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The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe were hosts this week to a team from West Africa coinciding with the celebration of their centenary.

President John Burrows welcomed the visitors after they arrived from 30 degrees Benin and apologised for the snow. The visitors made a number of visits while in the town including, Aycliffe Village School, Newton News offices, Town Centre and the

Mayor at the Council Offices. They also were guests of the Borough Mayor at the Locomotion Museum, Shildon. Our picture shows Boniface Sagbohan and Olga Kokode with the Mayor, Maud Gray, Mayor's Consort George Gray and President John Burrows at the Town Council Offices.

Multi Sensory Room Wanted

A number of years ago the people of Newton Aycliffe helped us to raise money to build a hydrotherapy pool. This resource has been very beneficial for our service users. We are a day centre at Whinfield Drive, Newton Aycliffe providing a high standard of care for people with severe learning disabilities and additional physical and sensory disabilities. As well as providing a high standard of care to our service users we are able to take part in activities throughout the week.

At present we are trying to raise money to change an existing room within our building into a multi sensory room. We recently contacted Mike Ayres who supplied us with plans and a list of equipment needed to promote this venture. The room will consist of a vast array of fibre optics, ultra violet lights, bubble tubes, tactile walls, audio vision stimulation etc. The idea is that this sensory environment can be both stimulating and relaxing. It will incorporate massage therapy, which has a calming effect on people with challenging behaviour.

We are therefore fundraising to enable us to buy this expensive equipment and have it installed. In recent weeks we have held various fundraising activities to raise money, e.g. coffee morning, raffle, tombola and also a market stall in the town centre selling bric a brac donated by parents and carers.

One of our forthcoming events is a Charity Night held at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 16th April 2005 at 8.00pm where we will have a nostalgic night with The Zephyrs. Tickets are £5.00, which will include a buffet, raffle and auction. If you are interested in supporting this event please contact Carol Collier 320258 or 317209.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Tuesday 22nd February 2005

Environment Committee - 7.15pm

Tuesday 22nd February 2005

Recreation Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for the public to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked.

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

THELMA HALL

With sadness the club was informed of the passing of one of its popular members last week. Thelma (Hall) supported the Candelite since the time Horndale WMC became the club's established meeting place. Thelma with husband Brian, ran a business for a great many years on 'The Town' and Brian is now the steward of Horndale WMC, gladly accepted to accommodate 'The Candelite' and gave it the support needed to create the successful, warm and friendly meeting place it is now, where members can relax in pleasant surroundings and appreciate a great variety of live music performances.

Thelma's love of all types of music and, of course people, was soon made very apparent and became an icon of the club on Tuesday night's. She was a lady with honest opinions and a rye sense of humour which was always accepted by all club members. Thelma's working friend and colleague, Irene (Kerr) could be seen and heard together singing along to the acts on the stage on Tuesday night's and this would encourage others in the audience to follow suit. Thelma will be greatly missed by members and the many charitable organisations she supported on 'The Town' and all sympathy goes out to Brian and family.

Although the club was a little subdued last Tuesday, it was the wish of Thelma that it would go on as usual as a celebration to her warmth and friendliness and it did.

Walt Young

CYBER CAFÉ OPENS AT NEWTON AYCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre officially opened their brand new cyber café earlier this month.

The cyber café has four PC's in total plus a printer and offers Internet access to both adults and children alike and is only 50p for 30 minutes. It's easy to get started. New users must complete a registration form and thereafter just complete the signing in sheet that will be available at reception.

The PC's can be used to surf the Internet, they also have various Microsoft packages installed that can be used including Word, Excel, Power Point and Microsoft Access. Sedgefield Borough also have another 2 cyber cafés based in their Leisure Centres at Spennymoor and Shildon-Sunnydale.

For more information about any cyber cafés in Sedgefield Borough please call: Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre 01325 300500



Users enjoy the new Internet facilities at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Report

Northumberland and Durham Open Championships. City Pool Newcastle upon Tyne 19th/20th February 2005.

Caroline Saxby competed in nine events at the N&D Championships.

On the Saturday she won gold in the 200 meter FS and took second place in the 200 backstroke and the 50FS. She was third in the 200 IM. Her time of 27.98 for the 50 FS was a personal best.

The Sunday provided even more success with gold medals in the 800 meters FS, the 400 FS and the 100 backstroke. She was third in the 100 FS. Her time of 1:07:90 for the 100 back was a personal best.

Caroline's medal tally for the weekend was four gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze.

The results were pleasing as there had been no taper and the events were swum as part of the hard training leading to the National Long Course Championships to be held at Manchester from March 16th to the 20th March 2005. John Moore

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Musical Show

The Northallerton Amateur Variety Company will be presenting songs from stage and screen (the magic of the musicals) at Brafferton Village Hall on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Susan on 01325 316661 or Catherine on 01325 313135 at a price of £5 for adults and £2.50 for under 16's. Entry price includes light refreshments.

Waterpolo

The combined team of Sedgefield-Lancaster played their qualifying group games in the National under 19 waterpolo championships at Grantham.

In their first game they played local rivals Catterick and overwhelmed them by 24-0. Catterick included players from Sunderland, Durham, Harrogate and ex Sedgefield player Daniel Kellet.

Scott Carpenter Captain played only half the game but still scored 10 goals. Unfortunately the combined team slipped up to Scottish rivals Warrender losing 9-7 but defeated Kent Invicta 11-7 to still qualify with Wasfender for the semi finals.

Chris Gilbertson and Joel Woods made important contributions to the Sedgefield-Lancaster effort.

ROTARY CLUB REVIVES COMMUNITY FAIR

Town Organisations Given Free Exhibition Stands

If you run or are involved in any form of Hobbies Club, Social Group, Self Help organisation, voluntary group, locally based Charitable Organisation, Sports Club, in fact any kind of group that relies on membership for its own support and benefit, no matter how small or large, then this is the opportunity to show the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas what you do and recruit new members. AND IT IS ENTIRELY FREE! The Rotary Club of

Newton Aycliffe with total support of Great Aycliffe Town Council and Sedgefield District Council are organising a Community Fair in the Leisure Centre in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre to take place on **Saturday 7th May 2005**. Stands will be allocated free of charge to all bona fide groups to show to the general public exactly what they do and how any one interested can join in their activities. Admission to the Community Fair will also be free. The last time this event was held six years ago,

over 70 organisations were represented, all of whom agreed that the event was extremely worthwhile and effective for them in raising profiles and attracting new members to their different organisations. Take this opportunity NOW to register your interest, remember Toddlers to OAP's there is something for everyone in this town....but people need to be told about it! It's free...you have nothing to lose....and everything to gain. Please complete the form below:

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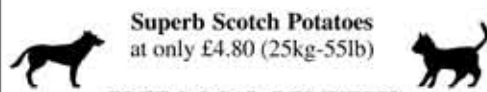
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The afternoon involved the students in learning about the advantages of a career in engineering through being trained with Army professionals. The activities involved students working in groups of 3 producing self propelled model vehicles. The students learned a great deal about construction work. The afternoon culminated in an exciting competition when a race between the finished models proved how important it is to work accurately.

Students were provided with information on the career opportunities available as part of REME. As well as learning practical skills, students were told about the excellent sporting opportunities and other advantages available to REME officers.



Regional Spatial Strategy Policy

Dear Sir,

Reference the unelected North East Assembly's Regional Spatial Strategy Draft Policy being detrimental to rural Durham.

Now we know! It seems it serves us right for having voted against yet another Government North East Assembly's pig-in-a-poke?

But hang on! The unelected North East Assembly has 72 members, 47 delegated from our local councils! S.B.V's delegate was the Leader of the Council, who was also an appointee to its Executive Committee and Regional Development Forum.

So what about our Council delegates in that Quango? Why have Durham's vital regeneration issues been set aside in favour of urban areas on planning issues? Have they been ignored, voted down, disregarded like any other set of Opposition councillors?

If so, what will be done in the Consultation phase? Draft Policy means just that. Open to consultation and amendment for the final report.

That final report to a Government Minister can be subject to Local opposition delegations, including the Northern Group of M.P's. An extremely powerful and very influential local Lobby.

With County Council elections in the offing, we can be assured that influence will be brought to bear and publicised on this vital issue for County Durham.

However, given the depressive and serves-you-right tones of some comments to-date, can we be assured it isn't a Done Deal to be nodded through like so much more affecting the North East?

Given the freedom of Information Act and a need of local accountability, can we expect to be informed frankly on this issue that hits hard right at the heart of the regeneration of Durham?

Don Fraser

Cabaret Evening

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Maud Gray, is to hold a Grand Cabaret Evening at the Royal British Legion Club, Newton Aycliffe on the 10th March 2005 in aid of her nominated appeal during her year in office. The event will commence at 7.30pm and the main celebrity will be Comedienne Brenda Collins with a supporting Artists by courtesy of the Dave Carr Agency. Pie and peas will be served and there will be bingo and a raffle.

Tickets for the event are available from Great Aycliffe Town Council offices 01325 300700 or the Royal British Legion at a cost of £3.50.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Mayor's charity which is the St. Johns Ambulance Wheels Appeal and Pease Way Surgery.

The Mayor hopes that as many people as possible will be able to support this event.

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A.G.M.

The Village Hall Association are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on Tuesday 8th March 2005. Wine and nibbles will be served prior to the meeting and the Committee would be delighted to see as many villagers as possible participating in this annual event when they will also be reporting to everyone the events of the past 12 months, along with a report from each of the regular users.

This meeting will see the resignation of the Chairman, Ivor Griffiths, after holding this position for the past four years, during which time he has done a great deal of hard work. The search is still on for a new Chairman and the Committee hope someone will come forward to take over his role at the meeting.

Following the sad death of John Thorogood last summer, as well as running the Sequence Dance Club, John also was their maintenance expert and did all the repairs in a first class way. His smiling face is missed very much and also the great assistance which he gave in everyday maintenance matters. Again John's place is still vacant and the Committee would very much like to see a handyman come forward at the AGM to offer his assistance.

Although Bookings Secretary, Valerie Curry is also resigning from her position, Kim Hall has come on board in her place. Thanks also go to Val for her sterling work. As well as the above positions, new Committee members are needed too. All the Committee ask is that you come along to their meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. A strong Committee will help the village Hall run smoothly.

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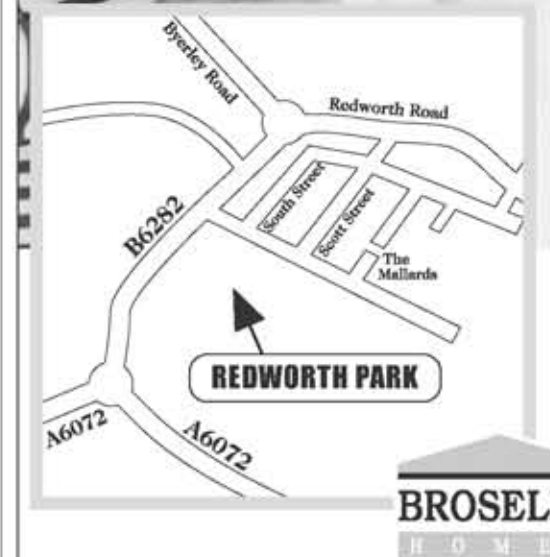
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The under 12's were short of their regular keeper through injury and used 4 stand ins during the game. An excellent first half performance by Aycliffe resulted in a 0-0 score line with some good defensive work by the whole team.

However kicking into the wind in the second half, Willington proved to be the better and stronger team eventually winning the game quite easily.

The under 13's showed excellent form and discipline in the first half to match Willington girls in every department. A goal from Yasmin Allison

was cancelled out by a breakaway goal from Willington to give a half time score 1-1. However kicking with the wind in the second half, Aycliffe constantly pressured the Willington goal before Allison scored another goal. The defence continued to hold firm marshalled by captain Robyn Molloy before a

great team display was capped in the final minutes when a corner was deflected into the net by an unlucky Willington defender. Final score 3-1. There are still places available in both age groups. If you are in school year 6,7 or 8 and want to play competitive football Ring Berni 0780 395 3960

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Mayor's Race Night

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Maud Gray would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support she received at the Charity Race Night and the Civic Dinner and Dance held recently.

The Charity Race Night was well attended and an amount of £925.12 was raised.

The Civic Dinner and Dance raised an amount of £1,002.

Maud would like to thank everyone who either attended the events or donated prizes for raffles and tombolas. Special thanks to the following for their continued support:

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NEWTONIAN APPOINTED TO CARE TRUST BOARD

David Rutherford has been appointed as the new Non-Executive Director to the Board of Sedgfield Primary Care Trust (PCT). The Primary Care Trust brings together GPs, nurses and other local stakeholders, such as social services and local councils, and gives them a lead role in planning, providing and developing high quality health services for local people.



David Rutherford, who has lived in Newton Aycliffe for the past 33 years, started his career as a Development Engineer at GEC Telecommunications in Newton Aycliffe before going on to become a Regional Director. After 21 years at GEC David then worked for the next 14 years at Thorn Lighting in Spennymoor, leaving in April 2004 as Manufacturing and Technical Director of Tridonic Limited. David has declared no political activity or other ministerial appointments.

David said of his recent appointment, "Lifestyles and health issues are continuously changing and Sedgfield Primary Care Trust holds a huge responsibility to ensure that local health services meet Government requirements and that the health of our community improves."

"I would like to use the experience I gained in business to work with people from the locality to help the PCT achieve its goals, whilst ensuring that the needs of the local community are strongly represented."

Gloria Wills, Chairperson of Sedgfield Primary Care Trust, said: "I welcome the appointment of David Rutherford to the Board of Sedgfield PCT and look forward to his involvement with the PCT over the next four years. David brings with him a great deal of expertise and knowledge which will prove invaluable." Non-Executive Directors are appointed by the NHS Appointments Commission to bring independent judgement on strategy and performance, and to be accountable to Ministers and the local community. David Rutherford was appointed as a Non Executive Director in February 2005 for four years and will receive £5,673 a year. Non Executive Directors are expected to devote two and a half days per month to their board responsibilities.

ROTARY CELEBRATES IT'S CENTENARY YEAR

One hundred years ago on 23rd February, a Chicago lawyer, Paul Harris met with a coal dealer, a merchant tailor, and a mining engineer in room 711 of Chicago's Unity Building and created the world's first Rotary Club.

Today, with more than 31,200 clubs in 166 countries, with 1.2 million members, Harris' legacy reaches across the globe, from Albania to Zimbabwe, Rotarians are living by his belief that an individual can make a difference in serving others.

It is a non-political, non-religious humanitarian organisation made up of business and professional people who help to improve communities both locally and around the world whilst at the same time encouraging high ethical standards in both business and the professions by it's members. The Rotary motto is 'Service Above Self'.

To celebrate Rotary's Centennial, the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are in the process of transforming the entrance to Newton Aycliffe at the Blue Bridge. The refurbishment of the town entrance is a huge project and involves many companies, organisations, councils and individuals.

Rotary clubs around the world made (and are making) plans to celebrate this monumental achievement by the world's largest service organisation. One of the biggest promises that Rotary made to the world was to eradicate one of the worst diseases ever, Polio.

In 1986 Rotary pledged to eradicate polio by the year 2005 and since then Rotarians of all races and creeds have worked together to reduce the cases of polio. Over £300 million was raised to provide the vaccine and many Rotarians gave up time and energy to administer it during National Immunisation Days (NID). During these NID's millions of children were vaccinated in one day. The cases of reported polio have dropped by 98% with only the inaccessible areas of war torn and developing countries still having the disease. Rotary's own charity "Foundation" helps millions of people worldwide with an annual budget of \$70 million providing aid, education and health programmes.



'Rotarians don't walk away when a crisis leaves the front page'



In the recent Tsunami disaster, Rotarians in Great Britain & Ireland raised over £6.5 million for immediate and mid term relief. Working with Rotarians in the affected areas they provided support for victims. Within FOUR days Rotary "Shelter Boxes" provided tents and survival equipment and were in immediate use.

Rotary is the only service organisation to have a representative at the United Nations.



Whilst in the Town Centre, visit the Rotary Window Display at 66 Beveridge Way.

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Neville Community Centre is closed all week commencing 28/2/05 for relaying of the floor.

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Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 16th March. 7.00pm in the main hall. Open meeting, all welcome. Refreshments served.

The Management Committee of the Woodham Village Community Association, who are elected each year, have been responsible for the day to day running of the Community Centre for almost twenty years.

Many volunteer their free time to run Sections and Groups at the Centre; the proceeds from which pay for the various outgoing expenses i.e. Insurance(s), Water, Electricity, Gas, Council Taxes etc.

Woodham Village Community Association is a registered charity (No. 518029) and is neither owned nor run by the Council. We raise funds from the hire of our excellent facilities. Price lists are on each notice board within the Community Centre.

We encourage people, young and old, to become members of our Community Association, and welcome all suggestions from our Membership for future classes/groups.

Woodham Village Community Association are always looking for new Committee members. If you feel that you would be able to help by contributing some of your free time, then why not come along to our Annual General Meeting and volunteer to work with the Committee. For further information please contact Keith Henderson-Chairman of the Community Association or the Centre Manager on 07729 054 696

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DISCO

Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch DISCO every Friday 7pm until 9.30pm, Southerne Club, Newton Aycliffe.

Parents are welcome to stay at the disco or play bingo downstairs. Age limit for children 13 years. In future the Southerne Club will notify us 8 days in advance if we are unable to use the hall. Cancellations will be notified at the previous weeks Disco. Sorry for any inconvenience caused on the 18th February. Management Committee J.N.W.

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Thanks

THE FAMILY OF THE late Thelma Hall wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their sad bereavement, also for the cards, letters of condolence and generous donations to Cancer Research and Macmillan Nurses. Special thanks to Reverend Roger Davies, Doctor Walton, District Nurses, 'Unique Home Care' carer's team and Macmillan Nurses for their kind and gentle support.

MR RAY ELLAR Marilyn and Melvyn would like to say a special thank you to Sue Parkin for her commitment, hard work and support during Ena's long illness.

Memoriam

BETTY DEVINE died 25.2.2004. It's been a lonely year without you Mam. A million tears we've cried, and if our love could have saved you, you would still be by our side. Treasured memories of a dear Wife, Mother, Nana and Great Nana

JOHN ARRAN HUGHES 22nd February 1992. To remember you is to love you, and we love you so very much. Our first thought on waking, our last thought before sleeping. Is you Sweetheart. Love forever, Mam, Dad, Garry, Paul, Vicky and Maxine xx

DRYDEN-TENWICK 25.2.1989. Treasured memories of Michael and Paul. Loved and remembered everyday. Mam, Dad, Philip, Peter, James and Nana xx

KIDD CONNIE In my heart and always by my side. Your loving husband, Raymond xx
KIDD CONNIE A year has gone so quickly, we miss you every day, and think of all the happy times we had along the way. Our memories keep you close, we're never far apart, for every day we think of you, you're always in our hearts. Nana, we love and miss you very much. Love, Michael, Olivia and Ruby xx
KIDD CONNIE So fondly remembered and so sadly missed. Love, Caroline xx
JOE WHARTON 2nd March 1988. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. I miss you Joe, Jessie God Bless Grandad. Love, Mark, Vikki, David, Hayley and Peter.

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JUMBLE SALE in aid of Tsunami Earthquake Victims at Civic Hall, Shildon on Saturday 12th March at 1pm. Free admission

Tony Young



Happy 40th Birthday
Love from Julie and Nathan

Clarky



DIRTY 30!
Happy birthday Sarah. Have a great night on Friday at the Boro. Lots of love, Sarah, Leigh and Linda xxx

Owen Kempself



Happy 6th Birthday
Darling
on Saturday. Hope you have a brilliant Power Ranger Party. Lots of hugs and kisses from Mammy, Daddy and Brandon xxx
Owen Kempself
To our darling grandson, happy birthday sweetheart. Lots of love and kisses, Nanny and Grandad xxx

ERIC MORRIS Wonderful Dad and Grandad. Congratulations on your 70th Birthday. Lots of Love Lisa, Stephen, Matthew & Amy xxx

WELL DONE TO Jaycee Latue for getting through to Blackpool in November for Disco Dancing, I.D.T.A. Love from, everyone at Lee Green Dance School xx

BURNISTON Happy 25th Anniversary Terry on 1/3/05. Lots of love, Linda xx
ALLAN HODGSON Happy 60th birthday 25th February. Love, Sandra, Adele, Karl, Bradley, Ben and all the family xx

FENWICK LEAH-GRACE Happy 1st birthday to our little Princess. Lots of cuddles and kisses, Grandma and Grandad Williams xx

BETTY CARR Happy 70th birthday dearest Mam and Nana. Love from, Steve, Denise, Chris, Simon and Bramble xx
BETTY CARR Happy 70th birthday Nanna. Love, Clare and Karl xx
BETTY CARR Best wishes on your 70th birthday Mam. Lots of love, Pauline xx

DAVID AINSLIE Congratulations on your 21st birthday 1st March. Love from Mam and family xx

MEL HARLAND Happy 60th birthday to the best stepfather and grandfather anyone could ever have. Lots of love, Bev, Mark, Rachael, Andrew and Danielle xx

BROAD FINLEY JAMES Happy 1st birthday to our precious little boy. All our love, Mammy and Daddy xx
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BETTY CARR Happy 70th birthday Mam. Lots of love, Les, June, David, Susan, Deborah, Jonathan and families xx

INNES JOSHUA LEE To a special little boy on his first birthday 28th February. Lots of love from, Great Grandma Brenda and Great Grandad Ken, Auntie Linda and Uncle Rob xx

TANYA HARDY Love and best wishes on your 31st birthday. Love, Julie, Jordan, Dorothy, Christine, Barbara, Lorraine and Joan xx
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Births

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JAZZ NIGHT

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Jazz pianist Rick Laughlin originally from the town but now based in London will be joining local musicians and friends to create an amazing night of live music not to be missed. Music begins around 8.30pm in the bar.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The women's world day of prayer will be held in Neville Parade Methodist Church Friday March 4th at 1.30pm. All ladies are welcome to attend this universal service.

Supper Dance in aid of ChildLine

On Saturday 5th March the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are holding a fund raising event in aid of ChildLine at Redworth Hall Hotel from 7.30pm.

The entertainment will be provided by the Musical Time Machine a group of 30+ Darlington residents who only perform this show a few times each year and always in aid of worthwhile charities.

A buffet supper is included in the ticket price of £12.00. Tickets are available from Walkers of Simpashiregate, Ashwood Telecom at the Blue Bridge Centre and Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way. Why not come along and enjoy a great night out and raise much needed funds for this excellent charity.

Talentstar Auditions at Woodham

talentSTAR and Genius Entertainment returned for the third year in succession to Woodham Community Technology College on Wednesday 16th February to hold the live music audition extravaganza.

The talentSTAR: The Live Auditions, supported by the Princes Trust and Northern Arts, is a show which gives up and coming singers, dancers and musicians the chance to perform in front of a live audience and also some representatives from the music industry.

A fantastic range of class acts took part, all students at Woodham CTC - solo singers, duos, groups, bands, dancers etc. The audience voted to determine which acts were selected to win.

The overall winner was Sabrina Brett who enthralled the audience with a remake of Zoë Birkett's version of Judy Garland's "Get Happy". In second place was "Urban Rhythm" dancing to Ice Cube Remix. The talentSTAR choices were "Sound Attic" led by Year 10 student Ben Milne who wowed the audience with

their rendition of Franz Ferdinand's "Take Me Out", but for some the real star of the night was Year 7 student Josh West who went through to the semis with a breathtaking drum solo. There was a magnificent show of support for all the performers from a packed crowd in the main hall. The four winning artists now go through to the next stage, the talentSTAR semi-finals at the Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley on Sunday 15th May. At this event there will also be performances from the winners of auditions at other schools and colleges across the North East with valuable prizes for the overall winner and those in each category.

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who took part in the auditions and congratulations to the winners.



Good Dance Classes Already in Town

Dear Sir

I feel that I must reply to the letter on page 8 in the Newton News last week, **Revail of Ballroom Dancing** Mrs Paylor. Does she live in Newton Aycliffe? If so I suggest that she reads the Newton News page 2, **Lee Green Dance School** - has been an established Dance school for over 45 years. The dancing covers Waltz, Quickstep and Old Time. Also at Greenfield School and Woodham Community Hall, and the town Leisure Centre. All these places are on the bus route, dancing is very well revived on this town already it is just that people need to know where the venues are.

Is Mrs Paylor a member of the I.D.T.A. (Institute of Dance Teacher Association) if she is going to organise dance teaching she needs to be. Mr. B Thompson

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Borough Burglaries Continue To Fall To All Time Low

House burglary in Sedgefield borough continues to fall to an all time low. The past five years have seen figures fall from 835 offences six years ago, to 323 offences last year. This reduction trend has continued into the New Year with a further reduction of 19.2%, or 63 offences.

The profiling and targeting of prolific criminals resulted in the arrest and remand to prison of a career criminal in Newton Aycliffe just weeks after his release from prison. Crime Prevention Officer P.C. Neil Langthorne said "This has helped ensure a safer Christmas period for residents in the Newton Aycliffe area".

Operation Darc, the initiative to tackle burglaries during the winter nights continues and the current approach and success demonstrates the principles of the Durham Constabulary 'Street Safe' scheme.

Police community safety teams have provided displays and advice to shoppers in supermarkets in Newton Aycliffe and Bishop Auckland.

Those areas experiencing slightly higher levels of crime have received advice leaflets to their homes, enforcing the home security message.

He said "The focus of Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens working with Police Beat Teams has added to the impact of the initiative and its success". The partnership work is co-ordinated by the Sedgefield Borough Community Safety Partnership Burglary Action Group. Representatives of the group include the Police, Durham County Council, Sedgefield Borough Council, Probation Service, Youth Engagement Service, Three Rivers Housing and DISC.

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Dear Sir
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This means the rent will rise by nearly £4 per week. My pension rise is £2.45 per week. This must have something to do with the housing transfer to private ownership where they can raise the rents as they like without any government control.

If the council keep the

housing stock, we have control. Tenants don't be fooled by them.
Yours sincerely,
C. Birkbeck.

ATRAACT

A.T.R.A.A.C.T. (Aycliffe Town Residents Action Against Crime Team) Advance notice of a meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th April 2005 at 5.30pm until 8pm. Venue Youth Centre opposite Tesco Newton Aycliffe.

This will be a chance for Residents to put forward their own views on all aspects of crime and disorder, Anti Social behaviour etc. This will also be a chance to put forward questions relating to the selling/relocation of the Police Station in Newton Aycliffe. Make a note in your diary 27th April 2005, 5.30pm till 8pm, your attendance is needed.

Information from the Neighbourhood Watch Fire Service and Domestic Violence teams will be available. A short presentation will be given by the police on their newly launched STREET SAFE initiative. Ring 01325 308094 for further details.

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