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Week Ending 6th August, 2010

## NO BOATING THIS SUMMER

Dear Sir,  
The School Holidays are here and the Town Council still refuse to put the boats back on the Lake saying it costs too much. Surely with a ground staff of 24 they could release two each day for a few hours to let children enjoy the boats? Using existing staff can't cost the Council more!  
It's a shame the boats are left rotting in the boat house and this amenity is lost along with the cars from Simpashire Park. I apologise to those children who asked about boating as I have tried hard, but the Council won't change their mind.  
Perhaps the Council would consider giving the Boating franchise to a private company who could provide the facility at their own risk? This would cost the Council nothing and the franchisee would keep the boats maintained so they could be used in good weather. I would like to thank the volunteers who cleaned the lake recently and I hope the council won't let it get in that state again. I would still like the Council to provide seats and picnic tables in those areas where people are having to sit on the grass.  
Maud Gray

## KIDS ON TOWN CENTRE ROOVES CAUSE CONCERN



Police shown one of the gaps children jump

Newton Aycliffe Police are asking parents to question their children's whereabouts, particularly during the school holidays, as a number of them are using the town centre rooves as a playground and are putting their lives in danger. Some have been seen biking on the roof and jumping between gaps onto surfaces which are angled, slippery and highly dangerous. They see it as an adventure and are giving the police concern that someone will have a serious accident and they will be the ones that have to inform parents their child is in hospital.

The gaps being jumped are between 6 and eight feet with perilous drops to the ground. Kids as young as eight are climbing onto rooves and when the Police appear they run away, putting themselves in more danger as they scatter over dangerous surfaces.

They have been seen dry sledging down angled rooves, playing football and are also causing £1000's of damage. Arrests have been made and the police are determined to stamp out this trespassing nuisance and prosecute the offenders.

Demolition work is being carried out in the Town Centre at this moment and more security staff have been employed who will be alerting the Police when they see youngsters fooling about in the area.

Meanwhile parents are requested to ensure their children are not engaged in this foolhardy and highly hazardous practice. Residents using the Town Centre at night are also asked to report sightings of children playing on the rooves. **0345 6060 365.**

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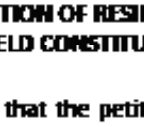
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Phil Wilson MP

Declares that the petitioners believe that the Government should implement the procurement of rolling stock through the Intercity Express Programme, which would lead to Hitachi building a manufacturing site in Newton Aycliffe, and further that this would result in the creation of hundreds of direct jobs and thousands of jobs in the supply chain, of which the majority would be in manufacturing, giving a much needed boost to the North East economy and improving rail services nationwide. The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the government to implement the procurement of rolling stock through the Intercity Express Programme.

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# WHY CAN'T COUNCIL RUN CARE HOMES EFFICIENTLY?

Dear Sir,  
 Reading Councillor Mike Dixon's letter in last week's Newton News I was struck by the fact that he did not justify the closure of Care Homes. Instead, he ranted on about the pending cuts in public spending being discussed by the present coalition Government as though it was all their fault. Be aware that Durham Labour County Council was minded to close the Care Homes before the General Election but put off announcing their decision until after a bogus 'consultation period' which conveniently allowed the announcement of the bad news after the election result; an old (or should I say, New) Labour trick, practised by the last, discredited, Government. Was it that amoral MP, Peter Mandelson, who invented it along with 'spin'? During the press debate on this issue, the Council pointed out that it cost almost twice as much to keep a resident in a Council Care Home compared with the cost in a Private Care Home. This fact should not have led to the decision to close the Council Care Homes, but rather, to the mass resignation of Councillors and the sacking of all involved in the inefficient management of the Council funds, and especially, Care Homes! Remember their actions at the next County Council elections!

If Durham County Council cannot run Care Homes cheaper than the so called greedy profit making Private Sector, then we, the taxpayers, cannot afford Durham County Council. It is this profligacy that the Coalition Government has found it will have to curb. New Labour borrowed billions of pounds to fund its flagship 'Building Schools For The Future' project. Schools do not teach children to read and write. It is the teachers who teach, not the buildings. Good teachers teach regardless of the

surroundings. I was taught in a school room partly cordoned off due to the lath and plaster ceiling falling down, (pre. Comprehensive Education, another Labour education ideological disaster). We learned to read and write and the Government did not run up massive debts to be borne by our children and our children's children (if they can afford to have any, having also to pay off their University Fees and the massive debt). What is the point in building schools (or Care Homes) if you bankrupt yourself in the process and cannot afford to keep them open. Recently, Durham County Council Police Authority announced that it wants to demolish the Town Police Station. It is said to be outmoded and no longer fit for purpose. Labour MP and man of the people, Phil Wilson agrees. Have they got no imagination? I believe that there are sufficient Architects in the area who would be pleased to enter a design competition to design a revamp of the existing building such as to meet the current police needs. This, without again wasting taxpayers money on demolishing a perfectly good building. The money saved (if not borrowed) could be transferred to the Care Budget. Our Labour Council and ex. Labour Government have shown themselves to be unable

and unworthy to be in control of our public finances. The former borrowed heavily to give tax credits to people, who most of the residents of our town would regard as being high earners! This was no more than the blatant buying of votes. Indeed, I turned 60 recently and was gifted £240 winter fuel allowance. As the Government expenditure at the time was greater than its income, this money must have been borrowed. Good for me, but not so good for the next generation of taxpayers who will be paying off the interest, and perhaps eventually the debt, run up by the previous Government in a desperate attempt to buy votes to ensure re-election. Fortunately, the majority of those who voted were not fooled. Let us not forget that the main ideological difference between the current Government and the last on public spending is, only on when to cut and not on the necessity of cutting. The new Government is being cautious in trying to reduce our debt and therefore, our interest payments, early, such that our taxes can then be spent on the needs of people rather than on their wants. The annual interest payments on our country's debt would fund existing or new Care Homes for everyone in need, many times over.  
 Alastair P. G. Welsh

## WOODHAM SPEED TRACK

Dear Sir,  
 It was interesting to read the article on the number of people cautioned for speeding on Woodham Way via Agnew Way. I frequently travel on this stretch of road to Woodham Post Office (thank you Steven and staff for the facilities provided and the courtesy received) and to visit my Daughter and family. On my return journey I continue along the north side of Woodham Way and often wonder why there has never been a speed sign used there? How about PACT conducting a speed survey in that area which could also, at times, be described as a 'speed track'?  
 (Mrs) J.K. Blaik

## Youthy Under 7's League Champs



N.A.Y.C. Under 7's Yellow celebrated their success last week at their league presentation night at The Roker Hotel. The kids were crowned league champions after winning the Russell Foster D+P Trophies Cup. This was a great achievement for the kids and finished off nicely a long hard season. The Yellows were unbeaten in 24 games which ensured the title was theirs. Following this successful season the team are entering the Teesside Junior Alliance League next season at

under 8's level. This will give the kids another challenge playing against some excellent teams in another well run league. The kids have been a credit to their parents, the club and also the town by playing football with a smile on their face and making friends with other clubs from the Tyne and Wear area. If anybody is interested in playing football both boys and girls please contact Berni on 07939 045242.

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### Collections May Not be Going to Charity

Dear Editor  
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The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has seen a 25% drop in household collections due to this commercial activity which will cost us a staggering £3 million in the next year - money which could be spent in the fight against heart disease.

I'd like to highlight to the people in the area that 100% of the profits made from donations to the BHF stay with the charity because we haven't formed a partnership with these third party organisations. These healthy profits help us to continue our lifesaving work, whereas as little as 5% goes to charities who use a third party to collect on their behalf.

The BHF has launched a new nationwide campaign because we believe it's only right that householders are given clear information from collectors about where the proceeds of their goods are going so they can make an informed choice.

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## PAPER COUNCILLORS

Dear Sir  
Once again we have been kicked in the teeth by the Labour County Councillors with the closure of Shafto House. They are just paper councillors. A paper councillor is usually too busy, uninterested or sometimes unsuitable to be a councillor. (S)he serves the party's purpose by keeping anyone else out of the seat. (S)he does not even have to attend committees, where most of the real decisions are made: by a process called "substitution", the Party boss can get another member of the same Party to take up the place on the committee to secure the required votes. That is what the Labour County Councillors did with Shafto House. This is how the Labour Group run our Town Council, by

monopolising Committee Chairmanships. In a politically controlled Council, the majority Party fills all the committee chairs and vice-chairs with its own people. The Mayor was appointed this year by a Labour Party whip decision yet last year they did not want her as Mayor. Independent Councillors Alan Warburton and Paul Ducker Aycliffe first and foremost People before Politics

## The Romans Are Coming!

County Durham, or more accurately, Hardwick Park in Sedgfield, is bracing itself for an invasion. The Roman's are coming – but this time they are back by special invite, not to conquer. The ever-popular annual 'Romans Return' event is organised by Durham County Council and this year the council hopes to beat last year's record of 2,500 visitors over the weekend. The free family fun runs from 10.00am until 4.00pm, August 14 and 15, and features exciting re-enactments and activities, involving local actors and craftspeople. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy this lively look at Roman history.

## Caterpillar Identified



Having read the interesting article on the unusual caterpillar found by Anna Dooney, members of the Aycliffe Nature Park Association visited Anna and her mother at their home to discuss this find. We came to the conclusion the caterpillar is not a Tersa Sphinx which is usually found in North America. The caterpillar turned out to be an unusual green form of the Elephant Hawk Moth. The common name derives from it's caterpillars apparent resemblance to an elephants trunk. Confusion arose because the caterpillars of the two moths can look very similar. These moths are very common across Newton Aycliffe, although they are not often seen. The caterpillars feed on a variety of plants, but their favourite is

Rosebay Willowherb, which grows in profusion in the area. The adult moth is attractively coloured, and feeds at night on the nectar of Honeysuckle. We had a friendly talk about all the different kinds of moth and Anna's mother became very interested. We have well over 300 kinds of moth recorded from the town, and many more remain unidentified. It will surprise many to know that there are about 2500 species of moths in the UK, a great number of which are probably more colourful than some butterflies. We are interested in sampling moths from different parts of the town whenever the chances arise. If your readers would like to try and trap/identify moths they should call us to arrange a meeting.

A minibeast day will be held on the Aycliffe Nature Park on Sunday the 15th August from 2-4pm where hopefully we will be identifying these and many more throughout the afternoon. We will also have a family BBQ on Sunday 5th September starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you would like to contact someone regarding moths, or natural history in general, please call David Curran on 317347 or Alan Warburton on 315182.

## Expenses for Attendance?

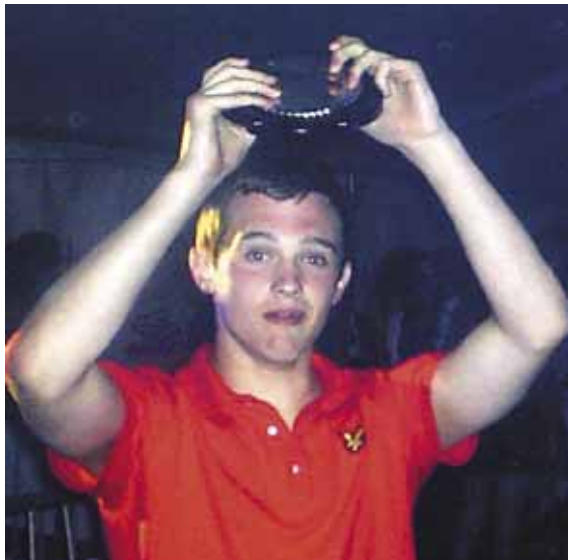
Dear Sir,  
I attended the meeting at Crook Civic Council Office on Wednesday 21st July, where the Labour Party Council Cabinet, decided to evict my Mother-in-Law from what she considers her HOME! During what was a forgone conclusion, I noticed a young lady with a clip board visiting each Councillor in turn for a signature. What was happening? Was it a petition to stop the home closures or was it a signature for claiming their expenses? Denis Dryden (Phantom Photographer).

## Agnew Family Fun Day

Agnew Community Centre at Morrison Close will be holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 11th September from 10.30am to 2.30pm. There will be a Table Top Sale and a Bouncy Castle in our secure grounds weather permitting. Indoors will be Face Painting and Nail Painting all at a small charge, hot and cold food/drinks will be on sale at reasonable prices. We hope our Picnic area which is under construction will also be available on the day. Tables are available to sell your goods at £5 each - ring Margaret

on 01325-319857 to book. We hope to see you all on the day and hope the local community will take this opportunity to support their Community Centre while having a Fun Day for all the family. If you have not visited us before please take this chance to see the new building and the work we are doing and intend to do in the future. Take the opportunity to tell us what you would like to see us provide. Ring the Secretary on 07535 255098 from 10am to 11pm any day for any information.

## Town Polo Team Win National Championships



Mathew Calvert Sedgfield's youngest player at 16 receiving the trophy

Sedgfield Water Polo Club entered the biggest Men's Water Polo Championship's in Great Britain for the first time. The South Derbyshire Trophy was an event with over 40 teams. It was played outdoors at the National Rowing Centre in Nottingham in very chilly conditions. Sedgfield were in the Elite Group category with 6 other teams and managed to triumph over 2 days against Leeds Sharks, Warrender the Scottish Champions, Liverpool, Lancaster, Manchester and the City of London. Sedgfield dominated and the closest any team got to Sedgfield was 4 goals. Sedgfield were even able to leave their star player Scott Carpenter on the side to coach the team as he was due to have an operation which had sidelined him for 6 weeks. Sedgfield's winning squad was Chris Gilbertson, Glenn Robinson, Rob Rae, Rob Parker and Kieran James all Great Britain Senior Internationals, Mathew Calvert GB Youth team, Hamish Critchton, Ryan Caws, Joseph Reed, Mark Gabrielle and Mark Robinson.

## Kids Wanted for Panto

Shildon CentreStage are beginning rehearsals for their annual pantomime, "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood," at the Shildon Civic Hall in November. Most of the casting has been sorted, and rehearsals have begun, but we are short of 2 kids, to play the characters Betty and Bobby, who are the Babes - a major part of the Panto. So we are looking for any budding actors or actresses between 10 and 13 who would love the opportunity to have some fun with our cast in this superb panto for our local community. The members of the cast come from all over the local area including Newton Aycliffe so we have a real community flavour to the group. The show will have all the fun of the panto with loads of fun, laughter, music and dancing so it will be a joy to be a part of, as well as to watch. The group meet every Thursday at the Civic Hall in Shildon from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, so if you are interested please give us a ring on 07747 826324 and we will answer any questions you may have. Have a look at our website [www.freewebs.com/centrestagetheatre/](http://www.freewebs.com/centrestagetheatre/) or we have our own facebook page where you can see loads of photos from the past couple of years and all the fun we have at the group. We also have a couple of small parts for any adults who may wish to join the group and more information can be obtained on the number listed above, so give us a ring today.

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300212 or inform the Police. Residents are warned to watch out for these thieves and vandals.  
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## Table Top Sale

As an Autumn fundraising event on Saturday 4th September we are holding a Table Top Sale at Neville Parade Methodist Church, starting at 10am. The cost to hire a table is £5. So if you are looking to having a clear out over the Summer why not earn yourself a bit of cash into the bargain. To book a table please tel. 313397

## AAP Help Railway Group at Museum



The "Merlin Locomotive Group" based in the goods shed at "Locomotion" The National Railway Museum, Shildon, have received a cheque for £4812.52, from Durham County Councils,

"Area Action Partnership" The money is to assist with the purchase of parts that have been either lost, damaged or mislaid so the group can complete the restoration of their locomotive,

a Peckett W6 Special (Merlin). The group is also looking for new members to help with the restoration, becoming a guard, fireman or driver. No experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm. Should you be interested or require more information, contact us by ringing 01388 777999, or email group secretary: steve-down@lineone.net

## MP Visits Brafferton



Phil Wilson gave his support to the Brafferton Village Hall Association when he visited them on 23rd July. He is very supportive of the work being done by the Association and was delighted to be asked to become involved. The organisation has received funding from Banks and help from National Energy Action to promote the campaign for heating and energy insulation measures. The key message to come out of the campaign is that heating and insulation measures can have a real impact on people's lives and the need to ensure future funding for such schemes. Phil said "It is inspiring to see the community working together like this and for so long. I enjoyed hearing about the history of the Hall and the work that has gone on down the years to help people".

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## FAMILY CAME FIRST IN 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



On Saturday 31st July Ray and Edna Binderman celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and the family came together at their home in Greathead Crescent. Mayor Dorothy Bowman called with a bouquet and the best wishes of the Town Council.  
Ray and Edna met at Paton & Baldwins where they both worked and their first date was a romantic walk at Winston then an Elvis film at the Odeon in Darlington. Ray lived at Ferryhill and Edna came from the Staindrop, but her suitor had the advantage of owning a motor bike and they had many happy hours roaming the Durham and North Yorkshire countryside. Ray completed his National Service in the DLI serving in Egypt. The couple were married at St. Aidan's Church in Chilton and moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1966 when Ray took a job with Shraegers. He worked

for Toothills, Rediffusion and Cummins before he retired. Edna worked at the Secure Unit at Aycliffe Young People's Centre.  
Their pride and joy is their family and they dote on their son and two daughters giving them the best family life ever. They spent most of their spare time with their kids taking them everywhere discovering all the highways and byways of Great Britain. They lay claim to have swum in every river in County Durham and recall many amusing episodes travelling and camping together as a family. "The family always came first and we had wonderful times" agreed Ray and Edna who now lavish the same love on their two grandchildren.  
The couple shared the celebration of their 50 years of marriage with a special dinner in the company of family and friends.

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# New-look Programme for Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe FC have given their award-winning matchday programme a new look for the new season. Aycliffe kick-off the 2010-11 campaign with a trip to North Shields this Saturday (August 7). Their first home game follows this coming Wednesday (August 11) when Whickham come to Moore Lane Park. Mark Wood is the featured player in the new-look programme for the Whickham match, which kicks off at 7.30pm. Aycliffe won the Northern League Programme of the Year award last season and are

hoping to go one better this year by scooping the national award.

Wood answers all the usual questions in the 15-to-1 feature for the Whickham issue, including which team he supports, the last record he bought, best goal scored by an Aycliffe player last season and, the all-important question, the best Aycliffe look-a-like!!

The programme also has a new quiz, a detailed look at Aycliffe's opponents and a comprehensive league round-up as well as all the usual features.

Dan Mellanby picked out comedian Keith Lemon, footballer Gazza and boxer Ricky Hatton as three people he'd most like to share a beer with in Wednesday night's issue for the Darlington game, while striker Elliot Gardner took to the chair for the Bishop game in July and picked out Hatton, musician Liam Gallagher and comic Frankie Boyle.

See who Woody picks when he answers his 15 questions on Wednesday night! Aycliffe's programme is available in the Sports Club before the game and on entry to Moore Lane Park, a steal at just £1.

• 2010-11 season tickets are still



available, priced £50 adults, £30 Over-65s and £20 Under-16s. Application forms are available from the club on matchdays and from Aycliffe Sports Club, or you can contact John Gaskarth on 07590 925469 or email gaskarth@msn.com

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## What Price Public Opinion?

The Great Aycliffe Residents' Association are disappointed with the County Council's decision to close Shafto House. This flies in the face of public opinion and over 3000 signatures collected to retain the Care Home.

The decision was based purely on economics and the fact that it costs double to accommodate people in Council Care Homes than the private sector. Usually when this happens steps are taken to copy good practice by competing and becoming more cost effective. The Council just seem to accept they are bad at providing a cost efficient service and have given up!

Our Town Council suggested Shafto House be expanded to provide not only residential care, but other general welfare services for the elderly. They suggested it became a centre of excellence as demand is growing for specialist services.

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# APOLOGY FOR SARAH

Dear Sir,  
May I through the columns of the Newton News apologise to Durham County Councillor Sarah Iveson, for my assertion, in your newspaper, that she abstained, during the Labour Party Group vote, that decided to close Shafto House. I am happy to accept she had a hospital appointment that prevented her from attending

that crucial meeting. Indeed, I believe I sighted her on the local BBC television evening news, giving the same reason, "because I was at hospital" to irate protestors outside County Hall.

I received the information from two high-ranking local Labour Party sources. Seems to be a problem there for Councillor Iveson, I think!

She says she has always resisted the closure of Shafto House, however, I do not remember any letters from her regarding this, nor did I see her at the Public Meeting at St Mary's Church Hall about the closure - another engagement I suppose. Councillor Iveson, who is in the big league now, has three more years until she is up for re-election. My fervent wish is that she remains healthy during that period of time, so that hospital appointments etc do not prevent her again from putting the case forward for her constituents, in important votes. Bill Blenkinsopp, Liberal Democrat Party

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Dated: 6th August 2010

for Aycliffe. In reply, Michael Howe and Adam Gittins were the only two batsmen to pass twenty runs as Aycliffe were dismissed for a disappointing 111 after 30.5 overs. The second team lost at home to a vastly improved Tantobie side by 75 runs in their third division league match. Chasing the visitors total of 195 for 7, Aycliffe limped to just 120 for 3 in their 40 overs with the main contributions coming from Dave Richardson (38), Dave Bennett (23) and unbeaten scores of 16 from both Joe Haines and Dan Weldon.

The under 15's team batted first away at Brandon and scored 89 for 9 in their 20 overs with captain Daniel Weldon top scoring with an aggressive 37 and Craig Robertson supporting well with 20. In reply the homeside coasted to victory by 9 wickets with 4.2 overs in hand.

The under 13's lost at home to Blackhall by 27 runs, despite excellent innings from both Josh Penney, who scored an impressive 22 and Ben Nicholson with 12.

# Exhibition Extended

The Fabrics Exhibition inside St Michael's Church Heighington has been extended until August 13th with many new items and special offers.

The exhibition is the work of a small textile group and is very attractive. showing craft work including embroidery, feltmaking, beading etc. Much of the work is for sale at reasonable prices in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer. The exhibition entitled **FABRICATIONS** is open for visitors on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons between 2.0pm and 4.0pm  
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**HOW TO ENTER:**  
Answer the following question and hand in at Newton News or our agents, Newsforce in the Town Centre or Walkers at Simpasturegate. The first two correct answers drawn on 3rd September will have their prize delivered.  
**QUESTION: What powers Pedalite?**

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# LABOUR FAILED TO REGULATE INSTITUTIONS

Dear Sir  
In response to Councillor Mike Dixon's justification for Care Home Closures which then descended into a lecture on the UK Economy and how everyone has it wrong except Labour, may I reply?  
On the first point regarding the fact that private unregulated institutions got us into this mess, there is an element of truth. We may ask who was responsible for regulating the UK element? The Government! I do agree that Gordon Brown's decision to shore up UK failing banks was the right decision and he led the world in that respect. Where he fell down, however, was following that success he thought just pumping money into state funded projects ad nauseum would solve problems but just incresed our debt.  
Point 2. He states the Labour party post war had the foresight to invest and reduce the deficit over many years (just LIKE a Mortgage). Well, let's look at that. The only money we had was a fixed rate loan from the US which we finally paid off in 2006. We also had rationing until 1954, some items that had not been rationed during the war. We had no competition from Europe which was in ruins, most of the Far and Middle East were not industrialised and China was in a civil war. We grew most of

our own food and received other food from the Commonwealth at set prices and the EU had not been thought of. Also Councils were not the monoliths we have today.  
Come forward 65 years. Ireland, Spain, Greece and Italy have had their ratings downgraded. Referring to the mortgage allegory above, rates can go UP as well as down. When a country's rating goes down they pay more for their debt. UK still has its triple rating but will lose it if we don't face up to things and sort our debt out. In 1997 we produced 55% of our food, we now do 40%. Our industrial and manufacturing industries are a shadow of their former selves with everything being produced in the Far East or Eastern Europe where wages are poor, and more UK firms are relocating.  
We pour billions every year into the EU and they are asking for an increase of 5% for next year as they want to set up more departments. As for more Tories sitting on boards look at the unelected quangoes throughout UK including One North East and see how many Labour Party faithful sit on those! I would suggest that Durham Council needs to go through all of its departments and mark out of 10 which elements would be missed by the public if they

weren't there and disband them to make savings on our Council Tax. Like 5 meals a day persons, diversity officers, equal opportunity officers etc which are already in abundance at National level.  
You do not need to cut front line staff like dinner ladies, street cleaners, teachers etc but I bet every Council will do so to make a point that it's Central Govt to blame. Finally, as there is only one party that can be trusted, is this the same one that sold our gold? That did not sign an opt out on Eastern Europe in the EU as only 13,000 would come here?  
That let most key industries be bought by competitors only to be closed down? That let Corus go West? One thing is for certain. Local Government in the North East has been a Labour fiefdom from the start so if they want to take credit when things are good they should at least have the good grace to accept things when they go bad.  
Woodham Resident

## Thank You

### LANGSLEY

Doreen, Susan, Neil, Andrew and Linda would like to thank all family, friends and nieghbours for their kindness during the recent sad loss of Ray. Thank you to the girls at the Legion for the lovely buffet. The sum of £330 was donated for the Great North Air Ambulance. Sincere thanks to everyone

**A GREAT BIG** thank you for a birthday I will never forget. Thanks to Den, Michael, Stephen, Paul, Tania, Amy, Mam, Dad, Brothers, Sisters, Grandchildren and all the rest of my family, who I love so very very much. Thank you, Julie Howey

**THANK YOU** to all my family and friends who came to my 50th birthday party last Friday, what a great time I had. Thanks to Gary and Mick for the great music they played, Isabel for the lovely food and a big thanks to my lovely Mam for the cake she made. Thank you everyone for my cards and pressies. Love from Julie Howey

**LOCKEY** Jenny and family of the late Jack wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness during this sad time. Thanks also for the cards and donations to Macmillan Nurses. Special thanks to the District Nurses: Sue Cook and team, Karen of Macmillan Nurses, Dr Jose and Unique Care for their kindness and support. Thanks also to Rev Linda Potter for a personal and comforting Service and to David and Chris of the Co-operative Funeral Care.

**HUGHES** Brian and Joan wish to thank family and good friends for making their Golden Wedding a special day. Thanks for beautiful gifts and cards

**MAY THE** Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Mary be praised, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen. To be said six times a day for nine days, prayers always answered - MRH. Thanks to St Anthony for prayers answered.  
**IN THANKSGIVING** for prayers granted through the Intercession of St Theresa. The little Flower of the Child Jesus, our Blessed Lady, our Lord was merciful to my requests for a very dear person

## 100 at School Tea Party

To finish off the year at St. Joseph's RCVA Primary School, the Cookery Club children wanted to give Miss. Gregg (who is retiring this year) a good send off.  
They decided to put on an afternoon tea for their parents, the staff at school and a few extra guests. They spent the whole day cooking and preparing and it was really exhausting work, but they managed to pull it all off and served the tea for about one hundred guests. Everything was so delicious. All of Year 6 thank Mrs. Hope and Mrs. Ryans for their help. Mrs. Ryans has been to every Cookery Club session and the children really appreciate all she has done for them.

## IT'S A NO BRAINER!

Dear Sir,  
I have read all the speculation over the Hitachi choice of Aycliffe for their factory site to build railway rolling stock. It occurs to me the new Business Secretary of State, Vince Cable, should have no difficult thinking how much benefit that would bring not only to Aycliffe, but to the country.  
T. Watson

## John's Stall Helps Mother in Custody Case

Honest John's Fundrasing Stall on the Tuesday market has raised £1500 for a Newton Aycliffe mother fighting an expensive custody case in the Spanish Courts. John thanks those Newtonians who support the stall by donating unwanted goods for him to sell. He also wishes to pass on the thanks from the mother for all good wishes received.

## PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

The next PACT Meeting at Aycliffe Village Community Hall is on Saturday 14th August, 10-00am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome to come and discuss issues affecting your community.

**Report Drug Dealers Kick this Vile Trade out of our Town - Ring 0345 6060 365.**

## Phantom of the Film Show



Woodham Moviedome at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall is turning out to be a success. They now run matinee shows every Saturday afternoon at 4pm for children, and once a month have a family show on a Tuesday evening at 7pm.  
Last week they showed the "Phantom of the Opera", which drew a good audience. Brian Phillips the organiser, dressed up for the part at the showing of the film, Brian is the person to contact if anyone is interested in the Moviedome and would like further information 01325 319067. e-mail address brianrose.phillips@talktalk.net

## In Memoriam

**BILLY CLARK** For the first time in a long time, Billy has gone somewhere without us . . . The FAMOUS FIVE adventurers will not be the same without you. R.I.P. mate! Terry, Biff, Jack, Steve and H.  
**BILLY CLARK** (R.I.P.), 30th July 2010. Aged 61 years of Silkin Way (formerly of Windlestone), ex Miner, Guardsman and lifelong NUFC supporter. Even in the face of adversity an illness borne with great dignity. The allotment, pub or jaunts can never be the same, no one could have had a better "marrer", missing you already mate! H

**BLAKEY** Remembering a lovely Mother, Wife, Friend and Midwife. Dear Lydia, never forgotten, although you left us 20 years ago. Much love, Michael, Kirsten, Keith, Philippa, Alistair and many friends

**AMY DOBSON** 9th August 2007. A Much loved Mam and Nan, missed each day. Susan, Richard and Leanne xxx

**AMY DOBSON** Died 9th August 2007. To my treasured Mam, it is hard to believe it has been 3 years. Miss you each and every day. I wish I could talk with you one more time. Love and miss you Mam. Your loving Son, Godfrey xxx

**FORGHAM BENNETT** 7th August. You're on my mind every single day. It hurts so much since you were taken away. Lots of love, Sheila, Sean, Dean, Rebecca, Cory and Brooklyn

**FORGHAM BENNETT** 7-8-1996. Our dear Son, whose life was a blessing, your memory our treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Love from Mam and Dad

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, someone too special, never to forget. All our love, Uncle Mark, Auntie Rach and Evie

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. It broke our hearts to loose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. Miss you every day. All our love, Nan and Granda

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. If tear drops could build a stairway and memories could build a lane, we'd walk the long road to reach you and bring you home again. We love you so much, forever in our hearts, Mammy, Daddy, Jordan, Tia and Ethan

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. You still live in the hearts and minds of the loving family you left behind. All our love, Uncle Mally, Auntie Tracey, Ashley and Ellie

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. Your precious Godson, your memory is as dear today as in the hour God took you away. All our love, Uncle Paul, Auntie Pauline, Andy and James

**BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL** 4th August 2002. To my Great Grandson, no length of time can take away my thoughts of you today. All my love forever and always, Great Gran

**DOROTHY POSKETT** Died 6-8-2005. Treasured memories of a loving Mam and Grandma. Always in our thoughts. Love from Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

**DOROTHY POSKETT** Died 6th August 2005. Beautiful memories of a dearly loved Mam, Grandma and great Grandma. God bless with love from Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

## Congratulations

### Sam Waistell



8th August 1992

18 at Last!

Have a Great Weekend

Love from Mam, Dad, Gran, AH, UG and T xxxxxx

### Martin and Jane Dawes (nee Degnan)



Best wishes on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Mam, Dad, Granny Rene, Sisters, Brother-in-Laws, Nieces and Nephews

### Luke Raymond Surtees



Happy Birthday Luke

Miss you loads, Love from Dad, John and Rachel

**CLARK - SHIELDS** Lynsey and Andy congratulations on your Engagement on 7th August 2010 and very best wishes for your future together. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Craig, Rachel, Miles and Jake xxx

**CLARK - SHIELDS** Lynsey and Andy congratulations to you both and enjoy your Engagement party. Love and best wishes, Gran, Granda, Gran Tommy, Aunt Joanne, Uncle Andrew, Matthew and Jamie xxxxx

**TUMILTY & SULLIVAN** Congratulations on your Engagement. Lots of love and good luck from Nan, John, Nana, Trevor, Sue, Laura, Amy and Matthew

**KENT** Pat and John. Congratulations Mam and Dad on your 40th Wedding Anniversary on 7th August. Lots of love from all the family xxx

**LISA WESTON** Happy Anniversary sweetheart, thanks for 7 fantastic years, here's to many more. Love always, Darran  
**DARRAN WESTON** 3-8-2007. To my wonderful Husband on our 3rd Anniversary. All my love n more, your loving Wife, Lisee xxxxx

**WESTON** 3-8-2007. To Mum and Dad, happy anniversary. Lots of love, hugs and kisses, Francesca Evie xxx

**PHIL** Happy 1st Anniversary. Let's hope it's a quiet one together! Love always, Michelle xx

### Emma Dunn



Congratulations

on your First Class Honours Degree in Educational Studies and gaining a place on your Teaching Course. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Ryan and all your family

Congratulations

to our Granddaughter Emma on gaining your First Class Honours Degree. Love from both sets of Grandparents. xxxxx

### Gordon & Val Bailey



25th Wedding Anniversary

Love and best wishes on your 25th Anniversary. From Mam, Lou, John, Lisa, Kev, Gary and Denise xxxxxx

### Trisha Leonard



40th Birthday

9th August 2010

Wishing you all the best. Love from Mum and Mike  
**Happy 40th** birthday Trisha. Love, Michael xx  
**All the best** on your 40th birthday Sis. Allan and Sarah  
**Happy 40th** birthday Mum. "You are the best". Love, Mel, Jed, Smithy and Ollie



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## We Still Have Good Samaritans

Dear Sir,  
While attempting to catch the No. 7 bus on the morning of 26th July, I tripped on the uneven pavement near the Thames Centre falling on my head.  
I would like to thank the two ladies who came to my aid and as I was slightly dazed I didn't get their names.  
May I also thank Darren of Ringtons Tea who also helped and then drove me home and saw me safely inside my house.  
In this violent society it is reassuring to know there are still Good Samaritans who will go out of their way to help a stranger.  
Pat of Woodham.

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## Massive New Record Crowd for Darlo Friendly!

A massive new record crowd was recorded for Newton Aycliffe's pre-season friendly with Darlington on Wednesday night!

A huge 1,307 turned out for the game at Moore Lane Park, with a young Darlington side winning 2-1 with a late clincher.

A number of Darlington first team players turned out for the Quakers, including new signings Tommy Wright and Chris Senior and youngsters Curtis Main and Josh Gray. Darlo boss Mark Cooper and his assistant Richard Dryden officially opened the new stand along with Aycliffe boss Allan Oliver before kick-off.

And with such a big crowd turning out for the game, it turned out to be a hugely-successful evening for the club.

Oliver said: "We're as proud as punch that we've attracted such a big crowd to Moore Lane Park."

"We'd hoped for a decent crowd, the previous record was just under 600 and if we got somewhere near that we'd have been happy, but to have more than doubled that was beyond our expectations completely."

"We're grateful to everyone involved who made the game happen and to all our fans and the many Darlington supporters who attended who made it such an overall success."

Aycliffe were superbly assisted by Great Aycliffe Town Council and the local police force for the friendly, as well as volunteers. Aycliffe council agreed to

provide additional nearby parking which worked perfectly and the police presence, as well as their assistance with the post-match operation, made sure safety and any disruption was kept to a complete minimum. A club spokesman said: "This really was a terrific all-round community effort. We knew a potential large crowd would cause local traffic problems so, thanks to the understanding and foresight shown by Aycliffe Council, this was alleviated."

"The police have also shown a tremendous amount of community spirit. Their presence for such a high-profile game for us was absolutely necessary and their willingness to help us was just superb."

"We'd like to thank everyone who played their part on Wednesday - the players, management, committee, supporters club, fans, volunteers, police, council and Aycliffe Sports Club - for contributing towards a brilliant community event overall and a great spectacle for the town and the football club."

Club's website:  
www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk



Official stand opening Mark Cooper, Allan Oliver, Richard Dryden  
More pictures of the evening on our website www.newtonnews.co.uk



## St. Clare's Shoppers Café to Close

The Tuesday Coffee Morning started to fulfill a need when the Builders Arms closed, will cease after Tuesday 10th August 2010 (when there will also be bric-a-brac and toys on sale).

We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Church. We wish the proprietors of the Thames Diner, every success in their new venture.

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## Happy Golden Anniversary



Brian and Joan Hughes of Silverdale received a visit from the Mayor Dorothy Bowman to congratulate them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 30th July.

Joan was born in Norwich, and moved to Stanley when she was 4 years old. Brian a wood machinist, came from Burnhope and met Joan in the department store where she worked and asked her out to the local Cinema. She remembers "Teacher's Pet" was showing starring Doris Day. Brian was in the Army doing National Service and was on a weekend Pass. He was later posted to Germany, but kept in touch with his sweetheart with daily letters. On completion of his National Service Brian returned home became engaged and married Joan at St. Luke's Church in Norwich where she was Christened.

They moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1973 when Brian took a job with Toothills where he worked for 16 years. Joan had jobs at Batchelors, Beestons, Redhouse Shop, Perstorp and Boyes before she retired. Brian was a keen cyclist in his younger days, but had to give it up when he had a problem with balance. Joan enjoys baking and they both enjoy coach travel and recently discovered the

peaceful countryside of France. They had never been out of the country before this and had to get passports.

The couple have a son and a daughter and six Grandchildren. It was Open House last Sunday for friends and relatives to join Brian and Rose for their golden celebration.

## Performing Arts Course

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