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They propose to re-establish Woodham bridleway and provide a new footpath. The scheme could create and safeguard 130 jobs and add £32m investment to the local economy. The proposals are at an early stage and the owners are keen to meet with members of the local community to



discuss the development. This will help them take on board your views before they progress to detailed designs and the submission of a planning application. The exhibition is in the Clubhouse, on Friday 22nd October from 2pm - 8pm

and also on Saturday 23rd October 10am - 1pm. Members of the project team will be in attendance to discuss the proposals. Should you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: woodham@nlpplanning.com or call Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners on 0191 261 5685.

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ROTARY CLUB LAUNCH GREAT AYCLIFFE BUMPER DRAW

Raffle Will Help Charity, Town Organisations and Clubs

The Rotary Club is embarking on the biggest charity fundraiser ever attempted in Newton Aycliffe, involving the whole town and benefitting its clubs and organisations.

The idea is that the Rotary Club spearheads a raffle of high quality prizes with the sale of tickets delegated to as many of the town's groups and organisations who wish to be involved.

The incentive is that each club or organisation selling raffle tickets retains 50% of the monies received for themselves.

The other 50% goes to two main local charities: Macmillan Cancer Care and the Great North Air Ambulance.

The Rotary Club, as the promoters, would be responsible for gathering prizes, registering and organising the draw, printing the tickets and covering all expenses. **The Draw will be held at the Royal British Legion on 8th April 2011.**

The Rotary Club will receive the full co-operation of the local newspaper, "Newton News" in publicising this major fundraiser, printing the names of all donors and their prizes as they are received.

This is an invitation to all organisations in Great Aycliffe to get involved and raise money for their own funds and the main charities. There is no charge and participants only need to sell tickets. The valuable prizes will ensure easy sale of tickets.

We hope businesses will want to be part of this exciting venture and will donate a prize or offer vouchers for the service they offer.

Tickets will be available soon so please contact Syd Howarth at Newton News if you wish to take part or complete the form below and hand in at Newton Press, our agents Newsforce in the Town Centre or Walkers, Simpasturegate. Tel: 300212 or 320901.

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Heighington and Newton Aycliffe W.I. groups are inviting ladies to join them for an Evening of Sweet Delights at St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 26th October at 7.30pm.

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For tickets contact Val on 312071 or Lyn on 314805.

Honest John Donates £1,000

Honest John's fundraising Stall held each Tuesday on the Market has donated £1,000 to Lee Green Dance School.

The next beneficiaries are The Jaffa Club and the Jam Club.

"I cannot thank enough those Newtonians who donate goods for me to sell. They are the ones who have made this community fundraising stall a success." said John.

New Landlords at George & Dragon

A Mother and Daughter team have taken over the popular pub at Heighington and already they have a good name for top quality food in comfortable surroundings.

They are introducing Music, a new Chef, Quiz Night & Coffee Mornings.

Mum Karen spent 23 years in Admin and X-ray at Peterlee Hospital before switching to running the pub.

While holidaying in the Lakes she broke her ankle and during the 15 weeks off sick there was time to think about this life-changing move. She and husband David saw a chance to give their daughter and themselves a new beginning. Behind daughter Samantha's fresh, pretty looks beats the heart of a professional. After studies at New College Durham she spent seven years in a hospitality career.

"The George & Dragon, recently vacated, was the picture perfect pub and now the task is to build the George & Dragon into a topflight village hub-pub with a serious take on food, and a lively programme of events and



entertainment." said Karen

First they took on former Exec Chef at Ramside Tim Cooper with a promise to use fresh, local produce. Tim says. "Our menu features mainly British food, with specials such as slow cooked lamb shank and braised beef, with some international dishes." The new publican family's next move is to explore the area's music potential encouraging musicians in the community.

According to Mel the pub could be the perfect place to establish a modern acoustic venue. Not a haven for finger-in-the ear folkies, and not anti-electric either. These days most acoustic players plug their guitars into amps. We'll have a PA and will welcome players from the floor, as long as they offer quality, interesting music - in any genre, from any era - rather than angry noise.

The George & Dragon's first music date is Sunday, October 31, from 8pm and then every last Sunday in the month.

The pub opens for daily drinking from noon offering Morning Coffee (weekdays) 9.30am-12noon.

Tues - Fri: Lunch is served from 12 - 3pm and on Saturday continuous food from 12 noon - 9pm. Sunday Lunch: 12 - 6pm

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TOWN COUNCIL HELP SCHOOLS PLANT ROTARY CLUB BULBS



Children from across the town took part in a series of crocus bulb planting sessions to raise awareness of the Polio disease. School children helped the Rotary Club and Great Aycliffe Town Council plant the crocuses in prominent locations around the town including Stephenson Way,



Burn Lane, Horndale, Moore Lane Park and Aycliffe Village.

Steve Cooper, the Town Council's Environment Officer said "Over 120 children from 7 primary schools within the town really seemed to enjoy themselves while planting the bulbs. We hope the crocuses which we planted will prove to be a welcome sight during the cold spring days when they will be flourishing. In addition we hope we have assisted the Rotary Club raise awareness of their international campaign to eradicate Polio throughout the world."

He continued "Great Aycliffe Town Council take pride in

their floral displays and are aware of how welcome these early spring flowers are, we therefore plan to plant at least as many bulbs again in the same areas to enhance the display next year".

Rotary Club President Barry Hutchinson said: "Steve Cooper and the staff at Great Aycliffe Town Council were very important to the project and their co-operation was crucial to the success of the planting. Steve's interaction with the children was excellent and made the sessions very enjoyable."

"We have to apologise to parents for the number of children who returned home with muddy clothes" said Barry.

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The works involved in creating space for our new Aldi supermarket and car park have unfortunately caused some access issues at the Dalton Way/Central Avenue side of town.

But I would like to remind everyone that all other entrances to the Town Centre including Dalton Way from Greenwell Road are fully open and will remain so for the duration of the works.

All of our shops and the Market are open as normal and we hope you will continue to support them and the Town Centre during this period.

With half-term coming up soon we hope, weather permitting, to have some exciting events in the Town Centre which we will tell you about next week here in the Newton News.

Christmas will soon be with us and our new Christmas Lighting display will add extra sparkle to the Town.

I would like also to thank the Newton News for their valued support with our campaign and congratulate all of our £100 winners. This week's winner is Bethany Lunn of St. Barbara's Walk

Bryan Haldane
Town Centre Manager

HELP FOR HEROES EVENT AT BIG CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Working-men's Club is holding an evening of entertainment on 24th November to raise funds for our troops at home and abroad, to show our appreciation for the hardship and danger our men and women are facing for our country.

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A new course at the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe is giving people the chance to delve into their past and discover where their family roots lie. Tutor Chris Forster is running the Family History course on a Monday evening from 6-8pm and a Friday 10am-12pm.

The 10 week course gives a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to pulling together your family tree including how to locate Parish Records, tracking down Census material, sourcing birth, marriage and death certificates and using relevant internet sites. Chris Forster said: "People generally are really intrigued when it comes to finding out who their ancestors are and I think a lot of them secretly hope they are related to Royalty!"

"The easiest way to complete a family tree is to start at the present and then work backwards. So you can start by taking the names of your parents on your birth certificate, then using the birth certificates to identify their parent's details, and so on and so on. Then there are various ways dating back to the early



1800s to trace your relatives, such as birth, marriage and death certificates which were issued from 1837, and before that locating Parish records which details baptisms, marriages and burials. Nowadays, having access to the internet, you can use various websites to help complete your family tree and pull the whole thing together piece by piece like a jigsaw puzzle. It really is a very exciting process to be part of."

The course is priced at £40 for 10 weeks. Anyone interested in the course should contact the Pioneering Care Centre on tel: 01325 321 234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net .

"I WILL SERVE PEOPLE NOT POLITICS" says Tom

Alfred Tomlin better known as Tom, has lived and worked in Aycliffe for the last 15 years. He currently sits on the customer panel of the Town Council. He has been married to Margaret for 39 years and have one daughter with two grand-daughters.

Tom was a Councillor for 4 years 2003-2007 representing West Ward, which he enjoyed immensely. He is a Governor at Stephenson Way School and Vice Chairman at the Youth Centre.

"As an Independent Councillor I wish to

continue doing my best for the people of Great Aycliffe. I want to reassure everyone I will serve them and not politics. I believe the people of West Ward deserve the best, as well as someone who will listen to and support them". said Tom.

"I promise I will always give 100% of my time and effort to the West Ward, and make sure you get what you deserve", he added.



EXCITING TIMES THIS AUTUMN AT THE PCP

Now the summer is over, the weather is turning cooler and outdoor interests are restricted, it is good to hear there are so many other ways to keep yourself fit and healthy, at the Pioneering Care Centre.

Fridays from 12.15 -1.15pm you can try Tai Chi a popular form of slow moving exercise which helps with stress, balance, posture and calm. To embrace all age groups, a variety of classes have been organised for Saturday mornings to try and accommodate those who find it difficult to attend weekdays.

From 9.30-10.30am you can choose Boxercise, combining boxing moves with aerobics to help achieve overall body

tone and fitness, or Dance Fit for the over 40's aimed at having fun whilst keeping fit. From 10.30-11.30am the Centre runs a Street Dance for Kids class, encouraging kids aged 8 - 16 years to keep fit while learning new R & B, Hip Hop and Urban style dance moves.

All these classes take place in the friendly atmosphere of this spacious and recently extended Centre, also offering a coffee shop and hydrotherapy pool.

Coming soon are Boot Camp classes to help build motivation and confidence skills as well as Dance Mat classes, a new and interesting way to help keep fit. Watch out for details of these exciting future activities.



300 Jobs in Durham for 2011 Census

Dear Sir,
I am the Census Area Manager for County Durham and Darlington and we have launched the official recruitment of 35,000 jobs across England and Wales. Recruiting a diverse workforce is a crucial part of making the 2011 Census a success. We need to engage with young people, older people, people of different ethnic origins and many others. Our ability to do this successfully starts with the make-up of our workforce. In the North East there are approximately 1,500 jobs and over 300 jobs within County Durham and Darlington.

They are flexible local jobs for local people and might appeal to retired people looking for short-term work, students looking for extra cash, new mums looking to get back into work or anybody wanting to be part of this historic event. Most roles involve dealing with people within local communities.

The Census is carried out every 10 years and provides a snap-shot of the population at a particular time, the next Census being March 27th 2011. It is used to plan for the future in areas such as



population, health, housing, employment and transport. It is entirely confidential and personal details are not shared with anyone for 100 years. Data is turned into statistics and then used by planners to make detailed assessments about the need for additional school places, hospitals, roads and other important local issues.

These job opportunities provide people with a real chance to do their bit to shape their community for at least the next 10 years and to help local people get the support and facilities they need and deserve.

Further information can be found on the Census website www.census.gov.uk and www.censusjobs.co.uk Paul Harker
Census Area Manager

Australian Seeks Family Members
Dear Sir,
Could your readers help someone in Australia find his family in your area. His mother was Winnie GLAISPER born in Sunderland, married to Walter Bradford who went out to Australia in 1920.
My daughter remembers going to school with a boy with that surname at the Avenue School so wonder if he still lives on the town. Walley's email address is wallyandval@optusnet.com.au - I hope someone can help. many thanks
Margaret Hill

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NHS Services for patients will improve as a result of the new build. More importantly, perhaps, in an era when more NHS services are expected to be provided locally to patients (as opposed to in a hospital), the new build gives nearly 200sq.m. of 'development space'. Whilst this space currently remains unallocated there is no doubt about its enormous potential benefit.

Senior Partner, Dr Ron Pounder commented, "I am aware that Newton Aycliffe



Artist impression of extended Surgery from Stephenson Way



Artist impression from corner of Pease Way and Stephenson Way



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residents have to travel to Hospitals in Darlington, Bishop Auckland or Sedgefield to receive certain services and treatments. We are considering the best use of our 'development space' taking into account the views of patients, the local community and the availability of NHS funding.

Amongst our considerations are extended Out of Hours Services, Diagnostic Facilities (eg X-ray). We'd also like to provide a new base for District Nurses, Specialist Nurses, and Midwives who are currently housed away from the Surgery or not even in Newton Aycliffe at all."

The 1st Floor of the new extension will give better facilities to enable Peaseway to increase its private services such as Chiropody, Physiotherapy, Acupuncture and also the existing, successful Skin and Laser Clinic.

The rooms and layout of the new £1.9m extension is designed by P+HS Architects of Stokesley. The Department of Health who give technical guidance on the design of new health centres were consulted.

The new build incorporates a passenger lift allowing for disabled and stretcher access to the first floor with full accessibility to all. The main Contractor is Molhann Construction based in Wingate, Co. Durham.

Project completion is expected early May 2011 to be followed by an official opening in early Summer.

MIDDRIDGE ROAD TOO DANGEROUS

Dear Sir,
I see that once again Woodham Golf Club is applying for planning permission to build over 50 homes and a 75 bedroom Hotel on the course.

The 2008 application was withdrawn when there were over 400 letters of objection.

I do not really care if the owner of the course wants to lose money trying to run a hotel in Newton Aycliffe, but what does concern me is that Middridge Road just cannot cope with more traffic.

This road is an absolute danger now without more vehicles using this road and I hope there are as many objectors to this application as the last one.

Simon Foster
Sandown Drive

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Newton Aycliffe Division event takes place at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Wednesday 20th October. For more details ring 01325 311204, email na2guides@hotmail.co.uk or speak to any of our local Unit Guiders.

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Protected Tree - a Danger to Life - Finally Felled

Dear Sir,
In recent weeks there has been some correspondence about removal of trees which have become dangerous. We have just been relieved of such danger after a five year battle with the Authorities over a tree on my property in Aycliffe Village, protected by a Preservation Order. It eventually had to be felled on 1st October at my own expense of nearly £1,800. A massive branch, weighing 2 tonnes broke off in a recent storm and fortunately my children weren't playing nearby at the time, otherwise

they would have been killed. I paid for pruning of the tree over the 5 years to lessen the load on the decaying trunk and during that time had three independent reports advising the tree be felled, but this met with resistance from the Council who I assume were influenced by local protesters. Over 5 years we spent £5,000 maintaining the tree. My advice to others who have a tree causing a nuisance to foundations or looking dangerous to life is to get it removed. Others may object,



but they don't have to live with the danger.

G.B. Iceton
Aycliffe Village.

Restoration of St. Andrew's Churchyard

The DCC of St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village need to carry out essential work on several memorials in the cemetery to ensure public safety and as part of the ongoing work to restore the ancient churchyard. If you are a relative or have information which could lead to the tracing of relatives of the following please contact Revd. Julie Wing on 320278
The Memorials in question are:- Robert William, Grace Darling Ellwood, Robert Bruce, Herbert Flower, Mary Matson, and Elizabeth Holland.

Happy Birthday Thomson!



6,570 - That's about the number of days Thomson's Newton Aycliffe store has been in business since it first set up shop back in 1992. Since then, thousands of holidaymakers

have passed through its doors in search of the perfect getaway. This month, the shop celebrates its 18th birthday. "We're really pleased to be celebrating such a landmark birthday," says manager, Jane Sanchez. "We've been welcoming customers for almost two decades now, and we intend to carry on for many more." Jane and her team are on hand six days a week to help sun-seekers find a holiday that suits them. Jane says, "There are six of us at the shop, and between us we've got 25 years of experience in the travel industry. It means we really know our stuff when it comes to holidays, and we can find something that's just right for each customer." Drop into the Beveridge Way store and the team will go all out to find you the perfect break. That could mean a close-to-home classic like Spain or Italy, or somewhere far-flung like Costa Rica or the Dominican Republic. They'll also be recommending some brand new places for next summer. There's Porto Santo, a little island cast off the coast of Madeira, and Djerba, just off Tunisia's southern shoreline. "We're really excited to be able to offer these new destinations," says Jane. "Porto Santo may be tiny, but it's got a nine-kilometre stretch of beach. Djerba's beaches are amazing, too, and the island gives you a real taste of traditional Tunisia." It's not all about the sun, though. There are things like ski breaks, tours and safaris on offer, too. And Jane and her team can sort just the flights if your hotel is already taken care of. She says, "We love getting to know what makes our customers tick, and we're proud to have lots of regulars who come back year after year to book their break." Thomson Newton Aycliffe, 53 Beveridge Way, Call 01325 301188, email newtonaycliffe@thomson-shop.co.uk or visit thomson.co.uk to book your holiday.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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Children Appreciate Rotary Club Dictionaries

Dear Editor,
In July 2010 all pupils in Years 5 and 6 at Newton Aycliffe Primary Schools, at Heighington Primary School and at Aycliffe Village Primary School were given a dictionary from The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe. These dictionaries were very well received both by pupils, staff and parents. Thanks were expressed at the presentations to Rotarians present. Since then we have had written thanks from The Headteachers of Vane Road School and Walworth School. We were delighted to receive, since the pupils return to school, letters from each pupil now in Year 6 at Heighington Primary School. The handwriting and content of the letters is excellent and I quote from a few:
Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift of dictionaries you gave to Year 5 pupils at

our school. They will be very useful throughout our education. It was very generous of you to think of us.
Yours sincerely,
Bailey
Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you so much for the generous gift of dictionaries you gave to Year 5 pupils at our school. They will be very useful for learning new words. It was very thoughtful of you to think of us
Yours Sincerely,
Harrison
Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you very much for the fabulous dictionaries you gave to Year Five children at our school. They will be very useful in lessons. It was very kind of you to think of us.
Yours sincerely,
Jake
Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you for the beautiful dictionaries you gave to Year 5 children at our school. They will be very useful for helping us learn lots of

different words. It was very generous of you to think of us
Your Sincerely,
Lucy
We congratulate all the pupils and staff for the quality of these letters and apologise we cannot print them all
Patricia Henderson
Secretary Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe

QUIZ NIGHT WITH PIE & PEAS

A Quiz Night will be held at Burnhill Way Church on Saturday 16th October. It is set to be a great night with lots of fun starting at 7pm. Be sure to get there a bit earlier to get your seats! A Pie and Peas Supper is included, and all we ask is a donation of £4 or more to cover costs.

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Food is served from 12.00 till 2.30 and 5.00 till 9.30 weekdays and 12.00 till 9.30 weekends. Only Sunday lunch available 12.00 till 2.00 on Sundays.

For further information, contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex 01325 300600.

Air Ambulance Donation in Memory of Ada



Michael Taylor presented £120 to the Great North Air Ambulance in memory of his Aunt Ada who died recently. The money was raised in lieu of flowers from Ada's many friends at Hawkshead Court led by one of her best friends Pat Conway. "The Air Ambulance was her favourite charity and she recognised their valuable work in saving lives" said Michael.

"My Aunt was a happy smiling person, volunteering to be Treasurer of the Community facility at Hawkshead Court and running the bingo sessions, she will be sorely missed." added Michael. He praised Pat for her work at Hawkshead helping friends and neighbours with shopping and taking them to Hospital. "She is an Angel on earth" said Michael

Olympic Star Helps Town Gymnasts



Newton Aycliffe based Jayenell Gymnastics Club have recently celebrated their 10 years anniversary and the celebrations are still continuing with the success from their recent display held on 12th September 2010.

Club Owners Jean Stifman and Louise MacDougall were proud to be able to open the doors to over 250 members of the public, by putting on a 10 year Anniversary Celebration, sponsored by Aquabliss Bathrooms, in the form of a display, which included routines from all children, coaches and adults who currently attend Jayenell, as well as performances from special guests Deerness Valley Sports Acrobatics, Grangefield Gymnastics

Club and Skyline Cheer and Dance Squad.

Jayenell is a Voluntary Organisation based at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre who offer a range of gymnastics training sessions which include preschool, GMPD (gymnastics and movement for people with disabilities) recreational, potential and intermediate gymnastics. Lets not forget the adults, Jayenell also offers a gym aerobics style session which has had a fantastic take up...their motto is simply 'what the mind can conceive, the body can achieve'.

It's important to point out that all the coaches and helpers at Jayenell give up their time to coach and mentor the children on a voluntary basis and do not receive a wage, which shows the dedication and also their love of the sport.

Since the display and the well deserved celebration party the week after, Jayenell have been ecstatic to see the number of new gymnasts who have joined and they welcome many many more through the doors.

Most recently a most welcomed guest came through the doors to deliver a personal message of support and gifts for the club from his daughter. Mr Jerry Tweddle, Father of Olympian British Gymnast Beth Tweddle visited Jayenell sharing gifts sent from Beth which included a signed tracksuit, T-shirt, Jumper and signed photos and posters. As you can imagine the honour of receiving such kind gestures, the club expressed their appreciation to Beth and



have since spoken to Beth personally on the telephone to extend the offer of a visit to the club anytime. Currently Jayenell are yet again looking at various different fundraising events to assist in the purchase of new specialised flooring and equipment for the gymnasts and would welcome any kind

of company sponsorship to assist in reaching this goal. This is certainly an opportune time to join Jayenell and with exciting up and coming events, now is the time to start.

For more information on Jayenell Gymnastics, please contact Val Beck on 01325 319262

Stephenson Way Off Road Parking at Last!

At last, at last, AT LAST! Finally work has begun on providing off street parking for residents further down Stephenson Way and, as one of those residents myself, I could not be more pleased. Hopefully, our cars will no longer be the victims of hapless attacks by wayward buses or other motorists who try to squeeze through the traffic calming measures ahead of their oncoming rival!

It's taken a few years for this work to begin and residents are especially thankful though special praise must be given to Councillor George Gray who has worked tirelessly to resolve the car parking situation along this stretch of road.

Mrs D Cant (Happy)

Inner Wheel Quiz Winners

The Inner Wheel Club of Newton Aycliffe (part of the Rotary family) wish to thank all who supported their latest fund raising effort.

The winner of the Proverbs and Sayings Quiz sheet, drawn from lots of correct answers was Mrs Forster of Killerby who received £25. Second Prize of £10 went to Mrs D. Stewart of Carrville.

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PHOTOGRAPHER STARTS TRAINING SCHOOL

An Aycliffe Photography firm is expanding after launching a training school aimed at unearthing new talent and helping older generations understand digital technology.

Anson Photography, based in Newton Aycliffe is to grow its workforce and move into new larger premises on the back of a bumper first year in business.

Company founder and former actor Lawrence Conyers has moved his fledgling business into Carlton House, one of the region's newest enterprise hubs, and recruited a photography assistant to help take the firm forward.

The addition of Darlington College graduate and budding photographer Emily Franklin to his team will be followed by the recruitment of a new sales and marketing manager and another photographer in the coming year.

The move comes as the company plans the launch of a new photography training school which will cater for would-be snappers and older people who may own digital cameras but are unsure how to use them properly.

Lawrence will run classes of up to ten people at several locations near Darlington from December.



incorporating Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom sessions, photo walks and a special Christmas photography course in the run up to the festive period. After Christmas, the company will also hold a special course called Silver Clickers, for older people who may have received cameras for Christmas and are keen to learn how best to use them.

Mr Conyers said: "I am thrilled with the new office, having finally emerged from being just a photographer to running my own photography business. The market can be challenging at

times, but I am so passionate about my work and the office is helping us to step up a gear."

Ms Franklin, 20, from Butterknowle said: "I have always been the type of person who greatly appreciates a good photo and have always been interested in the processes which are involved in photo shoots. I'm keen to get into photography as I enjoy taking photos and manipulating them and I'm hoping to turn a keen hobby into an enjoyable profession."

For more information www.ansonphotography.co.uk
0800 033 7373.

NEWTONIAN'S MAGICAL NEW BUSINESS

A Newton Aycliffe woman has the online gift business all wrapped up - thanks to support from Be Enterprising. Debra Farrell, 50, has recently set up two web-based businesses, magicalcreations.co.uk and ourmagicalday.co.uk selling unique handmade gifts, wedding stationery and favours following a period of unemployment.

After arthritis forced her to stop working as a garden designer, Debra couldn't find a job she could manage with her physical problems and decided the answer lay in self-employment. With ideas and a draft business plan she approached Be Enterprising for advice.

Debra, was supported by the Enterprise Coaching project through Be Enterprising, which is part of Solutions for Business – the Government's package of publicly funded business support designed to help companies start and grow.

She was allocated an enterprise coach who helped her work out what she wanted to achieve and how to go about it. Be Enterprising also helped Debra to access funding towards the purchase of materials and a kiln for firing art clay silver for jewellery making.

The online businesses, launched earlier this year, are going from strength-to-strength with Debra now

teaching craft workshops at her home and booking fairs and markets to trade at too. All her products, from baby shower presents to wedding stationery, are entirely hand made and hand crafted.

Speaking about the help she received Debra said: "After being out of work and struggling to find a job I was starting to lose my confidence. My business coach came to visit me at my home and I showed her my products and the business plan I'd pieced together. Straight away she told me what I needed to do to get things moving."

"What was so great was I felt she believed in what I wanted to do from day one. She moved so fast to help me - it was brilliant. I thought it would take ages to get help but that wasn't the case at all."

The Be Enterprising programme was created to inspire and bring about change in County Durham's former coal fields and rural communities and has recently been awarded an additional £4.1m from the European Union Regional Development Fund.

So far the programme has helped more than 3,200 people to start new businesses, with 1,845 of these supported in moving from benefit dependency to economic activity; a success that has



happened within just three years of the programme's existence.

Debra's Be Enterprising coach Dawn Huntrod said: "When I first met Debra she was quite obviously an enterprising person but very low on her luck. She had been a foster carer and given much to help other people. I could tell she was the kind of lady who was very determined

"She has been very focused with her business plan and has worked hard to get going. As a result her creations are starting to sell very well. Debra just needed some help and direction to fine-tune

her business plan, organise her businesses and get things off the ground by marketing her services. We were able to support her with all of this and give her the lift she needed."

To find out more about Debra's businesses visit www.magicalcreations.co.uk and www.ourmagicalday.co.uk - Anyone living in County Durham who would like support making their business idea a reality may be eligible for support from Be Enterprising. For more information call 0800 03 04 134 or visit www.be-enterprising.biz

Lib Dems Focus on Residents' Concerns

Dear Residents,
As a member of your
Lib Dem Focus Team,
I have listened to you
and your concerns, both
during our current Focus
questionnaire and our
previous publication.

One major concern is potholes in roads, both for owners of vehicles, as well as pedestrians. I have sought answers to your questions re the appalling condition of our roads. I have found out from the Deputy Area Engineer, for the Highways Dept., of Durham County Council, how the system of road repairs works.

He stated that every road in the town is thoroughly inspected at some time throughout every year. This of course may be just before the road is damaged by wintry weather, but it will be inspected and if necessary repaired at some stage during this cycle.

He told me that if you as a resident of the town, have any particular concerns about potholes, or damage to a road, within West Ward, or anywhere throughout the town you can speed up this process. There is a dedicated HIGHWAYS ACTION LINE. Call 0191 3706000 or email: hal@durham.gov.uk. This will possibly speed up the inspection

process of that particular section of road and possibly lead to a speedier repair. If not, at least, the Highways Office will know about the problem.

I have been in contact with many of you with other concerns and will carry on doing so as your responses are returned to me. I will seek more answers to these highlighted concerns within the Lib Dem Focus.

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Police Catch Metal Thieves

Eight people have been arrested and two vehicles seized in South Durham as part of a crackdown on metal theft. Police officers and neighbourhood wardens from Durham County Council have stopped more than 100 vehicles suspected of carrying scrap metal during the past three months as part of an ongoing operation by the Safe Durham Partnership. The clampdown, in the Sedgfield, Wear Valley

and Teesdale areas, has also seen eight drivers issued with fixed penalty notices for failing to produce the correct paperwork for the loads they were carrying. A further 29 people were given warnings or received fines for other vehicle-related offences following the spot checks. Inspector Ed Turner of Durham Constabulary Roads Policing unit said: "These stop and search exercises have enabled us to identify a number of individuals we suspect of being involved in the theft and sale of scrap metal.

"They have also helped us crack down on rogue traders carrying commercial waste without being licensed to do so." Officers and Wardens are also using DNA technology to identify the origin of suspected stolen metal. With the help of special torches it is possible to identify markings on the metal. During the stop and search operations, drivers are asked to produce their waste carrier's licence and documents proving the legitimacy of the load they are carrying. Anyone who does not have the correct paperwork can receive a £300 fixed penalty notice. Failure to pay the fine could result in court action and a maximum fine of £5,000.

Bid For A Day at the Races

Neville Parade Community Centre are holding a Silent Auction for a day at Sedgfield Racecourse for two on Tuesday 7th December. The prize includes Grandstand Seats and entry to the Paddock. However there is a reserve on the prize so please bear that in mind when sending in your bid containing name, address and telephone number to: Peter Beaty, 5 Ainsty Hunt, The Chase, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7DH. or ring 313924. **Craft Fayre** on Saturday 27th November, 10am - 4pm. Sites available at £10. **Christmas Fayre** - Saturday 11th December 10am - 4pm. Tables to hire for £10. To book ring 313924.

HOW C.A.B. CAN HELP SOLVE YOUR DEBT PROBLEM

Sedgfield & District Citizens Advice Bureau, along with advice on many other topics, also offer help with debt. They have a team of dedicated debt advisors who can advise and assist you to make good choices and bring about a better financial situation. Meet Lee, one of the debt advisors and here he tells you what happens when you approach the CAB with a debt problem...

Our first job is to explore all of your background details: are you working or in receipt of any benefits and what is your current housing situation etc? We then establish if you have any priority debts such as council tax, current utility bills, rent/mortgage arrears or if you have been served any court papers. We then talk about what options are available to you such as debt programme with us, a debt relief order, IVA or even bankruptcy. If you decide on a debt management plan we can take action to remedy the problem. This may involve negotiating directly with the creditor or third party collector to try to put a hold on any action until we can put together a proposed payment plan. We also look to see if there are any opportunities to maximise your income. Priority debts, as the name suggests are the most



Lee Weldon

important ones to deal with when you first seek help, particularly if they are at the action stage where your electricity is about to be cut off, or you have received a possession notice. Once we know they are in hand we can look at your non priority debts such as credit cards, bank overdrafts, catalogues or personal loans etc. We would prepare a financial statement, which would include your household income and priority expenditure and establish if you have any surplus income available so we can calculate how much you can actually afford to put towards your unsecured debts each month. Once agreed we'll negotiate with your lenders to try to agree on a repayment plan. Whilst we can't guarantee

they'll agree to it, our experience and reputation means we have strong relationships with the creditor industry and we have an excellent success rate. We'll work on your behalf to show that your offer is fair and reasonable and the best way to ensure you will be able to make regular payments towards repaying your debts in the shortest possible time. We'll keep you fully informed at all times and deal with all the paperwork and phone calls for you.

We also give advice regarding various parts of the debt advice procedure such as pro rata payments, County Court Judgements, statutory demands, Admin Orders, Debt Relief Orders and Bankruptcy and give your options so that we are able to take the course of action that best fits your requirements. Advice can be obtained by dropping into one of the following sessions where you will be given a short diagnostic interview. If appropriate you will be seen by a duty debt adviser or alternatively offered an appointment at a later date with a specialist. **Spennymoor:** 71 High Street - Mon, Wed and Thurs 10am - 1pm **Newton Aycliffe:** in the Leisure Centre - Tues, Wed and Fri 10am - 1pm Alternatively ring 0844 4994123 for advice or details of other sessions.

LIDL HELP CUBBY IMPROVEMENTS



The staff at Lidl, Spennymoor have responded generously to an appeal for help by The Cubby. They sent £100 worth of food to be used as the members see fit. Tea and biscuits will be used to sell in the Drop In and other items will be placed in a raffle to raise funds for the refurbishment.

Chairman Bill Blenkinsopp told Newton News that "The Cubby" fortunes have changed for the better with increasing support from the community as improvements to the building are being completed. Better furniture, carpets, kitchen and heating all add up to a more comfortable visit for customers.

COUNCILLORS INFIGHTING

Dear Sir,
Why can't Councillors keep their criticisms of one another (in private) or in their Council Chambers? It is not the first time that I have complained about this! Councillors are elected to be public figures to work for the benefit of their local community, not to take up space on a trivial matter in a local newspaper when there are so many much more important issues relating to Newton Aycliffe to be made public. Has anyone congratulated Cllr. Blenkinsopp for the fantastic job he is doing for "THE CUBBY"? The only Councillor who is finally showing an interest in the people who support the various activities which take place there and who appreciate his time and effort. Cllr. Blenkinsopp is to be commended for his concern and on-going plans for the continued refurbishment of "THE CUBBY". Thankyou! (Mrs) J.K. Blaik

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Newton Press is revising the official Town Guide produced in co-operation with the Great Aycliffe Town Council. As in past issues, the publication will give comprehensive information relating to Newton Aycliffe and the immediate district, including the Business Park. It will also provide an up-to-date street map. In an effort to help Town Organisations recruit more members, they may include details of their club, group or service free of charge.

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Council Get Ready for Winter

New salt barns, updated gritting routes and a new priority pavement plan with a fleet of compact tractors suitable for clearing estate areas, plus new arrangements with farmers in extreme weather – these are the headlines of Durham County Council's preparations to tackle this winter – whatever the weather.

The authority has also hosted a regional summit, covering subjects like improving communications between local authorities, resilience planning, coordination and sharing best practice. The meeting yesterday, in Durham, (October 5, 2010) was attended by all 12 local authorities in the North East.

Director of neighbourhoods, Terry Collins, says important changes have been brought in to ensure Durham is as prepared as possible: "Last year, we started out with enough salt stocks to last an entire normal winter and with orders in, to keep our barns stocked. Many people will be aware that the exceptional and prolonged freezing weather led to a national shortage of salt and that, as a result of this, a national body called the salt cell took control of allowances

"This year, although we are most certainly not complacent, we have increased our own under cover storage capacity by 13,000 tonnes and have been busy for some time

building up our stock.

"A great deal of hard work has been going on for many months to ensure that we are even better placed this year, and not just in County Durham. The purpose of the North East salt summit has been to look at how we can work together effectively whilst also considering options for increasing our regional salt stocks."

The Cabinet member for strategic environment is Cllr Bob Young: "We have built two new barns at Chilton and Morrison Busty and can now go in to the winter with 40,000 tonnes of salt. We have done this as part of our absolute commitment to do everything within our power to keep County Durham moving whatever the weather.

"We have a unique county comprising of scattered communities and towns situated well above sea level, where road surfaces are more likely to freeze. This means winter maintenance is a very serious business indeed for us.

"Although we can never offer any guarantees we can say hand on heart, we are trying extremely hard."

Durham County Council now has eight salt barns and remains committed to bringing all its salt stocks under cover

as quickly as possible.

The council is currently finalising a map of the priority winter salting routes which will be available on its web site.

In addition, although analysis is not yet complete, early indications are that the increased priority pavement clearance in the county has had a positive impact on reducing the number of injuries sustained by people slipping on icy footpaths. This winter the council's new compact tractors will be out in force on estates and key town centre areas across the county. These will operate in times of severe weather and will cover certain prioritised routes like:

Category 1 and 1a Footways (Town Centres)
Salt Bin Filling
Public Transport Interchanges
Hospitals
Doctors Surgeries
Health Centres
Category 2 Footways (small village shopping streets)
Sheltered Accommodation and Care Homes

With public safety in mind the council's web site will continue to offer daily winter weather updates, including details on which roads are closed, or passable with care, and tips for driving.

Following a comprehensive scrutiny review, and to ensure the council responds to changing environmental conditions and residents' needs the service will now be assessed annually, with a report presented to Cabinet for consideration.

Bernd Returns to Germany

Dear Sir,
I am moving back to Germany this week and I just wanted to say farewell to the people of Newton Aycliffe who have made me feel very much at home for over 11 years.

I cannot praise enough the tremendous hospitality I received back in July 1999. It was an absolute pleasure being able to serve the local people as a public representative on the "Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership" and the board of "Sedgefield Borough Homes".

I would like to thank all my colleagues who made it a pleasure working with them. Keep up the good work and I shall follow future developments from afar.

Best Regards
Bernd Bangel

Youth Councillors Elected

TOWN COUNCIL LEADS THE WAY
IN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



The inaugural meeting of the new youth councillors took place on Monday night. Whilst there was a lot of work to get through the Youth Councillors managed to get some hands on practice at problem solving, watched over by the Town Council's Environment Officer, Steve Cooper.

Photos of your new youth representatives will be published shortly in the Newton News.

Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small pot of money available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the

Great Aycliffe area.

If you would like to apply please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or most recent balance sheets. Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Floral Art

The Floral Art Course, at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre, will commence Friday 15th October at 1.30pm to 3.00pm. This is a 10 week course and costs £33.00.

The tutor, Cynthia Scott, will cover all aspects of choosing and arranging fresh flowers. This is an extremely popular course and you will need to book your place. Contact 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Robot Week at the Library

October Half-term at Newton Aycliffe Library: Children's author Damian Harvey will be at the library on 26th October to conduct a writing workshop (10.30am; age 8+) and tell his stories in storytime (2pm; age 4-7). Make a Robot! Come to the library to make your own robot on the 29th October at 2pm.

Events are charged at 50p per child. Places are limited so please book at the library, or call on 01325 312856.

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Saturday 16th Oct. "Witchcraft"

"The first set was a good mix of well known songs from Montrose, Jethro Tull, Golden Earring, Free and AC/DC. Second set was Deep Purple as this is their trade mark. Cliff on drums (ex White Noise) and Gaz on bass have created a really tight and punchy rhythm section. Mr. Big was excellent, really showing off Gaz's skills. John on vocals, was suffering with a chest infection but it didn't stop him delivering, with a good, high and gritty rock vocal. Mal... is Mal. Looks and plays like Blackmore, has all the moves and the sound of Mr. B, but can also show he's really good at the other stuff as well. All in all it was a good show, good crowd, nice choice of rock classics mixed with the best of Purple." - Jazakraco - Gig Pit Review

Saturday 23rd Oct. "The Kill"

"The band took to the stage, from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance. Vocalist Gregg took centre point on stage and really went for it. Not just vocally but physically too! I've said it before and I'll say it again. They had that charisma about them. The rock style of the band combined on with a commercial AOR feel on such songs as Def Leppard's 'Animal', and even though the group did generally go down the path of recognisable rock anthems, it never became too cheesy or entirely predictable. I think they hit a marvellous balance of cheering songs that would have a larger appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next" - Colin Smeeth REVIEW. Tracks covered by: Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Def Leppard, Guns n Roses, Pinkie Park, Metallica, Ozzy, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and more. www.thekill.co.uk

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Officers from our Neighbourhood Policing Team are now able to cover their beat areas using bicycles. This will enable PCSO Mike Welch to cover his extensive area including Middridge in a much quicker way than on foot. He brought his bicycle to Eskdale Place to show the residents. Thank you Mike

Halloween Disco Junior Neighbourhood Watch

 A Fancy Dress Disco will be held in the Scouts Hall from 5pm until 8pm on Saturday 30th October. Age limit for young people 11yrs. Parents welcome. Admission for all £2.00.

 County Councillor Dorothy Bowman.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 27th Oct., 2010

Policy & Resource Committee

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.

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As well as having great fun both on the Course and working with young people it will help you on your CV, as an accredited qualification, when you are looking for full time work. To book your place ring Darren on 07891 594706 or Ron on 07535 255098.

Youthy Beat Local Rivals

Sunday saw the long awaited derby game between two Newton Aycliffe teams as Youthy travelled to play their rivals, Newton Aycliffe Juniors in their first competitive game. Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14's, sponsored by Southern Cross Healthcare Defoe Court, welcomed back Ben Nicholson and Ryan Mercer for what was to be a big game for both sets of players.

 The local rivalry showed as the game never really burst into life and the early exchanges proved to be scrappy, some debatable tackles by the home side going unpunished by the official. Nicholson and, man of the match, Billy Bradley ran the midfield for Youthy keeping danger man Mason Steed quiet.

 Ryan Mercer provided the first clear chance his cross ending up with a goal line clearance by the home team. Youthy created chances following good work from Jake Cane and Mercer. Striker Dan Kenyon fired just wide but the game continued to be closely contested. The Juniors almost took the lead with a dangerous cross and Jack McLaren pulled off a good save to keep the score blank.

 With the game deadlocked it needed something special and it was midfielder Connor Halford who provided the champagne moment. His turn and volley blasted the Youthy into the lead

SBH New Homes May Not Help Newtonians

Dear Sir,

 I was astonished that SBH is submitting planning permission to build 19 new houses in the old Sedgfield Borough area, 14 in Aycliffe and 5 in Spennymoor. In a letter sent out to local residents the final paragraph says: 'We look forward to hearing or indeed seeing you soon to chat through this exciting new venture for Sedgfield Borough Homes'.

 I phoned and was told that I could only have an appointment on a day and time I could not attend and there were no other times. I thank Mrs. Jan Welsh for interceding and arranging for me to get a visit. I met with Natalia Quacquarelli, the consultants representing SBH in this venture, and Lee Barras.

 They chose the old part of town to build because people want to live there. Yet there is a lot of green area in the Agnews which could accommodate more residential properties where work on foundations could start immediately so as not to cause much disruption to residents nearby.

 On the Baliol Road site they forgot to mention that 50% of the garage area will not be built on and they are looking at selling this land off to nearby owners of property. Before they even applied for planning permission they had already approached garage owners and tenants and offered this land, suggesting it could be off-

the-road parking, including driveways to park cars.

 I believe the number of garages to go is between 60 and 90 in Aycliffe. The new houses would be let under the bidding system including people from Sedgfield area, Co. Durham, England, the UK and they even have people as far away as Pakistan applying. I thought they were joking. As you can see, the houses are much in demand by the world population, not just local residents.

 They said these houses will be in great demand and will help with the housing shortage and garages are not a priority. They were applying for permission now as housing grants were being changed or reviewed next year and funding could be affected.

 Comments on anti-social behaviour around these garages is a smoke screen, as there is a far greater problem on other matters in these areas which are constantly being addressed by the police.

 They also failed to quantify the numbers applying for housing: newlyweds, people who bought and sold their own houses, people from outside the area, problem families, ex-forces, single parents, to name but a few.

 The right to buy was also highlighted as the main cause for depleted housing stock.

 The proposed housing is a short term fix on their part, as the people who are successful in their bid to acquire one, still have the right to buy and if they were in Council Housing prior to SBH they still get the discount up to a maximum of 60%. Within five years they could all be in private hands.

 Name & address supplied

Disappointment Over Delay

Dear Sir,

 I am lost for words to describe the sheer lack of planning after all this time that once again work has to stop on the redevelopment of Newton Aycliffe town centre.

 After it has taken so long to get started. surely someone must have read the blueprints of what lay under the ground ie. water pipes, telephone lines and gas.

 I would have thought the fact that gas pipe were there was obvious. Once more we are left with a pile of rubble and for how long?

 J. M. Gowland

Start of Cross Country Run Season

The cross country season was off to a very soggy start on October 3rd. Old and young ran round Acklam Grange School grounds as part of the NYSD league. Young Henry Johnson set a new course record for the U13 boys. He finished well ahead of the bunch with a 30 second lead, to complete the 1 lap route in 9.22.

 Senior members braved the torrential weather, and finished extremely wet and muddy. Daniel Inglis took part in his first U20 event and ran well to complete the 10k in 42.57. Other results include George Reid 44.25, Kevin Greenall 49.45, Colin Gibson 50.18 and Mick Brunskill 55.12.

 The following weekend turned out to be a very busy running one with NAAC across the North East. The Penrith Rotary 10k Trail on 10/10/10 was like the fictional hare and tortoise race for veterans Dave White and John Edmondson. Dave set off at a cracking pace. The two ran well across the hilly paths and with 200 metres to go John pulled ahead and held his lead to cross the line just ahead of Dave.

 The same day, Trish Kay went to Carlisle for the Great



Cumbrian Half Marathon on Sunday 10/10/10 at 10am. She really enjoyed the race and was quite pleased with her time 1:49:45. Gary Minns also completed the Hellhole 10K 10/10/10 in 57 minutes. It was a very hard route on the last 5k with some good hills to finish. Craig Robinson ran as well came in just before Gary.

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John Hawes Head of Finance stated that "It's important we get this information to the people who need it and when they need it, sbh can play a valuable role by providing information to parents whose children are going to university as well as the students themselves, to enable them to plan financially for student life.

Research shows that over two-thirds (71%) of parents of undergraduate students surveyed have concerns about providing financially for their son or daughter while they are at university. The research also shows that new students starting this term are unaware of some very important money facts, such as the higher costs of door-step loans, and the penalties they could incur for having their car insurance in their parent's name rather than their own".

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Mrs Barker led assemblies for all years during the week quizzing students on their genetic knowledge and finding, unsurprisingly, that the year 11s knew most, obviously well taught in preparation for science GCSE exams! Students then had the chance to genetically compare their Heads of Year with a rose, chimpanzee, trout and fruit fly discovering that all of us are more closely linked to the chimpanzee and the trout! The importance of the work undertaken by the charity ‘Jeans for Genes’ in caring and supporting those youngsters and their families who suffer as a result of genetic disorders and raising funds to support research into genetic disorders was also emphasised.

The final part of the assembly, her infamous ‘Jeans for

Genes’ rap told students that ‘you look OK so your genes must be fine, but I tell you man they’re different from mine’ and concluded by reminding them that ‘On Friday we’ll dress up to show that Jeans on the outside is the way to go.’ It proved to be so, as the College has raised in excess of £730 so far, more than last year, and boosted by a generous staff raffle at break.

K Barker

Thank You

SOPHIE FAWCETT Would like to thank everybody who came to her 5th birthday party at the Scouts Hut. Thank you very much for all the lovely presents and cards. Also a big thank you to Auntie Ali, Auntie Diane, Grandma and Granny for helping with the food.

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HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY Lisa. Enjoy every moment! Love from Yvonne, Shaun and Konnor xxx

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HOWEY Happy 1st birthday to my gorgeous boy Thomas. Love you millions. Love, Mammy xxx

HOWEY Happy 1st birthday to my lovely Brother. Love you lots, love from your big Sister, Maisie xx

HOWEY Happy 1st birthday Thomas John, big hugs and kisses. Love, Nanny, Papa and all the family xx

BALMER Congratulations Ian and Sandra on your 40th Wedding Anniversary on 17th October and Happy 40th birthday Sandra. Love from Son Darron, Carol, Chris and the Girls; Ken, Andrea and Family

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Abbie Kennedy



Massive Congratulations on coming 2nd in your Solo and 3rd in Slow at Blackpool. We are extremely proud of you as the competition was tough. Thanks to Caroline Race for all your support and well done to all the other Lee Green Dancers, you were all fab! Love from Mam, Dad and Joe xxxxxx

Birthday Remembrance

EDITH FROST Happy birthday Mam (9-10-1956). Love, Leigh, Kelly, Andy, Grandson Harvey and new Granddaughter Emmie xxx

EDITH FROST (Ed) 9-10-56. Happy birthday darling, wish I could hold and kiss you again. Love and miss you so very much. Your loving partner, Tom xxxxxxx

CARMAN, Stephen Brian. 14th October 1957. To a special Son and Brother on his 52nd birthday. Love and miss you always. Love, Mam, Dad, Trevor and Anne xxx

ALF SAXBY 18-10-27. Birthday remembrance, happy birthday darling. Always in our thoughts. Love you always, Wife Eileen and family

Exchange

WOULD ANY resident be interested in completing a House Exchange with me? I have a two bedroom bungalow in Oakfield and would like to move to a 2 bedroom bungalow in the Shafto Way area. I would prefer to do this exchange before winter sets in. Please ring me on my mobile 07935 901 149.

Congratulations

Thomas Neal Miller



Happy 13th Birthday 17th October 1997
Happy birthday Son. Teenager at last. Hope you have a lovely day. Love always, Mam and Dad, Bracken and Kieran xxx

Happy 13th Birthday Happy birthday Thomas! Lots of love, Louise and Craig xxx

Happy 13th Birthday Happy birthday big Brother Thomas. Have a great day! Love you lots, Kelly, Warren, Wowser and your Nephew Oliver xxx

Matthew Howarth



Happy 15th Birthday Matthew
Have a great weekend. Lots of love from Dad, Mam and Carrie xxxxxxxxxxxx

Happy birthday Matthew. Lots of love from Grandma Trudi, Grandad Barrie, Uncle Kurtis, Auntie Joanne and Savanah, Uncle Wesley, Auntie Nova, Sylvan and Bump xxxxx

Happy birthday Matthew. Enjoy your birthday, love from Grandad Syd, Barbara, Uncle Stu, Auntie Joanne, Adam and Alex, Uncle Chris, Auntie Michelle, Jack and Joe xxxxx

Kelvin Wren



Happy 30th Birthday
Time to grow up now! Haha! Love you loads xx

Daddy happy 30th birthday. Love you to the moon. Love, Macey xxx

Happy 30th Kel. Love, Burny and Louise xx

Happy 30th Uncle Kel. Love, Chloe xx

Happy 30th birthday Kel. Loads of love, have a great day. Mam and Keith xx

Thomas Howey



Happy 1st Birthday Thomas
I love you so much, hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love and kisses, love always, Daddy and Amy xxxxxx

Oliver Finley Dowson



Happy Birthday Baby Boy!
Hope you have the best first birthday any boy could wish for! All our love always, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Adam Brown



Happy 1st Birthday
To our wonderful little man on your 1st birthday. Hope you have a fabulous day. Lots of love, Mam and Dad

Thomas Howey



“The Chief”
Our 1st Grandson is one year old on Tuesday. Happy birthday Thomas. Lots of love and kisses from Nana Grandad and Uncle Paul xxx

Stuart Hackett



Happy 16th Birthday 20th October 1994
LOVE DAD, Sharon, Rusty, (Auntie Gavin), Kathleen, Harry, Ellie, Scot, Sahra, Rueben xxx

Adam Brown



Happy 1st Birthday
to my special Nephew. Lots of love from Uncle Lee xxxxxx

Lisa Hill



Happy 40th Birthday 14th October 1970
Happy 40th to a fun loving girl, young at heart forever. Oodles of love and xxxx from Mum, Dad and all the family xxxxx

Neil & Carrie Hurst



Happy Anniversary 20th October
Married 20 years and still “monkeying” around! You were made for each other. Love and congratulations from the rest of the Hurst Clan xxxxxx

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NEWTONIAN SELECTED TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN

Newton Aycliffe's Angie Winstanley-Smith has been selected to represent the British Women's Water Polo Team, powered by British Gas, who will be embarking on their first encounter in the Hungarian National League as they take another step in their Olympic journey.

Angie 25, will travel to Dunaujvaros, Hungary, with the rest of the team in a move that will see them compete against some of the best professional clubs in Europe throughout the 2010/2011 season.

They will kick-off their campaign with two matches over two days against UVSE on Friday and defending champions Dunaujvaros on Saturday.

With the women's international team improving so quickly since moving to the High Performance Centre in Manchester and London 2012 approaching fast, it was decided the team needed to get a taste of regular high level club competition in Europe where the game is more popular.

"We wanted to have more official games and a higher level of games because that is the biggest difference between the Great Britain players and the top European nations," said Szilveszter Fekete, Women's Head Coach and former Hungarian international goalkeeper.

"Most of the women's water polo leagues in Europe have



two good teams and the rest are about the same as in the British league but Hungary is different.

"A lot of the top international players have returned to the clubs there this season because there is a bit more sponsorship and money about. Now we know we're going to be playing against world class players every weekend."

With success coming at the end of last season - including wins over rivals Italy and Germany in the FINA World League - the team are looking to step up their 2012 preparations and build upon their success to propel them into the highest ranks of the sport.

Following the initial matches the team will be in action competing over the weekends of October 21st, October 28th, November 12th and November 26th with the second round of the League commencing in December.

I TOLD YOU SO!

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago, readers may remember, I contributed a strong letter AGAINST Proportional Representation (PR). One of the points I made was that the coalitions attendant upon PR devalue Party election pledges, which become merely bait to catch votes ... after which the politicians abandon their promises in order to buy a place in the coalition government.

Can I just point out that the Lib-Dem about face on tuition fees is a perfect example of this.

John D Clare

LOCAL SPORT AYCLIFFE WELCOME LEAGUE-LEADERS

FIXTURES

Saturday 16th October: Northallerton Town (H), 3pm
Wednesday 20th October: Consett (H), 7.30pm, DCCR1
Friday 22nd October: Darlington RA (A), 7.30pm
Saturday 30th October: Team Northumbria (H), 3pm
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Newton Aycliffe are set to welcome high-flying Consett to Moore Lane Park next week.

Allan Oliver's side entertain the Division One leaders in the first round of the Durham County Challenge Cup this coming Wednesday (October 20), 7.30pm kick-off.

Consett are two points ahead of Spennymoor at the top of the Northern League top flight, so the fixture will represent a tough challenge for the Newtonians, who have won their last three league games to maintain their Division Two title challenge.

Aycliffe beat Whitehaven 3-0 at home last week to end their unbeaten start to the season, thanks to a man-of-the-match performance by new star signing Mark Tinkler, the former Leeds and Hartlepool midfielder who joined from Division One side Esh Winning last week.

Indeed, the Cumbrian side

were the only remaining undefeated side in the Northern League before their trip across the A66 last weekend.

Scott Pocklington kept Aycliffe in the game with two fine saves before Elliot Gardner put the home side in front after 25 minutes following good work by Fred Woodhouse.

Gardner, however, was sent off just a minute later after angrily retaliating to a foul on the half-way line, leaving the referee with no option.

But Aycliffe didn't sit back and doubled their lead after 36 minutes when top scorer Warren Byrne bagged his 11th goal of the season with a sweet, curling effort.

Andy Woodhouse made sure of the points with the third seven minutes after half-time, with Sean Tarling setting the winger up for his second goal of the season.

Pocklington preserved another clean sheet, his sixth of the season, with a superb save from Leigh Dunn towards the end to cap off another fine all-round performance by Aycliffe.

Two Swimmers -13 Medals



Two swimmers from Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club travelled down to the Leeds Junior Gala last weekend. Both swimmers, Hannah Featherstone, 11, and Sam Dixon, 13 had a very good weekend winning 13 medals between them.

Hannah won gold medals in both the 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly and finished in 2nd place in both the 200m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley. Sam almost had a clean sweep winning 8 gold medals and 1 bronze. His gold medals were won in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m and 200m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley. He won his bronze medal in the 100m Breaststroke.

The club is currently looking out for new members, so whether you are just starting off and are confident in deep water and can swim at least 200m or you are interest in improving your stroke, why not come along to the Leisure Centre on a Monday night at 6pm to see what the club has to offer.

DARLO YOUTH TEAM AT HOME FOR CUP TIES

Darlington's high-flying youth team are at home in their next two cup games. Craig Liddle's side, who are currently top of the Youth Alliance North East League, breezed past York City in the second qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup last Wednesday.

They'll play Mossley in the third qualifying round at the Northern Echo Arena on Wednesday 27th October (ko 8pm) after the FA and Mossley kindly agreed to allow it to go ahead a week late due to Darlington's Durham Challenge Cup tie at Norton on October 20. Liddle's youngsters also won 2-1 at home to Bradford in the first round of the Youth Alliance Cup on October 2. They'll play Tranmere in the second round on Saturday October 30 (12noon kick-off) at Houghall College, Durham.

Woodham Student Selected for England



After impressing when making her international debut against South Africa during the school summer holidays, Woodham Year 11 student Anna Young has been selected to represent England in the current UEFA U17s European Championship qualifying tournament in Belgium.

The tournament involves fixtures against Turkey, Armenia and Belgium. Anna, who is a year younger than a lot of her compatriots, is part of an 18-player squad that flew out to Belgium on Thursday 30th September.

Whilst in Belgium, Anna's time has been spent preparing for the matches as well as having dedicated time in which to prepare for her GCSE exams. Everyone at Woodham CTC congratulates her on her success. Anna is now the third footballer from Woodham to gain international recognition in recent times.

She is keen to follow in the footsteps of Ross Turnbull (Chelsea FC) and Jason Steele (Middlesbrough FC) in becoming an England regular.

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