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M.P. SEES START OF TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT



Our M.P. Phil Wilson was in the Town Centre this week to see work start on the old B.P. Petrol Station site, which will house the Town Library, temporarily, while their new home is built.

Some thought the current financial climate would force further delay, but the bulldozers have appeared at last and it is hoped the temporary premises for the library will be open by April. Hopefully this will be followed with the demolition of the eyecore we call the Health Centre.



NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR AGNEW



Following weeks of hard work with our Architect and Builder plans have been submitted to Sedgfield Borough Council planning department and building regulations for approval for our new Community Centre to be built on the same site as our present green hut.

All being well work will start around April and be completed by September when the new centre will allow us to accommodate 2 groups at the same having an extra meeting room as well as the Hall.

All this is down to a special team who have worked hard

to bring this new facility to Agnew. Thanks to our Vice Chairman Councillor Lileen Cuthbertson and to Margaret Lovelady our genial Event Organiser and Fundraiser, May I take this opportunity to remind you of our AGM on Wednesday 28th January at 7pm in the Centre at Morrison Close.

If you would like to give some time to your Community Centre why not join us in some capacity? Whilst we have increased our bookings, we had to suspend our Parent/Toddler Group due to falling numbers before Xmas, but would like to start this again. At this time it runs on Thursdays at 12-30 to 2-30pm, but could change it if this is what is wanted. Please give me a ring on 301033 or 07518 035320 and ask for Ron.

If you would like to help in the running of this group then again please ring. We would also like to hear from residents on what other events we could provide in the new centre. Maybe you want your own group to find a home - if so please ring. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon.

Secretary Ron

Beat Surgery

PC Thompson will be holding a beat surgery at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 31st January, 2009, 10.00am until 12noon.

Local Councillors will also be in attendance to discuss any community related issues.

Town Centre Beat Surgery

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Santa Arrived on Schedule

Dear Sir,
It is in response to the letter in a recent issue titled "did Santa get lost?" that I feel I need to clarify to the townspeople and in fact the Town Council, who very kindly supply us with this service every year what exactly did happen in Byerley Park on Christmas Eve.

As detailed every year 1-2 weeks prior to Christmas Eve a schedule is printed on an approximate time Santa is likely to visit your address. The scheduled stop for Byerley Park was 7.10pm.

As a resident of Cobblers Hall every year I go back to Byerley Park as I did when I was a child to see Santa with my family. People began to gather at the same spot we all use year after year in Colburn Avenue. From the house I heard Santa ring his bell from a distance and as sure as baubles on a Christmas tree Santa appeared at 7.10pm precisely.

My children went out to see Santa and didn't at all feel rushed; he asked them questions and wished them a very Merry Christmas. They all felt very happy having seen and spoken to Santa also with the Haribo sweets they received from him. He continued on his trusty sleigh throughout Byerley Park only to call out to my children again when leaving.

In all the years Santa has visited Byerley Park he has not once in my knowledge "failed to arrive". I can only assume the "Bermuda Triangle" in question is situated above the

address of the resident because we and our neighbours all saw Santa spread his magic on Christmas Eve.
Christmas Lovin' Mum

Meeting Place

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active, so come and give it a go, a good family outing for two hours. To book ring the number given.

We are looking to start a Domino Club on a Tuesday from 1pm - 3pm, to show an interest please ring Peter Beaty on 313 924. Wednesday Bingo - 10 games for £1, afternoon tea £1, just turn up for a 1pm start, doors open at 12.30pm. Volunteers Wanted - Stand in Bingo Callers - Handymen - Caretaker - Cooks Assistants - Coffee Makers. Please ring Peter Beaty on 313 924.

SWINGING SIXTIES SHOW

Dear Sir
The West Africa Trust is a registered charity who work under the umbrella of Rotary International. We raise funds for the poorest countries in the world to provide facilities and supplies for hospitals and education for impoverished/orphaned children. Top priority is bringing health and clean water to people dying from preventable causes.

The Managing Director of Showcase Productions has offered to organise a Show in aid of the Trust. Singing Star of the 60's Jes Conrad heads the programme along with Rob McVeigh who was runner up on the BBC's "Any Dream Will Do" series last year. There will also be a full supporting cast of dancers and entertainers.

This promises to be a great event taking place on Thursday, 12th February, 2009 at the Spennymoor Town Hall with a 7.30pm start. Full bar facilities will be available on the evening along with opportunities to win valuable prizes.

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Aycliffe Recruit Sails Through Training



A 17-year-old Royal Navy recruit from Newton Aycliffe is on course for a life at sea after completing his basic training at HMS Raleigh in Cornwall. Trainee Engineering Technician Corey Halton joined the Royal Navy in November and has now completed nine weeks of intensive training to give him the basic skills he will rely upon throughout his Service career. The course includes a series of mental and physical challenges designed to promote team working and culminates in the passing-out-parade when the successful recruits march out before their families and friends.

A former pupil of Woodham Community Technology College, Corey joined the Royal Navy straight from school. He said: "The Royal Navy is a top class employer offering job security, good pay and deployments all over the world and that's why I decided to join up. Completing training feels absolutely amazing." Corey's next port of call is HMS Collingwood in Hampshire. Here he will learn the skills required to maintain the Royal Navy's sophisticated electronic weapons and defensive systems. HMS Raleigh contributes to the operational capability of the Fleet by providing first class training to all ratings joining the Service along with professional courses in a variety of specialist areas including military training, seamanship, logistics and submarine operations. HMS Raleigh also offers on-going training for existing Service personnel to hone their skills making them ready for the challenges of modern operations. Details of career opportunities within the Royal Navy are available online at www.royalnavy.mod.uk or Tel. 08456 07 55 55.

Former Newtonian Attempts World Record



Gordon "Charlie" Chaplin (left) with SSgt Chesney

Dear Sir
 I am Warrant Officer Gordon 'Charlie' Chaplin of the Royal Engineers, British Army currently serving within 1 RSME (36 Trg Sp Sqn) Chatham Kent. I was born and lived in Newton Aycliffe until joining the Army 16 Years ago. My family are still all firmly rooted within the town, and I try to get home when I can to visit them between Afghanistan and Iraq tours. I will be running the 2009 London Marathon, this year with a close friend SSgt Chesney (TDSB 1 RSME). With a twist, we will be attempting to break/set a **WORLD RECORD** for the fastest soldier around the course carrying 36lbs in full combat kit. The record currently stands at 5hrs 10mins. Guinness will be monitoring the event and ensuring that we complete it within the guidelines set. We will be raising money for the 'MacMillan Cancer Support', who have been a great help to my wife Alex and our family over the past several months.

We would appreciate any sponsorship, as MacMillan provide a great voluntary service to people diagnosed with cancer and their families. We will also be raising funds for 'Help for Heroes' as this is another cause close to our hearts having both served in Iraq and Afghanistan several times. My family still send me copies of Newton News no matter where I am posted, from Bosnia in 1994 up to the present day in Afghanistan. Please could you ask your readers to support Macmillan and us in our attempt. Please sponsor me, to go through a little of the pain that other people go through every day! Donations can also be made through the website: Just Giving or at Horndale Shop. John, Charlie and Alex mil mail: RSME CEW PB-PM-AIQ2

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We are a small, friendly group and extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in family history to come along. Car parking and refreshments are free. For further information please visit our website at www.communitate.co.uk/ne/nafhs or contact Mr John Barraclough, Secretary, on 01325-315959.

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THE RAPE OF AYCLIFFE'S GREENS & OPEN SPACES

Town Councillors were up in arms last week over the possibility the town will lose control of our greens and open spaces going with the transfer of Council Houses to Sedgefield Borough Homes, a private company.

Bob Fleming Leader of the Town Council called it the biggest issue to hit this town since the former Aycliffe Development Corporation sold the Town Centre to a private company, and look what happened to that!

A Borough Council meeting at the end of next month will decide on the transfer and despite numerous requests the Town Council still had no details of what land will and won't be transferred.

Bob told Councillors that Newton Aycliffe was unique in that the town was specifically designed to provide greens and open spaces near to housing. The Borough Council want to lump this in with council housing throughout the Borough and transfer it to a private company. The land is worth millions which he is sure in Aycliffe's case will be

developed for housing. "Why else would they want it and why is the expense of the maintenance of these green areas becoming the responsibility of tenants when the land belongs to ALL residents? More importantly in the debate why isn't the whole town being consulted on the transfer of this land?" asked Bob.

The only people being asked to vote on the issue are those in Council property. Another serious point made was that former officers recommending the transfer were also being appointed to senior positions in Sedgefield Borough Homes Ltd when they lose their jobs with the Borough Council when it is dissolved in April.

Equally vehement in condemnation of the transfer was Councillor John Clare who called it the rape of Newton Aycliffe which we cannot allow. "The Borough Council come like a thief in the night to steal the town's silver" said John. "We cannot stand by quietly and let it happen without a fight". Malcolm Iveson told the

Council that the new company had no assets and were being gifted property and land and were trading off the equity which included valuable land. He cited details on the previous proposal to transfer council houses to a Sunderland Company which failed. In that instance they offered £27 million, but no money comes from this transaction!

The Town Council decided to take advice from the District Auditor on how they can oppose the transfer by legal action. They would seek a Judicial Review which would be very costly and need permission to spend money on legal proceedings.

Those Councillors present who also serve on the Borough Council left the meeting while this matter was being discussed believing it was a conflict of interest. This was criticised as being unnecessary as they could have listened and abstained from voting.

It appeared rather cowardly, but someone had advised the councillors to withdraw, and they all walked out like sheep. We have commented on this previously and see no reason why they should exclude themselves from these important meetings. Surely receiving all the relevant information, and hearing the objections, prepares them better for meetings when they vote.

The latest information is that following this meeting Bob Fleming was suddenly called to the Borough Offices where he received revised plans of what pieces of land will be transferred. He told Newton News the plans showed the local authority will keep control of most of the greens and open spaces, but there were still areas being given to the company which the Council believe should remain in public ownership. He called the revision a victory

for common sense and hopes there will be agreement over these other pieces of land to avoid confrontation. Newtonians should be grateful for the Town Council's vigilance and diligence in this matter. If this had not been spotted we may in time have lost a feature of our town which sets it apart from others.

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GREAT GRAN GOES TO RAFA DISCO

Ellen Atherton of Walcher Road, who will be 93 this month, celebrated New Year's Eve with family, friends and 6 month old Great Grandchildren, Becky and Adam Ledley. Ellen has suffered health problems over the last few years so doesn't go out much, but she was determined to attend the Annual New Year's Eve Party at the R.A.F.A. club. The night was organised by Ellen's Grandson Garry, from Millennium Roadshows, who has been doing it for the last 7 years.

It's a night for family and friends to get together and let out the old year and bring in the new. All money raised every year goes to charity. This year the money went to the Special Care Baby Unit in Darlington, where Adam spent some time when he was born. The staff were so good and we just wanted to say thank you for all they did while Adam was there.

The twins' Mum, Nicola said, "Becky and Adam aren't normally out late at night but it was such a special occasion and they were very good and enjoyed their first disco".

Nicola and John would like to say a big thank you to Garry for all his hard work, it was a big success on the night. Thank you to all who bought tickets and raffle tickets and for supporting a good cause. All raffle prizes were claimed on the night.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 25th February 2009

Environment Committee - 7.15pm

followed by the Recreation Committee

Wednesday 4th March 2009

Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 15 minutes has been set aside for electors to ask questions at the Recreation, Environment and Policy & Resources Committee Meetings. Written questions must be received by the Town Clerk at least 5 clear days prior to the meeting. Oral questions may be asked at the meeting which relate to an agenda item or is a matter for which that committee has responsibility. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk
The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Don't Treat All Our Youngsters as Thugs!

Dear Sir,
I understand that some young adults can display bad behaviour and seem a nuisance to society. However, I have witnessed the Tesco security guards throwing innocent young adults out for no reason. Is it no wonder that these young adults display an attitude?
Can you as adults imagine being stereotyped and treated like hooligans? How would you feel? I have witnessed this on numerous occasions. One time a young boy was simply buying an item of grocery before he was sent out. The guard wouldn't even let the young adult pay for his item! The boy was very polite and I was disgusted at how he was treated. The guard's response to this was that he had 2 friends with him! (All seemed like polite young men).
It seems that some of the security guards are letting the

'Power' take over! Can I put a question to Tesco's, asking what training these security guards have when it comes to the behaviour of young adults? Teachers have to do a degree for 3 years and so too youth workers. The government works hard at re-engaging young adults and earning respect.
Instead of the guards thinking, 'Young adult, out!' and getting

their backs up, why not spend 2 minutes asking how their day has been? I write to you to give these young adults a voice.
Stop stereotyping every young adult in Newton Aycliffe. We know a small number of young adults can be a nuisance but not all.
So stop pushing them about. They have the right to use the supermarket just as we do!
Concerned Shopper

REPLY FROM TESCO MANAGER

Dear Editor
We will carry out an investigation with our security team in-store with regard to the incident described. There are times when 'people', and not just youngsters/youths cause a problem with in-appropriate behaviour in our store, usually of an evening. Unfortunately, there are times when we have to ask people to leave the store, but this is a small minority. We have previously worked alongside a group called ACE (Assistant Commissioners of England) to stop this from happening.
Martin Butcher

SNOW WHITE PANTO AT SHILDON

Local award winning youth theatre group "The Tearaways" are well into their final rehearsals for their annual pantomime, this year it is "Snow White".
A spokesperson for the group said "We're a bit worried about our Director, as we've all counted 8 Dwarves! Along with the usual characters, The Wicked Queen, Magic Mirror, The Prince, and many more. If you like to Hiss and Boo, then you'll love this show. Oh yes You Will!
Aycliffe's very own Amy Cossins is one of the Choreographers/Dancers in the show, as is Courtney Oxley, whilst big sister Jade, along with Jade Carney provide the vocals to many of the songs in the production. Andrew Timmiss another Aycliffe resident, is the Stage Manager of the Show.
Performances are on at the Civic Hall, Shildon, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th January, 7.30pm and Saturday 31st January, and Sunday 1st February, 2pm.
Tickets are priced £4 Adults, £2 Children/Concessions and can be pre-booked by ringing (01388) 774838

IF YOU ARE IN BUSINESS THIS IS FOR YOU!

Businesses interested in boosting their sales and services are invited to join the South Durham Business Network founded to promote prosperity in our area. This new organisation was launched on 23rd January at Spennymoor Town Hall and all businesses in the area are invited to join and expand their business through networking. An interesting programme was arranged with top speakers and lots of exhibitors. The event ran from 11am until 4p.m. with refreshments provided. You can join by filling in the form below or on-line and become part of this new network whose main aim is to help your business grow.



Welcome to South Durham Business Network!
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- £60 if you employ up to 10 employees
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The Return address is – SDBN, 48 Bluebell Drive, Spennymoor, Co. Durham, DL16 7YF

To join online – access www.sdbn.org.uk and go to the 'Join Us' menu option.

Thankyou!

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL STILL VACANT

There have been a couple of letters in the Newton News over the past 2 weeks about the school crossing patrol vacancy on Central Avenue, a post unfilled since the retirement of the much-loved Jean. The staff and governors of Vane Road Primary School share the concern that parents have voiced – that this is an extremely busy road to try to cross safely without a trained crossing patrol. We, at the school, have been aware of Jean's impending retirement since September and have taken the necessary action to try to assist Durham County Council to fill the vacancy. However, no applicants have been forthcoming and Jean's post remains unfilled at this time.
The school has discussed the vacancy with both the Council and the Police and has an agreement for local Police cover when resources allow, but we realise this is not ideal. The governing body of the school is meeting on Tuesday 29 January and intends to discuss the issue of the vacant post.
In the meantime, we urge parents and carers to be vigilant and take extra care when crossing Central Avenue. The school is wholly aware of the situation and will do everything within its powers to help to identify a suitable replacement for Jean as soon as possible.
Chris Foster, Chair of Governors, Vane Road Primary School

HOME-MADE FOOD AT THE FILLING STATION



The Filling Station, next door to Newton Press Print Works is very popular for its home-made hot food. Topping the list is Corned Beef Pie, Quiche, Roast Potato Fillings and Shepherds Pie all sold as "specials" at very reasonable prices. The modern, well fitted, hygienic premises provide an excellent service from 7am-3pm daily, Monday - Friday with hot and cold refreshments. It has a small sit in area for those who wish to eat in.
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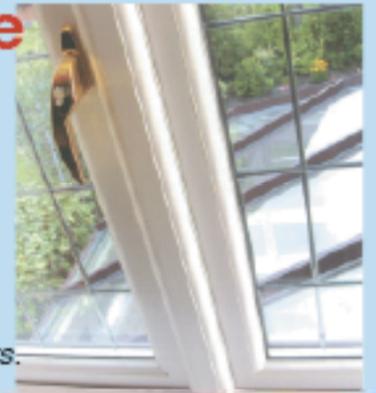
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TOWN COUNCIL DO A GREAT JOB, BUT . . .

In response to the Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council article in the Newton News week ending 2nd January headed 'What Do The Town Council Do?'. I must say they provide a good service for the local community. I did not realise how much responsibilities and duties are involved, and this is a credit to the leader of the Town Council, his team of Councillors and Staff.

I took time to analyse the Town Council's income under recreation meetings via their website, which I may add is an excellent facility. Last summer was probably the wettest on record and I can see how the golf course income has suffered, as have all outdoor events. What I can't understand is the golf driving range statistics; the figures shown compare with the previous year which date back to October 2006 and the golf driving range has consistently dropped in income by over £16,000 in total. What is the reason for this large drop in revenue?

Mr T Taylor, Greenfield Resident

HEAD TEACHER FOR A DAY



Woodham Technology College student Beth Laskey was the envy of her classmates on Thursday 15th January after being appointed Headteacher for the day.

Miss Laskey was the winning bidder for the opportunity at an "Auction of Promises" held at the College. She took over the reins from Steven Harness and quickly made some important changes to the college day, including extending lunchtime by five minutes. Miss Laskey also invited her classmates to her office for a cup of hot chocolate at break time.

Soon after taking over, however, she realised that there is a lot more to the job than meets the eye. The impression Miss Laskey had of sitting in a chair in her office, or wandering around the college, was soon dispelled when she realised the job of a headteacher involves a hectic schedule of meetings, visits to other schools, student

work scrutiny and lesson observations.

Miss Laskey observed Deputy Headteacher Christine Forsyth teaching a Modern Foreign Languages lesson and rated it as very good, with everyone having fun and enjoying themselves.

"It's been a great experience, but I've realised that there is a lot more to being a headteacher than I anticipated. The best part of the day has been seeing students working and having fun in their lessons. I've enjoyed it very much, but it's been very hectic with lots of running around" said Miss Laskey.

Mr. Harness was very impressed with Miss Laskey's professional approach and how confidently she handled the leadership team. "It's a strange feeling not being in charge, but I have great confidence in Miss Laskey and she is proving to be more than capable" he said.

ICELAND WON'T TAKE WOOLIES

Iceland announced they are to take over a number of Woolworths Stores throughout the country to expand their supply network and bring 2,500 new jobs.

Newton News contacted the company hoping our Town Centre store would be on the list, but unfortunately it is not. It may be because Iceland are purchasing Woolworth stores and cannot do that here as all land and premises in the town centre is owned by private London Landlords Freshwater Ltd. There are very few that have been bought in the north which is disappointing and we can only hope some other company takes the premises.

Weekly Events at Woodham Golf Club

MONDAY NIGHT QUIZ NIGHT

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SUNDAY CARVERY

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Golf Club Open Evening - Friday 23rd Jan

Woodham Golf Club would like to welcome members, old members and local residents. Come along, sample food from our new bar menu, receive your **FREE PINT**, enjoy the entertainment, meet the staff and see the new plans for the Golf Club

Girls Night In - Saturday 31st January

7.30pm-12midnight - "Full Monty Roadshow"
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5 Star Rating for Cumby



Management and staff at the Cumby Arms are shown here celebrating their 5 Star award from the Council for excellent standards in food hygiene. The Jones' family took over the Cumby last year totally refurbishing the kitchen, bringing it to the highest standard attainable. The Dining Room has also been redecorated along with new furniture, cloths and cutlery all adding to a superb eating out experience.

BEGINNERS DRIVING ON MOTORWAYS

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter on the number of young drivers having accidents after their driving test, may I inform you that I always take my pupils on roads which though not motorways, simulate major road conditions. I am confident those that take lessons with me are competent and experienced enough to use Motorways before taking their test.

Brian
Simpasture School of Motoring
Tel: 321804

Nurses Remembered at Christmas

Dear Sir,

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie Nursing colleagues, I was honoured enough to spend the festive period caring for patients so that they could be at home with their family at what can be a very special, but also emotional time.

Marie Curie Nurses like myself provide free care to patients with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes 365 days a year meaning that they have the choice of staying where they feel most comfortable, surrounded by the people and things they love the most. Working with the NHS and other local partners, Marie Curie Cancer Care aims to double the number of people with a terminal illness who are given this choice.

I am writing to say thank you to Asda for recognising what a difference our service makes, and for kindly donating 250 luxury bouquets of flowers to nurses like me, who gave up time with their own loved ones so that someone could spend their final Christmas at home.

Michelle Carroll
Marie Curie Nurse

GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The new Residents Association works to represent everyone in the town and the aims and objects of the organisation are as follows:

- To seek** to improve conditions for the residents of the area.
- To represent** and to promote the interests of all residents living in the area.
- To work** for improvements to our town and the local environment.
- To work** in partnership with other agencies to achieve our aims.
- The Association** will promote charitable aims and activities to further the above objectives; and will foster a community spirit to advance the provision of facilities and amenities for the benefit of individuals, groups and the town's residents and its visitors.

The Committee have already made a start on solving many problems besetting the town and will make regular reports through Newton News. Residents can make contact with the Committee through Newton News.

The Association has its own website: <http://www.greataycliffesresidents.org.uk>. We need residents to register as members which is FREE. Please complete the form below.

Free Membership Registration

I wish to register my membership of the Great Aycliffe Residents' Association, constituted 8th January 2009.
(Copies of the constitution are available) Membership of the Association may be terminated by voluntary withdrawal.

Name

Address

.....

Post Code Tel:

E-Mail:

Please note these details are held by the Secretary in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and accessed only by the Secretary for normal administration of the Association. Hand this in to Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way or their agents Newsforce in the Town Centre or Walkers Simpasturegate.

Place your Valentines Day Greetings in your local newspaper the "NEWTON NEWS"

Above example: £12.00 (inclusive) (maximum 15 words)

JOHN DOUGH To my "squidgy widgy" on Valentines Day, love from your little bunny X

JANE DOUGH To my little bunny, all my love on Valentines Day, love from "squidgy widgy"

Above example: 15p per word

JOHN DOUGH To my "squidgy widgy" on Valentines Day, love from your little bunny X

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St. Cuthberts Way

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Town Centre or

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Deadline: 5pm Wednesday, 11th February

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JUST LIKE MUM'S SUNDAY LUNCH



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Salsa Dancing
Starting with basic moves and grooves and incorporating improvers. The programme

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Final Meeting of the Gold Club



The Gold Collective Club operating in the town for over nine years had been forced to disband as there were insufficient officers to run the organisation. The club has been very successful enjoying meetings, outings and comradeship, but the current committee are unable to continue due to age and health problems. The final meeting was held at the Cumby Arms where the members enjoyed a very nice meal. The Committee received flowers and were thanked for their hard work with everyone singing, "For they are Jolly Good Fellows".

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Pioneering Care Partnership is a local charity providing services to improve health and wellbeing based at the award winning Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. As an equal opportunities employer, PCP values diversity and welcomes applications from all members of the community

Closing Date for applications:
Friday 30th January 2009, 12noon

Pioneering Care Partnership Ltd
Company No. 34912367
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- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Experience of working with or supporting disabled people

For a job pack:
Telephone: (01325) 321234
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Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

Closing Date for applications:
Wednesday 11th February 2009
Short Listing Date:
Thursday 12th February 2009
Interview Date:
Friday 27th February 2009

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Email: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing Date: **Sunday 8th February 2009**

Town's Teenage Dads Featured in Regional Calendar



The group of young parents who meet at the Sure Start premises on Stephenson Way held a celebratory get-together last week to view a Calendar in which fathers of the children were featured.

The calendar called "It's a Young Dad's Life" has been issued throughout the North East and 12 great photos of Newton Aycliffe young dads and their children were selected.

The front cover has a photo of young parents-to-be Adam Sartain with his pregnant partner Zara Watson. Other contributors include Anthony Dixon with his twin sons Jaden



and Travis. The teenage group meet regularly to receive advice and help on being a parent from local experts including midwives. When Dads are involved fully

in their child's life the kids become more confident and understand others better. They do better at school and build better relationships. They have better health and in later years are better behaved.

Improving Your Home Made Easier

Householders wanting to extend and improve their homes will benefit from the changes to the planning system which came into force on 1st October 2008.

Changes to permitted development rights for householders will mean that many home extensions will no longer require planning permission. This is good news for householders wanting to improve their properties and for builders in the current economic climate.

The new changes will mean that most householders will be able to build a loft conversion and a ground floor rear extension without having to apply for planning permission. In simple terms a householder will be able to build a single storey ground floor rear extension provided that:

The extension does not extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse.

The height does not exceed 4 metres or 3 metres where it is within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

In addition a householder can also build a loft conversion provided that:

The cubic content of the extended roof does not exceed 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house or 50 cubic metres in any other case.

Any enlargement, other than in the case of a hip-to-gable construction, would be 20 centimetres from the eaves of the original roof.

Changes to the planning system will also benefit those householders who have previously extended their home. Where a property has benefited from a single or two storey extension the new permitted development allowances will allow a loft conversion to be installed without having to apply for planning permission.

Similarly, where a property has benefited from a loft conversion being installed most single storey extensions, and in some cases a two storey extension, can be constructed without the need for planning permission. The majority of projects will still have to comply with the building regulations and the

relevant applications will need to be submitted. However, the relaxed permitted development allowances will help householders to avoid the long delays, inconsistencies and frustrations commonly associated with the planning process.

The new changes to the planning system will make it easier for both householders and builders wanting to extend and improve homes. Avoiding the need to submit a planning application, which can cost £1000 or more, will save months of frustration and in some cases bitter disappointment. It will also help overstretched local planning authorities by removing routine householder planning applications from their desks."

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Over the last four months the Pioneering Care Partnership have raised over £600 for the Macmillan Cancer Support through various funding raising events such as, the signed football shirt raffle, World's Biggest Coffee Morning and The Christmas Giving Tree Campaign.

The Service is a new and has been developed in

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If you or anyone you know needs any kind of help from leaflets, support groups, someone to listen, please give the service a call on the above number.

DOG FOULING FINE INCREASED TO £80

Irresponsible dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets could face an £80 penalty under a proposed scheme for County Durham. Durham County Council is seeking to introduce a new Dog Control Order, which would make it an offence for people to allow their dogs to foul areas of land identified within the order.

Those found to have breached the order will face a penalty of £80, with a reduction to £50 if paid within 14 days.

If agreed, the order will apply to all areas of public land and footpaths in the county, with the exception of Forestry Commission and agricultural land and areas of woodland, moorland, marshland and heath.

Yesterday (Jan 8) Durham County Council's Cabinet agreed to begin the process for introducing the new Dog Control Order, which will be termed the Fouling of Land by Dogs (County of Durham) Order 2009.

The new order will replace the existing schemes currently operated in each of the district council areas, where levels of fines and enforcement vary.

Councillors were told that as part of the move towards the new unitary council for County Durham the new scheme is needed to harmonise the existing arrangements.

Coun Bob Young, Cabinet Member for the Environment at Durham County Council,

said: "Dog fouling is a significant cause for complaint by members of the public. It is unpleasant and entirely unacceptable.

"This new order will seek to ensure that dog owners behave responsibly by cleaning up after their pets.

"It will bring into line the various policies currently operated by the district councils so that under the new authority the rules will apply equally across the whole county."

Members of the Cabinet agreed to the publication of the Council's intention to make the order, which will give 28 days for people to make comments and give their views.

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Thank You

JULIE BRUMWELL Many thanks to family and friends for cards and flowers received during my recent illness. Glad to say I am now well on the way to recovery
THANK YOU to the staff at Blakes, also to the honest person who returned my mobile phone at the weekend. I'm very grateful

CARRIE HURST would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for making her 50th birthday so memorable. I am overwhelmed by all of the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and the £680 in donations that I received for Marie Curie. I had a brilliant night and send special thanks to Mark for making the tear-jerking slideshow, Lindsey for helping Neil to decorate the room at the Lakeside, Av for the beautiful cake and Jen for decorating the classroom on Thursday. I am so lucky to have such great friends around me. extra special thanks go to my long suffering Husband Neil and our fantastic boys, Sam, Joe and Louis for the lovely surprises and the fuss that they made of me. Words cannot express how much I love them. But I think that they already know that. Thanks again to all of you xxxx

GARETH & DIANE would like to thank family and friends for their continued support during what was a difficult time, when our Daughter was born 13 weeks early! We are pleased to say "Carys Marie" is now home and doing well, she is enjoying all the attention from her Brothers, Rhys, Bryn and Owyn xxx

WOW - Lucy McCormick wants to say a big "thank you" to all of her family and friends who came to celebrate her 8th birthday and for the wonderful cards and gifts she received. Thanks also to KDO Disco - you were brilliant!

NEW CAR VALETING FRANCHISE

KRD Associates, a local family property company have operated, for the past four years, from a first class unit situated in the heart of the Business Park, which is now superfluous to requirements.

The firm has decided to concentrate exclusively on 'rent to buy' properties, a concept that is proving extremely popular. No house remains empty for more than two weeks.

Selling the premises was not an option, mortgages being very difficult to obtain. An extensive research programme was implemented to identify a new business opportunity. The team's recommendation was car/van valeting.

The unit, 8 Leaside North, DL5 6HX is perfectly positioned, adjacent to car testing and workshop outlets.

KRD are looking for self employed car valeters, rents will be based on turnover, allowing the enterprise to grow with minimum overheads.

Russell Belton, Operations Director, will arrange training if required. He is certain the opening, which will be an asset to the area, will suit anyone who has been made redundant, or is looking to work for themselves.

More information can be obtained by contacting Russell on 07764 361363.

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Birthday Remembrance

TOMMY ELLISS Fond memories of a dear friend on his birthday, never forgotten from his Bingo Girls xxx

THOMAS DUNN 21-1-26. I miss you more and more with each passing year. I may not be able to say in person "Happy Birthday", but I'll be thinking of you all day long. Your loving Wife, Margaret

THOMAS DUNN 21-1-26. Thinking of you on your birthday Dad. Michael, Abbie and Erin

THOMAS DUNN 21-1-26. Thinking and missing you today on your birthday Dad. Gerard, Carolann and Jamie

In Memoriam

JENNY WILLIAMSON Died 21st January 2000. Dear Mother, you are not forgotten, though on earth you are no more. Still in memory you are with us, as you always were before. Des, Val and Trevor

DORA WILSON 22-1-2003. Thinking of you always, your loving Husband, Jack

DORA WILSON 22-1-2003. Loved and remembered always from Pauline, Ian and family

DORA WILSON 22-1-2003. Mam and Nana. For as long as there is a memory you will always live in our hearts. Keith, Anna, Julie, Helen and Louise

TOM HURST 26-1-2008. Remembering today and every day a kind and loving companion. I miss you, Doreen

TONY WARBURTON Died 24th January 2002. 7 Years since you left us, we think about you every day. Always loved. Your loving family, Felicity, Gail and Graeme. Also Grandsons, Jack, Winston and Oliver. Big kisses, Grandpa

BARBARA MILLINGTON (nee Whitton). In loving memory of a much loved Daughter, Sister, Sister-in-Law and Aunt. Passed away peacefully in Australia surrounded by her loving family. Always in our thoughts, not just today but every day. God bless, sleep tight. Loved and missed by all your family

LEWIS COLIN HUGHES 9/12/1987-23/1/1988. No one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles, no one knows the emptiness that's been with us for a while. Next time we meet my darling it will be at Heaven's door and when we see you standing there we won't cry any more. We'll throw our arms around you and kiss your smiling face and the pieces of our broken hearts will fall back into place. Deeply missed. Love, Mammy, Daddy, Bethany, James and Jack xxx

Congratulations

Lucas Fernando ACUNA OCANA



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1 TODAY

Hip Hip Hooray, our special little boy is 1 today. Hope your birthday is as special as you are. All our love 'n' cuddles. Mammy & Daddy xxxxxxxxxxxx
Happy 1st Birthday to my little brother. Enjoy your day! Love Nathan xxxxxxxx

Happy Birthday to my big brother 'Chunky Boy', Love Macy xxxxxxxx
Birthday wishes also from Grandad Peter, Gran Kennedy, Nanny McCann, Great Nan & Grandad Stanasfield, Nanny & Geoff Ashworth, Grandad & Nanny Nicole and all your Aunties, Uncles & Cousins.

Gary Reynolds



Happy 40th Birthday
28th January 2009

Lots of love from Jaki, Ellie-Mae and all the family xxxxx
Enjoy your party on the 31st January

Sabrina Brett



Happy 21st Birthday
22nd January 2009

Can't believe you are 21 already Babe! Love ya tons. Dad, Bethany, Harris, Nana Theresa and Gramps Peter xxxxx

Ruth Pearson (Nee Wilson)



Happy 60th Birthday
28th January 2009

Congratulations on your 60th birthday. Love from Mam, Dad, Phil, Sophia, Paul and Owen

Claire Hornsby BSc (Hons)



Congratulations on your Graduation

Love from Mam, Col, Sam, Lee, Charlene, Nanna, Grandad, Sian, Daniel, Kelsie, Tim, Richard, Amy, Anna, Neil, Leanne, Leyton and Liam

Jonathan Griffith



Happy 16th Birthday
26th January 2009

Love from Mam, Dad, Gemma and Elle

Tyler Jay Waddingham



Happy 1st Birthday
25th January 2009

For a special Grandson who makes us so happy. Lots of love, Nan and Grandad and kisses too from Great Grandparents. To TJ who is soon to be one! Have lots of fun, hugs, Uncle Ste, Aunty Coleen and Aunty Laura x

Jessica Bewley



Happy 18th Birthday Wee Sis

Love, Katie, John, Shaun, Kirsty, Paul, Kelly and Jackson

Jessica Bewley



Happy 18th Birthday
24th January 2009

Love always to our beautiful Daughter. From Mam and Dad xxxxx

Corinne Bagnall



GOTCHA
23th January 2009

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIS
Love from Michael and Kirsty

Daisy Miller



Happy 1st Birthday
23rd January

Happy Birthday to our extremely mischevious daughter. We love you gorgeous girl. Love Mammy and Daddy xx

Karen Chappell (nee Dawes)



LOOK WHO'S FIFTY?

How the time has gone, have a great day. Love from Mam and Dad xxx
Happy 50th birthday Mam. Love from Louise, Anth, Daniel and Ryan xxx

Kathryn Askew



Hip Hip Hooray Kath's 50 today

Lots of love from "THE GANG"

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Happy 21st Birthday

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£10,000 Boost for Ambitious Town Council Project

Great Aycliffe Town Council Officers are delighted following the announcement that the National Lottery's 'Awards for All' has awarded the maximum £10,000 to the Council's environmental initiative. The award has been made to help boost the Town Council's aim to improve the local environment by developing an Environment Centre. This is located in Moore Lane Park where local community and school groups can go to learn about local wildlife and countryside. A series of public events are planned from the centre throughout the year. In addition, a voluntary Countryside Warden Scheme will be developed to give local residents the opportunity to get involved in some practical conservation work to enhance the natural green space of the town. Environment Officer, Steve Cooper explained "The award is a massive boost. Funding from the Town Council and assistance from Sedgfield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme has paid for the renovations at the Centre, but this money will allow us to buy key educational material to get the centre off the ground. Also provided are Interpretation boards to improve the town's nature reserves and additional promotional material for the project, plus most of the tools and equipment to support the new volunteer service". To find out more about the project please contact Steve on 01325 300700.



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PRESENTATION OF LORD LIEUTENANT T.A. CERTIFICATES

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Durham, Sir Paul Nicholson presented certificates of merit to members of the Territorial Army and Combined Cadet Force at The Aycliffe Armory on Tuesday 20th January. Amongst the recipients were Staff Sergeant Dale Gibson (REME (V)) and Mrs Pauline Anderson an MOD Civil Servant employed at 102 Battalion. Staff Sergeant Gibson has served as a member of the Territorial Army for over 16



Mrs Pauline Anderson receives her certificate from The Lord Lieutenant of Durham



L to R: Mrs M Gray, Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Staff Sergeant Dale Gibson, Mrs Pauline Anderson, Councillor Gray, Mayor of Great Aycliffe.

mobilization of TA personnel in support of Operation TELIC (Iraq). Outside of work, Pauline continues to show her support to the services as an active member of the Women's Section of the British Legion in Newton Aycliffe. Pauline said, "I have loved every minute of my time with 102 Battalion, to receive

a certificate from the Lord Lieutenant makes me feel that I am appreciated." The new Commanding Officer of 102 Battalion REME (V), Lieutenant Colonel Paul Wise said, "We are delighted to be able to host this ceremony, which recognises the achievements of local youth and the efforts of our support

staff who work quietly behind the scenes on behalf of the reserve forces." 46 certificates were awarded to TA soldiers and cadets from across the North East. The event was attended by the Major of Great Aycliffe, Councillor George Gray and an audience of over two hundred families and friends.

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years and was awarded the certificate for his outstanding performance both on operations and as a trainer. Employed by Tallent Engineering in Newton Aycliffe, Dale was commended for his Territorial Army role which involves organising and teaching Regular and Territorial Army soldiers in vehicle recovery. Mrs Pauline Anderson works

as the Unit Administrative Officer with 102 Battalion REME (V), having originally joined the Battalion as a typist in 1994. She was commended for her dedication and hard work assisting with the

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The town's new Residents Association is keen to hear suggestion from anyone on topics the Committee could pursue to improve our town's amenities and environment. Please make contact by ringing the Secretary Alasdair Carter on 310328 or sending an email to secretary@greataycliffesidents.org.uk. Check out the new website which is currently under construction: www.greataycliffesidents.org.uk Please also register as a member by completing the form on Page 6 of this issue. Membership is free!

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