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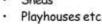
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Editorial Comment

Will it be Easy for Tony Blair?

The General Election has been called and we, in the Prime Minister's constituency, will have to decide whether we want to re-elect him as

Strictly speaking he is a failure as an M.P.! Apart from a few official visits he does very little for Newton Aycliffe. Tony very rarely meets the ordinary voter except in the run-up to an election when it will be considered an acceptable risk to his safety.

Any other time his visits are stifled by police security and checks, denving Tony much opportunity to "press the flesh".

We cannot say he represents us in Parliament, because he is too busy with day to day National issues and International duties.

When did he last speak on our behalf in the House and when did he last hold a Surgery in the town? How many letters has he replied to? How many complaints has he dealt with personally?

His neglect of duties as our Member in Parliament begs the question whether we need M.P.'s. We have certainly managed well enough without him on a local level and we gain little from the fact that the Prime Minister is our

Some say he is the best Prime Minister this country has seen and many of the current Government's achievements will be credited to his zeal and vision.

As a person he appears amiable, honest and sincere yet many commentators call this false and deride his style.

So how will we vote in Newton Aycliffe? Tony carried a 16,000 majority at the last Election and it was easy for him, despite the same complaints on his poor record as our M.P.

During this Election Tony will breeze into town like a pop star and his undeniable charisma, coupled with traditional and unstinting Labour support, will secure his seat in the next Parliament.

Questions on Cost of Transfer Unanswered

Dear Sir

I am a council tenant and a ratepayer and a few months ago I asked through the Newton News who was paying for the stock transfer 'yes' campaign. No answer was given.

I had heard that the ratepayers were footing the bill, which would be a misuse ratepayer's money, as many own their own homes and the stock transfer has nothing to do

It's the Government who are desperate to sell the stock.

The local Labour Councillors have been keeping their heads down on this issue, so now that Councillor Clare has come out of hibernation last week could he tell the readers of the Newton News who is footing the bill?

Name and address supplied.

Ed: Councillor Clare is the Town Council Labour Party spokesman and cannot comment officially. A Borough Councillor may wish to answer on the cost of transfer and whether they are keeping their heads

Letters to the Editor

"Young People are not Welcome"

I would like to know why it is in this country, that when a minority group of Anti-social young people cause problems, that all young people are penalised for the sake of a few?

I recently read a notice at Somerfield" which stated "Young people are not welcome in this store after 5pm" Apparently on the basis that there is a group who hang around the doors and behave in an intimidating and abusive way to customers and I would guess staff as well.

Problems of this nature can also be experienced in other areas of the town centre, also at times The Thames Centre, not to

mention other areas of the town, such as housing estates and parks.

Serious matters of this nature, calls for drastic, long lasting positive action, by the Police and where other authorities should also be involved to formulate plans and procedures in dealing with this blinght on our society. I would also suggest that the law, which can at times be an ass, needs to be over-hauled and reviewed and brought struggling into the real world of the 21st Century.

If these matters were dealt with severely then other matters such as serious crime would be cut right

Too long we have listened to, the ramblings of people such as civil liberties and

Young anti-social people under the present system, know they can use this to their advantage. The Police having a friendly word or moving them on, is not the answer.

Positive action through the courts and making parents responsible where applicable should be tough.

Then and then only can we all experience a better environment. Young blameless people can then have the right to enter a shop etc.

I dare say despite all this, the authorities will continue to bury their heads in the sand, or be averse to sticking their necks out due to times political correctness. Roger McNeal.

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Woodham Councillor's Surgery

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Party Politics Deny Choice

Dear Newton News, A recent issue carried a letter from a long serving councillor who says he had been deselected for not following the party line and preferring to follow the wishes of the people who elected him to

the role of councillor. New Labour, which is nothing more than another right wing organisation appears to be a party where the wishes of some higher authority is to be followed over those of the electorate

These unseen people seem to think that the electorate are only there to give them the power to do what they want, completely ignoring the needs of people.

telling are constituency party members who they can choose as their next prospective Member of Parliament by presenting them with a list of names from which they can choose

This shows they are trying to turn backbench MP's into a set of puppets and dolls who do as they say and do not take the views and opinions of the people who voted them in to represent them in Parliament.

I feel the only way local people can have a say in what goes on in their area is to vote for any independent that stands in their ward and not vote in a person who follows the wishes of unknown, unseen people.

I think that information about the stagnated town centre development would have been forthcoming by now if the town was represented independent councillors and not by big party Regards,

Letters to the Editor

Should People on Benefit Rent Luxury Homes?

Dear Editor

Along with millions of other citizens I assume that the Benefits System is based on need?

I am therefore astonished

to find that recently a nearby house, which is privately owned and rented out, has been allocated to a young, unmarried, unemployed, out of town couple with young children! The rent for this is being met by the Benefits Agency (us the tax payer) while this in itself is not unusual, I have to add that the house is a luxury 3-bedroomed detached with garage and large garden!

Does this couple really need this level of housing which must carry a high

Why not give suitable local authority housing or is it the case where people now can pick and choose where they go and we, the taxpayer, pick up the tab? Where is the incentive to work hard and prosper when you are allocated a property worth over £170,000 rent free?

Moreover who are the fools here, the Benefits Agency or us who have to work for a living? Yours sincerely,

"Astounded" Name and address supplied.

DEALING WITH YOBS

Dear Sir Whilst it is very commendable and convenient to have a restaurant/pub and shops at Cobbler's Hall the pedestrian walkway (adjacent to the garage) to get there is disgusting.

Each side of the pathway is muddy with green slime lying on the pools of water. The amount of litter scattered is all over, including countless takeaway cartons (either empty or with uneaten food/gravy), plastic and glass bottles, cans, paper wrappings just thrown or dropped down is untidy, unhygienic, dirty and disgusting to see.

There are 4 litterbins immediately outside the shops of which one is half full, the other 3 empty. Can those sales premises be made to be responsible for other customers litter? Can litterbins be provided and placed at strategic points along the pathway? Can people be encouraged by notices, to deposit the litter in these bins or take it home? Can offenders who do community service help to clear the litter?

It is not only on that particular pathway, it is dropped over the Cobbler's Hall Surgery grounds, the surrounding roads and paths.

Despite the service provided by the Council in collecting up some of the litter, there seems to be a little appreciation of that facility by the majority of "Take away

To anyone driving or walking down Woodham (near where "Piggies" used to be) the amount of litter in the hedgerows is a disgusting

sight and extremely detrimental to the environment. Who is responsible?

Are Litterbugs multiplying? Yours sincerely, Mrs J K Blaik

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Borough Support for CAB Unequalled

Dear Sir

Peter Dolan

Re: Mr Biggin's letter concerning the Citizens Advice Bureau in Newton Avcliffe First of all, let me state categorically how important we value the contribution of the volunteer sector not only in Newton Aycliffe, but throughout Sedgefield Borough.

Furthermore, I must stress the financial assistance given to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Sedgefield Borough is unequalled by any other local authority in County Durham.

CAB receives £1.91 per head of population and that's a total of £166,980. Indeed, if Sedgefield Borough Council were to pay the average amount per head paid by the other councils in the County Durham, its total contribution would fall to £68,016.

Easington District Council is second in the table behind us and pays out £96,000 annually, which is almost 50 per cent less that that given by Sedgefield Borough Council and we allocate almost six times more than that of Chester-le-Street District Council.

Indeed the combined total of allowances provided by the four authorities of City of Durham, Chester-le-Street, Teesdale and Derwentside District Councils is only £1,750 more than the allowance allocated by Sedgefield Borough Council. Surely our support of Sedgefield and District Citizens Advice Bureau cannot

Yes, we have had to cut our financial obligation to CAB this year by £7,500, but we have had to make other cuts elsewhere including major Council services. As a Council we must save in excess of £200,000 per year over the next three years and furthermore we are striving to keep down Council Tax increases.

We do intend to discuss allowances with CAB for next year. However to give the impression that as a Council we are simply cutting allowances, as I have endeavoured to explain, is far from the truth. Cllr Bob Fleming

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In last week's Newton News (w/e 1st April), Sheila Mlatilik said that she hoped people wouldn't be distracted from choosing the best candidate to represent Newton Aycliffe on the County Council, by what she referred to as "pointless bickering about irrelevant issues in the press'

Letter to the Editor

I couldn't agree more, and would fully support Councillor Mlatilik if she took her colleague John Clare to task for the comments he made about me and Terry Hogan on the front page of the same issue.

Local people have known for some time that the writing has been on the wall for us as the Labour candidates for the forthcoming County Council elections. Over time, we have been progressively excluded from the local branch to the extent that senior officials in the constituency party said that we would not be chosen as candidates well before the selection meeting took place. It is hardly surprising therefore that both Terry Hogan and I decided not to attend the branch meeting which rubberstamped our deselection.

The key issue for local people is who is the best candidate to represent their interests on the County Council. Rather than wasting our time engaging in pointless arguments with the branch, we have concentrated our efforts on meeting constituents and working in their interests at all levels of the County Council and other organisations. People who are not Labour Party members may not realise that the local branch is run as a cabal with important positions being shared out amongst certain families and friends, so it was no surprise to learn that Sarah Iveson has been chosen as the Labour Party candidate and I look forward to putting my track record of work for my constituents up for scrutiny against hers at the County Council elections.

As far as the letter from Mr. Maurice Reeve in the same issue is concerned and for those who do not know, Mr. Reeve is my ex-brother-in-law so there is clearly some personal animosity there and, accordingly, I do not intend to reply in detail, but if any of my constituents want to discuss the matters raised they can contact me by telephone on 01325 308057, e-mail me at william.blenkinsopp@durham.gov.uk or by writing to me at 1 St Andrews Way, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

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During the Easter school holidays young people of Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area enjoyed taking part in the Super Sports Skills coaching courses, run by Great Aycliffe Town Council, at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Some were able to improve their present skills, whilst others tried something new from courses offered in Squash, Badminton, Indoor Bowls, Golf and Archery, all courses being very well attended.

Certificates and small prizes were presented for each course by the Mayor, Mrs Maud Gray, and her consort Mr George Gray, and a prize draw offered over all Courses culminated in the presentation of a mountain bike to the winner, a very pleased Miss Jasmin Jenkinson, with Complex Leisure Manager, Mr Derek Snowball, in attendance.

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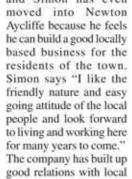
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BROWNE vs BLAIR

Sedgefield Liberal Democrats have chosen Robert BROWNE to be their candidate in the forthcoming General Election

Robert BROWNE, who joined Party Leader Charles Kennedy on the Anti-War March prior to the illegal invasion of Iraq, and is a former Chairman of the LibDems Parliamentary Candidates Association, declared after his selection: "Sedgefield is unique in that

local electors are the only people in the Country who have the chance to show that they share the British public's lack of trust in Tony Blair by throwing him out of Parliament.

Not only did this man go to war on behalf of George W Bush against the wishes of the majority of the people of the UK on the basis of false or poor intelligence, but he has broken a manifesto promise to introduce top up fees and has done nothing to reverse the pensions crisis nor the scandal of council tax rises which hits those on fixed and low incomes.

I shall be campaigning on the positive measures the Liberal Democrats have proposed, in contrast to the indistinguishable policies of the red and blue conservative parties, and look forward to vigorous debates ahead".



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Representatives from Barclays will discuss banking issues whilst Support Business Officers from SBBS will cover general start-up queries. Those interested are urged to book early to avoid disappointment, as places are limited.

For further information or to book a place, contact Linda Goundry, Shildon Business Centre, on (01388) 777597 or email lgoundry@sbbs.org.uk. Alternatively if you are a business experiencing problems and would prefer to

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Wednesday 13th April 2005 Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

Wednesday 20th April 2005

Full Council - 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

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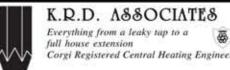
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Memoriam

DINAH RYAN

11th April 2000

My dearly loved wife Dinah, remembered not just today, but every day. Love always, Peter xxx

DINAH RYAN

11th April 2000

Mam, your life was one of kindly deeds, a helping hand for others needs, sincere and true in heart and mind, beautiful memories you left behind.

A silent thought a silent tear, we love and miss you Mam every day. From all your loving family xxxx

MIRIAM ROSSITER 8th April 2004. You will always be with us Mam. We miss and think of you every day, so unfair to be taken from us too soon. Thank you for the love, strength and happiness you gave us both. Love always, Lesley and Tony xxx McLUCKIE - ANN 10th April. It's 3 years since you left for Heaven and you are missed more and more each year. Love

always sweetie, Su and Chris xxx McLUCKIE - Dear Ann 10.04.02 Your lovely smile, your hugs and kisses a special person everyone misses. Love, Mam, Tony, Linda and Laura xx Also remembering Fred 14.4.98 Dear Husband, Dad and Grandad xx

JOE MOORE 8/4/02 Missing you today and every day. I have my memories, you have my love forever. One day we will be together. Love, Doll xxx

EUNICE DUNBAR 9th April 1995. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's just the pain of losing you that never goes away. Loved always, Sisters Dorothy, Jean and families xx HARRY TELFORD 09.04.1995 A decade has passed yet our memories remain as vivid. Never will a day go by that you will not be in our thoughts. We remain eternally thankfull for the times we spent together. Love always, Irene and family xx ALEX HUMBLE So many years we've been apart, but you're forever in my heart. Still sadly missed, Audrey and family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Peggy Gaskarth

9th April 1937 - Mam

It's your birthday and how we all do pray. That we could give you presents on this special day. You used to sit and wait for us

to bring our gifts to you, you always got a big surprise, cause we didn't have a clue.

We wish we could still bring them just to see your face. But now you're not with us,

you are in another place. Missing you so much, your loving family xxx

GASKARTH, AUNTIE PEGGY 9/4/05 Loving memories on your birthday. His special day we cannot share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love, Mary, Bryan and all the family and Billy xx

DON WALTON 9th April Our love for you will always keep, t cannot fade it was too deep. The gates of memories never close, we miss you more than anyone knows. Always loved -Dad and Grandad, Dave, Dawn, Roxanne, Yasmin, Josh, Teegan

DOREEN WATERHOUSE 10.4.29-18.01.05 Our love and thoughts are with you today Mam and we miss you today and always. Love, Pauline and family xxx

REG WATERHOUSE 11.4.27 With fondest love to my dear stepfather. Thinking of you, Pauline xxx

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Congratulations

Declan Thomas Scott

Shingler

Happy 1st Birthday Baby

We love you more than words can say. Have a lovely day. All our love always, Mammy & Daddy xxx

Kieran - Happy 2nd Birthday Son You mean the world to us, all our love,

Mammy and Daddy

Kieran Michael

Sylvia Lunn (nee Toman)



Happy 50th Sylvia 9th April 2005 Loads of love, Mam, Jim, Pam, Les xxx

SHINGLER To Kieran, a

very special grandson, happy 2nd birthday. Lots of love,

hugs and kisses from Gran,

Grandad, Uncle Michael and

SHINGLER To Kieran.

happy 2nd birthday little man,

lots of love and big kisses

Auntie Dawn and Uncle Darren

SHINGLER To my big

cousin Kieran, thank you for

sharing your special day with

me. Lots of love and kisses

from your little cousin, Decca

SHINGLER Kieran Michael

Happy 2nd birthday to our

great nephew. Love and kisses

from Aunty Val and Uncle

SHINGLER KIERAN

Happy 2nd birthday to a wonderful Grandson, Nephew

and Cousin. Have a lovely

day. Lots of love from, Nanna

Grandad, Auntie Alison,

TO MY great grandchildren

on their birthdays. Kieran 2,

Declan 1. Lots of love from

TO MY special nephew

Declan and my special Godson

Kieran, Happy 1st and 2nd birthday. Lots of love Uncle

SCOTT Declan Thomas.

Happy 1st birthday to the best

Harry, Auntie Marian and

SCOTT, Declan - happy 1st

birthday gorgeous. Love lots,

Auntie Lindsey and Uncle

Great Gran Thomas

Stu xxx

Michael xx

Uncle Chris and Alice xx

Christopher Hay



Happy 6th Birthday 7th April 2005 Lots of love and kisses from Mummy, Daddy and Lucy xxx

Christopher Hay



Happy 6th Birthday To our grandson on 7th April. Love from Grandma and Grandad Banks xxx

Andrew Tenwick



Happy 40th Birthday ANDREW All my love, Denise T.S.T.B.M.T. xxxx Happy Birthday DADDY

Grandson in the world. You Lots of love n' hugs are the light in our eyes, the from Hannah & Evie love of our lives. With all our Happy Birthday love from Grandma and You old git, love from Michael, Connor and Grandad Fawcett xxxx SCOTT Happy 1st birthday Declan. Love from Uncle

Poppy xxxx Happy 40th Birthday Andrew, Love from Linda, Peter, David, Leigh, Tamsin and Jordan xxxxxxxxxxx



ED All my love, Sylvia x

Thank You

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Photography and Video STUART J. ALLISON

BELTON Happy birthday.

My boys now grown men. Russell 38 April 7th, Duncan

37 April 7th. Russell's got 3

stepdaughters and one new son

'Prentice Seth" working very

hard for his lovely family and

wife Sue. Duncan got two sons "Fraser and Sydney" and wife

Jackie. Also working hard in

family business "KRD Associates", soon to be

millionaires then they can pay

for their own Happy Birthday

advert. Lots of love, your very

LEAH MARIE Our beautiful

granddaughter is 2 on 10th April. Happy birthday, Love from, Nana, Grandad, Uncle

Paul, Dean, Ross, Aunty Jade

and Demi xx RICHMOND, Faith Hannah

Teenager, happy 13th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Lois

FAITH RICHMOND Happy

13th birthday. Lots of love,

Congratulations on your 70th

pirthday, April 11th. Lots of

love from, Anne and all the

HANNAH McGRATH

Congratulations Hannah on

your 18th birthday, 12th April.

All my love from, Nana xxxxx

SPENSLEY Sylvia and Vic.

Happy birthday to my

wonderful parents. Mam's Friday, Dad's Tuesday. Have

a lovely time. Love you loads

love from, Julie, Den, Mick,

Tania, Ste, Nat and Paul xx

LINDLEY

and Eddi xxx

Grandma xx

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READ The family of the late

Marjorie are most grateful for all the messages and letters of sympathy, floral tributes and donations to Macmillan House, and for the genuine concern and help received during their recent sad bereavement. Thank you also to the Clergy Rev. Linda Potter Rector of St Clares, to Chaplins to the deaf (Northumbria Deaf Church) Rev Bill Rigby, Rev. David Boddy and Rev. Linda Shipp. Also for the kind help from St Clares Thursday coffee morning group for help with refreshments. Many thanks also the Palliative Care Team, especially Jill Sayer (Macmillan Nurse) to staff and helpers at The Butterwick Hospice and David. To Dr. Ferguson, Sister Marshall and nurses and staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery and also to Penny Dawson and staff of John Meynell Funeral Service. PD LIKE to say a big thank you to all my family and friends for cards and presents received and also for making my 50th birthday party the best night ever! Pauline Rowland xx

SCOTT Happy birthday Vic Spensley Decca on our day, love you

lots, Kieran xxx SCOTT Declan Thomas. Happy 1st birthday to the best lad in the world. All our love, Grandma, George, Ashleigh, Max and Keagan xxx MIDDLETON-HARRIS

Davey and Nicky (nee Ross). Congratulations Mummy and Daddy on your engagement. We can't wait to be bridesmaids. Love Teegan and

DAVEY and NICKY Congratulations on your engagement. Good luck for the future. Love, Mam NICKY and DAVEY Congratulations on your

engagement, it's about time! When's the wedding? Love, Leanne, Josh and Aaron FRED POULTER Happy 65th birthday Dad. Lots of

love from Karen, Fraser, Jonathan, Claire, Leanne and

FRED POULTER Happy birthday Granda. Love from Lisa, Paul, Toni, Martin, Louise, Leah, Liam, David, Kaitlyn, Charlotte, Loren, Aimee and Dane xxx



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Horndale Flying High

Horndale are 2nd in the Spennymoor League and it has been one of their best seasons in the 1st Division, thanks to the lads who play on Sunday morning beating the top sides in the league. They beat Old Shildon, Masons Arms and Hunwick, and are still in winning ways and they can be so proud of themselves.

Next season they are running from Cobblers Hall Pub, but those who still want to play football from Horndale Club can leave their name and phone number at the club or call in on Sunday afternoon to sign up for next season.

We have a few games to see how good you are and the club will help the best it can to get a team started. We all look forward to getting some new faces in



By Their Works You Will

Know Them

Dear Editor

Regarding Clare's criticism of Councillors Blenkinsopp and Terry Hogan, he is obviously just speaking for himself and his branch Labour people.

It is sad to read his comments that these two Councillors are unworthy of trust when they both have achieved good work for the people in Aycliffe.

degrade characters of these two Councillors is as low as one gets. John Clare should understand the saying: "By their works you will know them." Name and address supplied.

Church Home Group Meeting

Meet new friends and discover the reality of God

Tuesdays 8-10pm Visitors Welcome

Contact Paul on 01325 307237 Part of Kings Church, Darlingti

Local Club Seeks Young Cricketers

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are looking to recruit young cricketers to strengthen their junior section for the forthcoming 2005 season. The club will continue playing in the Durham County League under 18's division and we are constantly looking for new players to strengthen this team. It is our intention to hold an under 18's players registration night on Wednesday 13th April at 7:00 p.m.

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and all junior players, both new and current, are requested to attend. Annual membership subscriptions of £7.50 will be taken at this meeting and players will be handed fixture sheets and given further information regarding match day arrangements and outdoor practices. For more information, the under 18's team manager Chris Palmer can be contacted on mobile 07973 552 303. Newton Aycliffe are also hoping to start an under 11's cricket team and have already been accepted into the North Yorkshire league for the 2005 season. We are trying to attract children of primary school age (8 to 11) who are interested in learning and playing the game. Malcolm Dawes, who is a highly respected and fully qualified local cricket coach, has agreed to take on the job of training the youngsters, but we really need more players to build up the squad. All interested parties should not hesitate to contact Secretary Lee Weldon on (01325) 312424 after 7:00p.m.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have recently appointed Stephen Davison as the Club Child Welfare Officer and are dedicated to the welfare and protection of young people in cricket. The club have endorsed and adopted the ECB 'Safe Hands' policy and are therefore making every step possible to ensure that children's safety is paramount at our club.

Gardens Guild News

The Sales Hut is open Sunday mornings 10.00am-12.00noon. Plant seedlings, bedding plants, tomato plant, and onions sets are on sale. New members are welcome to join.

Lunchtime **Pilate** Classes

Shildon-Sunnydale Leisure Centre is introducing a new 'Lunch Time Pilates' class from Friday 15 April (12.30pm-1.30pm) costing £2.00 per session.

Pilates is a series of controlled movements that engages body and mind improving flexibility and strength for a total body workout.

For more information call Shildon-Sunnydale Leisure Centre on (01388) 777340.

Mobility Club at Community Fair

On May 7th the club is to have a stall in the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre as part of an event organised by the Rotary Club, to promote the services they offer to people with restricted mobility

If you are in this catergory or are interested in helping, why not come along and have a look at what we offer. If you would like more information please ring Ernie Wilson - Press Officer Aycliffe314606

Volunteers are also

required to raise funds for

the maintenance of our

building.

Ring 313924

Shildon Loco Museum Receives 100,000th Visitor

Ray and Wendy Caldwell from Fairfield in Stockton and their two children Rebecca (6) and Aidan (5) were spending the day at Locomotion: the National Railway Museum in Shildon when they became the landmark 100,000th visitors.

In just six months since opening, the Museum visitor figures are way above the annual projected target of 60,000. Locomotion has also made it through the final of the Gulbenkian Award and the £100,000 prize and title of UK Museum of the Year.

"This was our first visit to the museum," said 38-yearold Ray. "We wanted a family visit to Locomotion having heard good things about it. Previously we had been to the National Railway Museum in York and enjoyed it and wanted to see what the museum in Shildon

"I've got to admit it was impressive and we were quite taken aback to find out we were the 100,000th visitors, yet at the same time very pleased to discover that we

George Muirhead, Locomotion's Museum Manager presented 36-year-old Wendy with a bouquet of flowers along with a goody bag to the family to remind them of their special day at the museum.



Ray and Wendy Caldwell and their children Rebecca and Aidan, receive a bouquet of flowers and a goody bag from George Muirhead, Manager of Locomotion: the National Railway Museum in Shildon after becoming its 100,000th visitors

Neville Community Centre News

Tabletop Sale Saturday 16th April 9am-1pm. If you have previously booked a table please ring 313924 to confirm.

Wanted please bric a brac, records, tapes, teddies, bottles, videos, gifts etc Ring 313924 for collection.

Thank you to all those who have already made a donation, very much appreciated.

Bingo Luncheon Club every Wednesday at 12.30. Doors open 12 noon. 12.30 snack lunch £1.00, 1.15pm live entertainment, 2.30pm bingo, 3.30pm carriages. If your club wants to join us for a one off day out book in by ringing 313924 with numbers.

Auction Saturday 14th May. Viewing from Ham, auction 1pm.

If you have anything you would like to donate for this major money raising effort please ring 313924. Coming Attractions 21st May Aycliffe/ Brancepeth Brass Band £2. Ring for bookings on 313924.

21st May Tabletop 9am-1pm, 4th June Circus Bezercus, 21" June Tabletop Sale on town centre. Bring your own table. To book ring 313924

Bingo. Learn to play bingo. Put your name on our list. Ring 313924.

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