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# Town Choir Sings in Cathedral

**The Sugarwood Junior Choir, formed less than a year ago, is to lead the singing in Durham Cathedral for a special Service of Thanksgiving for Rotary's Centenary.**

The choir of Junior students from Woodham Burn and Sugar Hill Schools recently performed in Concert with a Darlington adult choir in aid of "ChildLine".

The District Governor for Rotary in the North East, lives in Newton Aycliffe and Syd Howarth, was so impressed with the choir's high standard he asked the youngsters to appear in the Cathedral for this special celebration Service.

They are working hard rehearsing for their important engagement and Woodham Burn School Headteacher, Pat Henderson, is shown in this picture conducting the children.

The Service is on Saturday 11th June at 2.30p.m. and a number of the choir member's relatives are making the journey to Durham to hear the children sing. There will be room for interested members of the public wishing to attend.

Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band will also take part in the Service and former M.P. Derek Foster, representing the Salvation Army will read a lesson.

Rotary will dedicate its gift to the Cathedral of an eternal flame brass lamp to be placed over the tomb of the Venerable Bede.

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## RENT RISES WILL BE LIMITED says SBC

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Sir,
In response to last week's letter, "WILL RENTS RISE?" I think it is important that the facts are cleared up regarding future rent increases.
The Council's position with regard to future rent levels is set out clearly on page 30 of the formal consultation document recently sent to all tenants. It states that rent increases will be limited to inflation plus ½% each year, plus or minus up to £2 per week until target rents are reached.
This is in line with Government policy, which controls the rents of both the Housing Association sector and the Council sector. Rents of both of these sectors have to converge by 2012 so that rents are similar for similar properties. These rules will apply whether or not transfer goes ahead.
The important thing to remember about rents is that at the moment the Council has to transfer almost £2m worth of rents collected from the Borough's tenants to the Government. If transfer takes place, this sum will be retained within Sedgefield Housing, which will help to pay for the planned improvements. Furthermore 75% of all proceeds from selling Council houses have to be transferred to the Government – in 2004/05 this transfer amounted to £7.3m. Again this stops if transfer goes ahead.
It is by keeping these funds in the Borough that provides the resources to meet the total investment plan of £130m over the first 10 years and £397m over thirty years, not by any further increase in rents over and above those specified by the Government.
Yours sincerely,
BRIAN ALLEN
Director of Resources
**Sedgefield Borough Council**

## BURNHILL MEETING

**A meeting will be held on June 7th in the Burnhill Methodist Church at 7pm. Our guest speaker this month is Mr D. Smith head of Sedgefield Borough Cleansing Department so if you have any problems with disposing of rubbish or keeping our area clean and tidy, please come along and discuss it.**
**Also any problems you may have about where you live. Come along and join us, all are welcome. A raffle and a cuppa will be available at the end of the meeting.**
**M. Robson, Secretary**

## TOP PRIZE FOR AYCLIFFE'S GREEN MINDED PUPILS

**The enthusiasm shown by young pupils at Stephenson Way Primary School at Aycliffe in going for green has won over the judges in a schools' competition run by local employers 3M.**
All primary schools in the Aycliffe area had been invited to enter the competition by submitting an outline of projects they had carried out recently towards the environment.
The 3M site at Heighington Lane in Aycliffe manufactures respiratory protection products and environmental protection materials. Martyn Harvey of the site's environmental panel, which judged the competition, said Stephenson Way Primary School had been very worthy winners.
"We were really impressed with the thought and effort that had gone into their projects and the way that the pupils were so proud and enthusiastic about the results," he commented.
The school has its own environmental group, the Busy Bees, led by teacher Lorraine Dando.
Its members have been instrumental in designing and managing a new flower garden area at the school, as well as a wildlife garden established in the grounds some two years ago.
Their prize for winning the competition is a free day out at the visitor attraction Natures World at Acklam, near Middlesborough. 3M is providing a 49-seater coach, entry tickets and a packed lunch for the Busy Bee members and accompanying adults.
Lorraine Dando commented: "The children were delighted to have won the competition. They have put in a lot of hard work into the garden projects and at the same time have really embraced the necessity for looking after our environment through recycling and other methods."

## Turn North to Plug into Part P

A North East training provider is at the forefront of a national drive to meet landmark building regulations designed to improve the safety of electrical work carried out in the home.
Trailblazing South West Durham Training Ltd in Newton Aycliffe is bringing electricians and tradespeople from across the country up to speed with the new 'Part P' regulations by delivering one of the first dedicated training courses.
The landmark legislation, brought in earlier this year to boost safety and cut accidents, is changing the face of domestic electrical work. **All but the simplest tasks, such as changing a light bulb, must now be carried out by a Part P competent tradesperson or inspected by an approved person.**
Having already received interest from as far afield as Leicester and Carlisle, South West Durham is putting tradespeople through their paces on a course that has been developed in partnership with the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC).
The course covers the full spectrum of Part P legislation from full domestic installations right down to the addition of a new circuit or socket. Practical and theoretical training is delivered in areas such as earthing and isolation techniques and can be tailored to the needs of electricians and tradesman in 19 associated trades including kitchen fitting and plumbing.
Part P is a major step change for the domestic electrical industry," explains Paul Daniel, a qualified trainer and assessor at SW Durham Training. "It's not just electricians who are affected, other tradespeople such as kitchen fitters and plumbers will have to prove they have the necessary skills or find somebody to certify their work.
"Over time it will become the recognised industry standard, like the CORGI standard for gas fitters. Even DIY enthusiasts and anyone wishing to move house will have to show that any work carried out has been properly certified."
After training and assessment, tradespeople will be able to register with the NICEIC before undergoing an on-site assessment to ensure they are qualified to self-certify their own work. Those tradespeople not registered with the NICEIC will have to have their work checked by building control officials.
Added Paul Rodway: "We're delighted to be at the forefront of delivering Part P training and have worked hard to ensure the course reflects what people experience in the workplace. There has been a steady stream of interest so far and we expect this to grow and grow over the coming months."
South West Durham Training is one of the very few registered Part P training providers in the North East. For more information, please contact Paul Daniel or Paul Rodway on Tel: (01325) 313 194.
In addition to its growing expertise in bespoke electrical training, S W Durham also offers apprenticeships in engineering, manufacturing, customer service, administration, management, polymer technology, IT and material handling.

## Karaoke Competition Cancelled

Turnout has been lower than anticipated at the 2 heats held so far. Lack of interest in the competition, means that it is not considered a viable option to continue, and NASSA sincerely regrets having to cancel this event. We would wish to thank all those who participated and gave their support – especially the 2 persons who won their heats.

## NO LONGER ON THE END OF THE LINE

In April, Ex-Newtonian Andrew Mason completed his final shift for Pizza Line on Aycliffe Industrial Park.
Due to family commitments, Andrew is ending his service with the company after 18 years service. Pizza Line though remains in business under its present owners.
Andrew has spent the last year developing a number of Avon Cosmetics rounds in Darlington, where he now lives with his wife & children. He says he can work this around his family life and give him a well-deserved break from the hectic & occasionally thankless life working in a kitchen in the evenings.
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## How I Lost Weight the Easy Way!

Busy mother of two, Playgroup leader and sales representative has lost an amazing 2 and a half stone.
After the birth of her second son, giving up smoking, Louise found it impossible to lose the weight she had gained. She found her life revolved around children, work and other people leaving little time for herself- sound familiar?
On April 1st 2004 she decided to do something about it and joined her local Slimming World class at St Clares Church in Newton Aycliffe along with her mum. "I felt nervous as I walked in", she said "although once there I was pleasantly surprised to find people of all different ages, young and old, male and female. They were all so friendly and understanding, I needn't have worried and from that day I never looked back".
After only 7 months Louise reached her target weight, which she chose herself, with the help and support of her consultant Debbie, she found it easy following the food optimising plan with Slimming World "I have never eaten so much in my life", says Louise "My favourite meal is ham, eggs, chips and beans. It is all free food with the plan and something that the whole family can eat. In fact the whole plan is based around free food- there is so much to choose from, you are never hungry" Food Optimising is not a diet it is an eating plan to follow for life. There is nothing that you can't have.
Although Louise is now a target member she still attends weekly. "We all have our ups and downs and by going to class I get the support of my extended family as that's what the other members are to me now. We all give each other ideas and help and come away with some great new recipes every week. It's also free now that I am at target which is fantastic".

Louise, her mum and sister have lost a staggering 6 stone between them. "As well as losing weight I have also lost 25 and a half inches off my body" says Louise "my whole life has changed and I feel great".
In fact Louise loves what Slimming World has done for her so much that she is taking over the morning group at St Clares Church, Central Avenue in Newton Aycliffe on 30th May 2005. She tells us "The class starts at 10am and I would love to see loads of new faces that I can help. I had never been to a Slimming World group before and now believe that they are the best-kept secret- I only wish that I had found them earlier. It's my turn to give something back and help others feel as good about themselves in the way that I do now".
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One runner who will be making every mile count for ChildLine is Beth Cordingly, formerly of ITV's The Bill, who says: 'Taking part in the Great North Run for ChildLine really makes a difference. There are hundreds of children calling ChildLine every day because they are in desperate need of comfort, advice and support. I know that every mile I run can help to change their lives. Being part of the ChildLine team makes all my training and hard work count. You can change children's lives too – all you need to do is join the ChildLine team.'

ChildLine's North East Fundraiser, Clare Framrose says: 'Some runners seem to be confused by the change of entry system this year and think that because the public ballot closed in February, they don't stand a chance of securing a place in the Great North Run this year. But at ChildLine, we still have guaranteed places available and we want people who are committed to helping us raise funds to apply for them.

'Anyone who runs for ChildLine and helps raise the vital funds we need can be sure that they will be helping us answer more calls from lonely and desperate children across the UK. And all our runners will receive great support from us, as well as access to our post-race marquee, where we will offer them a well-earned sports/ therapy massage to say thank you!'

For more information on running the BUPA Great North Run for ChildLine, please email: cyne@childline.org.uk or call 0870 336 2995.

# Hat-trick of Golds for 3M

**Employees at 3M's Aycliffe site are celebrating a golden hat-trick in the national occupational health and safety awards run by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).**

**For the third year running, the Heighington Lane site has been presented with a gold medal. This is a special award given to companies that have achieved the highest RoSPA standard for five consecutive years or more.**

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# Please Help Newton Aycliffe's Special School

## *COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED*

Walworth School in Newton Aycliffe provides a safe and welcoming environment for pupils with severe emotional and behavioural difficulties. Ages of students range from 4 to 11 years and the school offers 24 hour care aimed at developing social skills for up to 55 boarders from the Durham County area.

Most of the children come from the poorer areas of the County. Through no fault of their own they are hugely disadvantaged due to a range of issues.

Difficulties stem from complex social needs, mental health, learning disabilities and special needs.

The school aims to raise expectations and help them become better citizens.

The children may have failed in mainstream education and need special intervention to get them back on track.

The accommodation at Walworth is bright, clean and functional. Each child has their own room with ample opportunity to socialise with others.

The school has a good mix of facilities including snooker, pool, roller blading, cycling, t.v., computers. etc.

But they do lack a number of things to help the kids, and local organisations are asked to help raise funds to provide necessary items. Please ring for list of large and costly goods.

Residents can also help by providing unwanted clothing, toys, shoes, wellingtons, outdoor games like swingball, football, frisbees, cricket sets, kites or fishing equipment.etc.

The children like to go camping and if anyone has unwanted equipment such as tents, windbreaks, gazebos, BBQ's, Cooking utensils, camping chairs, sleeping bags etc. Walworth would be very grateful to receive them.

Many believe the project should be funded by Government, but unfortunately it is not and Walworth have tried to access funding without success.

The budget they have is used entirely on staffing as they feel it is vital that children have access to good role models who can give support and guidance at all times.

**If you can help Walworth schoolchildren in any way please contact Cath Blair on 300194**

# Misinformation About Proposed Transfer

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to Peter Dolan's letter, entitled 'hidden agenda' which you published on 16th May.

In his letter Mr Dolan refers to the formal consultation document that has been sent to every tenant across the Borough. He suggests that Sedgefield Borough Council's preferred housing partner, Sunderland Housing Company Limited, is owned by a private property management company, Emperor Property Management. He then goes on to suggest that Emperor Property Management will be the end landlord.

Mr Dolan's understanding of this matter is completely incorrect.

The facts are that if transfer goes ahead, the properties will be owned by Sedgefield Housing. Sedgefield Housing would be the new landlord, not Sunderland Housing Group and certainly not Emperor Property Management.

The Council asked its tenants to choose whether they preferred the transfer proposal to be to a new subsidiary of an existing Housing Association or a new Landlord set up by the Council. Tenants supported becoming part of an existing housing group. Sunderland Housing Group was the Housing Association Group selected.

The chart that Mr Dolan refers to quite clearly sets out the relationship between Sedgefield Housing Ltd and Sunderland Housing Group.

Emperor Property Management Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sunderland Housing Company Limited. It owns no assets and is simply a facilities management company. The same applies to Emperor Construction Services Limited, which was established to manage the construction of new build properties. The reason neither of these companies are mentioned in any more detail in the formal offer document is they are immaterial to the Sedgefield stock transfer.

If transfer goes ahead:

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**Sedgefield Housing** would be registered with the Housing Corporation which is the Government Body responsible for regulating all RSL's

**Sedgefield Housing** would also have a formal contract with the Council. In this contract, Sedgefield Housing would give a legally binding commitment that all the promises made on its behalf by the Council would be kept. These promises are contained in the offer document which all tenants have received.

Mr Dolan could have clarified his understanding of this matter by telephoning our helpline or by contacting any of the other organisations listed in the offer document.

Yours sincerely
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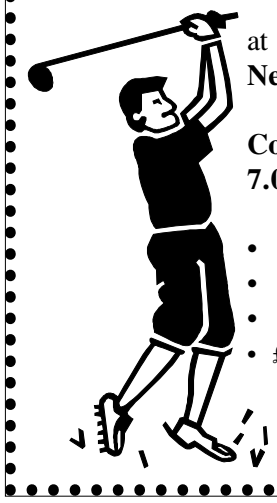

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**At the meeting those attending will be given an update on activities over the last year and refreshments will be served after the meeting. So that we can cater for the correct number of people, if you are interested in attending please contact Becky or Caroline on (01325) 321234 or Minicom (01325) 313133.**

# Out of School Club

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Activities are planned daily with lots of children's ideas and suggestions. Our current topic is Dinosaurs. We have made clay models, painted pictures of dinosaurs and looked at the skeleton of one.

During the June holidays we have arranged an outing to Newcastle Life Science Centre where children will have the opportunity to look around the centre and explore different activities and experiments available. We also plan visiting local parks and picnic areas, weather permitting. Activities children have suggested are football training/rounders, cooking; pizza and cakes and arts and crafts.

The club provides a delivery and collection service to take children to and from schools in Newton Aycliffe. Staff work closely with schools to ensure all safety issues are met. Due to our on going contract with a professional and reliable minibus company, Phil's executive minibus, there are places available from Vane Road and St Joseph's which we are currently delivering to and collecting from everyday.

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## Births

**JEFF MASSON & CLAIRE BROWN** Congratulations on the birth of your Daughter Ellie Kate on 11th May. A sister for Bradley Lewis. Love, Mam and Alan xx
**BOB & SUE KENT** have the pleasure in announcing the safe arrival of their first Grandchild "Sophie" born 16.5.05. Well-done Darren and Sue xxx
**KENT** Congratulations Darren and Sue on the birth of Sophie. Love, Shelly and Paul xx
**KENT** Congratulations Darren and Sue on the birth of your beautiful little girl 'Sophie'. Love and best wishes from, Grandad Fisk and Great Nana Featherstone xxx
**STU & VICKY** Congratulations on the safe arrival of your beautiful baby girl Maisie Louise 31st May. Lots of love, Maxine and Luke xx
**ETHERINGTON/BRYAN** Congratulations Shelly and Ritchie on the birth of your son Calum Lewis born 19/5/05 weighing 8lb 7-½ oz. Love from, Mam, Dad, Nicky, Claire, Macauley, Leah, Lindsey and Kev xxx

## In Memoriam

**GEORGE WALTON** 2nd June 2001. Time may pass and fade away, but in our hearts you'll always stay. Love always, Fen, Georgina, Christina and Anthony xxx
**LAWRIE FOTHERGILL** 3rd June 2004. Forever in our hearts and thoughts Dad and Grandad. Love and miss you, Brenda, Douglas, Helen and Stephen xx
**LAWRIE FOTHERGILL** 3rd June 2004. Reunited with daughter Jane Harvey died 31.3.2003 One of the hardest things I had to do was say goodbye to both of you, but in my heart you are always there. God bless love always. Your loving Wife and Mam, Jenny xxx
**BRIAN TAYLOR** died 2.6.04 First year without you Brian. Thinking of you and missing you every day. If tears could build a stairway and heartaches build a lane, I would come right up to heaven and bring you home again. Remembered with love, Mavis xxx
**RON KIRTLEY** died 6th June 2004. The pain still hurts, the memories are clear. I wish with all my heart that you were still here. Thinking of you always. Your loving wife, Olga xxx
**RON KIRTLEY** died 6th June 2004. Dad, I can't believe a year has passed so quickly. Time has moved on but the pain still feels the same. I am so glad you were my Dad. Love and miss you very much, your daughter Lesley and Graham xxx
**GRANDAD** God bless you and thank you for the time we had together. Lots of love, Lauren xxx

## Congratulations

**HAPPY 16TH** birthday to Richard. Friday 03/06/05. Have a great day. Love always, Mam, Kimberley and Phil xx
**TO OUR NO.1** Grandson Richard on your 16th birthday. Love from, Gran and Grandad Morgan xxx
**TALBOT-LEADBITTER** Good luck Deb and Tim on your wedding day 11th June. Love, Mam, Dad Talbot. Hi Deb & Tim from Australia. Hope you have a great day, we will be thinking of you. Love Dave and Louise. Have a happy day Auntie Deb and Uncle Tim. Lots of hugs, Hannah, Eleanor and Liam xxx
**TERRY BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday 4.6.05. Love, Linda xxx
**BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday dad. Love, Dean and Leanne xx
**BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday grandad. Love, Liam and David xx
**BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday Dad. Love, Gary, Sarah and Kids xxx
**BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday Dad. Love, Darren, Val and Kids xxx
**BURNISTON** Happy 60th birthday Grandad. Love, Stephen xxx
**RACHAEL BARBER** Well done Rachael for coming 2nd in Solo 14-17 years and 4th in Slow 14-17 years at Scarborough on Sunday. We are very proud of you. Mam and Dad xxx
**REBECCA BARBER** Well done Rebecca for coming 1st in under 13's solo, slow, team and pairs with partner Danielle Kerr. Also 6th in Rock and Roll at Scarborough on Sunday. We are very proud of you. Mam and Dad xxx
**LIAM GIBSON** 3/6/05 Happy 13th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Ryan, Samuel, Ethan, Nana, Grandma and all of your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxx
**HARRY FORSTER – ROBSON** Happy 5th birthday to a very special son and brother. Hope you enjoy your party. Love you lots, Mammy, Daddy and Millie xxx
**HARRY FORSTER-ROBSON** Happy birthday Big Lad. 5 on Monday. Lots of love, Grandma and Granda xx
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Lisa. Sending all my love and birthday wishes, Paul xxx
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Mum xxx Loren Olivia and Aimee Elise. Love always xxx

**Tariq Steven Toman**

**Happy 1st Birthday**
To a special son on your 1st birthday. Hope you have a wonderful day from Mammy and Daddy

**Christopher Paul Jones**

**Happy 18th Birthday**
5th June 2005
Love always from Mam and Dad xxx

**Luke Henry**

**Happy 1st Birthday**
27th May 2005
To my gorgeous little boy happy 1st birthday!! Love you loads. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy xxxx

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

**Wednesday 8th June 2005**
Policy & resources Committee - 7.15pm
**Wednesday 15th June 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 which they will be asked.*
The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

# NEWTON NEWS APOLOGISES

**We apologise to those readers who took their classified advertisements and notices to Stevens in the Town Centre only to be turned away. As a result this section of our community newspaper is very sparse this week.**
**Suddenly, without reason and without informing Newton Press, the Proprietor decided to stop taking in items for Newton News.**
**We have since made alternative arrangements with Taylor's Newsforce, next to the Town Centre Post Office, Beveridge Arcade, and they will receive items for Newton News with immediate effect.**
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# Sedgefield 75 Water Polo

Sedgefield 75 Water Polo's senior men's team opened their 2005 Northern League Campaign with a home game against Champions Leeds.

Unfortunately due to illness and international commitments Sedgefield had to field, on paper, a very weak side of 7 with no substitutes, which are a major part of water polo, due to the physical demands of the sport to other team games.

Despite going down 10-6 the team gave a tremendous performance. The two 15 year olds in the side William Leatherbarrow and Michael Scott gave excellent performances.

Chris Gilbertson 16 scored 3 of the goals and is maturing fast into a great talent for the future. Lee Cooke gave his usual accomplished defensive performance. Lee has just been appointed Chief Executive and in charge of all water polo in the northeast counties. Veteran player and head coach at Sedgefield George Carpenter scored Sedgefield's 3 other goals playing his first full game in 8 years.

# Wildflowers in 'Loving Memory' of Scout Leaders

Girl and Boy Cubs from Heighington Scout Group have planted hundreds of wildflowers in memory of two of their leaders who recently lost their lives to cancer.

Andrew Muckley and Natasha Wilson were much loved Scout and Beaver leaders for many years. Andrew Muckely had been a Scout leader in Heighington for over thirty years and is fondly remembered by many ex Scouts, now young adults and their parents.

Natasha Wilson was also a Beaver Leader with Aycliffe Scouts before joining the Heighington group.

Having decided that a living memorial would be the best way to celebrate the memory of Andrew and Natasha, Heighington Scouts have created a small copse and conservation site in a corner of the village playing field. The project has been warmly supported by the local community. Scouts have also planted 40 'memorial trees' on behalf of residents who wished to conserve the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion in their lives.

As the initial phase of the Copse development is nearing completion Heighington Scout Group has planned a Grand Opening Day to be held on Sunday 12th June, 2005, on Heighington playing field. The fun will commence at 3.00p.m. and many attractions are planned including a car boot sale (please telephone 01325 / 318508 for details) music from Aycliffe Pipe and Drum Band and Heighington Light Opera Group, country dancing demonstration by children from Heighington School, strawberry teas, barbecue and many other stalls and activities.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun!

# TAEKWONDO GRADINGS PASSED

Newton Aycliffe and Branksome Chungdokwan Taekwondo passed 22nd May at Ferryhill Leisure Centre.

Back row, left to right. John Nellis, Ian Harris, Eddie Jenkison, Phillip Phebe, Keith Simpson promoted to 4th Dan and Master.

Front Row

Linda Nellis, Daniel Harris, Paul McGee (2nd Poome) Beth Tullock, Craig Nellis, Nicola Bingham.

# RESIDENTS MEETING

**Dales Residents Association will be holding a meeting on Monday 6th June, 6.45pm at the Horndale Club.**

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# LEE GREEN SHINE AT DANCE COMPETITION

**Lee Green Dance School results from Sunday 22nd May 2005 at the Scarborough Disco Dancing I.D.T.A. are as follows:**

Jaycee Latue - 2nd place 3-5 years Rosettes solo, Chloe Farley - 1st place 6-8 years Rosettes solo, Megan Cross - 3rd place 6-8 years Rosettes solo, Annis Race - 1st place 6-10 years Star dance solo, Celine Heatherington - 2nd place 6-10 years Star dance solo,
Kirsty Allan - 1st place 9 and under solo gold.
13 and under solo Silver - Danielle Kerr 1st place, Gold - Becky Allen 2nd place.
Bars - Jessie Hodgson 1st place, Laurie Catherall 6th place.
Stars and above - Rebecca Barber 1st place, Hannah Harper 2nd place, Danielle Flety 3rd place.
14-17 year olds solo - bars - Rachael Barber 2nd place, Lucy Gill 5th place.
Stars and above - Hannah Slack 2nd place, Jade Latue 6th place.
Jaycee Latue 3rd place Rock and Roll Syllabus 3-5 years, Annis Race 4th place Star dance Syllabus 6-10 years, Celine Heatherington 5th place Star dance Syllabus 6-10 years.
Pairs - Annis Race and Celine Heatherington 1st place under 9's. Rebecca Barber and Danielle Kerr 1st place 13 and under, Lucy Gill and Katie Shephard 5th place 14-17 years, Tamsin Evans and Jade Latue 6th place 14-17 years.
Rock and Roll - Annis Race and Celine Heatherington 4th place 9 and under, Rebecca Barber and Danielle Kerr 6th place 13 and under, Hannah Slack and Katie Latue 4th place 14-17 years, Lucy Gill and Katie Shephard 6th place 14-17 years.
Slow Dance - Annis Race 2nd place 9 and under, Kirsty Allen 4th place 9 and under, Rebecca Barber 1st place 13 and under, Danielle Flety 5th place 13 and under.
Jade Latue 2nd place 14-17 years, Rachael Barber 4th place 14-17 years.
Team dancing Destiny 1st place - Kayleigh Bates, Hannah Slack, Jessie Hodgson, Katie Shephard, Lucy Gill, Jade Latue, Tamsin Evans, Laurie Catherill, Danielle Flety, Hannah Harper, Rebecca Barber, Ellie Labron.
Well done to all the girls at Lee Green Dance School, there are some excellent results and the standards are very high. We are very proud to be part of Lee Green Dance School. Keep up the hard work. Also a special thanks to Brian and Brenda Thompson for all their support.
Caroline Race, Dance Teacher

## LEAGUE CHAMPS

Congratulations to all the Cumby Rovers U12 squad on becoming League Champions in their first season at 11 aside.
Squad- Matthew Alder, Danny Tinkler, Kieron Dixon, Andrew Mather, James Saunders, Matthew Bayne, Adam Laing, Matthew Stark, Dominic Whiteoak, Michael Palmer, Tom Johnson, Callum Woodcock, Tom Smith, Adam Patterson, Charlie Ladbury, Craig Hogson, Ben Atkinson and Tom Warke.
Many thanks for a successful and more importantly enjoyable season for John, Mick and all the parents. Thanks also to all involved with the Cumby Arms Football.

## Al Fresco SALE

Neville Parade Methodist Church are holding an Al Fresco Sale in aid of Church funds on Saturday 11th June at 10.30am.
There will also be a cake stall and a coffee morning so come along and have a chat and perhaps pick up a bargain.
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## Neville Community Centre

**Bingo** Monday 7pm, Wednesday 12.30 snack/ lunch £1.50, 1.15pm live entertainment, 2.20pm bingo, 3.30pm finish. To book a seat ring 313924. Open to everyone over 18 years old.
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**Tabletop Sale** Saturday 11th June 9am-1pm. Tables to hire to sell your own unwanted goods at only £5. Ring 313924.
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# ROTARY CLUB'S BLUE BRIDGE SCHEME ALMOST COMPLETE

The Rotary Club initiative to improve the entrance to the town at the Blue Bridge is nearing completion.
This week work started on the repainting of the bridge sponsored by Local Maintenance company Mitie. They apologise for any inconvenience to drivers due to traffic light vehicle management while the work is carried out.
The welcoming sign to the town is ready to be erected and this has been manufactured by Aycliffe Fabrications whose finished product is a work of art.
They already have various projects in the town including the Greenfield Art College structure and the new Town Centre Park railings.
Plasmor is allowing the use of their land for the siting of the welcome sign, picnic tables and a bench. They have also provided block paving.
Local blockpaver, Trevor Cousins prepared the ground and is laying the blocks.
Jeff Horsley, local builder, laid the foundation for the sign and South West Durham Training provided the Rotary logo which will feature in the design.
The whole scheme has been a joint partnership of local companies, Councils, and individuals not forgetting the original drawings by Bob Jones of School Aycliffe. The end result will be a very attractive entrance provided as a joint community effort, led by the Rotary Club who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary.
The launch is to be held on Monday 13th June at 1pm on the site with representatives from all the partners in attendance including the Chairman of the County Council and the Borough and Town Mayors. The President of the Rotary Club, John Burrows, will have the honour of launching the scheme.

**Site for the sign, picnic tables and bench**

# FREE EVENT TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

The Inter-trading Event, hosted by Sedgefield Borough Business Forum is to take place again this year on the back of last year's success. The event is a showcase for businesses to extend networks, contacts and business opportunities with other businesses in County Durham.
The FREE Inter-trading event is taking place on 22nd June, 2.15pm at Hardwick Hall Hotel, County Durham. Formerly known as the Flip Chart Roadshow, the event is an effective and inexpensive way for businesses to promote their products and services.
The day is based around informal chats with fellow businesspeople to enhance business opportunities within the County.
Ian Smith, recently elected Chair of Sedgefield Borough Business Forum said: "This event is an excellent opportunity to support businesses in the Borough and allow each business to promote themselves and frequent trading within the Borough."
Businesses that are not exhibiting at the Inter-trading event are still welcome to attend and take advantage of the excellent opportunity for networking.
The event, widely recognised throughout the County, is hoping to attract more businesses this year to allow enhanced showcasing opportunities.
Comments made by businesses at the Intertrading event last year have sparked the delivery of an informal seminar on how to maximise exhibition skills. The FREE seminar, on Wednesday 8th June 2005, 6pm at Redworth Hall, aims to increase businesses exhibition skills through assessing marketing materials, displays, body language, networking and sales skills.
Any businesses interested in the seminar are urged to book quickly as places are limited.
For further information on either of the events, contact Sylvia Bruce or Anthea Taylor at Sedgefield Borough Business Service on 01325 307270

# NEED MORE INFO ON RUNNING A BUSINESS?

If you're thinking of starting your own business, or are already up and running but could use some extra support, why not book a place on some free workshops being organised by Sedgefield Borough Business Service?
The workshops will cover essential information that anyone with their own business must be aware of, such as how to officially register as being self-employed, handling VAT and self-assessment, and getting to grips with bookkeeping. Health and Safety and Data Protection regulations will also be explained.
The workshops are completely free and open to anyone, and you can attend as few or as many sessions as you like. Advisors from the Inland Revenue and SBBS will be on hand throughout each workshop to offer confidential advice.
**The first workshop was held on June 2nd. To find out more, and to discover how SBBS can help you to take the plunge and get your business off the ground, call Linda Goundry at Shildon Business Centre on (01388) 777 597, or email: lgoundry@sbbs.org.uk**


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