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County Council Announce £162m Investment Next Year

Councillors have pledged to invest more than £162 million in public services across County Durham over the next financial year.

The money will be used to improve schools, roads and street lighting, regenerate town centres, bring council-managed homes up to decent standards, boost economic development and fund public arts projects.

Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet approved capital spending for 2009/10 of more than £162 million when they met on Friday (July 31).

Coun Alan Napier, Cabinet Member for Resources at Durham County Council, said: "This is a significant investment which demonstrates our commitment to providing public services to meet the needs of local people and to improving our communities through regeneration and environmental schemes.

"The projects we will be investing in over the next financial year will bring benefits for every part of our local communities – from children and young people

to elderly and vulnerable adults and from drivers and other road users to local businesses and shoppers.

"I am particularly pleased that we have also agreed to ring-fence £14 million, which is separate to the overall investment of over £162 million, to provide new leisure facilities in Consett."

Some of the schemes earmarked for investment – including Aycliffe Secure Services, street lighting and NETPark – are self-financing in that they will generate additional income or will reduce further expenditure.

Other schemes will see major improvements in educational provision – with almost £15 million being spent through the Building Schools for the Future scheme next year alone.

Sure Start Children's Centres, which provide services for families with children under five, youth activities and children's homes will also benefit from part of the £68 million that will be spent on services for

children and young people. Services for adults, including support for people with mental health problems and residential homes, along with cultural services, including Killhope Museum, public arts projects and Newton Aycliffe Library, will be among those to benefit from investment of just under £3.5 million.

Just under £28 million has been earmarked for projects including street lighting, road improvement schemes, road safety measures and work to minimise waste.

Investment of just over £5.5 million will be made in areas such as providing an improved revenues and benefits system and repairs for community and other public buildings.

And more than £57 million will be spent on regeneration and economic development schemes. These will include projects such as Barnard Castle Vision and Durham City Vision, regeneration schemes in Seaham and work to support improvement schemes for council-managed homes.

HIGH COST OF BUSINESS PARK ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



It is pointed out in this week's issue that the signs at the entrance to the Business Park have been

vandalised ever since they were installed and it must be a very costly repair job replacing the stolen letters.

In addition the lights in the paving installed to illuminate the signs at night are permanently switched on.

It does not appear very "green" to have lights on in daylight and it is adding to the cost of the maintenance of the signage.

In view of the vandalism it would seem prudent to paint the name on the walls rather than have letters which are easily removed.

Quite close to the new signs is an old one which should have been removed by now.

It seems logical when new signs are erected to remove the old ones - has this ugly looking sign board been forgotten?

Sports Club Jazz Night

Live jazz returns to the town on Tuesday 18th August at the Navy Club, Bluebell Way.

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TOWN KARATE KIDS ON TOP AGAIN



Back in November we where able to report on the success of Newton Aycliffe's GKR Karate at the GKR National Karate Tournament. We are pleased to report that they haven't rested on this success and have now seen further wins at the recent Northern Zone Championships. Pictured are Jim Blades Silver for both Kumite and Kata, Annalise Tinkler, Silver for Kumite and Daniel Askew Silver for both Kata and Kumite. Not pictured Gabriel Blades Gold Kata. The amazing thing is Gabriel was moved up a division and was competing against girls 3 and 4 years older then her. Also pictured Sensei Gav Bake and Dez Tinkler who said, "Once again the hard work our students put into their Karate has paid off, pitting their skills against the best GKR has to offer demonstrates the dedication they have". "The amazing thing is that we only had 4 students entering this time and all 4 came away with medals". "We have the national qualifiers in September and we hope to have more students attending, and we hope to report more success then".

3M Cyclists Pile on the £££'s

Employees at 3M Aycliffe have been pushing the pedals to raise thousands of pounds for St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington. Eleven cyclists from the diversified technology company's Heighington Lane site took to the road to complete a 130-mile sponsored ride from Bamburgh Castle on the Northumbrian coastline back to Aycliffe. The two-day challenge was held in memory of a colleague who died last year and in appreciation of the care and support that the hospice provided for her and her family. "St Teresa's Hospice does wonderful work and is a cause close to the hearts of all of us at the site," said Paul Richardson, who helped organise the ride. "We're hoping to raise more than £3,000 towards its funds." Cycle rides have been held every year since 1995 by employees at the site - which makes personal respirators for industrial and healthcare use - with local charities benefiting each time.

OLD CATS PALS HEAD TO HEAD

NEWTON AYCLIFFE are gearing up for their historic opening Northern League fixture this weekend. And there's some added spice involved in Saturday's season curtain-raiser, as two former Sunderland team-mates go head-to-head at Moore Lane Park. Aycliffe coach Brian Atkinson played alongside David Rush, manager of Aycliffe's opponents on Saturday, Hebburn Town, for the Wearsiders in the 1980s and 90s at Roker Park. But the pair, who both played in Sunderland's FA Cup Final defeat against Liverpool at Wembley in 1992, will be aiming to out-do each other on Saturday! "We're all geared up for the start of the new season and everyone is looking forward to it," said Atkinson, who made a total of 169 league and cup appearances for Sunderland between 1989 and '96. "It's ironic that I should face Rushy's Hebburn side first up, and as much as I'd like to see him do a good job in his first managerial role, we're hoping he doesn't get off to the best of starts!" Striker Rush, who played 73 games for Sunderland between



'89 and '94, scoring 13 goals, added: "We're looking to get off to a strong start this season, after finishing tenth in the second division last season, but we know Brian and the staff at Aycliffe will have their players well motivated for what is a big occasion for them, so it promises to be a hard game." "We've never had Northern League football in Aycliffe and as a big footballing town it's long overdue, so we'll certainly enjoy the occasion." "But on the pitch we face a hard job in making the step up and it'll be interesting to see how we'll do. We've signed a handful of new players but we know the second division is very tough so I'm sure it will be a very difficult but enjoyable season for us." Aycliffe are producing a full-colour, 32-page programme for their inaugural season in the Northern League, and are publishing what is believed to be the first-ever regular full-colour matchday programme to be produced in the league. A special "collectors' edition" issue will be available for Saturday's game against Hebburn, which kicks off at 3pm, and will be available in the Sports Club before kick-off and on entry to the ground, as well as in the club after games, subject to availability.

FIXTURES

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Sat Aug 15: North Shields (A), 3pm
Wed Aug 19: Gillford Park (A), 7.30pm
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Matchday admission prices at Aycliffe this season are £3 adults, £2 over-65s and £1 under-16s.

First County Title for Woodham Golf Club



Golfer Lee McCavanagh has won the Durham County Matchplay Championship the first Woodham member to win a County title, beating Graeme Marchbank on Friday July 31st. at Brancepeth Castle Golf Course. It was a hard fought contest throughout until Lee's final putt on the 18th hole. Lee prepared well for the match, dashing to the course after a day's work to practice. It paid off and he was thrilled to win the title. Both players will be battling it out again at Sleafy Hall on September 6th for the Journal "Champion of Champions" event which is free to spectators.

£1300 FOR AFRICA



Dave Scott last year's President of the Rotary Club undertook a 100 mile sponsored walk around Great Aycliffe Way and raised £1300. He thanks all Newtonians and Rotarians who joined him on the walks and all who gave so generously. The money goes to 'Schools 4 All in Africa' which makes it possible for handicapped children to attend school, providing physical needs - wheelchairs, prosthetics limbs, stationery supplies, making schools and classrooms accessible to wheelchairs, adapting desks, toilets and other facilities as necessary. The charity also tackles stigma relating to handicapped children and provides training for teachers to deal with misconceptions about various handicaps. It is a partnership with Rotary and Leonard Cheshire Disability in Uganda

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Flanked by the two Burdon brothers, hair thrashing about and supported by thumper Rocky at the back, the band won many more admirers as they climbed the next rung on the ladder! Awesome!"
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Saturday 15th August - "ALCATRAZ"

"It is very hard not to be blown over by the sheer enthusiasm of the band. To end the second set barring encores, came 'whole lotta love', again a Zep song. This was something else, this was their barker!! This was their great finish! This was just so good! The vocals and the entire backing was bang on the money. A female Robert Plant . . . I think so. Let me make no bones about, these guys are good! They will be back later in the year and with more advanced notice, I would hope that the audience would double in size . . . you don't know what you are missing" Riffs review.
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NEW WILKINSON STORE PULLS IN THE CROWD



Newtonians were up bright and early on Wednesday 29th July to be among the first people in the town to get a glimpse of the brand new Wilkinson store.

To celebrate the event, the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton and Phil Wilson MP, officially declared the store open with a ribbon cutting ceremony, following speeches from Wilkinson family director, Karin Swann, head of buying, Peter Pritchard and store manager, Kay Armstrong.

As giant dragonfly stilt walkers entertained the locals and created a buzz outside the eagerly awaited new addition to the town centre, excited customers packed out the store on Beveridge Way.

Volunteers from Butterwick Children's Hospice were rushed off their feet on the cake sale stand, selling out within the first hour of trading. The cakes and snacks were baked by Peter's Cathedral Bakers and raised over £100 for the Hospice.

Store manager, Kay Armstrong commented: "The launch event has really

helped cement our arrival to the town of Newton Aycliffe. The support from local shoppers has been fantastic and exceeded all our expectations. Wilkinson is passionate about the local communities around all of our retail stores, which is why donations will be made to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre football team and the Butterwick Children's Hospice.

"I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who was involved in the opening day celebrations, including the staff for getting the store ready on time and the people of Newton Aycliffe for making today a fantastic event."

Phil Wilson MP, who officially opened the store, commented: "I have been a great supporter of regeneration in Newton Aycliffe town centre since I was elected. It is wonderful to see such a vibrant and exciting retailer come to the town and create such a fantastic event which brought the community together. It's good to see Wilkinson's have faith in the town's future."

Wilkinson continued the celebrations with a family fun day on Saturday 1st August, where a face painter created fantastic designs for the children.

Still a family owned firm after 75 years of trading, Wilkinson is committed to Britain's high streets and is an active supporter of local charities, community groups and care organisations.

POPULAR NEW SERVICE

Dear Sir,
May I thank Hazlebank Off Licence of Neville Parade for introducing a delivery service. I have recently moved to Aycliffe Village where there are no shops and not having a car this service is very welcome.

It saves me a bus trip into town and I hope others will support this initiative which is a boon to elderly and disabled people.

I wish Hazlebank well for the future of this excellent service
A. Smith

REMEMBERING ANGELA FLEMING



I was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Angela Fleming. Angela was a lady. She was also a very close friend of mine and I miss her terribly. We met through working for the NHS and when she retired we continued to meet on a regular basis.

We would talk on the phone for hours, sometimes up to two hours at a time, three or four times a week and would meet up once a month to have lunch or a day out together. The week she died we were arranging to go to Whitby for the day. We'd spend hours chatting at Valentino's Restaurant in Lanchester, sometimes well after closing time Angela and I would be the only two people left there, but the staff never minded. We would always start by exchanging little gifts before putting the world to rights and talking about our families.

We had lots in common, making our own greeting cards, husbands who were mad on sport, family history. I will be forever grateful to Angela for helping me find a brother I'd never met for nearly 60 years, but then that's another story. When I attended her funeral, the Vicar spoke of the love which surrounded Angela's life and the love she gave. It's easy to look around and see the appearance of chaos, difficulty, fear, doubt and hate.

Angela never saw any of that. She would always see the good in people. All she ever saw was joy, harmony, peace and love, especially unconditional love. Her heart was always open, which is a very rare quality today and I think once you have that, you find the true path of life.

Everyone should have an Angela in their life, a friend who is always there for you. Someone who understands your past, believes in your future and accepts the way you are today. Her love and enthusiasm and energy for life will remain an inspiration to me and I am sure to all who knew her.

Pat Lawlor
Langley Park.

WEST WARD PACT MEETING

The next meeting is to be Tuesday 11th August 2009 at 7pm at BURNHILL METHODIST CHURCH. PCSO Amy Hutchinson.
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Knit and Natter Club every Tuesday 10am - 12 noon. Just pop in and see what we get up to - you will be very welcome.

We need helpers for our Street Collection in the Town Centre on Tuesday 8th September. If you can give 2 hours please ring 313924.

The Darlington Big Band is returning on Saturday 10th October for a Concert. Put this in your diary!

NEWTONIANS DOMINATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Following the successes of Chloe Lodge & Ellie Jeffries Mayhew at their respective championships earlier in the year, Durham & District Roller Skating Club sent 4 more skaters to compete in the National Championships, held at Mote Park in Kent & Haywood Heath.

Frances Wade (above, left) & Jessica Higgins (above Centre) both pupils @ Greenfield school skated at Kent in the Cadet & Youth

age categories respectively, and although both of these girls were in their first year of competing in each of these age groups, and were competing against girls older than themselves both did the club, and our town, proud by coming away with two British titles each.

Frances Wade Won the figures title, came 3rd in the free skating event & took the overall combined title, While Jessica Higgins, who hadn't been able to skate for 5 weeks prior to the championships due to a foot injury took the Free Skating title, finished third in the figures and again, took the overall combined title as well.

These championships were followed by the Senior Championship event held at Heywood Heath. The club was represented by the 2 Free Skating reigning champions, in Katie Beth Lodge and the club had an extremely successful weekend with Both Katie & Andrew retaining their British Champions titles.

This means the club currently has five British Champions in its ranks and these five hold 8 British titles between them – how many other sporting clubs do you know with that sort of success rate?

Praise must go to Head Coach Janet Lodge, who, year after year is proving herself to be the most accomplished coach that Britain has in the Roller Skating world.

Frances, Jessica , Katie-Beth & Andrew are now preparing to compete for Great Britain in the European Championships which are being held in France and Portugal, for Katie –Beth & Andrew. After this competition Jessica & Frances will be joined by Chloe Lodge representing Great Britain in the “Cup Of Europe” competition in Portugal in October. All at the club send our best wishes to these skaters for these competitions.

As with all small sporting clubs funding is a huge problem, and the more successful the club becomes the more funding needs to be found to help these youngsters to compete at a high level. The Club sends a message of appreciation to “Honest John”, for his recent fundraising efforts on behalf of the club, where a very impressive £550 was raised.

This will help keep the club going over the coming months. If there is anyone out there, despite these difficult times, who could also help our club with any form of funding or sponsorship we would love to hear from you, and help to continue bringing sporting success for our town's youngsters. The club trains each weekend at

Sunnydale Leisure centre in Shildon where all newcomers are welcome.

A beginners class runs every Saturday morning from 9.30 – 10.30, and this is where all our current British Champions started. You will be very welcome whether the aim is to skate competitively, to keep fit, or as a social activity. We currently have children as young as 3 years old and our champions range from 12 years to their early twenties. If anyone would like any further information about the club, or feels that they may be able to help with funding or sponsorship could they contact either: Janet on 310993 or Jo-Anne on 315428.

Private Fostering Must be Notified

Dear Editor,

According to Government statistics there has been a 15% rise in the number of people in notifying their local authority if they are privately fostering a child, which is encouraging. However we estimate there are hundreds more children living in private fostering arrangements in your local area that the council knows nothing about. Some of these children may be at risk.

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Yours sincerely
David Holmes

Wilkinsons Brought Good Job Opportunities

“When Newton News announced the new Wilkinsons store was coming to Newton Aycliffe, staff at Jobcentre Plus were inundated with enquiries. A meeting took place, between Wilkinson's Management Team, and the Jobcentre's Recruitment Adviser, Wendy Spooner, to discuss the jobs on offer. Wendy advertised the vacancies on the Jobcentre Plus database, and issued hundreds of application forms.

A recruitment event was held, on a market stall in June, attracting over 900 people, giving them the opportunity to find out more about the vacancies, from Wilkinsons and Jobcentre Plus staff.

“Wilkinsons have shown a commitment to employing as many local people as possible, which has enabled lots of people to move from benefits, to a wage. Altogether, a total of 38 Jobcentre Plus customers have now started working for Wilkinsons” said Store Manager, Kay Armstrong.

“We've worked closely with Wendy, from Jobcentre Plus, over the past few months, preparing

for this new store. Myself and Richard Mclean, the Assistant Manager, have been astounded at the numbers and calibre of applicants applying for jobs”.

Shaw Trust, another Jobcentre Plus partner, ran an Employability course, for people who received Incapacity Benefit. Diane Stabler, Senior Adviser for Shaw Trust, said ‘This recruitment has been such a success. Wilkinsons staff attended some sessions, to talk to our clients, which motivated them, and gave them the confidence to apply for vacancies. I'm pleased to say that some of our customers are now working in the store’.

One of the candidates, Debra Welsh said ‘My Adviser in the Jobcentre, Judith Hamilton, gave me all the information on jobs available, and encouraged me to attend the course at Bishop College. I got a lot out of the course, including tips on filling in the application form, and interview techniques. I was over the moon when I found I'd got the job. Working here has given me the chance to prove myself”.

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COUNCILLORS 20% RISE IS EXCESSIVE

Dear Sir,

I noticed yet another interesting ‘spin’ in last weeks issue ‘Councillors Vote themselves an increased allowance’. The author relates to a proposal that suggested County Council Members be paid a basic allowance of £20,000. This was reduced to £13,300 following a recommendation by an Independent Remuneration Panel with savings over £1m.

Whilst this is commendable it conveniently hides the fact that the increase in salary from £11,079 to £13,300 is an enormous hike in a Member’s allowance, equivalent to 20% when inflation is at an all time low and employees are lucky to be given any wage increase at all and at times are even asked to take a cut in their salary.

As a Councillor, I appreciate and accept that most Councillors work hard and their responsibilities are forever increasing - but a 20% increase or £279,846 of tax payers money, granted by a Labour Council, at a time when we are in the deepest recession where many are

finding it difficult to pay their weekly bills, seems to be grossly unfair and out of touch with the real working world.

Compare this mercenary Labour salary increase with a proposal made by Becky Brunskill, Conservative Councillor for Willington: “There aren’t many organisations where employees get to vote on their own levels of pay- so why should we be any different? The Conservative group are abstaining from this motion because we feel we need to take the politics out of the whole process.

We recommend a remuneration panel with the powers to take decisions which are fair and appropriate without influence from the press, public, or politicians. I’d urge councillors to abstain from this motion and then work to lobby Government to create remuneration panels which are properly independent, effective and have the powers to decide fair allowances on our behalf”

For my own constituents to save you asking, my allowance from Darlington

Borough Council is £7,812 less stoppages etc. Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

Councillors Vote Yes for a Pay Rise

Dear Sir,

May I suggest that County Councillors be paid on merit based on what they do and say for the people they represent.

I heard that Counc. Dixon asked a newspaper reporter why Councillor’s incomes are published and his were not? It should be obvious that journalists earn their money in the private sector and are answerable to no one but themselves, On the other hand Councillors are public servants accountable to the electorate.

Councillors voted to give themselves a pay rise and the count was 69 for and 27 abstentions.

G H Smith
Ex Labour Party Member

NEW GARAGE NOW OPEN

Two former Holiways car mechanics have formed a new company, with their wives, to open a new Garage at Leaside, Aycliffe Business Park, taking over the old SAAB premises.

Steve and Jessica from Newton Aycliffe who attended Greenfield School have partnered Andy and Joanne from Eaglescliffe to open Auto Safe Auto Centre Ltd. offering a comprehensive service to motorists including servicing any make of car or van from only £59. They have a collection and delivery service and offer 24 hour recovery. They sell tyres and exahusts and offer everything from punctures to complete engine overhauls.

It is great to see young people starting their own business and in the current



economic climate shows in their abilities and the they have confidence service they provide.

TESCO CAR PARKING

Dear Sir,

During the public discussion before Tesco’s was built, the spokesperson for Tesco’s assured the Newton Aycliffe Deaf and Disabled Club that the disabled parking bays would be the closest to the entrance and that Tesco would ensure that they were only used by disabled parking badge holders.

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Chris Palmer

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Look Out for the Town Centre Chaplain



Pam (left) is seen here on one of her regular visits to M&Co.(Mackays) talking to the Manageress Vivianne

Pam Lovelass has been Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Chaplain for nearly two years. Her ministry involves wandering around the shopping area or as Pam calls it “loitering with intent”!

She has lived in the town for 46 years and her parents Tom and Molly Johnson live in Woodham. Married to Michael for 41 years they have two married daughters Helen and Susan who have produced four grandchildren.

Pam has always been a people person and has the interests of the town at heart. Through her chaplaincy work Pam reaches out to people who work and shop in the town centre.

She welcomes the arrival of Wilknisons and hopes that Newtonians will not only support them, but all the other retail units with the result that our town is revitalised to draws in visitors.

Pam trained at Tees Valley Ministry who provide Ministers for Industry, Airports, Schools, Colleges etc. She studied at Usher

B.B.Q. ON THE PARK

Aycliffe Nature Park and The RSPB Wildlife Explorers invite members of the public to a BBQ on Sunday 23rd of August 2009 on the Park from 2pm. Further details from 315182.

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Inaccurate Information

Dear Sir
Ref Vince Crosby's letter printed in the Newton News 24th July.: It is disappointing that once again, the general public are being fed inaccurate information to gain brownie points for a political party.

In his letter Mr Crosby, Trade Union Officer, Sedgefield Constituency Labour Party, stated that should the Conservative Party come to power at the next election they will repeal the minimum wage. This information which Mr Crosby is feeding into the minds of the electorate is WRONG. The Conservative Party WILL support the minimum wage. I do not have to remind anyone that all politicians including hard working local Councillors have been tarnished following the debacle of recent expenses claims and the constant 'spin' that has emanated from Westminster over the last ten years. It is essential that all Politician's and Trade Union officials must be fully responsible for their actions and the words they say. It would appear that Mr Crosby has not done his research

so his comments are pure speculation or 'spin' in an attempt to push a political message across to Newton Aycliffe residents. This is disappointing. Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

Ladies Darts Teams Wanted

Dear Syd
I am Karen, Secretary of the Darlington and District Ladies Darts league. We have vacancies for new teams to join us starting September. We would consider any team from the Aycliffe area. We do not just play darts, but also raise money for local charities and over the last twelve years have raised over £30,000. Any team wishing to know more about us please contact me as soon as possible as places are limited. thanks Karen
Contact 01325 284540 evening and weekends

Teenagers Vandalise Centre's New Path



Photo shows damage to the path to the new Agnew Community Centre which will cost £2000 to repair. Two boys and a girl were arrested and charged with vandalism. All were teenage children who live nearby. John Freeman the builder was so disappointed as the new building is due to be officially opened in a fortnight "It is a constant pain to society that children can run amok without accounting for their actions. They may receive a slap on the wrist or an ASBO which they wear like a badge of pride.

I was in a shop in Aycliffe a few weeks ago and overheard a conversation where a teenager wearing an ankle tag was bragging to his friends about evading the law! The parents of the children involved are likely to be chased by the under-writers of my insurance firm for the £2000 and any other costs incurred. We might get better parental control if more are hit in the pocket". said John

£5000 FINE FOR DUMPING GARDEN WASTE

Householders and gardeners in County Durham are today being urged by the Environment Agency and Durham County Council to be extra vigilant when disposing of their garden waste, or risk a fine of up to £5,000.

The warning comes as a number of incidents of illegally dumped 'green waste' have happened across the county, including large amounts of tree and hedge trimmings.

Jim Crammon, the Environment Agency's local enforcement officer said: "We are working closely with Durham County Council to combat fly-tipping in this area. We want to remind householders of their duty to dispose of all waste, including garden waste, responsibly and legally.

"Residents need to ensure that their waste doesn't end up being dumped alongside waterways, in lay-bys, at local beauty spots, or indeed anywhere else. Green waste that is tipped in or near a watercourse can ultimately cause a loss of oxygen in the water, leading to plants, fish and other oxygen-dependent organisms to die.

"If householders employ someone to take away any type of waste, they must make sure that the individual or company is registered to do so, and has a waste carrier's licence. Failure to carry out the necessary

checks could result in the householder receiving a fine of up to £5,000."

The Environment Agency has a strong enforcement team of ex-police and military staff working across the North East. The team often works undercover, using forensics to identify offenders. The evidence found often leads to prosecutions. Councillor Bob Young, cabinet member for environment and leisure at Durham County Council said: "We are working alongside the Environment Agency to stamp out the unnecessary fly-tipping of garden waste. The penalties for anyone caught abusing this issue are quite clear. There are no excuses for fly-tipping and

it is something at Durham County Council we do not and will not tolerate."

Fines of up to £50,000 and/or up to 12 months' imprisonment can be served to those fly-tipping. In the most serious cases in the Crown Court, convictions can lead to a prison term of up to five years, or a fine, or both.

Anybody with information about fly-tipping incidents can contact their local council or the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Information about licensed waste carriers can be found by calling the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 or at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

IN OUR IMAGE

by Charlotte Kirton, aged 10 years old
Vane Road Primary School

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Environment Committee - 7.15pm
Followed by the Recreation Committee

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

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OSTEOPATH RETURNS TO CARE CENTRE

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After graduating she worked in New Zealand, and in 1998 returned to Newton Aycliffe, where she practiced at Bewick Crescent Surgery, The Oak Leaf Sports Complex, and The Pioneering Care Centre, as well as working with Local Industry.

Osteopathy is a way of detecting and treating painful parts of the body such as muscles, joints, ligaments, and nerves. Osteopaths not only treat neck, mid and lower back pain, but also Shoulder, elbow, hand, hip, knee, and foot pain.

Melanie has a special Interest in Ergonomics, (work and life style issues); she has undertaken Post Graduate training in Ergonomics. She works regularly with one local company, and is able to help and advice any other business on Ergonomics. Melanie returned to practice after maternity leave, and welcomes old and new patients.

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 Three fingers point back to me, Faults that in my life I'd ban.

Take time to consider, The damage that we do
 When you point a finger at me, And I point one at you.

SEEKING BARBARA

Dear Syd.
 I met a marvellous girl from Newton Aycliffe in the early sixties and I would love to trace her, and knowing what happened to her would give me peace of mind. Her name is Barbara Peacock, and she had a brother Paul who worked for a garage/car dealership. My name is Ted Nieuwenhuizen and my email is thys@bellsouth.net in U.S.A. I met her through my business in the bulb tulip industry in which I still am working. Thank you for your time, and give my love to your wonderful community and may God bless all of you.
 Ted

TOWN COUNCIL BUCKS NATIONAL TRENDS

The results of the second Great Aycliffe-wide satisfaction survey for Town Council facilities and services show an improvement in nearly all areas.

Whilst nationally, overall satisfaction trends are falling with an 8% drop, from 53% to 45%, the Town Council has shown a 5% increase to 72%. In addition, nationally, only 38% of people feel they are kept informed about local services as opposed to 71% within the Great Aycliffe area. These are both great results and reflect the hard work undertaken by the Town Council.

In line with all other public bodies, value for money and efficiency are vital components of any organisation. The Town Council has made large savings over the last two years while continuing to provide a high quality service without cut backs. The overall value for money score has increased 9% to 72%. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bob Fleming states "We are delighted with the public response to the value for money question in the survey, particularly as it has

come at a time when the recession has made money tight for us all. Despite the ongoing recession, the Council's finances are still in a relatively healthy position and we are well placed to meet the challenges that the next few years will bring. The Council is committed to continuing to provide efficient and value for money services to the local community and easing the burden on local tax payers by keeping future council tax increases to a minimum" 79% of the people who answered the survey thought Great Aycliffe was a pleasant

place to live. Nearly all those who didn't agree cited the Town Centre as the reason and as this is privately owned the Town Council has very little control over this. Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the satisfaction survey. "These results are important and will help prioritise our aims and targets for next year." said Mayor Mary Dalton. If you would like to become involved in Town Council matters please contact Chrissy Walton, Corporate & Policy Officer on 300700.

A GIFT FOR TEACHER



One of the pleasant surprises at the end of term Show at most schools is a gift to teacher who works so hard with the children. Mrs Brown at Aycliffe Village is shown here receiving a bouquet on behalf of all year 6.

Stealth Council Tax

Dear Sir,
 I read in your paper recently about an elderly blind person who had to pay £35 to remove a wasps nest, when less than 6 months ago anyone who required this kind of service could have it done free, Now that we are under Sedgefield Borough Homes we pay for services that used to be free, so why are we still paying the same Council Tax? What happens if someone wants urgent service and they can't pay? Not everyone can afford to pay out £35 for emergency pest control. Last year when the Unitary Authority was formed and SBH was being established, did councillors who voted for the transfer know about these charges? If so why weren't the public informed of these extra payments? In effect it means the Council Tax has been increased. If everyone now pays for these services why didn't they get a vote on the transfer, and not just the council tenants?
 Ms. A.P. Lees

Elderly Lady Trips on Raised Paving

Yvonne McLoughlin, aged 85, was another victim to bad paving in the town centre when she fell this week. Fortunately she had some support, which broke her fall, but Yvonne still sustained heavy bruising to her knees. A resident for over 50 years, she is very angry over the demise of our town centre under private ownership. "It used to be so nice and a pleasure to shop there, but now the fabric has gone to rack and ruin. I will be taking legal action against the landlord, but despair over the lack of repair to paving" said Yvonne. She complained to Bryan Haldane, Town Centre Manager, who said the area where Yvonne fell is due to be repaved very soon.

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WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY



Dear Sir,
Back in March 2008, Arun Chandran had a letter published titled, "WHY WAS THE COST CONCEALED?" He went on to say, "Bad luck Billy if you got your

figures wrong, but thanks for flushing out the truth!" which was exactly what I have been trying to do.

I endorse a further point Arun made at the time, which was the fact that the wall signs at the entrance to the Business Park have cost 20% of the whole budget and could have been better spent!

The alleged benefits we were told would increase business. Today, I can look at the six walls as I drive past and think to myself, as lots of Newtonians do, that the £160,000 is still an utter waste of taxpayer's money.

During a recession it really annoys me that the escalating costs involved in the constant repair to these signs only serves to highlight just how taxpayer's money is wasted. Additional costs such as electric used to display the signs, added to the cost of replacing the letters, which keep going missing, only confirms what was yet more typical New Labour thinking – EMPTY HEADED!

Counc Bill Blenkinsopp
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LETTER

Who Left Their High Heeled Shoes?

Dear Syd,
Last week I was asked if flowers could be left outside of St Clare's Church by the Memorial in memory of Sir Bobby Robson - the request was made by a mother of a young and very keen football fan. My response was that flowers could be left - not on the Memorial itself, but certainly on the gardens and even underneath the flag pole. I was very moved to hear that this young person wanted to pay their respects locally to Sir Bobby who has set such an inspiring example to football the world over, and whose response to illness was to generate fundraising that has been remarkably successful, resulting in new hope for many people. If anyone else would like to lay flowers in memory of Sir Bobby, please feel free to do so.

A very smart pair of very high heeled shoes were found two weeks ago, round the side of the church leading to the Vicarage. I really do hope the owner didn't have a long walk home. Claimants can ring me at the Vicarage in the coming week (313613), following which if no one has claimed them they will be passed on to a charity shop in the town. They are far too nice to waste, and sadly, very sadly, not my size!

Please remember the Prayer Vigil on 12th August for Afghanistan - 9.00 am - 9.00 pm at St Clare's. Donations for Help for Heroes can be left in church.

Yours sincerely
Revd Linda Potter

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Final Touches to Memorial



Gateshead Sculptor and Calligraphist, Peter Furlonger, finishing off the artwork to the town's new War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church. The memorial won a commendation in the Durham Environmental Awards last month and the Judges commented on the design and skill of the artist. The memorial initiated by the Town's Rotary Club and supported by public subscription and grants from three local Authorities attracts visitors regularly and stands as a symbol of sacrifice and peace. The Rotary Club wishes to thank Chicken Scaffolding for providing the work area free of charge.



TWO SIDES TO THE ARGUMENT

Dear Editor
In reply to letter "abusive lady driver". I was the passenger that this so called gentleman said was verbally abusing him. I would like to mention that I am disgusted to read this as my Mam was verbally abused by him in the first instance. We pulled into the first available space in Tesco's, which everyone knows can be a nightmare getting parked at times, only to get out of the

car to see a car driven up to the boot of my Mam's car with the driver hurling abuse at her telling her to move her car. If this man has driven for 37 years surely he will be aware of the Highway Code guidance "Do not presume a driver will move in any direction whether they are indicating or not." As he did not take notice of what my Mam was doing he nearly drove into the back of her car. He then kept the traffic held up just to carry on shouting at my Mam who I could see was getting very distressed, and the drivers who were waiting to leave were telling him to move and to stop having a go. I would also add that there were spaces to the side of my

Mam's car and he could have parked there. I am 26 and I have never been verbally abused before. I have never heard anyone speak to anyone like that in public in all my life. His daughter must have felt uncomfortable with her father's behaviour. I would like to have my details kept private even though my Mam's car details has been identified. I would just like to warn female drivers because he seems to like bullying women drivers. I bet he wouldn't have acted this way if it was a 6 ft man. I am a very upset and annoyed Newtonian who hopes this gentleman doesn't come from our Town as I thought most of us here were decent people. Name & address supplied

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TORIES WILL KEEP MINIMUM WAGE

Dear Sir
I wish to correct the party political article by Mr. Vince Crosby regarding the minimum wage, in last weeks Newton News.

Now let me first state that I don't for one minute say that when Mr Vince Crosby made the statement in his article that "Tories will have it repealed if they come to power" that he knew it to be incorrect and just wanted to frighten local voters.

I assume he was just too busy with the Labour Party problems to check his facts regarding the Conservative Party policy on the minimum wage. So allow me to do it for him; after checking with David Cameron's Office at the House of Commons, they gave me this assurance in writing, and I quote:

"We have been absolutely clear that the next Conservative Government will keep the minimum wage and, when we can, we'll increase it".

We thank Mr Crosby for his long and informative article on the changes to the minimum wage, and hope that in his next submission he takes time to check all facts.

Barry Cox

Model Mania Returns to Loco

Model Mania will be bigger and better than ever when it returns to Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon on Saturday 8 August and Sunday 9 August. Now in its fifth year, this free event is a big draw for families and model making enthusiasts alike. There will be an impressive array of models including Meccano, Airfix, Corgi and

Dinky vehicles, warships and card models. There'll be a range of model railway layouts in various gauges – including the popular Gauge I and O Gauge live steam display from the Southdown Railway. The RC Road Vehicles Club will also be in attendance - with a range of remote controlled vehicles giving indoor and outdoor

displays. Visitors will have the opportunity to ride on a miniature railway (for a small charge) – provided by South Durham Model Engineers. In addition, Furness No. 20 – the oldest working standard gauge steam locomotive in the UK – will operate over the weekend, and steam train rides will be available, again at a small charge. There will also be a range of traders offering visitors everything they need to enjoy their modelling hobbies at home. For more information, contact Locomotion on 01388 777999 or email info@locomotion.uk.com Locomotion is open 10.00am to 5.00pm and both admission and parking are free

Thank You

GRAY George and Maud would like to thank family and friends for cards, flowers and kind words they received on the recent death of George's Mother. Thanks to Rev. Linda Potter for her most comforting Service and staff at John Meynell Funeral Service for their professionalism and the care staff at Aycliffe Care Home who took care of Mam the 3 years she was with them. God bless and thank you all. George Gray

EALES Inga, Sharon and Paul would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers and condolences upon the death of Stephen. Our grateful thanks go to Father Campion for a beautiful Requiem Mass. We would also like to thank Dr Ojechi from Pease Way Medical Centre. Also Joyce and Sarah from Unique Home Care and the District Nurses. The care and dedication of these people made it possible for us to bring Stephen home for his final days. You have our eternal thanks. "God Bless You".

CLARK, Newton Aycliffe. Carole, Adam amd Matthew wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the wonderful support and kindness also for the overwhelming amount of letters, cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes received following the tragic loss of Paul. Special thanks to Reverend Linda Potter for the comforting and personal Service; to Funeral Director and friend Bryan A Shpeherd at Whitehouse Funeral Service for his sensitive caring, comfort, support and professionalism. Deeply grateful thanks for the generous donations received for the upkeep of St Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village, so far totalling £580.00.

I WOULD LIKE to thank Jack of Jack's Driving School for teaching me to drive. I passed my test first time, last week. He is a very friendly down to earth guy who I would recommend to anyone as my husband also passed first time with Jack. Thanks again Jack, I had a great laugh learning to drive and you were so patient. Leanne Sangster xxx

LOU (Sweet Cheeks). Thank you so much for agreeing to be my wife. I have finally found the woman of my dreams

In Memoriam

FORGHAM BENNETT Remembering you always today, tomorrow and forever. Love, Sheila, Sean, Dean, Rebecca and your two new Great Nephews Cory and Brooklyn

FORGHAM BENNETT 7-8-96. Our love for you will always keep. It cannot fade it lies too deep. Wherever we go whatever we do in our hearts we think of you. Love from Mam and Dad

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. 7 years Son and the tears still fall, we look at our favourite photo, the one with the ball. We think about you and your beautiful smile every day and pray that we will see you again some day. Love and miss you so much, Mammy and Daddy xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. We search the sky for you each night and spot you shining down ever so bright. Our special Brother in the sky. Lots of love, Jordan, Tia and Ethan xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. A special Grandson, too precious to forget, you are forever in our hearts. Our own little angel in the sky. We miss you more every day. Lots of love always, Nan and Grandad xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, someone too special, never to forget. Miss you angel. All our love, Uncle Mark, Auntie Rach and Evie xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. Memories of loving you are ours to treasure, the sadness of losing you and a heartache forever. Love, Uncle Mally, Auntie Tracey, Ashley and Ellie xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. Our precious Godson, love you. Miss you more each day. Love, Auntie Pauline, Uncle Paul, Andy and James xx

BRYCE PETER FOSTER FARRELL 4th August 2002. To my Great Grandson, Thinking of you always. All my love, Great Gran xx

DOROTHY POSKETT Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a special Mam and Grandma. Always remembered with love. Sandra, Michael and Gemma

DOROTHY POSKETT Died 6th August 2005. For those of you who have a Mam, love her while you may, for you'll never know the heartache, when she has gone away. Love from Susan xxx

DOROTHY POSKETT Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a special Grandma and Great Grandma. Love from Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. Silent thoughts of times together, hold memories that will last forever. Clare and Finlay

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. Quietly thought of every day, missed more than words can say. Pauline

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. Never more than a thought away. Dearly loved and remembered every day. Love Wife, Bett

RONALD CARR Love and miss you every day. Love, Chris, Don and Steph

LESLIE GORDON RAW 13 years have passed, but still sadly missed. His Wife, Peter, Paula, Tyler and all his family

BRENDA CULLING Treasured memories of a dear friend. Always remembered. Olive, John and family

AMY DOBSON 9-8-07. A loving Mam and Nana. God looked around his garden and found an empty space. Then he looked down and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he only takes the best. Very much loved and missed. Susan, Godfrey, Richard and Leanne xxxxx

Births

GARY and KELLYANN Congratulations on the birth of baby "Connie". Love, Mam, Dad and Leanne xx

PALLISTER John and Melanie are proud to announce the birth of their son "Saxon Valentine Palliser" on 26th July 2009

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Congratulations

Holly Swainston



Congratulations on achieving your B.A. Honours Degree at Leeds Met University. Well done you!! Love, Mam, Dad, Abby, Gran, Uncle Bob and Auntie Annie xxx

Blake Anderson



Congratulations on your 18th Birthday and becoming a Sergeant in the Army. Best Son in the world. Love you loads, Mam and Ebony

Blake Anderson



Happy 18th Birthday from all your mates

Aimee Reed



Happy 13th Birthday To the best Daughter in the world. Lots of love from Dad xxxxxx

Millie Rose Caygill



Happy 1st Birthday To our beautiful baby girl. Love, Mammy, Daddy and Sidders xxxxx

Amii Hutchinson



Congratulations on achieving your BSc (Hons) Degree at Leeds Met University. Good luck in your new job. All our love, Dad and Mum

Romie Cowens



Happy 5th Birthday Princess We are so proud of you in everything you do. Hope you have a great day on Saturday. We love you so much. All our love, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Romie Cowens



Happy 5th Birthday To our special little girl, you are growing up into a lovely girl. We are very proud of you. Love, Nana, Vera and Grandad Trev

ROMIE BEANNA COWENS Happy 5th birthday gorgeous girl. Hope you have a lovely day. Love, Auntie Chez xx

ROMIE BEANNA COWENS Happy 5th birthday Cuz. Hope you enjoy your party. Love, Dolci xx

ROMIE COWENS Happy birthday, have a lovely party. From all your Aunties and Uncles

ROMIE COWENS Happy 5th birthday darling. Love you lots, Nana Edith and Uncle Stozz

ROMIE BEANNA COWENS Happy 5th birthday you little stunner. Love, Rachel, Sam and Jake xx

RACHEL BARION 8-8-88. Happy 21st birthday Rachel. Have a good night. Love from Mam and Dad

DAVIES Happy birthday Jack. Teenager at last! Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx

DAVIES Happy birthday Bro. Love, Thomas

BLAKE ANDERSON Happy 18th birthday. Have a good holiday. Love, Carol, Chris and Abbey

JOANNE HUDSON Happy 30th birthday Mam. Love from Zoe and Alfie xx

JOANNE HUDSON Happy 30th birthday Joanne. Love, Liam x

JOANNE HUDSON Happy 30th birthday Joanne. Love, Sharon and Dave xx

JOANNE HUDSON Happy 30th birthday Joanne. Love, David and Nicola xx

JOANNE HUDSON 11th August. Happy 30th birthday. Enjoy your birthday weekend. Love, Mam xxx

JOANNE HUDSON Happy 30th birthday. Love, Stephen, Kelly, Owen and Brandon xxx

CLARE STUBBS congratulations on gaining your BSc Honours Degree in Sport & Exercise Development from the University of Sunderland. We are all very proud of you. All our love, Mam, Dad, Berni, Gerard, Kurt, Brogan, Nana and Jason xxxxx

George and Gillian Cooper



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad
8th August 2009
Lots of love from Clive and Grace xxxxx

BILL SHORT 80 years old on Tuesday 11th August. Love and best wishes from loving Wife Joyce. Family, Christine, Trevor, Gillian, Chris, Mark. Grandchildren James, Michael, Catherine, Matthew and Megan xxxxxxxx

RACHEL BARION Happy 21st Rachel. Have a good night. Lots of love, Nana Shiela

PORRITT Congratulations Dennis and Mandy on your Silver Wedding Anniversary, 11-08-09. Love and best wishes always. Mam, Dad, Gary and Kelly

PORRITT Dennis and Mandy. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary Mam and Dad. You are the best! Lots of love, Chantelle, Alex and Francesca

GARRY and MAGGIE 5-8-09. Happy 9th Wedding Anniversary Mammy and Daddy. We love you loads. Jessica and Callum xxx

GALLACHER Pat and Christine, happy 30th Wedding Anniversary. Love, David, Sonya, Ryan, Mark, Jo, Leigh and Charlie

LISA WESTON Happy Anniversary my true love and soul mate. Love always and forever. Your Darran xx

LOU Congratulations on your Engagement. We've got lots of preparation to do before December girl! So glad you are happy. If anyone deserves it, you do! love from all the girlz xx

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Dear Sir,

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They run small classes but provide an enormous wealth of knowledge, skill, motivation, fun and dedication to children of all abilities.

Gymnastics is our children's passion but having been able to watch our children grow and develop, it has become ours to by proxy. It is a skill that we feel all children should be taught as it helps them develop in so many ways.

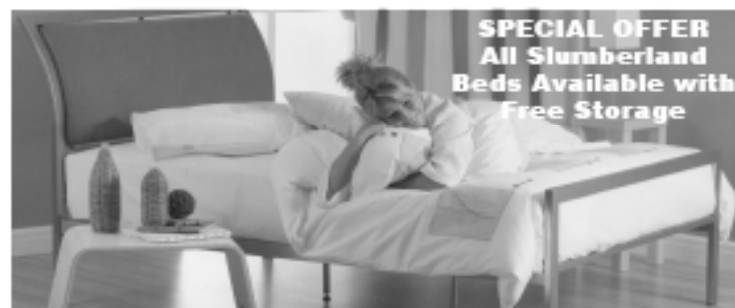
Thank you again Aileen and KellyJo, you really are superb at what you do and deserve all recognition for the work and time you put in with each and every child who attends your classes.

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