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## 42" HD TV DONATED FOR DEMOLITION DAY GRAND RAFFLE



The town's Rotary Club have joined with Phil Wilson to organise a Grand Charity Raffle to celebrate the start of the Town Centre redevelopment with demolition work at Dalton Way including the old Medical Centre and Library. There will be lots of very valuable prizes to be won, but along with the first prize comes the honour of operating the bulldozer which knocks down the first wall. The raffle tickets will be on sale as soon as we know the demolition date. Tickets, priced at 50p each (£5 per book), will be available from the town's Charity Shops: British Heart Foundation, YMCA, Sue Ryder and British Red Cross who will all receive a share of the proceeds, so don't miss this opportunity to win a major prize. Phil Wilson said: "The Rotary Club has a great reputation on the town for its charitable work and I think it appropriate they play a role in organising something I believe will be of interest to the community and also benefit charities." This week more donations of prizes were received including a 42" HD ready television from Tesco; an 'everyday essential hamper' from Wilkinsons; hairdressing products from



Stephen Russell; £50 Voucher from Occasions, plus many more. Newton News will publish the full list of prizes available when the demolition date is announced. The Rotary Club would like to thank all the businesses that have donated so far and if your company or shop would like to donate a prize to celebrate the start of the demolition please

contact Newton Press on 01325 300212.  
Photos: Top image, left to right: Julian Duell (Assistant Manager), Jean Thompson (Rotary President) and Martin Butcher (Tesco Manager) along with the LG 42" HD Ready Plasma TV. The second photo shows Kay Armstrong (Store Manager), Jean Thompson holding the everyday essentials hamper and Richard Mclean (Assistant Manager).

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# SWIMATHON RAISES £4000



Dear Sir,  
Photograph above is from a presentation of a cheque for £4,000 to Richard Sellick from Tearfund, at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.  
With Richard is Sandra Wheatley and staff members: Phillip Brazier, Graham Hall, Katie Hewitson, Kimberly Tarn, Drew Griffiths and also present was George Wheatley.  
Could I thank all the staff at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for taking part and being so supportive and enthusiastic. They deserve the highest praise for all they have done!  
Also I would like to thank the people of Newton Aycliffe who took part in swimming too – many for longer and farther than they had ever swam before, and all those generous people of Newton Aycliffe and beyond who sponsored and donated so much!  
All the money raised will be used to aid the people within the Diocese of Kigazi in South West Uganda to provide clean

water and sanitation.  
Thank you again  
Sandra Wheatley

## ACORN PLAYERS NEWS

Practice is now well under way for our forthcoming show in November. This year it is "Alice in Wonderland" written by Limelight Productions from Sheffield.  
It will be directed by Gemma Witton and produced by Sisters, Vanessa Scott and Joanne Hackett.  
If you are interested in joining our group we rehearse on a Wednesday from 7-9pm in a private room at the Iron House, Simpasture. Or ring Brenda on 311816 or Anne on 318956.  
Anne Harland  
Hon. President

# UNSUNG HEROES CELEBRATE LODGING SERVICE SUCCESS

A small group whose work goes largely unrecognised is to celebrate its part in helping to provide accommodation for young people in County Durham.  
Durham County Council's Supported Lodgings Service provides housing for young people who are leaving care and young people at risk of homelessness to ensure they avoid using unsuitable

accommodation.  
The service was to say thank you to the providers at a get together held at the Xcel Conference Centre, Newton Aycliffe, on Wednesday 28th April.  
Jane Bateson, project co-ordinator, said: "We are the largest Supported Lodgings Service in the region and currently have 32 young people placed of whom 12 began as emergency placements.  
"We have 39 providers with another ten being assessed but we are always looking for more to give us the widest possible choice when matching young people with providers.  
"This is the first time we have arranged a get together like this and it is an opportunity for the providers, who normally don't get the chance to meet up, to see how valuable they are to the scheme.  
"Later in the year we are to hold an awards event to show how much they are appreciated," she said.  
The Supported Lodgings Service provides accommodation for young people and helps them develop independence skills so that they can eventually look after themselves.  
Anyone interested in becoming a provider should contact the Supported Lodgings team on 01325 372838, email supportedlodgings@durham.gov.uk or write to Supported Lodgings Service, Durham County Council, Children and Young People's Services, Main Block, 1 York Road, Copelaw, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6JB.

## FERRYHILL FLOWER FESTIVAL

As part of our Centenary Celebrations we are holding a Flower Festival at Ferryhill Methodist Church, to celebrate all the activities associated with the life of the church.  
The Flower Festival will be opened on Thursday, 6th May at 7.00pm by the Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Miss Eileen Martin.  
Admission for the Thursday evening, to include the opening, preview of the flowers and refreshments, is £3.00.  
The Flower Festival will also be open on Friday, 7th May & Saturday, 8th May from 10.00am - 4.00pm and on Sunday, 9th May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Admission for these times is £2.00, including tea/coffee.  
Tickets are available from Ann Bower (Tel. 01740 621090), at the Friday Coffee Morning, or you can pay at the door.  
You can be assured of a warm welcome at the Flower Festival – at least by the people.  
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Our large hall is available for hire for children's parties at £10 per hour and it includes the use of the kitchen. Tel 313924.  
South Durham X Factor is coming to our centre on Saturday 10th July at 1pm. We invite 7-15 year olds to apply. Vocalists, instrumentalists, school choirs, entry is £3 per person, £5 per choir with cash prizes and trophies. To enter ring 313924.  
Wii machine games competitions, tuition free, every Tuesday 6-7pm. To book ring 313924.  
Calling our Polish community in Newton Aycliffe, come and learn New Age Kurling, any Monday, 10-12 noon only £3 per session to book ring 313924.  
Mecanno Exhibition, Saturday 5th June, 2010. Admission £1, children all ages free. Come and support this major event. Outside we will have a family bouncy castle. We are looking for a volunteer face painter. Ring 313924.  
Knit and Natter or just natter over a cup of tea, every Tuesday 10-12. Just turn up and enjoy our company!  
New Age Kurling every Tuesday 2-4pm, only £2. You can learn the art of Kurling in one session and come back for more - it keeps you fit - anyone can do it, it's so simple. Come and give it a try. Booking is essential on 313924.

# Lib Dems Caught RED handed

Life long Labour supporter Bill Slater who has the butchers shop in the town centre was furious to find his photograph on a Lib Dem general election leaflet, Bill said " I'm Labour and my family is Labour, my father and his father before him were Labour. How dare the Liberal Democrats use my picture without my permission, permission I would never give them. I find it all really embarrassing".



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## LEE GREEN DANCE CENTRE EXAM RESULTS

**FREESTYLE**  
*Rosettes - All passed:*  
Amber Fenwick, Amy Dolan, Abbie Kennedy, Summer Fenwick, Romie Cowens  
*Stardance - All passed:*  
Harrison Evans, Rachel Bennett, Beatrice Lineton, Charlotte Rowley, Reece Atherton, Kasia Shaw, Libbie Anderson  
*Bronze:*  
Alex Howe (Commended), Annalise Tinkler (Honours), Stacey Cason (Highly Commended)  
*Silver:*  
Emily Kavanagh (Highly Commended), Georgia Heads (Honours), Daniela Winwood (Honours), Rebecca Lowes (Highly Commended), Megan Cross (Honours), Stephanie Wilson (Honours), Natalie Bradshaw (Highly Commended)  
*Gold:* Chloe Farley (Honours), Jordyn Routledge (Highly Commended), Kalya Shaw (Honours)  
*1st Gold Bar:* Karis Morton (Highly Commended), Charley Haigh (Honours)  
*2nd Gold Bar:* Rebecca Ellis (Highly Commended)  
*3rd Gold Bar:* Georgia Wakefield (Honours)  
*1st Star:* Lauren Archer (Honours)  
*1st President:* Annis Race (Honours)  
*1st International:* Katie Bain (Honours)  
*Certificate:* Rebecca Barber (Honours)

**ROCK AND ROLL**  
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*Gold:* Summer Fenwick (Highly Commended), Reece Atherton (Highly Commended), Reegan Henn (Highly Commended)  
*1st Gold Bar:* Megan Cross (Honours), Hayley Archer (Honours), Abbie Kennedy (Highly Commended), Libbie Anderson (Highly Commended)  
*2nd Gold Bar:* Emily Kavanagh (Honours), Georgia Heads (Honours)  
*2nd Star:* Daniela Winwood (Highly Commended), Kalya Shaw (Honours)  
*2nd President:* Annis Race (Honours)

Well done! Great results – keep up the good work!  
Caroline Race, Dance Teacher and Choreographer  
Bryan and Brenda Thomson of Lee Green Dance Centre

## NVQ 2 FOR REMPLOY WORKERS AT SPENNYMOOR



Thirty seven employees at the Remploy Factory in Spennymoor are celebrating achieving an NVQ2 in Business Improvement

Techniques. The course which was offered on site at the factory by Bishop Auckland College has helped improve morale, safety and production. The achievement is even more remarkable as the staff, including Manager Alistair Anderson and Safety Manager Ken Stubbs, only started the course in September 2009.

Natalie Davison, Director of Bishop Auckland College's Business Development presented the group with their certificates. Natalie said "Today we are celebrating the extraordinary achievements of each of these employees and also of the company. We are very proud of the group's success, especially since this is recognised nationally as a very difficult and technical

qualification. Some of these employees have overcome considerable personal challenges to complete the training, which has been successful in improving the company's productivity. Alistair Anderson, Manager, Remploy Spennymoor said "We have in total 43 employees working here that come from all over Co Durham and 37 signed up for the course. We are delighted

the staff took on the challenge and we are all thrilled with our success. We received excellent support from Bishop Auckland College and I would like to thank Julie Cook from the College's Business Training Services and NVQ Trainer/Assessors Paul Henery and John Goatman who went out of their way to fit in with our needs. I hope this is the first of many learning opportunities for our staff."

## "Forgotten Constituents"

Dear Newton Aycliffe, For some time I have been speaking with many of you about your views on this Government, the political candidates hoping for your vote, and your views on the parties in general.

I know the scale of support for Labour in this region and I really want to know why? Many blame the Tory government and in particular Margaret Thatcher. Many remember the heartache suffered by families as a result of industrial closures. While I believe a Labour Government would have been forced into the same decisions regarding industry, I also believe grave mistakes were made by subsequently failing to give the region sufficient support and investment.

I am not naive enough to think that this belated

acknowledgement alone will change your feelings towards the Conservative party and earn me your vote. However, whether (or not) I am elected as your MP, I will remain active within the Conservative Party and will remember the conversations I had with you. I will use my experience in business and finance to promote the skills base and enthusiasm of the people in this region. I will, if and when I am privileged enough to be elected to Parliament, fight for business and jobs in this region to achieve this.

I know many Labour supporters feel dreadfully let down by the present Government, especially locally. The dangers of a 'guaranteed seat' - which is exactly what Sedgfield is for the Labour Party - is that its constituents are constantly forgotten.

I believe you have an MP who is too comfortable. The Sedgfield Constituency, and Newton Aycliffe in particular, is worth fighting for. Only I have the energy, honesty, and ability to fight for you, the constituents. With very best wishes,  
**Neil Mahapatra**  
Conservative Candidate  
Sedgfield

## Choir Concert

Heighington Village Hall Association are delighted to announce that on Friday 7th May, the Meltone Singers and the Cockerton Methodist Ladies Choir will once again be coming along to the village hall to give an evenings entertainment.

The two choirs have always been very popular when they have visited the village in the past and tickets are going on sale from Committee Members at £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for concessions. This will also include drinks and light refreshments. There will also be a raffle on the door with lots of prizes to be won. Proceeds are in aid of village hall funds. A great evenings entertainment is guaranteed. Tickets can be obtained from any of our committee members or phone Pauline Moses on 321631

## FREE EVENTS MAKE HISTORY FUN

Local History Month takes place in May and Durham County Council will be celebrating it with a series of events aimed at bringing the subject to life. Clayport Library, in Millennium Place, Durham, has chosen the theme of 'People' and aims to increase the awareness of local history with a series of demonstrations and exhibitions with a fun twist. A display of photographs from members of the Durham Photographic Society will exhibit all month on the Reference Floor and a display from Mining Durham's Hidden Depths project will also take place during May.

**Other events include:**  
Saturday 1st May, Shafto diaries: Talk by David Butler. 2:00pm. Please book. Songs, rhymes and crafts on a local history theme. 2:15pm. Drop in. Age four upwards.  
Sun 2nd May, Crafts on a local history theme for children. 2:30pm. Drop in.  
Tuesday 4th May, Meet members of the Durham Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers who will be demonstrating in the lending library. 10:00-noon.  
Friday 7th May, Meet members of the Durham Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers who will be demonstrating in the lending library 2:00-4:00pm.  
Thursday 13th May, Resources in Palace Green Library: Talk by Assistant Keeper, Francis Gotto. 2:00pm. Please book.  
Friday 14th May, Treasures

in store: Staff from Beamish Resource centre in costume with object handling and oral histories. 10:00-noon. Drop in.  
Saturday 15th May, Liz Million, illustrator and author of children's books for a crafty session. 2:00-3:30pm. Please book. Age five upwards.  
Monday 17th May, Meet members of the Clayport Matters group as they make proggy /hooky mats. 10:00-noon. Drop in.  
Saturday 22nd May, Hands on Archaeology with staff from Bowes Museum. 1:00-3:00pm. Drop in.

Thursday 27th May, Guided walk along Crossgate following the 1851 census with David Butler. 6:00-8:00pm. Please book and meet outside Clayport Library.  
Saturday 29th May, Quill pen writing with staff from Durham County Record Office, 2:00-3:30pm. Drop in.  
Sunday 30th May Crafts on a local history theme for children. 2:30pm. Drop in. All events are free but some require advance booking. For more information please telephone library staff on: 0191 386 4003.

## Unitary Councillors Learn Common Sense

Following the challenge to Unitary Councillors by former Mayor Arun Chandran to prove him wrong, Arun is now pleased to report that from the Town Council's Environment Committee on Wednesday 7th April onwards Unitary Councillors (Durham County Council) no longer leave the Chamber when interests are declared at Town Council meetings. Obviously these Councillors have been forced to investigate and understand that only where they have a "prejudicial" interest need they leave meetings. This now ends the unedifying spectacle of an exodus of councillors when important matters affecting the community are being discussed.

Arun told Newton News that Independent Cllr Paul Gittins was the only one prior to his making this issue public, who bothered to get the right advice from Officers at County Hall. "Unitary Councillors can hear all sides of an issue and better serve their electorate, safe in the knowledge they are fully protected by the Standards Board for England, against any personal, frivolous, vexatious or political attacks from political opponents" said Arun.  
**Editor: This is great news and everyone will be pleased that common sense has prevailed. It is a shame it has taken so long and thanks are due to Arun for forcing the issue. Newton News was happy to play our part in his campaign.**

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## CAR BOOT SALES RETURN TO THE ARENA

Popular car boot sales will return to the Northern Echo Arena after Darlington Borough Council approved the club's application to hold them again.

The weekly boot sales, which will be held every Sunday beginning on May 16, will be held by the club in partnership with the council and will be the only boot sales being held in the town.

The Northern Echo Arena car park will accommodate around 100 sellers (costing £10 per car) and up to 750 parking spaces for bargain-hunters, with a £1 per person admission fee.

Raj Singh, Darlington's chairman, said: "We're always looking at ways of maximising the Arena and getting as much out of our biggest asset as we possibly can."

"This is an ideal way for the club to earn some extra cash on a day when we wouldn't normally earn anything. Currently there aren't any car boot sales in Darlington so we're confident they'll prove to be very popular, and we're grateful to Darlington Council for granting the permission."

"We've been liaising closely with the council recently in trying to repair the relationship between the club and the council and I'd like to think

we've made some very positive strides with them.

"It's important that the club enjoys a good working relationship with the council and this agreement demonstrates that."

The car boot sales are only for the sale of second hand goods

by private members of the public. Sellers will have access from 8.30am and buyers will have access from 10am until 3pm, and are advised not to arrive early.

Refreshments and catering will be on site while stewards will also be on duty.

## Moroccan Orphan Appeal



Dear Sir,  
I am a local Circuit Trainer Instructor and a School Nurse and I run a circuit training class

for all abilities at Greenfield School Gym on a Friday evening between 6-7pm.

During the month of May I am encouraging the local community to get fit, but also help a well deserved charity "The Village of Hope Appeal" for more details check out youtube "voh appeal".

Up until March this year Christian workers in Morocco were caring for Moroccan Orphans that had been abandoned, many at birth. For ten years the workers took them in and cared for them as their own family. Then in March this year all the Christian workers were expelled, leaving the orphans without any foster Mums or Dads. It is so tragic and I had the privilege to be able to visit the Village of Hope in October 2009 with my daughter, Beth.

We met the families that were giving outstanding care and new hope to these orphans. I feel very strongly about the tragedy that has happened and I am hoping to help raise awareness about this appeal and at the same time raise money. Anyone wishing to help please contact me on 07817 766 819. The circuit class costs £3.  
Julie Sutherland

## Councillor's Stance on Shafto House

Dear Sir  
As I am standing for M.P. for the Sedgefield Constituency I am constantly asked about my thoughts on Shafto House.

My Grandad, Tim Coulthard spent his last days in Shafto House and he was well looked after and enjoyed his stay. Shafto House is a superb facility and the building has a presence in Newton Aycliffe.

I have been to all the public meetings and have felt the emotions and passion of all those in the room.

I write to let the residents of Newton Aycliffe know that I fully support Shafto House and will do all that I can to help keep the facility open.  
Cllr Paul Gittins  
29 Aylmer Grove  
Newton Aycliffe

## MEARS: DELIVERING SERVICES FOR S.B.H. WITH THE COMMUNITY AT HEART

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### Improving services

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Mears have 166 employees, 113 of these were transferred to Mears from Sedgefield Borough Council when the contracts were awarded in 2008. 65 employees live in the former Sedgefield Borough area and ten live in Newton Aycliffe.

### Quote from an Employee

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Mears are also committed to providing employment opportunities in the borough, recruiting locally where possible. For example, Mears sponsor Bishop Auckland College's Skills Centre which provides training in all aspects of repairs and maintenance. With thirteen local apprentices and a work placement programme for local schools, over the course of the next few years Mears will have recruited, trained and given skills for life to many local people.

### Mears in the community.

One of SBH's key commitments is to deliver services with the community at heart and Mears are also committed to delivering high service levels and to adding value to the community and individuals wherever possible. There are currently around 20 community projects in place including:

- Support and sponsorship for two local young athletes who are hoping to compete in 2012 Olympics in their disciplines of Taekwondo and Water Polo
- Free DIY taster sessions for local residents
- Joint charity fundraising schemes with SBH raising £15,000 in 2009

In Newton Aycliffe, Mears were delighted to support the local Scouts by doing planting and fencing works to the Scout hut. Mears staff also had a fantastic time at Christmas delivering a selection of gifts and treats to the children of the Little Acorns Nursery.

Mears keeping you informed Tenant engagement and communication is important for SBH and Mears. To make sure that the local community feels informed, Mears hold 'Meet the Team' sessions with residents before work begins on any scheme. These meetings are followed by regular coffee mornings when the project is underway, ensuring that issues or potential problems are resolved quickly.

### Want to know more?

If you would like to know about Mears, the services Mears provide or community projects Mears are running in your area, please contact David Walters on 01325 303720 or visit the Mears website: [www.mearsgroup.co.uk](http://www.mearsgroup.co.uk)

## NASTY NICK VISITS COUNTY, AYCLIFFE



The County at Aycliffe Village continues to progress with the B & B business now fully operational. Last week unknown to the owners until the lady checked out, they received an AA inspection and were awarded 4 Stars in the "Restaurant with Rooms" category. In the same week they had the cast of "PopStar the Musical" over for afternoon tea as part in the Star Radio 'Live Like a Star' promotion. Cast members: Anthony Costa (ex boy band Blue member), John Altman (Nasty Nick Eastenders) Sam Kane, Sarah Jane Buckley, Ciara Jansen, Rob McVeigh.

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**WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2010  
7.15pm**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings."

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards and by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) from the 26th April 2010 ([www.greataycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.greataycliffe.gov.uk))

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## Charity Musical Night

An evening of entertainment has been organised at the prestigious Redworth Hall Hotel for 21st May by Blind Life in Durham. Songs from the 60's onwards will be presented by Chyrelle Addams a popular singer with a wide repertoire.

The event will start at 7.30 a buffet will be included in the very reasonable ticket price of £10. Phone 01388 763501 to book your tickets.

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## 15 WINS IN A ROW FOR YOUTH CENTRE

Youth Under 13s made it 15 straight wins in their League campaign on Sunday, with a tough encounter at Hardwick running out 5 - 0 winners.

The first half was a bruising encounter with Aycliffe in control: the midfield trio of Sam Pascoe, Matthew Dixon and Connor Halford coming out on top.

Halford came close on several occasions and, with wide players Jake Cane and Ryan Mercer stretching the opposition defence 0 - 0 was a flattering score line at half time.

Man of the match, and skipper, Tom Gledhill was in total control in defence with superb support from sweeper James Skerrett to deny Hardwick any real chances. Full backs

Jordan Howe and Billy Bradley provided outstanding support to wide men Cane and Mercer and, with top scorer Dan Kenyon providing the target upfront, it was only a matter of time before Youth scored.

Mercer got the decisive touch from a dangerous Cane cross to open the scoring, Halford finished superbly to double the score within 5 minutes of the first goal. It was the outstanding Halford who struck again as Youth turned the screw.

Hardwick picking up 2 bookings as tempers begun to fray. Captain Gledhill led by example as Aycliffe kept their discipline and pushed for victory, any breach of the defence being met by in form keeper Jack McLaren.

Replacements Richie Howe and James Wren added fresh legs as the team sensed victory. Cane and Mercer continued to torture the defence but it was Halfords sublime chip that broke the spirit of the hosts. Victory was rounded off by another clever chip, this time by Pascoe, as Aycliffe ran out 5 - 0 winners

## BANK HOLIDAY JAZZ

Live jazz returns to the town this Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 3rd May. Featuring Aycliffe Jazz Quintet "Infusion" at the Navy Club. The performance will include a selection of Modern Jazz, Fusion and Popular Standards. Music begins around 1.30pm and entry is £3 on the door.

## Councillors off the Hook

Dear Sir,

It seems the Unitary Authority have let our local Labour Councillors off the hook by not allowing them to vote on the proposal to shut Shafto House. They do not now have to prove their loyalty to their constituents or their party masters.

I defy any of these Councillors to say they knew of this political chicanery, until just recently. I have watched them at local meetings like rabbits in the headlights wondering how to get out of this situation. Don't worry your leader has just thrown you a lifeline.

This underhand tactic has allowed the Cabinet who agreed in the first place on the closure of the Homes, but decided to put it out to consultation to have the final vote, and yet still try to gag Councillors who they say might have to sit on a scrutiny committee.

It seems the fiddling and underhand tactics that goes on at Westminster has cascaded down to local level, but don't worry the voters are going to give

their verdict at the forthcoming national election, and we will remember you at the next local election.

We would be better off with a set of pot dogs representing us; at least Honest John could sell them on his stall.

B. Bennett  
Priestman Rd

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## SASDA HELP SHILDON MAN GET PLASTERED



A Shildon man who overcame redundancy to set up his own plastering business - Let's Get Plastered - is now pushing for further success thanks to support from local enterprise agency SASDA.

Matt Jones, who is 34, set up own business in July 2009 after being made redundant from Darlington-based Proten, where he had worked for more than five years.

As Matt tried to work out what he would do next, he was encouraged to set up in business by his former boss, who said he would be able to sub-contract work to him.

Matt contacted local enterprise agency SASDA for advice on how to start a business and thanks to funding and support from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF), he successfully set up Let's Get Plastered.

Matt said: "I was very scared when I was told I was being made redundant, at first I didn't know what I was going to do. I'd thought about running my own business, but didn't really know how to go about it, when I discovered there was good support available I felt a lot more positive about the future."

Matt initially received £750 from SASDA to help him get started - this enabled him to deal with essentials such as pay for insurance for his work van and pay for petrol to get from job to job. Six months later he then used a further £750 of funding to buy essential tools and equipment needed to do his job more efficiently.

The support from SASDA - which aims to support businesses in the region and create employment opportunities for residents - meant Matt could take full advantage of what he now sees as an opportunity and he is now looking to grow the business further.

"Let's Get Plastered has been extremely busy in the first nine months of business, especially helped by sub-contracted work from Proten," said Matt.

"I am delighted with how things have started and I'm really grateful for the support and funding from SASDA. They've really helped me and now I really enjoy being my own boss and the lifestyle perks it provides such as flexible working hours and learning new skills such as business finance," he said.

Through the support of the WNF, SASDA has helped hundreds of business start, grow or become more sustainable. The aim of the organisation is to provide valuable support and funding to businesses at crucial times which will help them to grow.

The SASDA team can also help during challenging times by offering support to help businesses weather a storm and emerge stronger and better equipped to achieve their goals - therefore safeguarding the region's employment. The agency also offers tailored redundancy support

Phillip Beasley, who is chief executive of SASDA and is Matt's business mentor, said: "Redundancy can be extremely difficult to cope with and we are delighted to be able to help Matt turn what at first seemed like a bad situation, into a fantastic opportunity.

"We will continue to be on hand to provide support as his business expands and would urging anyone in the Sedgfield Borough to contact us to find out how we can support them in the same way.

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## Quakers Hold End-of-Season Fan's Night

Darlington are planning to hold an end-of-season Fans Night at the Northern Echo Arena when a Supporters Player of the Year will be revealed.

The club are staging the event on Tuesday May 4 at the Arena, four days before the final game of the season at home to Dagenham. The Darlington Supporters Club will present their Player of the Year award at the event, while the Players' kit sponsorship presentations will also be made.

Other entertainment will include table football, table tennis and a Wii, while food will also be served.

"This promises to be yet another popular event with our supporters," said the club's General Manager Phil Preston.

"It's another chance for fans to come and feel part of the club, other than on matchdays, and also to mingle with players and management who will be there on the night."

Tickets cost £5 each, which includes food, and can be bought in advance from the Northern Echo Arena main reception, by calling 01325 387000, or email [commercial@darlington-fc.net](mailto:commercial@darlington-fc.net)

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## Support for Local Born and Bred Candidate

Dear Sir  
I am delighted that Councillor Paul Gittins has decided to put himself forward as our local MP.

It would be good to have someone who is actually born and bred in Newton Aycliffe and not someone from other areas.

As a County Councillor he will know a lot about local issues, I know Councillor Gittins was against the closure of the local Post Offices, he was against "MIND" having to leave St Oswalds and I have spoken to him regarding the close of Care Homes and he is totally against this.

Councillor Gittins is friendly and approachable. How lovely would it be to have him represent us in Parliament. He is also very knowledgeable on the town centre issues and would not give us false promises.

Please consider using your vote wisely - a vote for Paul is a vote and voice for the people of Newton Aycliffe.

Yours Faithfully  
Samantha Mitchell

## Spring Open Meeting

Shildon and District Flower Club are holding their Spring Open Meeting on Monday, 10th May, 2010 at The Civic Hall, Shildon, commencing at 7.30pm.

The demonstrator is David Robertson a national demonstrator from Rossendale in Lancashire, and the title of his demonstration is 'Summer Delights'.

There will be stalls and a raffle and the cost of entry for visitors is £7.00.

## ELECTION SELECTION: BNP, Lab, Lib/Dem, Tory, UKIP

Five wannabe-electeds standing in a row  
Unpopular, invisible, one must go.

(Leaving Lab, Tory, Lib/Dem, UKIP)

Four wannabe-electeds. Our ex-MP is one.

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(Leaving Tory, Lib/Dem, UKIP)

Three wannabe-electeds. His pamphlet's words no meaning  
No vows for Aycliffe or N.E. We're not towards him leaning.

(Leaving Tory, Lib/Dem)

But Wait, there's a last-minute entry in the great Election Race,  
Why is it that it's only now, he's dared to show his face?

He, M.P. at Westminster? Could aught be more absurd?

In every Council meeting he never says a word!

(Leaving Conservative and Lib/Dem)

Two wannabe-electeds. No help for Aycliffe dear.

No pragmatic local care. Just academic dreaming here.

(Leaving only Liberal/Democrat)

WHY?

1. He and his team, have already researched what is important to Aycliffe residents.

2. He has published the results of his enquiries locally.

3. He has publicly spoken of his support against Unitary proposals on Shafto House closure and Freshwater Town Centre neglect, showing concise clarity, fluency and relevance.

4. He is a man of the people for the people, having worked in coal mining, marine engineering and business management.

5. He is an author with written presentation skills.

6. He has travelled extensively gaining multi-faceted experience.

7. He is also an experienced politician.

We **ARE NOT** members of any Political party or group. We want only honest, articulate representation for our town, at Westminster. Our taxes pay for him. We want the best from our employee. We shall vote for Alan Thompson, Liberal Democrat. What about you?

C & M Carter

## USE YOUR VOTE

Dear Sir

In the next week we will be asked to put a cross in a box in order to put the people we think will do the job best in charge of our country. I'm writing to implore those who don't vote to get out there and vote.

These people are elected by us, to work for us, to fight for our rights and they are, ultimately, held accountable to us. This is the one chance we get every four years to let the politicians notice us. We are a democracy and, as such, it is our right to choose to vote or not to vote but I want everyone who reads this to remember that people have died, women have thrown themselves in front of horses because they believed in people power. We can change things and we can make things better but if all you're going to do is sit around moaning and whining that things will never change it's because of people like you who don't vote.

I am not a politician, Councillor or candidate I just want a fair society and unless we all vote then society will never be fair.  
Alan Bennett

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### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

#### Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**  
commencing at 6.00pm

The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The meeting will primarily be to discuss the Parish Performance Plan together with Aims and Targets.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: [christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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also provided tenants and young people of the area with an opportunity to put forward their ideas about improving services in the future.

During his opening speech Mr Courtney expressed the importance of tenants, residents and partners getting involved in the embryo stage of such a fantastic organisation as SBH. He advised that, "With the help and involvement of local people, SBH will be able to provide services direct to the heart of the communities they serve. Now is the time to get involved in developing SBH services - your say can make all the difference."

SBH provided refreshments and a range of entertainment to suit all ages and a range of information stalls were also set up to demonstrate the range of ways SBH services can be accessed. A group of actors carried out a range of scenarios to demonstrate how easy it is to get involved and influence the decisions that are made.

SBH tenant, Terry Robson of Byers Green, says, "I'm really pleased I went along to the event. This is the first time I have attended anything like this and watching the theatre group has made me realise just how important my views are. I am really excited now about getting involved with SBH and having a say in making decisions that affect our area." More details about SBH and its plans can be found at www.sedgefieldbroughhomes.co.uk

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## New Ebac Development Protects 220 Jobs and Creates 400 New Jobs

North East manufacturing business Ebac, has announced that it has completed a deal to move into a new factory in Newton Aycliffe - paving the way for a Tesco superstore to open on its former site.

Ebac has been based in the North East since it was founded in 1972 by entrepreneur John Elliott MBE. This new development will allow Ebac to improve its manufacturing capabilities allowing it to compete in an ever more competitive global market.

Founder and Chairman John Elliott MBE said "This is a very important day in the history of Ebac and an important day for the region. By working in partnership with Durham County Council

and Tesco we have protected 220 jobs at Ebac and created a further 400 new jobs at Tesco. It's a great day for the people of County Durham and in particular Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe".

The move to a new manufacturing plant will allow Ebac to improve efficiency on the manufacture of its market leading dehumidifiers and watercooler products. It will also allow Ebac to develop new products such as heat pumps which will revolutionise how consumers save on heating costs.

Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac said "This has been a great team effort against all the odds. We are in the middle of the

biggest economic downturn in generations and we have managed to find a way to grow the local economy and help Ebac be more competitive globally.

We would like to thank all the planning and economic regeneration teams at Durham County Council for their support."

Ebac has completed the relocation to its new facility and production started on the 28th of April.

A recent survey showed that Ebac's impact on the local economy to be in the region of £7m per annum and over £100m during the history of the company. Ebac are one of the largest private sector employers in the area.

## AYCLIFFE LOSE OUT ON AGGREGATES LEVY CASH

The Mineral Product Association (MPA) analysis has discovered that less than 2% of the Aggregates Levy revenue generated in Durham is allocated back to the local communities through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, despite the fact the main purpose of the Fund is to support communities and any environmental improvement schemes in those areas affected by aggregates extraction.

Nearly £6 million of Aggregates Levy is generated annually by companies operating in Durham county but the annual ALSF grant to Durham County Council is only £107,000.

MPA is calling for the ALSF spending on local communities in Durham to be at least doubled from 2011/12 onwards, subject to a commitment that this funding is used for its intended purpose - to directly benefit local communities in quarrying

areas.

Simon van der Byl, Executive Director of the MPA said "A key objective of the ALSF is that Aggregate Levy funding is returned to benefit communities in quarrying areas in Durham and elsewhere. Currently the share of Aggregates Levy revenue and ALSF funding in these areas is far too low.

"We believe that the key use of the Fund should be for local communities, therefore Government must focus more resources in this area.

We are encouraged that in a recent Parliamentary debate Environment Minister Dan Norris indicated that his Department was looking at better targeting of ALSF into quarrying communities."

The ALSF will be making representation to both retain the Fund and give local communities a fairer share of the tax take."

## Quakers Offer Free Final Day Ticket to Season Holders

Darlington are offering their season ticket holders one extra free ticket each for the final game of the season as a thank you.

The club have decided to offer the incentive as a gesture for the Dagenham game on Saturday May 8th for their continued support during a difficult season. In his programme notes for the game at home to Notts County, Chairman Raj Singh said: "We appreciate

the support of our season ticket holders which is why we've decided to reward them with a ticket incentive for the last day of the season.

"We're offering all our current season ticket holders one free additional ticket for our final game of the season against Dagenham a week on Saturday.

"The incentive serves not only as a genuine thank you for their continued support, but it will also help to hopefully increase the attendance on the day.

"We haven't had a lot to celebrate this season but hopefully a bumper crowd next week will inspire the team to bow out of League Two with a win and give us added hope for next season."

Season ticket holders who want to take up the offer must get their extra ticket from the club before the day of the game on May 8. Call the ticket office on 0871 855 1883.

## U3A Meeting

The U3A is a group for people over 50. We are meeting on Tuesday morning at 10am on the 4th May 2010. The subject this month is Bede's World given by Mr Scott.

## 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.

## Tories Threaten Rent Rises

Labour's Phil Wilson has written to over 7000 residents in Sedgefield Constituency warning them of the Conservative Party's plans for social housing.

Conservative run councils are calling on David Cameron to massively increase social housing rents to the average charged by private landlords. In County Durham that will mean social housing rents will nearly double and is something housing associations, like Sedgefield Borough Homes, do not want to see.

The Conservatives also want to change tenancy agreements for homes rented by housing associations or councils. The Conservatives want to make all tenancy agreements to be based on 6 month terms as they are in the private sector. At present some social housing tenants have life long tenancy agreements.

Labour's Housing Minister John Healey wrote to David Cameron last July asking him to deny all of this. Almost 10 months later that letter - and reminders sent since - have neither been answered or acknowledged. He will not deny his plans because he can't.

Phil Wilson said "The Conservative plans for social housing are scary. David Cameron will not deny he will introduce policies which will increase rents and threaten tenancy agreements. This is an important issue for hundreds of families in Newton Aycliffe. Labour wants to build 50,000 more council homes to create jobs and homes for hardworking families".

## Outdoor Bowls Free

The town no longer has an outdoor bowling rink as the one we had at St. Oswald's Park was closed some years ago. For those that want to play, Shildon Railway Club boast the best greens in the County and are inviting our readers to join and have free membership for the first year.

Newcomers to the game of any age can also receive free tuition. If you are interested contact Peter Wilson on 01388 773288 or 077490 52704

# AYCLIFFE SQUASH CLUB NEWS



Ladies Title Winner  
Sarah Dowson



Mens Title Winner  
Neil Ross

last years runner up Neil Ross and one of the clubs young rising stars, Matthew Robinson. It was an enthralling match which pushed both players to their best squash. It was 'the old dog' Neil who won in a hard fought match against the 'young pretender' Matthew to emerge as the Men's Champion for 2010 in a superb match. Club Chairman Jed Hodgson commented 'This entertaining squash evening was a fitting finale to the season and reflective of the club's successes during the year where both the men and ladies teams exceeded expectations. I will be delighted if we continue to progress and improve in a similar manner during the 2010/2011 season. Congratulations to all of the finalists who all put on a tremendous display of squash for those watching – well done everyone!!'

If you are interested in playing squash at any level/any age please contact Neil Ross 07919 070 507 who will be more than happy to answer any questions you have. Or you can visit the website [www.aycliffesquash.com](http://www.aycliffesquash.com)



Ladies Title Runner-up  
Helen Dowson



Mens Title Runner-up  
Matthew Robinson



Ladies Plate Winner  
Alison Firby



Mens Plate Winner  
Andrew Carling

Aycliffe Squash Club held their annual Championships finals on Saturday 24th April. It was a day of entertaining

games all round as the Club members showcased some fabulous squash while battling to win the men's and ladies squash titles and the men's and ladies plate competition. The ladies plate was a very close, 5 game match in which Aycliffe Ladies B team player Alison Firby finally prevailed in the very closely fought final against Friendly Ladies team Captain, Karen Mavin. The men's plate was an entertaining match played between 2 Men's 3rd team players Andrew Carlin and Marc Graham. Both men battled hard but it was Andrew who triumphed in the end. The ladies final involved the clubs prodigious ladies players, 16 year old twins Helen and Sarah Dowson who are both in the top 20 under 18s in the country. It was a very intense match where both girls showcased their exceptional skills but it was Sarah who ultimately triumphed to become Ladies Champion for the 5th year in a row. The men's final was between

## AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please note that the New Parent & Toddler Group is now on a WEDNESDAY, 12.30 to 2.30 in Term Time only. For any information please ring Jacki on 07979 746 458.

## Birthday Remembrance

### JANET FARRELL

1st May 2010

Our dearly loved Sister Janet, no cards, no gifts, no hugs. Just loving memories Janet.

Loved always.  
Norma and Alan  
John, Jackie and Family  
Jean, Derek and Family

Never forgotten.  
Love you Janet  
xxxxxxx

JODY COLLEY 2-5-45. For a darling Daughter, always in my heart, never forgotten. Mam **GEORGE WAYMAN** 3-5-21. For a dear Husband, sadly missed every day, but always with me in my heart. Winnie **DENNIS** I miss you every day. By day I wish you were here with me. My thoughts are with you. I love you when you are not here. From Eileen and family xxxxxxx

### Adam Boyes



Happy 10th Birthday  
Lots of love, Mam, Dad  
and Georgla xxxxx

### Ryan Durr



Happy 18th Birthday  
2nd May 2010  
Love from Mam, Dad and  
Stephanie xxx

### Leann Postle



Happy 21st Darling  
Have a great day. Love you  
lots, Mam and Dad  
Happy 21st Birthday  
(little Sis)  
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Lots of love,  
Nanna and Grandad



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## Obituary

KITCHING, Joyce, aged 83 years, peacefully in hospital on April 21 of Clarence Green, Newton Aycliffe. Beloved wife of the late Syd and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral today, Friday 30 April. Would friends please meet for service in Darlington Crematorium at 1:15pm. Flowers may be sent C/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington DL3 9EJ. Tel: 01325 482999.

FLORENCE DUNN (Flo). Aged 87 years, passed away peacefully on 22nd April, 2010. Will all family and friends please meet for Service at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 4th May at 9.15am. Followed by Cremation at Darlington. She will be very sadly missed by all her family.

## In Memoriam

KIM FOWLER-NEWMAN Died 25-4-09. Loved with a love beyond all telling, missed with a grief beyond all tears, to the world she was just one, to us she was the world. Love forever Kim, Mam and Dad xx

KIM NEWMAN Died 25-4-09. Along the road of suffering Mam. You found a little lane, that took you up to Heaven and left you free from pain. So sadly missed by Christopher, Kayt and families xxx

KIM FOWLER-NEWMAN Died 25-4-09. A closed door, an empty house, a quieter than the smallest mouse. A silent phone, something strangely dim, silence isn't golden when there's no Kim. How can our lives ever be the same. When we choke with tears to speak her name. Remembering a beloved Sister, sadly missed by Craig and Martin xxx

DENNIS KELVIN HARDY. 28-4-2008. Kev, the hole you left in our hearts and lives is still there, but memories of the fun times help keep the sadness away. We all love and miss you so much. Your loving Wife Carol, Debbie, Lisa, Andrew, Barry, Stuart and Grandchildren Sarah, Jordan and Leah

GEORGE MEREDITH 4-5-96. A special person, a special face, someone we loved and can never replace. From Sadie and all the family

## Births

TOM and LOUISE congratulations on the birth of "Harvey Peter", little Brother for Emma. Lots of love always from all the family xxx

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## Search for 100% School Attendees

A search is under way to find young people in County Durham with an outstanding school attendance record. Durham County Council wants to find all teenagers in their final year at secondary school and all children in their last year at primary school who have a 100 per cent attendance record to invite them to a special celebration. The young people will receive an award to mark the outstanding achievement of not missing even half a day in class throughout their whole secondary or primary career. The award will include a tour of St James' Park, the home of Newcastle United, and a presentation dinner with their families. Parents who think their son or daughter has 100 per cent attendance record to date should contact their school immediately. To be eligible for the award, the attendance must continue to be 100 per cent until the pupil's official leaving date in summer. Durham County Council is also checking with schools to see who might qualify.

## Congratulations



### Melissa MacPherson



Happy 18th Birthday  
2nd May 2010  
Have a wonderful day.  
Lots of love from Mummy  
and Papa xxxxxxxx

### TONY



Here we go-you are now five-0. Happy Birthday Tony. Lots of love on this 'Big' birthday from Jackie, Daniel, Mum, Dad and the rest of the family x

### Jean Gutteridge



Happy 80th Birthday  
Have a great day. Love,  
Bill, Kim and Jamie xxx

## "A Man of Principle"

I was distressed to read such negative and unkind comments about Phil Wilson in last week's Newton News. I think Phil has been an excellent MP.

He has done what he promised, and opened an office in Newton Aycliffe. He is the first local MP EVER to base himself in Newton Aycliffe.

He has not restricted himself to photo opportunities and gimmicky questionnaires, but has been brave enough to get involved in all the controversial matters of the town, even the poison chalice of the town centre. He has also dared to confront the BNP, and to challenge their racist views.

At the same time, he has become a Parliamentary Private Secretary in a very short time at Westminster, and therefore important enough, at least, to have a say in the laws that are being made.

I find him polite, caring, a man of principle - what more do people want?

I will be pleased to vote for him in the election.

Barbara A. Clare

## All Star 11 v North East 11

Charity Football Match, Sunday 9th May 2010  
Kick Off 1.30pm  
at Darlington Football Club.

On Sunday 9th May a very special football match is taking place at Darlington F.C. in aid of very special people and I want to invite as many people to join us as possible.

With the help of John Beresford and Rob Lee past stars of Newcastle United and England, and with many thanks to Raj Singh, Chairman of Darlington F.C. many

footballers past and present including Rob and John, Steve Stone, Steve Watson, David Ginola, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley, Colin Cooper, Steve Agnew, David Speedie, Craig Liddle, Neil Maddison and many others will be giving there time to show that speed is temporary but class is permanent!!

This match will also include Coronation Street and TV stars Alan Halsall (Tyrone), Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw) and Ralf Little (2 Pints of Lager). Entry is £5.00 and is payable on the door on the day, all proceeds are going to "Help for Heroes" . . . see you there!

**Andrew Scullion**  
Volunteer Fund Raiser,  
Help for Heroes

## Darlington's Under-18's Win The Belfast International Tournament



Craig Liddle's youth team recently competed against Northern Ireland Premier League youth teams in the tournament, beating Cliftonville on penalties in the final.

Liddle, Darlington's Head of

Youth, said: "The tournament was a very worthwhile exercise. The lads got a taste of an international tournament away from home, some of them for the first time, and they were outstanding."

"They were representing Darlington and not only did they do well on the pitch, but they

also demonstrated a professional attitude off the field as well and we're proud of them."

*Photo: Darlington Head of Youth Craig Liddle (back row far left) and Centre of Excellence Manager Neil Maddison (back row far right) with the Under-18s team at the Northern Echo Arena.*

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## CHARITY NIGHT SUCCESS

Even due to ill health the charity night went ahead. The event was held at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club in aid of Leukaemia Research was a great success we had great entertainment from the band MID LIFE CRISIS, so special thanks to them.

I would also like to say thank you to Eileen and Angela for arranging the night. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the One Stop Party Shop in Darlington because at last minute they did me some great balloons and decorations for tables, that was because my illness prevented me from contacting them earlier, thanks to all the raffle prizes donated and of course the community of Newton Aycliffe we raised £911.30 that night, which takes the Leukaemia charity total to over £8000.

Allison White

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