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## WHY TOWN COUNCIL DIDN'T ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING

Re article on Town Council not attending Public Meeting"

It is worth noting the Leader of the Labour Group on the Town Council sits on the elected committee of Great Aycliffe Residents Association. I have no problem with Bob Fleming sitting on this committee as a Town Council representative, but it does not take a lot to work out that in some situations a conflict of interest is going to arise.

It also may be worthwhile explaining the background on how the Town Council decided not to attend. At the last Town Council meeting I nominated Councillor Terry Hogan (Independent) to sit on the panel to discuss vandalism etc at the Public Meeting. This nomination was put forward and seconded and was fully endorsed and supported by the majority of Independent Councillors present, so at that point someone was attending. At someone's insistence this went to a

vote and the result was that several Councillors decided no one should represent the Council. In essence the Labour Group knocked it back rather than have an Independent Councillor represent them!

It's fair to say that the people are not fully represented in a lot of areas, particularly where there is no contribution from an elected Independent Councillor. New Labour decides who sits on what committee and ensures their total domination in running what happens in the town.

Both, by not taking up the invitation from the Great Aycliffe Residents and the aforementioned carve up only adds fuel to the fire and serves to highlight a lack of openness and transparency on their part.

I am not surprised they declined the invitation, but it would be very remiss to think that the whole Town Council supported their refusal to attend.  
Counc. Bill Blenkinsopp (Independent)

## EMBARRASSMENT OVER LACK OF PUBLIC TOILETS

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## MAYOR VISITS HOMELAND



Town Mayor Mary Dalton recently visited her family in her home town in Holland. She met the Mayor of Hilvarenbeek Jan Van Homelen and Mary passed on the greeting of Great Aycliffe and presented Aycliffe's Coat of Arms as a memento.

## WEST WARD PACT MEETING PARENT BOUGHT DRINK FOR MINOR

The recent success of an operation confiscating alcohol on school leavers night, was led by Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Members of the public have expressed concerns that parents are purchasing alcohol for their children to take onto the streets. Any parent found purchasing alcohol for their children, may be prosecuted.  
Section 149 Section 3 of Licensing Act 2003, "A person commits an offence if he/she buys or attempts to buy alcohol on behalf of an individual aged under 18." One adult has recently been issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for such an offence. Next PACT Meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2009 Burnhill Methodist Church, 7.00p.m.  
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After the recent PACT meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2009, the following PACT priorities have been agreed for the GREENFIELD/

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Street Drinking, and  
vehicle related nuisance  
BYERLYPARKSCHOOL  
– Problems in relation to

parent parking.  
The above priorities  
will be looked at by the  
neighbourhood policing  
team, and we will report  
back to you at the next  
meeting.

May I take this opportunity  
to thank all the residents  
who regularly attend these  
successful meetings.

The next meeting for  
this ward will be held  
on WED. 5th AUGUST  
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CHURCH, 7.00pm.

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# FAMOUS OLYMPIAN VISITS TOWN



As part of the build up to the 7 young sports coaches from Woodham Community Technology College flying out to America to coach on an American Summer Camp for a month, ex Olympic medallist and world record holder, Steve Cram came to Newton Aycliffe to support the COACH USA programme.

Steve, along with another ex Olympian Allison Curbishley visited Woodham to watch the students coach and deliver a presentation to the Olympians and representatives from the Tony Blair Sports Foundation & Street Games. The coaching that was delivered to lucky students from Vane Rd, Sugar Hill and Woodham Burn Schools was a showcase of the young coaches talents and an insight into the development that they have all enjoyed through working with Dale and Darren Anderson from Active Inclusion.

On watching the student lead presentation, Steve Cram commented "I am extremely impressed with what I have seen today, if that was my 16 yr old son standing up there delivering a presentation in that manner, I would be extremely proud of him!". Steve also congratulated the students on their commitment so far and commented that it was great to see so many enthusiastic young people getting involved in the grass roots development of sport.

Darren Anderson, managing director of Active Inclusion, the local sports coaching company that are putting the coaches through their coach education programme said "This has been a truly wonderful day and the young sports coaches have excelled themselves. It has been great to see so many high profile people here today to support the programme and it just shows how well these students are doing. All their hard work and hours of



development work throughout their coach education programme has paid off".

As a bonus, on the day, and a surprise to the students, Steve Cram officially enrolled the coaches into the Tony Blair Sports Foundation and gave them exclusive access to their first level 1 coaching qualification in Athletics which is to be funded in partnership with Street Games and the Tony Blair Sports Foundation. You can follow the progress of the students on Camp Cody in America by logging on to the COACH USA blog at [www.coachusa.wordpress.com](http://www.coachusa.wordpress.com) and you can check out the camp itself at [www.cody.org](http://www.cody.org).



## Regular Coffee Stop

A new group "Innovations" are to start a Coffee Morning at Woodham Village Community Centre from Thursday 9th July, from 10-30am to 12 noon.

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## Teddy Bears Picnic

If you go down to North Lodge Park in Darlington on Sunday 5th July, you're in for a big surprise, for that's the day, Macmillan are holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic!!

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# Presentation Night for Junior Footballers



Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Junior Football Club held their 12th Annual Presentation on Saturday 13th June at the Cumby Arms and due to the size of the club this had to be split into two sessions. NASC JFC now have over 179 young members ranging from 4 - 16 years of age. The day was a success and each and every member was recognised not just for their footballing achievements but also for the positive manner in which they represent NASC JFC. As recognition each member received their own participation trophy. Individual awards were also given in the following categories; Golden Boot, Player of the Season, Player of the Tournament (Haggerston Castle), Players Award, Managers Award/ Sportmans Award and Most Improved. Chairmans Award was given to Mick Burnham, Manager of the Under 16's Team who has been with the

club for 10 years and whose team has gained promotion for the second year in a row and puts them rightfully in Division 1 for the 2009-2010 season. The club has a lot to be proud of having achieved Sedgefield District Team of the Year Award and recently attained Charter Standard Development Club Status. We have at least one team in every year group up to Under 15's and as a Charter Standard Club each manager makes a commitment to be CRB checked achieve at least their Level 1 coaching certificate and take part in an Emergency 1st aid course. The team managers are currently in the process of registering players into the Cleveland Youth/TJFA league for the 2009-2010 season and if your child is interested in joining the club please see our website [www.nascjuniorfc.co.uk](http://www.nascjuniorfc.co.uk) for individual Manager contact details or contact David Prior on 318694

## WHERE IS THE FRAUD SQUAD?

Dear Sir,  
The conduct of many elected MP's is disgusting

to say the least regarding the fraudulent way many have obtained monies

they should never have received. And what about the crooks in the House of Lords who are feathering their nests one way or another at the public's expense?

These are the people who set living standards for the sick, disabled and pensioners yet they make sure they do not have to worry about what bills they can pay or can't pay. We have people working ungodly hours just to keep a roof over their heads, feed themselves and their families. Why should any investigation into these crimes be "In House"? Why are they not being investigated by the fraud squad as any other person in this country would be? Without doubt these transgressors have knowingly taken advantage of a situation that should never have existed. Why cannot a suitable building with private rooms for each MP be found or built? It could include a common room, dining area etc and this would eliminate the need for personal expenses. It smells like another case of the rich protecting the rich as is the case with bankers who have caused so much havoc, heartache and misery for the masses. They acted in a criminal manner causing businesses to collapse, putting people out of work and their homes. Why were they not stripped of their assets and thrown in jail?

Thousands of people have been affected by their actions yet they walk away with a pat on the back and thousands of pounds in their accounts as pensions or bonuses. Totally Disgusted Native Brit  
George Twissell  
26 Bakewell Place

## DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM IN "GREASE"?

After recently completing another successful production, local youth theatre group "The Tearaways" are about to start rehearsals on their next production "Grease" which will be staged in October this year. A spokesperson said "We are on the lookout for young people in Newton Aycliffe aged between 11 and 19 years, who can sing, dance or act, particularly young men, budding John Travolta's, who would like to be apart of the Grease production". Any young stars, male or female, interested should ring (01388) 774838 or 0774 7826324

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## Road Race Record

The Newton Aycliffe 3M race (21st June) saw the highest number of entrants in recent times. The participants were overwhelmed by the new found enthusiasm for running! However, a superbly organised event meant that many people obtained a PB, despite the blazing heat.

The 3K Fun Run was a popular event with 350 entrants, aged between 4 and 54yrs old. Two NAAC members performed exceptionally well on the day, with William Crossen (14yrs) taking first position in 11 mins and 26 secs. In previous years having come 3rd then 2nd he was delighted to finally win this family event. Henry Johnson (11 yrs) stormed around the 2 mile route and was 9th overall and 1st under 13 year old to cross the line.

Daniel Inglis (16 yrs old) made his debut 10K at the 3M Race held on Father's day last weekend. He completed the race in an amazing 41 min and 10 sec. James Askew (18 yrs) a seasoned 10K runner, blasted around the course in 35 mins and 50 sec. Both boys were delighted with their performance and thanked the coaches for all their hard work over the athletics season.

## JUNIOR LIBRARIANS COMPLETE COURSE



On Tuesday, 16th June, Libraries Area Manager Peter Burns, came to present certificates to Cassie Law and Shannon Hamilton. They are the first children to complete our new Junior Librarian scheme based at Newton Aycliffe Library. The programme takes 1 hour a week of the childrens time over a 6 week period. During that time they will be helping with different aspects of library work. The scheme is open to any child living in our area, who is interested, aged 9 and over. All you need to do is contact Newton Aycliffe Library and we will put your details on the waiting list.

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## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's first team continued their recent good form with a straight forward 165 run home win over Stanhope in the North East Durham first division.

Captain Chris Palmer lead from the front with a typically robust 71, but the innings came to life when 17 year olds Luke Telford (46) and Sean Morgan (35) put on 80 to set a new club record for a ninth wicket partnership as Aycliffe were eventually bowled out for 283. Carl Little's four wickets helped bowl out the visitors for just 118.

The second team won for the first time this season defeating Belmont, by 6 wickets thanks to some excellent performances from the clubs talented juniors. Asked to bat first the homeside were bowled out for just 91 thanks to Daniel Weldon (4-14), Sam Telford (1-18), Michael Howe (3-19) and Ross Dixon (2-34). In reply another junior, Kyle Robinson smashed a quickfire 35 as Aycliffe eased home to victory.

The under 18s had an excellent six wicket victory away at Langley Park in the first round of the Bob Hay trophy. Ross Dixon and Luke Telford both took three wickets as the homeside were dismissed for 91. In reply all rounder Dixon top scored with 35 as Aycliffe coasted to a comfortable win, which earned them a home quarter final match with Mainsforth on 16th July.

Newton Aycliffe's under 15's team had an impressive 33 run home win against Mainsforth in the Durham County league. Aycliffe's innings of 103 for 3 in 20 overs was built around a mature unbeaten 36 from Daniel Weldon and a hard hitting 27 from Michael Howe. In reply the visitors were restricted to 69 for 9 from their 20 overs, but special mention must go to Daniel Weldon, who capped a fine performance, by setting a new under 15's club record when he became the first fielder to take three catches in an innings.

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## YOUTH COUNCILLOR APPLAUDED AT PACT MEETING

On Monday 15th June a PACT (Police and Communities Together Meeting) was held at Simpasture Court Coffee Lounge.

The meeting was well attended by members of the local community with local police and councillors in attendance to discuss various local concerns.

A representative from the Town's Youth Council, Tom Hunter aged 12yrs sat on the panel and provided the meeting with excellent points of view from a young

person's perspective. Topics were discussed ranging from anti-social behaviour to recreational and leisure facilities for youngsters.

Tom believed the town would benefit from a cinema as most youngsters of his age were unable to travel to Darlington or Teesside Park unaccompanied.

As the meeting drew to a close Tom received applause and was thanked by all present for giving up his own time and providing a positive example of the town's young people.

## ENTERPRISE FAIR POPULAR



People looking for jobs and others hoping to start their own business called in at the Enterprise Fair in the Leisure Centre last week where they were greeted with numerous stalls representing all the agencies involved in job and business creation.

The Sycamore Suite was buzzing with activity as people sought advice on starting or expanding their existing business.

The newly formed South Durham Business Network was represented by the Chairman Darren Race who advised on the benefit of joining to improve and increase contacts with other local businesses with the aim of supporting each other and at the same time developing our local economy.



## NEW PHARMACY IMPROVES PATIENT CHOICE

Dear Sir

In response to the correspondence in the last two weeks regarding the opening of the new Lloydspharmacy adjacent to Pease Way Surgery, I

wanted to clarify one or two points.

In order to secure a contract with the Primary Care Trust (PCT), a pharmacy company usually has to demonstrate that a new pharmacy is "necessary or desirable" within a neighbourhood. The PCT will then consider whether a new pharmacy would improve service provision for the residents of that neighbourhood and approve or decline the application.

One of the exceptions to this necessary or desirable test applied when a pharmacy will open for 100 hours per week or more. The reason for this exemption was to improve access to pharmaceutical care principally late at night and at weekends, or in case of emergencies. This is how both Tesco, and more recently Lloydspharmacy, have been able to open new pharmacies within Newton Aycliffe.

I can only support the sentiment of T. Latham's letter to you last week – the choice of where to take your prescription is YOURS! We have had some patients who have thought that they have had to change because they have heard that Pease Way Surgery have opened "their own" pharmacy. Pease Way Surgery have no connection with Lloydspharmacy who are a very large pharmacy chain in their own right.

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However we also welcome the addition of another pharmacy in the town as this improves patient choice, and if this contributes to improving the health of our area then it can only be a good thing.

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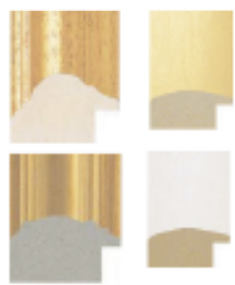
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### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 8th July 2009**

**Environment Committee - 7.15pm  
followed by the Recreation Committee**

#### 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](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)).

The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

#### Customer Panel Meeting

##### Background and Introduction

If you are interested in finding out a little bit more about the Town Council and our work, why not come along to the next meeting of the Customer Panel. There is no obligation to join and we will not bombard you with information. This is an informal group where everyone's opinion counts, however you will be expected to work!

This meeting will provide background information about the customer panel and the Town Council finances. The customer panel members are involved in many aspects of the Town Council work, helping to set targets, review performance and comment on the budget setting process.

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY 7th JULY 2009  
commencing at 6.00pm**

The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. For further information please contact Chrissy Walton or Amanda Donald on 01325 300700.

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#### Sat 11th July - "RUSS TIPPINS"

Legend Toon rock review page: "What a night!" First track was Priest, Diamonds and Rust. Acoustic version, Russ's vocals were superb! He has a great singing voice, next was the Stones, then Billie Jean. A bit of The Who and Led Zeppelin. The whole of the first set had everyone's attention, rousing response from every single person in the room. The second set was even better, Rush, Spirit of Radio, Ram Jam, Black Betty, Dina Straits, David Bowie and Deep Purple. I reckon everyone had their tastes catered for in a spectacular way last night"

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The new venture by the Aycliffe company was launched last week and V.I.P. invitations to special guests were issued to mark the occasion. Staff gave a tour of the Whitworth Way warehouse where Roman's range of quality products were on display.

# RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ATTRACTS DISTINGUISHED PANEL TO PUBLIC MEETING

On Thursday 25th June a number of residents came together at St Mary's Church to attend a meeting, hosted by GARA, to discuss anti-social behaviour, vandalism and under age drinking. A panel had been assembled of people empowered to deal with such matters and included; Councillor Lucy Hovvells, DCC Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Steve Arkley and Jimmy Bennett, both officers from DCC as well as a DCC Neighbourhood Warden.

The Police were represented by Supt. Graham Hall and Insp. Andy Neill, whilst Darren Hook attended to represent the Youth Service. Sedgefield Borough Homes sent John Phillips from their

Tenancy Enforcement Team to represent the new social landlord.

Syd Howarth, chaired the meeting on behalf of GARA and started by given a brief history of how the association came into being. Much to the disappointment of many in the church, our MP Phil Wilson had sent his apologies, having been delayed in the House of Commons, but did send a message of support.

Each member of the panel introduced themselves, giving a background to their role and what they could and couldn't do, and then the floor was opened to questions. Members and public had come from across the town and the range of questions asked reflected a diverse range of concerns; damage to a large number of saplings in Woodham, vandalism and theft from allotments, improved security in an area of sheltered housing, problem with noise from neighbours. The appropriate panel members answered concerns, offering advice and suggesting possible action we could take as individual residents.

Problems of adults buying alcoholic drinks for those below legal age were also raised as some felt the drinks were simply being passed into the wrong hands. The police had a very clear message, underage drinking anywhere on the town would not be tolerated and this

point, the haul of drink that had been seized over the last few weeks was put on display in the entrance hall.

It was clear that residents felt that a number of services had become fragmented, when should 999 be used, when was the 0345 number more appropriate for the police? How did the DCC neighbourhood wardens fit into the scheme of things? A lot of concerns were raised throughout the two hour meeting; however a meeting can only be a start.

The Chairman said: *"It was a very useful meeting and the distinguished panel fielded the questions well. Despite our ongoing problems it was reassuring to hear our town has the lowest crime figures in the County. The Police will continue their efforts to provide a quick response to reports. Vigilance is important and the Police need and appreciate any help from the general public. Thanks to all who attended the meeting. We are considering calling similar meetings as part of our strategy to keep residents informed of important happenings in our community".*

If we want to make improvements, we have to individually and communally, take action to help, as well as hold to account, those responsible for dealing with these matters.

**Alasdair Carter**  
Secretary GARA

## New Hospice Seeks Help

### Durham and District Supporters Group

Here at Grace House North East Children's Hospice Appeal we have been delighted with the wonderful support and huge increase in awareness around County Durham over the last year.

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Grace House Children's Hospice Appeal is raising money to build a hospice for children and their families who live in the North East of England.

It is estimated that there are 1000 children in the North East who need this type of care and unfortunately there are only 12 hospice beds to serve the whole of the region (the lowest provision throughout the UK). This new hospice will provide a much needed service and support for children and families. If you would like to help or find out more please contact Heather at the fundraising office on 0191 5166302 or email [hm@gracehouse.co.uk](mailto:hm@gracehouse.co.uk).

## MORE TREES DESTROYED

Dear Sir,

Those attending the Public Meeting on Vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour held at St. Mary's Church last Thursday will have felt reassured by the large turnout of officials together with the frank and open exchange of information raised.

It was extremely worthwhile and well worth establishing

as a regular Public Service event, perhaps bi-annually? This could become a popular face to face event in our calendar whereby decision makers meet and listen to residents in a reasoned and intelligent debate, reporting back on outcomes.

As to the wanton destruction of trees I raised at the meeting there was more of the same last weekend. I look forward to the culprits being caught and punished with compensation paid by them or their parents, as the law demands.

Don Fraser, Woodham

## YOGA AT THE PCP

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## Toy Fair at Locomotion



The annual Toy Fair and Swap Meet returns to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Saturday July 4 and Sunday July 5.

There will be a great range of model railway layouts on show, in various gauges – including 'OO', 'O' and live steam in '009' gauge. There will also be a display of vintage buses from the Newton Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society. Traders from all over the country will be at the event which takes place in the Collection Building, with the museum's impressive display of heritage vehicles providing a dramatic backdrop. Admission and parking is free.



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# PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS VISIT THE SEASIDE AT GREENFIELD

Greenfield School Community & Arts College in Newton Aycliffe is being transformed into an English seaside resort with two tonnes of sand, lifeguards and Punch & Judy Shows to celebrate National Shine Week from 6-10 July.

The seaside themed event called 'Flash Bang Wallop' will be attended by all Year 5 pupils from all primary schools in Newton Aycliffe. The children will be taking part in engaging and creative seaside-themed activities for Shine 09 (www.shineweek.co.uk), the annual festival celebrating the talent of all young people.

Primary school pupils arriving each day at Greenfield will be greeted by a lifeguard advising them to "beware of the sharks" and to "have a nice day at the seaside". Led by Greenfield's teaching staff and mentored by Year 11 students, the children will take part in workshops designed to give them inspiring experiences that develop their creative skills.

Workshops include creating giant sand sculptures using sand donated by the local Homeplan DIY store, drawing pavement art, making sea creature mobiles, Punch and Judy puppet-making, and constructing mobile sea creatures, frisby and volley ball competitions, pinhole camera making and more!

Every afternoon the pupils will hold a seaside parade to showcase their achievements to their friends and families. Katy Milne, Community Arts Co-ordinator at Greenfield School Community and Arts College, commented: "Flash Bang Wallop will provide a wonderful opportunity for children from different primary schools to mix together during each workshop, working in teams, meeting new people and trying something different. Hopefully these activities can help bridge the tricky transition from Primary School up to Secondary School and encourage those creative skills required in all areas. Being a Creative Partnerships School of Creativity is allowing us to build national networks and explore ways in which to embed creativity into teaching and learning throughout all schools in the local area."

As one of 60 Creative

Partnerships Schools of Creativity in England, Greenfield School works with the government's flagship creative learning programme to develop cutting edge creative learning practice so that the benefits can be shared with other schools. Creative Partnerships (www.creative-partnerships.com) has already produced real results with research findings showing that schools that work with the programme increase GCSE results by 2.5 grades and lower truancy levels and engage families in education.

Paul Collard, Chief Executive of Creativity, Culture and Education, the new national organisation that manages Creative Partnerships and Shine 09, commented: "We believe that exposure to the

arts, culture and creativity can transform the aspirations, attainment, skills and life chances of children and young people. It is inspiring that the

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## Should County Councillors Take Other Jobs?

Dear Sir,  
I would like to ask how a Councillor on the Unity Authority has the time to be on so many committees and still have time to the job she is paid to do. The Councillor I refer to is Dorothy Bowman who is the Deputy Mayor. She serves on the Police Forum, runs the DIDO club (may be re-named) and serves on three separate governors committees for Walworth School, St Francis School

and the Greenfield Arts and Community College. She serves on the Town Centre Forum, the local Residents Association, the Junior Neighbourhood Watch, the Youth Centre Committee and Silverdale House. She runs the red bus and is also on at least 8 of the Town Council committees. The question is with all these clubs, societies and committees to attend as well as her Mayoral duties and the Town Council Committee

meetings when does she find the time to attend the Unitary Authority and how can she represent Newton Aycliffe at the Unitary Authority when she spends most of her time on all of the above. This begs the question of should Unitary Authority Councillors serve on town councils and can they fulfil their duties and represent the

people who voted for them when they spend most of their time on other duties? Has Councillor Bowman reported back from the Unitary Authority on the progress being made for the residents of Newton Aycliffe or is she just too busy carrying out Town Council duties?  
Mr A Tomlin  
Lorraine Walk

### Councillor Bowman's Reply:

Normally derogatory remarks are ignored, however in this case I was advised to submit a short comment. "Time management commitment determination and dedication is the answer to Mr. Tomlin's letter. I attend all my meetings at the County Unitary Council. Any information my residents require know that they just have to ask or contact me and I inform them. All problems or suggestions passed to me are dealt with promptly. I report to my people via local surgery and branch meetings which are held on a monthly basis in the Navy Club. My door is always open to people who wish to call. I am able to fulfil all my duties paid and unpaid to full capacity and more.  
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# Quakers Boss Considers Appointing Fan to the Board

DARLINGTON FC's Chairman-elect Raj Singh has revealed he is considering the appointment of a supporter to the club's new board, pending his successful takeover of the troubled club.

Teesside businessman Singh is on the brink of completing his protracted takeover of the Quakers – and has already made two key senior appointments. Theself-mademulti-millionaire says his lawyers are well on the way to completing the deal after agreeing terms “in principle” with George Houghton. Mr Singh is now excited at the prospect of beginning a thorough restructuring of the football club, having already made two big off-field appointments in well-known former Middlesbrough figure Graham Fordy as managing director and experienced financier Andrew Wilson as financial director.



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Mr Singh has big plans for the club, including the appointment of a supporter to the new board, if the club get more than 2,000 season ticket holders.

He told Newton News: “Mistakes have been made in the past and the club, and fans, have suffered so I know I will be on trial until they see tangible evidence the club is progressing. I know the challenges we face, and it's a challenge I'm relishing.

“One of the biggest criticisms in the past is failing to listen to the fans, and that's why we're talking to the Supporters' Trust and other fans to get their opinions and hopefully improve that relationship. Mr Singh is appealing for supporters to get behind the club and have faith in what his new regime is trying to achieve.

“We're desperate for the fans to get behind this,” says Mr Singh. “We know all too well the empty promises and false dawns which have let our supporters down so badly in the past, so we can't blame them for being sceptical.

“I'm making no empty promises or wild predictions. My only promise is that this is a real, genuine effort by me and my new team to get Darlington Football Club back on its feet. There is no quick-fix, it's not going to happen overnight, we're well aware of that. It's a long-term job but that's why we have long-term plans. To make it work, though, we need the support of our fans now.

“I have the finances in place to secure the club's long-term security, but everyone knows that season ticket sales are absolutely crucial for the cash flow and for us to plan for the coming season, so we're urging our fans to buy their season tickets as soon as possible to help the club – they can certainly be assured that every single penny of their money will go directly into the football club”.

## Thank You

**GILLIAN LAMBE** Would like to thank all friends for their support, kindness and best wishes they gave during my recent stay in hospital. But most of all to my dearest and closest friends, you know who you are. I love you all very much and don't know where I'd be without you. I love you all very much. I know you will still be there for me for the long road ahead. Special thanks to Mr Grumpy (Neil)

**DOUGLAS DENHAM** The wife and family of the recently deceased Douglas Denham would like to thank all relatives and friends for sympathy, kindness and support at this sad time. Special thanks to RBL for all the help and support given to myself and family before and after his death. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to RBL Standard Bearers and to Masonic Brothers who carried his coffin. Grateful thanks to Janet who did all the family flowers, they were beautiful. To the Rev L Potter, thanks for your kindness in taking the time to write out the main part of the Service for our deaf son, also for the lovely Service given. Thanks also to Funeral Directors, Whitehouse, especially to John and Brian for all advice, help and support given to myself and family. You helped so much. Also thanks to anyone who donated to James Cook CC Unit via the Funeral Directors.

## Births

**VICKI & NEIL** congratulations on the birth of Baby Ben on 28th June 2009. All our love, Mum and Dad

## Birthday Remembrance

**VAL MALONE** 6th July, Happy birthday Val. Always remembered. Love, Graham, Kay, Jill and Sammi xxxxx

**PEGGY GLENDEENING** Treasured memories of a special Mam. Behind my smile, there lies a tear, for a Mother I lost and loved so dear. My heart still aches as I whisper low, happy birthday Mam, I miss you so. From your loving Daughter, Anne xxx

## In Memoriam

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**CARMAN,** Stephen Brian. In loving memory, three years have passed Son. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure, loving you always forgetting you never. God bless. Mam, Dad, Trevor and Anne xxxxxxx

**PATRICIA FISK (PAT)** 24/3/36-7/7/00. Taken suddenly nine years ago, never does a day go by we don't miss you. Loved always, Tony, Susan, Michael and family RIP xxxxx

**ROBERT CLELLAND** 1-7-83. You are always in our thoughts. Love and miss you every day. Love, Mam, Debbie and Jayne

**KENNETH GOUNDRY** 8th July 2004. Memories are always there, God bless and keep you in his care. Miss you, loving Wife Mary and all his loving family

**PETER WHARTON** Died 9th July 1983. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. I miss you, Mam xxxxx

**PETER WHARTON** God bless Dad. Love, Vikki (Little Princess) xxx

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## Congratulations

**KEITH BAMBRIDGE** Happy 65th birthday for 7th July. Love from Chris xx

**DAD.** Happy 65th birthday. Have a good one. Lots of love, Peter and Louise xxx

**GRANDA** Happy birthday. We love you loads. Jordan and Alannah xx

**ANNABELLE LOUISE** Happy 1st birthday “Tinkerbell”. Love you lots. Love, Auntie Rachel, Uncle Craig, Miles and Jake xxx

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**LEANNE BURNISTON** Happy 30th birthday Mam. Love always from Liam and David xxxxx

**LEANNE BURNISTON** Happy 30th birthday all our love, Linda and Terry xxxxx

**LEANNE BURNISTON** 3rd July. Happy 30th birthday Leanne. Enjoy your party. Lots of love always, Mam and Dad xxxxx

**BROWN KAREN** and Fraser, 3rd July. Happy Anniversary. Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love always, Mam and Dad xxxxx

**SHIRLEY BOYES** 50th Birthday. 3-7-09. Happy 50th Shirl. Hope you have a wonderful birthday. We love you as always from all of your family. Special kiss from Angel Mam xxx

**SHIRLEY BOYES** Happy 50th birthday Shirley. All our love from Mam and Dad Boyes and all the family xxx

**SHIRLEY BOYES** Happy 50th birthday Mam. All our love, Michael and Emily xxx

**SHIRLEY BOYES** Happy 50th birthday. All my love always, Michael xxx

**LEXIE** To our beautiful Great Granddaughter Lexie (Matilda). Happy 1st birthday. Love from Great Grandma and Great Grandad Morgan xx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday to my gorgeous Niece Lexie. Lots of love, hugs and kisses, Uncle Richard xx

**LEXIE** To our special Granddaughter Lexie (Tornado). Happy 1st birthday wishes. Love and hugs, Nan and Gramps xx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday Lexie. Love from your big Sis, Libby xx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday to our special little girl. Have a good day. Love you lots, Mammy and Daddy xxx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday. Love from Great Great Aunt Glynis and Uncle Les xx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday wishes to our Great Great Granddaughter Lexie. Love, GG Nana and GG Grandad Morgan xx

**LEXIE** Happy 1st birthday to my Great Great Niece Lexie. Love from GG Uncle Vin xx

**LIBBIE ANDERSON AND ABBIE KENNEDY** - Well done to you both on qualifying to dance in Blackpool in March 2010 representing the North East for Street Dancing. You made us very proud at the weekend, you both danced amazingly. Congratulations Libbie on gaining 4th place in Stardance and Abbie for gaining 6th place in Rosette also for gaining 2nd place in your team dance. A big thank you to Lee Green and Caroline Race for all you help. Lots of love from all your family and Bump xx

**LIBBIE ANDERSON** - Well done darling on gaining 4th place in your Street Dance competition at the weekend in Scarborough and for qualifying to dance in Blackpool in the National competition next March. We are so proud of you. Love Daddy, Lindsey, Morgan and Lewis. X

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Happy 10th birthday to our very special Son. Hope you have a brill time, lots of love from Mam and Dad xx  
Happy birthday big Bro. lots of hugs from Joe x  
Hope you have a great time Jack. Lots of love from Nana and Grandad, Uncle Lee and Auntie Shellie, Morgan and Callum xx  
Happy birthday Jack now you are into double figures! Lots of love from Grandad Syd xx  
Happy 10th birthday Jack. Have a great day. Lots of love from Uncle Paul, Auntie Beverley, Carrie and Matthew xxxxx  
Happy birthday neighbour. Have fun! Love from Uncle Stuart, Auntie Joanne, Adam and Alex xxxxx

Stevie Lena Miller

Happy 18th Birthday  
Love always from Mam, Dad and Joel xxxxx

**FAITH PEARS** Have a great 50th. Love, Gillian and Neil xx

**SHARNA KELLY** 29-6-09. Happy 17th birthday. Love, Mam and Dad

**SHARNA KELLY** Happy birthday little Sis. Love, Lou Shane

**SHANE KELLY** 18 on 4th July. Happy birthday Son. Love, Mam and Dad

**(J.A.S.K.) SHANE KELLY** Happy 18th birthday big little Bro. Love, Lou and Shav

**JAMES WALL** Happy birthday Babe. All my love, Sharna Kelly

**JAMES WALL** Happy 17th birthday from Trevor, Sharan, Lou and Shane Kelly

**EVIE** To a beautiful Princess, Happy 1st birthday. All our love Nana and Granda xxx

**EVIE** To my baby Sister, Baba Boo, happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, big sissy Francesca xxx

**EVIE** Our little Princess Evie, happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Uncle Chris and Auntie Carol xxx

**STEVIE LENA MILLER** To a special Niece and Cousin “Happy 18th”. Lots of love, Auntie Linda, Uncle Gary, Amber and Jake xxx

**TELFORD** Congratulations Camille on your 18th birthday, 30-6-09. Love and best wishes always. Gran and all the family xxxxx

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All of our love, Amanda, Ryan and Reece

Donna Boynton  
(Nee Toroni)

LOOK WHO'S 30!!  
2nd July 1979  
Have a great birthday sweetheart. All our love, Mam and Dad xxx  
Still looking good! Happy 30th birthday to my fab wife. All my love, Anth xxx  
Have a lovely 30th birthday Mammy! Love, cuddles and snuggles from Thom xxx  
Happy 30th birthday Donna. Have a great day. Lots of love, Bethany xxx  
Happy 30th Donna! have a wonderful birthday old timer! Lots of love, Abby and Emily xxx  
Catching up quickly! Have a fab 30th Dee. Loads of love, Kellie, Justin and Harrison xxx

Sadie

Happy 1st Birthday  
7th July 2009  
To our gorgeous Granddaughter. Love, Grandad Alan, Nana Linda, Uncle Kev, Danielle, Cousin Harry, Uncle Lee and Donna

Evie Olivia Grace Weston

Happy 1st Birthday  
6th July 2009  
Happy birthday to our gorgeous Boo. All our love, Mummy and Daddy xxx

Hannah Thompson

Happy 2nd Birthday  
To our beautiful Granddaughter. All our love, “Little Bear”. Granma and Granpa George

Macy Caroline

Happy 3rd Birthday  
4th July 2009  
Hip Hip Hooray our little Princess is a big 3 today. Enjoy your party, have a great day. All our Love Mammy & Daddy.  
Happy Birthday to our special little n big Sister. Lots of Love Nathan and Chunky Boy Lucas xx  
Happy Birthday to my Granddaughter. Love Grandad Peter  
Birthday wishes also from all of your Granparents, Great Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles Cousins and Friends xx

Annabelle-Louise

Happy 1st Birthday  
5th July 2009  
To our gorgeous Princess, love you loads and loads. Love, Mammy and Daddy xxxxx  
To a gorgeous Great Granddaughter. Lots of love and kisses. Love Great Nanna Elen xxx





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Application forms to be returned to: Mr. D. Priestley, Headteacher, Greenfield School Community & Arts College.

Closing Date: 12th July 2009

## School Welcome Former Student



Stephenson Way Community Primary School was delighted to welcome back ex-pupil Ian Bland of "History off the Page" who came to provide a "Tudor

Day". Ian said it was 'a bit strange' coming back to the school he left 30 years ago but was pleased to be reunited with 2

of his former teachers. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day as they got the chance to take part in a number of activities including leather work, ink and candle making and embroidery. The day ended with a banquet to celebrate the beheading of Anne Boelyn during which the children performed plays, songs and dances, they also juggled, were jesters and acrobats.

Barry Dobson, Head Teacher said "The children were totally absorbed in what was a very exciting, hands-on experience which they will never forget".

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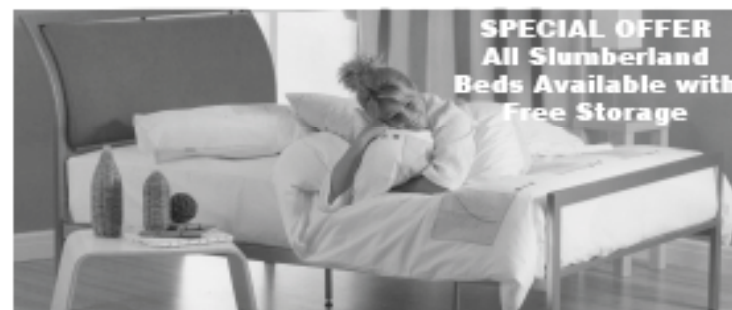
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