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Durham and Cleveland) where he played at number two seed against the best in the country in Birmingham, winning two of his four matches.

At present Haydn is County Champion at U/11, he is also U/11 and U/13 Club Champion at Norton. He won the Aycliffe U/11 Open tournament as well as the Sheffield U/11 Open tournament. Havdnalso won the Aycliffe Club Christmas handicap competition.

He has only just recently moved into the U13 category and in his first tournament in Cumbria finished seventh. He has just competed in the Nottingham Open where he finished fourth in the B draw, losing narrowly to the eventual winner.

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## WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

I would just like to comment on the letter from Cllr. Gray in last weeks issue informing us he was leaveing the Labour

It was very sincere of him to tell the people of his ward and the town about his actions, and reasons for this. It's a pity other Councillors, no matter what Party they are from, if they decide to change to another party, could not follow his example!

Well done to George for informing the people in his ward of his intentions. I hope if any of our other Councillors decide to leave their political party they will do the same, after all we are the ones who vote for them to represent us. We put our trust in them and I feel we have a right to know if they decide to change allegiance. Resident of Aycliffe

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# Wishing Well Club in **Rotary's Northern Games**

As in previous years the town's Rotary Club took the Wishing Well Club to the annual Northern Games for Disabled held at Middlesbrough last Sunday. It was a fantastic day with lots of medals for the Newton Aycliffe group. Ian Dewar won first place in the Novice Archery with one arrow in the bull and two in the red. Thanks to Don Walkers for the food and J & C Coaches for the







# **MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS KNOWN TO ALL**

Dear Sir, I have

just contacted Warehouse (my Carphone phone supplier) to confirm mobile phone numbers could be available to anyone! I

have tried to get on the site, but apparently it's down for "maintenance". I will keep trying to block my number, but your readers may not be aware of this and could be open to abuse.

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# Lee Green Dancers in **Blackpool Competition**

Results of the competition held at Scarborough on 28th June: 3-5 years Rosettes - Solo: Natasha Slade – 3rd place, Amy Dolan – 4th place. Rebecca Iveson, David Robinson, Amelia Anderson. Amber Fenwick all Qualified 6-8 years Rosettes – Solo: Abbie Kennedy – 6th Place

6-10 Stardance – Solo: Reegan Henn – 2nd place Reece Atherton – 3rd place Libbie Anderson – 4th place Ellie Jade Anderson and Kasia Shaw - Qualified

Under 9 years - Solo: Lisa Robinson - Qualified 10-13 years - Solo: Annis Race – 1st place

18-25 years – Solo: Katie Shepherd, Jenna Meek, Natalie May Bradshaw, Stephanie Robinson all Qualified Under 9 years – Duo: Summer Fenwick and Reece Atherton –

10-13 years – Duo: Annis Race and Charlie Haigh – 4th place **14-17 years** – **Duo:** Rebecca Barber and Becky Allen - 18-25 years – Duo: Stephanie Robinson and Katie Bain -Qualified

Under 9 years Team: - Street Crew (2nd Place)

Romie Cowens, Olivia Archer, Amelia Anderson, Abbie Kennedy, Libbie Anderson, Reece Atherton, Summer Fenwick, Ellie Jade Anderson, Charlotte Hill, Lisa Robinson Well done to everybody who took part in the the first IDTA street qualifier competition. You all danced really well and we all had a fun day. Thank you to the parents for their continued support.

Anyone who has an interest in joining Lee Green Dance Centre, please contact Caroline Race on Tel. No. 07949 911642. Our classes include Freestyle Disco, Street, Lyrical Slow, Rock n Roll, Acro, Ballet and Tap. Adult classes are also available including Salsa, Hip Hop and Aerobics.

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The Rotary project is designed to improve literacy worldwide and each book is a personal gift to each child.









## **Honest Young** Newtonian

Last Friday morning was like any other and waiting for the post as usual it came in about 11ish and then two or three hours later a knock at the door.

When I opened it there stood a young lad, about 19 years of age, with a small parcel I was waiting for from ebay in his hand.

He said he had found it outside on the path and he thought it was ours. It was our address and was the said parcel which was so small the postman must have dropped it out of his bag without realising.

This kind young man found it and handed it over and I would just like to say a big thank you to him and to let all Newton Aycliffe people know we have some nice people in our town. They are not all yobs we hear about on the news these

Anthony Linskey Oakfield

# **PRETTY AS A PICTURE**

The town is looking a picture thanks to the lovely condition of flower beds tended by skilful council workers.

The beautiful flower tubs placed by Durham County Council have not gone unnoticed and the displays are certainly appreciated.

# **MAYOR HOLDS CIVIC** SERVICE AT ST. CLARES

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mary Dalton, will be holding her Civic Service at St. Clare's Church, on Sunday, 26th July 2009 at 10am. The Mayor extends a cordial invitation to parishioners and friends to join her on this occasion. Coffee and biscuits will be served in the Church hall at the conclusion of the Service.

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# A Summer 'Staycation' bonus as wilkinson opens its doors

Shoppers in Newton Aydiffe are in for a real summer bonus, when value home and garden retailer and family favourite Wilkinson, officially opens its newest store on Wednesday 29th July 2009 at 9.00 am.

The new stare, an Beveridge Way, previously the old Somerfield store, will offer shoppers unbestable priese on a huge selection of top name brands in toiletries, classifier products. DIY and stylish borns living products: all at unbestable tirices.

The new store opening will be a great chance to stock up an everything you need for the summer including berbeenes, autricor furniture and suntan cream.

Store manager, Kay

Armstrong, communited: "The are of the 'stayeation' is upon us, with more families opting to stay at home for predicted best summer over. The store will be opening at the height of the summer sesson to provide the shappers of Newton Ayeliffe with some fentactic bergelns and value products and anable everyone to stock up on plants, garden fürnitüre and even paddling pools for the children."



on Wed Sith July plus a great Partily Fan Day on Sat Sat August with Proc Pocs Painting

The new store will officially open at Bern with a ribbon cutting caremony and a fun packed programme of activities for the whole family to help celebrate the opening of the store.

The family and exminunity theme spills on into the weekend as Saturday 1st August is the store's official family fun day. There will be face painters in store between 10cm – 4pm creating fantastic designs on children's faces, as well as free sweets and halloons to keep the kids entertained.

Wilkinger, sells more than 25,000 product lines and is one of the fastest growing retailers in the country. Currently, Wilkinson has over 520 stores across the UK and serves 178 million customers each year, with plana to have 500 atorea across the UK by 2012.



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The centre is due to open in December 2009 and will be the largest conference centre between Harrogate and Newcastle. It will have a 1200 seat capacity auditorium, an exhibition hall and six conference rooms along with full catering services and a coffee shop which will be open to the public.

The centre will also host the Little Cubs Day Nursery with places for over 70 children from birth to 11 vears old.

The Xcel Centre will provide first class facilities for local firms to global companies but all with an additional benefit to the local community.

All profits made by Xcel Centre will be re-invested into community action programmes and charitable activities within the North East. The centre will also be creating employment opportunities for the region with up to 100 new jobs eventually available.

Mr Wilson said 'This is exactly what is needed for the area and a fantastic opportunity for Newton Aycliffe. It will attract new people and businesses

# **George Gray Escaped** Investigation

Dear Sir

I write in response to the letter you printed in the Newton News from George Gray on 9 July 2009 in order that your readers are appraised of the Labour Party position in this

I would like to make clear that George Gray has decided to leave the Labour Party whilst under investigation by the Party, both locally and nationally, over matters of serious complaint.

Of course, since he has resigned membership of the Labour Party, the investigation has ceased and will only be considered again if he re-applies for membership.

Rita Taylor Constituency Secretary

# Let Down By Lack of Grasscutting

Dear Sir,

I waited with bated breath for the completion of 'The Walls' at the entrance to the Business Park and thought that they were an attractive feature when completed.

The next exciting thing to grab my attention was 'The Head'. and waiting for it's completion and subsequent erection was almost unbearable, but nevertheless it finally arrived and was worth waiting for and is very impressive.

However it seems that these attributes to our green and pleasant town are to be marred by the lack of a lawn mower, as no one seems to take responsibility for cutting the grass along the roadside into the town via the industrial estate.

Are the people responsible afraid that if they cut the grass they may find some wildlife and litter that would give them another headache to deal with?

So come along whoever is responsible - get the area tidied up and give us a pleasant journey into the town to rival Central Avenue, because that is a credit to our Town Council. T. Spellman

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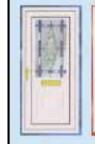
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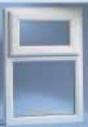
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I am an 83 year old living on a small pension and I think these M.P.'s are worse than robbers. They have defrauded the very people who pay their salaries.

We give them their posh lifestyle and a well paid job yet they repay us by fiddling their expenses. They should be prosecuted and sacked. Disgusted

Name & address supplied

# M.P. Robbers | Police Ready for Summertime Trouble

spearheading a two-month campaign aimed at curbing anti-social behaviour through the hot summer evenings.

'Operation Summer Nights' started on Monday 6th July and runs throughout July and August. A series of initiatives across the force area will seek to combat the unruly behaviour of a minority of troublemakers, which causes misery and distress for law-abiding residents.

As well as the 'stick' of

extra patrols and tough police action against those who transgress, the force is also working with other agencies to offer a 'carrot' in the form of diversionary activities, which provide a more positive alternative.

There will be a number of test purchase operations licence premises and inspections, aimed at combating the sales of drink to under-18s.

Although relatively speaking it is only a small handful who cause trouble. their actions can ruin the

lives of other people and make the summer a time they dread.

The Police have listened to local communities who raised areas of concern. often through the regular PACT meetings held across the force. These also helped suggest possible solutions.

County Durham and Darlington remain on the whole safe areas in which to live, work and socialise. By working with our partners we intend to keep it that way," said Chief Insp

# **New Adult Gymnastics**

New adult gymnastics sessions have been launched at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre proving that age is no barrier. Many people aged over 25 believe that they are too old to start gymnastics. Indeed a lot of people aged over 15 feel the same way. But, it is never too benefit from taking part in the

Sessions on Saturdays (2.30pm) will provide the opportunity for all ages and abilities to enjoy gymnastics. For more details, call Val Beck 319262 or Amanda Belton at the Leisure Centre, 300500 or amanda. belton@durham.gov.uk

# Thank You, Cumby Arms

If you need a venue to host an event I would strongly recommend The Cumby Arms, at Heighington.

On June 20th 2009 I celebrated my 50th Birthday and had a night I will never forget. When I booked my party I explained to Debbie & Gavin the type of evening I wanted. Their suggestions, apart from sounding suitable were extremely reasonable in cost. I decided the party package I would have and left the rest to them. When I arrived the function room had been decorated with balloons and table decorations and instantly had that 'party' atmosphere.

The entertainment began with Nathan West singing a selection of songs followed by a disco DJ. The buffet was excellent and everyone was commenting on what an enjoyable evening they were having.

Unbeknown to me, there was a surprise waiting. I must have mentioned that I liked Abba songs. At 10pm Nathan West & Co (all male) provided an Abba tribute which was 'hilarious'. The costumes were brilliant and the entertainment had my guests in hysterics.

made appearance 'Geraldine'! The Grandma tribute to myself was also very amusing.

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Margaret Turnbull

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He has decided on a mission to lose ten stone in weight in exactly a year's time, and in doing to hopefully raise £2000 or more in aid of the Make A Wish Foundation a



charity which grants wishes to seriously ill children.

Gary began his challenge on July 5th and will complete in exactly 365 days from then. Initial weigh in and start weight was taken at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, by an independent person. He will check in monthly for a progress report and keep us all up-to-date with his withdrawal symptoms and

Please support Gary, it's not often a 22 stone guy takes on a life change such as this, least of all for the benefit of others as well as himself. Please support his cause and pledge whatever you can towards the challenge? Pledges can be made by ringing Gary directly at The Turbinia, on 01325 emailing 319700 or gillian.white7@02.co.uk. All sponsorship will be gratefully received and the grand total will be kept upto-date and announced at the final weigh in a years time! Gary said, "Right here we go, weighed in at the Leisure Centre gym tipping the scales at a disgraceful 140.6kgs = 22st 21b in English money.

change of lifestyle, massive cut-back on boozing, healthy eating, and even going to give this exercise thing a try, whatever that is." Please help, it's a very good cause, check out the website http://www.make-



stress levels!

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To apply for this position please contact Michelle Clark on 01325 308840



# Wonderful Woodham Show







Talented Woodham students pulled off one of their usual high standard productions last week, entertaining an appreciative audience with a spectacular and outstanding variety of music and dance. For some students and staff it was their last appearance as they leave for pastures new. There was a particular tearful farewell to Miss Tindall, a much loved and dedicated music teacher who leaves to lead this department in another

Rest assured however that Miss Hughes remains as Head of Music to continue the high standard achieved at Woodham.











Thanks to

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May I thank our Town

Council on behalf of myself my sister and her husband

who went on the Senior Citizens trip on 2nd July.

Once again we had a super

day, the weather was glorious,

the coach very comfortable,

the meal superb and the

Thankyou once again as we

really appreciate our annual

trip out and I look forward to

next year which will be the

26th year we have enjoyed

I do hope the council will

continue this yearly treat for

the town's senior citizens.

Mr and Mrs C. Tinkler

company was great.

this outing.

Mrs. Humble

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

# Wednesday 22nd July 2009 Full Council - 7.15pm

### QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for electors of the Parish to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked.

Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. www.great-ayoliffe.gov.uk

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open thirty minutes prior to the commencement of meetings.

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

# Keep the Bickering in the Council Chamber

Dear Editor.

I applaud Cllr. George Gray's (belated) defection from the Labour Party and his decision to represent the people of Newton Aycliffe as an Independent. I have met him, although I am neither a member of his Ward nor of his (previous) political persuasion, but I do commend the work he has done for the community especially when he was Mayor.

I have NEVER approved of politics in local government as I always assumed that people who wished to represent their local community did so for the

benefit of those people and NOT for personal or financial gain. I am a Senior Citizen and I cannot recall when 'politics' came in to local elections, but I do remember it was post war (WW2) when the Labour Party gained power?

Local Councillors did not even claim expenses then: who introduced them? Nowadays the expenses claims of some councillors and what they have been able to do with them for personal benefit is very wrong and Council tax would be much lower if their claims were better scrutinised!

Councillors is an Independent: I voted for her and I have been in her company on numerous occasions (she has no idea who I am) but she should be applauded for what she does on behalf of the community.

I appreciate that one of my local

My complaint about ALL councillors is that they should keep their personal petty bickering` in the Council Chambers and not take vital space in the Newton News when the activities of the community are of more interest. (Mrs) J.K. Blaik

# **Great Sister**

Dear Sir,

I lived in Newton Aycliffe until I moved to Nuneaton in 2002 and I miss Mandy Vaughan, my kid Sister

At the moment I've got Swine Flu which is not very pleasant, but my Sis has never been off the phone. Gone are the days when we used to argue after 5 minutes together and I just wanted to say I love you very much.

# **BUSY BEAVERS CLEAN UP!**



On Monday evening ACLE Beaver group did their bit for the community by taking part in "The Big Clean Up" campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy. The busy beavers braved the rain and filled 4 sacks with rubbish from around Aycliffe Village.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all raising funds at the moment to buy a group bus so they can get out and about next year. Many generous local firms have donated funds already and it is hoped that more will follow suit. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Anna (Group Treasurer) on 07792 466498 - we would love to hear from



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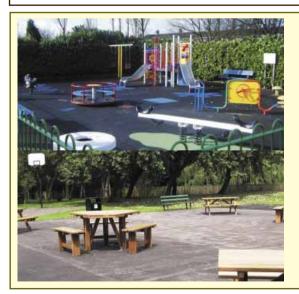
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# **SUMMER 2009**





# REFURBISHED ST. OSWALD'S PARK

The Town Council has recently refurbished the Park at St. Oswald's.

A new infant and junior play area is now available for use.

A picnic area with tables has also been provided.

The planned formal garden with Art Feature and seating is nearing completion.

Future improvements will include the refurbishment of the park toilets.



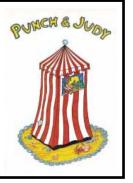


# **FUN IN THE PARKS 2009**

11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Friday, 24th July - Moore Lane Park Friday, 31st July - Horndale Park

Tuesday, 11th August - Woodham Park Friday, 21st August - St Oswald's Park Friday, 28th August – Town Centre Park Tuesday, 28th July – Oakleaf Sports Complex Friday, 7th August - Simpasture Park Friday, 14th August - West Park Tuesday, 25th August – Aycliffe Village Park



Free Fun Fair: Punch and Judy: Balloon Modelling: Free Prizes

# PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES

The Pre-school Learning Centres have had another successful year with the recent Ofsted inspection at St. Oswald's and the successful application for Capital Grant Funding through Sure Start County Durham. The funding means that we are now able to replace some of the furniture, computers and toys in each of the Pre-Schools.

### St. Oswald's Pre-School

The children and staff of St. Oswald's Pre-School are celebrating 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".

### St. Mary's Pre-School

Children at St. Mary's Pre-School playing with some of the new equipment purchased through the Capital Grant Funding



### **Woodham Burn Pre-School**



Children at Woodham Burn Pre-School having a brilliant time playing with the boxes from the delivery of new furniture

For further information please contact the Council's Early Years Officer on 01325 300700

# COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AWARD



The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 14th August 2009.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:
House No: Street:
or
Full Street:

# Summer Countryside Events

### **GOING DIPPY**

**Monday 20th July** 

10.30am - 12 noon

Use the new dipping platform and help to discover the creatures that lurk under the water in the pond at the Nature Park. Please bring along your nets, buckets and wellies if you have them. Meet at: Travellers Green, off Clarence Chare.



### TREEMENDOUS TREES

Thursday 23rd July

10.00am - 12 noon

Don't know your ash from your alder? Then join this gentle stroll and learn fascinating folklore and uses from days gone by. Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre

### ORCHID ODYSSEY

Friday 24th July

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Discover one of the little known floral gems of Aycliffe on this short gentle amble in search of the specialist grassland flowers that live in the area. Meet at: Woodham Burn Primary School, Humphrey Close

# **NATURE DETECTIVES**

Monday 27th July

10.30am - 12 noon

Join the Environment Officer for a gentle stroll around Cobblers Hall Plantation in search of those tell tale signs of the animals that make this wood their home. Meet at: the entrance to Cobblers Hall Plantation, off the Rushyford/ Greenfield Road.

## JEEPERS CREEPERS

Friday 31st July

10.30am - 12 noon

Discover a whole new world beneath the leaf litter, rotten logs and amongst the trees on our minibeasting hunt around the Moore Lane area. Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre

## MOORE LANE ART ATTACK

Wednesday 5th August

Help brighten up the new Eco Centre by assisting to create a new wildlife collage on one of the walls within the centre. Meet at: the Eco Centre, Moore Lane

### EVERYTHING EARTHLY GAMES

Wednesday 12th August

10.00am - 1.00pm

Spend a few hours learning while playing physical games and having fun. This event is for children aged between 7 and 10 years. Meet at: the Eco Centre, Moore Lane

## MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

Friday 14th August

1.30pm - 3.00 pm

Find out which creatures live in the pond at the Nature Park. Please bring along your nets, buckets and wellies if you have them. Meet at: Aycliffe Nature Park, off Travellers Green.



## A MOST AGREEABLE AMBLE

Saturday 15th August

10.00am - 2.00pm

Work up a thirst or appetite by coming along for a gentle circular traffic free 5 mile amble around part of the Great Aycliffe Way before returning to the Bay Horse public house for your well earned refreshment. Meet at: the Bay Horse Car Park, Middridge Village

### CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

Part 1: Friday 4th September

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Spend an evening making a bat model which you can take home and then check the moth traps and help identify what species we find. Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre

Part 2: Friday 4th September 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Join this event if you fancy walking through Woodham Burn in the evening in search of nocturnal creatures such as bats and owls. Meet at: Entrance to Woodham Technical College

All public events are totally free of charge (unless otherwise stated). Booking is essential as places are limited; to reserve your place please telephone Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

### **How to find Moore Lane Eco Centre:**

From the Tesco's roundabout turn onto Shafto Way. Just before Shafto House turn left onto

Creighton Road. Turn right onto Moore Lane. The Eco Centre is the building on your left at the far end of the car park.

# MOORE LANE ECO CENTRE

Several public events are being organised from the Eco Centre. Are you a group organiser looking for somewhere different or a different activity? The Eco Centre and Officer can provide a selection of environmental activities to suit groups of all ages and abilities.

To find out more contact Steve on:-0777 9090 842.





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# **GOLF TASTER**

on the Driving Range with Pro Neil Whinham **Monday 27 July** 10.00am - 11.00am **ALL STANDARDS** Members £1.50 Non Members £1.75



# JUNIOR COACHING **COURSES**

All Courses Must Be Booked In Advance

# SQUASH

with Coach Bill West Thursday 30 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm Members £4.50 - Non Members £5.25

## ACTIVITY DAY **Tuesday 4 August Monday 17 August** 9.30am - 3.30pm Treasure Hunt- 10 am Quiz, Squash, Golf, Football, Archery, **Badminton, Bowls** Please Bring a

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2.00pm - 2.45pm - 10-14yrs

# BADMINTON with Onside Sport **Monday 10 August** 1.00pm - 4.00pm Members £4.50 Non Members £5.25

# FOOTBALL with Onside Sport **Thursday 13 August** 1.00pm - 4.00pm Members £4.50 Non Members £5.25

# **BOWLS** with Coach Esther Helm **Monday 24 August** 2.30pm - 4.00pm Members £2.25 Non Members £2.65 Bring smooth soled slippers if you have them

# REFURBISHED BOWLS HALL

The bowls hall refurbish programme will be completed by Friday, 24th July. The facilities will be open for public use on Saturday,



25th July so please come along and try our new refurbished facility.

The bowls facilities are open all year round and are open for both public and Club use.

# **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SAVER**

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Play golf during school holidays throughout the year for a one off payment of only £37.00.

The course is 18 holes with a floodlit driving range. Buggy hire, changing and shower facilities. Meals are available at the adjacent Oakleaf Sports Complex. There are some time restrictions.

**MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF** 

**TOURNAMENT** 

Friday 11th September

In aid of Mayor's Charities

Army Benevolent Fund (North East) & Town Organisations

Further information and application forms from The Mayor's

Secretary - Tel 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex

For further details contact the Pro Shop 01325 310820.

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# **Indoor Bowling Green**

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For further information contact reception on 01325 300600

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Sunday

12.00noon -10.30p.m.

Sandwiches and Toasties are available Monday – Friday between 2.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.

### **FOOD**

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Sunday 12.00noon -2.00p.m. Only Sunday lunches available Main menu commences at 2.30pm



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Any article using gold-work

Any article machine stitched

Teddy Bear - any media

Any Toy Machine Sewn

Sweater in Double Knitting

Cushion Cover using any media

Any picture (framed and glazed)

Jewellery (Theme - Christmas)
Class 39 Any piece of home made jewellery - Beadwork

Any Toy all knitted
Any Doll Dressed (any size, any media)

HAND KNITTING SECTION-TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Any piece of home made jewellery - Wirework

A scarecrow model

Model made from dough

Class 71 4 savoury scones

Age I4 - 16 years

Class 74

Class 75

Class 72 Football Strip Design

CD Sleeve

using computer

HORTICULTURE SECTION

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Class 31

Class 33

Class 34

Class 35

Class 36

Class 37

Class 40

Soft Toys

Class 41

Class 42

Class 43

Class 46

Patchwork

Decoupage

### Total no. of entries I request you to enter the above named Exhibits, subject to the rules and regulations of the Great Aycliffe Show Exhibition which I have read and understood. Please note that a separate entry form is required for each person (photocopies are acceptable). Class 114 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit Airfix, Lego (or similar) model – any subject any size (kits allowed) **FULL ADDRESS** Computer Art - picture created or edited Class 114 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit Telephone Number Age (if 16 or under) LEEKS - COLOUR PORTABLE TV PLUS PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY FOR BEST LEEK Email (please print clearly). Two Pot Leeks 6" Tight Button Acknowledgements will be sent by email unless no email address is given. Completed entry form - photocopies acceptable - must be NOVICE SECTION - (For beginners or people received by Mrs M Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF, or who have not yet won a trophy at the show) An expert will be on hand to help you 'stage' your exhibits and email: show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk, before 5pm on Tuesday 25th August 2009.

Full rules, regulations and conditions of entry are available from the Council Offices, 01325 300700 or online at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

P.A.C.T.

**MEETING** 

PC Alan Thompson is

All welcome to discuss

community related topics.

**Parade** 

Neville

# **Local Girl** In Teen Queen **Contest**



schoolgirl from Newton Aycliffe needs your votes to be named Miss Teen Princess 2009. Woodham Community Technology pupil Rhianna Bonas entered the beauty contest for fun and was amazed when she found out she had been chosen from 5,000 entrants to be in the final 50. The 15-yearold, of Stephenson Way, is now representing County Durham in the nationwide contest and

needs the public vote to win. She said: "I entered last December when I was at the Clothes Show Live. I thought it would be a bit of fun and, to be honest, I didn't really think anything would come of it.' When the pageant organisers invited Rhianna to London for a professional photo shoot she was "ecstatically happy, nervous and excited all at the same time". "My photo shoot was amazing," she said. "I loved every minute of it; getting my hair and make up done, and meeting new people. It was such an unbelievable experience I'll never forget."

Fifty girls, aged between 13 and 15, are now vying for public votes, but whatever happens Rhianna is grateful for getting this far. "Although it would be my absolute dream to make it to the finals, I'm proud of getting this far," she said. "As I'm the only girl representing County Durham I would love local people to show there support and vote for me.'

To support Rhianna text Rhianna Bonas to 84205 or call 0901 6561530 and select option 25. All proceeds go the Philip Green Memorial Trust which is a charity for sick and disabled children. Log onto teenqueen. co.uk. to see how Rhianna is doing or to enter yourself for next years competition. Voting closes on 11.30am on the 31 July. (Calls costs 60p).

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# **VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR JOE**



Youthy Football coach and organiser, Joe Blackett received the County Council Volunteers Award this week presented by the Chairman Brian Myers. He is shown here with members of the Wishing Well Club at St. Clares Church Hall where he received his award as part of an evening Fashion Show. Joe has given 33 years to promoting football in the community for youth and adults with disability. Congratulations to Joe for this well deserved award.

### holding a PACT Meeting **NEW GARDEN AT Methodist Church Lounge** on Thursday 23rd July **DEFOE CARE HOME** 2009 6.30pm to 8.00pm.



Mrs Adeline Deller, aged 79years from Defoe Court Care Centre enjoying a breath of fresh air in Defoe Court's new enclosed garden area.

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# **FOOTBALL TRAINING**

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We play in the Crook and District League on Saturday afternoons and are looking to strengthen the squad before the season starts.

Training sessions take place at Heighington Playing Fields, directly behind the Cumby Arms pub in Heighington. If you'd like more information about the team or the training, contact Steve Odle, club secretary on 07967 361052.

# **SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING**

Str. Clares Church invite vou to join them for a Special Coffee Morning and/or Salad Lunch on Tuesday 28th July from 10am - 1.30pm.

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2.00pm -3.00pm

10.00am - 10.30am

Meet Piglet and receive a balloon Junior Squash demo/coaching On the Driving Range with the Pro Indoor Bowls coaching Yoga Relaxation Class Wizadora Magic Show & Face Painting Artistic Roller Skating demo Crafty Creatures Craft Session Adult squash demo/coaching Wizadora Magic Show

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# YOUNG PEOPLE DO CARE

Dear Sir.

As a disabled person in a wheelchair with no car of my own I have to rely on public transport to get from A to B. On the few occasions when I get on an accessible bus, I travel to Darlington to shop. On one such occasion this week I was returning from Darlington when a very nice young man helped to get me and my wheelchair on and off the bus I was using.

It was clear from how he handled everything that he had done this before and I would like to publicly thank him for his assistance. Through this letter I would like to highlight the fact that there are good young people out there who do care about others. Michael Dalton

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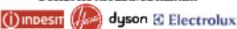
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The event, which took place at Durham Town Hall on Wednesday, July 8, involved 16 schools from across County Durham.

As part of the day, the Town Hall was transformed into a retail centre with mini market stalls where pupils were able to sell their products and services to members of the public.

The judges, which included Tony Coyle, manager of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning at Durham University, saw a range of promising businesses including a group of youngsters that were growing and selling vegetables, a range of reflective clothing and accessories for joggers, walkers and runners and a soap making company.

Pupils from Greenfield School were runners up with their personalised printing business called Prints 4 You. They transfer customer's images onto items including mugs, t-shirts and jigsaws.

Fifteen year-old Kane Ridley, from Newton Aycliffe, said: "We were all quite nervous pitching our business idea and the competition was really tough \* but we had a lot of good feedback from the judges.

"This project has been really good because we've been able to learn all about how to start a business. It will help us in the future if we want to start our own company."

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"This competition brought all of the pupils together so that they could see the business ideas coming from other schools. It also gave them the opportunity to professionally present and answer questions about their business in a pitch similar to that of the BBC's Dragon's Den."

Enterprise in Education, run by Durham County Council's Children and Young People's Services, aims to inspire enterprise among young people in some of the most deprived areas of County Durham. The programme is funded by Be Enterprising, the county's Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI), which was created to inspire enterprise and bring about positive and measurable

changes in the employment hotspots of County Durham's former districts of Derwentside, Easington, Sedgefield and Wear Valley. Mr Coyle said: "We were very impressed with the quality of both the business ideas and the pitches that were put forward. The pupils have obviously worked hard to find practical products and services that have consumer appeal.

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"The competition is a great initiative and we hope it inspired some of the pupils to think about setting up their own business and that they can see it as an achievable and fulfilling aspiration."

The pupils also took part in a Young Enterprise competition on the day where they all established the same sideline business and a prize was given to the team that made the most profit.

primary school pupils from across the county will be competing in a similar competition on July 16, 2009 at the Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads.

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NEWTONIAN Ross Turnbull is lending his support to the town's football club! The former Middlesbrough goalkeeper, who has signed a four-year deal with Chelsea, has donated a number of memorabilia items for Newton Aycliffe to auction at their fundraising dinner next weekend.

Aycliffe are hosting a celebrity Curry Night next Friday (July 24) in a huge marquee outside Moore Lane Sports Club, with former Newcastle star John Beresford and Sunderland legend Kevin Ball the guest speakers.

Turnbull has donated a Chelsea shirt signed by Blues goalkeeper Petr Cech, a Newcastle shirt signed by Mark Viduka and a Newcastle shirt signed by Shay Given. Aycliffe have also been given three exclusive days out with the three big North-East clubs, courtesy of the BBC. A commentary day for two at a 2009-10 game at St James' Park, as guests of BBC Radio Newcastle's Mick Lowes and

for the club.
There's also the same package up for grabs at Sunderland, with Radio Newcastle's Nick Barnes and Gary Bennett, as well as at Middlesbrough, with BBC Radio Tees' Alastair Brownlee and Gary Gill.

John Anderson, is expected

to raise much-needed funds

Aycliffe will also have a Sunderland shirt signed by



new manager Steve Bruce and Middlesbrough's new Adidas shirt, signed by the first team squad, up for auction.

Organiser Martin Walker said: "We're delighted with the support we're getting, most notably from Ross Turnbull and the BBC. Ross in particular was quick to help out and is keen to contribute towards helping the town's football club", Reserve bids are welcome prior to the event, and it's still not too late to get tickets, £20 each, which includes a Chicken Curry, available from: Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501, stecunliffe@aol.com; Martin Walker on 07826 525907, martinwalker50@hotmail. com; or Darren Verdon on 07774 011583.

Aycliffe continue their preseason programme this weekend when they entertain Wearside League side Wolviston at Moore Lane Park this Saturday, 2.30pm kick-off, following their home game against Easington on Wednesday night.

They have home games against Wigan Robin Park on Saturday July 25 and a big pre-season friendly against Spennymoor Town on Tuesday July 28 – when the club is producing its first new-look matchday programme, costing £1. Teesside Athletic on Saturday August 1, before the Northern League season kicks off against Hebburn Town at home on Saturday August 8th.

FRIENDLIES

Sat July 18: Wolviston (H), 2.30pm; Sat July 25: Wigan Robin Park (H), 12noon; Tues July 28: Spennymoor (H), 7.30pm; Sat Aug 1: Teeside Athletic (H), 3pm. NORTHERN LEAGUE SEASON:

Sat Aug 8: Hebburn Town (H), 3pm

Weds Aug 12: Birtley Town (H), 7.30pm

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# Hundreds of people are set to flock to the Sports Club for the hugely-popular Party at the Club later this month. For the fourth year running, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club at Moore Lane will be holding

this month. For the fourth year running, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club at Moore Lane will be holding the town's Premier live music event, an eight-hour marathon of music under a huge marquee outside the club 8on Saturday the 25th of July. With seven hours of live music under a large marquee this is sure to be an event to remember.

The Gates will be open at 3:00pm with the first band starting at 4.00pm and the event finishing at midnight. There will be a variety of bands playing a range music including punk, rock, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90's many covers and original material. Visitors from last year will notice the extensive refurbishment that the club has undergone with new Facilities throughout. There are only 450 tickets on sale this year so you will need to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are on sale at Newton Aycliffe sports club or from the organising committee (see posters around town or the website below for information) This year tickets will be only £10.00 for adults and teenagers over 14. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Event Security and marshalls will be provided by Quaker Security.

# **Newtonian Appointed AAP Co-ordinator**

A Newton Aycliffe man has returned to his roots to help make a brighter future for his local area. Brian Riley, 42, is the new co-ordinator for the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership.

One of 14 AAPs set up by Durham County Council, the AAP launch event in April highlighted the priorities for the area which the board needs to discuss and finalise at its inaugural meeting.

meeting.
Brian, who lives in Newton
Aycliffe, started his career
on a Youth Training
Scheme at Newton Aycliffe
Leisure Centre, has worked

in Sedgefield Borough in

leisure services and has spent the last 16 years with Durham City Council. "I seem to have come full

"I seem to have come full circle," said Brian.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenge of working in partnership with local people to deliver and coordinate improvements for the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership area," he said.

The first meeting of

the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership board, which is made up of local people, councillors and partner organisations, will be held at Middridge Village Hall from 6pm to 8pm on July 21.



The meeting is open to the public to watch the proceedings but places should be booked in advance by calling 01388 824002.

# **Elvis at End of Term Show**



At the end of term most schools put on a Show for parents and Sugar Hill went the extra mile and resurrected Elvis who with his colourful backing group made a big impression on the audience.

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# In Memorian

VERA 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 Family,

HOWSON MARGARET 19th July 2008. A dearly loved Mam and Grandma. A year has gone by and we miss you so much. Quietly remembered day. Forever in our hearts. Love always, John, Stuart, Ruth, Denise, Gene, Thomas, Catherine, Morag and

JOHN FARQUHAR died 15th July 2005. Love holds your memory always. Linda my thoughts. Thinking of you always. God bless you. Nana

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a dear Brother and Uncle. 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, Susan, Sandra and families xxxx

LAWRENCE BRUMWELL Died 15-7-87. Time passes, memories stay, quietly remembered every day. God bless. Love, Jeannette, Owen

# Thank You

### Mark & Kendra

Would like to thank all of their family and friends who joined them in celebrating their Engagement. A sincere thank you to each and every person for the lovely cards and gifts we received.

Graeme and the team at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre - thank you for the help and support support when preparing for our Engagement Party. Nothing was too much trouble for you and your staff from setting up, clearing away and staffing the evening. A great venue and fantastic service which we highly recommend

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

**GRAYSON** Jennie and Jim would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and kind enquiries during Jennie's stay in hospital. Now well on the way to recovery. Again, many

DAVE & HELEN wish to thank family and friends for making their Wedding Day very special. Thanks for the lovely cards and gifts. Thanks to Amanda for the catering and to Carol and Anne-Marie for their hard work. Love from Dave and Helen

DAVID SCOTT and family would like to thank all friends and family for their kind words, cards and flowers received following the death of Carol. It was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who attended the Funeral

LYNNE, Wife of the Late Tom Wright and his family wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and generous doantions to Cancer Grateful thanks to Penny and staff at John Meynell Funeral Directors. Also Ian Snowdon Funeral Celebrant and all Nursing Staff at the ITU, Darlington Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care Tom received.

LUCY DRY Would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and gifts received at her leaving party. I wish you all well at School and I will miss

you all very much
THANK YOU Councillor
Helen Hutchinson for the layby on Stephenson Way. From all residents concerned

# **Congratulations**

### CHRISTOPHER TODD

Happy Birthday From Paul, Bev and Matthew

**SARAH BARION** Congratulations Sarah on your 18th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Paul, Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Marnie, Uncle Chris and Jessica

BALESY Happy Matthew. Love you loads kid! Auntie Donna, Uncle Dave,

Slater and Tyzak xxx **BALESY** 16-7-09. Hip Hip Hooray Matthew is 18 today. Love you Son. Love, Mam, Lee, Hannah, Alex and Jordan

XXXX MATT MATT Happy 18th. Have a great day. Lots of love from your Godson, Connor

Ronner and Reiss ALEX CRAWLEY Happy 25th birthday. Love you always. Sam, Jayden and Tyler

PALMER Craig and Julie. Congratulations on your Wedding Day on 11th July. Hope you had a lovely day and enjoyed your disco party afterwards. Thanks also to Anthea and family for the lovely buffet and to Julie's friends who made the Big Club look superb. From Mam, Dad and all the family CONGRATULATIONS to

my Mammy and Daddy on their Engagement. Love and cuddles, Lexie xxx KIMBERLEY and Matthew,

good luck for the future and congratulations Engagement. Love, Gran and Grandad Morgan xx
CONGRATULATIONS

Mammy and Daddy on your Engagement. Love, Libby xx CONGRATULATIONS to Kimberley and Matthew on your Engagement (finally). Love always, Mam and Phil x
KIMBERLEY and Matthew
congratulations on your
Engagement. Love from

BETHANY TODD Happy
13th birthday. Hope you have a lovely day. Love, Mam xxx
BETHANY TODD Happy
13th birthday. Yoobb Happy 13th birthday Sweety. Lots of love, Grandad and Uncle Daniel xxx

**BETHANY TODD** 13 today (17-7-09). Love you lots, Aunty Lou, Peter, Jordan and

Alannah xxx **GEMMA RODGERS** Happy 21st birthday Gemma. Lots of love from Nana Laura
LAURA RODGERS Happy

20th birthday. Lots of love from Nana and Gemma LUKE TELFORD Happy 18th birthday. Lots of luck for the future. Love and best wishes always. Gran &

Grandad Claire xxx

MY MAMMY is 21 today
(12th July 2009). I love her very very much. Marnie Grace SARAH BARION (20-7-09) Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Lots of love, Auntie Kath, Uncle Mick and family

### **Births**

**BOWRON** Leanne, Simon and Milly, congratulations on the birth of your Son/Brother. Thanks for our first grogeous Nephew. All the love in the world. Louise, Ali, Rhys, Joshua and Lucy

MARK **KARIS** congratulations on the birth vour beautiful Son "Jack Anthony Jose". Love from Mam and all the family

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# **Christy Gibson**



Happy 18th Birthday 19th July

Have a wonderful 18th Birthday Sweetheart. You are our pride and joy. All our love, Mam and Dad

Happy 18th Birthday Christy. Good luck for your future. We are so proud of you. Love, Nana and

Grandad xx

Happy 18th Birthday

Christy. Wish we could be there with you. Love you loads, Auntie Noreen and

Uncle Jay xx

Have a great 18th Birthday
Christy. Miss and love you lots and lots. From Keaton

Happy 18th Birthday Christy. Love, Paul, Luke and Christian xxx

Have a lovely 18th Birthday Christy. Lots of love, Auntie Norma xxx

### Birthday Remembránce

### **SYLVIA BLOWES**

**Birthday Memoriam** 

23rd July 2009 once had someone special, that money couldn't buy. We think about you every day and talk about you too. We can't get used to losing you, we wouldn't even try. You will live in our hearts forever, until the day we die.

Happy bithday! From all your loving family

Happy birthday Silvarina from your G Grandchildren xxxxxx

## **Obituary**

### Peter Simpson

(formerly of Newton Aycliffe). Aged 43 years, Newton died suddenly at home in Hartlepool. Much loved son of Margaret and Keith; loving Brother to Helen and Steven; adored Uncle of Lauren, Jennifer, Conor and Peter. Funeral at St Lukes' Hartlepool on Wednesday 22nd July, 10.45am. Al welcome. God bless

CLARK Newton Aycliffe. 8th July (tragically) of Alverton Drive. Paul aged 52 years. Treasured husband and best friend to Carole, devoted Dad to Adam and Matthew. Much loved Son of the late Matty and Bessie (Aycliffe Village). Loving Brother of Laurie (Canada), Liz, Michael, Tula and the late Jeff. Beloved Sonin-Law to Stan and the late Olive Payne. Dear Brotherin-Law and Uncle and special friend to Joy and George. Sadly missed. Funeral Monday 20th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe, 1.00pm followed by Interment. No flowers by request. Doantions in aid of the upkeep of St Andrew's Church (The Clark Family Church) may be given following the Service or will be accepted by Bryan A Shepherd at Whitehouse Funeral Service. Cockerton House, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington DL3 9EJ. Tel 01325 482999

### **CHRISTOPHER TODD**

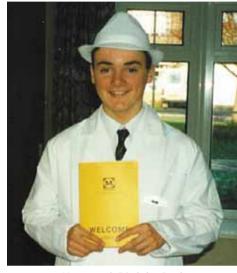


Happy Birthday Kiki Love always and forever

from Your Princess



### PAUL SIMPSON (Spud) HA, GOTCHA!



Happy 30th Birthday Paul Hope you enjoy York.
All our love, Nichola, Liam and Morgan xxxx
Best wishes for your 30th
Love, Margaret, Steve, Kelly and family Wishing you a Happy 30th Birthday Love, Mam, Dad, Hayley and John xxx

### **NEIL RYANS**

Congratulations on obtaining your BA 1st Class Honours Degree in Fine Art from Sunderland University. We are all very proud of you. Love from Mam, Michael, Peter,

Kevin and all the family



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### Reece and Summer



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Down Under. Miss you both. birthday, have a great day SARA DAVIES Happy

### Tom Heilbron



Happy 18th Birthday veren't you cute!? 29th July 2009 Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Paul and Dash. PS: Enjoy your first legal drink and the bouncy castlel

### Leyanne Pennington



Congratulations

**We are so** proud that you have achieved a BA Honours Degree at Sunderland University, All our love Princess, Mam and Dad xxxx

Congratulations to our wonderful Granddaughter on achieving her BA Honours Degree. Love from Grom and Grandad Congratulations to my Big Sister Leyanne. All my

Congratulations Leyanne on your BA Honours Degree at Sunderland University, love from Anthony xxx

love, Joseph xxx

Love, Mam, Dad and family



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Stardance - All passed: Emily Kavanagh, Daniela Winwood, Gerogia Heads, Libbie Anderson, Cinnamon.

**Bronze:** Jordyn Routledge – Commended, Charlie Haigh

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Honours, Megan Cross
 Honours, Rebecca Lowers
 Highly Commended, Emily
 Rollo – Highly Commended
 Silver: Chloe Farley

Highly Commended,
Natalie Bradshaw – Highly
Commended, Stephanie
Wilson – Highly Commended,
Jessica Thompson – Highly
Commended, Karis Morton –
Commended, Jade Wakefield –
Highly Commended, Jennifer
Wells – Commended, Georgia
Wakefield – Honours, Rebecca
Ellis – Highly Commended.

1st Gold Bar: Lauren Archer – Honours

**4th Star**: Annis Race Honours

**4th Supreme**: Rebecca Barber - Honours

Rock and Roll (All received Honours): Abbie Kennedy, Libbie Anderson, Hayley Archer, Megan Cross, Georgia Heads, Emily Kavanagh, Lauren Archer, Daniela Winwood, Kalya Shaw.

5th Star: Annis Race
Well done! Great results –
keep up the good work!
Caroline Race, Dance Teacher
and Choreographer
Bryan and Brenda Thomson of

Lee Green Dance Centre

Turn Down Loudspeaker

Dear Sir

Can anyone shed light on who is responsible for the very loud and annoying tannoy announcements that are played throughout the night (and day) from the industrial estate? It's been going on for weeks now and sounds like it is asking people to answer the phone or to come to the phone.

I live in Simpasture area, and at times (throughout the night especially) the sound is horrendous.

Whoever it is, can they please either turn the volume down, or better still STOP annoying local residents.

Brian Sowerby Moule Close

# ARMED FORCES EQUIPPED FOR WAR?

The Editor

The increase in casualities has focussed attention on the equipment, or more to the point, lack of necessary equipment, resulting in the deaths of 10 members of our Armed Forces.

We are sending our Forces to fight half way around the world and our not so 'honourable' Members of Parliament keep telling us that it is all in the name of national security. They say our forces have the best of equipment to do the job required of them.

Members of Parliament are so far unwilling to tell the government that enough is enough and the budget should be increased. I think it is now up to the people to tell their MP that they want to hear him/her state publicly that they want the Armed Forces budget increased immediately. The public should also inform their Member of Parliament that if there is no public commitment to our Armed Forces it will result in votes at the next general election being cast against them. Armed Forces deserve our support more than our Members of Parliament.

Peter Dolan



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