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the medical team is already treating minor injuries and illness. There are plans to distribute malaria nets, water

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FRONT PAGE LETTER

WHERE IS JUSTICE AND EQUALITY?

Dear Sir,
Church Lane, Aycliffe Village, is a delightful walk at any time of year. We regularly see foxes, bats, bullfinches, ponies and donkeys, and it is idyllic for walking children and pets. Recently travellers have pitched up camp on a small piece of land close to the lane. The Council state that the land is not owned by them. Meanwhile, the lane is strewn with human excrement, toilet paper, vomit and household waste and the

sight is so disgusting it's enough to make anyone ill. We have stopped walking up the lane (a public right of way) primarily because of this, but also because we don't feel safe with strangers lurking in the trees. If the land is not Council owned, then surely the right of way is Council responsibility and as such should be cleared immediately so that we can, once again, enjoy our public rights in the countryside. In Britain where you can be fined up to £1000 for not clearing up dog dirt, dropping a cigarette end or smoking in a windowless bus shelter, but you can deposit human faeces all over the countryside and the Law doesn't give a damn! Where is the justice in that?
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Pioneering Care Centre

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Process of Electing Mayor Questioned

Dear Sir,
In response to Mr Haley's letter, we did not attack the Mayor, only specifically the process of the election of the Town Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor! Why would we want to do that? Is what he should be asking and the simple facts are that we as a group of Independent Town Councillors will not tolerate the deliberate abuse of democratic process and principles perpetrated by the Labour Group. They elected as Mayor, Dorothy Bowman, the same person whom they had made clear previously was unfit for office because of the loss of the Deputy Mayor's chain of office. Then there was a vacancy for the position of Deputy Mayor,

and under the constraints of the Labour Whip they elected the Leader of the Council as Deputy Mayor. We suggest readers need to be very clear about just exactly what you are voting for – Labour or New Labour, they have 2 very differing philosophies! The comments about Dorothy Bowman's tireless work is quite staggering to those councillors who also work tirelessly for far less than what Dorothy Bowman receives in allowances and expenses from Durham County Council. Ask her about the closure of care homes, and why she voted for that proposal. Cllrs. Paul Ducker (Deputy Leader) Alan Warburton Great Aycliffe Independents

PRAISE FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Sir,
May I thank the Town Council for a very enjoyable day out this summer. I want them to know how very much it is appreciated, especially by those who do not get about very much who appreciate the extra thought put into the trips by providing a special bus for wheelchair users.

The staff and drivers are always very polite and helpful and it is good to praise the Council for a change instead of complaining about everything. Keep up the good work and it's nice to look forward to next year's trip through the dark nights this coming winter. Grateful Senior Citizen
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POLO TEAM TOO STRONG

Sedgefield Water Polo Club played a Northern League Men's game at Castleford and an under strength Sedgefield team still proved too strong for the home team.

The first quarter ended 3-3 but after that Sedgefield's stronger attack proved decisive and they won comfortably 16-10. Scott Carpenter took tentative steps back to fitness, after

nose and throat surgery, by playing part of the game in goal. Sedgefield's GB players Chris Gilbertson, Glenn Robinson, Jack Waller and Kieran Bayles shared the goals for Sedgefield.

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We used the Vernacular train to get to the top and collected our buckets and spades, it was great fun. We then walked down the steps to the seaside, there were a LOT!

When we got down to the sand we had great fun making sand castles, turning ourselves into Mermaids, collecting shells, seaweed, and playing games that we drew in the sand, like darts and marbles with stones.

Before we went into the sea we called into a little shop and spent our money, we all bought something that would remind ourselves of Saltburn.

As we took a change of clothes we could play in the sea, which was a little cold at first but we soon got used to it and didn't want to get out. It was great fun running in and out and splashing the staff! Some of us fell over and got wet from our head to our toes.

At the end of our day we were so tired we took the cliff lift back up to the top of the hill, to get the coach back home. As we got out a lady told us that she was a retired teacher and said she had never seen so many well mannered children and we should be proud of ourselves. When we started our journey back home some fell asleep as we had such a fun filled day.

Promised Recreation Scheme Lost?

Dear Sir,
Last week Vince Crosby lamented at length asking, "Am I the only one who is saddened by the slow and deliberate dismantling of all that New Labour did to improve the quality of life of the poor and the marginalised?" Probably!! After 13 years of NEW Labour rule, which brought our society and country to its knees, I wish to remind Vince Crosby that the Labour Party was created to fight for the working man. NEW Labour have shown precious little evidence of that.

I am also not forgetting that Vince Crosby was the Deputy Leader for Sedgefield Borough Council. So when he talks of "a cynical attempt to make the poor suffer for the profligacy of those whose desire to look down on them is so strong that they are

blind to the damage that they are causing" it only highlights his own short memory for policies he supported.

When Durham Unitary Authority was formed from the merger of district councils, (including Sedgefield Borough Council), the money allocated for recreation schemes in the 2008/09 Sedgefield Borough capital programme, applicable to Cobblers Hall/Burnhill Way somehow disappeared.

Perhaps Vince, if he wishes to improve our society, would be in a much better position than others to encourage his Labour colleagues on the Unitary Authority to rediscover this money and give the people in Newton Aycliffe the benefits they were promised.

Kenneth Stubbs, Secretary (Great Aycliffe Independents)



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Crackdown on Dirty Habit

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patrols in the area and will be handing out fixed penalty notices to anyone caught behaving in an anti-social way.

Rachel Mitchie, Durham County Council neighbourhood warden, said: "It's difficult to believe, but it seems a variety of people have been using this area as a toilet on quite a regular basis."

"We want to make it clear that we won't tolerate this sort of behaviour and are supporting the concerned local residents who are understandably appalled."

"If people do persist in this we will not hesitate to take action against those responsible

Where Was Labour's Compassion?

Dear Sir,

There are none so blind, as those that will not see. In his letter last week, Vince Crosby has the breathtaking audacity to accuse the Lib Dems of 'stabbing in the back so many of those who voted for them'.

He accuses us of a lack of compassion! If he turns on the memory function in his brain and tabs in the years 'British Politics 1997-2010', he will discover something very interesting. The Labour Party Councillor, will then learn that for those 13 long years, his beloved Labour Party broke promise after promise, at both local and national level.

Where was the compassion from the silent Labour Party County Councillors on Shafto House? People who live in glass houses, should not throw stones!

I would suggest that prior to getting on his high horse again, Councillor Crosby takes a good look around at not only the shambles of our town, but the equally grotesque debris from broken promises so easily whispered in the ears of electors, by the Labour Party locally and nationally, at every election. Councillor Alison Palmer, Lib Dems - GATC

HEIGHINGTON ROUNDABOUT IN DISGRACEFUL STATE



After receiving a complaint about the state of the Heighington roundabout we contacted local Councillor Gerald Lee who told us it has looked a mess for some time and he has chased Darlington Council on many occasions.

Said Gerald: "Last year I got them to clear the shrubs from around the perimeter of the roundabout but since then, despite requests, nothing else has happened resulting in the mess that is now apparent. DBC's problem is cost as they

insist they need to provide Traffic Management before they can do anything to the roundabout. Given that the workers are standing approx 750mm higher than the road itself and therefore are protected against any vehicle losing control, I do feel that Health and Safety has gone too far, but the Council does not agree."

Gerald is still chasing and we hope by highlighting the problem in Newton News the Council will now act to improve the eyesore.

LAST DATE FOR SHOW ENTRIES

To all of you who are baking, brewing and stitching, not to mention watering onions and cultivating flowers ready for the handcraft and horticulture competitions to be held at Great Aycliffe Show this Bank Holiday weekend, 28th and 29th August.

Don't forget that Tuesday 24th August is the closing date for your entry forms – and it's not too late to start preparing something now! Further information can be obtained from www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk and follow the link from 'events' on the right hand side. Alternatively you can telephone us 01325 300700 or e-mail show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk - we're here to help.

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The 'Big Durham Dance Off' is the grand finale of the festival and involves individual or group acts battling it out through heats to be crowned Durham Streets of Dance 2010 Champions and win a £200 cash prize.

Kate James, organiser of Durham's Streets of... series of Summer Festivals, said: "No matter how young or old, whether you dance street, hip hop or ballroom, we'd like to hear from you and we'd encourage you to come to Durham this month and show off your moves."

Each act will dance off between 3pm and 4pm and is given two minutes to impress the judges dancing to their own music. The top four acts go through to the final when they dance to their own music for one minute and then have to improvise to a surprise sound track for one more minute.

Earlier in the day, Durham's Millennium Place will host the third 'Quiet Riot' where dancers are invited to bring their own Mp3 players loaded with their favourite tunes and dance to their own personal soundtrack. Quiet Riot is a great event for both participants and spectators. To the outside world the event appears a curious spectacle with people dancing at different speeds and styles and only those taking part can hear the beat.

To register for the Big Durham Dance Off and Quiet Riot, email: nick.maylan@durham.gov.uk, or call: 0191 370 8654. For more information about the Streets of Festivals log onto: www.streetsof.co.uk

Family History Society Meet

The speaker on Wednesday, 25th August will be Dr Sarah Price, who will give a talk entitled 'Archives and Special Collections', detailing the resources available in the county to help with family history research. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way. New members are always welcome. Car parking and refreshments are free. For further information on NAFHS please visit our website at www.communitate.co.uk/ne/nafhs or contact Keith Bell on 01325 - 307905

Leek Club Presentation

Heighington Leek Club are to hold their Presentation Night on Saturday 4th September, 8.00pm at the Cumby Arms, Heighington. Entry is £2 which is payable on the door on the night. Entertainment will be provided by Peter Carr and an Auction of Produce will also take place in aid of charity.

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RUGBY CLUB TAKE ON CRICKET TEAM

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's under 15's team travelled to Langley Park for their last league game of the season and came out on top in a thrilling match by just 4 runs. Batting first, Aycliffe were indebted to good innings from both Curtis Lowes (21) and Ben Nicholson (16) as their team struggled to 69 for 8 from their 20 overs on a very difficult pitch. In reply, bowlers Lowes (2 for 7) and Nicholson (3 for 7) were again in the action and with great support in the field, Aycliffe managed to restrict the

homeside to just 65 for 8 for a grand finale to their season. The clubs under 13's were unluckily defeated by just one wicket in the final of the NEDCL 6-a-side competition. After defeating Beamish by 50 runs in the semi final, the youngsters travelled to Hunwick CC where they faced Wearmouth. Batting first Aycliffe scored 87 for 5 in their 10 overs with Thomas Wickins in great form smashing a quickfire unbeaten 32. In reply, Wearmouth looked to be heading for an easy victory, but

Jack Petroczy's two late wickets and two excellent catches from Matty French brought Aycliffe right back into the game. However, Wearmouth's last man hit the winning boundary with just 5 balls in hand. Both of Aycliffe's senior teams and the under 11's fixture were all postponed at the weekend because of the weather. However the cricket club did manage to play the rugby club in a "friendly" and unsurprisingly the cricketers came out on top by 70 runs.

The rugby club bowled and fielded superbly to keep the cricketers to just 156 for 7 in their 20 overs with Dan Weldon, Ian Palmer and Kyle Robinson all retiring after passing 25 runs. Highlight of the innings was Aycliffe captain Chris Palmer was bowled first ball by Neil Morgan, who finished with 2 wickets for just 11 runs for the Rugby club. In reply, opening batsman Craig Winn blasted an excellent unbeaten 33 as the Rugby club were restricted to 86 for 9 in their 20 overs.

FORGOTTEN PURCHASE

Dear Reader

On the morning of Saturday 7th August I took part in the Baby Sale at Neville Parade Community Centre. At the start of the sale a lady purchased an Early Learning Centre Play Mat from my stall but did not return to collect it. I remember that the lady in question also purchased a pushchair off another stallholder and purchased the items for her daughter.

I would be delighted if the lady would contact me through the Newton News so I can deliver the mat at her convenience, or if she no longer wishes to have the item I will return her money.

Mrs Porter

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SBH TO HOLD CHARITY GOLF DAY



Left to right - David Walters (Customer Care Manager, Mears), Colin Middlemass (Regional Director, Mears), Colin Steel (CEO - SBH), Lawrie Ord (Contracts Manager, SBH), Mark Spooner (Building Surveyor, SBH), Steve Orange (Commercial Manager, Bullock), Jodie Robson (Customer Care Officer, Bullock)

Golfers from across the region are invited to take part in what has been publicised as one of largest housing charity golfing events within Co Durham. Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) will go head to head on 17th September with partner contractors Mears Ltd and Bullock Construction along with a number of the North East based housing providers, local sub-contractors and various development businesses in the challenge for the title.

The event will be held at Woodham Golf and Country Club, which is situated in the heart of sbh's housing stock. All proceeds raised from the

event will be donated to sbh's chosen charity 'The Great North Air Ambulance Service'. Mark Spooner, the event organiser for sbh says, "We are delighted at the generous response of the local business

community that has kindly agreed to sponsor various elements of the day. What started initially as an idea to raise funds for our chosen charity has grown into a massive golfing competition with entries from some of the leading housing providers all willing to take up the challenge".

There will be a number of extra competitions on the day

- including cash prizes which have been kindly donated by contractors and private businesses. There is still a limited number of team spaces available and businesses, public services or private team entries are welcome to register to take part or sponsor a hole by contacting Mark Spooner at sbh on 0845 505 5500 ext 4305 before 31 August 2010.

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Swim Club Acknowledge Leisure Centre Support

Two swimmers from Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club have just returned from the British Gas National Swimming Championships. First to compete was Matthew Bradley (12) who was competing in his first National Age Group Championships. Matthew swam in the 100m breaststroke where he made the final and finished in 3rd place. He also made the final in the 200m breaststroke where he narrowly missed a medal and finished in 4th place. Matthew also competed in the 200m backstroke where he finished in 15th place.

The following week Philip Hodgson (18) competed in the British Gas National Youth Championships. Philip competed in 6 different events in the 17/18th age group and he finished 65th in the 50m freestyle, 59th 100m freestyle, 17th 400m freestyle, 106th 100m backstroke, 63rd 200m Individual Medley and 37th in the 400m Individual Medley. Swimming next week in the Open age group championships is Caroline Saxby who will be competing at the Aquatic Centre in Sunderland.

The club would like to thank Jean Burton and staff at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for their continued support and Lifestyle Fitness who are also based at the Leisure Centre.

Blues Gig at Shildon

Blues Guitar legend Wilko Johnson is in Concert at Shildon Civic Centre on Friday 10th September. He will feature Bass and drums from Ian Dury and the Blockheads and three local supporting artists. Tickets on sale £10 each from the Civic Hall, Shildon DL4 1AH. Cheques payable to Shildon Town Council. More details from 07836 350507.

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Saturday 21st August

"This One Goes Up To Eleven"

Review by PMS Bull "This One Goes Up To Eleven" at the Three Tuns, Gateshead. A power trio in the vein of the WT Feaster Band "Eleven" and made up from three: Daniel Johnson on guitar and vocals; Aaron (The Rev) Johnson on bass and John Hirst on drums, who is pretty darn tight and plays with what looks like an effortless fluidity - especially shining during several Cream covers. On the subject of Cream covers, highlight of the night for me was an outstanding version of "Politician" which really made me sit up and take notice of just how accomplished a guitar player Daniel Johnson is. He sings well and easily manages to deliver the necessary feel that the predominantly blues orientated set demands, both vocally and instrumentally, some of his wonderfully extended solos receiving spontaneous applause even before the songs that housed them had finished. Like all good power trios, the backbone of 'Eleven' is the bass playing, hereby provided by Aaron (The Rev) Johnson. The Rev is a bassman of subtle quality and shone throughout tonight's set. This was an excellent performance from a band that I can see growing in popularity with every performance. Solo of the night had to go to "Worried Life Blues" which received probably the biggest reaction. I can see word spreading among the Three Tuns regulars that should ensure a full house for their return. Definitely one to see.

Saturday 28th August

"Alcatraz House Band"

Colin Smeeth Review: "As a rock covers band playing in ear local pubs, then they are definitely an act worth going to see. My apologies for taking so long to catch back up with them, but the beauty of it all was that I was extremely surprised with the show that they put on, and they certainly won me over. It was a very good performance that displayed a big development in there that should see them attract lots of new fans". Starred on the main stage at Stormin the Castle and the Farmyard Party - the two largest music events in the north.

Saturday 4th September

"Phil Caisleys Dirty Dogz"

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MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Dorothy Bowman, is to host a Charity Golf Tournament on Friday 10th September in aid of her nominated charity appeal during her year of office.

The event will take place at the Oak Leaf Golf Course and will be followed by a dinner and presentation evening to be held in the Function Room, Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton

Aycliffe.

The cost for a team of four is £120 which will include round of golf, buffet refreshments, 3 course dinner and presentation evening. We are also looking for sponsorship for the event and if you would be interested in sponsoring one of the course holes the cost would be £25. Councillor Mrs. Bowman has nominated the Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence (WVDV) as her charity appeal this year.

Further information on sponsorship and application forms to participate in the competition can be obtained from Miss Christine Ryder, the Mayor's Secretary, at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Tel. 01325 300700 : e-mail: Christine.Ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or the Oak Leaf Golf Shop.



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GREAT START FOR AYCLIFFE

Local firm Julie's Pets is the latest company to give the town's football club much-needed support.

Husband and wife team Gary and Julie Seal, both keen football fans, were quick to get behind the club by renewing their pitchside advertising board at Moore Lane Park. David Brassell, Aycliffe's advertising and sponsorship manager who's pictured with Gary and Julie and the club's chairman Gary Farley, said: "A lot of our local firms want to get involved with us and it's great to see. We're grateful for their support and we thank Julie and Gary for their continued backing which is hugely appreciated."

Julie's Pets, situated in the old Post Office building on Beveridge Way, stock a range of traditional pets such as hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, mice, budgies, cold water fish and tropical fish as well as the more specialist/exotic pets such as chameleons, bearded dragons, reptiles, tortoise, cockatoos, and parrots. They also supply pet foods, treatments and accessories. Gary and Julie also run Julie's Fruit and Veg at Neville Parade and have renewed their advertising board for that shop as well.

It costs just £295 for a pitchside board at Aycliffe, or £495 for two boards. There are other advertising and sponsorship opportunities available with Aycliffe as well - anyone interested can call or text David on 07870 777779, or email david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk. Aycliffe are hoping to continue their 100% start to the new season when they entertain Guisborough Town at home this weekend. Allan Oliver's side have won their opening three games of the 2010-11 campaign, keeping three clean sheets along the way and storming to the top of the Northern League second division.

"We're pleased but it's only the start of the season," said boss Allan Oliver. "Our quality is shining through in games and it's good to see that we can also introduce quality from the bench to change games. Five out of the eight goals we've scored have been by substitutes,

so it's good to have the options and for players to come on and affect games.

Defender Paul Stout opened the scoring in Aycliffe's latest win, a 4-0 rout at Thornaby last Saturday. Elliot Gardner grabbed the second before sub striker Warren Byrne scored two quick-fire goals to get off the mark and ensure a comfortable win.

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The club are holding the Soccer Courses at Eastbourne Sports Complex in the town, when everyone will get the opportunity to win a signed shirt or football and the chance to be ball boy at a Darlington fixture, as well as at Sedgfield Community College.

Footy-mad boys and girls aged between five and 12 can enjoy the courses with the club's Football in the Community staff, who are all trained and CRB-checked, from 10am through to 3pm, for just £35 each. Some youngsters will also be presented with winning trophies by Darlington first

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The following courses are available: Eastbourne Sports Complex, Darlington (Four-day courses, 10am-3pm every day)

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The Aycliffe Nature Park played host to it's Minibeast Day last Sunday. This was a great success, with a number of families turning out for what was a perfect summers day with ideal conditions for looking for these creatures.

The adults supervised activities as the younger children went pond dipping to discover the variety of creatures living on and in the pond while the older ones roamed the Nature Park in search of their specimens. They came upon many unusual sights of the insect world, including ants which were moving nest and a digger wasp which was trying to make a nest in some rotting wood. The highlight of the day had to be the discovery of Cinnabar moth caterpillars on the site, a species which is generally found on sandy soils nearer the coast. The last recorded sighting was of a single caterpillar in 1992. On Sunday they found hundreds feeding on ragwort.



Most of these minibeasts were caught and put on display for all to see, before being released again. Everyone who attended expressed an interest in doing this again, so we have promised to keep everyone informed once the next calendar is created. We will all be attending the Annual BBQ on Sunday the 5th September on the Nature Park. All are invited to come along and get to meet us and each other. See you there, David, Alan, and Paul

Disqualified Councillor's Conduct Criticised

Former Mayor Arun Chandran has criticised a Councillor who has resigned just weeks before she was due to be automatically thrown off Great Aycliffe Town Council for non attendance. Councillor Helen Hutchinson was elected to the Town Council as an Independent in the West Ward in 2007, within weeks of being elected she and another Independent were photographed on the ramp in the Town Centre with the local MP Phil Wilson welcoming them on joining the Labour Party.

The move was highly controversial at the time and upset many in the local Labour Party. Having stood as an Independent at the election, getting elected, then joining the Labour Party so soon afterwards was seen as a betrayal by the Independent group of Councillors on the Town Council, as well some of the people who voted for her. Arun stated " It is outrageous that a Councillor can get paid for non attendance, since 10th March this year,...the correct, honourable and decent thing to do whether you are Independent, Labour or other, would be as soon as you realise that you will be unable to attend meetings for whatever reason be it personal, work commitments and so forth, to give notice and resign from the Council cleanly without receiving any further allowance.



Instead this ex councillor has resigned just weeks before being disqualified for non attendance under the statutory six month rule.... (ie: if you don't attend any meetings for 6 months you get automatically booted off) brings disgrace upon herself and those in the Labour Party who welcomed her in, against the wishes of the many local Labour members and councillors."

"I find it wholly unacceptable, as I am sure the public will, that she has continued to be entitled to receive her councillors allowance of £1059.60 which equates in her case to getting £500 per meeting and for what?" "This is disgraceful conduct for a Labour councillor albeit she was elected as Independent, and I shall be asking questions of the Council, as to why Councillors are not paid based on meetings attended, as opposed to getting paid for doing nothing."

"This is hardly putting the community first, and I am sure Councillors of all Parties and Independents would agree with me on this. Hopefully in future some will not be so eager to ride roughshod over local wishes of accepting such people into the Party without prior consultation " added Arun Chandran. Counc. Hutchinson last attendance at a meeting was 10th March, 2010.

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to all family and friends who attended his party on Friday 13th. Thanks for all gifts and cards received.

IAN & SUE SHORT would like to thank family and friends who attended their Silver Wedding Anniversary celebrations. With your kindness and generosity, £650 was raised for Help for Heroes. Thanks also to the band "Mid Life Crisis" who provided the great entertainment and to Sue and Syd for the fabulous buffet and Anniversary cake . . . you did us proud.

DAVES Jane and Martin would like to say a BIG thank you to family and friends who made their Silver Wedding Celebrations on 14th August at the Sports Club a special night to remember and hope everyone enjoyed it as much as they did. We would also like to thank Isabel for the fantastic buffet and John Melvin for the great music xxx

JANE FOTHERGILL The family of the late Jenny would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards of condolence and support. Also a big thank you to Mam's carers. Grateful thanks also to the Rev Julie Wing for her comforting Service and to Jessica and staff of John Meynell for her help, guidance and professionalism. Brenda, Douglas, Stephen, Helen and Rob

MAGGIE & GARRY PUGH would like to thank all family and friends who came to their renewing of the vows on their 10th Anniversary and for all the lovely cards and gifts


Congratulations

Craig Jackman



Happy Wedding Anniversary
20th August 2010
Love you more than ever on our 16th Wedding Anniversary. All my love, Sarah-Jane xxx

Jake Lawson



Happy 13th Birthday to a fantastic young man. We are so proud. Love, Mam, Dad, Grandad, Grandma, Peter.

Jake Lawson



Congratulations Mam and Dad on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary. With lots of love from Michelle, Laurence, Thomas and Katherine
To Mam and Dad Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary. Love from Richard and Michelle

Paul Buxton



Happy 50th Birthday
Happy birthday Paul, with love from Susan, Liam, Becci, Lewis and Belle xxx
Happy 50th Birthday Paul, love and best wishes from Ann

Lewis Brown



Happy 13th Birthday
Lewis. With love from Mam, Paul, Liam, Becci and Belle xxx
Happy 13th Birthday Lewis. With loads of love from Nana xxx

Paul Buxton
"Bucko"



Happy 50th Birthday
23rd August 2010
Happy birthday Dad. Love from Claire, Nicola, Tommy and Tim
Happy 50th Birthday
23rd August 2010
Happy birthday Grandad. Lots of love, Kiera, Kyle, Thomas and Oliver

Danny Allen



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