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## Town Doctors Say Keep Shafto House

Dear Sir,  
 As one of the biggest GP Practices in Newton Aycliffe we are profoundly dismayed to learn that Shafto House Care Home is being considered for closure as a cost cutting measure. We wish to strongly register our support for this excellent facility and would request reconsideration of this decision.  
 As GPs in this town we have more than 60 collective years experience and have never failed to be impressed with

the care offered to patients at Shafto House. The dedication and professionalism of the staff that work there has been built up over many years, and is not something that can be simply transferred from one location to another. Closure of this Home can only diminish the quality of care for the many elderly residents of this area, and we would urge again that this be reviewed.  
 Dr R Pounder, Dr A Clarke, Dr C Heath, Dr G Walker, Dr C Scott

## SHOULD COUNCIL CONVERT SHAFTO HOUSE TO CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE?

### TWO COUNCILLORS BRAVE ONSLAUGHT AT PUBLIC MEETING

Over 100 people attended the Public Meeting called by Great Aycliffe Residents Association last week to discuss The eight County Councillors representing the town were invited, but only Joan Gray, Dorothy Bowman, Paul Gittins and Mike Dixon were present to listen to the views of residents.

Mike Dixon was the only one who made any effort to put the County case and with Peter Brookes a Councillor from Trimdon made a Presentation giving the Council's facts and figures which prompted the closure proposal.

The other Councillors observed, but kept tight lipped throughout the debate. It was thought their silence was due to the erroneous belief that if they spoke on the issue they would be barred from voting at the end of the consultation. Chairman Syd Howarth thanked the two Councillors for bravely tackling the subject with an hostile audience who were under the impression that whatever the outcome of the consultation, the County Council had already made a decision to close Shafto House. The two Councillors stressed the decision was not made and it was a genuine consultation in which everyone should take part.

However people have to download the report and answer a questionnaire or attend an AAP Meeting for which they have to register. There was criticism that this would not produce a full and proper consultation.

The Council seem to be targeting those people who are most concerned when it should involve the whole town. A referendum with a return form was suggested which could be left at the Leisure Centre or other public buildings. If you simply asked the question "Should Shafto House close" the majority will say no! The answers to the loaded questions can be misinterpreted and manipulated.

Experts on the danger of moving elderly people from Care Homes had travelled over 250 miles to attend the meeting. Yvonne Hossack a solicitor acting for clients affected by local authority proposals gave startling facts on the impact and mortality of elderly people in care homes, being forced to move out.

Other speakers including the Town Centre Chaplain, Pam Lovelass, gave impassioned pleas to County Councillors not to take this step and think very carefully about the vulnerable people and staff of Shafto House who will be affected by the closure.

One of the best suggestions from the meeting was that Shafto House become a Centre of Excellence for Care for the Elderly in Newton Aycliffe. In addition to permanent residency it could offer respite care, day care and other support services. Newton Aycliffe is the largest town in the Unitary Authority area and something is needed.

The Residents Association Committee were pleased with the number of people who turned out, satisfied the public meeting they arranged would attract more than the AAP Meeting where registration to attend was required.

Chairman Syd Howarth said: "We have given people an opportunity to hear the reasons behind the proposal and to express their opinions verbally. We are grateful to Councillors Mike Dixon and Peter Brookes the only councillors prepared to make the presentation. Without their presence other Councillors there would have been in a very difficult situation. The meeting was difficult enough to manage, but without these two Councillors ready to answer questions, it could have got out of hand."

"The Association wish to record their thanks to Fr. Campion and members of St. Mary's Church for the use of their premises. The Church provides a valuable service and is becoming a focal point for community action. Its availability as a venue, centrally situated, is much appreciated" added Syd.

## NEWTONIAN WINS SINGING COMPETITION AT FIRST ATTEMPT



Hannah Bussey aged 9, entered her first ever singing competition at the Darlington Festival for Performing Arts on Saturday 6th March at Carmel RC College Darlington.

The competition was open to everyone up to 12yrs old and she beat everyone to win first place and take "The Philip & Isobella Bethall Trophy. Hannah sang a lovely version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's song 'My Favourite Things' from 'The Sound of Music'.

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Everyone is most welcome to attend our Meetings on a Monday evening at 7pm in the Agnew Community Centre. An SLU Lyceum is held on a Tuesday evening. Our website is [www.newtonaycliffespiritualistchurch.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffespiritualistchurch.co.uk) with full details of our events. President Ann Marshall CSNU can be contacted on 01325 313654 [www.newtonaycliffe\\_spiritualistchurch.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffe_spiritualistchurch.co.uk) with full details of our events.

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## COUNCIL MUST LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE

Dear Sir,

I was at the well-attended meeting in Newton Aycliffe on Thursday evening to listen to the presentation given by representatives of Durham County Council over the issue of care homes in the County. Having listened to all the speakers, it was impossible not to be affected by the passion and the anger felt by the people of Newton Aycliffe over the potential closure of Shafto House. Speaker after speaker emphasised the quality of care being offered by the staff working in Shafto House and that is what the debate is about; care. This is the third time Shafto House has been

threatened by the Labour administration in County Hall and this time Durham County Council have to show that they are listening to the people of Newton Aycliffe and any

'consultation' process, must fully address the understandable concerns of both the staff and in particular the residents. Alan Thompson Lib Dem PPC

## Schools Engineering Challenge at Xcel

For the third year, South Durham Engineering & Manufacturing Forum (SDEMF) has been working with 5 Schools located in South West Durham to design key elements of a bespoke transport system for the 2012 Olympic Village.

64, Year 9 students from Woodham CTC, Ferryhill BEC, St John's RC School, Tudhoe Grange & Spennymoor School attended extracurricular sessions over a 13 week period, commencing beginning of November 2009. Industrial Mentors from SDEMF Member Companies visited the schools on a weekly basis to work with the students to design and manufacture fully automated transporter bridges and remote controlled vehicles.

The aim of the Engineering Challenge is to promote careers in Engineering and also allow the students to experience the exacting demands of the Engineering

and Manufacturing sector. By working closely with the Industrial Mentors, the students were able to experience many different aspects of Engineering such as Design, Electronics and Fabrication.

The Grand Final was held on the 2nd March at the new Xcel Conferencing Centre and was a huge success. Judges' from SDEMF Member Companies gave expert opinion on the teams work to determine the winning school.

The final result was extremely close with St Johns retaining their title and only just beating Woodham to first place by 20 points, closely followed by Spennymoor/Tudhoe in 3rd and Ferryhill in 4th.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the competition having learned new skills, made new friends but most importantly equipped themselves with ideas to help them make informed decisions about their futures.



## Newton News Appeal to Help Martin Walk

Martin Kpanou was struck down with Polio in his early teens. This affected his legs in such a way that it was not only very uncomfortable, but limited his mobility. Since January 2009 Martin, his wife Brigitte and their son Constantin have lived in the St John of God Hospital at Tanguieta in North Benin while surgeons tried to improve his condition. Unfortunately they could only straighten one of his legs and amputated the other. Over the last year Martin has endured many more operations and will remain in Hospital until September 2010.

During the next six months he will undergo strenuous physio sessions to enable him to walk with the aid of a prosthetic leg and crutches. This is a huge improvement to the situation that Martin was in before his operation, only able to move around in a wheelchair (with his legs sticking forward and backward) or shuffling along the ground with his hands or on a skate board.

Before entering the hospital at Tanguieta, Martin was enrolled in a Government run College for Disabled adults in Benin. Martin was taught to weave on a traditional loom to run his own business. On completion of his one year residential course, Martin and other residents were presented with the equipment needed to continue their chosen career in the local community, with the college acting as a co-operative for the sale of goods they manufactured, sold at a fair price to the general public. Because Martin has been in hospital for the last 12 months and been unable to



work his hospital bill has been steadily growing. The overall cost of Martin's operations, physiotherapy and accommodation whilst in hospital is approximately £10,000. The West Africa Trust have a few benefactors who are willing to put so much towards the expense, but we do have a shortfall and ask for your help in completing this worthy cause. Any amount would be welcome and 100% of your donation is guaranteed to go to Martin's welfare.

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## DISNEY COMES TO SHILDON

Young Thespians aged 8 to 11 years take to the stage for their first ever musical, at the Civic Hall, Shildon later this month. C.A.T.S. Youth Theatre group present "The Disney Show" on Thursday, Friday, 25th, 26th March, 7.30pm, with one final performance Sunday 28th March at 2pm. A spokesperson for the group said "The young people have worked very hard over the last 3 months creating this show, their first musical, which has all the Disney songs and characters in it, like, Snow White, Mary Poppins, Aladdin, Hannah Montana, Cinderella, and many more. Amongst the cast of 43, are local girls and boys from Newton Aycliffe, Hannah Day, Courtney Fawcett, Aidan Robson, Madalyn Patrick, Alysha Patis, Amy Cooper, Andrew Stone, and Emily Lee". Tickets are priced £4 Adults, £2-50 Children and Concessions, and can be pre-booked by ringing 01388 774838. [www.cats-theatre.co.uk](http://www.cats-theatre.co.uk)

## Megan Needs Votes for Teen Queen



Megan Harrison (14) was spotted by Model Academy "Fresh" while on a school trip to Birmingham last December. She was entered in a competition and has made it through to the finals. You can see her with the other finalists on the Miss Fresh Teen website for the second heat. The experience has interested Megan in a modelling career when she leaves school and we wish her well. You can vote for her on your landline 0901 331200 adding her number '16' for a cost of 50p. You can also text your vote.

## Family Receive Military Badge from M.P.



M.P. Phil Wilson applied for the Normandy Bar on behalf of Veteran Reg Dalton wife of current Mayor Mary. Unfortunately Reg died suddenly two days later, just before Christmas. It was a great shock to everyone, but Mary with great courage continued her Mayoral duties with Michael taking his Father's role as Consort. Proudly Mary and Michael received the medal recently when Phil Wilson visited their home to present the special badge to commemorate Reg's part as a Tank Driver in the Normandy Landings. It was in a liberated Dutch village that Reg first met Mary in 1944. "Mary said: "He stopped his tank near our house so we asked him in for coffee and a meal. I met him every day for about three weeks and when he left he said he would be writing." The romance blossomed and the couple married in Sowerby, North Yorkshire, where Reg lived. They started their married life together in Thirsk and retired to live in Newton Aycliffe in 1999, close to Michael. "He was very proud of his military past and we were very proud of him." said Mary. Michael added: "I was honoured to wear his medals at his funeral and I will be very proud to wear the Normandy Bar on his behalf. I'm sure my brother, Jan, would be too."

## OPEN LETTER TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Sir,  
I read with interest the article reminding Councillors on 'The rules on 'predetermination' which result in the need to exclude from the decision making process any member who has demonstrated that they have reached a firm conclusion before the relevant meeting'. Whilst understanding the concerns of those who see this as a gagging order I would like your confirmation that Councillor Mike Dixon will be excluded from the process given that I believe his letter published in the Newton News of 12th February 2010 clearly demonstrates his belief that that Shafto House should close. The article also refers to presentations being made at Area Action Partnerships Meetings - surely if these presentations are part of the consultation process they should be open public meetings and be widely advertised and accessible to all. I look forward to your response Maureen Osborn

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## WRONG DATE FOR DANA

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All of the students enjoyed the lesson off timetable to attend the rewards assembly and to enjoy light refreshments following the assembly. Well done to all.

## SANDRA'S WATER-BASED EVENT FOR A WATER-BASED NEED

Dear Sir,  
I hope you will be able to help me promote a fabulous fundraising event I am organising with the help and support of all the Staff at the Leisure Centre.  
I am a first-generation Newtonian and have lived here most of my life.  
I trained as a Nurse in Durham and then spent a short time in Africa (hence my long-standing interest in the Clean Water project)



happening here as this little 'acorn' of an idea is already gathering momentum. The Staff and I have already raised almost £400 since the launch of the event!

Thank you in anticipation of your help  
Kindest Regards  
Sandra Wheatley

before working for a National Charity supporting Families affected by Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus I was diagnosed with MS in 1987 and as the disease has progressed so my need to use a wheelchair has increased. But one thing I discovered was, that despite having no function in my legs . . . I could still swim! Over recent years the Staff at the Leisure Centre have been really supportive and helpful each and every time I go for a swim. They are a credit to Newton Aycliffe. Together we have organised a Swimathon to take place from midday on the 24th March – midday 25th. Just about every member of Staff has signed up to support this event – as well as raise sponsorship for a Tearfund Clean Water Project in Uganda. I have rallied a Team of Friends from far and wide to take part too . . . so all in all we will raise the profile of the Leisure Centre . . . and the Good Folks of Newton Aycliffe as they donate and sponsor us. We will be raising money from a water-based event for a water-based need! The Newton Aycliffe motto 'from little acorns mighty oaks will grow' seems to be

## LIES, DAMNED LIES AND STATISTICS

Dear Sir,  
The Council Officers saying that £39 million is required to bring the care homes up to standard have their sums wrong. This figure only refers to new build homes. Those already in place may need some modernisation and maintenance but this is nearer £15 million in total and there is already some £5½ million in funds for this. Spread this over several years and seven homes and the figure is insignificant compared with the Council's £6 billion budget.

Why are the physical and mental effects of the proposals on closure being ignored when the work of Prof. Jolley and Dr. Dalley were quoted at the Residents Meeting and are readily available on the internet?

Are the councillors aware that in accepting the council officers' proposals they are signing death warrants for a number of our most vulnerable elderly?

Why does the County Council

not come clean about care in the community when Simon Henig, unsuccessfully tried to prevent the county's name appearing on a letter to the government, printed in the Times and reported in both the Northern Echo and Newcastle Journal on Friday 12th. February, 2010 stating that the plans, still given in great detail in the presentation, were both "Unclear and unfunded"?

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## GREENFIELD LEAGUE REACHES CLIMAX

Greenfield School's Tuesday night seven-a-side league will reach its climax next week when the champions will be crowned.

Only three points separate the top four sides as recent results have blown the title race wide open.

Greenfield's community sports manager Michael Rippon is looking forward to seeing the 14-week winter season reach a nail-biting end on Tuesday night.

"It's been an exciting first season for us," said Michael. "It has proved very popular and the last few weeks have seen the title race open up so it promises to be a nervous final night!"

The Breakfast Club maintained their lead at the top with a 2-0 win over FC Copenbadly last week and will seal the championship if they can beat Inter Yeman on Tuesday.

Second-placed Cobblers Hall stayed in touch with a 1-0 win against the Little Acorns, and they face Copenbadly next week.

West Rummage Albion have come right back into the title race, meanwhile, and are just two points off the top so, depending on results, could still snatch the title if they beat Team Naughty and the top two fail to win.

The seven-a-side league is keenly contested on Greenfield's all-weather pitch, built in 2005 using the very latest rubber crumb synthetic material technology.

League organiser Michael is looking to start a new summer league beginning early April, which will be extended from eight teams to 12 and will be played over 22 weeks until around August (between 7pm and 10pm every Tuesday night).

Registration costs £20 per team and each game, which lasts 30 minutes, costs £21 per team.

There are still places left for teams to enter – so anyone interested should contact Michael on 01325 379041, 07879 117224 or email: michaelrippon@aol.co.uk



## QUAKERS REVEAL NEW KITS



DARLINGTON have revealed their new home and away kits for next season, as voted for by supporters. The club offered fans the chance to vote for the 2010-11 strips by giving them two options for each.

The club received more than a thousand votes all together – by post, email and text – and the winning designs were unveiled at the Question of Sport fans' night at the Northern Echo Arena.

Option A for both home and away kits won the vote, with the home kit reverting to the club's traditional black and white hoops, and the all-red version winning the away vote.

"It's proved to be an extremely popular exercise," said community liaison officer Damon Shaw. This is the best way for us to make sure we have a popular kit for fans to enjoy so we'd like to thank everyone who took time to vote. Hopefully the winning designs will prove just as popular with the supporters, and they'll be ready for them to buy in plenty of time for next season."

Fans who voted were entered into a free prize draw, with the first prize being a trip to Italy (terms and conditions apply), which includes a visit to Erreà, Darlington's kit manufacturers, plus two season tickets and a signed framed shirt, which was won by Tracey Foster.

Second prize is two season tickets and a signed framed shirt, won by Chuck Gutierrez.

There are also 10 pairs of tickets for the opening game of the 2010-11 season as runners-up prizes along with a signed shirt, which were won by Andrew McFarlane, Mark Hathaway, Michael Walker, Claire Bloomfield, Steve Squirrel, Arthur Brennan, Paul Simon, Richard Kirkup, Christopher Waldoock and Mike Hesseltine, congratulations to all our winners.

## Art Exhibition at Village School





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Ayclife Village School held an Art Exhibition this week. Students' work was on display and parents were able to purchase the framed pictures as a memento of their child's education. The PTA organised the Gallery event as part of their fundraising. It was part of Arts Week - a celebration of the wide range of Arts covered within the school's curriculum. The PTA have raised thousands of pounds over the years and are currently in the process of purchasing new lap-top computers for the school.



## Don't Close Shafto House - Expand it!

Dear Sir,

Amongst issues raised at the public meeting organised by G.A.R.A. on D.C.C's consultation on Residential Homes, an extremely positive and relevant proposal was made as to the future use of Shafto House.

That proposal, I believe, could truly enervise Government Policy, funded by millions of pounds, for Respite Care, and, ease the work-load of Great Aycliffe Carers needing supportive relief.

It was proposed that spare capacity in Shafto House be used to provide local short-term and intermediate Respite Care facilities for Great Aycliffe.

Currently, Primary Care Trusts decide on how millions of pounds for Respite Care

is used. That money is NOT RING-FENCED FOR RESPITE CARE. The P.C.T.'s decide, and a Government review of it's use is now intended.

I believe Great Aycliffe Resident's Association with the Friends of Shafto House, and all Carers in Great Aycliffe, should organise and discuss with our M.P. how that funding might be used for Respite Care facilities in Great Aycliffe at Shafto House.

And, if agreed, that be put to Durham County Council, our P.C.T. and the Government's Review of use of that funding for Respite Care.

Positive proposals could enervise the whole issue and give all concerned something extremely worthwhile to campaign hard for.

Don Fraser

## Councillors Asked to Make Travel Fairer

Councillors are to look at providing a fairer deal for residents across County Durham when it comes to accessing alternatives to bus routes.

The Unitary Authority inherited a range of travel schemes from the former eight councils which delivered services across the county and has been consulting with residents on how best to provide one unified approach for everyone.

Head of Transport Adrian White says the aim is to find travel solutions which offer a fairer deal to the vast majority of people. "For example currently people over 60 and residents who are registered disabled and living in Teesdale are entitled to free travel (under the national concessionary travel scheme) but can swap their travel passes for £33 worth of vouchers.

"While most people have used this opportunity in an entirely fair way, we have been made aware of instances in which users have saved up their vouchers and redeemed them against coach holidays or late night pub trips, which isn't really in the true spirit of the scheme."

"What we want to do is offer a flexible taxi and minibus service, called Link2, which can be used more frequently and will allow users to travel regularly into local towns and villages to access facilities and amenities there. We also want to work closely with the community transport network. "This also means people living in the more rural areas can make more frequent trips instead of using all of their vouchers on one or two trips."

Additional changes recommended in the report include using the community transport operators, who have received extensive council backing for 18 new vehicles through the Local Transport Plan. This approach would replace the current scheme in Sedgefield.

It's hoped these recommendations will mean services are offered in a more balanced way across the county and give better value for money for council tax payers.

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# 'THE APPRENTICE' AT WOODHAM COLLEGE



A group of Woodham Year 11 students have successfully been selected to take part in an exciting and challenging programme to demonstrate their potential and readiness for the world of work.

The students are being put through their paces in a scheme similar to the TV series "The Apprentice" by Thyssenkrupp Tallent, who are looking to recruit a new apprentice.

They have been set realistic, industrial tasks, and have had to work together in groups to find solutions. Their first assignment, set by Stuart Blackett of TK Tallent, was to recommend a new supplier to the company, given a range of options.

Their first presentation to the TK Tallent panel took place at Woodham this week. All the students performed well under pressure and all completed the task within the deadline set.

Thankfully, unlike the programme, no-one actually got fired this week, however more challenges lie ahead.

# HOW DO WE GET RID OF UNWANTED KNIVES?

Dear Sir

As a law abiding citizen of I felt that I had to write and first ask a question and secondly inform all other people of the official response I received. I have some old kitchen knives that I need to get rid of and would like to know what is the correct procedure for disposing of sharp knives.

As I was unsure I phoned the Police for advice. I spoke to an operator who initially wasn't sure, but then came back to me and informed me that I just had to put them in the wheelie bin,

To say I was shocked is a bit of an understatement, as surely in

this current climate of serious knife crime this can't be correct. If the knives got into the wrong hands after I'd put them in the bin and a crime was committed who would be held responsible?

There are also Health and Safety issues that arise for the refuse collection teams that empty the bins. If one of them was injured by a knife who would be held responsible? My knives are still at home and I'm not sure what to do with them. I am interested to find out what the response from the Police is on this matter.

Miss E Lambert  
Kenny Walk

# POLICE RESPOND

*In response to your readers concerns - any member of the public can safely dispose of knives/sharp implements at their local police office.*

*In Newton Aycliffe we would encourage anyone wishing to dispose of such items to initially contact Newton Aycliffe Police non emergency Tel No 0345 60 60 365 and ask to speak to staff at Newton Aycliffe Front Office. (or call in personally if preferred)*

*The front office is open to the public, Monday-Friday 8am-7pm and Saturday/Sunday 9am-5pm. The staff will then advise the caller to bring the knives etc to Newton Aycliffe Police Office where they will be safely disposed/destroyed. It is advisable to wrap the items up to prevent injury and most important to carry them to the police office under some form of cover.*

*This procedure ensures that the police are aware that the person is possessing these items lawfully in order for them to be disposed of safely at a police station.*

*I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.*

*Many thanks*

*PC1452 Alan Thompson*

# NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new **Bingo Club** starts on 5th April on Mondays and Fridays at 7pm. Open to everyone over 18 years with a cost of £1 for 10 games. £1 Cash Flyer, 50p late cash flyer and Snowball up to £100 and over. You need to attend four consecutive weeks to qualify. Refreshments at half time only 50p.

**Line Dancing** every Monday at 1.30pm Admission £2. Just drop in and enjoy yourself. You can **Exercise to Music** every Friday at 10.30pm. Donation required only.

**Domino Club** starts April 5th at 1pm. Admission £2. To show interest ring 313924.

**Knit & Natter** or just Natter over a cup of tea. Every Thursday at 10am.

**Decoupage** class every Thursday 10am. Come along and learn this wonderful art.

**New Age Kurling** Tuesdays at 2pm, Thursday at 1pm. £2 for 2 hour session.

**Table Tennis Club** commences Wednesday 7th April at 11am until 1pm. Ring to book on 313924.

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# Youthy Under 13's Win 6-0

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13's travelled to Bishop St Mary's C on Sunday to play their first league game since before Christmas, due to the weather and cup ties.

Youthy made all the running in the early stages with midfield trio of Ben Nicholson. Connor Halford and 'man of the match' Sam Pascoe, controlling the play. Wide men Ryan Mercer and Jake Cane were too much to handle for the Bishop's defence and it was a only a matter of time before top scorer Dan Kenyon opened his account.

The back four of Jordan Howe, James Skerrett, Thomas Gledhill and Billy Bradley gave Jack McLaren an easy day in goal as Aycliffe dominated. Kenyon scored another 2 goals, supported by goals from Cane and Mercer as Aycliffe showed why they are one of the division's top teams.

Matthew Dixon replaced Halford as the midfield trio were rotated. Skipper Nicholson completed the scoring to give the town a hundred percent league record for the season, so far, as they ran out 6 - 0 winners.

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If you fancy getting active, raising cash for good causes and changing lives why not take part in one of Durham County Council's Sport Relief events. The Sports Relief weekend takes place from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 March.

Durham County Council is supporting Sport Relief by hosting 'The Mile' at three of its leisure centres in County Durham, as well as a charity dodgeball tournament.

Rise to the challenge by entering The Mile and choosing one, three or six miles, whichever is a personal goal for you.

The Sport Relief Miles are being hosted at Meadowfield Leisure Centre, Durham, Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, and Teesdale Leisure Centre, Barnard Castle, Sunday 21 March.

If you don't fancy that head down to Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre, Durham which is hosting a fancy dress dodgeball competition, guaranteed to be fun for all.

Tom Beales, Community Sports Development Officer for Durham County Council, said, "It doesn't matter if you've never played before, or even seen the film, the rules will be explained on the night and it's going to be great fun for a good cause."

The event is to be held Friday 12 March at 6:15 pm, at a cost of £20 per team (six players per team, maximum squads of ten.)

Please note that players must be aged 16 or over and entries must be received by Wednesday 10 March. All

proceeds will go to Sport Relief.

For more details and to enter call Tom Beales on 0191 301 8425 or email thomas.beales@durham.gov.uk.

For more information on the Sport Relief Mile contact your chosen venue for more details or enter online at www.sportrelief.com.

# Mothers Day Family Service

Neville Parade Methodist Church invites you to a **Mothering Sunday Family Service on March 14th at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.**

**On Wednesday 17th March starting at 6pm. JAM Club are organising a Family Quiz Night with Pie & Peas or Broth. Tickets are £2.50 with proceeds going to Zoe's Place.**

# Theatre Group Want you on Board

Aycliffe Musical Theatre are seeking new members to join them for their forthcoming production of HMS Pinafore, to be performed at Greenfield School Community and Arts Centre in July.

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Newton Aycliffe FC are looking for an experienced salesperson to help the club with a major fundraising drive this summer. The Northern League club, promoted from the Wearside League only last summer, are looking to develop all areas of the club during the close and pre-season. It's hoped, once their new stand is in place, they can look at fundraising areas they haven't yet explored. Sponsorship manager David Brassell attracted a number of local sponsors and advertisers last summer, but the club would like to appoint a new salesperson to assist him tap into additional corporate income, with a commission-based remuneration. Chairman Gary Farley, explained: "The majority of our efforts this season have been on getting the new stand in place and the team, as our first entry into the Northern League was always going to be the hardest.

"It's been a great season for us up to now but we can't afford to sit back. We want to continue the development of the club and there are lots of income streams we haven't looked at yet.

"This new fundrasing position will hopefully enable us to do that. Our club is run entirely by volunteers who all work for a living, but there is only so much time we can give. There must be people out there who

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Anyone interested in the new job should contact David Brassell on 07870 777779 or email: david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk

Newton Aycliffe will welcome near-neighbours Crook Town to Moore Lane Park in an Easter Monday Derby.

The fixture, re-arranged twice due to bad weather, has been re-scheduled for April 5, kicking off at 1pm. Aycliffe's trip to Hebburn Town, has been re-arranged for Wednesday April 7th (7.30pm).

Allan Oliver's side are due to welcome Jarrow Roofing to MLP this Saturday (March 13) in the club's first home game for three weeks, then their next game isn't until a trip to Thornaby on Tuesday March 23.

Aycliffe drew their last two games, both away from home, and both 1-1. Paul Broom put them in the lead in their midweek fixture at Seaham Red Star, while Broom also

put them ahead in the first half at form side Stokesely last Saturday before eventually succumbing to second-half pressure, but managed to hold on for an excellent away point. The North Yorkshire club had won 14 consecutive league games before their home tie with Aycliffe, climbing up to third in the Northern League second division.

The winning number in Aycliffe's February 200 Club draw went to 45, with Michael Stayman winning the £50 cash prize.

## FIXTURES

Sat 13th March:  
Jarrow Roofing (H), 3pm  
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## Clairvoyance

**SPIRITUALIST Meetings** are held at Morrison Close Community Centre every Monday evening starting 7pm sharp (closed Bank Holiday Monday). Details from Ann on 313654.

## Sits Vacant

**CLEANER** required, 4 hours per week. Contact Box No MSV1, c/o Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe

**DOMESTIC** carer wanted for disabled couple, cleaning and ironing. Tel 316886

**WINDOW** cleaner wanted for Rylstone Close area. Tel 316886

## Tuition

**LEARN TO SIGN** with your child "the fun way". Fridays at 11am at Woodham Comm Centre (for babies who already sign and toddlers who want to learn) up to 4 years old - GREAT FUN! Beginners Classes Friday's at 2pm (6 mths+) - learn over 50+ signs. **BOOKING IS ADVISABLE!** Contact JULES on 07966 968 388 or email: signingtots@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.signingtots.org.uk

**ICT/COMPUTER** studies, all levels (beginners welcome). Also Maths/English to KS/3. CRB checked, qualified tutor. Tel 01325 312651 or 07972 531476

## Thank You

### William Albert John Hall



Newton Aycliffe

Jean the family of the late William (Bill) would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind words and support at this sad time. Thank you for all donations towards Bills Memorial bench. Thanks also to Penny Dawson from Meynells Funeral Services and to the Reverend Julie Wing, who conducted a lovely Service. To the staff of Moore Lane Sports Club for the refreshments.

**THANKS TO** Peter and Bob (Carelink drivers) for all their help and patience. Lillian and fellow walkers

**MARGERY THOMAS** (Madge). 27-2-2010. Jennifer, Valerie and Marian and families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards and flowers received on the recent bereavement of their Mother Margery. Special thanks to Dr Bamford, the District Nurses, the Staff at Moss Chemist and Co-op Funeral Directors. Thanks also to Jan Mole for a lovely Service, the British Legion and Ann for the buffet  
**PONCHOS** Panpipes, Paddington Bear. Raised £500. Thanks to all who were there  
**THANKS TO** Jack's Driving School for getting me through my test. Love, Charlotte Douglas

## Obituary

**LEDLEY** (nee Salkeld). 5th March, suddenly at home. DENI, aged 65 years of Newton Aycliffe. A loving partner of Harry, much loved Mam of Stephen, Katherine, Donna and the late Tracey. Step Mam of John and Peter. Also a dear Mother-in-Law, Nana and Great Nana. Funeral, Thursday 18th March. Would friends please meet at 12.45pm for Service at St Clares Church, prior to private cremation.

## Birthday Remembrance

### Brooke Dawson



on your 30th birthday  
 16/3/1980 - 14/4/2007  
 No cards to send, no kisses to give. But in our hearts you will always live. Love you so much. Mum, Geoff, Lewis and all the family xx

**PAUL CLARK** 17th March 1957. Your first birthday away from home. Missing you so much, you're always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. With all our love, Carole, Adam and Matthew  
**DAVID KENNEDY** David, it's your birthday, no card to send, sadly missed and remembered always by Mom and family.

**LAWSON PATRICK.** Birthday memories, Deep in our hearts, your memories are kept. Someone so special, We'll never forget. Sadly missed by your loving Wife Edie and family.

## In Memoriam

### Peter Soulsby

March 10th 1999

Silent thoughts of times together, special memories last forever.  
 Love, Valerie xx

**HENDERSON MALCOLM** Died 7th March 2007 a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad. Always in our thoughts. Love always from Anne, Linda, Carol, Brian, Susan, Louise, Davy and Gemma. xxx  
**ALMA.** Two years have gone since you closed your eyes and left us. I think of you every day and miss you just as much. God bless. Lynn xxx  
**LITTLEWOOD RICHARD,** 16-3-2009. We keep a place within our hearts and there you will stay. To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Loving Wife and family.

**FRAZER ALLEN,** 18-3-1998. Silent thoughts of the times we had together hold memories and love that will last forever. Love always Ann and family.  
**HIND MARY,** 15th March 2009. You were a wonderful loving Mam and a devoted Nana. We miss you so much, You are always in our thoughts and our hearts. Never forgotten. All our love, Janet, Tony and David xxx.



# CARE HOMES PRESENTATION

Presentations giving the background to a consultation on the future of seven residential care homes including Shafto House will take place during the next five weeks.

Members of the public are invited to attend Area Action Partnership meetings where senior managers from Durham County Council provide information on proposals to close the homes.

The presentations are intended to ensure people understand the background to the consultation so that any response they make is fully informed.

Members of the public who wish to attend a meeting should call 0191 527 4580 to register.

**Great Aycliffe and Middridge AAP  
Woodham Community Centre  
on Tuesday, 30 March at 5pm**

Email: residentialcarehomesconsultation@durham.gov.uk

Telephone: 0191 372 5594

Residential Care Consultation Team, Adults Wellbeing and Health, Durham County Council, 2/96 County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UG

The phone line will not be staffed 24 hours but an answer machine will be in operation. Callers can leave their comments or request that a council officer returns their call. As part of the consultation process, care home staff will also have the opportunity to give their opinions on how residential care should be provided in the future.

For further details of the proposals visit [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk) and click on the Have your Say link. Any comments received after the closure of the consultation will not be considered.

## Mothers Day

### Mothers Day Remembrance

**LIZ POSTLE** Happy Mothers Day Nanna. Words cannot describe how much I miss you each day. I wish you were here with me. Love you all the world. Sarah xxx

**ELIZABETH POSTLE** Mam. Another Mothers Day without you. If there really is a Heaven, I know that is where you will be watching and caring for us, your precious family. Love and miss you loads, Julie and Pete

**ELLEN ATHERTON** 21/1/16-25/2/09. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and silent tears still flow. What it meant to loose you Mum, no one will ever know. So if you still have a Mother, treat her with love and care, because you never know how lonely life is, when your Mother isn't there. Love and miss you every day Mum. Eleanor, Mel and family xxxx

**ELLEN ATHERTON** On this Mothers Day without you, there's so much I want to say. So just look around your garden Lord, find the Mother that I love, put your arms around her Lord, I only wish I could. Love always, Mary xxx

**JANE WAKE** (Burrell). Thinking of you today Mam on Mothers Day and every day. God bless you. Love and miss you. Daughter, Mena and Son-in-Law Joe xx

**PATRICIA FISK** (Pat), 24/3/1936 - 07/07/2000. Treasured memories of a dear Mother, so sadly missed. Love always, Susan, Michael and family xx

**FEATHERSTONE**, Eleanor. 25/06/1906-08/05/2006. Loved always Mam. Tony and family xxx

**DIXON MONICA**, Thinking of you Mam today and always. Wendy, Paul and Emma xxx

**KELLEDITH**. Mam, it's been four years, how time flies away, but our precious memories and love for you will always stay. Love and miss you more each day. Love you, Robin, Judith, Ian, Christine and Lindy xxx.

**KELL EDITH**, Thinking of you on Mothers Day and always. Love and miss you so much. Love you Nana. From all your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. xx

### Mothers Day

**JULIE WATSON** Happy Mothers Day Mammy! You are the bestest friend a Daughter could wish for. You are the best!!! Love you all the world, Sarah and Gizmo xxx

**SPENSLEY** (Sylvia) Happy Mothers Day to the one and only, love you loads Mam. Have a good day. Love, Julie, Den and family xx

**HOWIE** (Tania). I love you with all my heart Mammy. Love from your little Princess, Kya xx

**BELLAMY** (Natalie). Loves and big kisses to our Mammy. Love from Masie and Thomas (The Chief) xxx

**JOANNE HOWARTH** To the worlds best Mam. Always there, always helpful, always kind, always our perfect Mam. Adam and Alex xxxx

**JULIE HOWEY** Happy Mothers Day Mam. Thanks for everything you do. You mean the world to us, have a lovely day. Lots of love, Ste, Amy, Michael, Tanya and Paul. Nana, love you loads, Poppy, Thomas and Kya xxx

**KAREN BOWTELL** - Thank you for being so selfless and devoting all your life to bring us up. We love you; Ruth, Rebecca, Isaac, Daniel, Sara and Peter.

**ANNE KEMP** Happy Mothers Day Mam. We think you are great. Love you so much. Love, Kieran and Matthew xx

**JUDITH PROBYN** Happy Mothers Day Mam "Simply the Best". Love you loads, Annemarie and Claire xx

**DEBBIE LIVERMORE** Have a great day Mam. Love always, Curt and Cloe xxx

**TARVIT JENNY**, Happy Mothers Day to our Mam. Have a lovely day being spoilt. Love from all the family xxxx

**RISEBOROUGH PAULA**, To the best Mam in the world. Happy Mothers Day from Shay and Taylor xxxx.

**MANDY TURNBULL** Happy Mothers Day to the best Mum in the world. Love you always. Daughter, Claire <3 xxx

**SAM CRAWLEY** To the best Mum in the world, Happy Mothers Day. Lots of love, Jayden, Tyler and the bump xxx

## Congratulations

**MEAGAN HAMILTON** congratulations on passing your Driving Test first time with Jack's Driving School

**KATIE RACE** Happy 18th birthday to a special God-Daughter. Love, Auntie Val and Uncle Brian xxx

**KATIE RACE** Happy 18th birthday Katie. Hope you have a great day. Love, Uncle Karl and Auntie Sarah xx

**KATIE RACE** Happy 18th birthday Katie. Have a great day. Love, Auntie Jacqui, Uncle Mark, Nicole and Sophie xxx

**KATIE RACE** Happy 18th birthday Katie. Have a great day. Lots of love from Auntie Carol, Uncle Tony and the Stubbies xxx

**KATIE RACE** Happy 18th birthday Katie. Love from Karl xx

**MASON STEED** Happy 13th birthday. Love from Uncle Jess, Auntie Lynn, Katie and Bradley xxx

**LOIS RICHMOND** Have a happy 21st. Love ya, Grandad and Nana xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** 70 years young Mam. Thanks for everything. All our love, Donna and family xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** To the best Mum and Nanna anyone could wish for, happy 70th birthday. All our love, Michele, Neil and Michael xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy 70th birthday Mam. Hope you have a really special day, as you are a really special lady. All our love from Lal and Brian xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Nanna Eleanor, you are one in a million and we are so lucky to have you as our Nanna! Happy 70th birthday (still looking good) all our love always, Vikki and Tez xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Nannanannana! Happy birthday to my wonderful Nanna! I love our days together, you spoil me soooo much! Lots of love and kisses, Ashton Lee xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy 70th Nanna. You are one in a million. Love you loads, Kelly and Paul xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Great Nanna, happy birthday Nanna, we love you lots and lots. Leon and Kurtis xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** To our Queen of the family, happy 70th birthday Nanna. We all love you so much, you are amazing. Love, Nicola and Daniel xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy 70th Eleanor. A great Sister who so deserves a great day. Love always, Pamela xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy 70th Auntie Eleanor. Have a brilliant day. Let your hair down! Lots of love, Dione and Ross xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Happy birthday Ellie, with lots of love from Paige xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Ellie (Mam). Thank you for being a Mam to me over the years. You deserve to have a wonderful 70th birthday and a few extra. Loads of love, Carl, Cath and Shaun xxxx

**HUBERY**, Eddie and Gwen Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary 12th March 2010. From All the Family xxx

**ROBERT TOMLINSON** Happy 18th birthday. Love from Auntie Kaz, Neil and Katie xx

**CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS** congratulations on passing your driving test. Lots of love, Mam, Nan, Grandad and Auntie Claire xxx

**ABBIE KENNEDY** To our special Niece, congratulations on gaining 3rd place in Rosettes 6-8 years. You were fantastic and we are proud of you. Lots of love, Uncle Stephen, Auntie Kirsty, Libbie and Flynn.

**MCCLEAN KEITH**. Happy 50th Birthday on March 18th. Love and best wishes from your Ma-in-Law xxx.

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Katie Race

**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Hope you have a great party. Love from Mam and Dad xx

**Happy 18th** to my big Sis. Love, Bradley xxx

**To a special Granddaughter** on her 18th birthday. Love from Nana and Grandad E xxx

Lois Fayre Richmond



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Congratulations on your 21st. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Faith and Eddi xx

**Congratulations** on your 21st birthday. Lots of love, Grandma xxx

Libbie Mai Anderson



**Congratulations**  
Babe on gaining 5th place in Stardance, 8-10 years in the Nationwide Street Competition held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. You were amazing and we are very very proud of you. Keep up the hard work. Lots of love always, Mammy and Stephen.

**To my Big Sis.** Go Libbie, you are the best. Love, Flynn

**A big thank you** to Caroline Race at Lea Green Dance School

**Libbie** To our amazing special Granddaughter. You put the effort in and got your reward. We are so proud. Lots of love and kisses, Gran and Grandad

## Chiropody

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Caroline Louise Meakin



**Happy 21st Birthday - 12th March 2010**

Hope you enjoy your Party

Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Andrew, Nanna, Grandad, Nanna Joyce, Tom, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends xxxx

Natasha Slade



**Well Done Natasha**

on coming third at Blackpool, dancing in the Nationals. We are so proud of you. Love from Dad, Kate, Grandma, Grandad, Uncle Mark, Auntie Julie, Mark, Kayleigh, Reece, Taylor and Charlie

Lexi Christon



**Happy 4th Birthday**

To our Gorgeous Girl. We love you loads, Mummy, Daddy & Elle xxxxxxxxxx

Robert Tomlinson



**Happy 18th Birthday**

11th March 2010

Have a fab day. Love from Mam and Hanny xx

Alana Thompson



**Happy 5th Birthday**

to our beautiful Granddaughter! Lots of love from Grannie Witch and Granpa

Abbie Kennedy



**Massive Well Done**

Abbie for coming third place in the Nationwide Street Competition at Blackpool. You danced absolutely fantastic and we are very very proud. Big thanks to Caroline Race for all your support. Love, Mam, Dad, Joe and both Gran and Grandads xxx

George Richards



**80 YEARS YOUNG**

16th March 2010

Many happy returns, have a lovely day. Love from Lily xxx

**Happy birthday** Dad. Enjoy your weekend. Love from Elizabeth and Keith xx

**Best wishes** Grandad on your 80th. All Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx



