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"We don't know which award we are to receive as that is to be announced at the Presentation Ceremony to be held in June at the Gala Theatre in Durham City, but the club is delighted not only for the honour, but also for the recognition and prestige it brings to the town" said co-ordinator of the appeal Syd Howarth.

The artist, Peter Furlonger is also very happy that his design has won an award and he will accompany Syd Howarth, President David Scott, Past President Geoff Knapton and Rev. Linda Potter at the awards ceremony.

There is no doubt the sculpture has made a big impact on the town centre environment and is frequently visited and admired. The Vicar has stated that the memorial has received more attention in the short term it has been erected than the single flagpole received in



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# DOCTORS REPLY TO CRITICISM

Dear Sir,  
I write in response to the article regarding the so called archaic system in place at our Heighington Surgery. This is not the first anonymous letter criticizing the Surgery. In October 2007 a letter was sent to the Patient Advice and Liaison Service complaining about the service at the surgery, I assume this was from the same organization the HSPAG. As a result of this complaint we surveyed the opinion of patients over a few days and

we received a large number of letters demanding the service with regard to walk in appointments stayed the same. We provide the surgery at Heighington to allow patients access to routine doctors appointments. We run 6 surgeries per week excluding bank holidays. All of our partners are rotated excluding holiday's to provide continuity of care. We also provide a nurse on a Thursday morning. The times of the surgeries are published but more often than

not surgeries start well before the published times. The doors are not locked whilst there is a doctor on the premises. It is unfortunate that the premises are of a limited size and there are occasions when the waiting area can become congested. Our doctors understand this and as I have said previously are prepared and do start the surgeries earlier than the published times.

On one recent Thursday pm surgery the doctor saw 35 patients and worked until 7.00pm no one was turned away. If we had operated an appointment system we would only have seen 12 patients in two hours. We do not replace surgeries during Bank Holiday weeks and we do not replace surgeries here in Bewick Crescent as will be the case of the vast majority of Gp Surgeries in the Country.

We do not offer a direct telephone service to the branch surgery as all telephone queries are dealt with at the main site

Bewick Crescent. Our staff at Heighington are limited and extremely busy.

I have not had any feed back by patients with regard to a lack of an appointment system as previously stated feedback has been in favour of maintaining our present system. An appointment system at Heighington would reduce our flexibility to cope with demand and would be detrimental to the service we provide.

We have provided additional routine pre-bookable extended hours appointments here at the Bewick Crescent Surgery these are from 6.00pm-7.30pm Tuesday and Wednesday and also Saturday Morning from 0830 - 1000. These are also available for our Heighington patients who find it difficult to attend the branch surgery during normal hours. We started this service last July.

Apart from the additional extended hours as above we have not provided additional clinics or early opening at the Bewick Crescent Surgery. All Heighington patients with Chronic Diseases are managed by our Nursing staff and doctors here at the Bewick Crescent Surgery.

This applies also to any Minor Surgery that is required, smoking cessation services, antenatal, family planning, CVD Intervention, physiotherapy, child immunisation and weight reduction.

Our female salaried Gps are also happy to see female patients from Heighington at the Bewick Crescent Surgery if they wish. As always patients who are ill and feel they need to be seen on the day can and will be seen at the Main site when Heighington is closed.

We believe we provide a good service at Heighington, it is friendly, obliging, offers a dispensing service and fits into the community setting. It would be nice to have purpose built premises unfortunately we don't have the land or the money. Let us hope we can keep the old place going offering a doctor on your doorstep Monday - Friday.

**Michael McDermott**

*Practice Manager*

on behalf of Dr Ferguson and Partners

# MEAT FACTORY OUTLET OPENS ON BUSINESS PARK

Wholesale Butcher Mike Fenwick has moved from premises on the Business Park to a massive unit in Hurworth Road where his expanding business can flourish and provide a new retail service.

The new Factory Outlet opened last week offering great deals for meat which are less than supermarket prices.

Mike has been a butcher all his working life since becoming an apprentice after leaving Richmond School. After serving his 5 year apprenticeship Mike became an Assistant Manager for a supermarket, but was recalled by his former employer.

It was at this point Mike decided to start his own business in Darlington which was so successful he began specialising in contracts to supply Hotels and Restaurants. This forced his move to larger premises at Aycliffe, but demand for his services has brought this recent move to Hurworth Road.

Mike puts the success of the business down to the quality of product and service. He buys all the meat himself from local farmers ensuring full traceability with a reputation in the trade second to none. Mike supplies clients all over the region as far away as Blyth and Doncaster. This week he was buying Aberdeen Angus from Scorton and Saddleback pigs from former footballer turned pig farmer Eric Gates. The business is E.U. approved as a Meat Processing Unit and passes all the hygiene and safety regulations.

Mike lives in Wynyard with his wife of 5 years Heather and their two boys Jacob 4 years and Archie 12 months old. When he gets time from a busy schedule Mike enjoys a game golf.

"We are very pleased to be opening our Factory Meat Outlet in Aycliffe and welcome Newtonians to our shop where you can buy meat at unbeatable prices" said Mike. "Talk to me or Dave Park my Manager of 17 years, for further discounts on bulk buying" he added. Mike Fenwick can be reached on 01325 - 300931.



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Name & Address supplied

## Public Meeting to Fight Vandalism & Anti-Social Behaviour

**COSTLY PROBLEM MUST BE TACKLED**

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association is calling a Public Meeting on Thursday 25th June at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Church to discuss the growing problem surrounding vandalism, underage drinking and anti-social behaviour.

Some of the behaviour is drink or drug related and the cost to the council taxpayer is mounting. It is felt that if this problem is not nipped in the bud it may develop into something really serious and get out of control.

The Association has invited a panel of people who can influence the situation, to join the debate and hopefully help come up with a strategy to combat the nuisance. They are County Council

Cabinet Member Counc. Lucy Hovvells, D.C.C. Community Safety Officer Steve Arkley, Police Superintendent Hall, Town Council Leader Bob Fleming, M.P. Phil Wilson and Darryn Hook Senior Leader at the Youth Centre.

Syd Howarth from the Residents' Association, who will act as Chairman, invites members of the public to attend and contribute to the discussion, bringing details of the problems they have experienced and to come up with suggestions on how to tackle them.

"It is clear the subject is worrying a lot of townspeople and this meeting will give residents an opportunity to air their views" said Syd.

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The £400 million Government-backed initiative provides additional help and support to first time buyers, key workers and those in need of a more affordable way to buy their own home.

Eligible house hunters can include those looking to buy a new home in England who are; a first time buyer; a key worker; in

private rented accommodation; running out of room at home and need more space and those that have a household income of up to £60k per annum.

Buyers qualifying for the scheme will have the opportunity to select one of the HomeBuy Direct properties available from Miller Homes and purchase 100 percent of their home by paying up to 70 percent of the value, with both Miller Homes and the Government equally funding the remaining 30 percent.

So, with HomeBuy Direct house hunters can be secure in the knowledge that

they are investing in a property with the help of 'shared equity', not 'shared ownership'. These are two terms that are being wrongly used interchangeably, resulting in a buyer's reluctance to take advantage of the great schemes available to help those in need of affordable homes.

One of the big bonuses of the HomeBuy Direct is that the equity loan is only repayable after 25 years - or when the customer sells their home, in which case they would pay back the 30% of the home's market value at that time - and there is no interest payable for the first five years.

The scheme is available across six Miller Homes developments in the region including Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe, Co.Durham.

Cobblers Hall is located on the sought-after northern edge of Newton Aycliffe. A spacious, family-friendly neighbourhood, Cobblers Hall enjoys a peaceful setting with convenient access to the A1, Durham and Darlington. Here, The Giming, a three bedroom townhouse and The Tamar, a three bedroom detached property are both available under HomeBuy Direct.

The Giming is an aspirational and affordable property which has received a high level of interest. On the market for £165,000, but available under HomeBuy Direct for just £115,500 (with the remaining 30% being re-payable at the relevant time) Miller Homes has already taken one HomeBuy Direct reservation on this house type.

French doors opening out from the dining room, a charming dormer window featuring in the sumptuous master bedroom and a unique archway leading into the kitchen all combine to make a very distinctive and stylish property that is guaranteed to leave a lasting impression.

The Giming townhouse all boast three bedrooms including an en-suite master bedroom, upstairs bathroom, study, a kitchen opening up to an intimate dining room, downstairs toilet and spacious living room.

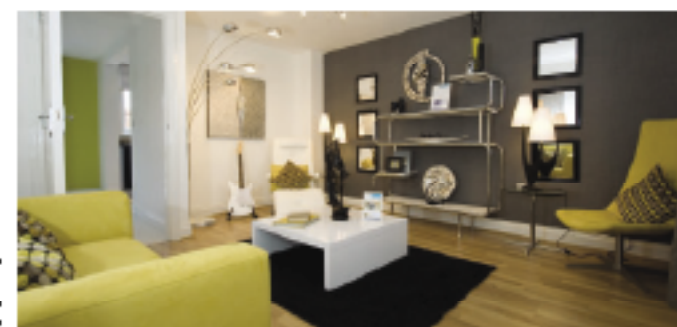
The Tamar is a unique and impressive property, on the market for £170,000 but available

under HomeBuy Direct for just £119,000 (with the remaining 30% being re-payable at the relevant time as outlined).

Boasting a spacious open plan living room and dining area on the ground floor, this space is subtly divided by its unusual shape, which allows for enormous flexibility in layout and furnishing. It also makes it perfect for entertaining with French doors leading out from the dining room into the back garden. The property also features a charming arch over the front door, integral garage, en-suite shower room and a downstairs wc.

To find out more about the HomeBuy Direct scheme and the properties currently being offered by Miller Homes North East, join the Alpha Radio team at Cobblers Hall where Rafe Parker will be doing an outdoor broadcast between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 23rd May. Alternatively, tune into Alpha 103.1 between these times to hear the live links back to studio including interviews with visitors and the onsite sales team.

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# Aycliffe Squash News



Aycliffe Squash Club held their Annual Championships Finals on Saturday 9 May. It was a day of entertaining games all round as the Aycliffe Squash Club members showcased some fabulous squash while battling to win the men’s and ladies squash titles and the men’s and ladies plate competitions. The ladies plate was a close match which was eventually won by Steph Story in the final against fellow Friendly Ladies team player Alison Firby. The men’s plate was played between 2 long standing club members Nick Hill and Dave Atkinson. Both men battled hard but it was Nick who finally overcame his rival Dave in a tough match. The ladies final involved the clubs star ladies players, twins Helen and Sarah Dowson who are both in the top 25 under 17s

in the country. It was a very intense match where both girls played well but it was Sarah who ultimately triumphed to become Ladies Champion for the 4th year in a row. The men’s final between Neil Ross and Andrew Brown was a tense affair which had the audience enthralled by their skill and endurance. It was Andrew who eventually emerged as the Men’s Champion for 2009 in a superb, hard fought match. Congratulations to all the finalists who all put on a fabulous show for those watching – well done!! If you are interested in playing squash at any level or age please contact Neil Ross 07919070507 who will be more than happy to answer any questions you have. Or you can visit the website [www.aycliffesquash.co.uk](http://www.aycliffesquash.co.uk)

# M.P.’s Claim for Anything While Tryers Get No Help

Dear Syd,  
18 months ago I was made redundant and at 50+ was unable to find anyone who would give me worthwhile job.  
I decided to re-train and have spent £8,500 on this, clearing out my bank account and taking out a loan. To complete my training in energy assessment I need to attend a residential course and pass 2 exams. The cost of this is a further £1800. I have approached all the government bodies, organizations and quangos who purport to help people like me only to be told no funding grants or loans are available. I have resigned myself to trying to save the necessary funds then find that this government and all the other parties have their snouts in the cash trough to the tune of 100’s of 1000’s of pounds.  
This seems a little unfair on people like myself who are trying not to rely on benefits and get themselves back to work while the political parties don’t give a stuff because they are too busy feathering their own nests.  
A disgruntled reader

# BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE ADULT LEARNERS’ AWARDS



Overall winning group from Newton Aycliffe with nominator Linda Skinner (back) guest speaker Brian Allen, College Principal Joanna Tait.



Overall Individual Award winners from left to right: Samantha Hemmingway, Gwendoline Perkins and Doreen Robson

At the annual Bishop Auckland College’s Adults Learners’ Awards Evening on Thursday 14 May 2009, students, staff, family, friends and colleagues celebrated the success and achievements of older students. The invited audience learned that the students nominated by their lecturers worked extremely hard to succeed and achieve a qualification while overcoming work, family and social problems and pressures. Guest Speaker, Brian Allen former Chief Executive of Sedgfield Borough Council added his congratulations to the nominees and applauded their determination. This year the Higher Education Award sponsored by the University of Sunderland

was presented by Sue Reece, Director of Student Recruitment and Business Partnerships at the University. Bishop Auckland College is a full strategic partner with the University of Sunderland and offers a range of Foundation Degrees and Teacher Training programmes at the College. A special award, the Andrew Pickard Access to Higher Education was introduced this year in memory of a former Access Lecturer and later Assistant Principal, Andrew Pickard. Andrew’s daughter and son Rachel Steel and James Pickard presented this award. Joanna Tait, Principal/Chief Executive of the College, who oversaw the proceedings, said “To celebrate our adult learners’ achievements is a

great pleasure for me as I know and empathise with their struggle to overcome lots of difficulties and problems to achieve, all adult learners deserve to be celebrated’ This year’s event was poignant for the Principal as it is the last Adult Learners’ Awards evening she will oversee as she is retiring in March 2010.

# TABLE TOP

On Saturday 13th June from 10am-12noon there will be a Table Top Sale at Burnhill Way Methodist Church. This event is being held to raise money towards the cost of three ‘Big’ and ‘Little Big’ Events being held by Churches Together in the autumn for the children and young people of the town. If you would like to take the opportunity to sell your own goods or raise money for your organisation you can book a table (cost £5) by contacting 01325 301937.

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# “Surgery Action Group Does not Represent Me”

Dear Sir  
Re: letter in Newton News dated 15/5/09, page 9: Although I live in Heighington, I have not in any way been approached or canvassed by the Heighington Surgery Patient Action Group as to my opinion. Does anyone know how many people this group represents out of our population of 1371? Can this group by any stretch of the imagination be considered representative of the views of the people of this village? Personally, my wife and I have lived here since 1974 and have many times been grateful that we have a walk-in facility, so easily visited, and to at least be sure of seeing someone on the day.  
I would prefer the minor inconvenience of waiting than have to deal with a proverbial “dragon” and either be offered an appointment in a week’s time or, more likely nowadays, be told to ring back the next day as the day’s appointments have been taken. You then ring the next day to find the same thing, ad infinitum (the Tony Blair System, I believe!). No doubt, if such a system was put in place we really would need an action group. I do agree

that an extra surgery during long holiday periods would be helpful, particularly where rapid diagnosis is important, but there are some alternative arrangements in Darlington for real emergencies.  
I consider that, generally, we are lucky to have our present system.  
NJS Ellis, Heighington

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The competition would not have been possible without all of you . . . on behalf of Aycliffe Angels Cheerleading Squad thank you very much. If you are interested in becoming a Cheerleader we have Beginner, Intermediate and Senior classes. Please contact Aileen Tinkler on 07958 726170

## Why Close Schools For Elections?

Dear Syd,  
I'd like to register my severe frustration at the use of schools as Polling Stations. As a working parent whose child started school last September I am currently planning holiday cover in advance of half term. Luckily, we have a great out of school club my child attends during holidays etc. and he enjoys this very much. However, to my great annoyance, I see that the school (Vane Road) will be closed for a European Election day.

As the out of school club is based in the school, I have been informed that they cannot operate on this particular day due to this closure. This leaves me in a situation where I must request a day's holiday from work in order to cover this closure. My limited holiday entitlement is used to spend the maximum amount of family time with both of my children and my sentiments are echoed by many other parents in the same situation. Surely, there are alternative venues around our town that could be used? Or perhaps (and I know this is an innovative method!) a postal vote or vote via a secure website?

I once remember our previous MP declaring the 3 most important policies in his new government were "Education, Education and Education!" So can someone explain why children will miss a day of school so that we can elect another "International Man of Mystery"?

Not only do we close for an election day but on the 1st June the school is closed yet again for teacher training. Could someone please explain to me why teachers cannot obtain relevant training out of term time? Why could they not attend their training during the half term holidays?

Please accept my sincere apologies if this appears to be a rant. Maybe these questions are not for you to answer however, I look forward to hearing from someone hoping you can shed some light on the above.

Yours faithfully  
E Fielding  
Hamilton Close

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## "NO COMPLAINTS UNTIL ACTION GROUP GOT INVOLVED"

Dear Sir,  
I refer to your letter about the Heighington Surgery last week.

I presume the 'Action Group' (no doubt self appointed) was the same group which wrote a letter of complaint to the local NHS Trust last year, which was also sent anonymously. I have lived in Heighington almost forty years and have never heard a word of complaint about the surgery or its system until this letter last year. Those to whom I have spoken have had nothing but praise, the general feeling being that you can get to see your doctor on the day you feel unwell, not when you have virtually recovered some days later which is the norm with an appointment system.

Last year's letter seemed from its tone and content to have been initiated by a group of young people, who were demanding priority treatment whenever they turned up at the

surgery. They even suggested that retired people should be sent to the back of the queue. I would remind those young people that most retired people have spent a working lifetime contributing to National Health Insurance and they have a right, if anybody has, to receive some consideration when it comes to a doctor's time.

Most of these young people have contributed virtually nothing to the system they demand gives them priority. They must also realise that they are part of the problem. Most older people have had families themselves so they appreciate the anxiety when a child is not well.

Most of us learnt quite quickly that for most childhood ailments there is no point at all going to see the doctor. He/she will simply tell you what your parents would tell you, that keeping your child warm, ensuring he/she has plenty to drink and an appropriate dose of aspirin will soon cure almost anything your child has. Taking that child to the doctors is a waste of the doctor's time and causes the overfull surgery waiting room about which they are complaining.

Our practice doctors have a full workload with time apportioned to each surgery. When a Bank Holiday occurs (we don't have many) no doubt the complainants enjoy their day off work. Do they return to work after the break offering to make up the lost time with additional hours unpaid? I

honestly doubt it. If they would not be prepared to do it why should they expect their doctor to do it?

I honestly do not think that the majority of people in Heighington want a change to the present system. This nonsense of 'bringing the system into the 21st century' (a worn-out cliché) – we have seen in the last couple of weeks in the media just how wonderful the 21st century has been so far.

People who do not like the present system do not need to tolerate it. They have a right to use a different practice. If I have identified the complaining group correctly they would have no transport problem getting to a practice sited elsewhere. At times in the village it is almost impossible to move for cars transporting children to and from school. Those same cars are capable of transporting children to and from the doctor. I fear that if one takes this complaint to its logical conclusion then because of 'inadequate facilities' the practice might decide it cannot continue to offer a surgery in the village. Then the complainants will have to travel.

Unfortunately, there are many elderly people in the village who do not have the means to travel to the doctor. Will the complainants then offer to ferry these people to Newton Aycliffe? I think we all know the answer to that question?

**Frank Haylett**  
St Michael's Crescent

## WOODHAM WIN 3 OF 4 TROPHIES



The Bishop Auckland Schools Association cup finals have been played over the last 2 weeks. Year 9 and 10 teams from Woodham CTC reached the finals of both cup competitions in their respective age groups, winning 3 out of the 4 trophies.

### **Ben Potts Trophy Year 10: Woodham 3 St. John's 1**

After losing to the same opposition the previous week in the Year 10 cup final, the Woodham team was back to full strength and keen to seek revenge. Woodham started well and were rewarded inside the first ten minutes when Richard Shires set Dale Somers free to calmly lob the advancing keeper.

St. John's reacted well to going behind and had a chance to level as their centre forward attempted to lob Michael Haykin in the Woodham goal. Displaying excellent footwork and agility the Woodham keeper managed to retreat to his goal line and finger tip the ball over the bar. This save seemed to spur on the Woodham team and they controlled the rest of the half and managed to score another just before the interval.

After a good passing move the ball was crossed to Niall Smith in the inside right position on the edge of the area, his excellent first touch allowed him to strike a well placed half volley across the keeper in to the top corner of the goal.

The second half continued in the same way as the first with long spells of constant pressure from the Woodham team. However, a defensive error due

to over confidence allowed St. John's back in the game.

This proved a minor setback as Woodham regained control of the game with a fine finish by Niall Smith to record his second, and secure a comfortable victory for the Woodham Year 10 team.

### **Bishops Cup Final Year 9: Woodham 3 Durham Johnston 0**

After beating Durham Johnston the previous week the Woodham Year 9 team started the game in confident fashion playing neat high quality football in all areas of the pitch. Early in the first half this quality was rewarded when Woodham scored the first goal of the game.

A hopeful ball forward eluded the Johnston centre half as it carried further than anticipated on the wind and Carl Smith latched onto the loose ball in the area, although he failed to capitalize on the opportunity, the ball broke to the penalty spot from where David Gibson thrashed an unstoppable right footed volley past the Johnston

keeper.

As the first half progressed Woodham continued to dominate possession and territory. Jack Slatcher went close with a long range effort that the keeper did well to keep out of the top corner. The pressure soon told as Woodham scored their second midway through the half. After good work on the right touchline by Stuart Cameron who produced an excellent cross that Peter Wharton latched onto with a great run across his defender to glance a header into the far corner.

Woodham went into the break with a much deserved 2-0 lead. The game was made safe early in the second half when Carl Smith chased a through ball, put the keeper under pressure who spilled the ball which broke to the edge of the area from where David Gibson drove the ball into the unguarded net for his second and the Woodham third which effectively sealed the result. Captain Lewis Wing collected the trophy from Bishop

Auckland secretary Tony Duffy and was also given the Man of the Match award after a fine all round display.

### **Year 9 Cup Final: Woodham 4 Durham Johnston 0**

After a convincing semi final performance the Woodham Year 9 team earned a place in the final against the league winners from Durham Johnston. Wanting to gain revenge for an early season loss in the league the Woodham team started strongly and took the lead through a strike from Lewis Wing from outside the area. After an even period of play Woodham scored their second when Carl Smith ferociously volleyed home from 15 yards. Woodham went into the halftime interval leading 2-0. After the break Woodham dominated and were much more composed as a result of their lead. David Gibson added a third with a fine finish to a flowing move and Jack Slatcher rounded off the scoring with a powerful header midway through the second half.

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**The next PACT meeting for the Neville Ward is at 6.30pm on Thursday 28th May 2009 at Neville Parade Methodist Church Lounge.**

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**The next PACT meeting for the West Ward is at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd June 2009 at Burnhill Way Methodist Church.**



*Students & staff at Bishop Auckland College enjoying learning how to dance Lindy Jazz*

A dance off at Bishop Auckland College ended the many organised events for students and staff to celebrate International week. Throughout the week everyone had the opportunity to sample food from India, Greece, Italy, Belgium, Holland and America.

College groups met with MEP Stephen Hughes and discussed some of the key issues currently facing Europe. Lecturer Grace Fenner a member of The Fenner Sisters Live Band enthralled

audiences with their jazz, jive and swing from the 1920s to the present day.

Students got to get the feel of ski-ing and snow boarding using the Wii system. Others tried their talents at a floristry workshop run by Patricia Battye, an international flower judge.

And finally to end the week much fun was had learning to dance Lindy Jazz - one of the latest dance crazes from the US - at a Joo-Lee Stock dance workshop in the College sports hall.

## HAPPY WITH OLD SYSTEM

Dear Editor,

How representative is this self appointed group of the opinions and wishes of Heighington Surgery patients? Only a poll of patients using the Heighington surgery could answer this question. Our extended, three generations family in the village has been delighted in recent years to transfer from a "so called" up to date, large Darlington practice to the "so called" out-dated village practice.

Our previous experience of their appointments system coupled with a practically non-existent visiting doctor service doesn't fill us with enthusiasm for a change from the Heighington surgery's present system. At least it is a positive way of getting a doctor's service on the day required, even if there is some waiting time.

**Bob Kelsall, Pond House, Heighington Village**

# OUR M.P. CLEAN ON EXPENSES SCANDAL

Dear Sir,

False accounting is an offence covered by the Theft Act 1968 and carries a sentence of up to 7 years in prison. The Fraud Act 2006 states a person is guilty of fraud if he "dishonestly makes a false representation" and carries a sentence of up to 10 years. It states a representation is false if the person making it "knows that it is, or might be, untrue or misleading."

Every time MP's submit an expenses claim, they must sign and date a statement that reads that they incurred the costs "wholly, necessarily and exclusively "for staying away from their main home overnight. They are reminded that the details of costs they can claim for are set out in the "Green Book" which lists parliamentary rules. It also adds that MP's can only claim for "costs you have actually paid."

MPs said they had not done anything wrong . . . it was all within the rules. Even though they wrote them. If so, why are they jumping over each other to pay back large sums. They even voted to try and block publication of their expenses claims trying to exempt them from the Freedom of Information Act, now we know why. They called in the police to try to find the whistleblower who had exposed their abuses invoice by excruciating invoice, despite being in direct contravention of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998.

Now its all out in the open, they are trampling over each other to pay back...Why? . . £13,332 for capital gains tax-Hazel Blears MP avoided paying; £41,709 by Phil Hope MP the Care Services Minister; former Minister Elliot Morley MP £16, 000 for a mortgage he did not have; Margaret Moran MP £22,500 for dry rot. The list goes on and on and on, MP's from all parties with snouts in the trough, claiming accountancy was their weak point! If the Daily Telegraph had not exposed them, would they ever have ceased their false claims.

His Honour Anthony Thompson said recently

"During many years as a Crown Court Judge, I always felt contrition expressed after the miscreant had been found out had a hollow ring, even if accompanied by an offer to pay for the return of the benefit obtained, it could not expiate the wrong doing".

A long time ago, it used to be a resigning matter if an MP was having an affair and was cheating on his wife, after all if you can cheat on your wife, what can't you cheat on? Nowadays resigning is the last thing an MP will do.

Claiming 88p for a light bulb . . . the Home Secretary, . . . claiming for food, . . . my God what do MP's use their salaries for? Scotland Yard's Specialist Crime Directorate are investigating, with the Director of Public Prosecutions, let's hope we see some prosecutions. Why should MP's be above the law? There is no shortage of able people who can stand for Parliament, Doctors, Teachers, and so forth, no MP is indispensable.

The only redeeming factor in all this is that our own MP Phil

Wilson appears to be clean on this issue of expenses, so we don't have to be ashamed of our own local MP.

The News of the World reported that our Labour MEP Stephen Hughes is claiming his full £42,000 office allowance this year, despite his office rent being just £1,642. He also pays his wife, a local Councillor, £40,000 to be his "chief of staff". The paper notes that he is not breaking any rules, as the EU permits members to claim the full amount even if they do not spend it.

It also notes that "he could have raked in hundreds of thousands over his 25-year MEP career. Will I be voting for a Party that promised a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty then refused to allow one, or an MEP who led the fight to remove Britain's own opt-out on the 48 hours working hours directive thus effectively reducing my pay?"

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Dear Sir,  
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Dear Sir  
In reply to the Heighington Surgery Patient Action Group (whoever they may be), I have lived in Heighington for 35 years and have never heard anyone say they would prefer an appointment system, quite the contrary, people are happy to sit and wait. I have sat for 2 hours and been happy to do so. You see a doctor when you want to, not when you can be fitted in and don't forget appointments cannot be pre-booked and how many patients do you think can be seen in one hour? Or do you think a doctor should be in the surgery all day. The incident you talked about, at least the doctor saw all his patients, this isn't a 9-5 job and do you not think all surgeries lose bank holidays? This is a village not a town, leave our surgery alone . . . the majority are happy with it. Mrs E Hartley  
Heighington Resident

NO TO ACTION

Dear Sir  
Re: Heighington Surgrey Patient Action Group  
I read with great shock and dismay that this action group want to change our Doctors surgery.  
**Who are these people?**  
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Name and Address supplied

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Sessions on sales and marketing, tax, health and safety and all the other complex issues businesses have to deal with are being well supported at local venues including Whitworth Hall and Spennymoor Town Hall.

Most of the events are free aimed to help businesses succeed and expand. Last Thursday Jackie Wade of Winning Sales gave an interesting and useful talk on Sales and Marketing at a Whitworth Hall event, urging delegates to be confident and if they have the skill to sell also have the will to get off your backsides and be more proactive.

Carrying a similar message was Simon Hartley, Olympic Sport Psychologist and Performance Coach who recounted stories of successful sporting figures he helped by changing their mindset to be more confident and not be demoralised by losing. He said the key to success is not to hope or think you will do well, but to know you will do well!

For more information on future events and on joining SDBN contact: 07947 409838 or email [info@sdbn.org.uk](mailto:info@sdbn.org.uk)  
 Joining SDBN can seriously affect your wealth.

# Dangerous and Careless Driving Near School

Dear Sir,  
 I wish through your paper to shame a local company for their deplorable driving which I had the misfortune to encounter recently.

At about 3.20pm on the 14th of May I was walking my young daughter and son along Vane Road when at the junction with Central Avenue a works van turned onto Vane Road.

Rather than wait until the traffic coming the other had passed, allowing this van more room to manoeuvre, it proceeded to mount the pavement heading straight for me and my seven year old daughter and three year old son!

Fortunately I had my wits about me and steered my buggy out of the way and grabbed my daughter's coat collar hastily moving her to the other side of the path. Goodness only knows what the outcome would've been had I not acted so quickly.

As this road is used by parents and small children at this time of day drivers should always take extra care, and certainly

not use the pavement as an extension to the road!  
 The stupidity of the driver beggars belief. Therefore the driver of this local van should think himself very lucky he didn't cause a tragic accident. May I suggest in the future you try opening your eyes, and exercise a degree of common sense.

Janet Hutton

# THANKS TO COUNCIL

Dear Sir,  
 The people of Newton Aycliffe owe a debt of gratitude to Great Aycliffe Town Council. Through their sterling efforts and dogged determination, they have preserved the Greens and Open spaces within the town and prevented any future development on this land by Sedgefield Borough Homes.

Jed Hillary  
 Ross Walk

# Bank Holiday 5-a-Side Football Competition on Monday 25th May at Oak Leaf Sports Complex

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## Overgrown Hedge Problem

Walking from St Cuthberts Way junction with Finchale Road on the right hand side walkway or footpath, about 25 metres along, the footpath is almost non existent.

At this place there needs to be about 1 metre cut from the hedge width in order to reclaim the footpath for people walking with children, pushchairs, prams, wheelchairs etc.

May I suggest that those people responsible for the upkeep of this hedge take a walk along to see the problem for themselves.

P.S.T.  
Name & Address supplied

## Obituary

**CARR** In loving memory of Robert (Bobby) Carr, 79 years of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully passed away on 11th May 2009 at Darlington Memorial Hospital. Sadly missed by Janet, Tony and Andrew  
**GALLAGHER** Edward (Ted). Husband of Joan, Stepdad of David, Ann and Elaine. Loving Grandad and Great Grandad. Passed away peacefully on 14th May 2009. Always in our thoughts. Heaven will be a better place with Ted as an Angel  
**BROWN** 18th May of Shafto House, Newton Aycliffe. Late of Derwent Place, Newton Aycliffe. Mary Jane, aged 97 years. Wife of the late Richard Henry. Loving Mother of Lynda. Much loved Grandmother of Timothy. Funeral: Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Frosterley. Wednesday 27th May at 1.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Weardale Funeral Services, Erringtons, 2A Southbridge, Wolsingham DL13 3JZ. Tel 01388 528045 or 01388 527226, Mobile 07703 410765

## Thank You

**GRAY** George and Maud would like to say a big thank you to all our family, friends, neighbours and fellow Councillors who helped and supported our Charity events throughout our year as Mayor and Mayoress. We raised, £8000 for our chosen charities. Thank you all, George and Maud

**SCOTT** Patsy and Peter would sincerely like to thank all their friends, for their kindness, cards and condolence flowers after the sad loss of Patsy's Mam xxx

**I WOULD** like to say thank you to the ladies who showed concern over my children in Tesco on Monday teatime, especially to the lady who was a nurse. Also thanks to the staff, it was very much appreciated. Thank you again

**GABRIELLE WELSH** would like to say "thank you" to her perfect gymnastic partner Sam Robson and coming first in our pairs routine. Also thank you to my brilliant coaches from Jaynenell Gymnastics Club. Louise, Jean, Jeff, Kevin, Daniel and Jackie xxxxx

**A BIG THANK YOU** to you, Mam and Dad, Mark and Julie for all the help and support you have given me over the last few weeks. Love you all, Marjorie xxxxx

**BRIAN & MARJORIE** would like to thank all their family, friends and customers and all at the Navy Club for the cards and good wishes sent to them while Brian was in hospital. He is now on the road to recovery. The shop will be open, but only till 3pm and 12noon on Saturdays just for the next few weeks. Brian and Marjorie Venables

**THANK YOU** very much to the person who handed in my wallet in to the Post Office on Monday 18th. I am very relieved and thankful. Brian

# SCHOTT GLASS TO CLOSE

Consultations with the workforce regarding the future of Schott Glass on Aycliffe Business Park have come to the conclusion there is no alternative but to close the plant.

Economic circumstances and a reduction in sales for their product across Europe means Schott Glass will cease manufacturing at the end

## Improve Town Centre

Dear Sir,  
At Greenfield School, during Geography lessons, we have been looking at how Newton Aycliffe Town Centre could be improved.

The owners have decided that part of the centre will be knocked down including the old Health Care and Library buildings. However, to save the rest of the town from being demolished in the future, it needs to be greatly improved.

Action is already taking place by adding a new modern Wilkinson shop. This will improve the town centre in many ways, like offering more job opportunities. Imagine, if we began opening more shops the amount of unemployed people in Newton Aycliffe would reduce tremendously. Even by splashing a bit of paint onto those graffiti covered walls or encouraging the Council to arrange for gumclear machines to clean up the pavement would help. Kara Ward  
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of this year.  
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## Birthday Remembrance

**JOHN HARRISON** 80 today, 18th May 1929. Passed away 21st October 2007. To some you are forgotten. To others part of the past. But to those who loved and lost you. Your memory will always last. Love from Jean and all of your family

**TOM WILSON** 22nd May 2009. Today you would have been 80, but no presents or cards can we send. The only thing we have are the wonderful memories of the times we spent with you. We all love and miss you very much. Love from Irene, Jim and Family; Mary, Bob and Family; Ann, Tom and Family; Martha, Derek and Family

## In Memoriam

**SANDERSON**, Sarah Ellen. Died 24th May 2007. Still in our thoughts and hearts. Loved always. Norman and family

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 21/6/62-26/5/06. There is an Angel in Heaven above, watching over and guiding with her love. She helps to make choices in all that I do, unselfish and giving - oh how I miss you. Your loving Husband, John

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. You are my Angel and my guiding star. You are with me no matter where I go. And you are with us all every moment of every day Mam. I miss you and love you so much. Love you always. xxx with love, Victoria and George xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. Love and miss you Mam, but you'll always live through me. Your devoted Son, Scott xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. I do not need a special day to bring you to my mind. The days that I don't think of you, no one would ever find. Each morning when I awake, I know that you are gone. And no-one knows the heartache as I try to carry on. My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. My thoughts are always with you, your place no-one can fill. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. Your Mam xxxxx (Also thinking of my dear Husband, Ray xxx)

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. Big Sis, we miss you so much it hurts. The beautiful memories we have of you remind us of how special you are. With love, your Brothers xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, the ache in our hearts will always stay. Miss you Sis. Leigh and Roger xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. You have changed your dress Anthea into a halo and snow white wings. Love you forever, Auntie Marion, Uncle Allen and family xxxxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS** 26th May 2006. We think about you every day, the fun we had, the memories stay. Miss you Anthea. Love, Gary, Mandy, Darren and Danny xxx

**BARTLETT**, Stacey-Loue. Happy 5th birthday baby girl. Lots of love always, Mam, Amy-Lea and Lauren-Jean xxx  
**JOSHUA McCARTIN** Oodles of love on your 17th birthday. From Mum, Dad, Samuel and all the family xxx

**TONI MAY ALLEN** Congratulations on your 21st. Love from Mam, Dad, Kyle and Kel xxx

**TONI** Congratulations on your 21st. All my love from Mark xx

**MAMMY** Congratulations on your special birthday. Love from Kai xx

**ROSS KEEGAN** Happy 16th birthday on 23rd May. Love, Dad, Mam, Zara, Paul, Dean, Jade and Demi

**RON POOLEY** Happy belated 70th birthday. Glad you and Mam had a wonderful time. Love from all the family xxx

**ABBIE RODGERS** Happy 5th birthday. Lots and lots of love, Mammy, Daddy and little Sister Lexie

**ABBIE RODGERS** Happy 5th birthday to a special little girl. Lots of love, Nana and Grandad Burkitt xxx

**ABBIE RODGERS** Happy birthday Abbie. Lots of love from Kev, Kirsty and Henry xxx

**MAM & DAD** Happy Anniversary, thanks for everything you do for us. We love you with all our hearts. Becca and Paul xxx

**GRANDMA & GRANDAD** Happy Anniversary. We love you loads, Evie-Mae and Lillie-Beth xx

**JOHN GIBSON** 40 years, 22nd May. Happy birthday babe! Hope you enjoyed the concert on Thursday and hoping you have a fantastic weekend too. All our love, Linda, Scott, Natalie and families xxxxx

**PETER HARDY** and Yolanda Richardson, congratulations on your Wedding in the USA. Lots of love and best wishes for the future. Mam and all the family xxx

**LUKE WILLIAM HENRY** 27th May 2009. Hip Hip Hooray you are 5 today! Enjoy your birthday my gorgeous little boy. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy xxxxxxxxxx

**ROBINSON** Neil and Karen, happy Anniversary on 27th May. Love, Gary, Mandy, Danny, Darren and Stacey xxx

**JESSIE BUNTING** Happy 80th birthday Mam on 21st May. Hope you enjoy your day. Love from Elsie and Paul xxx

**STUART WOODHEAD** Happy twenty first birthday. Have a great day. Lots of love, Nana and Grandad

**GRIFFITHS**, Callum Wilfy James. 22-5-1996.. Hip hip hooray, Callums 13 today. Love you all the world and twice more. Mam xxx

**CALLUM** Happy 13th birthday Callum. Love, Chloe xx

**SHERRY** Happy birthday, 35 today. From Nana, Mary, Auntie Valerie, Uncle Johnny and Cousin Graham

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## Congratulations



### Kelly Myra Watson



### Happy 21st Birthday

28th May 2009  
Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Dad, Mam, Kieran and John xxxxx

### Chris Harris (Haz)



### Happy Birthday and a BIG Well Done

Good luck for the future. Lots of love, Nikki, John and Daisy xxxxx

### Helen Moore



### Happy 40th Birthday

Lots of love from Boydy xxx  
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### GEMMA HOWARTH



### Happy 14th Birthday

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### GABRIELLE WELSH



Well done Gabby on your two gold medals for your gymnastics competition. You have made us all so proud! Love you lots, from Mum, Nana Linda, Grandad Dave and Uncle Davy xxx

### Kirsty Temple



### Happy 21st Birthday Sweetheart

25th May  
All our love always, Mam, Dad, Donna, Nanna, Jennie, Nanna Nancy xxx

### Susan Mundell



### Happy 50th Birthday

Thank you for being the best Mam in the world. Lots of love, Emma, Andrew, Lindsey, Louis and Phoebe

### Susan Mundell



### Happy Birthday

To my gorgeous Wife. The best looking 50 year old Grandmother in the world. All my love, Colin  
**Happy 50th** to a glamorous person. Love you lots, Mam, Dad, Viv, Steve, Ian, Emily, Katie, Lily, Lauren, Anthony and Joseph xxxxx

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# Aycliffe Clinch Historic Title Win

## Activities at Greenfield

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At Greenfield Community & Arts Centre. Professional artist Sarah Chrisp will encourage you to experiment with clay and create your own unique work of art. All materials are included in the course fee. Enrol now to guarantee your place. Starts Monday 1st June 2009, 5.30pm-7.30pm, 5 weeks, £41. Contact the Arts Centre for more information: 01325 379048 info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

New! 5 week beginners Italian course at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre. Mondays 6pm-7.30pm, £15.50. Enrol before 12 noon on Monday 1st June. Contact the Arts Centre for more information: 01325 379048 [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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