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With the introduction of direct police patrols at Aycliffe Shopping Centre during Christmas 2004 we had a relatively crime free period for the run up to Christmas with only six thefts being reported to the police.

This was assisted by the Shop Watch scheme which continues to provide a partnership between retailers, centre management and the police. Members of the scheme liaise with the police via the Radio Link system which has proved effective in identifying shoplifters and deterring general crime within the Town Centre.

Police are urging parents to assist with the problem of underage drinking by deterring youngsters from congregating in the Centre in the evening. We would encourage all young people to take advantage of the facilities offered in the Town such as the leisure centre, new town park and youth centre.

However since the end of January there has been an increasing spiral of vandalism within the Town Centre including considerable damage to lifts and buildings despite the above facilities being on offer and as such those

who insist on committing anti-social behaviour will be the focus for local Beat Officers. Both the local Police and the Town Centre Management have agreed to pool resources to combat this and hopefully create a better environment for all users of the Town Centre. PC Helen Young and the Centre Manager Bryan Haldane will now work together to create an action plan to help achieve this goal.

Ideas already being actively considered include an extension of CCTV coverage within the Town to cover car parks and enclosed spaces. The installation of controlled gates to the entrances of the multi-storey car park which will be locked between 8.00pm and 7.00am each evening.

New warning notices defining activities which are not permitted within the Town Centre and for which the Police can follow up with the possibility of prosecution. Consideration will also be given to the Town Centre Management pursuing those so convicted and their parents through the Civil Courts for damages. We are also looking at improving street lighting generally around the Town and would welcome any comments or suggestions from all those who shop or visit within the Town Centre.

Bryan Haldane,  
Centre Manager  
Helen Young  
Beat Officer,  
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## Locomotion in Bloom



Locomotion the National Railway Museum at Shildon was the venue for Locomotion in Bloom. Shildon and District Flower Club celebrated in style with their interpretations of floral creations throughout the Museum site. From Friday 5th to Sunday 6th of March over 2,000 visitors passed through the doors. Pictured here are Councillor Marie Predki the Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council who

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## Easter @ CLC Newton Aycliffe

Do something different this Easter – come and be a part of Easter at CLC Newton Aycliffe! You are invited to our two services as we celebrate all that Easter means to us. Service times are:

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The above photos are of the children who took part in the Squash, Badminton and Golf Super Sports Skills coaching courses held over the Half Term holiday at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

## Courses at Pioneering Care Centre

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### Introduction to Counselling

A new Introduction to Counselling Course will be offered by Bishop Auckland College at the Pioneering Care Centre. Commencing on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, this FREE course will run from 6pm until 8pm for 5 weeks. After this introductory course you could go on to study the Interpersonal Skills Certificate or the Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills.

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The Mens Winter Friendly Fours continued with a win for Harry Clarkson and Matty Bourne, who scored a very creditable 45pts. New Roll-Up leaders Jeff Doidge and Kenny Crocher took second place with 44pts. This placing gave them a Roll-Up total of 11 pts, two clear of their nearest rivals, although with only two more possible point scoring games to play, there are still twenty two pairings who could statistically win the Roll-Up. Peter Coleby and Peter Roberts secured third place on countback from Alan Egglestone and Eric Meighan, both teams scoring 42pts.

There are tough draws for both the Mens and Ladies Teams in the Mail on Sunday Team Competition. The Mens team are drawn away at Durham City GC, whilst the Ladies are at home to Darlington GC, both ties are played on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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## Your War Story Wanted

The BBC is compiling material for a new programme: "The World War Two Memories Project" and are holding interviews on film with anyone who lived through the war and are willing to recount their experiences. The press officer for the Newton Aycliffe Mobility Club, Ernie Wilson, who served 6 years in the Army, on anti aircraft defence in Britain and also served in Africa India and Burma, has been interviewed for 2 hours and his recollections will form part of the project. Ernie was close to death on 3 separate occasions during his war service.

## GARDENS GUILD

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## EASTER TREASURE HUNT

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## Married for 60 Years



The Mayor Maud Gray & her consort George Gray attended a celebration with Frank & Mary Allison on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd March 2005, at the RAFA club. The evening included a celebration with more than 80 family & friends, who took part in singing, and dancing. The couple both 85, met more than six decades ago. What an achievement - not many make it that far! The couple, who live in Lyon Walk, requested no gifts, but donations to the Wings Appeal were appreciated. Frank originates from Shildon and met Mary during the war at a Dance in London. Mary was a florist, but at that time was a munitions worker. Frank and Mary moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1952 and although they still love the town they think it was much better in the early days. Frank worked for BXL and Underground Mining until he retired. Mary will be well known from the time she worked in a Lauderette in the Town Centre. They both enjoyed walking until age and mobility caught up with them, but they still enjoy coach trips to all parts of the country.



## Letter to the Editor

### KEEP HOUSES UNDER COUNCIL CONTROL

Dear Sir  
Information to-date on the proposed transfer of S.B.C.'s council housing to the private sector has not mentioned Labour delegates voting against that and the Leadership at the Party's Conference. To "loud cheers in the Hall" delegates demanded equality for Councils with Housing Associations for taxpayer's cash to upgrade and repair their housing and keep it in Council control. Reportedly, the Deputy Prime Minister dismissed that call for equality of taxpayer's cash as "a nonsense motion" from the floor of the Conference. So much for democratic representation! And, apparently, the same cavalier attitude applies to our vote against an elected North East Assembly? Despite a resounding vote against that, we hear the Unelected North East Assembly has powers to set aside years of intensive efforts and planning to regenerate Durham's industrial and economic renewal in favour of the Tyne, Wear and Tees city-states, with Durham a rural backwater! Why is it that the Government will lavish taxpayer's cash on unelected Quangos and private Housing Associations to carry out what our Local Councils are elected to do, whilst denying them the means and freedom to meet and serve Durham's real priorities? As a previous Aycliffe Town, Borough and County Councillor, I know of and supported the work done by Councils to renew Durham. To see that set aside, disregarded and downgraded in favour of Government Quangos and the interests of the Private Sector raises the question as whether we live in a democracy or London dictate? It seems no matter what the North East votes for, it will be given what Whitehall has decided it shall have, like it or not? Perhaps our well-paid, silent "born-again" Ward councillors will enlighten their electorate on which "Party Line" they obey? Don Fraser

## PLENTY OF 'FUTURES' ACTION IN JUNE

The "Action Packed Futures 2005" will be held at Whitworth Hall on Sunday 19 June. The aim of this free festival is to enable residents, individuals and families alike to learn more about their role in creating sustainable communities while having fun at the same time. Visitors will have the chance to find out more about green and modern living in the 21st Century and stroll around a "virtual village". There'll be a host of attractions, activities and displays including community groups, craft stalls, music, guided walks and bike rides.

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 5th April 2005  
Environment Committee - 7.15pm  
Tuesday 5th April 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.

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## LOCOMOTION COULD BE MUSEUM OF THE YEAR



Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon is waiting to hear if it is to become one of the four finalists for the prestigious Gulbenkian Prize. The £11 million museum – which only opened last September – was visited by two of the Gulbenkian judges yesterday in its quest to make the final cut.

Ten museums throughout the United Kingdom are vying for those final four positions and ultimately the award of UK Museum of the Year. Dr Elizabeth Mackenzie, Vice-Chairman of the British Association of Friends of Museums and Michael Day, Chief Executive of the Historic Royal Palaces, spent yesterday at the County Durham museum.

They met with officials of Sedgfield Borough Council and National Railway Museum in York as they toured the museum, which expects to welcome its 100,000th visitor later this month. Locomotion is the only National Museum in the North East. The four finalists for the 2005 prize will be announced on Friday 18th March with the winner disclosed on Thursday 26th May in London during Museum and Galleries Month 2005.

Last year's winner was the Scottish Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh whilst the winner of the inaugural Gulbenkian Prize in 2003 was The National Centre for Citizenship and the Law housed in the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham. Doing the Locomotion: Judges Dr Elizabeth Mackenzie and Michael Day meet Andrew Scott, Head of the National Railway Museum, York (left) and George Muirhead, (right) Manager of Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon

## New Floor for Neville Community Centre



The refurbishment of the Centre took a major leap this week with the completion of a brand new floor in the main hall. Also a backdrop for the stage has been painted by art instructor and pupils of Young People's Centre in Newton Aycliffe – an absolute credit to them. If you are passing, pop in and have a look at the startling transformation. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to this major project.

We now have a community centre of which we are extremely proud.

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## Family fun at Greenfield this Easter

Greenfield Community & Arts Centre will be hosting two exciting Banner making workshops during the Easter holidays. The sessions are FREE for the whole family and will be led by professional artist Jacqui Scollen. The banners produced will be displayed at a future event in the town Centre. Sessions will take place on Tuesday 22nd March or Wednesday 23rd March 10am-4pm. Places are limited so please call Phil or Katy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Telephone: 01325 379 048

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## COUNTY COUNCIL EXCELLENT FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Durham County Council's reward-winning record as a top performing highway authority has won official recognition from the Government as one of the best in the country. The Council has been designated as one of 17 Centres of Excellence whose track record in delivering local transport improvements has led to it being chosen to serve as a model for other highway authorities to follow. The announcement, by Local Transport Minister Charlotte Atkins, follows recognition in previous years when the Council's efficiency in implementing schemes through its first multi-million Local Transport Plan (LTP) has been rewarded with a cash bonus.

Last year, for example, the Council was allocated an extra £1 million in its annual LTP allocation as a reward for its above average performance in delivering schemes on time and on price.

It was the second year running that its progress in implementing its five year blueprint for travel and transport improvements in the County was recognised by the Government, and the cash was used to maintain the pace at which projects and schemes were started and finished. In announcing the reward, Government Office North East told the County Council: "Your delivery of schemes according to plan is impressive."

This time around, the Council has been rewarded with Centre of Excellence status, and throughout the five-year duration of the second Local Transport Plan, from 2006-2011, will serve as an example of best practice in 'efficient programme delivery' for other highway authorities around the country. Chris Tunstall, Durham County Council's Deputy Chief Executive (Environment) said the new designation confirmed council's standing as one of the best performing highway authorities in the country.

"It puts our progress and performance into perspective and reflects the continuing commitment of our elected members and staff to improving the transport infrastructure of County Durham" he added.

Durham County Council's Local Transport Plan represents a five-year rolling programme of major travel and transport system developments within the County. By 2006, the Council hopes its first round LTP will have:

- reduced traffic congestion and pollution
- created a wider choice of travel
- improved the condition of the County's road network resulting in safer routes to school
- improved road safety and lowered speeds,
- improved the environment
- The Council is about to go out to consultation on its second round LTP, which will span the period 2006-2011.

## Woodham College Valentines Ball



## HEIGHINGTON PARISH LITTER GROUP



The date of our first Litter Pick planned for 26<sup>th</sup> February had to be rescheduled due to several inches of snow. It was held instead on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The snow had gone but it was a very cold day and there was rain, sleet and strong winds. In spite of this about twenty people including nine members of Heighington Baden Powell Scouts and Cubs set out at 10 am from Heighington Village Hall, and smaller groups started from Redworth and the Chestnuts.

The aim was to clear litter from the verges and the hedges along some of the main roads in the parish. The wind made it difficult to put the litter into our black bags and the rain not only soaked our gloves but managed to penetrate our waterproof clothing. In spite of the adverse conditions we collected sixty bags of rubbish - a good start to our campaign. The Litter Group committee is very grateful to all those who took part. Our next Pick is planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. All volunteers welcome. In addition to clearing rubbish we want to explore ways and means of persuading people to cease dropping litter in the first

place. We have invited the pre-school children in the parish to design an anti-litter poster, and we are also planning an anti-litter slogan competition. We intend consulting with take-away food and drink outlets and to seek their help in persuading customers to dispose of wrappers responsibly. And we would welcome suggestions from anyone on any aspect of the irresponsible disposal of litter. To contact us please speak to chairman Peter Smyth on 01325 312123 or secretary Kit Bartram on 312270.

## WATER POLO

Scott Carpenter gave a wonderful performance to take the Lancaster Sedgefield Squad through to the final of the National Under 19 Club Water Polo Championships at Wallsall. In the 5 team semi-final group of teams which are all "super teams" i.e. up to 5 clubs combining to make very strong teams. The Sedgefield team defeated the Scottish champions Warrender who are basically the Scottish national side 13-3 to reverse a qualifying group defeat 2 weeks ago. The Scottish side has no answer to Britain's leading junior player Scott Carpenter who scored 8 goals.

In the second game they defeated Grantham 12-5 with 6 goals from Carpenter and 2 from Sedgefield's other Great Britain junior player Chris Gilbertson. Joel Woods continues to make encouraging progress at this level. In their 3rd game they defeated Arch Rivals City of Manchester by 8-4 despite heavy marking Scott Carpenter managed 5 goals and Chris Gilbertson one. The final game against Cheltenham was awarded to Sedgefield as controversially were excluded from the competition due to playing an unregistered player earlier in the competition. Sedglans will be expecting a Titanic battle against City Manchester in the final like 2 years ago when they defeated Manchester on penalties after extra time.

## Town Cadets Enjoy Clay Pigeon Shoot



Staff and Cadets from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Training Corps were recently guests of the Army Clay Pigeon Shooting Club at Marne Barracks, Catterick. The twelve cadets had an exciting day taking part in an activity they haven't participated in before but hope to repeat in the near future. The Squadron would like to pass on its thanks to the Shooting Club for their support.

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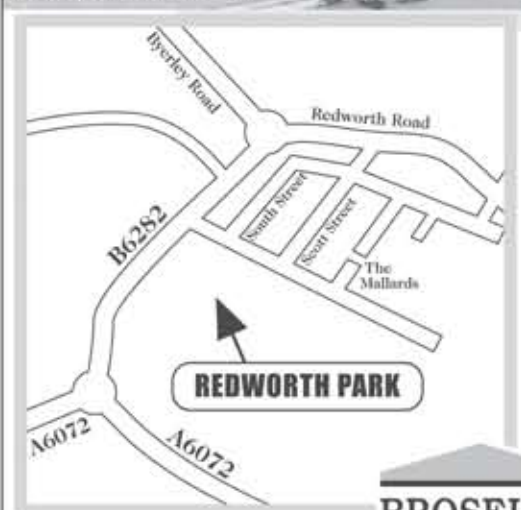


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It has been a few years since the Centre last held an open exhibition, which was extremely successful in bringing together local artists in a rich display of creative work.

This is an excellent opportunity for artists who aim to sell their work, would like to promote their work for commissions, or simply would like to be inspired by the

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**Throughout March** we host a number of exciting one nighters Tony Hadley vs Martin Fry and ABC Live in Concert 2005 on Tuesday 22 March.

**Wednesday 23 March**, Absolute Earth Wind and Fire.

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**Friday 1 April**, Comedy Store Management presents Dave Spikey in Living the Dream Tour Saturday 2 April, Tony Christie

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**Monday 11 - Saturday 16 April**, Love Shack opens its doors. This brand new musical features the new hit single by Gary Barlow with some of the greatest songs of all time, including, Express Yourself, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, and I've Had The Time Of My Life. Jon Lee (S Club), Faye Tozer (Steps) and Noel Sullivan (Hear'Say) head the cast.

**Wednesday 20 - Saturday 30 April** In their Diamond Jubilee Year presents Darlington Operatic Society present Die Fledermaus. Advance tickets available from the Ticket Secretary: John Lloyd, 148 Woodland Road, Darlington. Tel: 01325 467017. Advance booking commences February 2005. Tickets for all performances are available from the box office on 01325 486 555

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## Thanks

**CUTLER - BLACKWELL**  
Darren and Sue would like to thank family and friends for their generous gifts and good wishes given to Malana on her Christening Sunday 6th March. Many thanks for being part of the memories we share of our special day xx  
**VIKKI CARTER & LINDSAY MELVIN** would like to thank all their family and friends for their cards and gifts received on their 18th birthday. Special thanks to John Melvin for the disco, Mr & Mrs Peacock for the catering, Auntie Melanie for making Lindsay's birthday cake and Gloria from Crafty Cakes for Vikki's. A big thank you to the Southern Club for their assistance and a superb venue. Extra thanks to our parents for a fab party and their love and support over the past 18 years.  
**MARSH** The family of the late Christopher Marsh would like to thank everyone who gave their support during Chris's illness and untimely death. Special thanks to Father Dunne and staff and parents of St. Mary's for their love and prayers.  
**SHAW** Thank you mam and dad for my beautiful sister, Drew Abigail. Lots of love, Kate xx  
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**15th March 2005**  
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### Claire Byrne



**Happy 18th Birthday** to a wonderful daughter, enjoy your holiday. Love from Mam, Dad, Rachael, Grandma and Granda Airey and all your family xxxxxxxx

## Births

**SHAW** Congratulations Carmel and Bud on the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Drew Abigail 5/3/05 Love and best wishes from, Mam, Dad and all the family xx

## Memoriam

**Soulsby Peter Elliot**  
10th March 1999

Time passes, memories stay loved and remembered every day  
Valerie xxxx

**BLENKINSOPP** Marjorie died 9/3/98. Treasured memories of a dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother. Our thoughts are with you everyday. Bob and family xx

**FREER WAYNE** Remembering our grandson Wayne. Not just today, but everyday. So loved and missed. Love from, Grandma and Grandad xx

**ALFIE SANDERSON** 8.3.04 R.I.P Alfie a brother sadly missed, never forgotten. Kev, John and Pea. Pea sadly died on 25.2.05

**TONY MOORE** 16.3.01 No longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there. Love, Anthony, Marie, Paul, Susan and grandchildren Mark, Becky, Ashleigh and Dale xx

**HARRY SEDGWICK** 9th March 1993. You're not just a memory, or part of our past. You're ours to remember, as long as life lasts. Love always, Margaret, family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**STAN MOSSOP** 12th March 1995. Ten years since you've been gone, but you are here with me everyday. Always remembered Trev and Dorothy 321678

**HAPPY 21ST** birthday Louise. Lots of love, Steven xx

**PRESCOTT LUKE JAMES** Happy 4th birthday to our little treasure. Lots of love, Grandma, Grandad, Aunt Karen, Uncle Matt, Uncle Adam and Aunt Kim xx

**CLAIRE BYRNE** Happy 18th birthday. Love you always, Sean xx

**KATHLEEN COCKFIELD** Have a very happy birthday nana. With love of love and kisses, Matthew, Jamie and Jessica xx

**JESSICA WEBB** Hip Hip Hoo ray, Jessica is 2 today (16.3.05) Lots of love and kisses, Aunt Joanne, Uncle Andrew, Matthew and Jamie xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy birthday and Happy retirement. Put your feet up now - you've earned the rest. All our love from, the whole family xxx

**IAN HALFORD** Happy birthday Daddy. Lots of love hugs and kisses, Connor, Emily, Caitlin and Joseph xxx

**LOIS FAYE RICHMOND** Happy 16th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Faith and Eddi xxx

**LOIS RICHMOND** Happy birthday. Lots of love, Grandma xxx

**LORNA PUNSHON** Love and best wishes on your 60th birthday for 10-3-05. Love from, all the family xx

**KAYLEIGH HARLE** 14th March. Best wishes on your 19th birthday. Good luck in your new job, we will all miss you! Love you love, Mam, Dad, Danielle, Uncle John and the Clan xx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Congratulations on your well-earned retirement and happy birthday for Friday nana! Now you have to learn to be lazy. Coban said he could give you lessons! Love you all the world, hugs and kisses from, Vikki, Terry and Coban! xx

**BLACKY & JACKIE** Congratulations on your engagement. Lots of love, Sam and John

**JOSH GIBSON** Happy 15th birthday. Love, Mam, Dad, Beth and Ellie xx

**LUKE RUTHERFORD** 9/3/05 Happy birthday Luke. All our love, Nana, Grandad, Lee and Sharon

**HAPPY 16TH** birthday Robyn, hope you have a great one. Love from, Lauren and Ami xx

**LUKE RUTHERFORD** 9.3.05 Happy 6th birthday. Have lots of fun. All our love, Auntie Sam and Brydie-Rae xx

**MARK COX** Get well soon daddy. All my love from, Brydie-Rae xxx A bit better love, Sam

**JULIE ROWLAND** Happy 30th birthday. Someone very special to me. Love you always, John xx

**JULIE ROWLAND** Happy birthday to the best Mam in the world. Lots of love, Daniel, Morgan and Alfie xx

**JULIE ROWLAND** Happy birthday. The big 30. Lots of love, Alison, Gary and Reece xxx

**LATISHA LEWIS** Happy 1st birthday Latisha. Love, Keith xx

**LATISHA LEWIS** To my little princess. Happy 1st birthday. All my love and kisses, Mummy xx

**LATISHA LEWIS** Happy 1st birthday to my special sister. Hugs and kisses, Dekian xx

**LATISHA LEWIS** Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Nana, Domi, Tina and Taz xx

**LATISHA LEWIS** Happy 1st birthday. Love from, Grandad xx

**FRANCIS** on 9th March (suddenly at home in Newton Aycliffe) formerly of Mahe Seychelles, Christina aged 76 years. Beloved wife of Rodrigues Stanley, also a loving mummy, grandma and great grandma. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday 15th March 9.30am at Durham Crematorium. Friends welcome, please meet at the crematorium. Family flowers only by request.

## Obituary

## DEADLINE NOTICE

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reached by a 20 minute cable car journey each morning.

This was the eleventh consecutive year that Woodham had travelled with Interski who once again provided an excellent level of support and service. There were 3 Beginners ski groups, two Intermediate groups and one Advanced group. There were two snowboarding groups, one for beginners and one for students who had boarded between one and three times before. The full range of students made excellent progress with outstanding levels of performance from Sam Jordinson in snowboarding. Sam is a year 10 student and was recommended by his instructor as the best snowboarding student that he has ever coached. Sam's snowboarding was recorded on video and he will be put forward next year as a potential

candidate for an Interski scholarship to train as a snowboard instructor.

David Morrell has skied with Ski Woodham for 8 years, although he is a pupil at St. John's R.C. Comprehensive School in Bishop Auckland. David is an advanced skier and is under consideration for an Interski scholarship to train as a Ski Instructor. The groups took part in a range of evening activities, including 10 pin bowling, a pizza evening, a disco, a visit to the Nike Factory Store, a successful Karaoke evening and a presentation evening on the last evening shared with their ski and snowboarding instructors.

Cameron Maughan, a Year 8 snowboarding student had the misfortune of breaking his arm in a fall but then was flown down from the mountain by helicopter with another skier who had a badly broken leg. Cameron

coped bravely with his injury and came home with his arm pinned and in a pot.

B. Robson - Ski Party Leader

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## New Chlamydia Screening Service Now Available

Young people in the Sedgefield Primary Care Trust (PCT) area are now being offered screening for Chlamydia in local health clinics.

The Chlamydia Screening Programme, which rolled out across the Sedgefield area from January 2005, is targeted at men and women aged under 25 years, who are at greatest risk of infection. Screening services, treatment and advice on sexual health will be offered in clinics where young people access sexual health services including:

**The Central Screening Office in Peterlee**  
Ferryhill Family Planning Clinic  
Cornforth Drop-In, Cornforth House  
Peaseway Medical Centre  
Hallgarth Surgery  
YPAC Sunnydale Leisure Centre  
Trimdon 2000  
Sedgefield Teen Health Clinic  
Trimdon Community College

Young people can be offered a simple, self taken test or receive postal testing kits which are available from the Central Office either by telephone or email. The Central Chlamydia Screening Office will then offer free treatments and partner notification to any person testing positive.

Sedgefield is one of six PCTs in County Durham and Darlington taking part in this screening programme. Events have also been organised at a variety of venues around the County which could be attended by Sedgefield residents such as colleges and prisons, and a weekly screening clinic is planned to commence in April 2005 at Dalton Way Health Centre.

Nationally a pilot is taking place to evaluate the effectiveness of offering screening packs through pharmacies. If this pilot is successful then Sedgefield PCT already has the resources available now to introduce this service and would welcome such an initiative.

Lynn Wilson, Chlamydia Screening Programme Lead, said: "Chlamydia is now the most common, curable sexually transmitted infection in people under 25 in England and Wales, with around 1 in 10 young people being infected by chlamydia. The infection is most common in younger sexually active adults, especially women aged under 19 years and men under 25 years. The rate of chlamydia infection has almost doubled in County Durham over the last five years, mirroring the national increase.

"Chlamydia is easily treated with antibiotics but a large number of cases of chlamydia infection remain undiagnosed and untreated as most people do not have symptoms. The new screening service is an easy way for young people to find out if they have the infection, as they can take their own test.

If you would like to contact the Chlamydia Screening Service please call the Central Screening office on 0191 587 6016 or pop into one of the clinics mentioned.

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The Transfer Bay is a specialised multi-media facility commissioned by Neil Thain to capture and restore historic images and sounds and upgrade them onto modern formats.

Neil may be a new face to the northeast, but is no stranger to the many facets of the service he offers, having over thirty years practical experience in the media, broadcast, television and film industries. He is interested in history and the value of cultural and family tradition, and has for many years successfully restored family 'home cine' films onto video and more recently to DVD.

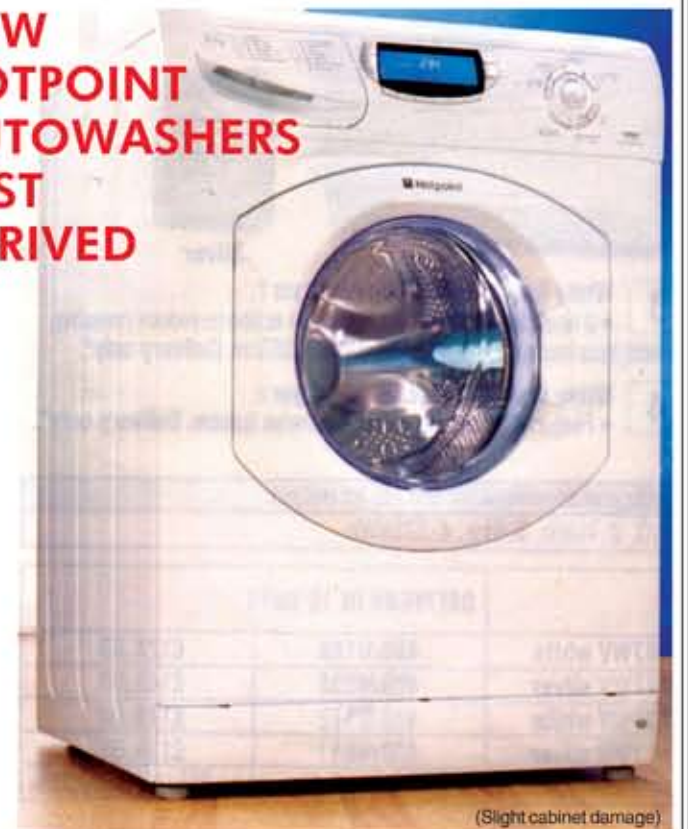
The Transfer Bay can also digitally upgrade sound recordings (including reel-to-reel tapes and cassettes, LPs and 78s) onto CD, and restore photographic images for re-printing. In time, Neil hopes to expand the facility and offer similar services to regional libraries and archives for the preservation of historic 'gems' from life in this region.

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