husband. Happy Valentines Day. Love you always, Jane xx

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Sedgefield PCT Monthly Board Meeting

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust will be holding its next board meeting at 2.00pm on Thursday 10 February 2005. The meeting will be held in the Boardroom at Sedgefield PCT, Merrington House, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor and is open to all members of the public. Members of the press are also invited to attend the meeting. Primary Care is the health care that you receive in the community, from your

local GP surgery, at a clinic or health centre, or in your own home. Primary Care Trusts are free-standing, legally-established, statutory NHS bodies which bring together GPs, nurses and other local stakeholders, such as Social Services and local councils, and give them a lead role in planning, providing and developing high quality health services for local people. Some of the agenda items

to be discussed are:
Roles and Responsibilities of the Professional Executive Committee (PEC). Terms of Reference for the Performance Advisory Review Group and Performers List Decision-Making Panel. Establishing an Emergency Care Directorate. Allocation of Joint Development Funds 2005. Specialist Mental Health and Special Learning Disability Review.

Letter to the Editor

Youths Abuse Elderly Couple

Dear Sir
My wife and I are both pensioners. We live in Skirlaw Road, and there is a disabled bay near my rented bungalow. The tin badge which displays "Disabled Drivers" has been vandalised once again. This will be the third time and the Police and Council have been informed. Recently my wife and I have been sworn at, using the 'F' word, by the "nice" lads that live around here. It is a sad reflection on some of the youth today.
Yours,
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In accordance with Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986, the said vacancy shall be filled by election, if within fourteen days (computed in accordance with Rule 2) after the publication of this notice (the date of publication shall be 11th February 2005), ten electors for the electoral area give notice in writing of their request for such an election to the Returning Officer, Sedgfield Borough Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, Co. Durham DL16 6JQ. For this purpose, blank forms of notice may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the address at the foot of this notice or from the Returning Officer (Sedgfield Borough Council).

In the event of this casual vacancy being filled by election, the election will be held on a day appointed by the Returning Officer within sixty days (so computed) beginning with the date of this notice.

In the event of this vacancy not being filled by election in accordance with Rule 8, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Town Council as soon as practicable after the expiry of the period of fourteen days referred to above.

Dated this 11th day of February 2005

Michael Rice
Town Clerk

Council Offices
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Mayor Opens Model Exhibition



The Mayor, Councillor Maud Gray, opened the Model Exhibition held at Neville Community Centre.

The event entailed an excellent standard of models ranging from various constructions made from Meccano sets, as well as exhibitions from the Model Boat Club, Flying Club, Model Railway Club, a display of Corgi Toys, and Model Tanks.

Yoga at the Oak Leaf

Tired and stressed from work or fancy something new? Then why not try the ancient art of Yoga. Here at Oak Leaf Sports Complex we have two Yoga classes on a Thursday evening running from 5.30-7.00pm and 7.15-8.45pm taken by an experienced wheel of Yoga instructor Marion Keay. Relaxation is a vital art of keeping a healthy body and mind so why not come along to a friendly atmosphere and unwind with us. Places are limited so book your place now. 01325 300600

Spare a Thought for the Disabled

Dear Sir,
A number of able people are starting to use the ramp to access the Oak Leaf Sports Complex rather than go through the main entrance and up the stairs to the bar and Restaurant area. It has to be pointed out that this is for disabled people only, as are the car parking positions nearby. If you don't have a disabled badge please

Letter to the Editor

use the car parks provided and the proper entrance to the Sports Complex, leaving the ramp and nearby car park to those who need it. Yours sincerely, Observer

NEVILLE PARADE HUMPS

Your report last week was correct except in one respect: speed humps. Several of the shopkeepers present complained that passing trade had gone down since speed humps had been fitted at the request of residents in Shafto Way and Greville Way. They said that car drivers were avoiding the route, so as not to pass the shops. The shopkeepers asked that the humps be removed. No-one suggested that humps be fitted in Gilpin Rd. (My correcting your report does not imply endorsement of the proposal.) Keith Burchell

Waterpolo Squad Win

Sedgfield 75 Waterpolo Squad had a narrow 7-6 win over a much improved Durham school team. Sedgfield fielded a young side and what they lacked physically they made up with skill and organisation. Sedgfield's player of the match was Mark Gabrielle who was accomplished in his defensive role. The rest of the team was Frazer Forbes, Joseph Reed, Simon Callan, Patrick Callan, Fay Callan, Ryan Caws, Daniel Lerner, Kasha Rogers Smith, Michael Scott, Luke Thompson and Naomi Kellet.

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Locomotion Raises £3,000 for Charity

The Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council, Councillor Marie Predki was delighted to stage a Black Tie Ball at Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon on Saturday the 5th of February 2005.

This exciting evening was planned as part of her fundraising campaign for her nominated charity The Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland. Upon arrival guests were welcomed with a glass of hot punch and were invited to view the exhibits of a bygone era, followed by a sumptuous five course meal. Guests then took to the floor dancing to The John Wrightson Band as well as a Disco. The evening raised in excess of £3,000. The Mayor would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. Locomotion is also the venue for a 3 day flower festival "Locomotion in Bloom" from the 4th - 6th of March. The event is the silver jubilee celebration of Shildon and District Flower Club. For a free brochure and ticket applications telephone 01388 816166 ext. 4512 or e-mail: banderson@sedgfield.gov.uk



Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council Cllr Marie Predki with consort Tom Heslop and Mr & Mrs Chicken with Beryl Anderson

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Memoriam

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PAT GORMAN 10.2.04 fond memories and sadly missed. Kath and Tony xx

PATRICK GORMAN 10th February 2004. I once had someone special that money couldn't buy. A Dad in a million and I had to say goodbye. My memories and photos are all I have to touch. Of a Dad that I long for, very, very much. It's been a lonely year without you, and I miss you every single day. You will always have a special place in my heart Dad. Love you always. Love, Nicola xx

PATRICK GORMAN Put your arms around him Lord and kiss his smiling face, for my Grandad was very special and can never be replaced. You will always be my special Grandad. I love you so much and miss you 50 million. Love, Callum xx

STEVENS PAUL 17th February 2004. For all that life has given us, and all that's left to do. We never had a greater gift, than the years we spent with you. You were so special "Paul" what more is there to say. Except we love and miss you, every single day. Forever loved, Mam and Dad xx

MY BROTHER PAUL It mattered that you have trodden the earth proudly, on feet that weren't afraid to stand there proud. It mattered that you stayed beside me when retreat would have been easier. It mattered that we were young together. It mattered that, at many times, in many places, you made a difference. Your laugh has mattered, your love has mattered. Above all, it matters that you are loved. Nothing else matters.

PAUL STEVENS You are always remembered, never forgotten, loved always. From your old mate, Charlotte xx

STEVENS In loving memory of a dear nephew and cousin Paul. An empty space no one can fill. We miss you Paul and always will. Uncle Tony, Dot, Andrew and Michael xx

UNCLE PAUL Time was too short! We will always dream of what could have been. Love always, Dan and Kelly xx

ELGEY ALF 11 years have gone since that sad day. I miss you more than words can say. Loving wife, Ann and family xx

DIXON (BILLY) 14.2.02 It's been three years since you left us but you are never forgotten. Love, Chris, Allison and Alice xx

MAM AND GRAN KIT A year has passed since you slipped away, but in our hearts you will always stay. Miss you loads to this very day, but your memory lives on and it's here to stay. Love now and always, Pam, Stephen, Paul, Lindsey, Stevey and Kyle xx

STIV 17th February 2004. A year has passed since you were taken away from us. You are sadly missed and always in our thoughts. Love, Aldo and Lisa xx

PATRICK LAWSON 14th February 2000. Memory Lane is a beautiful place where thoughts and love are true. Again and again we travel that place just to be with you. Loved and missed by all the family and friends.

MARY DUNN 11/2/2000 Five years have passed since that sad day, but memories of you will always stay. Always in our thoughts, Brian, Margaret and family xx

MARY BOYD 15/2/2002 Memories of you are with us. They surround us everyday, and as long as we have memories you'll never go away. Always in our thoughts, Margaret, Brian and family xxx

BARNETT JOE 12th February 2002. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye. My heart still aches in sadness, with each day that passes by. Loving wife Eva and family x

BARNETT JOE Dad, I miss you most when I need a friend, on you I could always depend. Kind and unselfish, a Dad so true. My dearest possession is the memory of you. Miss you more everyday. Daughter Betty and family xx

BARNETT JOE A star that shines forever bright, you're in my heart by day and night. Loved always, daughter Josie and family xx

BURNS JIM 14.2.90 thinking of you as always. Lots of love from your daughter Susan xx

BURNS JIM 14.2.90 My dear Jim, miss you today as everyday, always in my heart. My love always, Norma. Somehow, someday, somewhere xx

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BRENDA & KEN Robinson and family would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the cards, floral tributes and donations received on their sad loss of Brenda's Mam Ray Parkinson - to Dr. Heath, district nurses especially Steph, Julie and Kate. Thank you to Mandy, Eileen and Michelle (carers) your kindness and compassion, knew no bounds. We will never forget the comfort and support you have given us over the past year. To the staff of Bethany House our thanks could never be said enough, you all gave Mam the care and dignity she always held proud in her life. Thank you all so, so much. We will never forget any of you. Special thanks to John Melvin for making Mam's service so special.

MIDDLETON DAVEY to the best daddy in the world. Thanks for staying with me in hospital during my recent illness. Love, Ella xx

Birthday Remembrance

MICHAEL CARR 10.2.05 thinking of you on your 30th birthday and always Mike. Love from, Dad and Glyn xx

Obituary

ELLAR NEE DALLEN (of Newton Aycliffe formerly of Wingate and Sedgefield) Ena aged 86 years. Beloved wife of Raymond, loving mother of Marilyn, Susan and Mandy also a much-loved sister, mother-in-law, nana and great nana. The Funeral Service will take place on Monday 14th February 10.30am at Durham Crematorium. Friends welcome. Please meet at the crematorium.

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Your 1st birthday is here, it's come so soon, your grandad and I are over the moon. Enjoy your day and have some fun. Happy birthday to our youngest grandson. Love and kisses xxx

Happy 1st birthday. Love auntie Julie, Uncle Peter, Gary, Charlotte, Rebekah and Harry xxx

Oh what an amazing morning, what I witnessed then was a wonderful dawning, the birth of a baby so bright and new. That beautiful baby Ethan-J was you. It's hard to believe it was 1 year ago, throughout all of this time I want you to know, watching you grow has been a joy and a pleasure Ethan-J you are an amazing little treasure. Happy 1st birthday sweetheart. Lots of love from Auntie Mary, Uncle Dominic and kids xxx

To a special little boy on his 1st birthday. Love, Tina, Andrew, Nadia and James

Morgan Hutchison



Happy 8st Birthday

Hope you have a great day and a fab party. All our love, Mam, Paul, Stella and Scrumpy xxx

Happy birthday son. Have a great day. Love Auntie Elaine and Uncle Lee xxx

Have a super birthday and a fab party. Love Caera, Tyler and Millie xxx

To a cool Grandson, on his 8th birthday. Have a groovy time. Love Nan and Grandad xxx

Tony Armstrong



Happy 18th Birthday

"My special lad". Love you loads, Mam and Trevor xx

Happy 18th Birthday Colonel. Love big brother Ste xx

Happy 18th Birthday big Bro. Lots of love, Thomas xxx

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Val Chape



Lots of love Val on your 60th birthday on 17th February from Mam, Sharon and Stephen xxx

JACK EWAN FLEMING

On your 1st birthday. Hope you enjoy your day as much as we enjoy you. You make our life complete. Lots of love, Mummy and Daddy xx

FLEMING JACK EWAN Happy 1st birthday to a special grandson who has brought so much love and happiness to us all. Love, Nan, Grumps Fleming, Nana, Grandad Raine and both families, Plum, Ally and Tyler xx

RYAN GALLACHER Hip hip hooray you're nine today. 5/2/96 Lots of love, Mam xx

RYAN GALLACHER Happy birthday. Love, Auntie Sharon

RYAN GALLACHER Happy birthday Ryan. Love, Nana and Grandad, Connor and Chris xx

Karen Smith



Happy 50th Birthday

"Mam" for 9th Feb. 50 years young! Lots of love, Aimi, Andy, Emma, Graham and Marc

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James Harper



Happy 21st Birthday

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The local nature reserve will create a joint effort between Sedgefield Borough Council and Local residents to tackle anti social behaviour and vandalism.

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Innovative Teams for Older People in Sedgefield Borough

An innovative project to provide a seamless health, social care and housing service to adults in Sedgefield Borough moved a step closer this week when four new Community Partnership Managers started work on 1 February.

The project, called the Sedgefield Adult Community Care Partnership, is the first of its kind in County Durham. It has been developed by a partnership of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust, Durham County Council and Sedgefield Borough Council to create a single point of contact and access for adults and older people with mental health problems across their area, with support from the County Durham and Tees Valley Workforce Development Confederation.

The first of the five locality based integrated teams got off the ground at Tremeduna Grange, Trimdon in June 2004, and now the remaining four are moving a step forward with the appointment of their managers.

Ann Workman, who was the first Community Partnership Manager to be appointed for the Trimdon team, will now be joined by:

Jane Haywood - Newton Aycliffe team
Jane Swinney - Shildon team

James Stroyan - Spennymoor team
Julie Waterworth - Ferryhill team.

The Newton Aycliffe and Shildon teams will both operate from premises in Newton Aycliffe, whilst the Spennymoor and Ferryhill teams will both be based at offices in Spennymoor. These teams will be established over the coming months. When up and running the four new teams will pull together District Nurses, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and

Supported Housing Officers into one close working team under one Manager, to create a streamlined service to users with a single point of access. A single assessment process will reduce duplication and speed up responses for people with complex needs.

The teams will be able to offer advice and provide information assess need for health and social care including equipment, nursing care of supported housing provide health and social care e.g. nursing services, home care, residential care help patients/clients access specialist services and other agencies help people live independently in their own home.

The teams will be focussing their attention on the needs of their local community and will be working closely with other organisations.

James Stroyan, Manager of the Spennymoor team, said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as Community Partnership Manager and look forward to the challenge that lies ahead. Integrated teams will help us to achieve excellence in the delivery of care services.

For the first time vulnerable adults with complex health, housing and social care difficulties, will have access to a multi-skilled team that will have the right mix of resources and knowledge to meet their needs."

Julie Waterworth added: "The prospect of being involved in a team which is both designed for and committed to integration is very exciting and gives us all a great opportunity to improve services for service users and carers."



WOODHAM GOLF NEWS

Their early tee time in freezing fog clearly did not deter Mick McDermott and John Taylor as they carded a very respectable 45pts in the latest round of the Captains Friendly Fours. Peter Robinson and Rob Scott were a point further back in second place.

George Tallentire and Colin Pratt took third place on countback, from the new Roll-Up leaders Sean Blythe and Ian Robinson. With eight possible point scoring games to play, they hold a slender one point lead over the chasing pack.

Barry Watkin achieved the

rare feat of back to back eagles. He drove the green on the Par four 14th hole and sank his putt for a two, then followed that with a monster drive and a 5 wood to the green on the Par Five dogleg 15th. He sank that putt too, for his second consecutive eagle.

Harry Bennett almost monopolised the 2's sweep getting that score on both the 8th and 12th holes.

In the Ladies Winter League, Barbara Robinson came out on top with 37 points, beating her nearest rival, Tracy Pearce by 2pts, with Liz Nelson one point further back in 3rd. Sandy Anderson waltzed away with the 9 hole competition, leaving the second place player, eight points in her wake

SPEAKERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Editor

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Places are limited so please call quickly on 0113 234 7474 or e-mail lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk for more information.

Yours faithfully
Denise Armstrong,
National Heart Research Fund, Suite 12D Joseph's Well, Leeds, LS3 1AB

Obituary AYCLIFFE BUSINESS FOUNDER DIES



We regret to record the death of Brian Rowland formerly of Binchester who died suddenly on Wednesday 2nd at his home in Stockton aged 66.

Beloved husband of Christine, brother of Ron, Edna and Lyn, father of Trevor, Peter and David.

Brian ran the successful business "Bargain Buys" selling furniture and domestic appliances in Newton Aycliffe from 1987, which he handed over to his sons in 2001.

He was known by a lot of people in the town and will be very sadly missed. He was buried at Durham Road Cemetery, Stockton on the 10th February.

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Tuesday 22nd February 2005

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Tuesday 22nd February 2005

Recreation Committee - 7.15pm

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Ostend	18-3-05	P&O Ferry/Central Hotel	£82.50
Ideal Home Show	18-3-05	Central Hotel & Show	£99.00
London Weekend	18-3-05	City Centre 3* Hotel	£99.00
Easter in Scotland	25-3-05	3* Highlander Hotel	£135.00
Easter in Paris	25-3-05	Ibis Hotel & Ferry	£145.00
Anastacia	28-3-05	Live at Newcastle Arena	£47.50
Disneyland Paris	28-3-05	2 days Disney Pass	£155.00
		Child	£113.50
Disneyland Paris	5-4-05	2 days Disney Pass	£155.00
		Child	£113.50
Royal Deeside	29-3-05	4* Hilton, Dunblane	£129.00
Bilbao Mini-Cruise	30-3-05	4 days En-suite cabins	£99.00
Blue	1st April	Live at Newcastle Arena	£36.00



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