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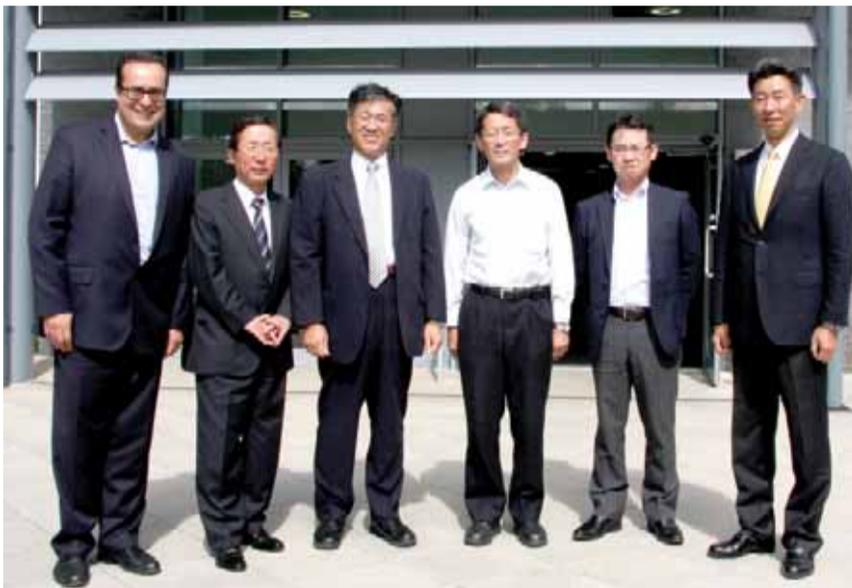
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## HITACHI BOSSES VISIT THEIR NEW AYCLIFFE SITE



On 18th August 2011, two senior executives of Hitachi visited Newton Aycliffe. Hiroshi Nakayama, President & CEO of

Hitachi's Rail Systems Company and Akira Horie, CEO of the Rail Systems Division came all the way from Japan to visit the site set to be home to Hitachi's European Rolling Stock Manufacturing and Assembly plant.

envisage the state-of-the-art manufacturing hub which is set to be built here once the contract for the Intercity Express Programme has been signed with the Department for Transport at the end of this year.

Hiroshi Nakayama and Akira Horie, who head up Hitachi's Global Rail Systems company paid a short visit to Locomotion No 1 in the Darlington Railway Museum, before arriving in Newton Aycliffe's Xcel Centre where they held a business meeting.

Hitachi is proud to continue the engineering tradition of the region and to bring its own almost 90-year experience of building trains in Japan to the North-East of England.

This was the location of the recent Hitachi Open Day event, an information day for local companies to gain first-hand information about Hitachi's plans for the region. This took place on 26th May 2011 and attracted more than 1,500 delegates.

In 1924, Hitachi started manufacturing trains and was one of the original companies building the first high-speed shinkansen "bullet train" for Japan in 1964.

After visiting the Xcel Centre, the Hitachi executives proceeded to the area the company has set its sights on. While the green meadow covering Amazon Park does not betray its future destination as Hitachi's European train-building hub, the Hitachi delegation could easily

To date, Hitachi has been on the forefront of innovation in train building and continues to be one of the suppliers of shinkansen trains.

## DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

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Bill Cooksey took this photo of a bird sharing his dog's meal.

# COUNCIL'S "FUN IN THE PARKS" APPRECIATED



Those families in Newton Aycliffe who attended the Town Council's "Fun in the Parks" sessions really appreciated the service. "It gives us something to do during the long school holidays and I am grateful for somewhere to take the children that doesn't cost anything" said one parent. The entertainment including Punch & Judy, a Fun Fair, Face Painting, Magic Show and a Balloon Modelling demonstrator, was all free! Our Town Mayor Mary Dalton, made an official visit and is seen here with the popular and skilful entertainer.



## FUN RACE NIGHT FOR HOSPICE

A Fun Race Night will take place at Cockton Hill Working Mens Club, Bishop Auckland on Saturday, 3rd September from 7pm. Cost is £5 per person, to include pie and peas supper. Lots of fun, to include stand-up bingo, a raffle, as well as the races. A great night of entertainment, with proceeds going to Butterwick Hospice. Tickets can be purchased from Julie Nisbet on 01388 603003 or email julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk

## Open Mic "F" Festival at The Foresters

The first Open Mic Music Festival will be held at the Foresters at Coatham Mundeville on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August from 1pm till 6pm then from 7pm they will be having a Music, Lazer and Video Party! The Beach Hut will be open for drinks and snacks and of course the BBQ will be on! Bring your waterproofs, bring your picnic blankets and book in advance to bring your tent!! The festival is intended to be an open forum and will cater for all types of music and size of acts. From rock bands to solo acoustic acts, there is something for everyone. The pub is creating a positive festival with a creative vibe where music lovers can gather and appreciate talented musicians and their music. Entry to the venue will be free however, voluntary gold coin donations are requested to raise money for St. Teresa's Hospice. If you are in a band, sing or play please call Kate on 320565 to book your slot on the day!

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE YOUTHY

On Friday 2nd September Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre will hold a Family Fun Night from 6pm till 8pm. Family Fun Night is for all young people and their family aged 11 and over. Activities on offer: Rodeo Bull, Beauty Specialist, Tombola, Jamie @ Home Party, Beat the Goalie and much more. Come along and find out about what happens in the centre. Entrance is £1 on the door per person. This event is to raise funds for the young people. If you would like to find out more please contact Jenny or Laura on 01325 307522

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# TABLE TOP SALE AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

The Management Committee of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre will be holding a Table Top Sale on 17th September. For more information about booking a table or attending the event please contact Michael on 07760 177326. For those of you who have never visited the centre it is a wonderful facility for the youth of our community, with a committed work force backed by a dedicated management committee. We are all working together not only to develop the centre for youth of the community, but also to ensure the business side of the centre is working to its maximum to build a self sufficient business by maximising use of the facilities. So if it's a place for a committee meeting, adult education, craft, painting, photography and much more why not give the centre a try. Our full size gym and working kitchen plus disco system adds to the facilities. For more information email joanclark2011@live.co.uk

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**Saturday 3rd September - "SHANGHAI"**  
GIG PIT REVIEW AT THE TURBINIA - "Wouldn't have wanted to miss this gig!! The first set kicked off with Purple's 'Hush' was followed by Whitesnakes 'Fool for your Lovin'. Another Whitesnake track, 'Is This Love' was followed by Purple's 'Burn'. I was taken by the effortless vocals of Russ. Nick on lead looked to be thoroughly enjoying himself. The opening tones of 'Radar Love' made me stop in my tracks. The second set began with Bon Jovi's 'Shot through the Heart', and The Kinks, 'You Really Got Me'. Def Leppard's 'Animal' and two of my favourite Billy Idol tracks, 'White Wedding' and 'Rebel Yell' were dished out, expertly done IMO. Aerosmith's 'Walk This Way' and Neil Young's 'Free World' were the last two tracks of the second set. Fun to watch and a great way to showcase talent and entertain the troops!! Rapturous encore shouts got us another 4 (!!!) tracks.  
**Saturday 10th September - "F.M."**  
Was this our best pub gig ever? Probably! What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock and roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese, OK, they did Whisky In the Jar, but hey! At the end of the night and the booze kicking in, is there a better song to end with, it definitely gets the crowd singing, and anyway we love it - so there!  
FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW or OOMPH. Factors as the weekend, but this night could easily have been a Friday/Saturday, the atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, i.e. Instead of sticking to Sweet Child Of Mine, they did Welcome to the Jungle, so its nice to hear a different GnR cover and one that takes a little more effort vocally.  
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# WHY SHOP FOR A COP IN TESCO?

Dear Sir,  
I am sure I read in this paper a few weeks back that due to cutbacks things may or may not happen in the future, but consultation would take place about the Police Station and other initiatives that were under consideration.  
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Stores such as Boyes, Wilkinsons, Pound Stretcher, and many more will also be clamouring to get a police presence to reduce the crime rate in their stores. Or because of cut backs will they get cardboard cut-outs of policemen to display?  
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for nothing, so that staff and customers feel safe whilst shopping, deterring shoplifters and anti-social behaviour in and around the store. It will also target boy racers in their car park.  
It was also pointed out that Pact meetings would be held there and we would get Clubcard points for attending. The whole idea seems to me to have underlying commercial implications which will have an adverse and detrimental effect on other retailers and traders in the town centre.  
As for Tesco being an integral part of our lives I do not use the store and neither does my wife.  
Let's get our MP Phil Wilson, the Chief Constable, the Labour party officers there, so they can all be readily contactable and able to answer and deal with our community problems on the spot.  
Name and address supplied.

# Rose Lodge Open Dementia Unit



The Mayor and her Consort, Mary and Michael Dalton, officially opened the new Dementia Unit at Rose Lodge Care Home last week. The facility is light and airy with lots of activities to help and stimulate patients.  
The two large rooms are named after famous ladies who worked in Newton Aycliffe many years ago, Miss Hamilton former ADC Housing Officer and Bessy Lincoln a Salvation Army Captain who used to visit people on her motor cycle.

# Aycliffe Angel Sat on Barrel of Gunpowder

Emmy Dunn moved to Rose Lodge Care Home after Shafto House closed and we are pleased to report she has settled in well and is very happy with the care she is receiving.  
"The staff are very nice here and the food is excellent" said Emmy who at 93 years old is one of the oldest residents in Newton Aycliffe.  
She also has the distinction of being one of the first to move to the new town in 1948, and worked as an "Aycliffe Angel", during the war.  
She and her late husband James lived in the first pre-fab bungalows at Clarence Green and saw the first sod cut and the founding of Newton Aycliffe.  
She remembers working at the munitions factory and having to carry live detonators around, praying

as she walked! But Emmy was used to risk and after being asked if she would take a job in the gunpowder department jumped at the chance as she received an extra 5 shillings "danger money"!  
Once during a hot summer she opened the door and sat down to eat her lunch. She then heard the foreman swearing at her to get off the barrel of gun powder before it went off!  
Emmy can recall many such incidents and her tales have been recorded and printed by a University.  
She is still active and talkative, keeping everyone interested with her wonderful stories of life in Newton Aycliffe.  
Emmy had 3 children and her family consists of 10 Grandchildren 5 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.



The Mayor and Consort, Mary and Michael Dalton, met Emmy and her daughter on their recent visit to Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall.

# Aycliffe Puppy Wins "Pet Factor"



Dear Sir,  
I recently entered my Rottweiler puppy "Bentley" in the Pets at Home 'Pet Factor' competition on facebook. I had to post a photo and get as many people as possible to 'like' the picture.  
We entered the competition on the 5th August and had a set period to get as many votes as possible. There were pets from all over the area entering and I was so proud to hear he came 1st with 91 'likes'!  
The prize was a £25 voucher to spend in the store. Bentley had many followers in Newton Aycliffe and it would be great to show them how he did through our local newspaper. He is a beautiful puppy, now 12 weeks old and is our little superstar. Visit the pets at home link and you can see how well he did. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Pets-at-Home-Darlington/100995493326823>  
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If you are interested in joining a Quiz afternoon during the winter months please call Peter Beaty on 313924.

The Toddler Class is now not going ahead owing to circumstances beyond our control.

## Wife Kept First Romantic Letter

### DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Marjorie and Edward Hunter of Sunningdale celebrated 60 years of marriage this week, receiving a visit from the Mayor Mary Dalton who presented a bouquet of flowers and congratulations on behalf of the townspeople.

Marjorie was born in Oxford and Edward in Gateshead. They met in 1947 at a roller skating rink in Oxford while Edward was serving as an engineer stationed at Brize Norton. He wrote a letter to Marjorie



after their first meeting which she still keeps as a romantic reminder of their courtship.

They married in 1951 in Oxford and moved up to Gateshead in 1952. Not being able to afford a house of their own they lived with parents until 1958 when they moved to Whickham. The couple have two children Wendy a maths teacher and David a civil engineer who lives in Newcastle. There are 3 grandchildren Joe, Sam and James.

Marjorie and Edward moved to Newton Aycliffe in 2003 to be near their daughter as Edward suffers from a heart condition. Marjorie plays the piano and accordion and used to entertain in a concert group. Edward enjoyed bowls and played to a high standard. The family came together for a celebration party hosted by their daughter and son in law Mike. It was a musical occasion with entertainment provided by local group "The New Yorkers" of which Wendy is a member.

## 20p a Book Sale at The Cubby

The Cubby is holding a Book Sale on Thursday 1st September outside the premises from 9am - 12 noon.

Books will be on sale for only 20p each. While there drop in for refreshments at very reasonable prices.

## Police Authority Agree Budget Savings for 2012/13

2012/13 represents the second year of the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Force will receive further grant reductions.

At present, there is expected to be a deficit of £1.4m in 2012/13. These figures are derived from the latest Medium Term Financial Plan and assume that the existing expenditure patterns of the Authority and Force continue post May 2012 when the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners are expected.

The report outlined the actions taken to date to deliver £1.2m of expected non salary savings and agreed options which may be available to deliver the remaining £1.4m of savings. All areas of expenditure will need to be challenged and Managers who hold the budgets have been asked to identify ways to deliver the savings indicated. So far managers have identified a number of early wins, for

example, catering, review of custody provision has identified £12k pa savings following a procurement exercise.

This has been implemented from 18 July 2011 and ICT, lower tariffs have been agreed for mobile telephones, likely to achieve savings of approx £50,000 per annum. There could also be a saving due to less demand for training.

In response to a question from a Member of the Police Authority, at the Full Authority meeting, regarding training implications following the recent riots in the Metropolitan Police, the Chief Constable, Jon Stoddart assured members that there had been a rigorous examination of courses and that Durham had fulfilled its mutual aid commitment during the period of unrest, even though they had less resources. He added that he was confident that any changes would be absorbed within existing resources.

A proportion of the further £1.4m savings is expected to be delivered through the early retirement/voluntary redundancy process with the estimated savings for 2012/13 from these being £135,000, this figure should be increased throughout the year.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority commented: "Despite the financial pressures and uncertainties as a result of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review, Durham Constabulary continues to be one of the country's top performing police forces. Managing cuts is very challenging for the Authority and Constabulary. Managing cuts is very challenging for the Authority and Constabulary. It is now more important than ever that our diminishing resources are managed strategically, getting value for money in all areas of spend"

## Teenagers Swim "Channel" for Charity

Dear Sir  
In April you very kindly published an article about Simon Howe and his brother attempting to swim the length of the English Channel in Newton Aycliffe swimming pool during the Easter holidays.

This was much appreciated as it attracted other publicity. They managed to do the swim completing 1,416 lengths in less than two weeks, despite the centre being closed for Bank Holidays.

I would like to thank people for their donations and sponsorship and £445 was raised for Diabetes UK. After gift aid has been added this will be considerably more.

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Carolyn Howe

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## Planning Sub-Committee Meeting

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A meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

WEDNESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2011  
at 4.00p.m.

### QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. ([www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk))

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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# BELLWAY HELPS MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Big hearted house builder, Bellway has donated £2750 to Macmillan Cancer Support. Commenting upon the donation, Corporate Affairs Manager, Julian Kenyon, said: 'Cancer is a disease regrettably that touches far too many families, Macmillan Cancer Support is a tremendous organisation that works hard to support sufferers through their nurses and therapists to the

campaigners improving cancer care and we are delighted to help them in their cause.' Jane Curry from Macmillan Cancer Support said: We are very grateful to Bellway for this generous donation. One in three of us will get cancer and it's the toughest fight most of us will ever face. However the Macmillan team can support every step of the way and this donation makes that possible.

# Woodham Community Centre 25th Anniversary

# OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

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Expect to see the usual stalls, displays, demonstrations and a face painter. There is a Tombola Stall and valuable prizes in the raffle.

Come along and enjoy the celebrations - you may even get a bit of anniversary cake!

# Newtonian Celebrates Her 102nd Birthday



There's nothing Jessie Gibson likes better than a good game of scrabble – and of course, winning. Jessie remains as sharp as ever, even as she celebrated her 102nd birthday on Wednesday 24th August. "I've always enjoyed scrabble and the challenges it throws," said Jenny, who lives in Hawkshead Place. Her late husband George was a coal preparation engineer who was responsible for clearing up many of the spoil heaps in County Durham. They had two children who are both retired - Archdeacon Granville Gibson former Rector of

St. Clare's and Martin an engineer along with six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Jessie spent her early working years as a shirt dresser in Barnsley, Yorkshire, before going on to dedicate the remainder of her time to being a mother and housewife. To mark this special milestone, Jessie enjoyed a celebratory family lunch. The Vice Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Linda Marshall made a special visit to see 102 year old Jessie Gibson and present her with a basket of flowers to mark the occasion.

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## Expansion of Services at The Work Place

Angela Wilkinson, Manager at The Work Place on Aycliffe Business Park is announcing the start of a range of courses as part of a new strategy at the training centre, founded by Jane Ritchie three years ago. Angela who lives in Bishop Auckland worked with Jane for 24 years in various posts at Durham County Council and was appointed Manager of The Work Place a year ago. The unit has been affected by cutbacks and is looking at ways to maximise the potential of the premises by offering the venue for conferences and training courses. Among the changes is the re-opening of the Cafe to the general public. CCS Catering who have a thriving and reputable business in Barnard Castle, have taken over the kitchen and will be opening soon to offer a service to staff and visitors and to those local businesses who require an outdoor catering service.



## The Work Place Courses

### COURSES IN HEALTH & SAFETY, FIRST AID AND FOOD HYGIENE

**Emergency First Aid at Work** (1 day course)  
19th September, 17th October, 14th November 12th December. Cost £60

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**Food Safety Level 2** (1 day course)  
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**Health & Safety in the Workplace Level 2** (1 day course)  
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## I'M A CUSTOMER GET ME OUT OF HERE

Bank holiday Sunday sees five brave souls taking on "The Turbinia Bush-Tucker Challenge." Sponsored for charity, they will be fighting it out to see who can finish all the dishes put in front of them, and be declared "bush-tucker champion" Snacks are being kept secret and only known to GARY, but he says the competition will be the same as on T.V. (but was disappointed that "baked tarantula" was out of stock at one of the suppliers). Fun starts at 7.00pm and will be followed by "The Politically Incorrect Karaoke".

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## KDANZ RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL DISNEY SHOWCASE



Members of the KDANZ performance team have recently returned from Paris after performing at the Videopolis Stage in the centre of Disneyland! 115 people made the long journey over to Paris to watch 52 of the dancers fulfil their dreams of performing in such a prestigious place. The dancers; men women girls and boys, aged from 3 up to 40yrs old, wowed the crowd of over 500 as they performed to songs such as 'Eye of the Tiger', 'Black and Yellow and Glee'. The atmosphere was electric and the feedback from the crowd and backstage crew was that they were the best ones to perform that season! Principal Kay Jones said "It was such a privilege to

share such a momentous occasion with so many of our dance school. All the sleepless nights and paperwork was worth it!

It's not everyday you get to catch your dream 'n' make it shine! I just can't wait for our next big thing...sshh it's a secret though!"

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# Trying New Sports at the Oak Leaf



The Sports Courses at the Oak Leaf organised by the Town Council have been very popular with children who have learnt new skills and been introduced to different sporting activities including bowls, badminton, and archery

# Vindictive Attack on County Councillors

Dear Sir,  
I would like to respond to the vindictive letter by Councillor Warburton in last week's Newton News on Councillors travelling expenses.  
In defence of our County Councillors we need to put things into perspective and look at the facts. Since the formation of the Unitary Council our Councillors do not just travel back and forth to Durham. Unlike in the past they need to cover all of the former District Council areas with meetings held in Chester-le Street, Derwentside, (Consett) Easington, Sedgfield, Spennymoor (not easy to get to these days by bus), Wear Valley, (Crook) Teesdale, (Barnard Castle) and Durham City.

Most of the Aycliffe Councillors sit on committees held in those areas and I would like to see anybody get to meetings on time in those places when travelling by bus not to mention the the time involved. In reality the travel costs which did amount to £100,000 works out at £793.65p per member per year. It seems funny that the member who raised this Cllr. Mark Wilkes (Lib Dem represents

Framlegate Division) who could easily walk to County Hall but doesn't and claims his expenses. I don't think it is about saving money and unlike Cllr Warburton who portrays to be informing residents, in reality he is only being vindictive, like the rest in his Great Aycliffe Independents party.  
Did Councillor Warburton and others in his party not make any claims for expenses when on Sedgfield Borough Council which then only involved travelling to Spennymoor?  
Vince Crosby

# Local Toddler Group Cancelled

Dear Sir,  
3-4 weeks ago you kindly placed in your paper a letter from me in which I asked for donations of good toys for a baby and toddler group that I hoped to lead at my local community centre.  
In last week's edition a notice appeared informing people that this group will not now start.  
I received several toys and want to return them to the people who kindly donated them.  
Please phone Ann on 01325 315861  
Mrs. Ann Dunn

# COUNTY COUNCIL ERROR ON REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Sir,  
Please can I make your readers aware of the incorrect information provided by Durham County Council on the Register of Electors 2011/12.  
The FREEPHONE number given on the document should read 0500 125 7070. Please can I ask how a County Council that is in charge of big decisions can print a simple number incorrectly on a County-wide document? Was

anybody involved in the checking process?  
I attempted to provide my password eight times on the automated phone line and failed all eight times due to the confusing system that is in place.  
Please can I request that Durham County Council provide a more accessible system for the wider public that may wish to complete their Registration by telephone.  
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Counc. Bill Blenkinsopp

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# CHARITY SHOW FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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A spokesperson said "The evening will be full of music, dancing and laughter, something for all ages. There will be a Raffle too. All proceeds from the evening go to Cancer Research UK. So come along and enjoy an evenings entertainment and support a worthy cause too."  
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# Girls Launch Charity Calendar



The Calendar Girls with Sylvia Gaunt the remaining founding family member of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research

Ten brave girls from Newton Aycliffe launched their saucy calendar at Hardwick Hall last weekend. The Forget Me Not calendar, which costs just £6.25 including postage and packaging, is to raise cash for Leukaemia & Lymphoma research. The 10 girls, dubbed the Banana Army after doing a lot of their charity stunts in bright yellow t-shirts, have embarked on an ambitious six-month fundraising drive to raise cash for the charity, raising £4,000 in the last four months. Sylvia Gaunt, the remaining founding family member of Leukaemia & Lymphoma

Research, was at last Sunday's launch. Now they're hoping the eye-catching calendar will add to their coffers. "We're all proud of one another," said Karen Everson, 34, one of the organisers. "We've all done our bit in raising a lot of money up to now, and hopefully this calendar will go a long way to helping us reach our target. "We have 2,000 copies for sale and we'd be delighted to see them all sold, so we're appealing to the people of Newton Aycliffe for support. "Most of the girls involved in the calendar have been touched by cancer in some

way, so this is our personal tribute to being able to make a difference." The calendar features sophisticated, demure and black and white shots provided free of charge by Melanie Kemp of Photography for Little People. It has also been sponsored by Hooker & Young and The Consultancy, with tanning and make-up provided free by the Tanning and Beauty Academy, and it has been approved and endorsed by Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. The nine other girls joining Karen in the calendar, mostly from Newton Aycliffe, are Jaime Hume, 34, Jules Baxter, 35, Natalie Bowker, 32, Julie-Ann Mavin, 35, Stacey O'Donnell, 23, Eleanor Wilkes, 34, Sharon Darter, 28, Emma Wilson,

33, and Andrea Byles, 29. It can be bought online from [www.bananaarmy2011.co.uk](http://www.bananaarmy2011.co.uk), with all proceeds going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research is the only UK charity solely dedicated to research into blood cancers, including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. These cancers are diagnosed in around 28,500 children, teenagers and adults in the UK every year. With no government funding they rely entirely on voluntary support and need to raise £120 million in the next five years to continue this lifesaving research. Further information, including patient information booklets, is available from [www.beatbloodcancers.org](http://www.beatbloodcancers.org) or on 020 7405 0101.

# KDANZ STARTS BACK IN SEPTEMBER

KDANZ School has been running for over 10 years, and has just recently moved to School Aycliffe Community Hall. KDANZ caters for all ages and abilities, boys and girls. Registration night for this term is Thursday 8th September 2011 at 5pm. This year's timetable is the fullest yet offering Street, Dance, Tap, Ballet and Break Dance for all ages and abilities. KDANZ will also be holding auditions for gymnastics, cheerleading, singing, acting. NEW CLASSES include an adult fitness class, mixing all your favourite stay fit classes into one. Zumba, boot camp, cardio combat, interval training, and power all combined for those fitness freaks and anyone who wants to shape up!! Those elite dancers who feel they have that something special and would like to train for the XXL Streetdance championships

need to contact Kay to arrange an audition. Classes are reasonably priced and all teachers are fully qualified, CRB, and experienced. Discounts available for siblings. If you would like more information or book a place please come along on Thursday 8th September 5pm or call Kay on 07900 365892

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## It's not Wind Farming It's Subsidy Farming!

Dear Sir,  
This Wind Farm issue is driving me absolutely mad, the more scientific research I collate from Eon, Netz, German, Danish Irish and Norway Government sources, the more it all points to the same:  
1. That the intermittency of wind and thus unreliability means Carbon burning Power Stations running purely on Spinning reserve as back-up for when the wind isn't blowing or blowing too hard. This means that for every installed windfarm we are actually producing more CO2, not less, so where is the saving in emissions?  
2. That fat cats are getting rich on the subsidies - look at Nick Clegg's wife joining a windfarm company. Who else is profiteering?  
3. That this is all just a sop to justify new nuclear power stations, but please can we just have the nuclear power stations, without the Wind farm corruption?

4. Denmark and Germany has not reduced actual CO2 emissions, Spain has stopped Wind Farm subsidies, Norway won't accept it, and Japan has limited it.  
5 We can't blame the Generators like Eon, they, like Centrica warned the government that it was a senseless waste, and they only go along with it because by buying ROCs from Wind farms they own, they get the Credits to prevent them paying penalties for not meeting ridiculous targets.  
Why do our brainless morons in Parliament insist on this ridiculous charade? No CO2 emissions saved, huge profits to Landowners and Generators through Renewables Obligations Certificates and Feed in Tariffs - all paid for by us, the electricity consumer, irrespective of ability to pay. It's not Wind Farming, its subsidy farming  
Arun M Chandran

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 7th September 2011

**Environment Committee**  
**7.15pm**  
Followed by the Recreation Committee

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## Cup Winning Rugby Club Seeks Players



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club, Durham County Cup Winners this year are looking to strengthen their teams and invite former and new players to come down to the Training Ground at Moore Lane.

Training is on Mondays and Thursdays 7pm till 9pm and you will receive a great welcome from an enthusiastic bunch of men.

The club has excellent facilities including a physiotherapist, great coaching and physical training team, not to mention a fantastic social side which comes with a successful club. Contacts for more details: Chairman: 07737582843, Coach: 07951157291, Captain: 07891491059, Club Captain: 07901606767, Secretary: 07732268714. Website: www.aycliffe\_rugby.co.uk

## BANK HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

Tournament at Oak Leaf

Oak Leaf Sports Complex is bringing back its famous Bank Holiday Football Tournament on August 29th starting at 10.00am. Do you want to be one of the 8 lucky teams to play? Then contact Gordon on 07595598349 or Andy on 07969460955 to book your place.

Why not bring the family and make a day of it? They can watch you play from our viewing area in the Bar, or go and play in our secure park. Then you can all enjoy a relaxing drink and something to eat. Bar opens at 11.00am.

## Proud Moment for Aycliffe Steel Boss



The FA Cup brought a special cause to celebrate for local steel boss John Finley.

The managing director of family-run firm Finley Structures sponsored Newton Aycliffe FC's latest new stand earlier this year to enable their promotion to the Northern League first division.

And when the world's most famous trophy paid a visit to Moore Lane Park at Aycliffe Sports Club last week, John took some of his father's football mementos along for good measure.

John and his son Gary are pictured next to the stand for which they supplied the steel. The stand was named after John's father William, who played for various clubs at Northern League level in the 1940's and 50's, including Black Hall, Lanchester, Bishop, Ushaw Moor, Brandon and Esh

Winning Albion, winning 19 trophies.

John and Gary are pictured with all of the trophies alongside the FA Cup, after the famous old trophy paid a visit at Aycliffe's ground to celebrate their first-ever game in the FA Cup at home to Billingham Synthonia.

John said: "My dad would have been as proud as Punch to see his trophies alongside the FA Cup and the stand being named in his memory."

Aycliffe won the Northern League second division title last season, and their FA Cup game against Synners was the first-ever in their 46-year history.

John added: "We're proud to be involved in supporting the local football club.

"Their progress over the last few seasons has been tremendous and we wish them all the very best of luck for years to come."

## YOUR LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE LOCAL SPORTS PERSONALITIES

Only a few days left to find sporting stars, inspirational coaches and unsung heroes for the Sedgefield Sports Awards. The aim is to recognise individuals and clubs who have excelled in this sporting year, as well as recognising the unsung heroes who work hard behind the scenes to ensure their club survives and delivers quality coaching. The local awards evening will take place at Woodham Golf Club on 20 September 2011. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 31 August 2011.

Winners from this event compete for the county title for their category at the County Durham Sport Partnership Awards Dinner at the Ramside Hall Hotel

on Thursday 13 October.

The categories for the 2011 awards are:

Coach of the Year; Young Coach of the Year (under 21); Sports Club of the Year; Junior Sports Club of the Year; Sporting Achievement of the Year; Young Sporting Achievement; Contribution to Sport; Volunteer of the Year; Young Volunteer of the Year (under 21), Primary and Secondary Contribution to PE and School Sport; Physical Activity Achievement of the Year; and Contribution to Physical Activity.

For a nomination form email helen.tones@durham.gov.uk or nominate online at www.countydurhamsport.com

## RIDERS SOUGHT FOR LAKE DISTRICT 100 CYCLE CHALLENGE

New cycling challenge, the Lake District 100, will take place at the end of this summer and children's charity Action Medical Research is calling for riders to sign up now for this one day cycling event in the UK on Sunday, September 25. The circular, on road 100-mile ride sets out from Fitz Park, Keswick, taking in fantastic scenery as riders cycle alongside several lakes, including Derwentwater, Buttermere, Ullswater and Thirlmere.

They will also tackle some great climbs, such as Honister Pass, through Newlands to Whinlatter Pass and then later on Kirkstone Pass, although there are also some "flatter" sections to "rest" the legs a little.

The event is fully supported, with feed stations, buffet lunch, free massage, bike mechanic, and chip timing. It is part of the charity's popular RIDE100 Series of

over 20 one-day bike rides taking place in stunning cycling locations around the UK.

Cyclists participating in the Lake District 100 will be raising money to help fund medical research into conditions affecting babies and children. Research currently being supported by Action Medical Research includes work around premature birth, cerebral palsy, meningitis and epilepsy, as well as some very rare and distressing conditions that severely affect children.

Among the research the charity is funding are a number of projects in Newcastle, including two where the researchers are investigating brain cancer in young children and another project looking into premature labour.

For more information about the Lake District 100 and to register, visit the website action.org.uk/lakedistrict

  
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#### Friday 9th September - The 80's Experience

The best disco party ever. Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95

#### Friday 16th September - North East Annual Oyster Festival

featuring Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet

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featuring Danyl Johnson from X Factor

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**Arun Chandran on Wind Farms**

Why do utilities generally support wind as a renewable power source? Actually, they don't.

In Japan, utilities severely limit the amount of wind power on their systems, because, "introducing too much of the electricity, whose supply can fluctuate wildly, can cause problems for utilities' power grids.

If there is no wind, the utilities must rely entirely on other facilities. Even when wind power can satisfy all of the demand, they must continue operating thermal generators to be ready for any abrupt shortfalls in wind power."

utilities must buy a specified proportion of their power from renewable sources or buy credits equal to their shortfall. As long as they can say that, for example, 20% of their power comes from wind, it doesn't matter if they're burning as much non-renewable fuel as ever to back it up.

Most importantly, however, "green credits"

are generated in addition to actual electricity. They are tokens of the renewable energy already sold but are much more valuable. Burdened with the directive to buy renewable energy, utilities want to be a part of wind power development so they can share in the lucrative sale of the credits.

## ROTARY CLUB HELP TESCO'S CHARITY



Members of the Rotary Club helped Tesco with their charity collection last weekend in aid of Alzheimers. This was to repay Tesco for the help and support they give to Rotary.

## Consultation Trick No. 4: The 'Difficult-to-Get-to' Venue

It may be true that Eon genuinely want to find out what people think about their windfarm proposals. Being cynical, however, it is also true that they will not be allowed to make the application for their windfarm unless they can demonstrate that they have held a meaningful consultation. To be fair to Eon, consultations are notoriously poorly-attended - for example, the recent

exhibition on the County Durham Plan drew only 6 visitors all day.

That would be the kind of consultation Eon would LOVE. A lukewarm response would allow them to claim, not only that they tried to consult, but that local people did not seem too concerned about the proposed windfarm - i.e. they will represent the lack of response as tacit approval. (It will also allow them to portray the group of people who ARE vocally opposing the windfarm as NIMBY extremists, out-of-touch with the general public opinion.)

This is why many windfarm consultations are held - not in the place which is being directly affected by the wind turbines - but 'out-of-town'. You'll be told that the local venue was 'unsuitable', and that the chosen venue was better.

Better, presumably, because it ensures that as few people as possible attend.

Indeed, better still for the company if the venue is not on a regular bus route. Such a location ensures that the people who do attend are car-owning, and therefore richer and more middle-class.

Middle class visitors are perceived as more polite and more persuadable. They are also more likely (ironically, since they have driven

there in their gas-guzzling 4x4s) to be pro-windpower, and they will not be so frightened at the prospect of double-price wind-produced electricity.

We heard of one consultation which was held, not in the affected village, but in a hall away from the area, where most of the day's visitors comprised a ladies' exercise class (who all agreed that they approved of wind power).

It will therefore not surprise you to hear that Eon are NOT holding a meeting in Mordon. Or that, for consultation purposes, they are representing Aycliffe as an 'outer zone', not directly-affected by the development.

**What can we do about this?**

Hopefully, of course, you will attend the consultation at the Xcel Centre on 8 September and tell Eon's representatives that you oppose the windfarm. But if you are unable to attend the consultation, email Eon at theisles@eon-uk.com and tell them that you were unable to have your say because the venue was inaccessible, and that therefore in your opinion the consultation process was flawed.

If enough people were to do this, it would disqualify the application.

John D. Clare



Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training had a good four wicket win at home to Belmont in the top division of the North East Durham League.

The visitors batted first and were bowled out for 138 after 44.1 overs thanks to excellent bowling from Dave Turgoose, who finished with 4 for 45 and Dave Atkinson, who removed the first three Belmont batsmen, finishing with 3 for 35.

In reply Aycliffe's opening batsmen Luke Telford smashed his third half century of the season, which also took him past the notable seasonal landmark of 500 runs.

Telford's opening partner Sean Morgan supported well with 19, but Aycliffe suffered a batting collapse losing six wickets in quick succession. However, captain Chris Palmer and

Dave Turgoose ensured that there would be no more scares as the pair safely took Aycliffe to victory in the 33rd over with unbeaten scores of 43 and 15 respectively.

The club's under 13's team finished their season with a much improved display, but still lost by 27 runs away at Yarm. There were good individual performances from Sam Morgan (3 wickets) and Sam Dawson (2 wickets) and Patrick Howe, who top scored with 12 runs and a good contribution from Josh Pearson with 9 runs.

The under 11's finished their league season with an exciting 6 run win away at Billingham Synthonia and special mention must go to Adam Lamb, Sam Dawson, Dillon Tribley and Jamie Stead who all batted superbly for Aycliffe.



## AYCLIFFE FC TAKE THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

Aycliffe Chairman Gary Farley is insisting the club will bounce back from their disappointing FA Cup defeat last weekend.

The Newtonians were humbled by Billingham Synthonia in their first-ever game in the competition, losing 7-2 at Moore Lane Park.

But Farley (pictured) is confident the club will recover from the set-back, with Aycliffe still settling into their very first Northern League top-flight campaign.

"Of course it was a huge let-down," he admitted. "After all the hype it was disappointing for everyone. We were comprehensively beaten by the better team on the day.

"But, for me, it's how we respond which is important, and that will demonstrate the character of our squad.

"Last year the FA Vase exit was similarly disappointing, but when we got it out our system we went on a great run.

"This year it will be much tougher to do that in the first division, but we hope to get back on track and if we don't, it certainly won't be because of a lack of effort."

Aycliffe enjoyed a bumper crowd of 330 for last Saturday's FA cup encounter, and Farley added: "The support has been fantastic. The fans never let us down.

"We had a massive crowd for the friendly game with Darlington again and then to get 330 for Saturday's game was brilliant."

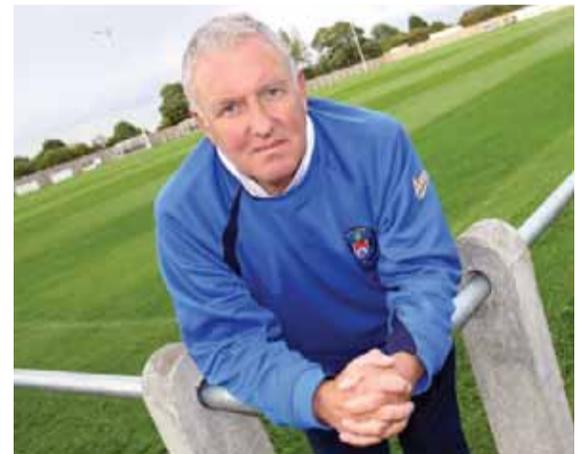
Farley is keen to stress that the main focus for this year will be ensuring the club is a first division outfit come the end of the season.

In a feature interview in Aycliffe's award-winning match programme for Wednesday night's game at home to Bedlington Terriers, the chairman and assistant manager said: "A good season would be consolidation. We want to establish ourselves as a first division side.

"Of course, it would be nice to have a run in one of the cups and have another big crowd for our FA Vase game with Shildon, but consolidating our first division status is this year's aim."

Fred Woodhouse earned the honour of being the club's first goalscorer in the FA Cup last Saturday, but by the time he found the net it was a mere consolation, as Aycliffe trailed 5-0 at the time.

Daniel Earl grabbed a hat-trick for the visitors, with further goals by David Hillerby, James Magowan, Michael Cater



and Kieran Edwards securing Synthonia's safe passage to the preliminary qualifying round.

Josh Gray scored Aycliffe's second direct from a corner as the game neared its conclusion, but the meekness of the celebrations summed up the deflated atmosphere among the club's supporters.

Team: Spence, Craddock, Owen, Oliver, Peck, Tarling, Broom, Gardner, Robson, B Wood, Gray. Subs used: Mellanby, Woodhouse, Campbell. Unused: McMullen.

• Aycliffe entertain Billingham Town in the league this Saturday (August 27) followed by their Bank Holiday derby at Bishop Auckland on Monday (1pm kick-off). They then face a hectic September schedule of five home games in the month, as well as midweek trip to Norton.

### FIXTURES

- Saturday 27th August: Billingham Town (H) 3pm
- Monday 29th August: Bishop Auckland (A) 1pm
- Saturday 3rd September: South Shields (H), 3pm
- Wednesday 7th September: Norton & Stockton (A) 7.30pm
- Saturday 10th September: Shildon (H), FA Vase R1Q, 3pm
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Throughout our Network we managed to collect over 10,000 Bra's which made a huge difference to the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their 'support' including Sadie the Bra Lady and special thanks to Lisa Paget Chapman from Newton Aycliffe and her customers from her Hair Salon. Thank you all until next time.

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# COUNCILLOR TOLD: "PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH"

Dear Sir,  
I read with amusement Cllr Warburton's letter on County Councillor's expenses in last week's issue. It is obvious he does not have the slightest idea of how a County Councillor works. He seems to think all Aycliffe Councillors do is "pop through to Durham" for the occasional meeting - all of us together. Nothing could be further from the truth as there is only two meetings a month which we all attend: the Labour Group Meeting and the Full Council. We are all on different Committees, so we all go our separate ways. I travel to Barnard Castle, Crook and Spennymoor for Development Control. I also serve on Corporate Parenting and travel all

over the County on monthly inspections of children's homes. Those Councillors on Police and Fire Authorities do the same - some bus rides eh? I can never remember Council Warburton getting the bus to Spennymoor when he served on Sedgefield Borough Council. He got a lift as he does not drive, and the driver received expenses for taking him there! Practice what you preach Alan and may I remind you that Durham County Council provide bus passes, so to coin his phrase: "someone has to pay, nothing is free!" If you must put letters in Newton News please be sure of your facts, but if you think long enough you may come up with something you actually know about!

Enid Paylor,  
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Dear Sir,  
Sometime either late Sunday night or very early Monday morning, someone destroyed the garden lights we had in our front garden in Gilpin Road. This is a warning to others to watch out for these mindless vandals. I will pray for the person responsible as they are obviously in need of moral guidance. Great Aycliffe once had a reputation for beautiful floral eco-friendly roundabouts, now we see non-eco-friendly roundabouts appearing with artificially coloured pebbles in psychedelic patterns with weeds pushing their way through. Christopher Palmer

## FLOWER DEMONSTRATOR

Shildon and District Flower Club will meet on Monday, 5th September, at the Civic Hall, Shildon. The demonstrator is Lee Berrill from Northampton his demonstration is entitled Flights of Fancy and will begin at 7.30pm. All are welcome, the entry for non members is £4.00 to be paid at the door.

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPH



Photo by Colin Grainger

## OBITUARY

**JOHNNY CROXSON** - 20th August, peacefully at home. Johnny (AKA the Vicar), aged 77 years. Beloved Husband of Margaret, sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral to be held on Monday 5th September. Friends please meet for the Service in St. Clare's Church at 1.30pm. Followed by interment in Stephenson Way Cemetery.

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26th August 2011

# Agnew Centre NEWS

The AGNEW Community Centre are having a Table Top Sale on Sunday 18th September at 11am to 2pm for the public and open to sellers from 9-30am. Tables are still only £5 and the first cuppa is on the house. To book your Table ring Margaret on 319857 or 07910 058891

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## In Memoriam

**KENNET INNES.** 28th August 2006. Loving memories of a dear Husband and Dad. Remember you always, forget you never. Your loving Wife Brenda, Linda and Rob xxx

# Youthy Wins Art Award



Budding young animators from Newton Aycliffe and Durham Positive Futures won this year's 'Youth Work That Works' Award for the Sedgefield Area with two short films they created based on their experiences of living in Newton Aycliffe. The young people who are all aged between 13 and 17

and attend Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre spent six months working on the films. Artists from The Forge teamed up with Youth Workers from the centre to teach the girls animation techniques to bring to life their experiences of life as a young girl in Newton Aycliffe.

They were given the opportunity to use cameras to film their stories and were shown how to create storyboards to plan and sequence a film and got the chance to act in their creations as well as learning editing, directing and exhibiting skills. The films, 4EVA Fighting,

a film about differing attitudes to fighting and Never Walk Alone, a film about staying safe, were showcased at the Youth Centre back in March this year.

Those who took part were: Amy Swainston, Ashleigh Barker, Becca Gibbon, Catherine Jackson, Chelcie Braithwaite, Courtney Jenkins, Jess Reed, Kayleigh Simpson, Kelly Keane, Kim Hindmarch, Lauren Welch, Leah Oxley, Paige Braithwaite, Staci Richardson, Toni Mcmillan, Zara Peek.

## Births

### Christopher and Becky Bray



**Congratulations** on the safe arrival of "Layla Rose". A Sister for Poppy. Lots of love from Grandma Christine, Grandad William and Great Grandma xxx

### Poppy Denton Stonehouse



Born 22nd August 2011. Congratulations to Lee and Lauren on the birth of Poppy. All our love, Mam and Dad Stonehouse, Mam, Andy, Auntie Kyla, Thomas, Uncle Ryan, Auntie Lisa and Cousin Brooke xxx

### Congratulations Joanne and Gavin



**Congratulations** Joanne and Gavin on the birth of baby "Thomas" born on 16th August 2011. He is absolutely gorgeous., Lots of love, Mam, dad, Craig, Nanna and Grandad xxx

**KENT** Congratulations Samantha and Mike on the birth of our lovely Grandson "Harry". Born 16th August 2011. Brother for Olivia. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Christopher, Chairmain and Katie xxx  
**KENT** Congratulations Mike and Sam on the birth of your beautiful Son "Harry James", weighing 7lb 13oz on 16th August. Brother for Olivia. Lots of love, Grandma, Grandad and family xxx

## Thank You

**DAVE MASON** Thank you Dave of Sureway Driving School for getting me through my driving test, first time. Harley  
**ETHEL** and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kindness shown in the her sad loss of George

## Congratulations & Birthdays

**COREENA PURDIE** Happy 50th birthday Mom. Love from Jonathan and Andrew

**COREENA PURDIE** Happy 50th birthday to a wonderful Mom and Nanna from Lindsay, Paul, Nathan and Sophie

**IAN HANNAH** Happy 40th birthday on 30th August. Now you have something to moan about. Have a great day, love from Mam, Dad and Bonnie xxx

**REBECCA BRADLEY** All of our love and best wishes for your 30th birthday on 25th August. Have a brilliant day. Lots of love from Carrie, Neil, Sam, Joe and Louis xxxxx

**LAUREN ELIZABETH INGHAM.** Congratulations on obtaining your degree, we are very proud of you. Good luck on your trip to Australia We will miss you loads, love Mam, Phil, Peter & Jenny xxxxx

**BEN WAINWRIGHT.** Congratulations on achieving your A-level results and your place at Stirling University. Good luck Son, we are so proud. Love, Mam, Dad, Sam and all the family. Will be quiet without you!

## Birthday Remembrance

**MICHAEL HANNAH** A few days in our lives, a lifetime in our hearts. Would have been 40 on 30th August. Love from Mam, Dad and family

**JOHN GASKARTH** 23rd August 1933. Birthday wishes to our Dad. Loved you yesterday, love you still. Dad, we always will. Your loving family

**BILLY BLACK** 28/8/1932 to 7/6/2004. Thinking of you today and every day. No present to give, no card to send, but my love for you will never end. All my love, your loving Wife, Mena xxx

**BILLY BLACK** 28/8/1932 to 7/6/2004. Dad. Thinking of you on your birthday, today and every day. Always in our thoughts and hearts. Love you always, Daughter Sharon and Sons David and Philip xxx

**JULIE REED** A dear Daughter. No words were ever written, no words will ever say, how much we love and miss you on this your special day. Love you forever. Mam and Dad

**JOHN REDHEAD** 31st August. I mention your name, I speak of you often. God bless you dear Dad, you are not forgotten. Love, Joan xxx

**TOM SMITH** 1st September 1931. Happy 80th birthday. We all miss you greatly. Love, Norah x. Love you always. Jenny x. Love, Carol, Dan, and Gareth. Love, Bria and Katie x

### Karen Bainbridge (nee Dennison)



**Happy 50th Birthday Kazza**  
Love from them neighbours across the road xxx

### Mum and Dad



**Happy 40th Birthday Anniversary**  
Lots of love, Alyson, Michael, Chloe and Evie xxx

### Bingo! Our Winnie is top of the Shop today!



**Happy 90th Birthday**  
31st August 2011  
Happy birthday Mam. Love, Voni and Richard. Happy 90th Nana. All our love, Angela and Nigel

### Rebecca Bradley



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
25th August 2011  
Hope you have a great birthday and a good time in London. Loads of love from Mam, Ernie, Rachel and Jordan xxx

### Coreena Purdie



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
3rd September 2011  
Lots of love from Mam and Dad

### Sam Stevenson



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
26th August 2011  
Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Gemma, Baxter, Sandy and all your family

### Finley Jose



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
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