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Rumours that the development of our Town Centre faces further delays were spreading fast this week with unconfirmed news that the contractor Taylor Woodrow had pulled out!

A person employed at the site said the current contractors cannot complete the job for the price and the tendering process will re-start. The large £25 million development has faltered over a number of years and residents have become less and less confident that we will get the town centre we deserve as the largest concentration of population next to Darlington.

Tesco has opened successfully and the youth of the town have benefitted from their new modern premises which came as part of the planning gain.

But the rest of Phase 1 is very slow with only Argos and McGuiness taking new shopping units.

The townspeople have become very frustrated following promises of other new shops opening and various start dates on the next stage, which have not come to fruition.

One of the complaints is the lack of information from the Borough and County Council who are obviously much involved, but are saying nothing. We attempted to confirm the rumours, and Barry Hindmarch at the County Council said it was a surprise to him, but would investigate. He made contact with CTP and then informed us Newton News would receive a phone call from the Development Company immediately the same day.

We waited five hours and no one made contact. If the rumours were untrue they would have been quick to deny them, so we can only assume there may be further delays on site.

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Tempest Photographers are holding a Studio at the Youth Centre on Monday 11th July from 10am for those who want pictures. Packs start at £20 and everyone is welcome. There will also be a session on 1st of December, in time for Christmas. We will be open every Tuesday afternoon at the Youth Centre 1pm - 3pm during the school holidays and every Wednesday at Agnew Hut 10am - 12noon. Admission is still only 30p.

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Over recent years we have seen certain councillors and their advisors and every opportunity to be seen in print but where are they now when what is the most important issue of concern to tenants for many years is taking place, silent, every one of them.

Dear Sir,

The House of Commons Council Housing Group has produced a new report. It provides the arguments and experience that tenants, councillors and trade unions need to promote the 'fourth option' as an alternative allowing councils to invest in their homes.

The report, "Support for the 'fourth option'", illustrates the disgraceful pressure put on councils and tenants to force them in privatising council housing stock, which is such a great national asset. We use evidence gained from hearings with tenants, councillors, housing officers and trade unions from all over the country. This catalogues the pressures, abuses and propaganda used to bully councils and tenants.

The report develops our case for the 'fourth option' of public investment in council housing, allowing councils to raise the rents on their council housing stock. We need to give councils a level playing field to work on, the right to borrow prudently and the right to reinvest all housing revenues and capital receipts, in improving housing for present and future tenants. The ODPM's ideological war against council housing and council ownership is a war against tenants, who are the victims of the ideological war. It costs millions to give away billions of pounds worth of public assets. It is purely ideological since councils have lower costs and can renovate and repair less expensively. It results in no real improvement in the lot of tenants but an increase in rents and charges. It distracts attention from the real issues of housing. It is needed for far more publicly owned housing to provide for those who can't afford or don't want to get on a house price escalator accelerating beyond them.

It's time to change the policy. This document makes the very purposeful case for that change. I hope you will read it, and recommend it to tenants, councillors and trade unionists in your area. Perhaps you could bulk order copies (discounts available) to make sure it is widely read.

And if you agree with the case we have put please ask your MPs to support Early Day Motion 48 'Future of Council Housing', join the House of Commons Council Housing Group and take part in adjournment debates in Parliament to step up the pressure to secure the 'fourth option'

Austin Mitchell MP  
Chair, House of Commons Council Housing Group

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In order to celebrate ten years of achievement, Fit for Life is holding a Ceilidh with a pie and pea supper on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005 at Ferryhill Leisure Centre. The event is open to GP referrals both past and present!

Fit For Life was developed by Sedgfield Borough Council in partnership with Sedgfield Primary Care Trust. The aim was to make an impact on the health and well-being of people in the borough, through regular exercise and physical activity. The programme was launched in 2005 and has been running successfully ever since. Over the past ten years, attending sessions of regular exercise has had a tremendous impact on the health, lifestyle and outlook of some members of the programme. Joyce Curry from Ferryhill Leisure Centre tells us "my first goal was to be able to carry two shopping bags around the market; now I've swam with dolphins in California". Eileen Tate, another group member from Ferryhill, says, "the exercise has helped me to lose weight and I can now walk to work and to the shops". Doors open at 7.30 so if you have been part of Fit For Life and would like to join us for a jigg lease rent Liz or Clare on 01388 816166 Ext 4378 to book a place.



*By Connor Scott and Ellis*

On the 4th July 2005 Vane Road Primary School went on a sponsored walk. We walked past Woodham College and towards the Burn. It started to rain hard, but at least 10 people were sheltered by umbrellas.

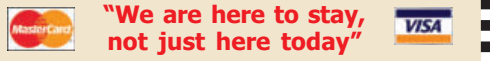
We walked past a stone deer and the stone lizard. Before we got to the pond a few miles ahead Baxter, Sarah Allan's bangle, barked loudly at another dog. As we were walking, we saw a snake and a sewer pipe. The smell was putrid, awful, and disgusting, ughhh! You don't want to know the things that come out the pipe!

We kept on walking and as the time wore on the rain got so heavy that we were practically drowning. We took shelter under an old, work out shed. While there we had a drink and a biscuit, mmmm! At this point we turned back as the rain finally got the better of us. Anthony was in the blues; his hat's dye ran and dribbled down his face. The colour was BLUE!

Miss Sykes said "It rained a lot", but it was fun and I'm glad my class was positive about the wet." Thank you to Miss Sykes.

Lukes comments were: 1: wet, 2: wet, 3: wet, 4: fun! Thanks

"I thought it was fun, exciting, enjoyable and wet" said Connor. We finally got back to school and died off. Hopefully next year our sponsored walk will be a little sunnier. Thanks to all who supported us!





FUN IN THE PARKS

It's Free, it's Fun and it's for Anyone. Fun in parks is another free event run by Great Aycliffe Town Council. Get out and about and enjoy the summer this year, no need to pay for expensive days out - this one is free. The fun starts at 11.00am until 3.00pm with lots to do. Watch the traditional Punch and Judy show, be entertained by Mr. Twister the magician/balloon modeller. With side shows and fun fair rides, face painting and large inflatable slide, it's a great day out for the family. Bring a packed lunch or buy your refreshments from the site caterers. Make a day of it.

Moore Lane Park Tuesday 19th July  
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Woodham Park Tuesday 2nd August  
West Park - Tuesday 9th August  
Hornedale Park - Tuesday 16th August  
St Oswalds Park - Tuesday 23rd August  
Town Centre Park - Tuesday 30th August

Remember it's free, it's fun - we'd love to see you there. For further information contact 01325 300600.

Youngsters Help Plan Town's Future



Student Council members from Greenfield and Woodham Colleges were invited to the Town Council offices this week for a meeting with the newly appointed Parish Plan Panel who are consulting with various community groups to help the Town Council plan strategies for Newton Aycliffe's future. The students astounded the panel with the manner in which they articulated their views on the future development of our town. They expressed opinions on the facilities available and ways to improve what is provided for the benefit of the whole community. The panel were impressed by the contribution made by the youngsters and placed many of their suggestions on record for consideration. A full report on the findings of the panel will be issued at a later date.

Make New Town Park Usable for All Ages

Dear Sir,  
I have tried to speak with the Town Council to no avail about the new Park which does not cater for children under the age of 5 years. Where are the small swings, slides mini roundabouts for small grandchildren like mine? Whilst the 6 year old can play on the equipment there is nothing for smaller toddlers to use which is upsetting for them seeing others play. It is a family park and should accommodate all ages.  
P.M., Dykes Walk

Great Aycliffe  
  
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## MAYOR'S “AT HOME”

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Val Raw, will be hosting her “At Home” on **Tuesday 12th July, 2005** between **2.30pm and 4.30pm** in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

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MVs Give Breath for the Butterwick



Millennium Volunteers from Newton Aycliffe helped to blow up 2000 balloons in aid of the Bishop Auckland Butterwick Hospice's 10th Anniversary. One balloon was released for every resident that has been cared for since the opening of the Hospice in 1995. The young people involved worked very hard in order for the balloons to be ready for release at 3.00pm. MV staff would like to thank the following young people for all their effort and commitment on the day. Pictured from the left Laura Grainger, Michaela Edwards, Susan Proud, Soleil Buttle, Gemma Cuthbertson and Jack Armstrong a junior helper.

Beat Surgery

PC1452 Thompson will be holding a Beat Surgery at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 16th July 10am until 12 noon. Local Councillors will also be in attendance to discuss any community related issues.

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WOODHAM GOLF CLUB

Tom Adcock, with 41pts won the J.L.O. Trophy, beating Greg Upton, who had the same score but lost out on the countback. Michael Adcock was a point further back in third, with Connor Ratton on 39pts and Adam Fearman on 37pts in the other places. The Junior team braved the storms and rain at Seaton Carew on Thursday 30th June, and gained a convincing 7-3 win, their best away result of this season. (so far) Current captain, Mark Borsberry and last year's captain Craig Johnston had convincing wins playing at Number 1 and 2. In his first away match of the season, Daniel Young, at 3, had a 4 & 2 win over his opponent in a match that looked as if it would never end - however, Daniel came out the winner and it is great to have him back as a member of the squad. Lewis Craggs' match, at 4, was up and down like a yo-yo. At one point it looked as if things had slipped away from Lewis when he went dornic 2 down. However, he showed fighting spirit to win the last 2 holes and half his match. At 5 Adam Fearman came up against an in-form Seaton player, and although Adam was gaining two shots he lost on the 16th.

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HORSE MANURE free but must be collected Tel: 07980 753 469  
TO ALL PARENTS if your child came home this weekend with a red leather Man United ball, it belongs to my 7-year-old son. He was playing outside with it and came in to use the toilet, when he returned to play with his ball, it had been taken. This was a birthday present and we would appreciate it being returned to 5 Cestra Way. Thank you

Thanks

COCKNEY ALAN Since Alan's operation and the bad news, you lie awake sorting your life out and think about all the people who care. Shuffling things around in your head, putting things in perspective to help you. Friends, work colleagues, neighbours. You all know who you are. You're all in the box marked "Very Important- Do Not Lose" Thanks, Carol, Tony, Lydia and Stephen xx  
THE FAMILY OF OR late ESTHER GARDINER wish to express their sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbours for the kindness, support and sympathy shown to them over the last two months. A special thank you to Dr McKinty Unique Home Care and the staff on Wards 17 and 5 for their outstanding care, kindness and professional help.  
WYN CROSSEN would like to thank all her family and friends for coming to her 80th birthday party also for the lovely flowers and presents.  
THANK YOU to the people who stopped to help me on Sunday 3rd July opposite 'The Big Club' when I took ill and fell. A big thank you to the boy who helped me to my feet. To Doreen and to Margaret who kindly brought me home. Jean Wilson (Lyons Walk)  
SHOTTON Claire and John would like to thank family and friends for the kind gifts and help received following the birth of their son Ollie Thomas. Much appreciated.  
BRIDGICK Sheila and family wish to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown during the sad loss of our beloved John. Many thanks for the numerous telephone calls, cards and kind words. It has brought much comfort to know how much John was loved and respected. God bless. Sheila and family xxx  
CLAIRE & JONATHAN would like to say thank you to all family and friends who came to their engagement party. We had a wonderful night. Thank you for all the lovely gifts.

Congratulations

Dolci Lorrenna Seaman



Happy 2nd Birthday  
My Little Princess  
You are my No. 1 darling. Love you loads and loads, Mammy

Dolci Lorrenna Seaman



12th July 2005  
Happy 2nd Birthday  
Our Little Princess  
Can't wait till you are home from Cyprus. Love you loads and loads, Nana and Grandad Covens xxx

Danielle Hughes



Happy 21st Birthday  
7th July 2005  
Many Happy Returns  
Love, Mam, Dad, Rachel, Nana, Grandad and family

Dolci Lorrenna Seaman



Happy Birthday  
Now you are two. Lots of love from us to you, Nana and Grandad Seaman xxx

Births

SHOTTON Congratulations John and Claire on the birth of our new grandson Ollie Thomas, born 27th June 9th 15ozs. All our love, Mam, Dad and Grandma xxx  
SHOTTON Congratulations John and Claire on the birth of your son Ollie Thomas. Love, Lindsey, Andrew, Taylor & Gabrielle xxx  
SHOTTON Thank you Claire and John for our beautiful grandson Ollie Thomas born 29th June 9th 15ozs. Lots of love, Mum and Dad xxx  
SHOTTON Congratulations Claire and John on the birth of your beautiful son Ollie Thomas. Lots of love, Julie.

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Yvonne



Happy 40th Birthday  
Now you are 40 your eyes will go, your bones will ache and you will walk with an unsteady gait. Each week we'll take you to the bingo, even if we cannot understand your lingo. Have a great birthday. Love, Cath, Kath and Elaine xxxxxxxxx

Nicola Buxton



Happy 21st Birthday  
Lots of love,  
Dad, Susan, Liam, Becci and Lewis

Yvonne Williamson



Happy 60th Birthday  
Have a great day,  
Scott and Nic xxx  
Nanna Von Happy birthday  
Lots of love Liam xxx

Yvonne



Happy 40th Birthday  
To my darling wife. Have a great day. All my love, Glenn xx

Gemma and Stacey Porter



Happy 16th Birthday  
Ha Ha, got you girls! Lots of love from Mum, Yasmin, Kiera, Bev, Kyle, Glyn, Chris and woolf from Max xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Dolci Lorrenna Seaman



Happy 2nd Birthday  
To my little sweetheart  
Love you millions from Daddy xxx

Dolci Liorenna Seaman



Happy 2nd Birthday  
All our love, Auntie Leanne and Aunt xx

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The specific desire of Paul was to offer a full recruitment facility to local companies based on a genuine understanding of engineering, manufacturing, logistics, customer support, sales, and accounting, combined with a totally honest attitude based on clear Christian ethics and integrity.

From day one, Paul was joined by Kevin Loddey to deal with all office and personnel issues. Kevin has gained amazing organisational skills and the patience of a saint after spending a large proportion of his career working with animals as Head Zoo Keeper at Paradise Wildlife Park, Hertfordshire. Due to expansion Alex Leighton joined e@sy-recruitment in January this year offering greater depth to the team. With both a sales and training/development background within the service/financial sector Alex has brought first hand knowledge of the benefits of a fully trained staff to e@sy-recruitment.

As a result e@sy-recruitment are now offering staff trained in

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“This is an amazing opportunity for both our staff and clients. Not only will we be able to provide quality reliable staff at short notice, but also staff fully trained in the essentials of manufacturing, engineering, logistics and administration/accounts. Our vision for the future of Newton Aycliffe is to provide local people with local jobs, either for a short term seasonal contract or long term permanent contract at no added cost to employers.”

As businesses in the North East are coming under increasing pressure to keep up with the latest industry standards, acknowledging that investment in employees and increasing skill levels has become essential.

The government has published several reports recently, highlighting that British businesses are falling behind the rest of Europe and America. For instance, labour productivity in America, Germany and France is almost 30% greater than in the UK. If British productivity was as high as these other countries, then many of Britain's domestic economic problems would disappear.

With an investment of over £50,000 e@sy-recruitment are helping to promote Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area as a highly desirable place for businesses.

After the closure of Presswork Metals in 2004 (one of e@sy-recruitments preferred clients) Paul and his team have been determined to find employment for the e@sy-recruitment staff who were made redundant, but due to a lack of training they often found it difficult to place unskilled or semi-skilled workers in appropriate positions.

“As an ex-minister I always like to help people where ever possible and over the last two and a half years e@sy-recruitment have been able to help over 900 people to find either temporary or permanent employment. Hundreds more would have been able to do the jobs on offer, but without any recognised qualification we were unable to go any further. This opportunity to get free training seriously increases people's chances to gain good employment and of course gives e@sy-recruitment the ability to offer not only staff, but also trained staff to all our clients. Everybody wins.”

Based in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre in a prime location for people looking for work (underneath the job centre), e@sy-recruitment has over 3200 candidates registered for work.

With such a resource e@sy-recruitment are supplying a professional recruitment service to their client companies resulting in 1000s of man hours worked each week.

Whatever a company's unique recruitment requirements are, e@sy-recruitment's dedicated team (3 customer facing and 3 back office) will endeavour to understand these fully at a free consultation before providing any service, contact Alex on 01325-312333 or e-mail: info@easy-rec.co.uk Individuals wanting more details regarding training courses please call 08001692649 quoting ref: e@sy-rec2005.

## PCP Offer I.T. Training Room

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There's no need to book just turn up and log on! The Training Room is open Monday until Thursday 9.30am - 4pm. We are also open on a Tuesday evening until 7.30pm.

For more information call Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234 and ask for the Training Room.

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## 3M Takes Award for Healthy Workplace

The 3M manufacturing site at Aycliffe has won a top regional award for the exceptional work carried out to maintain its employees' health and wellbeing – and is now in line for national honours.

The site has been credited with the 'Big Tick' in the inaugural 'Healthy Workplace' category of the 2005 Awards for Excellence, presented today (21/6/2005) by the organisation Business in the Community (BITC).

The Big Tick awards are for companies who demonstrate excellence in the way they organise and integrate their responsible business practices, and who can show a positive impact both on society and on the business.

To win the award, the 3M site, which manufactures respirators and environmental protection products for a worldwide market, showed how the company had taken an holistic approach to health beyond the confines of the workplace.

The site's occupational health adviser Pat Hardy commented: “We have always encouraged the close involvement of the workforce across the site and many of our activities – from organised walks to smoking cessation and healthy eating programmes - are run in direct response to requests from our employees.

“It is wonderful to have our success recognised by winning this Big Tick award.”

3M Aycliffe has now gone through to the national finals of the BITC awards and the winners will be announced at a London dinner on July 5th.

**GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees**

**Wednesday 13th July 2005**  
Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm  
**Wednesday 20th July 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.

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A record number of entries have been received for the 28th Annual School Tennis Championships. A total of 232 entries has beaten the previous record set in 2003. Events for all age groups include singles and doubles for boys and girls. Once again the Mixed Doubles Events have proven to be extremely popular. The first winners celebrated last Friday after the Year 7 Boys and Girls Events were completed.

**Results:**  
Boys Singles: Marcus Hawes defeated Adam Robinson.  
Girls Singles: Rebecca Wellburn defeated Rachelle Cooley.  
A number of tennis activities are planned during the holidays. Details of how to book can be found on: [www.rotennis1.homestead.com](http://www.rotennis1.homestead.com)



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### St. Clares Celebrate 50 Years

Thanks to everyone who supported St Clares church Summer Fair last Saturday. The grand total of £1160.00 was raised towards Church funds.

A big thank you to the wonderful dancers from Hargreaves School of Dance for great entertainment. All raffle prizes were claimed, but thanks must go out to the local businesses that provided the prizes for this event.

We are very grateful to the following, Occasions, Boots, McMahons, Boyes, McKays, Tesco, Somerfield, Homeplan, Petals and Pets, Flymo, The Builders Arms, PACE, and Sylvia and Dimitri.

We hope you will join us for the many other events we have planned for this year as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Watch this space for further details.

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### Letter to the Editor Furniture Help Scheme AGM

Dear Sir,

We would like to extend an invitation to attend our first A.G.M. of the above organisation which will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 11.00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Unit 20 Avenue 3, Chilton Industrial Estate which will also give you the opportunity to see the work that is done and meet the volunteers that work in the unit.

We are fulfilling our mission, which is to relieve poverty by the provision of furniture and household goods. Also the recycling of furniture and household goods to those people resident in Sedgefield and throughout County Durham who are in need of the service whether that is in the role of giving or as beneficiaries.

Over the past year we found that there is an increased demand for our service from a group that came together from the Western Area of Newton Aycliffe to form the

County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, a not for profit organisation to improve things for those disadvantaged in society by providing at low cost of distributing surplus and unwanted furniture.

Operating through a referral system from a range of support agencies, the project identifies need and prioritises households unable to take up a tenancy through lack of furniture, or household goods. As well as reducing social deprivation the project significantly contributes towards supporting those people from disadvantaged backgrounds wishing to become independent in their own homes and those moving into a new home with little or no furniture.

The project collects and delivers furniture on a regular basis renovating and storing the furniture and household goods until required by our clients. We have strong links with statutory bodies and charities, i.e. Local Housing Authorities, Social Services, Social Security, Probation Service, Police, Domestic Violence Team, NHS Trusts, Hospital Trusts, Salvation Army, SAAFA, the local Council for Voluntary Service (CAVOS) and other charitable groups.

We also provide employment opportunities by working with a variety of employment and training providers like the Shaw Trust, Job Centre Plus and Bishop Auckland College amongst others.

In order to save costs can you please advise us of your attendance Tel: 01388 721509

Yours sincerely  
Vince Crosby Chairman

### JET2.COM Breaks into North East

*Low Cost Flights from Newcastle to Murcia on sale through to the end of Summer 2006!*

The North's low cost airline, *Jet2.com*, which has bases at Leeds Bradford and Manchester airports, today announced that it is starting a new service to Murcia in Spain from Newcastle International Airport.

Murcia, which is already one of the airline's most popular destinations with double-daily flights from both Leeds and Manchester, will go on sale today becoming the airline's first destination out of Newcastle.

Close to the world famous resort of La Manga, Murcia is a perfect gateway to Costa Calida and Costa Blanca and a great low cost alternative to flying into Alicante – fares will start from just **£31** one way inclusive of taxes when the service takes off on September 4, 2005.

The region is very popular with second homeowners and, taking into account holidaymakers, golf break enthusiasts and those on short breaks to the Spanish sun, *Jet2.com* anticipates strong demand, especially with its really low fares.

The airline will go on sale for Murcia today until the end of **October 2006**, so North East travellers can take advantage of low cost fares from this September right through to the end of next summer.

*Jet2.com* boss Philip Meeson, said: "We already attract many passengers from Teesside and County Durham who use our base at Leeds Bradford, but now we're able to open up low cost flights to the Costa Calida to the whole of the North East.

Dave Laws, head of operations at Newcastle International Airport commented: "We're thrilled to welcome Jet2.com to Newcastle. This great news for our passengers, who will now have yet another low cost airline serving a fantastic new sunshine destination direct from the north east."

Flights to Murcia from Newcastle are now on sale with the first flight departing September 4, 2005. *Jet2.com* will fly four times a week in the winter and daily during the summer. *Jet2.com* now flies from seven airports in the UK to 25 destinations across Europe. [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com)

### Germans Admire Blue Bridge Improvement



Borough Mayor Jackie Piggott was delighted to show visitors from our twin Borough in Germany the improvements to the Blue Bridge area initiated by the town's Rotary Club. They were particularly pleased to see their coat of arms alongside those of the Town, Borough and County Council on the bridge itself.

Left to right: Karsten Vullings, Katharina Gottschling (Leader of Rheinhausen Council), Heinz Trappman (Chief Executive Officer), Rolf Holz and Jackie Piggott (Mayor of Sedgefield Borough Council)

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### LSP Meeting at Spennymoor

The next meeting of the Sedgefield Borough Local Strategic Partnership will take place on **Wednesday 13th July (6.00pm)** at the Education Development Centre in Spennymoor.

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Newton Aycliffe Sports Club is a Charter standard Club and all training is supervised by Durham FA qualified coaches.

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family keep conversation to a minimum because of their inability to converse as easily as they had done before. Isolation even within the family circle has always been expected and accepted but not any more. Learn how to cope with the changes that hearing loss has made to your life at Aycliffe deafened support group. Lip-reading classes, c o m m u n i c a t i o n techniques, advice and information on relevant subjects such as tinnitus etc. and communication via IT are all available.

These groups are run by deafened people for deafened people and their families. We meet every Monday at Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre (opposite Tesco) 10am to 12 noon. For more information or a home visit contact jane@eddhis.org.uk EDDHIS Outreach 0191 518 3358, Fax 0191 578 2980 or just call in for a chart, we are a small informal group.

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Champions. The early squad also regularly supported the Cardinal football squad and travelled to Glasgow with them to see them win the championship. Our competition squad competed for the first time in Blackpool 2004 coming second in both the Cheer and Dance sections. This year's competition squad's preparations are going well with practises every Saturday evening and once a month on a Sunday in the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. We hope to take 4 squads of different age groups this year compared to one squad last year and are looking for sponsors. If you can help please contact Ms Connell on (01325) 317210

## DISMAL CRICKET

Newton Aycliffe's dismal league form continued with a two wicket defeat at home to Littletown in the first division of the North East Durham Cricket league. Aycliffe have now only won one of their last nine league games and are hovering just one spot above the relegation places in tenth position. Aycliffe decided to bat first in perfect conditions and rattled a formidable total of 207 for 8 in their allotted 45 overs. Opener Karl Wheeler top scored, hitting Aycliffe's highest individual innings of the season with a superb 81, his fourth half century of the month. Other notable contributions came from fellow opener Steve Davison, with a season's personal best of 43, Dave Bennett chipped in with 15 and number 10 batsman Carl Little finished unbeaten, also on 15. In reply the visitors also found it easy to score on the run laden Aycliffe pitch and despite all rounder Davison's excellent 5 wickets for 47 runs, Littletown reached their winning target with just 9 balls in hand.

## JAZZ MIX AT THE LOCOMOTION

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005, 7:30pm - Locomotion Museum at Shildon**  
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## £320 FOR AGE CONCERN



AGE CONCERN would like to thank everyone who donated money or entered our competition to win a Teddy Bear prize on Friday 24th June and also Saturday 25th June which took place in the Tesco Store, Newton Aycliffe. The Mayor of Sedgefield at the official opening of our new Locality Offices based in Rosewood Grange, Chilton, selected the winners from the prize draw. The winners are:-  
Friday - Mrs. Cozens of Woolsingham  
Saturday - Mrs. Slater of Newton Aycliffe  
We raised a grand total of £323.24. If anyone would like further information on Age Concern Activities (Handyvan Service, Ageing Well Activities (exercise classes/tea and coffee mornings), Information and Advice, Insurance Services - or other queries you may have - please telephone (01388) 720064.

## £1139 RAISED AT SUMMER FAIR

On Friday 1st July St. Joseph's held their annual Sports/Summer Fair. The sun shone and the fantastic sum of £1139 was raised. We can now purchase the much needed playground equipment for all our children to play. Thanks to all who attended and helped on the day and an enormous thanks to our generous local firms for their donations of prizes including Tesco, Tallents, 3M, Somerfield, Aycliffe and Shildon Leisure Centre, Hydro Polymers, Upex, McDonalds, PWS, Linden Group, Boots, Martin Bage, Europa Sofabeds, Wacky Warehouse, Focus DIY, Homeplan, Boyes, Ringtons, Topoli Joe's, Dimitri & Sylvia and private contributions. There is a list of all unclaimed raffle prizes at St. Joseph's School.  
R. Bage  
Parents Association Member

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