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Sedgefield Borough Council is seeking community views on its 'Key Issues Paper' and 'Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report'.

Work has started on the Core Strategy and Major Allocations Development Plan Documents, which will form part of the new Local Development Framework. The first part of this process is for the Council to release this 'Key Issues Report' for consultation. This document is intended to generate discussion and identify key issues, which will affect the Borough in its pursuit of Sustainable Development over the next 15 or so years.

It is important for the Council to work with the community to deliver sustainable development in the right place at the right time. To influence the planning strategy, drop-in events will be held in a number of Borough locations when Planning Officers will be available.

**They will be at Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices on Thursday 7th September from 2p.m. until 8p.m.**

## Wendy is Heavyweight Bodybuilding Champion



## MARK YOUR BIKE FREE!

There will be a bicycle security marking day in the Town Centre Park on Sunday 31st July. This is a free service provided by the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens. Bring your bike along to the Park and see Jed Hillary. The session will run from 10am to 4p.m. and it only takes 5 minutes to mark your bike and complete the registration form.

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Sedgefield Borough Council has successfully attained the prestigious Charter Mark accreditation in recognition of the high quality service their Home Improvement Agency provides to the elderly, disabled and other vulnerable groups in the Borough.

And in doing so, Sedgefield Borough has become the first Home Improvement Agency to obtain such an award in the North East region.

Charter Mark is the Government's national standard for excellence in customer service. It is a registered certification mark that is owned by the Cabinet Office.

Following a two-stage assessment process, the independent assessor praised the high standard of the service and the commitment of the Home Improvement Agency Team. The Assessor said: "Sedgefield Borough Home Improvement Agency Team was found to be enthusiastically committed to the Charter Mark ethos. The commitment was evident throughout the whole team, from management to front line staff."

The Assessor also recommended that three areas of the service, namely the Client Information Pack, The Advisory Group and the 'Hand-holding' service be put forward as Best Practice and for inclusion on the Cabinet Office's benchmarking database.

The Mayor of Sedgefield Borough, Cllr Jackie Piggott, presented the Charter Mark Award and said: "The achievement of this national award that recognises high standards of customer service for the Home Improvement Agency is a real credit to the staff involved."

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**Tuesday 13th September 2005**  
Environment Committee - 7.15pm  
**Tuesday 13th September 2005**  
Recreation Committee - 7.15pm

**QUESTION TIME**

*A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for the public to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked.*

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Air Ambulance Needs Support


The Southerne Club have organised a Charity Show in aid of the Air Ambulance which will be held on Wednesday 3rd August.

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In essence, the charity must now raise sufficient funds not only to maintain the current level of service, but also to generate sufficient income to replace the existing aircraft. Therefore it is vital that the charitable funding for the service continues.

The Great North Ambulance Service is a registered charity (No. 1092204) established in May 1991, following a successful trial of a helicopter the previous year. In 1994 from public support and a major donation from J. Barbour & Sons an aircraft was bought and introduced into operation.

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Woodham Park	Tuesday 2nd August
West Park	Tuesday 9th August
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St Oswald's Park	Tuesday 23rd August
Town Centre Park	Tuesday 30th August

Remember its free, it's fun – we'd love to see you there. For further information, contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex 01325-300600.

Linden Place Garden Competition



Linden Place Residents Association held their annual garden competition on Saturday 23rd July. The winner was Michelle and Andrew at 133 Linden and second was Linda Dickinson at 134. The other prize winners were Hanging Basket: 1st Lillian Carlyle, 2nd Michelle & Andrew. Garden Tub 1st Ruby Caille, 2nd Barbara Craggs. The residents would like to thank the Mayor Mrs Val Raw for judging the competition.

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Letters to the Editor

WHAT DID THE BALLOT COST?

Dear Sir,  
The council house tenants of Sedgefield Borough Council were treated to another example of New Labour style political spin this week when letters were delivered informing them of the result of the vote to transfer their houses to a private company.  
As most will know, the tenants voted against the wishes of the full council and rejected the housing transfer.  
Mr. Vaulks, the Council's Chief Executive seems to think the result was a vote

of confidence for the council's housing department.  
If he hasn't realised yet the vote was for privatising the council's housing stock not whether people thought the council managed their housing stock in a competent manner, which in my view they do.  
So if he can keep to the facts of the case please let the public know how much it has cost the council tax payers for this privatisation attempt.  
I received several visits from the council housing department and someone must have been paying them, but who?  
Regards, Peter Dolan

POLICE CHECKS NEEDED

Dear Sir,  
I fully agree with J Lees' letter and have to say he is absolutely right. I have seen youngsters drinking on a night at 10:30pm at Simpasture and have to say they know what trouble they are causing. It is their full intention to disrupt any pleasant things in the area because the fact is in front of them. They can't stand a tidy and clean park so they get in the face of Authority and think they can do as they please and get away with it.  
If I found out one of them was my child I would take away their Bikes, PC, Mobile Phones, Games Consoles and HiFi's and TVs for a week. The fact they like to make fools of themselves and be unpleasant to anyone proves they have no interest in co-operating with Authority.  
Perhaps if the Police checked the park for a week they would catch a lot of underage drinking and get the park back to how it used to be.  
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S.L.

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Sarah Shaw from Newton Aycliffe said "It is a great opportunity to be able to train to teach locally in my specialist subject. There is nowhere else in the North East that I could have that opportunity". Sarah has spent the last year working as a cover supervisor at Woodham CTC and is an ex-pupil of Greenfield School.

An ex-pupil of Woodham, Linsey Walker who now lives in Heighington said "I am really pleased that I will be able to use my work experiences and skills in the classroom to help make learning real for young people". Helen Latta and Joanne Wise, both ex-pupils of Greenfield School had both wanted to teach for a long time but did not want to move away from the area to train "We think that it is really exciting to be in at the beginning of something new starting here in Newton Aycliffe" said Helen.

There will be a total of 30 trainees across the different subject areas beginning the course in September. Steve Harness, who had originally put forward the proposal of the SCITT scheme, supported by his Deputy Head, Christine Forsyth, reported to be "Totally delighted at the high calibre and commitment of the new trainees".

Also attending the information morning and joining the course as new trainees in September were Stephen Taylor of Newton Aycliffe, Jenny Fister, a Teaching Assistant from The Meadows School, and Elizabeth Anderson, a Teaching Assistant from Greenfield School.

For more information about Durham Secondary Applied SCITT, the website contains lots of useful information including how to apply for a place on the course beginning in September 2006. [www.durhamscitt.org](http://www.durhamscitt.org).

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"None of this would have been possible without the generosity of Newtonians and I thank everyone as we move into the final phase of refurbishment" said Chairman Peter Beatty. Most people will recognise what has been achieved at Neville Parade and credit for this transformation must go to Peter Beatty whose dedication, energy and enthusiasm has led to this brilliant project nearing completion. There is no doubt he has been the motivating force behind the renovation and he deserves the highest commendation for his vision and leadership. Had it not been for him the building would have certainly been demolished! An Open Day is organised for Friday 5th August when readers are invited to view the Centre. Coffee and Cake Stall is arranged from 10am till 12 noon. "To help with our fund raising we are always on

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**I WOULD** like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me after my fall in the Town Centre on Friday morning. A special thank you to Lynne and staff from Dimitri and Sylvia's. Thank you all, Ann Frazer  
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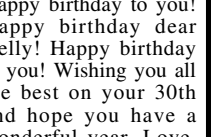
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Many congratulations and best wishes on your special day. Love you both dearly, Mam

**Kelly Lawson**



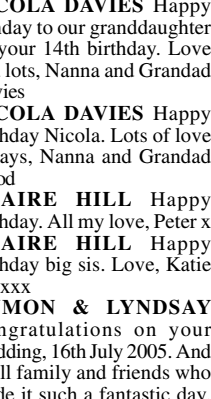
**Happy 30th Birthday**  
30th July 2005  
Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday dear Kelly! Happy birthday to you! Wishing you all the best on your 30th and hope you have a wonderful year. Love, Mam and Dad xxx

**Gemma Hicks**



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Congratulations Lots of love from Mam, Gary and Grandad Doug

**Lightning Littlefair**



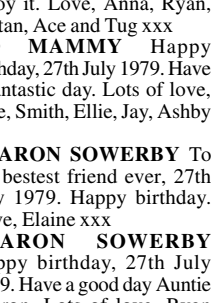
**Happy 18th Birthday**  
RICHIE  
With all our love, Mam, Dad, Jane, Andrew and all of the family xxx

**Claire Hill**



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Hope you have a wonderful night on Saturday. Love you lots, Mum & Dad xxx

**Nicola Anne Davies**



**To our wonderful daughter on your 14th Birthday**  
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## Honeymoon in Cuba



Yolanda Jane Shoulder of Newton Aycliffe a part time shift manager at Mc Donalds married David Cooke of Newton Aycliffe a customer services representative for the RAC. The wedding took place on the 25th June 2005 at the Jersey Farm Hotel. The Best man Oliver Brown and Bridesmaids were Shelley Kent, Leanne Golithly and Marie Cooke. The Page Boy was Zack Cooke. The couple spent their Honeymoon in Cuba and returned to set up home in Newton Aycliffe.

Photo: Stuart Allison

## Amanda is Student Number 5000



A 23 year old has just become the 5000th student to enrol on a computer course at Bishop Auckland College's Computer Learning Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Amanda Jane Kennedy from Aycliffe enrolled to gain the computer skills she felt would enhance her job prospects. The centre, which is located in the Thames Centre, was opened in June 1998 by the Prime Minister Tony Blair, who also took a short computer course there. Open six days a week, learning is for all ages and is totally flexible, allowing learning to take place at a time and day that fits in with any lifestyle. Students learn at their own pace with friendly and supportive staff always on hand to give help and encouragement if required. Linda Skinner, Centre Supervisor said "We have students of all ages here and courses range from absolute beginners to the nationally recognised City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma. So if you want to improve your job prospects, help the kids with their homework or just have fun learning new skills with friends, call us on 01325 316558 or pop in to the centre."

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Newtonian Emma Jane Tinkler married Karl Shearwood of Darlington on the 25th June at Auckland Castle. They travelled to New York and Florida for their honeymoon.

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## VICTORY CONCERT AT AYCLIFFE SHOW

An evening of song dance and flag waving will take place on the show ground following the Great Aycliffe Show at 7pm on the evening of Sunday 28th August to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of VE and VJ Days. The show will include School Choirs, A Good Old Days - Old Time Music Hall featuring songs from the 40s stars including Vera Lynn 'We'll meet again/White Cliffs of Dover', Gracie Fields 'Sally/Greatest Aspidistra', Al Johnson 'Mammy', medleys from Glen Miller and much, much more. The show will be hosted by John Hill who is an expert at getting everyone in the party mood. The audience will be invited to join in and there will be lots of flag waving opportunities during such titles as 'There will always be an England' and 'Land of Hope and Glory'. Tickets will be £5; priority will be given to those from the WW11 era (over 60s) who need to apply before Fri 12th August when tickets will be open to all. Group bookings from residential homes etc. are welcome and there

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## MAYOR JACKIE TURNS ON THE STYLE



Cllr Jackie Piggott leads by example in his fund raising drive accompanied by helpers Ian Davey (left) and David Metcalfe from the Sedgefield Borough Leisure Services Department

SEDFIELD Borough Mayor, Cllr Jackie Piggott, decided to lead from the front in his latest charity raising event. Staff at the Green Lane Council Offices decided to have a 'Shorts and Shades Day' yesterday to raise funds for the Mayor's two nominated charities - The Great North Air Ambulance and The South Cleveland Heart Fund. Dressed in a Hawaiian shirt and shorts, the former Glasgow shipyard welder toured the offices with a bucket and raised £259.00. Cllr Piggott's Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament is to be staged at Sedgefield's Knotty Hill Golf Centre on Thursday 9 September with the presentation dinner staged at the Hardwick Hall Hotel on the evening. Teams of four players will take part and for more information, contact Beryl Anderson on (01388) 816166 ext. 4512.

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## SAMANTHA & KATIE SWIM FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN



Edward & George Bear the mascots of 102 Battalion REME who run a Fan Club for over 400 children have been in Afghanistan since March. Sergeant Mel Longley who is looking after the Bears has taken them to visit children in run down areas in Kabul.

Sergeant Mel has also been part of a team that has erected tents to act as temporary schools as many of the areas are so bad that a school can consist of a mat on the floor of a roofless building where the children squat for lessons, desks and proper teaching aids are non-existent.

Samantha Knight aged 8 and her 4 year old sister Katie who live in Silverdale Place were among the first children to join the Fan Club, in fact it was them who donated George Bear to keep Edward company on his travels to Iraq and Afghanistan. The girls have been avid supporters of the good work done by Edward & George and have regularly saved up their pocket money to buy sweets and other gifts to send to needy children. When they heard about the plight of the Afghan children the girls decided to do a sponsored swim to raise money to send to the Bears in Afghanistan to buy some teaching aids for the children there. The swim took place last week in the Leisure Centre, the girls were in the pool for 45 minutes and swam a total of 500mtrs between them.

Major Eric Ingram from 102 Battalion REME said 'Samantha and Katie are absolute treasures, for the past 2 years they have saved their hard earned pocket money to buy little gifts for needy children in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their kindness has brought a great deal of pleasure to many children, it only takes a small packet of sweets or a pack of crayons and notebook to make a child who has nothing feel very special. The girls are an example to all of us and I know the children they have helped in Iraq and Afghanistan would love to thank them personally if they could'. If you would like to help needy children in Iraq and Afghanistan please ring Major Eric Ingram on ext 307220.

*Photos: Edward & George visit Samantha & Katie to pass on their personal thanks. Sergeant Mel with Edward & George at one of the better schools in Kabul.*

## Ramsdens Pawnbrokers and Jewellers Celebrating One Successful Year in Newton Aycliffe

Ramsdens in Newton Aycliffe town centre is celebrating it's first birthday. Since the closure of Rings 'n' Things there has been a gap for the shoppers of Aycliffe. Ramsdens have filled this gap and more by offering customers the highest quality new, second hand and antique, gold and silver jewellery together with a range of financial services including Pawnbroking, Pay Day Advances and Cheque Cashing. Ramsdens is part of a family business that was founded over 60 years ago. The business has grown over the years due to the high level of trust there is between the business and its customers and still today Ramsdens pride themselves on being trustworthy and reliable.

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The new Eton watch range is beautiful and is sure to add a bit of glitz to any outfit!! If designer jewellery is more your thing then look no further than the Hot Diamonds range. The range offers quality silver and diamonds in unique designs that come in their own designer box and gift bag.



Ramsdens continually train and invest in their staff in the North East so that their standards are of the highest quality. As evidence of this Ramsdens, Newton Aycliffe, have been awarded the National Association of Goldsmiths certificate, which reinforces their standards for high quality, along with their continual staff training schemes. Recent in-store research found that 28% of Ramsdens customers didn't realise that Ramsdens repair jewellery. Years of wear and tear or just a simple accident can damage even the highest quality jewellery, instead of not wearing the item, why not let our experts advise you on the best solution for you.

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RECENT LOCAL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH has revealed interesting facts about pawnbrokers. The services offered are often misunderstood by non-users but highly valued by a growing base of loyal customers.

### RESEARCH FINDINGS

75% of people believed Pawnbroking to be twice as expensive than it actually is. Only 18% of customers using Ramsdens are unemployed. The old image of a pawnbroker in a back street shop does not apply to Ramsdens. Ramsdens is located on the high street and is a modern, bright welcoming environment. The shop looks like a jewellers.

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Mayor Opens Simpasture Summer Fete



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Beth Joins Gran on Sponsored Walk



Anne Harland and her granddaughter Beth with Bob Johnson Tynes Weather Man at the Great North Walk on Sunday 10th July. Anne and Beth raised £437 for the Butterwick Hospice and would like to thank everyone who supported this worthwhile charity. Special thanks to the Senior Citizens on the Council trip to the Lakes who gave £22.80p. It was Beth's first sponsored walk and she expects to do more for charity in the future.

CONSULTATION ON VILLAGE PLAY AREA

The Town Council wish to hear from residents of Aycliffe Village who have suggestions or comments regarding improvements or installation of new items of play equipment at the Village play area. It is important that families or young people put forward their suggestions in order that money allocated can be used to the best effect. The Council also wishes to hear from those residents whose houses are located adjacent to the play area field. Any suggestions or comments should be forwarded by Friday 19th August to Mr. A. Bailey, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

SEDGEFIELD 75 WATERPOLO

Sedgefield 75 Waterpolo squad's senior team had an excellent win in the Northern League against Sheffield at N/A Leisure Centre by 8-4. Sedgefield fielded a very young side, but were still too fast and well organised for the much more experienced opposition. The star for Sedgefield was 14 year old Frazer Foulds who made his senior debut in goal and was faultless. The Sedgefield Scorers were Scott Carpenter, Tom Girling, Chris McEneaney, Oliver Metcalfe and Richard Macallister. The rest: Michael Scott, Joel Woods and William Leatherbarrow.

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St. Clare's 50th Anniversary

As part of 50th Anniversary Celebrations a "Garden Party" will be held in St. Clare's Rectory, St. Cuthbert's Way on Saturday 13th August. The Garden Party will be opened at 2.00pm by the Mayor Councillor Mr Val Raw. Stalls, Entertainment, Golden Raffle and Afternoon Teas will all be available.

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