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It is internationally the biggest art prize of its kind and Peter was up against 1,9001 other entries from all around the world. He received £25,000 prize money and will receive a commission to paint a famous name for the National Portrait Gallery. (For further information look up the Portrait Gallery site: www.npg.org.uk) Peter attended Woodham

Comprehensive from 1975 - 1982 and lived most of his formative years in Newton Aycliffe. He went to Lancaster University from 1982-85 to study art and John Moores Liverpool to do PGCE Teacher Training. He has been an art teacher and artist ever since, teaching in several comprehensive schools in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Peter is currently a Director of Art at Charterhouse, Surrey. We are pleased to extend warmest congratulations from his home town.

EX LABOUR MAYOR QUILTS PARTY

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" says George Gray

Dear Editor
I would like to inform the residents of West Ward, who have always supported me in elections as their Labour candidate that, after being a member of the Labour Party since 1965 and a Labour Councillor for 20 years, it is with deep regret that I have resigned from the Labour Party with effect from 22 June 2009.

I have resigned from the Labour Party because I can no longer support the Labour Party as it is no longer the party that I joined. Over recent years I have suffered discrimination, intimidation and victimisation and received threats from other members of the Labour Party. Eleven other members of the Labour Party, who were also members of the West Branch have also left the Labour Party, partly in support of me but also because they are discontent with the way former



independents have been head-hunted to join the Labour Party and people from outside of the area have been brought in to stand as Labour candidates in elections.

At this present time, I am not going to join any other party and will stay as an Independent Councillor on my own, and continue to serve the people who elected me as their Councillor until 2013. I will give the voters what they deserve - 100% of my time, as this is what I have always done - serving them, not politics. Alderman George C Gray

GREENFIELD DANCERS PERFORM AT COUNTY HALL

Professionals from Education, Arts and Culture in and contributed to the ideas for the roll out of the workshops that developed programme.

Professionals from Education, Arts and Culture convened with County Councillors at County Hall for the launch of the Durham School Dance Co-ordinator Programme. They heard Durham is one of eight pilot programmes initiated by Youth Dance England. Mrs A. Dixon as the lead of the initiative, explained the ambitions of the programme and Greenfield pupils performed an outstanding dance demonstration to rapturous applause. The young people stayed

New Rotary Club President



Commencing 1st July, Jean Thompson is the town's Rotary Club President for 2009/10. Jean who lives at Rushyford is well known in the area as a former Trainer, and Guest House proprietor. She is now employed as a Business Manager, helping people set up their own businesses. She is looking forward to maintaining Rotary's service to the community and one of her first duties is the presentation of Illustrated Dictionaries to Junior School leavers in all local schools as part of Rotary's aim to improve literacy worldwide.

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MISS AUCKLAND CONTEST

The Miss Auckland 2009 Competition will take place at Rainton Meadows Arena, Houghton-Le-Spring on the 24th July, 7pm till late. It is all in aid of 'Sophie's Campaign', raising money for the Cervical Cancer Charity created to raise awareness and to lower the cervical cancer smear test age.

The event is covered by Aycliffe's Magnolia Photography UK with prints available from www.onlinepictureproof.com/magnoliaphotography. 10% of purchases will be donated to Sophie's Campaign.

Cheryl Bellamy is just one of the contestants from Newton Aycliffe. The event will feature an auction, and X Factor's 'Bad Lashes'. Tickets are only £10 including a Champagne reception and are available from The Worx, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Smart dress required.



Students Turn Junk Into Music



Last week students at Woodham CTC transformed junk items into percussion instruments in a Specialist Day of music and art at the school.

The children in year 8 brought bottles, tubes, bins and other scrap materials into school and worked all day at making their own individual instrument and then created a group performance using their instruments.

The students took inspiration from footage of 'Stomp' and watched the school's own Samba Band to learn rhythmic techniques and ideas for their own performances.

The day culminated in short performances from some groups as well as everyone

playing their own rhythm on their instrument at the same time!

There was also prize-giving for the most imaginative instruments as well as prizes for the groups who worked the best together.

The most imaginative instruments were made by Kane Tucker and Liam Thompson (1st place) followed by Abbie Finn (2nd place) and Daniel Catterick (3rd place).

Year 8 student, Leah Spence, who came in the top 10 for instrument making said: "I loved the Specialist Day because Music and Art are my favourite subjects. Making the instrument was really fun but the best bit all day was creating a piece of music with my friends."

Good Venue

Dear Newton News

I would like to thank the new proprietors of the Oak Tree for their kind hospitality when I was looking for a function room at short notice.

The venue was exactly right for a party and every one had such a good night. They were very generous with their time and did their very best to accommodate us.

I cannot recommend the venue high enough, it was a great night and thanks again to Angela who did a fantastic job.

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New Centre Opens This Month

Please note that we are having to shut the old Agnew Green Hut this week 9th July, and will reopen on the 24th July in our brand New Community Centre.

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Anybody who would like any information about the branch or who would like to book a seat on the bus please contact Stan Hall on (01325) 313172 or alternatively attend the monthly meetings that are held on the first Thursday of every month in the Royal British Legion Club.

Experience of a Lifetime



On 13th June Louise Baty and Chris Stonehouse from Greenfield College left Newcastle airport bound for Dibrugarh in North East India. This was a reciprocal visit following 2 members of staff from JNV school, Dibrugarh, spending time with Greenfield in February.

The exchange is funded by the British Council and forms part of the legacy work for the 2012 Olympics with the aim of developing partnerships and collaborative work around the skills development and exchange, led by young people.

They embarked on the journey feeling excited and apprehensive, but once there were overwhelmed by the kindness of the people. The hotel owners [no 5 star luxury here, erratic electricity, large and unpleasant bugs, no hot water] could not have been more generous.

He provided plenty of bottled water, were at pains to ensure rooms were as cool as possible - even when the electricity failed and even provided rugs from his own rooms to make it more welcoming.

On visits to the partner school they met dedicated staff who continue to teach and achieve very high academic results when

the power fails, the water turns brown and even when the government forget to pay them.. There are lively, hard-working, independent and very well behaved students with an absolute belief that education is the key to their future.

Supportive parents arranged visits to local sites and the visitors shared a meal with local villagers. It is well resourced for India but nowhere near western standards. They place huge value on education, are very strong academically. Everyone was so grateful for the visit and want to forge further links.

A draft action plan was developed committing Greenfield to support spoken English at JNV. PE links will be through skills development in football and netball at JNV and an introduction to kho-kho and kabaddi [Indian sports] at Greenfield.

It is hoped the British Council will continue to provide sufficient funds for further staff and student exchanges. Greenfield is anxious to maintain the momentum and develop a long-standing partnership between the two schools.

Louise and Chris said: "This visit was truly the experience of a lifetime"..

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School's Out for Summer

The last three days of Summer Term sees over 500 students from Greenfield College embarking upon adventures from surfing the north sea to high ropes courses in the Yorkshire Dales, with something for everyone guaranteed. Pupils have been given the opportunity to choose what they would like to do for the last three days of the summer term with many departments from school organising special Learning Outside the Classroom events to act as enrichment opportunities for students. We hope that pupils will gain valuable life skills and gain experiences in areas such as self confidence, team work, adventure and reflective participation. All pupils and staff are looking forward to fantastic experiences. Fingers crossed, the weather will look favourably upon us. Look out for reports and pictures. newsletter.

Good Ofsted Report for School



The children and staff of St. Oswald's Pre-School are celebrating after their recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors stated that "overall the quality of the provision is good. Staff show warm sensitivity in their interactions with children and give high levels of attention as they play. The Pre-School provides a caring and nurturing environment where children settle well, feel safe and secure. All areas of learning are well provided for, to give children good opportunities to make progress. Staff are proactive in promoting inclusion to ensure that all children feel valued and included. A warm welcome is offered to all families, as staff work closely in partnership with parents to ensure every child is fully included and their individual needs met. Reflection and self evaluation are embedded with pre-school practice and areas for

development are constantly under review". St. Mary's, St. Oswald's and Woodham Burn Pre-Schools have all been successful in obtaining Capital Grant Funding through Sure Start

County Durham to purchase new furniture, computers and outdoor storage facilities. For more information on any of the Pre-Schools please contact the Council's Early Years Officer on 01325 300700

COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES

When reading Sedgefield Borough Councillors' expenses for last year one begins to see the sense of cutting out that tier of authority. The total allowances paid to Councillors amounted to £1,328,075. On top of that certain Councillors with special responsibilities received £203,913. Travelling expenses totalled another £119,224 and subsistence claims amounted to £15,345. The full cost of Sedgefield Borough Councillors to the ratepayer was £1,666,557. It is also interesting to read the cost of 126 Unitary Authority Councillors. Figures for the year up to 30th March 09 show that some County Councillors who carry special responsibility are making a career of their positions. On top of the basic allowance of £10,037 the Leader Simon Henig receives an extra £25,000. with other top Cabinet posts pulling in amounts of up to £11,000 per annum. Some argue the level of payment is less than that paid in industry for similar responsibilities.

NEW FRIENDS GROUP



Members of "New Friends New Places" returning to Newton Aycliffe after a trip to Whitby organised by Dorothy Bowman and the Durham County Carelink Coach to which the group subscribes. The weather was glorious. The group have been on trips to Boundry Mill, Redcar Haverthaithe Railway and a boat ride combined and Ilkley, using J.C. Coaches. These people enjoy themselves being together and next week they are going to Seahouses and Holy Island. We hope to do more trips through the summer when the weather is warm and in the winter Speakers and entertainers will be booked. The group meets every Tuesday at the Navy Club Burnhill Way from 2pm until 4pm. New Members are welcome.

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We are offering a new summer school opportunity for children in Newton Aycliffe: 1 hour of Street Dance, 1 hour of Tap/Ballet/Break, and 1 hour of Cheerleading.

This will be held on Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August every day 9am till 12 midday @ Greefield School Gym and Dance Studio.

There will be a performance of their work on Friday 11am for parents to watch. The Course is £30 for whole week that's £2 per hour Ages 5 - 15yrs, 3 teachers all fully trained.

For more information please contact Kay on 07900365892 or see website www.kdanz.co.uk email kay@kdanz.co.uk

SPLASH SOME CASH TO SAVE BABIES



Following the success of its unmissable water event Splashathon 2008, Tommy's, the baby charity, is delighted to announce that babies, toddlers and young children across the country are once again ready to take to their local pools and splash for cash this year.

Tommy's Splashathon, sponsored by Splash About and supported by First Choice, is a great chance for young children to have fun while raising money for this fantastic cause. Babies, toddlers and young children are encouraged

to ask friends and family to sponsor them to 'splash' the length or width of their local pool, with pools across the country running the fun-filled free events throughout June and July this year.

After more than ten successful years, Tommy's is hoping to beat last year's total of £60,000 and make this summer's event the most successful yet. Beating this target will raise funds for vital research into the causes of miscarriages, premature birth and stillbirth, helping save thousands of babies lives.

The Cobblers Hall pool is used weekly by babies and toddlers through the 'Waterbabies' programme, and they will be taking their splash on Wednesday 15th July. Karen and Grace Everson are just one mother and daughter that will be taking part. Karen said: 'My husband and I feel so proud that our daughter at only 14 months, can help to make such a difference.

The charity is close to our families hearts and so many other families like us. We have had tremendous support from family, friends and colleagues, and we just can't wait to get splashing'.

Jess Thompson from Water Babies said: 'There are so many tremendous benefits for a young child learning to swim. Your child will develop a greater confidence as they learn to thrive in this new environment and it is great bonding exercise for parent and child. With the money going to help give children the best chance to be born healthy, we are proud that Water Babies can be involved in Splashathon 2009.' To sponsor Karen & Grace visit www.tommys.org/grace. For more info about Tommy's contact: kmacleod@tommys.org

RAILWAY GHOST WALK

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is situated on the site of the Stockton & Darlington Railway - believed to be one of the most haunted railways in the world.

The Stockton & Darlington Railway's Grand Opening in September 1825 was a major event - and inot surprisingly left its mark and memories - in more ways than one!

People have mentioned hearing the sound of horses' hooves on the track, yet have seen no horses. Many say they are the spirits of the horses who walked alongside that first historic steam train.

What's more, some visitors and museum staff have reported paranormal occurrences - with sightings and experiences around the site's historic buildings and heritage vehicles. Perhaps these are connected to the ghosts of our railway past?

Locomotion is giving visitors the chance to learn more about these stories - with a Railway Ghost Walk on Saturday 31 October (7.00pm).

This is a ticket-only event, open to visitors aged 16 and over. Tickets at £10.00 are on sale now and include a 90 minute tour around the museum site and refreshments.

For more information call 01388 777999 or email info@locomotion.uk.com

JUNIOR GOLFERS MARSHAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SLALEY



Woodham Golf Club Junior Section were involved in marshalling the De Vere PGA Seniors Golf Championship at Slaley Hall on 25-28th June. The European Tour stars included Ryder Cup Captains Iam Woosnam and Sam Torrance. The youngsters had a fantastic experience working at this event and thanks are due to Junior Liaison Officer and Golf Pro Ernie Wilson for organising the week.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

We received an anonymous letter on Councillors expenses which were recently published.

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Town Pride Environment Week 13th to 17th JULY

Great Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Youth Council along with support from local schools are embarking on a week long series of litter picks and activities to celebrate and encourage Town Pride.

The events have been registered with the 'BIG tidy up' campaign being run by the Tidy Britain Group. Each day will feature a litter-pick, involving children from local primary schools, who will be clearing an area near to their school. In support Greenfield Arts College have arranged a 'green week' where a range of projects will be completed. To bring the week to a close Great Aycliffe Town Council's Town Pride Team and local volunteers will be undertaking environmental improvement works at the Aycliffe Nature Park.

Safety equipment will be provided and the children will be accompanied by teachers, youth councillors, town councillors and staff from the Town Pride Team. Steve Cooper, the Town Council's Environment Officer who has worked hard to pull these events together says "this is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference to our town's environmental areas."

If you would like any further information give Steve a call on 07779 090842 or telephone the Town Council on 01325 300700. Why not come along and join us and make this a fantastic community event.

TOWN TEENAGER RUNS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

'On Camp with Kelly' athlete Kate Avery (Shildon AC) from Newton Aycliffe has been selected for the Aviva Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team for the European Athletics Junior Championships in Novi Sad, Serbia, on 23-26 July.

Kate is one of 60 talented young middle distance athletes who are benefitting from double Olympic Champion Dame Kelly Holmes' 'On Camp with Kelly' mentoring initiative, sponsored by Aviva.

Kate will compete in the 3000m and currently tops the European Under 20 rankings with the time of 9:15.42 she ran in Loughborough in May. She has also improved her 1500m best by six seconds to 4:23.50 and on her debut at 5000m went to ninth on the UK Under 20 all-time list with a time of 16:04.60. Dame Kelly said: "I would like to congratulate Kate and her coach Bob Ashwood on her excellent performances so far this season and on her selection for the European Junior Championships. Kate is a very talented athlete and I have no doubt that she will perform very well in Serbia and that it will be a valuable learning experience for her."

Kate is one of five 'On Camp with Kelly' athletes named in the first wave of selections for the



European Athletics Junior Championships.

Tanya Veingard, Head of Sponsorship at Aviva UK, said: "I am delighted to see that athletes supported by 'On Camp with Kelly' and Aviva have again excelled and earned selection to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Championships. I am sure that they will do the country proud. As the team behind UKA, Aviva is proud to be able to offer support for all levels of athletics – from grassroots through to elite –

and 'On Camp with Kelly' is a fantastic programme for young athletes who dream of winning gold."

Kate is also being supported by Northumbria University. The Human Performance Unit within the Division of Sports Sciences is

offering her complimentary physiological testing on a regular basis to assist her with her training.

For more information about 'On Camp with Kelly' and latest news and updates go to www.oncampwithkelly.co.uk

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ATHLETICS STAR IN THE MAKING



Young Newtonian Courtne Mills is a track & field athlete who attends Byerley Park School, and represents Shildon Running & Athletic Club.

She competes as a junior in the Under 10 category, as a 400 metre sprinter. A naturally good runner, Courtne only really started training seriously over the last 3 months and already the results of her hard work have begun to show. Although a very good all-round athlete, a recent run at Gateshead International Stadium drew attention to just how far ahead of the competition Courtne was at the distance. Focus has now been firmly fixed on her specialising at this distance, due to the huge potential she is beginning to display over the one lap race.

Her first ever run over 400m was in May when she recorded a time of 1m 18.8s

winning by a clear 20m. Having learned that this was only 1.6 seconds behind the North-East record, her Mum and Dad decided to buy proper running spikes and race gear for her next meeting on 21st June.

This along with much hard work paid off when Courtne stopped the clock at 1m 16.4s for a new record performance. To top off a great day she also managed a silver medal in the 60m sprint beating the previous record by 0.1s and a silver in the long jump.

At Gateshead on Sunday 5th July Courtne set a new record for 400m by a full second to record 1m 15.2sec. She also set personal bests in the long jump and javelin to put her in second place for overall, "Area Athlete of the Year"



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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 15th July 2009

Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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

The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 70 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.



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CONCERT SELL OUT FOR NEW AYCLIFFE THEATRE GROUP



Aycliffe Theatre Group were delighted with the support they received for their first Concert in their new venue at St. Clares Church Hall last weekend under the musical direction of George Lee with piano accompaniment by Graham Hewitt. The central location brought good houses each night for their fantastic programme of Songs from the Shows. There was a guest appearance by Anna Maria Jackson, a northern singer with a fine reputation and soprano voice to match. She gave a superb performance and was warmly applauded by an appreciative audience. The group's own soloist Baritone Trevor Fenwick entertained with songs from the Desert Song and

other favourites despite his sore throat. The audience were treated to some great arrangements by the talented choir from Carousel, Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera. It was clear there had been some hard work in rehearsals. Anna Maria and the group came together to give a beautiful interpretation of "Vilia" from the Merry Widow and in the concluding piece sang excerpts from the group's next production "Viva Mexico". It is so important to support our local music groups and they need more singers to join them at their rehearsals at St. Elizabeth's Church at Woodham each Wednesday night at 8p.m. If you like to sing please go along - you

don't need to read music or take an audition. You will be warmly welcomed and introduced to a whole new world of music, including some great social occasions with new friends.

Name Only Membership

Dear Sir,
To answer Mr Tomlin's question: How does Councillor Bowman have time to be on so many committees?
Answer: By not attending committee meetings. He is right that Councillor Bowman is a Governor at three schools, but she doesn't attend all their Full Governing Bodies or contribute to their sub-committees as other governors do. She doesn't attend Governor Clusters and I've never bumped into her on a Governor Training Course. Perhaps this is the case with some of the other committees?
Observer
Name & address supplied

Sponsor Boards for Football Ground

The first sponsor has taken out an advertising board at Newton Aycliffe F.C.'s Moore Lane Park. The Northern League club are slowly starting to attract a number of local sponsors. Gregg Little Testing Centre Company Director Les Douthwaite and Administrator Claire Thain are pictured with the advertising board. "We are very grateful for their support, and all the other firms who have backed us up to now - hopefully they'll be the first of many!" Aycliffe FC have a number of advertising and sponsorship packages available for the 2009-10 season, including: Full club sponsorship (kit + 4 x perimeter board adverts): £3,995 per season Kit sponsor: £3,495 Perimeter board advertising: One board: £295 new (£200 to renew current board); £495 two boards (£350 to renew); £895 four boards (£650 to renew). Players' tracksuit sponsors: £1,000 per season (includes your company logo) Matchball sponsorship: £20 per game (£500 for the season) Player kit sponsor: £20 per player, per season; £100 per SIX players; £200 for 15; £300 full squad. Anyone interested in taking out any advertising or sponsorship with the club should contact the sponsorship manager David Brassell on 07870 777779. For individual fans who would like to support the club through the Newton Aycliffe FC 200 Club, which enters every member into a monthly cash draw, they can send a cheque for £20, made payable to Newton Aycliffe FC, to: Norman Leighton, 3 Woodham Gate, Woodham Village, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UB, providing your full



name and contact details. Only a limited number of tickets are left for the Celebrity Curry Night - with former Newcastle star John Beresford, Sunderland legend Kevin Ball and hilarious comedian Rudi West - on Friday 24th July. Tickets are priced just £20, which includes a Chicken Curry, and are available from: Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501, stecunliffe@aol.com; Martin Walker on 07826 525907, martinwalker50@hotmail.com; or Daz Verdon on 07774 011583. **FRIENDLIES** Wednesday July 15: Easington CW (H), 7pm Saturday July 18: Wolviston (H), KO TBC Saturday July 25: Wigan Robin Park (H), 12pm Tuesday July 28: Spennymoor (H), 7.30pm Saturday August 1: Teesside Athletic (H), 3pm **NORTHERN LEAGUE SEASON** Saturday 8th Aug: Hebburn Town (H), 3pm Wednesday 12th Aug: Birtley Town (H), 7.30pm www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

PHOENIX FIGHTERS STEAL THE SHOW

Phoenix Thai Boxing club had 3 fighters fighting on the GFC Thai Boxing show. The 3 fighters were Wendy Bake, Lauren Humphreys and Anth Shelton. All 3 had trained hard for this event due to the calibre of their opponents. First up was Wendy whose fight was very close up until the 4th round where Wendy gave here opponent a standing 8 count, which gave Wendy the upper hand in winning the fight on points. Next up was Lauren, this fight started fast with Lauren throwing some sharp and powerful shot. Lauren was in control throughout the fight and won by 4th round KO. Last Phoenix fighter up was Anth Shelton. Anth's opponent was a 3 times British Champion; this however didn't faze Anth who started the fight

with some fantastic Thai Boxing. Throughout the fight Anth never took a step back applying pressure with Punches, kicks and knees. The second round saw Anth give his opponent a standing 8 count only for the bell to save him. As the third round started Anth started an assault to his opponent's body which in turn forced the KO. This was a great result for Phoenix Thai Boxing club which keeps going from strength to strength

HARDWORKING AND HELPFUL COUNCILLOR

Dear Sir,
I refer to the letter in last weeks Newton News from Mr A. Tomlin which asks "Should County Councillors Take Other Jobs?" I don't see why not, many of our national politicians do, in fact the Leader at County Hall is a lecturer in Politics at Sunderland University. Is this just a case of making attacks against a good hardworking councillor like Dorothy Bowman who I have always found helpful. She is always willing to help and meets with regulars in the Navy Club along with Cllr. Joan Gray and other

members of the Town Council. Let's take a look at what a councillor's role should be: It is a rewarding form of public service that puts people in a privileged position where they can make a difference to the quality of other people's lives. However, being an effective councillor requires hard work. Every day, councillors have to balance the needs and interests of their residents, voters, political parties and the Council. All these groups will make legitimate demands on a councillor's time on top of their personal responsibilities to

family, workplace and friends. I know Councillor Bowman to be hardworking and responsive to local peoples needs unlike Mr. Tomlin who now just seems to have a moan when he himself only served one term of office, and was kicked out in an election at a time when he was Deputy Mayor. The people want community councillors, who respond to the needs of the people, councillors who get involved in the local community. If Mr Tomlin had done these things then maybe he would still be a councillor. Mike Haley

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£5000 REWARD

A £5,000 reward is being offered by the charity Crimestoppers as the hunt for the attackers of a frail retired doctor is stepped up. The brutal assault inflicted on 92-year-old Dr William Benson was recently featured on BBC's Crimewatch programme. The ordeal that he went through touched the hearts of people nationwide. Dr Benson, who lives in an isolated house on the outskirts of Stanley, suffered severe injuries after three men broke into his property just before midnight on October 17th last year. Now Crimestoppers are offering a reward of up to £5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons linked to the incident. People who think they can help can give their information anonymously by calling the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111. A secure on-line form can be found on the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No calls are recorded or traced and callers will not have to appear in court. Only information given to Crimestoppers will be eligible for the reward.

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MAYOR WELCOMES NEWTONIAN BACK HOME FROM IRAQ



Mayor Mary Dalton and her husband Reg were proud to meet and welcome Chris McGill back home from service in Iraq and he is shown here with his campaign medal. Christopher Woodham Burn Primary where his favourite teacher was Kathy Legge and Woodham Comprehensive School where his favourite teacher was Christine Warburton. He left school in 2000 and worked for Rington's Tea for a year whilst waiting for his start date for a career in the Royal Navy. He commenced training in July 2001, and passed out from HMS Raleigh in October 2001. He started specialist training at HMS Dryad, and during this time was part of the Guard of Honour outside Buckingham Palace to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

He was assigned to HMS Lancaster and volunteered to join HMS Leeds Castle based in the Falkland Islands, patrolling around South Georgia for 6 months. He returned to HMS Lancaster for 6 months and deployed for active duty to the Gulf, escorting the French Task Force who were on bombing runs to Afghanistan. After that he carried out drug operations in the Caribbean for 4½ months. He volunteered for duty in the Falklands again, this time joining HMS Dumbarton Castle which started its return from the Falkland Islands 3 months later. This ship was the first small ship to sail through the Straits of Chile into the Pacific, sailing up the west coast, through the

Panama Canal and into the Caribbean before returning to the UK. The ship was decommissioned and Christopher received a crystal tankard to commemorate being part of the last ship's company. He was land based on HMS Victory before volunteering for Afghanistan, but he was actually selected for Iraq. Prior to going to Iraq he trained with the 32 C-Ram Battery in North Luffenham before going to El Paso Texas for training on the Phalanx gun which was to be his operational job in Iraq, defending people around Basra. He was there for 6 months working with Navy, Army and RAF personnel. The Mayor told Newton News how delighted she was to meet one of our servicemen back from active duty and have the opportunity of expressing her thanks for his service to our country.

Newton Aycliffe Mobility Club

The town's Mobility Club recently loaned out a wheelchair and now need it returned urgently. We would be grateful to whoever has it if they would leave the chair at the British Legion Club where we meet. If you have a spare wheelchair you could donate we would appreciate it very much. We would also like to hear from any potential new member. You can get details about our club activities by contacting 301125.

Greenfield in Reading Project

A group of Year 8 pupils from Greenfield College have been involved in the Carnegie Medal Project. This involved reading seven books put forward for the medal, reviewing them and deciding on a winner. Ten schools from County Durham then went to the DLI museum in Durham to give a presentation on their winning book. Greenfield chose the book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and did a Dance routine related to it. Greenfield came third overall. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and had a great day out. The pupils who took part were Lauryn Bennett, Catilin Briggs, Emma Colbourne, Charlotte Daykin, Tom Hunter, Channon Nixon, Eve Redhead, Connie Spittlehouse and Chloe Wise-Stubbs. (Frances Wade helped with the music).

CAVOS Annual Awards for Volunteers



Volunteers from Sedgfield Borough were rewarded for their hard work and dedication in an Awards Evening, hosted by Sedgfield Borough Volunteer Centre, which is part of CAVOS. Around 180 people attended the evening held at Spennymoor Town Hall, to celebrate Volunteers' Week. MP for Sedgfield Phil Wilson presented the awards to the following: Peter Beaty; Friends of Senior Citizens Neville Parade Community Centre was named Volunteer of the Year. Sedgfield Locality Carers received the award for Volunteer Involving Organisation of the Year. Special recognition awards for dedication and commitment as volunteers were presented to Abbi Armstrong; Jubilee Fields Community

Association, Joe Blackett; Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC, Lucy Hovvels; East Durham Play and Community Network, Alison Stephenson; Options Project, Sandie Clubley; Sedgfield Development Partnership and Edna Ripley Ferryhill and Spennymoor Blind Club. No one left empty handed as thank you certificates were presented to all volunteers who attended the evening.

Pictured: left to right: Abbi Armstrong, Lucy Hovvels, Joe Blackett, Gillian Fortune; CAVOS Chief Officer, Peter Beaty, Phil Wilson MP, Alison Stephenson, Sandie Clubley, Jenny Saddler; Sedgfield Locality Carers and Sharon Vasey; Volunteer Centre Manager.

£37k from Butterwick Midnight Walk



The Midnight Walk is the biggest event of the year for the Butterwick Hospice. The walk around Sedgfield Racecourse attracted 400 ladies walking either 6 ½ or 13 miles from midnight into the early hours. Money pledged was £37,000 and if everyone ticks their Gift Aid boxes, this amount could swell to £45,000 for the charity! Butterwick Hospice cares for adults and children at its hospices in Stockton and Bishop Auckland. The charity provides

palliative and respite care and support to local people and their families at no cost to them. Each year it costs £3.7m to run the hospices. Organisers said it was a terrific event that participants were proud to be part of, particularly as many had a personal connection with the hospices. Barbara Fountain, fundraiser at the hospice, said: "We would like to thank all the ladies who took part in the walk and for making the walk such a fantastic success. I would also like to thank all of our hospice volunteers who helped with the running of the event throughout the night and the ACIO Catterick Sgt Carl McGee and Sgt Mal Jones for the warm up which the ladies thoroughly enjoyed, also the 40 Newton Aycliffe Air Cadets for their help. If you would have liked to have taken part in the Midnight Walk, Butterwick Hospice are also holding a second walk at Stockton Riverside on 11th July 2009. If you would like to take part in the walk around the riverside or would like further information, please contact Tracy at the fundraising office on 01642 628930, or alternatively you can download an application form at www.butterwick.org.uk/midnightwalk

IMPROVED SPORTS FACILITIES

Community Sport continues to expand at Greenfield College. The entrance with changing rooms attached to the Sports Hall is complete and due to open soon. This new facility will give a focus to community sports users on an evening. Governors are also pleased to announce their appointment of a Community Sports Manager to develop further the use of the facilities. Congratulations to Michael Rippon who took up his post on 1st July. Over the half term break we have seen the tennis courts repaired and brought back up to standard. We hope to see a continued increase in membership of the tennis club to take advantage of the improved facility.

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Sat 18th July - "SABBATICA"

Smooty rock review page: "All of the band played extremely well with Rick on bass and hairy on the drums making up an absolutely fantastic rhythm section. Dave on lead vocals had a class night too with his voice sounding in tremendous form. And lastly, Moty's monster guitar sound, lush tone, massive sound and some tasty lead playing as well. I also (as well as a lot of the crowd), thought that this was one of the most enjoyable gigs that I've seen the band to. Every gig I've seen by them has been great, but this one just pushed that quality up another notch."

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WECAN PARENTS' GROUP



Friday 26th June The WECAN Parents' Group based at Greenfield College set off to the Lake District for an eventful, busy and fun weekend. The sun shone down on us and we had much fun including: Travelling by the steamer boat from Pooley Bridge to Glenridding, Relaxing/ Mountain walking for the more adventurous, Herding cattle (that's another story) Keswick, shopping and wandering around, Eating and drinking! For more information on the parent's group telephone 01325 379047 and speak to Joe or Jill.

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to help young cancer sufferers, following the tragic loss of her own daughter, Tanya. Iris not only won a fabulous prize but also, more importantly, has seen awareness of her charity go from strength to strength. Next year's winner could include someone from the Newton Aycliffe area. Applicants don't have to nominate their own mums, just someone who goes that extra mile and has shown extraordinary kindness, or bravery. This could be a next-door neighbour, or someone

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Aycliffe Part of £500m School Building Scheme

A £500m scheme that will transform secondary schools across County Durham is due to get underway this week. A groundbreaking ceremony at Sedgfield Community College, one of the first schools in County Durham that will benefit from the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) scheme, took place last week. The school, which has buildings dating back to 1956 and the 1970s, will be completely rebuilt over the next 18 months. The new facilities will cater for 850 students and will be designed to be energy efficient and to maximise the use of

natural daylight. Coun Vasey said: "The groundbreaking at Sedgfield Community College represents the start of a major programme of investment in secondary education which will eventually benefit every young person in County Durham. "The new buildings and facilities that the BSF scheme will provide will enable pupils to get the most out of their education by helping and inspiring them to learn. "This groundbreaking ceremony marks the start of a transformation in education, not just for Sedgfield Community College, but for secondary schools across County Durham." Schools in East Durham and Sedgfield are the first in the county to receive significant investment through Building Schools for the Future and work is also due to start at Shotton Hall School and Easington Community Science College. The work will continue over the next 10 years with schools in South West Durham and Newton Aycliffe being next in the programme, followed by

North Durham, Weardale and Teesdale and finally Chester-le-Street and Durham City. All of the new schools will be energy efficient, with systems such as rainwater harvesting and bio-mass boilers. The project is expected to bring opportunities for local suppliers

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DISGUSTING SMELL OVER AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir,
In reply to the letter from John Pearson who raised some valuable points. Firstly I am also a supporter of the valuable contribution Newton News makes to the residents of Newton Aycliffe.

After being passed from one department to another and speaking to a number of people about the problem it would appear that a local farmer does have a license to put the awful smelling waste on his fields, however they have agreed with me that if it is affecting the lives of people who live near the problem then the current license would have to be reviewed.

Over the past few days the smell has reduced and I am again able to open my windows and spend time in the garden, however it will only be a matter of time before the weather changes or the mounds of waste are spread across the fields, polluting the air and forcing people to hide away in their own homes. Why should hundreds of homes and families be affected by one person's wish to spread s**t across his land?

As well as homes across the back of Aycliffe and Woodham being affected the latest houses to be built at the Cobblers Hall development are approximately half a mile from the waste! Surely someone with authority at the Council will see the effect this is having on people and that the license is now unreasonable and must not be allowed to continue. Like Mr Pearson I would suggest that 'united we stand' and that if other people are affected by this problem please contact Durham County Council Environmental Services Department on 01388 816166.

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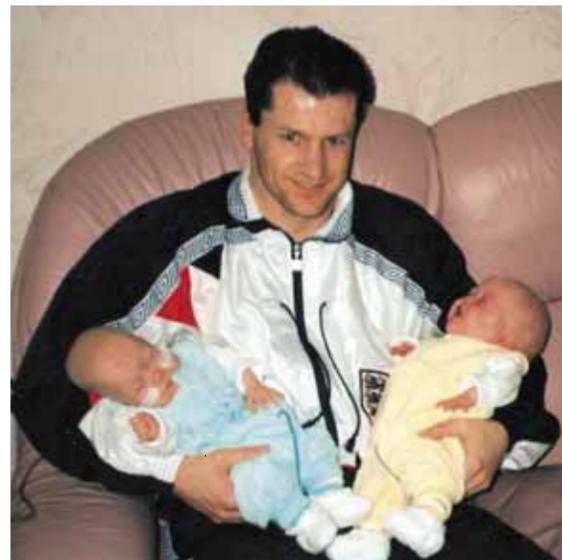
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John Harris, spokesman for Prostar Leagues, said: "Soon the season we have at Newton Aycliffe will be finished, but we will look at starting the new one straight away. This campaign has been fantastic from start to finish but when the new season starts there will

be a space or two available.
"It is a very good area for football and we expect demand to get into the league to be high. I'd encourage any side interested in joining to act quickly to avoid disappointment."
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They've lived in Newton Aycliffe all their lives and both went to Vane Road Primary School, then Laura attended Woodham Community Technology College and Arron went to the Oaks School in Spennymoor.

Now they're very happy young adults, who love spending time with friends and family. Arron enjoys computer games and is on work placement at Somerfield in Cockerton whilst Laura is studying Childcare at Bishop Auckland College and has a part time job at Cobblers

Hall Public House, which she loves.
Their Dad Andy said, 'They were given a one in ten chance of living when they were born, but they survived against all the odds. I am so proud of both of them, they have grown into two lovely people and both enjoy life so much. I hope they have a fantastic birthday and enjoy all of their celebrations'
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Birthday Remembrance

McNAMARA, Jacqueline (nee Thain), 12-7-69. You made me laugh, you made me cry, why did you have to die? I didn't want to say goodbye, so make them stars fly high, by having the biggest party in the sky. Happy 40th birthday Sister. Love always, Angela xxx
WOOD, Edward Clayton (Ted) 11th July. Love says so little, but means so much. Love is a feeling, a look, a touch. Love is a gift and we give it to you. From a family whose heart is broken in two. Love you forever. Your loving Wife, Joyce and family
DENNIS CHENTRENS 8-7-24. Treasured memories of our special Dad on his birthday. You are always remembered, no matter what day of the year it is Dad. We just love and miss you so much. Your loving Daughters, Margaret, Doreen and Denise xxx
VAL MALONE 6th July. Your birthday is not the same without you. I will be at the Crematorium with your favourite flowers (lillies). Love from your loving Brother, Nigel xxx

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IS THE TOWN COUNCIL REDUNDANT?

Dear Sir,
I fail to understand how a conflict of interest can arise because Bob Fleming serves on the Town Council and the Residents Association. Surely the interests of both groups is to serve the needs of the townspeople of Great Aycliffe.

I find it incongruous the lengths our Town Council has to go to send a representative to the Residents Association Meeting. Does there have to be a political process?

It's all very well to talk about "carve ups" and lack of representation but I repeat my first point: is it not the duty of Town Councillors to represent the people of their ward? Why could they not as individuals go to the meeting?

The Residents Committee managed to attract a distinguished panel, even our M.P. hoped to attend, and it appears a great deal of progress was made concerning issues raised by the public.

Am I being churlish to suggest the Residents Association are seen to be doing more for our town than our elected representatives?

One has to wonder whether Town Councillors fear in their hearts, in the present economic climate, they

could become redundant?

Ian Cutter
Beechfield
As Chairman of the Residents' Association I feel bound to say our main aim is to work through local authorities and agencies on behalf of residents whose interests we support.

The Association was formed to empower, encourage and support our Councillors in their role as elected representatives. Wherever possible the first port of call is the Councillor who we hope will use their influence to take up issues raised by the Association on behalf of residents.

We hope in future the Town Council will recognise our motives and there will be a measure of recognition and co-operation.
Syd Howarth



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In Memoriam

EDITH FROST 10-7-04. My darling Ed, I've loved and missed you so much these last five years. But I'll always remember the good times we had together and hope to hold and love you when we meet again. Your loving partner, Tom xxxx

VAL ARMSTRONG Died 12th July 2005. In loving memory of a dear Wife and Mother. A special Nan to Michael and Susan, Great Nan to Holly and Sam. Forever in our hearts and minds, sadly missed by all. Ray, Carol, Family, Brother Jack and friends

CAROL ANN SCOTT 4th July 2009. To a Mother who we all miss, a Mother we loved so. Who was taken far too soon from us, why was it your time to go? You'll always be in our thoughts, in everything we do. We've just one thing left to say, we'll always eternally love you. Always "your girls", Joanna, Stacey and Emma xxxx

CAROL ANN SCOTT 4th July 2009. To put into words how special you are is one thing so hard to do. This leaves me with these words to you "I Love You". Forever, David xxx

CAROL ANN SCOTT 4th July 2009. Nana. Can't be with you but remember this... When you are lonely, curl up your fingers feel my hands in yours. When you are happy, look at the stars see my shining eyes. When you are sad, sit in the sun feel the warmth of my love. When you need me, walk in the garden and see me everywhere. Know that I am with you always. Love you always. Princess Gracie xxxx

WILFRED MUDD 11th July 2008. Precious memories of a beloved Husband. You suffered so much in silence. You battled on in vain. Then God put his arms around you and ended all your pain. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone for part of me went with you the day God took you home. To me you were so special, what more is there to say. I only wish with all my heart that you were here today. Your ever loving Wife, Ruby xxx

WILF MUDD 11th July 2008. Treasured memories of a loving Dad and Grandad. You are too special to ever be forgotten. Loved and remembered every day. Brenda, Stephen and Michael xxx

WILF MUDD 11th July 2008. Treasured memories of a loving Father and Grandfather. We will miss and love you always. David, Ruth, Andrew, Nathan and Niall

FLO ATKINS 13th July. My Mam, my best friend. Forever in my thoughts, always in my heart. Till we meet again. Your ever loving daughter, Karen xxx We miss you so much Nana. Always and forever, Danielle and John xxx

ANDREW J TURNBULL 16th July. Sadly missed Father and Grandad. It's been a year, but only seems like yesterday I spoke to you. We miss you and love you loads. Lorraine, Gary, John and Family, Michael and Reece xxx

JEFF CLARK Died 4th July 2002. A very special Brother and Uncle. Always in our thoughts, sadly missed, dearly loved and forever remembered. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Martyn and Andrea xxxx. Each life is a miracle that changes the world and leaves it a better place than it was before.

JEFF CLARK Died 4th July 2002. There's a face that is always with us, a voice we would love to hear, a smile we will always remember, of one we loved so dear. To us you were so special, what more is there to say. We only wish with all our hearts that you were here today. Loved always, Paul, Carole, Adam and Matthew xxxx

DOT SMITH 13th July. Treasured memories of a special Mam and Nana. Always in our thoughts. Joan, Simon, Nicky and Kyle

DOT SMITH 13th July 2008. A year today God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "come to me". With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away and although we love you dearly we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best. Miss you so much Nana. Love, Liam, Joanne and David

DOT SMITH Great Nana dot.com, miss and love you lots, Zoe and Alfie xxx

DOT SMITH 13th July 2008. Missing you always, everyday holds memories that are the sweetest there could be, that bring back the joy we shared together you and me. We feel so very privileged to have shared so much with you. You are still with us every day in everything we do. Although now living in a world where angels sing their sweet refrain, so many happy thoughts of you shall in my heart remain. Still miss and love you Mam always. Love, Sharon and David xxx

WILLIAM BODDY (Bill). 11-7-98. Loving and happy memories of a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad. Forever in our thoughts, Jean and family

CHRISTINE BIRD 13-7-08. A year has passed so quickly since you were taken from us, not a day goes but when we don't think of you. All our love, Edward, Donna, Jonathan, Philip, Alan, Anne, Paula and all the Grandchildren

Congratulations

Heathcote - Leighton



26th June 2009
Congratulations Sharon and Mark on your Wedding Day love from all the family. xxx
Mammy and Daddy congratulations on your Wedding Day we love you very much from Benjamin Ellie and Luci xxx

ROB HOWARTH Happy birthday from the Press Gang **RHYS & SHERRIANN** Happy 18th birthdays. Lots of love from Mam and all the family xxxx

MARGARET SANDERSON Happy 80th birthday. Hope you have a great birthday. Love from all the family

GRACIE MAI KAVANAGH Happy 3rd birthday Princess. Have a lovely birthday we love you all the world and more. Love, Mammy and Daddy

GRACIE MAI KAVANAGH Happy 3rd birthday to our big Sissie, love you lots and lots. Love, Lauren, Lucy and Megan xxx

GRACIE MAI KAVANAGH Happy birthday Gracie, you cool dude. Love, Grandad Neil xx

GRACIE MAI KAVANAGH Happy birthday Gracie. Lots of love, Auntie Rachel and Dean xxx

GRACIE MAI KAVANAGH Happy 3rd birthday Gracie. Love from Auntie Louise and Danny xxx

GRACIE Happy birthday. Love, Uncle Marc xxx

LEE ROBINSON Congratulations Lee on achieving your Honours Degree in Business Management. Love always, Mam and Dad

LEE ROBINSON Congratulations Lee on getting your Degree. I am so proud of you. Love, Gran in Canada

HAIGH - PALMER Mam and Craig, good luck to you both on your Wedding Day (11th July 2009). Lots of love to you both always, Charley xxx

HAIGH - PALMER Congratulations Julie and Craig on your Wedding Day, 11-7-09. Lots of love to you both for the future. Love, Mam, John, Gav, John, Tara, Lauren, Neve and Flynn xxx

SECKER Welcome back Jemma and Chris from your Honeymoon in Egypt, Married 27th June. Lots of love, big Sis, Scott, Kay and Hayden

Thank You

DAVID and PAT Preston thank you for all your help at Alrewass. Sheila Carrick

DOUG & JEAN WHITE wish to thank family and friends for paying there last respects to their son Robert White who passed away on 27th June 2009

KATHLEEN PAPE Margaret and family of the late Kathleen wish to express their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent sad bereavement. Also for the many cards and floral tributes received. Thanks to all the staff of Ward 42 DMH. Unique Home Care and to everyone who helped to care and support Mam throughout her illness. Special thanks to Father Campion for his comforting Service, Isabel and the Co-Op Funeral Care

Niall Irwin



Happy 3rd Birthday
12th July 2009

Happy birthday to our gorgeous big boy, who is three on 12th July. Enjoy your party darling. "We want to be together". All our love, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Happy birthday to our wonderful Grandson who is 3 on 12th July. have a lovely day gorgeous. Love, Gran and Grandad xxx

Michael Dixon



Happy 18th Birthday
10th July 2009

Happy birthday to our special Grandson. We love you loads from Grandad, Nana White, Auntie Jen and Mark

Have a great 18th birthday, you deserve it Son. You are one in a million. Have a great night. Love you loads from Mam and Geoff xxx

Becky Hurst



Happy 21st Birthday
12th July 2009

We love you very much. From Mam, John, Nanna, Uncy P and John xxxx

Births

LAURA LANDELLS Well done on the birth of "Riley Jake", 8lb 2oz. Born 26-6-09. Well done to you both, I am proud of you. Love, Mum xxx

ROB HOWARTH

Happy 39th Birthday and Wedding Anniversary

Loads of Love, June xxxxxx

Macy Caroline Acuna Ocana



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 you Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles Cousins and Friends xx

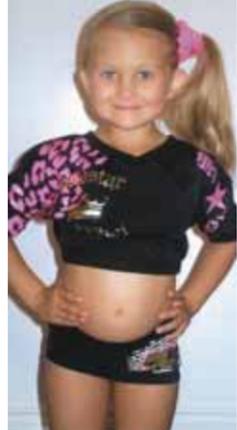
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Happy 1st Birthday

To our precious, beautiful Granddaughter. Lots of love and hugs, Nana and Grandad Laheny xxx

Dolci Llorenna Cowens



Happy 6th Birthday
12th July 2009

You are so special darling. You have grown up so quick, it just seems like yesterday since I had you I am very proud of you Babe. Love you millions, Mammy xxxxxxx

Happy 6th birthday Dolci Sweetheart. You are growing up to be a lovely girl. You make us very proud with everything you do. Hope you have a fantastic day. Love you, Nana Vera and Grandad Trevor xxxxx

Happy 6th birthday on 12th July. To our beautiful Niece. Hope you have a lovely day you little stunner. Love, Uncle Wayne and Auntie Joanne xxx

Happy 6th birthday to my Big Cuz. Hope you have lots of fun. Love, Romie xxx

Look who is 6 on the 12th July. Our little Cuz. Hope you have a fab day, you little stunner. Lots and lots of love, Rachel, Sam and Jake xxx

Happy 6th birthday "Dancing Queen". Hope you have a lovely day sweetheart. Love, Nana Edith and Uncle Stozzer

Happy 6th birthday "Cheeky Monkey". Hope you have a great time. Love from all Aunties and Uncles xxxx

Zach Mavin



Happy 2nd Birthday

to our special little boy Zach on 9th July. Lots of love and kisses from Mammy and Daddy xxx

Happy birthday to our darling Grandson Zach who is 2 on 9th July. You fill our lives with love and laughter. All our love to a special little boy. Nanny and Grandad Chape xxx

Happy 2nd birthday to my darling Great Grandson Zach. Lots of love, Nanny Icton xxx

Happy birthday to a special little boy Zach on his 2nd birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Auntie Sharon xxx

Happy 2nd birthday to my Godson Zach, a special little boy. Lots of love from Uncle Stephen xxx

Happy 2nd birthday Zach, 9th July. Lots of love from Auntie Margaret and Uncle Norman xxx

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There were the usual races for the children and a Mums and Dads Race too, which was fiercely contested. Afterwards Phil Wilson presented medals.

Top Photograph shows Chairman of Governors, Lynn Swift cutting the ribbon and declaring the newly refurbished Nursery open. She thanked Mrs Paula O'Rourke Nursery Teacher, and Mrs Fiona Kay and Mrs Beverly Ainslie, Nursery Nurses for their hard work and dedication. It was a lovely

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