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## Police Spoil School Leaver's Booze-up



On information received the Police pounced on an illegal outdoor school leavers' drinking session last Friday evening. The kids thought they were being clever by advertising the party on Facebook at a false meeting place, but our local coppers were not hoodwinked and found the party about to start in School Aycliffe. The drinks haul was hidden in undergrowth

near the pond behind Lord Neville Drive. It was seized and poured down the drain at Newton Aycliffe Police Station. There were between 50 and 60 youngsters at the party and one youth was arrested as drunk and disorderly. More would have been in that state had the Police not stopped the under-age drinking party before it got started.

## PETITION TO SAVE SHAFTO HOUSE



Last Thursday Councillor Nicholls, a member of Durham County Council Cabinet, kindly came to Shafto House to accept a petition signed by all the residents. The photograph shows Councillor Nicholls and Mr. Philip Malyan receiving the petition from Emmeline Dunn on behalf of all the residents. Newton News has over 3000 signatures collected by the Lib Dems of Newton Aycliffe and from those who signed the form in Newton News. We have asked Councillor Brian Stephens, who is also a Cabinet Member, to accept the petition. The Cabinet meets in July to consider the result of the consultation and come to a decision on the future of Care Homes in the County.

## Fortnight of Fun at the PCP

To celebrate the launch of the Pioneering Care Centre's new extension, PCP will be hosting a fortnight of fun filled, free activities from Monday 7 June - Friday 18 June.

The highlight of the event will be a free Summer Fayre on Saturday 12 June from 10am - 3pm at the Pioneering Care Centre. The day will be action packed with free activities and entertainment for all the family. From face painters to balloonists and a magician to arts and crafts sessions, dancing and football skills with Sunderland Football Club. There will also be performances from local musicians including Greenfield School's Steel Pan Band, a market and exhibitions.

With free sessions in the hydrotherapy pool, relaxing with a complementary therapy or beauty treatment to getting up and going for it at an exercise class or taking part in an adult or community learning course, you can enjoy all this and more for free this June.

The event is being organised by the charity The Pioneering Care Partnership to celebrate the completion of a new £1.2 million extension at the Pioneering Care Centre on Carers Way in Newton Aycliffe.

The extension includes an activity and therapy suite to help people to improve their health, as well as additional training and IT facilities to help people to develop their skills to move into employment. For more information please contact 01325 321234 or visit [www.pcp.uk.net](http://www.pcp.uk.net)

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## GENERATION GAP BRIDGED AT YOUTHY EVENT

Durham Police Authority, in conjunction with community group New Friends, New Places held an inter-generational event at the Youth Centre, on Friday 28 May.

The event, sponsored by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership, had an equal mix of young people (under 18) and older people. The aim was to break down barriers between the age gap and to look at issues that are of concern to both young and older people.

In attendance was the new Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council, Cllr Dorothy

Bowman and the Deputy Chair of Durham Police Authority, Elsie Davies.

Bert Draycott: World Champion Spoon Player gave a master class and there was a special theatre presentation by Bishop Auckland Theatre Hooligans (BATH).

Various officers from Durham Constabulary, the Youth Independent Advisory Group, and Age Concern, were in attendance. There was a varied programme of events, including games on the Wii fit/sports, dance mats etc. A buffet was provided and everyone commented on the success of the day.



## LIB DEMS MEETING

The next meeting of the Great Aycliffe area Lib Dems, will be held in The Cubby, at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 8th June 2010. Both existing and prospective members are cordially invited to attend, when they will be made most welcome.

Topics for discussion will include the Shafto House petition; DCC mixed messages re brown bins; Focus newsletter developments; GATC Council report; Councillor candidate panel; Lib Dem National Conference and new membership drive.

Refreshments will be provided. Come along and join us, TOGETHER we can make a real difference. Derek Atkinson GAA Lib Dem Focus Group. (6 Denham Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham)



## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 9th June 2010**

Full Council - 7.15pm

### QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.

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

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

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Now Durham County Council is putting out a final call to see if there are any more students in their final year of primary or secondary school with a 100 per cent record to invite them to a special celebration.

Over the last nine years, the County Council has presented awards to Year 11 students who have not missed even half a day throughout their secondary school career, and for the past five years has included primary pupils in the award.

Award winners will be given a tour of St James' Park, home of Newcastle United Football Club, in September and a presentation dinner with their families.

Parents or schools who think young people might qualify should contact Catherine Jones at County Hall. Tel: 0191 3834551.

## Musical at Greenfield

Aycliffe Musical Theatre will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's ever popular "HMS Pinafore" at Greenfield Arts and Community Centre on Wednesday 30th June, Friday

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## OPENING OF TRIM TRAIL AND GAZEBO Two New Beat Cops



Aycliffe Neighbourhood policing team welcomes two new arrivals, PCSO 7438 Richard Scott and PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock.

Richard will be covering the Neville Simpature Ward along with PC Alan Thompson, and PCSO Ben Cloke. Gavin will cover the West Ward with PC Tracy Henderson.

PCSO Laycock and PCSO Scott previously worked in retail before joining the force.

Gavin said "I am looking forward to building on the

good relationships that the neighbourhood policing team have in place and meeting members of the public at the PACT meetings and whilst on patrol I will do whatever I can to help"

PCSO Scott added "I'm excited at the challenge of working for Durham Constabulary, I'm passionate about the area and am looking forward to working with the community and addressing any issues residents have".

Gavin and Richard can be contacted on 0345 60 60 365.



On Wednesday 26th May, St. Joseph's celebrated the grand opening of their new trim trail and gazebo in the school grounds. The whole school celebrated with a service led by year six and then Father Campion blessed the children and the new facilities. Many parents, grandparents and carers as well as our parishioners stayed behind for the festivities. Mr. Vince Crosby, a school governor, did the honours and cut the red ribbon to officially open the trim trail and then the gazebo. The children then celebrated by having a cake morning and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and trying out the equipment. We raised £70 towards our school funds.

A big thank you has to go

to Miss. Walker who has dedicated a lot of time to co-ordinating our school grounds improvements. Many thanks go to our wonderful supportive parents who donated cakes and their time to help serve tea and coffee and to all the staff for helping to make the event run smoothly. We were all glad to welcome back Father Campion and appreciate his help with our celebration.



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lounge as well as a huge TV in the function room, which will also be available for England's games. Flags and banners now decorate the club to celebrate the country's involvement in the South Africa tournament, while staff will don England shirts and get into the

patriotic spirit to cheer on Fabio Capello's side. "We're all hoping for a positive tournament," said club secretary Pat Flynn. "Let's hope England can go all the way. With the recent improvements we've made at the club and the reputation our lager and beer has on the town there's no better venue for the World Cup this summer, particularly England games." [www.aycliffe-sports-club.org.uk](http://www.aycliffe-sports-club.org.uk)

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## FREE WORKSHOP FOR UNEMPLOYED

The Pioneering Care Partnership are holding free workshops at Newton Aycliffe Library for people out of work or with incapacity benefit to improve their skills and confidence:  
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## MEMORABLE TRIP TO JAPAN



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**Saturday 12th June - "Thyn Lizzy"**  
 "Just got back from the Thyn Lizzy gig at the Sandy Outdoor Tent. All I can say is Phil Lynott, dead? I don't think so... Jezus h christ, the dual guitars were incredible and the drummer was outstanding and I was totally humbled by Glenn on bass. Don't believe a word, was cool as eat with a blues intro (5 mins) and then the usual version to finish it off was such a contrast and skilfully done. 'Boys' was great and dancing in the re-enlight with Kenny Sax guesting was sublime, as was the Kayleigh inspired Emerald. Awesome guys, made my hottest weekend!" - Gig Pit Review.  
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# Great Aycliffe Town Council

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

### Foreword by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton

I have had a very enjoyable year during my year as Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council. It has been my pleasure to meet many residents of the town who were celebrating a special occasion.

After the sudden death of my husband Reg, my duties as Mayor kept me going and busy. Thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts.

The nominated charities for my year as Mayor were the North East Army Benevolent Fund and the following local charities.



- ◆ Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club
- ◆ Friends of Senior Citizens
- ◆ The Mobility Club
- ◆ Newton Aycliffe Brownies, Guides, Rainbows and Senior Section
- ◆ ACLE Scouts, Cubs, Senior Scouts and Beavers
- ◆ 1st Aycliffe Baden Powell Scout Group
- ◆ 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Association

I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise £7693.50 which was split between these charities.

This annual report is intended to provide a brief summary of some key achievements from the past year; an overview of financial information and a snapshot of the year to come.

### SOME KEY THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR

- ✓ Delivered a 1% reduction on the Town Council portion of the 2010/2011 Council Tax.
- ✓ The Town Council achieved £263,587 savings across all service areas which have been added to council balances and will be used to fund investment in the Town over the next few years.
- ✓ Provided a park patrol service, to improve security, reduce anti-social behaviour, provide public reassurance and respond to public concerns at the parks and play areas, which has been in place since January 2010.
- ✓ Re-opened the toilets at St. Oswald's Park and started to refurbish them.
- ✓ Purchased a Geographical Information System (GIS) to plot all council owned land and property.
- ✓ Undertook a large amount of work at both Stephenson Way and West Cemeteries to provide a peaceful environment.
- ✓ Improved security at the Clarence Chare and St Oswald's allotment sites and St. Oswald's Park by installing new fencing.
- ✓ The Environment Officer undertook 67 school activities and 43 public and community events.
- ✓ Awarded £1,460 in grants to 8 organisations and a capital grant of £10,000 to MIND.
- ✓ Created Sheila's Garden and picnic area at St. Oswald's Park.
- ✓ Refurbishment of Simpasture Park changing facilities.

- ✓ Disabled access improvement to the Oakleaf Sports Complex, installation of CCTV and new indoor bowls carpet.
- ✓ Golf Course improvements to the fencing, footpaths and the installation of CCTV.

### A message from the new Mayor, Councillor Mrs Dorothy Bowman

I am looking forward to my year as Mayor and representing the Town Council in an official capacity. The charities I have chosen for my year in office are Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer.

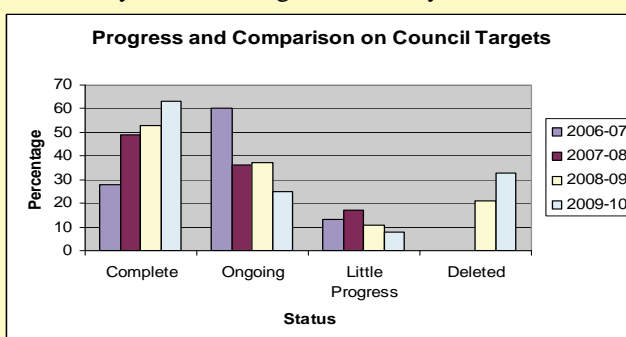
We are all aware that we are living in difficult and uncertain financial times. The recent recession and ongoing economic problems have affected us all and the Town Council has been no different. As your local Town Council we are committed to the efficient management of public money and providing value for money services to the community.

Having said that, the Town Council is well placed to meet the challenges that the ongoing uncertainty in the economy will bring and is likely to be able to maintain the relatively healthy state of our finances over the next few years, without needing to make cuts to important community services or increase the Council Tax substantially.

We will continue to work with the residents of Great Aycliffe through our satisfaction surveys, open days, attending community events, the youth council and the customer panel. This will ensure we take into account your views and act upon your priorities in order to improve our services for YOU the residents of Great Aycliffe.

As you can see from the table below the Council monitors its targets each year and regular reports are provided to both Councillors and the Customer Panel.

Why not attend one of our council or committee meetings to see for yourself what goes on. Everyone is welcome.



### SOME KEY TARGETS FOR THIS YEAR

Following the annual review of the Town Council aims and targets, and including recommendations from the residents of Great Aycliffe, some of our key targets for 2010/2011 are:

- Refurbish School Aycliffe Play Area.
- Investigate options for a redevelopment in the Horndale Park area.
- Map the council owned land and property onto the Geographical Information System.
- Improve communication and publish specific

information newsletters for the parks, play areas, open spaces and other council services.

- Open additional allotments at St Oswald's allotment site (pending planning permission).
- Undertake various improvements and publicise the Great Aycliffe Way.
- Undertake a dog fouling and litter awareness campaign.
- Undertake 40 public 'environmental' events.
- Undertaken 60 school 'environmental' engagements.

### AIMS AND TARGETS 2010/11

#### AIM 1 "TO PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL"

- 1) Publish a Parish Performance Plan by 30th June.
- 2) Achieve an unqualified audit opinion on the Annual Governance Statement.
- 3) Quarterly performance report to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 4) Deliver the Internal Audit Plan Schedule of Work and report to council.
- 5) Review the personal development reviews to find a more user friendly approach.
- 6) Prepare an annual training list, developed from the Personal Development Review, or replacement, process and feed into the budget setting process.
- 7) Provide a Member and Town Clerk training programme to comply with guidance for Quality Status.
- 8) Undertake a review of all records and filing systems annually to comply with Freedom Of Information Act.
- 9) Improve advertising of council facilities and services by targeting a service area in each publication.

#### AIM 2 "TO MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S FINANCES AND ASSETS IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER"

- 10) Produce annual statement of accounts by 30.6.10.
- 11) Achieve an unqualified audit opinion of the account by 30.9.10.
- 12) Complete any Government returns electronically by the relevant deadline.
- 13) Aim to deliver 3% efficiency savings.
- 14) Implement any works highlighted in the Asset Management Plan, prioritised by Disability Discrimination Act compliance.
- 15) Undertake a review of all Council risks every March and report to Council.
- 16) Budgets/Precepts approved by 31st January 2011.
- 17) Map all council owned land, buildings and other assets onto the Geographical Information System.
- 18) Undertake an annual update of the Asset Register.
- 19) Undertake an annual review of the schedule of expected life and replacement costs for plant and machinery and build into the capital works programme as necessary.

#### AIM 3 "TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE LEISURE FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES"

- 20) Complete the Best Value Review of the Oakleaf Sports Complex.
- 21) Deliver 30 public countryside events.
- 22) Deliver the Council's programme of special events.
- 23) Provide 2 training sessions on the new dance mat



- system ('train the trainer' type sessions).
- 24) Work with community groups and voluntary organisations to provide at least 5 community dance sessions.
- 25) Pursue the of opening additional allotments at St. Oswald's Park/allotments.
- 26) Replace the Oakleaf Sports Complex heating system to be more efficient.

#### AIM 4 "TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AS APPROPRIATE IN GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 27) Investigate the need for extended opening hours at the Early Years settings. If required extend the opening hours.
- 28) Achieve successful Ofsted Inspection Results (if undertaken).

#### AIM 5 "TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF AYCLIFFE BY MANAGING AND DEVELOPING PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND GREEN SPACES"

- 29) Environmental Officer to work with local schools and community groups to develop volunteer opportunities.
- 30) Work with the Youth Council, schools, community and voluntary groups to hold a Town Pride Environment Day.
- 31) Publicise environmental/green spaces in the Great Aycliffe area. Including the development and publication of a leaflet.
- 32) Plant a hedgerow round the inner field boundary at Cobblers Hall Plantation.

- 33) Publicise parks and play areas in Town Council ownership. Including the development of a leaflet.
- 34) Complete the improvements to the Great Aycliffe Way.
- 35) Develop and publish a Great Aycliffe Way leaflet to promote the walk.
- 36) Refurbish School Aycliffe Play Area.
- 37) Open the public toilets at St. Oswald's Park.
- 38) Continue the replacement of dog waste bins at various town council owned locations.
- 39) Consider the re-development/use of Horndale Park and football pitches.

#### AIM 6 "TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 40) Support and encourage Aycliffe Youth Council (AYC) by:-  
Organising the election process;  
Holding at least 8 meetings a year;  
Help organise at least 1 project per year.
- 41) Working with other groups to develop community activities to encourage pride in Great Aycliffe.
- 42) Hold a litter awareness campaign in partnership with Durham County Council, the Youth Council and any national initiatives.
- 43) Negotiate with Durham County Council to hold a high profile 'dog fouling' campaign in the Great Aycliffe area.
- 44) Work with County Councillors for Aycliffe and Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP)

and Durham County Council to provide additional off-street parking.

- 45) Work with County Councillors for Aycliffe and GAMP to access Neighbourhood Budgets for the benefit of Great Aycliffe residents.

#### AIM 7 "TO ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY"

- 46) Hold at least 5 Customer Panel meetings with the residents of Great Aycliffe.
- 47) Hold a budget setting consultation meeting with the Customer Panel.
- 48) Hold a Parish Meeting.
- 49) Hold an Allotment AGM.
- 50) Hold 6 allotment representative meetings.
- 51) Provide information about elections, the need to register to vote, how to become a Councillor etc on the Council's website.
- 52) Hold or take part in at least 2 events to inform residents about Town Council services.

#### AIM 8 "TO RESEARCH INFORMATION AND MAKE THE CASE FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 53) Produce timely responses to all major consultations carried out.
- 54) Undertake benchmarking and research where appropriate for new policies and procedures.
- 55) Keep up to date with any changes in legislation and report to council as and when required.

#### BYERLEY PARK, HORNDALE & COBBLERS HALL WARD



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# MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010 / 2011

**COUNCIL** *(All Members of the Council)*  
**Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Mayor), Councillor R.S. Fleming (Deputy Mayor)**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** *(24 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors S. Bambridge, W. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE** *(24 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors S. Bambridge, W. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** *(24 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors S. Bambridge, W. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.**

**GENERAL APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE** *(Members chosen as necessary)*

**SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS - (Policy and Resources Committee)**

**SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP** *(Members chosen as necessary)*

**PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE** *(8 Members + Mayor OR Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors V. Crosby, W. Curtis, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, B. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson and Mrs. V.M. Raw. (1 Vacancy)**

**APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE** *(8 Members + Mayor OR Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, J.D. Clare, Mrs. M. Dalton, G.C. Gray, G.R. Gray, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson and A. Warburton.**

**AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE** *(4 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*  
**Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, B. Hall, M. Iveson and W. Iveson.**

**ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP** *(9 Members)*  
**Councillors J.D. Clare, W. Curtis, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, K. Henderson, M. Iveson and Mrs. V.M. Raw.**

**CHARGES WORKING GROUP** *(Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of Full Council, Environment, Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees)*  
**Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, B. Hall and M. Iveson.**

**WORKING GROUPS - (Recreation Committee)**

**GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP** *(3 Members)*  
**Councillors R.S. Fleming, B. Hall and M. Iveson**

**SPORTS COMPLEX WORKING GROUP** *(Members chosen as necessary)*

**SHOW WORKING GROUP** *(7 Members + Chairman & Vice-Chair of Recreation)*  
**Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, P. Ducker, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. E.M. Paylor**

## MAYOR'S ANNUAL EVENTS

The following Civic Dates have now been finalised for the Mayor's Year in Office:

**Mayor "At Home"** - Tuesday, 29th June 2010 at the Council Offices - 2.15 p.m.

**Civic Service** - Sunday, 18th July 2010 at St. Clare's Church - 9.45 a.m.

**Charity Golf Tournament** - Friday, 10th September 2010 - Oakleaf Golf Complex.

**Town Community Carol Service** - Sunday, 12th December 2010 - Xcel Centre - 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Civic Carol Service** - Sunday, 19th December 2010 - St. Clare's Church - 6 p.m.

**Civic Dinner and Dance** - Friday, 18th February 2011 - Summerson Suite, The Hall Garth Hotel - 7 p.m.



## REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2010/11

- (a) Youth Council  
Councillors V. Crosby, A. Warburton and Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils  
Councillors R.S. Fleming, J.D. Clare and Town Clerk
- (c) Citizens' Advice Bureau  
Councillor M. Iveson and Councillor B. Hall (Reserve)
- (d) Agnew Community Centre  
Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare and K. Henderson
- (e) Woodham Village Community Association  
Councillors Mrs. J. Gray and K. Henderson
- (f) Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee  
Councillors R.S. Fleming, B. Hall and Town Clerk.
- (g) Durham Countryside Volunteers  
Councillors V. Crosby, I. Gray and A. Warburton
- (h) Larger Local Council's Forum  
Councillor B. Hall, R.S. Fleming and Town Clerk.
- (i) Lifelong Learning Committee  
Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, V. Crosby and R.S. Fleming
- (j) Normandy Veterans  
Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton
- (k) Woodham Community Technology Collect Forum Meeting  
Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman and Mrs. V.M. Raw
- (l) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre  
Councillor V. Crosby
- (m) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society  
Councillors I. Gray and B. Haigh

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

26th May 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
26th May 2010	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
2nd June 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
9th June 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
7th July 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
7th July 2010	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
14th July 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
21st July 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
8th Sept. 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
8th Sept. 2010	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
15th Sept. 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
22nd Sept. 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
20th Oct. 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
20th Oct. 2010	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
27th Oct. 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
3rd Nov. 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

\* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

**4th MAY, 2011 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m. (\*\*)**  
**11th MAY, 2011 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.**  
*(\* \*) (N.B. – this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).*

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**  
Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.  
**The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".**

## MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Listed below for public disclosure is the allowances and other expenses claimed by the Council's Elected Members during the financial year 2009/10 in line with statutory requirements as set out in the Local Authority (Members Allowances) Regulations 2004.

Surname	Forenames	Title	Total Payment	Allowance	Subsistence	Mileage Claim
Bambridge	Stephen	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Blenkinsopp	William Maurice	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Bowman	Thomas Raymond	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Bowman	Dorothy	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clare	John Duncan	Mr	£971.30	£971.30		
Clare	Barbara Anne	Mrs	£971.30	£971.30		
Crosby	Vincent	Mr	£1,090.85	£1,059.60	£31.25	
Curtis	William James	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Dalton	Maria WH	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Ducker	John Paul	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Fleming	Robert Stuart	Mr	£1,079.60	£1,059.60	£20.00	
Gittins	Paul Steven	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
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Gray	George Robert	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
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Paylor	Enid Marion	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Raw	Valerie Margaret	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
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*Subsistence figures are for Conferences – As per approved Members Allowance Scheme*



# An Overview of the Council's Finances

## The Cost of Running the Council's Services

A summary of the Council's actual expenditure in 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 in running its various services, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed below:-

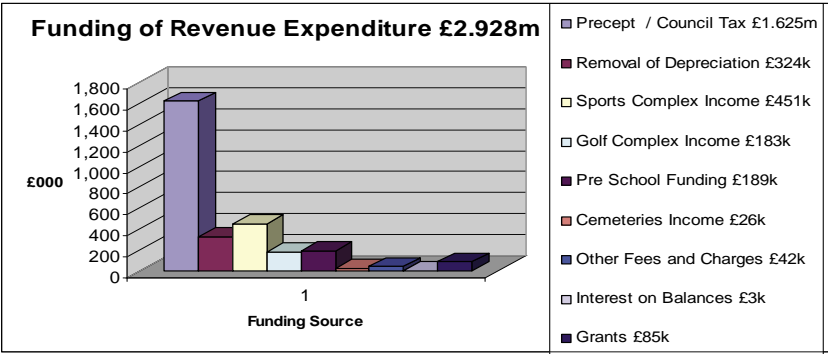
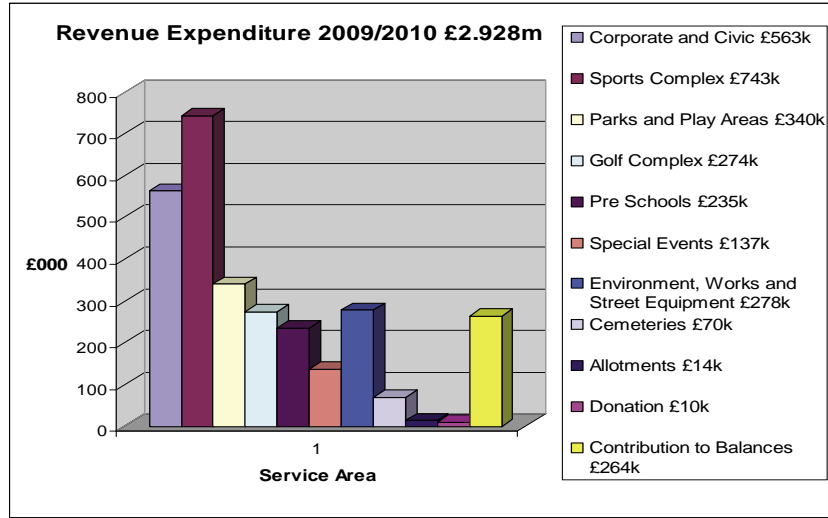
2008/2009 £	Service Area	2009/2010 £
74,918	Members and Civic Expenses	69,755
464,212	Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	448,459
46,594	Capital Financing Charges	44,700
190,837	Pre Schools	235,511
143,854	Community Events	136,899
715,864	Sports Complex	742,612
254,575	Golf Course and Driving Range	273,990
317,441	Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	340,368
233,245	Environment, Works and Street Equipment	278,154
55,127	Cemeteries	70,431
15,978	Allotments	14,215
-	Contingency Sum	10,000
2,512,645	<b>Total Cost of Running Council Services</b>	<b>2,665,094</b>
	<b>Less Income</b>	
(15,000)	Grants	(85,019)
(172,527)	Pre Schools Funding and Fees	(188,845)
(435,987)	Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(450,927)
(187,314)	Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(183,081)
(21,861)	Cemeteries Fees	(25,953)
(42,476)	Other Fees and Charges	(41,968)
(32,688)	Investment Income	(2,921)
(907,853)	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(978,714)</b>
(291,986)	Exclusion of Depreciation Charges	(324,467)
1,312,806	<b>Actual Net Cost of Council Services</b>	<b>1,361,913</b>
263,969	<b>Contribution to Council Balances / Savings</b>	<b>263,587</b>
1,576,775	<b>Council Precept / Council Tax</b>	<b>1,625,500</b>

The net cost of running the Council's many services is met from the Precept. The Precept is the amount that the Town Council ask Durham County Council, as the Council Tax Billing Authority, to collect for us from the Council taxpayers of Great Aycliffe to fund the estimated net cost of all of the services we provide. As shown above, the Council's Precept for 2009/2010 was set at £1,625,500 which resulted in a Town Council Tax bill of £206.12 per year at Valuation Band D. However 60% of properties in the Great Aycliffe area fall within Council Tax Band A, for which the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill was £137.41 a year or £2.64 a week.

The financial position and spending of the Council is continuously monitored and controlled in order to help achieve the most efficient use of public resources. As can be seen above, prudent management of the Council's spending has been achieved in both 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, when the Council **achieved savings in the region of 16% against the approved Revenue Budget.**

These savings have arisen from the inclusion of a contribution to capital reserves in the Revenue Budget, limited use of the contingency sum, a lower than expected pay award in 2009/2010, savings on staff cover and overtime costs, increased Pre School funding arising from numbers of children running at capacity levels in both years, renegotiated gas and electricity contracts and general efficiency savings being identified and achieved in all budget areas. These savings have now been set aside in the Council's earmarked reserves to meet future spending commitments and to provide for further investment in Council and community assets for the benefit of the tax payers of Great Aycliffe over the next few years.

A graphical summary of the Council's spending in 2009/2010 and how it was funded is shown below:-

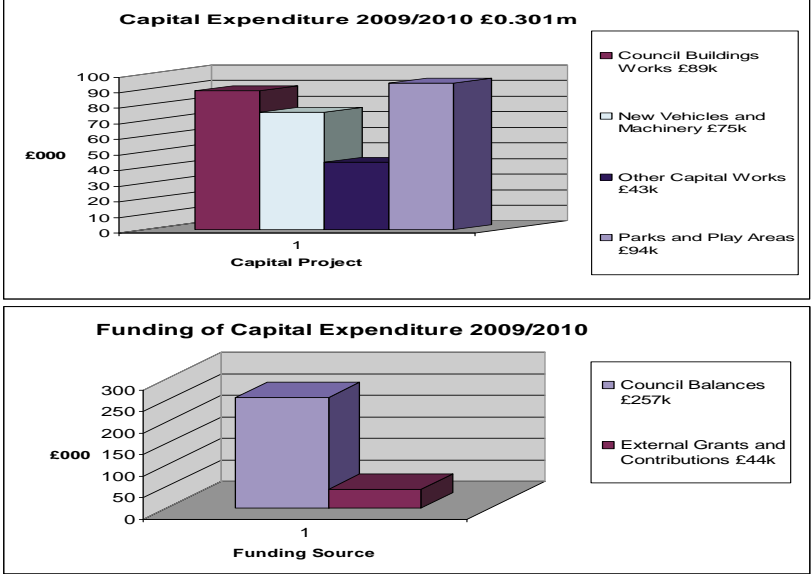


## Capital Investment

A summary of the Council's capital investment in Council and community assets in 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed below:-

2008/2009 £	Investment Area	2009/2010 £
161,424	Council Buildings Works	79,081
42,434	Sports Complex Disabled Lift and Automatic Entrance	10,249
60,420	Sports Complex Bar Refurbishment	-
30,030	Replacement Vehicles and Machinery	74,506
-	CCTV Cameras	8,600
400,745	Parks and Play Areas Investment	94,496
32,584	Other Capital Investment	34,275
727,637	<b>Total Capital Investment</b>	<b>301,207</b>
	<b>Funded by:-</b>	
(363,062)	Capital Contributions	(44,418)
(364,575)	Use of Council Balances	(256,789)
(727,637)	<b>Funding of Capital Investment</b>	<b>(301,207)</b>

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**Capital investment by the Council in community assets has totalled around £1.5 million over the last 5 years** and this has included the construction of the Town Park, numerous new play areas and multi use games areas across the town, and the new Environment Centre. **A further £1 million has been invested in Council assets** such as the new depot building, disabled access works to public buildings and replacement vehicles and machinery. This is all investment that would not otherwise have been possible if the Council did not include a contribution to capital reserves in its Revenue Budget and achieve efficiency savings each year. It is also important to note that **the Council has actively sought external grant funding to support it's capital investment in the town in recent years, securing over £500,000** from funds such as the Local Improvement Programme.

## The Council's Balance Sheet

A summary of the Council's Balance Sheet for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 is detailed below and shows the net worth of the Council, in terms of its assets and liabilities:-

2008/2009 £	Category of Asset or Liability	2009/2010 £
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
4,867,000	Land and Buildings	4,693,000
1,194,000	Vehicles, Plant and Machinery	1,233,000
250,000	Community Assets	294,000
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
500,000	Investments	600,000
458,000	Bank and Cash	290,000
153,000	Other Current Assets e.g. Stocks, Debtors etc	80,000
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
(345,000)	Creditors, Provisions, Short Term Borrowing etc	(202,000)
(273,000)	<b>Outstanding Borrowing</b>	(246,000)
(562,000)	<b>Capital Contributions used to fund Fixed Assets</b>	(517,000)
6,242,000	<b>Net Worth of Council</b>	<b>6,225,000</b>

## Annual Audit Report

The Council is subject to an annual external inspection by the Audit Commission and the overall opinion on the overall financial standing of the Council is set out in an Annual Audit Letter. The Audit Commission looked at four main areas in 2008/2009:-

1. Statement of Accounts
2. Parish Performance Plan
3. Annual Governance Statement
4. Use of Resources Assessment

The Council has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the inspection. This means that, in overall terms the Audit Commission considers that the Council's Accounts present fairly its financial position, its finances are in good order and its arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public money are sound and provide value for money to local tax payers. The Audit Commission did make some recommendations around improvements to the Council's budget setting process and these have been implemented in the setting of the 2010/2011 Budgets. The Audit Commission's Annual Audit Letter for 2008/2009 and the 2008/2009 Statement of Accounts are available to view at the Council Offices or on the website. The 2009/2010 Statement of Accounts are due to be approved by the Council on the 23rd June 2010, and must be published by the 30th September 2010 after the Audit is completed. The 2009/2010 Audit Letter will then follow at the end of the year.





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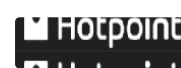
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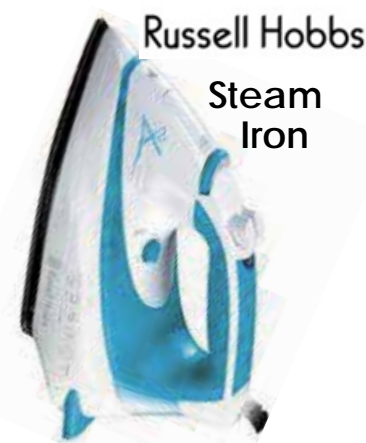
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Hydrum has always offered apprenticeships and recruited from the local area but is now focussed on recruiting and training youngsters with a real passion to enter the world of work to ensure a supply of talented employees in the future. The position will see apprentices trained in modern manufacturing methods and techniques. Production Manager Stephen Beacham has spoken to local colleges and organisations. At New College Durham he delivered presentations about the company and discussed the role of apprentices in it. Stephen said, 'I am developing a training plan for the apprentices which will involve them in every facet of the business for their first year. They will then move into a specific area to continue their training. I hope to have recruited by the end of July.' One of Hydrum's current apprentices, Martin Webster, is happy with the progress he has made since joining the business in June 2008. Martin works as a Quality Technician as well as attending Darlington College to study for a National Certificate in Manufacturing. 'Working at Hydrum has given me direction

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You were not alone Janet when you gently slipped away along the road of suffering, you found a little lane that took you up to heaven and ended all your pain. We love you dearly, Norma and Alan, John, Jackie and family, Jean, Derek and family. Love you Janet xxxxxx R.I.P.

**LEE SMITH** 3 June 2007. 3 years since you left us Lee and the pain is still with us. I miss your smiling face and your corny jokes, but most of all I miss you. Love and miss you Yung Un, Debbie, Paul and Connor xx

**ADA HUTSON** 5th June 2007. Things I feel most deeply are the hardest things to say. Dearest Wife I loved you in a very special way. If I could have one lifetime wish. One dream that I could come true. I'd pray to God with all my heart, for yesterday and you. All my love as always, your loving Husband Dick x

**ADA HUTSON** 5th June 2007. Forget you Mam we never will, for in our hearts you're living still and there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. Love and miss you always from your loving Family x

**BILLY BLACK** 28.08.32 - 07.06.04. There is a corner in our hearts Dad, you visit every day, it gives us this warm feeling, you're never far away. Loved, missed and remembered every day by Daughter Sharon and Sons David and Philip xxxx

**BILLY BLACK** 28.08.32 - 07.06.04. It broke my heart to lose you Bill, but you did not go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God took you home. Always loved and missed, you loving Wife Mena xxxx

**LEE SMITH.** Another year may have passed without you, but not a day passes without you in our thoughts. Love, Karl, Catherine, Gemma and Jessica x

**TAYLOR, BRIAN.** 02.06.04. Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day, Mavis

**RON KIRTLEY** 6th June 2004. Dad, 6 years you have been gone and we miss you every day. You are reunited with Mam and Grandma in the last 8 months. Love you always, Lesley and Lauren

## Wanted

**WANTED** Old Yellow Pages or telephone directories. Tel 300212

**WANTED FOR SPARES** Mini, VW Beetle or Metro. No MOT needed. Tel 314154

## Weddings

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## Congratulations

### ROB HUTCHISON BIG 60!!



**4 June 2010**  
**Happy birthday Darling** with lots of love and kisses, Brenda. Hope you enjoyed your week away xx

**To a very special Dad,** hope you enjoy every minute of being 60. Lots of love, Michelle and Chris xx

**Happy 60th Grandad,** big hugs and kisses from Jack and Joe xx

**To a great Dad and Grandad,** have a great 60th, that bus pass will get some use to and from the Legion, all our love, Lee, Shellie, Morgan and Callum xxx

### JAMIE-LEE COGLAN & AMII HUTCHINSON



**ENGAGEMENT**  
We are very proud to announce the engagement of our son Jamie-Lee to Amii.

To Jamie and Amii  
A heaven-made match, a perfect pair  
This brings a wish for happiness  
In the future that you'll share  
All our love Mam & Dad & UB, and all the family

### ARRON SAUNDERS



**Happy 18th Birthday** 10th June, Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Amy xxxx

### Birthday Remembrance

**ROBERT WAITES.** June 7th. Remembering your birthday, miss you Bob. Love, Ruth  
**BARRY HURST** 8th June. We miss you so much Our Baz xxx

## Obituary

**ELAINE PALMER** of Newton Aycliffe. Fell peacefully into an eternal sleep on the 24th May, aged 48 years. Loving Mam to Tracey and David  
**PALMER (NEE COWELL)** Died 24th May, Elaine, Beloved Daughter of Valerie and Robert, Dear Sister to Sharon and Loving Aunt to Ian, Lee and Heather. Be at peace now love xxx

### Happy 21st Birthday RICHARD



**Have a great day.** Love, Gran and Grandad xx

**Happy 21st Birthday Uncle Richard.** Lots of Love Lexie xx

**Happy 21st Richard.** 'Still Cute'. Love & hugs, Mam and Phil xx

**Happy 21st 'Bro'.** Enjoy your day. Love, Kimberley & Matthew xx

### DAWN LAING



**5th June 2010**  
**Sweet 16 already,** you've grown up so beautifully. Have a lovely day, all our love Mum, Scott, and all your family Love you so much sweetheart. xxxxxxxx

### SOPHIE SUMMERILL



**Happy 18th Birthday Angel**  
Love you loads always, love, Mum, Dad, Coley and Ella xx

## Business For Sale

**WINDOW CLEANING ROUND** For Sale, Aycliffe. £850 per month, £2500. Tel 07816 446803

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## STEAM ENGINE DRIVERS WANTED



The Merlin Locomotive Group, is based in the Goods Shed, at 'Locomotion, The National Railway Museum,' Shildon, and are a group of volunteers who operate the steam locomotives on steam days at the museum. Their own locomotive, a "Peckett W6 Special," is at present being restored. The Group is looking for new members who would be interested in becoming a Guard, Fireman or Driver, or helping with the restoration of Merlin. No experience is necessary as all training is given. Should you be interested or require more information, you can contact us by ringing "Locomotion @ Shildon" 01388 777999 contacting Group Secretary, Steve Down. Email [steve-down@lineone.net](mailto:steve-down@lineone.net)

## WOODHAM STUDENTS TO GET SPORTY IN THE USA

This summer a group of eleven young sports coaches (aged 16) from Newton Aycliffe, will travel to Camp Cody in the USA as part of a pioneering volunteering scheme.

The scheme, which has been developed by Woodham and local sports coaching company Active Inclusion, enables 16 year old to travel to, and coach at, a traditional American log cabin style summer camp, an opportunity usually only available to students aged 18 plus. The programme is the first of its kind in the UK.

Building on the success of last years programme that saw seven students from Woodham perform way above expectations whilst on Camp in America, it has now been extended to give eleven more students the opportunity of a lifetime.

The lucky students selected for the programme have all been given access to an individually tailored coach education plan prior to their departure, involving national governing body awards, practical coaching assessments and 'In House' training from Active Inclusion. As part of their preparation, the students have also marketed and launched their very own weekly multi skills sports sessions in school for younger students to take part in.

## Cuppa with a Copper



PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson (left) and PC 132 Pete Akiens invite residents for a cuppa at sessions being held every other Wednesday morning at Coffee Pronto, Beveridge Way between 10am & 11am.

They have been running for a month now and are informal drop in sessions where members of the public are welcome to come along and sit and chat with Scott and Pete over a cup of tea or coffee and discuss anything they wish to bring to their attention. It is all very relaxed and anyone is welcome to pop in to speak to us about issues that affecting them in their neighbourhood. The

next session is 16th June. The next PACT meeting for Shafto St. Mary's Ward is on Tuesday 29th June at 6pm at Defoe Crescent Nursing Home, all are welcome to attend.

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Friends of Senior Citizens are organising a day trip to Saltburn on Wednesday, 23rd June leaving St. Clares Church bus stop at 9.30 am. Coffee at Rockcliffe Hall, Lunch at Acklam, arriving Saltburn at 1.30pm. Depart for home at 4pm. All inclusive price £12. On Sunday 27th June another trip to Seaton Carew departing from Neville Parade Community Centre, picking up at St. Clares at 10am. Adults £8, child £6. To book ring 313924.

Open Day Friday 2nd July from 2-4pm. Come and see what improvements we have made and use the facilities free.

After School Club for 7-10 yrs old, commencing 10th June at 5pm. Admission £1. Lots of games and activities. All children must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. Booking essential on 313924.

Raffle prizes wanted for our next fundraising event. We will collect - please ring 313924.

## Waste Food Thrown Over Garden Fence

Dear Sirs,  
May I draw the attention of anyone who walks their dog on the Great Aycliffe Walkway, to the rear of Mulgrave Court, of the irresponsible behaviour of someone.

A person is throwing food waste over their back fence, namely chicken carcasses and jellied chicken stock. This waste stays there and decomposes, but it is irresistible to dogs who can't tell if it is fit for consumption or not.

My dog spent last weekend on a drip seriously ill after eating something from there and a number of other dog walkers have also had poorly pets. Only this week a fellow dog walker 'returned' this resident's waste to them, back over the fence from whence it came!

I don't know if they are deliberately targeting dogs and cats and trying to poison them, or if it is just sheer ignorance, but I would not like anyone else to have to watch their dog suffer like I have, I think it is only because she is young and strong that she recovered.

Could I also remind the person in question that littering on public land is an offence and that the Council have been informed.

A very concerned dog owner

## TICKET ORDER FORM FOR ROTARY EVENTS

Sunday 27th June - BIG BAND DANCE & CONCERT - The Big Club - 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50

Number of Tickets required.....

Name .....

Address .....

Tel: .....

Please send or hand in to Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Business Park, Co. Durham DL5 6DX - Telephone: 01325 300212

## FRENCH & ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE for Beginners

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### Exercise to Music

Tuesday, 12noon-1pm - Pioneering Care Centre  
**Tai Chi**

Wednesday, 12noon-1pm - Youth and Community Centre

### Exercise to Music

Friday, 10-11pm - Youth and Community Centre  
**Pilates**

Friday, 11.15-12noon - Youth and Community Centre  
For more information phone Age Concern South Area Office 01388 720064

## COUNTY'S COUNTRY PATHS GO ONLINE

Over 2,000 miles of country paths in County Durham can be seen for the first time online.

The paths form the Definitive Map, the official record of public rights of way, which is maintained by Durham County Council.

It shows 2,200 miles of public footpaths, bridleways and byways and can be used to check paths in local areas.

"In the past, anyone wanting to see the Definitive Map had to visit their local council office or County Hall but this great new resource brings the county's network of paths to your fingertips," said Cllr Neil Foster, the County Council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development.

"It can be accessed from a home computer or at local libraries so it's easy to take a look and then make use of the network for exercise, good health, relaxation, enjoyment or to gain a better understanding of the countryside," he said.

To see the map visit [www.durham.gov.uk/definitivemap](http://www.durham.gov.uk/definitivemap)

## ROLL END CARPET SALE



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