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William Allen, Newtonian for over 34 years, celebrated his 100th Birthday on the 21st April,

One of 5 he was born in Devon and at the age of 7 walked with his family with a handcart to Weston Supermare to the Ferry to take them to Cardiff where he started his working life down the pits and at the Iron Ore Mine.

He moved to London to work as a Labourer and there met his late wife Eleanor who died in 2000, The couple moved to South Wales in 1936 and William went back to his old job, before becoming a Railway Linesman.

In 1941 the family, which then included three daughters, moved to the North East to avoid the bombing raids.

William worked at Brancepeth Colliery where he received injuries from a pitfall and was sent to London for rehabilitation. He could not find work for 5 years on his return until he got a job helping to lay out the first Astroturf at Crook. The family lived in Hunwick, Willington and Crook. William was employed by Electricity Board until 1966 when he took a job as a Machinist in Lincolnshire. It was here



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that two boys were added to the family.

William and Eleanor moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1971 to spend retirement near to their daughter Dawn, Other members of the family also came to live in the town. Bill had a garden allotment until the age of 75 and was riding a bicycle regulalry until 4 years ago. He even got Valentine Cards up to the age of 98!

William has a sister in Wales aged 96 years old and his recipe for longevity is to avoid junk food, avoid gossip and "Hear all, see all and say nowt!" He has five children, 18 grandchildren 20 and grandchildren.

William will enjoy a family party at Woodham Golf Club this Saturday with his family who travel from Australia, South Wales and all parts of Britain to be with him on this very special occasion. We add our congratulations to those of his friends and family.

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I was standing by a sign which read "Dogs must be on a leash" but nowhere in the Park does it say dogs are not

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Letter to the Editor

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Please note, a revised catering menu will be available at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for the duration of the All England Whippet Event. For further information please contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex - Telephone: 01325 300600

Ayeliffe Council closed down our only public toilets in the Shopping centre.

They said at the time that the buildings were being down in knocked September and there was no point in spending £6,000 to repair them.

Fourteen months have passed and there is still no sign of a bulldozer. Tenants say they have no date to move out. Why did the Council say this? It has proved to be untrue and I asked them at the time to leave the toilets open until such times as they had to be demolished.

A petition was sent in containing hundreds of signatures but it was completely ignored. Our MP. was asked to help, his agent said he would go into the matter and get back to me, he didn't, I reminded him of this by ignored.

There was no reason for these toilets to be closed, and for years and years we have paid for them without a grudge or complaint. We don't mind paying for essential services.

I suggest the Council along with the Shopping centre owners get together to convert one of the many empty shops into a first class toilet. I can mention many Shopping Centers who provide toilets, they are successful, and have no shops vacant.

Shopping Centrs and Councils are not legally bound to provide toilets for anyone, but the sensible ones do and they reap the benefits, and they will tell you that without satisfied customers, shops won't come.

Yours Sincerely,

Don't Miss Free Trip for Over 60's

Application forms for the day excursions for Senior Citizens of the Parish must be returned by Friday 29th

The choice of destinations was either South Shields, Scarborough, Blackpool, on the Lake District.

Please note that there are very few seats left to the Lake District (July only), but there are still a few places for South Shields and Blackpool in June or July.

Residents over the age of 60 who live in Newton Aycliffe or Aycliffe Village are eligible for the trips which will run during June and July free of charge. Application forms and further details can be collected from the Library at Dalton Way, Recreation Centre at Beveridge Way, Oakleaf Sports Complex or Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices Monday to Friday or can be posted to you by telephoning 300700.

Director of Leisure & Environment

Good Jobs Up for Grabs

Dear Editor On the 5th May, 650+ jobs at an approx salary of £45,000 to £400,000 (total package for the P.M.) are up for grabs again in

London.

Applicants in the past have generally unemployable, untrustworthy, undesirable and all they ever want from you is a reference to an unaccountable lifestyle that's well above yours. We have two head to head

male applicants. Blair verses Keys. The former has made a career of it with disastrous consequences. He has had his chance and shown that he is totally untrustworthy and has no interest in this town. His challenger does not want a career he only wants the chance to represent our town and stop "Buddy Blair" joining "Bomber Bush" on his next unlawful invasion of another country. He has personal experience of such action and just cause to stand, unlike Blair who has none. The eyes of the nation will be on Newton Aycliffe to see who you choose. Is this a transit town full of apathy, or is it an established town with a heart whose residents have integrity? The majority of the nation doesn't want Blair and his vanity. Vote for Reg Keys. He will represent your interests. H. Ballantyne.

Aycliffe Community Fair

Saturday, 7th May, 2005 - Newton Aycliffe Town Centre

What a wonderful day we are in for with over 60 different organizations, clubs and societies in attendance. There will be something for everyone both young and old, prizes to be won, demonstrations by many different organizations starting from 9.00am in the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre with the Official Opening by the Mayors of Great Aycliffe and Sedgefield Borough at 10.00am. The whole town centre will be humming with activities and excitement on the Saturday 7th May, including a "Continental Market", attractions and displays in the Town Centre, The T.A. will be receiving the 'Freedom of Town' with an official March Past and Review by the Town Mayor.

This event has been organised by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe in conjunction with the Town Centre Management, Bryan Haldane, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Sedgefield Borough Council and the Territorial Army, plus all the many organisations on display.

Mobility Club News

Newton Aycliffe Mobility Club wishes to thank Councillors Blenkinsopp and Terry Hogan for their kindness in providing funds for our Birthday/ recent Anniversary celebration held at the Royal British Legion Club and also for our visit to the Metro Centre. This was done through County Council Initiative

Fund. We also celebrated the memory of Sylvia our founder. We will continue, in her memory, to recognise the values for which she stood: friendship, companionship. community spirit and a sense of purpose for people with mobility problems, to enhance their quality of life. Yours sincerely, Alan Warburton

"Back to School" Disco

There is an Old School Disco to be held at the Southerne Club, with music from the 90's back to the 50's. Sunday 1st May (Bank Holiday weekend) from 7.00pm until midnight. Tickets available or pay at door. Admission is £3.00 served with pie and peas. Everyone welcome age 18 years and over. Fancy dress is the theme, back to yesterday or back to school.

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It starts with a preview evening on 28th April, 7.00pm and runs through to the 2nd May (10am-8pm).

Admission is by programme, £1 at the church door. There will be a service of re-dedication at 5.00pm on Sunday 1st May by the Rev John Dobson, the area Dean of Darlington.

Tickets for the preview are £10 each to include wine and refreshments and are available from 01388 772360, 312123 or 312134.

Refreshments are available in the village hall during the festival

Dissatisfied with New Labour

Dear Sir

I respect the work John Clare has done for the town. A lot has been achieved under his chairmanship of the Town Council Environment Committee, but I must add some further achievements of new Labour; - Private pensions, much reduced due to taxation of pension funds, leaving pensioners to pay income tax on what is left to pay index linked pensions to public sector employees who retire at 60.

Increases in council tax and fuel tax, which affects us all. Increase in National Insurance for those who work. A war that most people I meet never wanted us to be involved with, leaving us with a less stable situation. Devolution for Scotland and Wales leaving England governed by a U.K. Government.

Increase in pensions that are less than the combined increases in council tax, gas and electric and price inflation of essentials.

Pension credit system that leaves those with some savings disadvantaged compared with those that never saved. Dissatisfied with new Labour at national level? I certainly

W.J. Curtis

Womens Institute News

On Tuesday 5th April Newton Aycliffe W.I. hosted the area group meeting, welcoming friends from Bishop Auckland, Heighington and Redworth. We had an excellent evening with wonderful entertainment from Margaret Blythe who talked about the fun and perils of being a professional house sitter. This was followed by a

Quiz and Supper. On Monday 18th April plans were made for our stall at the Rotary Club Community Fair on Saturday 7th May where we will be selling home made cakes and biscuits. Our demonstration for the evening was given by Lawrence and Joan Staley, Teesdale Glass engravers from Mickleton. We learned the history of the art and watched the production of a glass, etched with a rose, which was later personalised for the winner of the raffle. Lawrence and Joan will be demonstrating their skills at the Great Aycliffe Show in August.

If you are interested in joining or just coming along for an evening to see what we have to offer, our next meeting is in the Cubby (opp. Fire Station) on Monday 9th May at 7.15pm.

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Borough Leader Responds on C.A.B. Funding

In his letter, Councillor Blenkinsopp complains of a barrage of figures, so I will keep my reply as simple as

possible and factual The contribution made by Sedgefield Borough Council to the Citizens Advice Bureau (C.A.B.) in the year 2004/ 05 was :-

Direct grant in cash £150,000 Premises costs in kind £ 16,980

Total: £166,980

The grant for 2005/06 :-

Direct grant in cash £143,000 Premises costs in kind £ 17,960

Total: £160,960

The total reduction in cash is £7,000. The total net reduction is £6,020 - not £12,000 as Councillor Blenkinsopp quotes.

The total figure of £160,960 is a massive contribution which shows Sedgefield Borough Council's commitment to the C.A.B.

In his letter Councillor Blenkinsopp describes himself as a County Councillor; he is also a Borough Councillor which he carefully omits to mention - why? The Borough Council's budget is set after months of debate and consideration at numerous meetings

Councillor Blenkinsopp did not attend the political group meetings where he could have put forward his views about funding to the C.A.B. Councillor Blenkinsopp did not attend the appropriate Scrutiny Committee meetings when funding to the C.A.B. was discussed at length.

Finally, Councillor Blenkinsopp did not attend the Council meetings when the funding of the C.A.B. was discussed and approved.

Now, after the budget process is completed and implemented he writes to the Newton News - that is too late! Binding decisions have been taken and implemented, Councillor Blenkinsopp should have made representations to the Council as an individual, at political group meetings, at the appropriate Scrutiny Committee meetings, and at full Council.

Councillor Blenkinsopp accuses me of hiding behind statistics - where has he been hiding? To stay silent and not attend meetings, which he did throughout the budget process, shows the shallowness of his commitment and concern over this issue.

Yours sincerely, Councillor Bob Fleming Leader of the Council

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

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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

Bite Size Volunteering

To celebrate the Year of the Volunteer 2005, Sedgefield Borough Volunteer Bureau has teamed up with community groups charities and offering local people the chance to find out about volunteering and what it can involve. A series of 'Volunteering Taster Sessions' will run throughout the borough from the 25th to the 29th April 2005.

Sharon Vasey, Volunteer Bureau Co-ordinator said 'This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who is considering volunteering either to fill some spare time and meet new friends or to gain the skills and experience needed to get a new job. They can visit local volunteer involving groups, meet the people involved and see activities taking place which will help them to decide whether volunteering is

for them" Often people have a very stereotypical view of volunteering, but in fact the range of roles volunteers play in supporting organisations is very varied.

There is a wide range of activities taking place throughout the week including, a guided tour of a magistrates court with Witness Support, a first aid session with St John Ambulance, activities at a Stonham drop in session for people suffering from mental illness, Toddler Time at a Youth & Community Association, help at the Art Gallery or participate in an advocacy session with Real Lives: Real Choices, run a Cub Scout Pack, help a furniture scheme and luncheon club, role play supporting a person who is blind or partially sighted, take an acting lesson with Centre Stage and much more. For more information and

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Reece and his dad Gary who also travelled with him, under no illusions that it was going to be easy as there were 43 different countries entering, and the competition rules where under full Thai rules, which meant knees and elbows to the head and for a 13 year old was a big step up for him.

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Young players interested in taking part should join their age group for a 1-hour session at these times:



Reece Mcallister

Jitti's Gym run by a former Thai champion. Reece made his way through to the semi finals where he was matched against a Thai, which turned out to be an absolute war from the beginning to end with non stop action. The Thai was a bit strong for Reece and won the fight on points, but to be the youngest competitor at 13 and come home with a bronze medal a truly great

Two other competitors who took part were Melissa Ray who won the silver medal getting narrowly beat in the final by a Russia, Melissa had also won silver in the European Championships.

achievement.

Samantha Mitchall was the third in the trio to fight and also won the bronze medal. Sam had just won the northern area title in February. All three train at the King's Cobra camp, based at Newton Aycliffe

Most

No one is trying to belittle Councillors Hogan and Blenkinsopp. achievements are a matter of record. But what Mel Hayes (last week's letters) needs to appreciate is that they did not achieve those things on their own - they did so as part of a Labour

If Wayne Rooney were to leave Manchester United and go to Cambridge Utd., even his keenest supporters would have to accept that he was not going to win a Premiership medal! In the same way, Councillors Blenkinsopp and Hogan can never be as successful if they are returned them as Independents. Unless the voters of Aycliffe want to return to the second division politically, they must choose a Premier League player on May And in County Durham the 'premier team' is the Labour Party. Here is the nub. Imagine the Labour group at County Hall discussing a massive regeneration Then imagine a Councillor - let's say from the north of the County saying to his colleagues: 'Hey everyone, I think it's wrong for this money to go to MY area; we should give it to that remarkable Independent Councillor

If you think this is a likely scenario, then feel free to vote Independent on May If you cannot imagine such a thing happening often, then you better vote for a LABOUR councillor who can stand up - when that man tries rather to direct that money to his own patch - and say firmly: NO! We need that money IN Aycliffe!'

am sure Councillors will be keen to tell you all

So PLEASE let's not go back to the days when we Visit our virtual Showroom at:

Letters to the Editor

Renewal of Town Centre Car Park

As part of the ongoing development here in Aycliffe Shopping Centre Newton Aycliffe I am pleased to announce that we are moving ahead with our largest development project for some time with the refurbishment of the Central Avenue Multi-Storey Car

Work starts in May and should continue for approximately 20 weeks (completion time dependant upon weather etc.) Whilst their will be some disruption to the users of the parking facilities this will be minimized by careful phasing of the works to allow the majority of spaces to continue being available for use.

In conjunction with the multi-storey car parks other works will be carried out to improve the surface car parks around the Town Centre within the same time

This is part of the owners commitment to the Town Centre which has seen new development work already take place on Beveridge Way with further works to come. This commitment has been rewarded in attracting new tenants such as Specsavers and Ramsdens last year, whilst this year we have provided new retail space for Card Factory and the relocation of Abbey National. Bryan Haldane Centre Manager

Vote Labour to **Get Things Done!**

Dear Sir, As far as we in Aycliffe are concerned, surely people can see that it is in Aycliffe's interests to return a Labour councillor

on May 5th?

Let's face it. Labour is virtually certain to be voted into control of the County Council. Labour Councillors will have been elected to implement Labour policies. So, if it happens, for the next four years, every policy formed, and every decision taken, will be made by the Labour The Labour group will have final say on every penny that is spent.

So surely it will be better to have someone on the inside? A Labour Councillor will have the ear of the powerful - or maybe BE one of the powerful! importantly, a Labour Councillor will be able to monitor and influence policies AS THEY ARE BEING FORMULATED. and to make sure they take Aveliffe into account

team, and because they were part of the Labour

from Avcliffe.

Hogan and Blenkinsopp the things they have got for Aycliffe in the last four years ... AS LABOUR councillors!!!

elected Independents and got nothing.

Counc. John D Clare

Wheely Bin Problem

Dear Sir

I moved into Cheviot Place four years ago then my wheelie bin went missing. I phoned Sedgefield Borough and was told I had to buy another one costing me £30. As I am on income support this was a huge amount of money. Then in February 2005

my new bin went missing again. I phoned the Council and was told I had to replace it. It was suggested that I phone North British housing (my Landlord) to see if they would pay £30 for a new bin or £17 for a second hand one.

That started a yo-yo effect between NBH and the Council, Still no bin.

The Council offered to pick up 6 black bin bags once a month for 2 months. Where do I keep them during the month Outside to attract rats etc. Inside- health hazard? I don't think so!

Now I have no bin and no way to get rid of my rubbish, I have no vehicle, so I can't go to the tip.

What do I do? Is it too much to want a bin to put my rubbish in?

Yours, E A Brook Ed: Wheely Bins do go missing and it would seem logical to have an identity number for each householder, but in the meantime there must be someone who can help this resident.

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The South West Durham branch of the R.E.M.E Association decided to adopt the town's Mobility Club for the forthcoming year and pledged themselves to hold fundraising events to assist us in our efforts. On behalf of our members the committee would like to express their deep appreciation for this decision. Ernie Wilson, Press Officer

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A new outdoor competitive league will be set-up to provide local teams

with the opportunity to play 8-a-side matches. Invitations are open to any

interested teams to join this league with entry forms now available.

The facility is keen to attract as many young female footballers as possible and is currently offering girls only practices for pupils. Any female players who wish to become more involved in football should register an interest by telephoning one of the above numbers.

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Aycliffe Jazz Quartet

On Sunday 24th April Newton Aycliffe Jazz Quartet "Infusion" will be appearing at the Atlantic bar, Duke Street Darlington for an afternoon performance of jazz and funk music starting at around 12.45pm.

The music includes titles from Grover Washington jnr, The Crusaders and Courtney Pine.

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Stephenson Way Rockets

Stephenson Way Rockets are looking to employ a Driver to take children to and from local schools on the town.

Hours of work will be between 8-9am and 3-4pm, but will vary according to demand. A full, clean driving licence is essential and appointment will be subject to a full police check.

For further details please contact Lesley or Marina on 07749 844 774.

Zoo Lab Visits Out of School Club | COMPUTER LEARNING CENTRE MOVES NEXT DOOR

On Thursday 31st March 2005 in the school holidays the children of Woodham Burn Infants out of school club were visited by Martin and his Zoo Lab. The children were fascinated by the different types of animals they were shown. They learned about the between differences vertebrates invertebrates. children had

Children's Comments:



Lewis aged eight: My favourite part was seeing the snake, I also like the tarantula. Rebekah aged ten: My favourite part of the visit was seeing the rat because it was interesting. I liked the snails because they were slimy and I liked the snake too because it felt a bit like corn on the cob.

to thank Martin and his insects for an interesting and entertaining afternoon.

Dominic aged six: My favourite part of the zoo lab was the frog because we got to feel it, it was nice and soft. I liked the snake because it was nice and smooth. If you would like to visit the out of school club or book a place for your child before/after school or holidays please contact Kendra Green on 01325 300080

NURSERY'S HEALTHY KIDS CAMPAIGN

The children at Playday nursery recently welcomed Councillor John Dormer at one of their weekly Gymnastic Sessions. These classes led by Linda Livsey a qualified Pre-school Gymnastics Coach were organised in response to a questionnaire which indicated a 100% request from parents for some form of organised physical activity programme for their children.

In addition to providing the opportunity for children to learn new skills which are devised to develop balance, coordination, spatial awareness and eye-hand coordination, the session linked to the Stage Foundation Curriculum and provides a great deal of fun! During his visit Councillor Dormer was presented with a copy of the "Playday 5 a Day Cook Book". The cook book has been produced by the children, their families and staff as part of our Healthy Living



Campaign. Before leaving the nursery Councillor Dormer said "I believe that in addition to learning to read, write and count that physical activities are important to children no matter how old they Unfortunately children start school already unfit from too little exercise and a poor diet. I feel this is a great initiative and I would like to see it extended to other

Rotary Club Helps MIND

Newton Aycliffe MIND wish to thank Roger Curtis and the Town's Rotary Club for their donation of £400 towards the cost of equipment for our Treatment Room in the Centre at St. Oswalds Park and also enable us to fund outreach work in West Park Hospital,

This enhabled MIND to bring alternative therapies to those in need and who otherwise could not access our service.

Thanks again to the Rotary Club for their kindness and support. Muriel Gordon

Woodham Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning and Plant Sale is to be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham. 10am-12noon Saturdays 8th May and 4th June. Refreshments and cake stall.

The Computer Learning Centre is still situated in the Thames Shopping Centre but has moved to fresh new premises next door to where we were. We now alongside the Learning Shop. The centre still retains its relaxed informal atmosphere and our friendly professional staff. We offer computer courses to suit everyone from beginners to the more advanced users. For we offer beginners Introduction

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you will never grow old, like

autumn leaves they turn into

gold. Deep in our hearts your

nemory is kept, someone too

sepcial to ever forget. Loved always from Mary and

families xxx MAUREEN YOUNG In

loving memory of my darling

wife, died 20th April 2003.

All my love, Paul STOTT In memory of my

beloved husband, Joe, who

died 18th April 1994 and my

darling daughter Karen

Gauden who died 9th April

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CHRISTINE ROBSON

25th April. Loving memories

of an amazing wife, mother,

mother-in-law, nana, sister and

aunt . . . 8 years have passed

and we still miss you more

than words can say. Love from

DAWN BUCKINGHAM 24-

4-05. One year today, lovingly remembered. Nancy, Judith

RON HUTCHINSON I can't

believe it has been 12 years,

25th April. To think we never

got to say goodbye will always

bring regrets. But the one who

loves you most will never

forget. Your loving wife, Cora

BILL QUINN 24-4-2003. I'm

standing here remembering, all the fun that we had, and all

those magic moments, before

you left me Dad. Those were

the best days, there was

laughter in the air. Things are

not the same now, for me without your here. Miss your

smile Dad, love you always,

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MADDISON, Samantha. Our birthday wish must be a prayer. God bless you and keep you Sam in his care. Much loved sister and aunty. Robert, Nicola, Alexander and Lauren MADDISON, Samantha. wenty seven today. No longer in our lives to share. But in our hearts you will always be there. Love always, Grandad, Nana, Uncle John

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The best Dad any kids could wish for! Have a brilliant party - we are really looking forward to it. Lots of love, Adam and Alex xxx STUART HOWARTH

Happy 40th birthday Stuart. Have a great night, enjoy yourself! Love from Alan, Margaret and Ian

SHANE POTTER Happy 18th birthday. Enjoy your party. Lots of love, Mam, Dad,

SHANE POTTER Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love, SHELLY ALDER Happy 36th birthday. Lots of love, Lolly, Sean, Shane, Martin and

RORY HUBERY Happy second birthday to a wonderful cheeky grandson on the 27th April, Love you lots, Nanna

RORY HUBERY To a special nephew on your second birthday, 27th April. Lots of love and hugs, Auntie Karen, Uncle Lee and Tilly xxx RUBY MAULL You are the

best wife and Mam in the world. Have a happy 60th birthday on 23rd April. We love you very much, John, Nick and Steven NODDY Well done, passing

your driving test - about time. Love, Lee-Ann, Wayno and Jay NODDY Congratulations on passing your driving test. All our love, Denise and kids BLAKE ROSS Happy 1st

birthday. Love you loads. Love, Auntie Natalie xxx BLAKE ROSS 22-4-05. Happy 1st birthday to a beautiful nephew and cousin. Lots of love from Uncle Wayno and Auntie Lee-Ann and cousin Jay

BLAKE ROSS Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love from Mammy and Daddy xxx BLAKE ROSS Happy 1st birthday brother. Lots of love Jack and Megan xxx

BLAKE ROSS Happy 1st birthday to our beautiful Grandson Blake. Lots of love and kisses, Nanna and DD xx BLAKE

Congratulations on your 1st birthday. Lots of love, Auntie

Shannon xxx BLAKE ROSS Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Aunty

Nicola xxx KATEY BROWN Happy birthday teenager, with lots of love, Mam, Dad, Lauren, Jack

and all the family xxx CALLUM SMITH Happy 7th birthday. Lots of love, Nan. Jemma and Lucy xxx SONYA Happy 16th birthday (24-4-05). Loads of love Mam, Dad, Sarah, Simon and

Thanks

NEWTON (Hutchinson). Bill and the family of the late Emma would like to thank relatives and friends for kindness, letters, cards and donations received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Tenlands Care Centre, Ferryhill, Ward 44, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Rev. Martin Anderson and the Co-Operative Funeral Service

MARGARETE GAURETT The family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, tributes and sympathy. A special thank you to all involved in the care for Margarete, especailly doctors, nurses and carers without who's help we couldn't have coped.

THANK YOU very much to Jackie, Marnie, Chris and Paul for organising such a good night, also relatives and friends for the lovely cards and gifts, hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Joe Dolan

Stuart Howarth



Happy 40th Birthday Have a great weekend Dad, Paul, Chris, Beverley, Michelle, J.P., Carrie Matthew, Jack and Joe xxx

RACHAEL - KIERAN Congratulations on your engagement at the top of Blackpool Tower. All the best for a great future together. From the Press Gang CHELSEA KELLY and

Chantelle Woodhead, Well done on your success at the East Coast Dance Festival at Primrose Valley. Love, Nanna

FORSTER Happy 30th birthday to my husband Chris, now the hair matches the age. Love always, Spud xxx FORSTER Daddy. Happy pirthday, Love, always, Alice

FORSTER, Chris, happy 30th son-in-law. Nearly as old as us. Love Mum and Dad FORSTER Happy 30th birthday Chris. From Trevor

UNCLE CHRIS Happy 30th birthday. Love Kieran, xxx EMILY RUSSELL Happy 10th birthday Emily. Love, Joanne, Andrew, Matthew and

Jamie xx ROBINSON Barry and Audrey congratulations on Saturday. Lots of love, Steph,

Mike, Lisa and David CALUM Happy 21st birthday, have a great day. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, sister Seonaid and Dan, girlfriend Michaela and Jess the dog CALUM TAYLOR Have a

Ang and Dale, Auntie Margaret, Uncle Winston and ADELE MOORE 27th April 2005. Happy 18th birthday Adele. Enjoy your night out

in Durham. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxxx ADELE MOORE 27th April 2005. Happy 18th. Love, Granny and Granda xxx ADELE MOORE Happy 18th little sis, Love, Robert Hayley, Ann-Marie and

AUNTY ADELE Happy 18th. Lots of hugs and kisses. Kaitlyn and Jodie xxxx **HUBERY** Rory John. Happy 2nd birthday to our darling little boy on 27th April 2005. All our love, Mammy and

Daddy xxx HUBERY Rory John, Happy 2nd birthday to my special little brother. Lots of love,

MAUGHAN Congratulations Richard and Sarah on your Marriage on 18th April. With love from Mam

MAUGHAN Congratulations and good luck for the future following your wedding on 18th April. Love, Susan, Philip and Kieran. (Well done Stinker, love ??)

Emily Russell



Happy 10th Birthday 2nd April Love from Mam, Dad and Thomas xxx

Katey Brown



Happy 13th Birthday and lots of love. Grandma and Grandad xxxxxxx

Linda Bailey (nee Fraser)



Happy 40th Birthday to my darling wife, al my love. Dave xxx Happy 40th Birthday Mam, lots of love hugs and kisses from Lauren and Kate xxx Happy 40th Birthday Linda. Lots of love from Mam and Dad

Happy 40th Birthday big sis, lots of love Gary, Joannah, Alex Ellie and Mica xxx Happy 40th Birthday little sis, lots of love, Caroline, Michael, Olivia and Jack xxx

Happy 40th Birthday Linda. Now you are 40 are you finally going to own up to the writing on the wall? Your loving sister and brother xxx

Patricia Ann Pickering



25th April 2005 Oh no! The big FIVE-O. Wearing well love, keep taking the tablets (haha) Lots of love, Ma, Jue and Gary xxx

David Gowling



Happy Birthday 60 Years Young We love you loads, Betty Marie, Geoff, Michelle Becky, Ben, Kirsty xxx

Richard J. Summerbell



13 YEARS OLD from Grandad, Auntie Sue. Rachele, Laura and Charlotte

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13 today - 22nd April All our love Mum and Dad

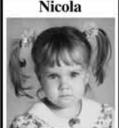
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Sarah and Lucy xxx



65 TODAY Lots of love from Joan, Angela, Andrew and Abbi



Happy 18th Birthday Lots of love, Mam and Happy 18th Birthday Lots of love, Auntie Alison, Uncle Peter, Andrew, Sara and all

the family xxx



Congratulations on reaching the finals of the IDTA Rosette Nationwide Ballroom/Latin competition in Blackpool last weekend. Love from Mammy, Daddy and all the family. A big thank you to Lynsey for partnering and Brenda from Lee Green Dance

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Positive Response from Aycliffe Village

Dear Sir

This week I accompanied Labour County Council candidate Sarah Iveson as she campaigned in Aycliffe Village. I was delighted with the very positive response she received, and I know that Sarah was grateful to the residents for their kind reception on their doorsteps and their many pledges of support in the forthcoming election.

Sarah is not a newcomer to the area, having served on the Town Council for ten years, and having lived in

Newton Aycliffe for more than twenty-seven years. As a Great Aycliffe Town Councillor, she has developed the skills to listen to people accurately, sort out the main issues in a sensible manner, and successfully tackle the larger councils and statutory agencies to resolve difficulties and bring about change. I am sure that, if she were to become their County Councillor, residents of Aycliffe Village could be assured that Sarah will ensure that their needs are represented and understood at all levels of local government.

I know Sarah to be a forthright and honest candidate, with strong convictions of social justice, fairness and equality, who believes that her membership of the local Labour Party will enable her, in partnership with her colleagues, to represent the needs and aspirations of the Aycliffe East Division successfully within Durham County Council.

May 1 urge you to give Sarah your support on May 5th.

Councillor Chris Wheeler



Sarah with Chris Wheeler (left) & husband Malcolm

Neville Community Centre

Net curtaining has now been put at every large window. Thanks to the Jumble Sale team for raising the cash and to Betty White for making the curtains and hanging them - they enhance the building.

Thank you to Margaret Orr for undertaking the task of looking after the garden and cutting the lawns, a job well done.

Wanted a volunteer retired decorator for some inside work. Ring Peter Beaty on 313924.

Mystery Trip Saturday 30th April. Departs 9am return 6pm £10 to book ring 313924.

Auction Saturday 14th May. Our Auctioneer is Mr. Wheelan from our local auction rooms off Hylton Road on the trading estate and we are very grateful for this kind gesture in volunteering.

If you have anything to donate to this charitable cause ring 313924 or drop it in any Wednesday 11-3pm.

Our next Table Top Sale was scheduled for Saturday 21st May but has to be postponed until Saturday 11th June 9-1pm. To book a table at £5 to sell you're unwanted gear ring 313924.

Wanted please bric-abrac, videos, teddy bears, dolls, bottles, tapes, and L/P records.

Saturday 28th May -Wanted volunteer waitress for a tea/dance. Any age 16 and over ring Peter Beaty 313924.

Table Top Sale on Saturday11th June 9am-4pm Town Centre, Newton Aycliffe. Bring your own table. Info on 313924

Continental Market Comes to Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe Town Centre will come alive on the 6th, 7th & 8th May 2005 "shopping with experience" not to be missed. Shop around Europe at the exciting Continental Market. Professional market traders selling high quality products from various countries including France Germany Holland Belgium Austria and Spain will set up stalls on the Town Centre.

Organizers are hoping that the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas will flock to the Town Centre over this weekend to support the traders who have travelled long distances at great expense to participate in this event.

Charcuterie, specialist meats from Corsica, Pates, Herbs and spices and the ever popular olives, Bakery products including traditional wonderful French Bread as well as specialist bread from Brittany who we are hoping will be baking fresh at his stall, Belgian Chocolates and Cheeses are just a few of the wonderful food products which will be on sale. All these great will foods complemented by a fantastic selection of wines and some excellent German Beers from Bavaria and Berlin.

It really is a great fun shopping experience in a wonderful atmosphere with the emphasis clearly on fun when you get tired just sit and relax at the Continental Cafe or stop awhile and sample a range of excellent wines, calvados and cider from France.

If that's not enough there's plenty more in store especially for the ladies with Fashions and Leather Goods from Paris. The message is clear don't be afraid to sample the many products but be prepared to spend. After all the Market is only here for 3 days

for 3 days. Organizers say that "it is often reported that the continental traders are subsidised in some way either through Europe or in free trading positions in prime locations but there is absolutely no truth in that" and it is estimated that on average each trader will incur expenses in the region of £1,000.00 in terms of travel costs, subsistence. accommodation and stall charges before they start

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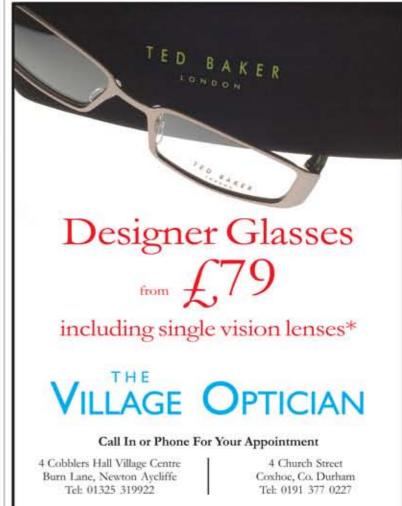
The Greenfield Community & Arts Centre is to establish a new Beginners Spanish course which is aimed at providing for complete beginners.

If you would like to learn the fundaments of basic conversational Spanish, then why not enrol on this 10-week course, which starts on Tuesday 5th May between 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Cost of £25.00.

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