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A new Internet Area will prove popular as will the Community Room being suggested also as a temporary home for Cubby users.

The old Library closed this week and the staff will be getting everything ready for a grand re-opening of the new premises on Wednesday 26th August at 9.30 am.



Town's Lib Dem Inaugural Meeting CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION TO BE CHOSEN

Dear Sir,
The Inaugural Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe branch of the Liberal Democrat Party, will take place on Monday 14th September, in the Function Room, at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club, Moore Lane. On behalf of the Steering Committee - designated for the task of setting up the branch - may we thank all of those who have thus far expressed an interest in joining with us. Together we aim to make a real difference to the development of our town. So come on, join with us, whether or not you have ever had anything to do with local politics. Here in the Liberal Democrats you will find a REAL welcome. The Liberal Democrats

have a genuine and growing commitment to our town. Evidence for this fact, is that on this same evening, at the Cricket Club, Lib Dem members hope to be able to select a 'local' candidate, to represent us and YOU, as the Liberal Democrat candidate, for the Sedgefield Constituency, in the forthcoming General Election. Eventually, even this government will not be able to run away from the electorate any longer! A further announcement, re time and so on, will be made later. If you require further information please contact either, Anne-Marie Curry Tel:

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A Petition to provide public toilets in the town centre is available to be signed in town centre shops and on the market stalls.

Most other towns have toilets in convenient places in the shopping centre. All we have is a long walk to Tescos or the Park so come on residents of Newton Aycliffe make a protest and sign the petition.

I would contradict Counc Blenkinsopp in his letter re senior citizens on the town. We, The Friends of Senior Citizens is an organisation which prides itself in looking after the elderly in this area. We offer activities in this Centre, help with form filling, finding tradesmen at reduced prices and are always available for advice.

We need volunteers to demonstrate our new Nintendo Wii Machine. Can you help on Monday 31st August 1-3pm., Friday 4th September 1-3pm. If you are over 16 and can assist please ring :- 01325 313924.

Hardwick Hall Outing



On Monday 17th August, Woodham Burn out of school club took a group of children to Hardwick Hall Country Park.

Katie said “I really enjoyed it because we played tig in the forest”. The weather was hot and breezy, just right for our picnic, feeding the ducks, climbing trees, exploring the walks and playing in the woods. The best part was when we

made a den out of wood and logs that we found in the woods.

Edward said “I liked finding the massive logs and carrying them to the den to make the den bigger.”

All of the children had a good time and enjoyed the outing, Paul said “It was fun, fun, fun and really enjoyable, we had a great time with our friends.”

By Sam, age 11 and Katie, age 7.

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Dragon at Greenfield



This week my son Joe had a brilliant time helping to make a huge dragon with local artist Paul Belcher at Greenfield Arts Centre. The free classes were over 3 days and on the final day even I was allowed to “help” and finally the dragon came alive! It was hard work and everyone got covered in paint and glue but it was great fun.

Paul will be doing more workshops on den-building and messy art next week at Spennymoor Leisure Centre - for more info you can contact the Leisure Centre or Emily Crallen, Arts officer at Spennymoor Council offices.

Greenfield Arts Centre has some carnival workshops next week too. If you dare to visit the dragon, it's in the foyer of the Arts Centre!

Anna Harris, Aycliffe Village

BETTER USE OF NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Dear Sir,

In the first 2 weeks since we opened for business in the New Centre the numbers for all of our regular users and events have increased and in some cases dramatically.

They include Tuesdays at 1 pm to 2 pm Line Dancing - Mondays & Tuesdays 7 pm to 9 pm The Spiritualist Church - Wednesdays 6-30 to 8 pm Tai Chi Class - Thursdays 7 pm to 8-30 pm The Bingo Club.

We are moving ever closer to restarting the Parent/Toddler Group so for this and any of the above please contact Secretary in the first instance on 07518035320 who will be able to give you the appropriate contact if he cannot help you directly.

Remember we want residents to let us know what you want to happen in your community centre. If feasible we will attempt to provide it.

You can start your own club if that is what you want. We hope to start Adult Learning Classes if the demand is there.

The Secretary is available for bookings from 10 am to 11 pm on the number given. Our Open Day is Saturday 26th September so look out for further information in your Community Newspaper.

Hon Secretary, Ron

LET'S HAVE SOME HONESTY ON TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Dear Syd

In May 2008 I, like many other people of Great Aycliffe, visited the “A Vision of the Future” exhibition in the Leisure Centre. This display showed how our town centre would have changes made in seven phases to restore it to, “A new friendly shopping environment with more choice”.

I, like many others I know are getting very disaffected with our MP, Phil Wilson, spouting about the town centre's regeneration being on target. Mr Wilson, you can fool some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time, please check the original plans for the seven phases. According to the information given out in May 2008 we should now be starting phases 4 and 5 as they were due to start in August 2009. During the intervening months, from May 2008, phase one was to, “Repair and reconfigure the old Sommerfield supermarket to form a new retail store for Wilkinson's”. Phil Wilson maintained that Wilkinson's would be open in Spring 2009 when did it open? the end of July 2009 at least a 3 month delay. BUT we were, “still on target” according to Our MP and this week he has stated in the Newton news, “..... I will continue to press the

owners of the town centre and those concerned with the centre's regeneration to ensure future improvements remain on target>” !!!

Phase 2 - Summer 2008 to Winter 2009 is falling far short of being on target. Yes the petrol station opposite the Police Station has gone and the temporary library installed but, the last time I looked people were still changing books in the old library building. The health centre is still to be demolished and there is NO sign of the due to be constructed retail block with car park and pedestrian link to Tesco due to be completed winter 2009.

Phases 4 and 5 were both due to start in August 2009 and take until August 2014 and September 2013 respectively. So, according to the plan Churchill House should start to be demolished this month and they should be starting to construct the new healthcare and permanent library facilities. I could go on but I think I have proved the point that the town centre refurbishment is NOT on target. It was due to be completed in 2014 but I think the people who answered a survey last year saying, “it will not be completed in my lifetime” were probably nearer the mark.

When are we going to get

some honesty from our MP and others regarding the town centre? It is NOT on target, we must be many months behind now and so far all we have is more of the same. Unlike Wilkinson's, Boyes Stores Have shown a real commitment to the town. Opening a store does not show commitment in my book it has happened so many times before. If our MP is working hard on the town centre (Newton News 7.11.08) why has he not chased up the demolition of the health centre etc. which he says he was assured by the landlords would be demolished early in 2009. Is he going to stand up in Parliament regarding Aycliffe again and say sorry it is not going to plan? More to the point is he going to be honest with the residents and say it is NOT on target with the original plans and give us an honest prediction of completion.? For heavens sake will the residents start complaining about the unacceptable delays, it seems our MP has very little clout with the town centre management. Please excuse the language but, b*llsh*t does not always baffle brains.

Am I the only person fed up with the dump that is our town centre, the lack of progress and the delays to the plans?

A. J. Bergg

MP Responds to Criticism

Transforming the town centre is my number one priority for Newton Aycliffe. Whether I'm in my office in the town centre or in Parliament, I'll spend part of each day talking to those working on moving the town centre forward. Sometimes it is like herding cats, but I strongly believe we are heading in the right direction.

I would like to thank Durham County Council, Great Aycliffe Town Council, the PCT and Freshwaterforthe progress already made. However, I know how frustrating the redevelopment can be from first hand experience, but I also know how hard it is for people to believe things are changing, especially after years of false dawns.

Unlike Mrs Bergg, I am not in the business of talking down Wilkinson's commitment to Newton Aycliffe. Their investment and the creation of 59 jobs should be welcomed by everyone. Talking down the town and the efforts of retailers such as Wilkinson's helps no one. Okay, so Wilkinson's store opened in July, not April, but it still opened. I am disappointed that Mrs Bergg, who is a committed Liberal Democrat supporter, should want to

turn the town centre into a party political football. When I was first elected, I made the decision to submit articles to Newton News which would be informative and talk up the town. It does Newton Aycliffe no good for visitors to read the negative tone of some contributions.

Mrs Bergg asserts the town centre development is not on target. I believe it is. The initial target is to knock down the former health centre, library and Dalton Way. The temporary library is in place preparing for the move. The former health centre is empty and the substance misuse service now has an excellent facility in Churchill House. A discount food store is on the cards, which will offer good competition to Tescos.

And there is one final item of news which shows progress is being made. I

have been asked to move my office in the town centre because of the works the owners want to undertake. So, Mrs Bergg, if you want proof that there is movement on the regeneration of the town centre, I believe the impending disruption my office will be going through very shortly is proof enough.

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AYCLIFFE WARM UP FOR NEW SEASON

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first quarter when the ball was spun to the blind side from a ruck. A burst from Paul Ellis led to Parsonage scoring a second under the posts from the resulting ruck; Tommy Cooper adding the conversion to make the score 12 - 0 at the half. Consett scored straight from the kick off at the start of the second half after a defensive mix up. With a number of injuries, the Aycliffe pack took on a bit of a makeshift

look, but they were still dominant in the scrums, taking a number against the head. With time running out Consett mounted a number of attacks and scored a try, the conversion giving them a narrow lead. Aycliffe did not bow their heads and with the last play of the game, a break from deep in his own half by Alan Churchman was well supported by Mark Silvester who, in turn, timed his final pass to perfection to see Andy Newman score under the posts. Cooper's kick saw Aycliffe scrape home 19 - 14. This was a good first outing for Aycliffe who will hope that they will be able to turn a stronger side out for the next match on 22nd August when Aycliffe visit Bishop Auckland for another warm-up match, kick-off 3pm. Stuart McIvor 07732 268 714.

"The Head" has Little Impact on the Skyline



A number of people have expressed disappointment on the impact the new sculpture "In our Image" has on the landscape. They also complain of poor access when trying to get close up to the work of art. The ground has been really muddy of late and as a consequence many have found the site unapproachable. Newton News have been informed the planting and landscape design is in phase two and unfortunately unable to start till September, due to ground conditions. The County Council are intending phase three to be complete by October/November and involves changing the tree line within 200 yards which will help improve the impact of the sculpture on the skyline. A number of residents have said it is in the wrong place and should be at a higher point - probably on the roof of FRD (former Fujitsu) which is visible from Scotch Corner!

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AYCLIFFE T.A. ACTIVE AT HOME & ABROAD



Recruiters from 102 Battalion REME (V) based in Newton Aycliffe have been out and about last weekend. On Saturday 15 August a team from 124 TEE Coy became one of the focal points at the Shildon Gala when high winds prevented many of the inflatable attractions from being erected.

As a result the Territorial Army Paintball Range and recruiting stand had a steady stream of visitors.

On Sunday, the same team were operating at the Ferryhill Gala, while recruiters from 186 Coy based in Walker, Newcastle helped support the Durham Constabulary BIKE WISE event held in Aykley Head. The Battalion, known as "The Northern Craftsmen" are specialists in vehicle recovery and repair of the Army's equipment at home and on operations. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Wise said,

"Regular Army recruiting has definitely benefited from the economic downturn which not surprisingly reduces the number of potential recruits to the Territorial Army. We presently have vacancies for young men and women willing to be trained as vehicle mechanics, drivers, chefs and medics."

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102 Battalion REME (V) provide individual reservists for regular units at home and abroad. In the last year, a total of twenty-one TA soldiers from the Battalion have seen service in either Cyprus, Iraq or Afghanistan.

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In October this year over 100 members of 102 Battalion REME (V) will move to Canada where their two week camp will involve maintaining the British Army vehicle fleet used to train the regular army for land warfare.

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PLEASE STOP KNOCKING OUR TOWN

Dear Sir,
I am writing in response to 'The Committee of Ridiculous Decisions' letter in last week's Newton News. I am sure I am not the only one who is sick of people putting this town down. There are a lot of people working hard to pull this town out of the doldrums it has been in and to make it a better place.

The 'dismayed' writer criticises In Our Image. This was built by a local company employing highly skilled local people and using local suppliers. It has put our town on the map and people are talking about it - which is a good thing.

The blue and yellow sign next to the Blue Bridge was donated to the town by the same company (Aycliffe Fabrications). This was

built by one of their best fabricators and if the writer was to take a closer look, they would see the workmanship involved. They would also see the brass plaque on the sign to say it was donated to Newton Aycliffe.

I agree in part with their comments on the town centre but this is changing. Rome wasn't built in a day and at least now we have some progress. There is often criticism of Tesco but again, it employs many local people and gives those people who cannot travel somewhere to get (nearly) everything under one roof.

I have lived in many places across the UK and I am pleased to be back in Newton Aycliffe - and proud to call it my home town.

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It's also 50p for admission to the over 11s party (7.00pm to 9.00pm) which will include a visit from a local artist and the opportunity to create a graffiti wall under instruction. Through the evening there will be Wii games, disco dance mats and refreshments.

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Members of Xcel Church along with friends and family from around the country will gather next Monday to celebrate the life of their much-loved founding Pastor Pansy Dickenson, who passed away peacefully, aged 87, on August 12th.

During the 40 years Pansy lived and worked in Aycliffe, she impacted many people's lives with her faith, compassion and indomitable spirit. Many lives were changed and many hearts given fresh hope and encouragement by Pansy's unfailing devotion to prayer.

Pansy married Jack Dickenson in 1941 and they were together for 51 years until Jack's death in 1992. During WWII Pansy worked in the munitions factory in Aycliffe and was one of the famous 'Aycliffe Angels'.

However, her vision and purpose did not stop when the war ended. In 1967, with Jack, she planted the seed of a church at their home in Garburn Place, which was to grow into the Full Gospel Church, meeting first in Clarence Hall and



then Greenfield Hall.

Such was the success of their mission that in 1987, a new church was completed in Woodham and Pansy and Jack handed over the leadership to their son-in-law Glyn and daughter Pamela.

As the town grew in size, so the church membership increased and far from being less involved with the vision of the church, Pansy and Jack played an invaluable pastoral role to everyone and anyone who needed encouragement, practical advice or prayer. Pansy was a true woman of God and will always be remembered by countless people as a woman of amazing grace and love and the vision that she and Jack first shared continues as the present day Xcel Church.

Pansy leaves two daughters, Pamela and Jeanette as well as four grandchildren, John, Louise, Samuel and Hannah and seven great grandchildren, Olivia, Benjamin, Max, Jack, Jonas, Zak and Jackson.

The Service of Thanksgiving for Pansy will be held at 1pm on Monday 24th August at Xcel Church in Woodham.

Police P.A.C.T. MEETING

PC Alan Thompson is holding a PACT meeting at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Monday 24th August 2009 at 6-30pm to 8-00pm. Everyone welcome to attend and bring any community related problems to be discussed.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT TREAT AT ST. CLARES

The Cinema Club at St. Clares present a Family Film Night on Saturday 5th September at 6.30pm All seats are £2 with a family ticket costing only £6. This provides a credit crunching end of holiday treat.

There will be an edible tombola, chocolate fountain treats and a

"Golden Ticket" lucky number!

To enjoy this Roald Dahl classic, billed as "Simply Gobstoppingly Good" contact Anna McCormick on 319002.

Proceeds go to the work of 'Churches Together', supporting our town's young people, so please give your support.

VANDALS RUIN £1000 FENCE AT CENTRE

Vandals have attacked Neville Parade Community Centre and ruined the new fence installed a few months ago at a cost of £1,000.

Peter Beaty expressed his sadness that anyone could do this to a Centre being used for the enjoyment of everyone. If anyone has any information identifying the culprits please ring Peter on 313924 or the Police.

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Fight to Keep the Cubby

FORMER MAYOR SPEAKS OUT

Dear Sir

As the Town Mayor who fought tooth and nail to get the Cubby rebuilt in 1991/1992 on its present site following a fire, I must express my agreement with Cllr Billy Blenkinsopp, and disgust at present Labour Councillors.

I led a delegation with Cubby members and our MP to meet the then Leader of Durham County Council Cllr. Don Robson. We said we did not want to move the Cubby to a site in Faulkner Road, but rebuild on its existing site. Don ended our meeting by saying “ if that is what the people of Newton Aycliffe want, that is what they will have.”

Three Labour County Councillors from Aycliffe, Gordon Taylor, Jack Flynn, and John Dormer, tried to get the Leader overruled as they were jealous of my campaign, and wanted the County Council to



maximise the profit from the sale of the former Avenue site.

I called in my friend, Independent Cllr Tony Moore to intervene and get involved as the fourth County Councillor representing Newton Aycliffe. We knew how much the Labour Group would loathe Independent Tony getting involved. This enabled the Leader of the County Council Don Robson to exclude all three Labour County Councillors from the issue as the only way to exclude the

Independent member. Don was then free to keep his word and the Cubby was rebuilt on its present site.

Even our MP Derek Foster at the time was warned off and was worried about bad publicity. I was not worried and led from the front from the beginning, ably supported by Cllr Bob Fleming. With the assistance of over a hundred Cubby members led by Chairman Madge Smith in the public gallery, at a Town Council meeting, we persuaded the Town Council unanimously to pay £12,950 to replace the Cubby and get reimbursed when the insurance money came through.

Local businessman John Wade facilitated moving the new cabin to the existing site free of charge. I remember one of his workers got a shock, because no one had disconnected the electricity supply. The full article is on my website greataycliffe.com on the archive page.

Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp is absolutely right and I call upon the Town Council and our MP to lead the fight again. The Town Council received a rebate of £38,000 this year from the Unitary Authority, for which it has no plans for spending. They could use this cash to do what is right for the senior citizens of our town. It is our land, our Cubby, our Town. We will only get this one chance to do what is right - once it is gone, then it is gone forever. Do not allow the land to be sold for a commercial purpose.

Town Council Leader Bob Fleming helped me when I was Mayor, to get it right then for the people of Aycliffe now it is his time to lead us as a community. We can win again if all Unitary and Town Councillors join forces with public support. It is a battle that must be won.

Arun M Chandran
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LETTER

GOOD WORK COUNCILLOR!

Dear Sir,

how refreshing it was to see and read about a councillor actually working in her ward instead of the constant back-biting which we tire of reading.

Keep up the good work Councillor Enid Paylor.

R. J. Forster

FUTURE OF THE CUBBY

Dear Sir,

I attended a meeting recently with members of the Cubby to discuss the future of the facility. As a result I have requested this matter goes on the Town Council agenda for the Policy & Resources Committee which meets on the 16th September at 7.15pm.

I am aware the Town Council have nothing to do with the land and the building belongs to the Cubby members, but I am hoping the Council will take note of the needs of the elderly in our town.

The Cubby is a place to meet and socialise and enjoy the company of others. It should not be taken away and the building should be replaced.

Counc. George Gray.

Jimmy Cricket in Town

Following the success of last years Evening with Syd Little and a recent appearance of Elvis at a Gospel Concert, Neville Parade Methodist Church is striving to bring quality, affordable entertainment to the people of Newton Aycliffe.

On Friday 11th September there will be ‘An Evening with Jimmy Cricket’ an action packed show exploding with comedy, faith and fun. The evening begins at 7.00pm and tickets are only £5 available on the door on the evening.

Aycliffe Force Draw at Shields

Newton Aycliffe had to scrape a late draw at North Shields last week after initially going ahead on the coast. Winger Paul Broom (pictured) bagged a late equaliser at Shields’s Ralph Gardner Park as Aycliffe maintained their unbeaten start to the Northern League season. Elliot Gardner had put the visitors ahead just after the hour mark with his third goal in as many games, but Shields drew level within 30 seconds before taking the lead. But substitute Broom levelled after 82 minutes to claim an important away point for the visitors.

Aycliffe had to make do without centre-back Paul Stout, who was a last-minute withdrawal with a groin injury, while Dion Raitt was absent due to the birth of his child the night previous, and striker Dan Mellanby was rested with upcoming fixtures in mind.

Allan Oliver is also reeling with a double suspension this week, as Stout and Kyle Swankie both miss this Saturday’s home game against Seaham Red Star.

Stout was banned for Wednesday’s trip to Carlisle for Aycliffe’s game against Gifford Park as part of his week-long suspension, while Swankie this week began a five-week ban.

Oliver admitted: “We’re facing some difficult tests already, but we knew what to expect with the Northern League, it can be an unforgiving league sometimes and we need our squad to get through it.

“I’m still delighted with the start we’ve had. We couldn’t have asked for much more in terms of results and getting

points on the board early doors. We could just do with getting some of our other players back to cover for the suspensions.”

Midfielder Sean Tarling is back in the Aycliffe squad after recovering from a hairline fracture in the ankle, while centre-back John Close has had the plaster cast removed from his arm and is undergoing physiotherapy to rebuild its strength, and it’s hoped he’ll be



available again within a few weeks. Defender Dave Forrest is due to undergo a hernia operation later in the month and will face another number of weeks on the sidelines.

Aycliffe are at home to Seaham Red Star, relegated from the first division last season, on Saturday (3pm kick-off) at Moore Lane Park, with admission £3 adults, £2 over-65s and £1.50 under-16s. They then face another pair of back-to-back away games, beginning with a trip to Marske United next Wednesday.

FIXTURES

Sat Aug 22: Seaham Red Star (H), 3pm
Wed Aug 26: Marske Utd (A), 7.30pm
Mon Aug 31: Crook Town (A)
Sat Sept 5: Thornaby (H), 3pm
Tues Sept 15: Whickham (A), 7.30pm
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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 9th Sept. 2009
Environment Committee - 7.15pm
Followed by the Recreation Committee

QUESTION TIME

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

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“Barmy” Attitude to Public Toilets

There has been a big response to the Petition to provide toilets in the town centre. Most shops in the town have agreed to collect signatures and we are in no doubt the outcome will be a massive demand from the townspeople. One gentleman came into Newton Press offices with 18 signatures stating it was “barmy we don’t have toilets, but can afford statues and wall signs”.

NISSAN LIFT SHARE
 I wondered if anyone would be interested in sharing lifts to work.
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AYCLIFFE’S GIRL RACER SURVIVES HORRIFIC CRASH



Newtonian girl racer Amanda Whitaker suffered a huge crash at Mallory Park last weekend in the

HSCC Formula Ford Championship. She started from 3rd position and made a good getaway at the lights to run alongside Westie Mitchell into the first corner Gerrards, but Westie missed a gear on the exit, selecting 2nd instead of 4th gear from 3rd. This locked up the rear of the car & pitched it sideways, clouting the front left corner of Amanda’s car & badly damaging the nose cone. Amanda continued at a much slower pace, letting cars past as she was concerned the damage might overheat the engine. Unbeknown to Amanda, Westie had then been hit by Diogo Ferrao with the two cars piling heavily into the barriers. As the leaders were approaching the start/finish line, the red flag was shown to stop the race due to Westie’s crash. However, due to the damaged nose & concern for her water temperatures, Amanda missed sight of one of the cars immediately slowing in front of her. She ploughed into the back of David Wild’s Lola at around 90mph, launching her into the air and into a horrific cartwheel. Her helmet hit the tarmac a few times as the car hit the ground but thankfully she managed to climb out of the wreck and suffered no concussion. She was taken to Leicester Infirmary Hospital with injuries to her legs, including lacerations. Although x-rays showed nothing broken, she was kept in overnight due to the extensive bruising & concerns for the severe swelling to her left leg. She was released on Monday at 4pm but has to walk with crutches, although she hopes to make a full recovery in time. Westie & Diogo were also admitted to the same hospital. Westie has one cracked & one compressed vertebrae in his spine as well as 2 fractures to his wrist & cuts to his chin & back of his head from flying bodywork. He was hoping to be released from hospital mid-week. Diogo was suspected to have a broken leg, but thankfully was diagnosed

with just heavy bruising & was released that evening. All 3 drivers were more concerned for their fellow competitors health than their own, but were in good spirits despite the ordeal. “I would like to thank all of the people who have offered their well wishes & offers of support. The marshals did a great job in difficult circumstances. I also wish Westie & Diogo a speedy recovery & look forward to once again battling on track with them” said Amanda. Amanda’s Elden was 90% destroyed in the accident, leaving both Amanda & her team a race against time & finances to get ready for her next race at Oulton Park in HSCC Formula Ford in 3 weeks time. She is currently lying 2nd in the points table, fighting to be the first female to win a National Formula Ford Championship. Anybody looking to help Amanda can email her at: mail@amandawhitaker.com <mailto:mail@amandawhitaker.com>

LETTER NOT ENOUGH LAYBYS

Dear Sir, Durham County Council can claim a job well done as they complete the new layby at Stephenson Way which is something I fought to get for 4 years. It is commendable that Borough Councillors used money from the Local Improvement Fund, just as I used my allocation to fund Simpasture Park Play area. I would now request our Unitary Councillors put another layby further down Stephenson Way to complete the job and help those residents. This would come from the Highways Department to put laybys where the road is too narrow for safety and where there is also evidence of wing mirrors broken off and damage to parked cars. All these incidents have been reported to the Highways Department over a number of years. Counc George Gray

FOUL MOUTHED BULLY IN COBBLERS HALL PUB

Dear Sir, In a society where we continually accuse young people of unacceptable behaviour, I would like to inform your readers of an incident involving an older person I witnessed at the Cobblers Hall pub on Saturday 15th August. My wife and I were enjoying a pleasant evening surrounded by many other people doing the same. At a table nearby were two women who, while deep in conversation, were interrupted by what could only be described as a ‘moronic’ individual, who for no apparent reason, launched a vile foul mouthed tirade in the direction of one of the women, who looked utterly bemused by this interruption. On top of the disgusting language the individual then threatened to ‘smash her face in’. At this point I think I should

inform your readers that this foul mouthed aggressive bully was, in fact, a broadly built, six foot, middle aged man who obviously believes it is appropriate to not only behave in an aggressive manner in public but also believes it is acceptable to threaten women.

LETTER

This person indeed have had an issue with this lady, that is not my place to judge, but to approach this lady in the manner he did was totally wrong. My wife and I were appalled by the behaviour of this so-called man (surely no man would threaten to smash a women’s face in) and felt extremely sorry for the lady involved. If this lady reads this article and is contemplating making

an official complaint to the police, please contact the Newton News as my wife and I would be more than willing to make statements about the incident. Society, it seems, is now filled with moronic people of all ages who feel that violence is an acceptable form of communication. Shouldn’t we all be extremely proud of ourselves for allowing this to be accepted as the norm? There may be some readers who might ask why I didn’t intervene and the truth is that I also feared the threat of violence from this man although I do feel embarrassed at not stepping in to help. Edward Bulwer-Lytton once wrote, “The pen is mightier than the sword” and so in writing this article and bringing this incident into the public eyes, maybe, just maybe that embarrassment will pass. Name & address supplied

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	Whist	12.30-3.30pm
	Kurling	1pm-3pm
	Line Dancing	6.20pm-7.20pm
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Strategic Highways Manager Dave Wilcox says the new system will make a big difference, "Instead of our frontline electricians having to call in to a depot to pick up a job sheet and then having to fill out a

report when the job's done, from now on all data will come straight from the public to the people who will carry out the repairs electronically. Managers will also be able to track street light repairs using the system. Repairs will be faster and the system is also far more environmentally friendly."

The Portfolio Holder for

Strategic Environment Cllr. Bob Young, "We are constantly looking for ways of improving our services in environmentally friendly ways and this has to be a prime example. Less paper, less journeys, less time wasted, better value for money." The system is expected to be fully implemented across the county in the near future.

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton, is to host a Charity Golf Tournament in aid of her nominated charity appeal during her year of office on FRIDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Councillor Dalton has nominated the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations as her appointed charities for the

year. The event will take place at the Oakleaf Golf Course and will be followed by a dinner and presentation evening to be held in The Function Room of the Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe. The cost for a team of four is £120 which will include the golf, dinner and the presentation evening. We are also looking for sponsorship for the event and if you would

be interested in sponsoring one of the course holes the cost would be £25.

Further information on sponsorship and application forms for the golf can be obtained from Miss Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Tel. 01325 300700 or, e-mail: Christine.Ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

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Sports Partnership before the end of the summer term. William Crossen (14yrs) took gold for the 1,600m and Henry Johnson (11 yrs) took gold for the under 11's 800m. With the knowledge that their training and natural ability was beginning to pay off, they entered the

Sherwoods Chevrolet Junior 3K on Sunday 9th August. It was a strong field of runners many of whom seemed fast approaching the upper age range. However, despite blazing temperatures, the two boys stormed around the road race. Encouraged by their coach, George Reid, and friends and family, they both gained

PB times. William came second with 10.15, only 3 secs behind the lead, and Henry came 14th with 12.22. James Askew (18 yrs) took part in the 10k road race around the town. He was pleased with his PB of 35.13 and finished 16th place. Congratulations to all the boys from all at NAAC!

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COUNTY SPORT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Time is running out to make your nominations for the County Durham Sport and Physical Activity Awards 2009. Don't miss the deadline of Friday 28 August 2009 to see the unsung heroes of sport and physical activity recognised.

This year's categories are: Sports Club and Junior Sports Club of the Year, Coach and Young Coach of the Year, Volunteer and Young Volunteer of the Year, Primary School and Secondary School Contribution to PE and School Sport, Contribution

to Sport, Sporting Achievement of the Year, Contribution to Physical Activity, Physical Activity Achievement of the Year. For more information on criteria and how to nominate, please see www.countydurhamsport.com

Winners will be announced at the 6th Awards Dinner, held at the Ramside Hall Hotel on Friday 9 October 2009. You can now book your tickets for this event. With Jeff Brown from BBC Look North returning as compere and Olympic javelin champion Steve Backley confirmed as guest speaker, the evening looks set to build on last year's success.

Tickets cost £35 per person and include a four-course meal with wine. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for this event. Confirmed sponsors are: HelmePark, D&P Trophies and PMP Consult. For ticket or sponsorship information, please contact Jeanette Turner on 0191 301 8826 or email jeanette.turner@durham.gov.uk

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Births

NATASHA & HEAVEY A healthy baby boy Jayden Lee, born on 14th August at 9.51am weighing 7lbs. Our first Grandson, well done. Love Mama and Dad xx

TASHA & HEAVEY Congrats on your baby boy Jayden Lee, a baby brother for Tegan. Love Uncle James x, Auntie Cherise x and Uncle Bradley x

ETHERINGTON Congratulations Nick and Claire on the birth of baby Max, born on 12.08.09 weighing 8lbs 7oz. New brother for Leah and Macauley. Love and best wishes from Mam, Dad, Shelly, Rich and Calum, Lindsay and Craig xx

Obituary

HARDY, Marjorie of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on the 15th of August 2009. Loving Wife, Mum and Grandmother. Greatly missed. Friends please meet for Service on Tuesday 25th August at St. Mary's R. C. Church, Newton Aycliffe at 12noon.

PATRICK, nee White, on August 17th, Yvonne aged 54 years. Loving Wife of Gary, a much Loved Mam of Gary, Lee, David and Christopher, Mother-in-Law of Glynis, Helen and Leanne. Also a Dear Nana and Sister. Would friends please meet for Service on Tuesday August 25th at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2pm. Floral tributes may be sent to John Meynell Funeral Service, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe.

In Memoriam

MARY JONES, dearly loved Wife, Mam and Nanna. Died 22.08.07. We thought of you with love today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. Now all we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Some may think you are forgotten, Though on earth you are no more. But in our memory you are with us, As you always were before. A million times we've thought of you, A million times we've cried, If loving could have saved you, You never would have died. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, Part of us went with you, On the day God called you home. Always loved and remembered by Bill, Allison, Steven, Mark, Helen and families.

DON WALTON, 09.04.28 - 18.08.03. Dad and Grandad. We thought of you with love today, but that's nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and the day before that too. We often speak your name. Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping and we have you in our heart. Deeply missed and loved. Dave, Dawn, Roxanne, Yasmin, Josh, Tegan and Keera

Thank You

Benedict & Christian Whitfield

would like to say thank you to friends and family for coming to their joint Birthday Party and for all the cards and gifts.



Jayden Lee
14.08.09

Thank you Mammy and Daddy for my new baby brother. I love him.
Love Tegan x



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DICKENSON, Newton Aycliffe. August 12th, peacefully of Egerton Grove, Woodham Village, Pansy, nee Close, aged 87 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Pastor Jack Dickenson, beloved Mother of Pamela and Janette, dear Mother-in-law to Glyn and Rodney, loving Nana to John and Lisa, Louise and Andrew, Samuel and Hannah, a devoted Great-Grandma to Olivia, Benjamin, Max, Jack, Jonas, Zak and Jackson. She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Monday August 24th. Would friends kindly meet for a Service of Thanksgiving for Pansy's life at Xcel Church, Woodham at 1pm, followed by interment in Stephenson Way Cemetery. Floral tributes or donations in lieu in aid of Xcel Church may be given following the Service or will be accepted by Bryan A. Shepherd at Whitehouse Funeral Service, Cockton House, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington DL3 9EJ, Tel 01325 482999.

GREENHOW, on 14th August, Raymond aged 75 years. Loving Husband of the late Anne. Also a dear Dad and Grandad. Funeral Sservice to take place on Friday 28th August, West Cemetery, School Aycliffe at 10.30am. Enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Service 01325 301405.

HINDLE, on August 17th, of Newton Aycliffe, Doreen (Dot) aged 79 years. Beloved Wife of the late Wilf, loving Mum of Sheila, Dot and Dave. Also a much loved Nana of Karl and Shaun and Great Nana of Summer, Angel and Lucas. Would friends please meet for Service 10.30am, Wednesday August 26th at St. Clare's Church, prior to interment in Stephenson Way Cemetery. Floral tributes may be sent to John Meynell Funeral Service, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe.

SHOREY, August 13th, Michael, aged 66 years of Beechfield, Newton Aycliffe. Wonderful Husband and best friend of Sylvia, much loved and adored Dad and number one Grandad. The Funeral will be on Wednesday August 26th. Would friends please meet for 11am at St. Mary's Church, followed by interment at West Cemetery, Newton Aycliffe. All floral tributes to be sent to Seaton Leng, 59A Bondgate, Darlington.

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Congratulations

SEXY BUM, Happy 15th Anniversary on 20th August. Love you more than ever. All my love now and always, the Wife xxxx

SHANNON POOLEY Happy 12th birthday. Enjoy Majorca. Love Mam, Dad and Charlie

SHANNON POOLEY 21 August 09. Best wishes on your 12th birthday. Love always Gradma and Grandad Pooley xxxx

SHANNON POOLEY 21 August 09. Love you lots, Auntie Deb and Uncle Rob xxxx

SHANNON POOLEY 21 August 09. Love always, Nana Scorer xxxx

DAVISON, ANNE - JOHN. 25.08.79. To my lovely Daughter Anne and Son-in-Law John congratulations on your Pearl Anniversary. Lots of love, Mam xx

DAVISON, ANNE - JOHN. Happy Pearl Anniversary to my wonderful Sister Anne and my wonderful Brother-in-law John. Love brought you together on 25.08.79 as Husband and Wife and gave each of you a best friend for life. Enjoy your special day. Lots of love and happiness always, Jane

LARAIN WHEATLEY 15th August. Happy 50th Birthday Sweetheart. Have a lovely weekend away. All my love forever, Brian xxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY Happy 50th Birthday Mam. Thank you for all your love and support over the years. You are one in a million. Lots of love, Vikki and Tez xxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY To my Nanna Lal (my personal shopper!). Happy 50th Birthday to the bestest Nanna ever! Love you lots and lots from your little sausage roll, Ashton Lee xxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY Congratulations Darling on your 50th Birthday. Hope you enjoy your weekend. All my love, Mam xxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY Lal. Slow down! I'm not far behind you, haha! Have a great day darling, 50 years young. Love, Donna, Kelly, Nicky and Mary xxxxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY To my wonderful Sister, have a great birthday. All our love, Michelle, Ian, Neil and Michael xxx

LARAIN WHEATLEY Happy 50th birthday Nana Lal. Loads of love, Paige Maddison xxx

KYLE ALDERSON Happy 1st birthday to our special little boy. Lots of love from Mammy and Daddy xxxx

KYLE ALDERSON Have a great birthday. Love from Ben xxxx

Birthday Remembrance

MICHAEL DAWSON It would have been your birthday 25th August, you would have been 41 years old, but you passed away suddenly 3 years ago. Your passing left a hole in our lives no one can fill. Love you always, Mam and Dad and all the family xxxxxxx

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Paul Ferguson

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Good luck in Phase 2 at Larkhill.

Hope you and the lads have a great time in Turkey!

Love you so much, Mam, Dad, Annie, Adam & James. Nanna & Grandad xx

Grace Parnaby
23.08.09



Happy 1st Birthday to the most truly beautiful, funny and precious little girl. Lots of love, Mummy, Daddy, big brother Ryan, Big Sister Lauren, Nana and Granda Wears, Nana and Granda Mack, Auntie Kate and Uncle Tony xxx

Elkin



Congratulations Barry & Lyn on the birth of your Son **Rowan** a baby brother for Erica and Callum Love, Mam and Keith, Nanna and Grandad and all Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY Auntie Ann!! Love from Steven, Simon, Donna, Christopher, Codie, Cameron, Joshua, Denise and Gary xxx

DANIELLE KELSTRUP Sweet 16. Have a great birthday. Luv, Mam and John

DANIELLE KELSTRUP 21.08.09. Have a gud birthday Kidda. Love from Adelle

DANIELLE KELSTRUP Happy 16th birthday Danielle. Love, Nana and Auntie Andrea

HAZEL CHAPMAN BAKE Happy 16th birthday. Lots of love, Nanna, Grandad and Christopher

CLARK Happy 1st birthday Jake. Love and kisses, Gran, Granda, Auntie Lynsey, Andy, Granda Pete, Granny Annie and Gran Tommy xx

OLLEY 19.08.09. Happy 17th birthday Ryan. Lots of love Mam, Karl, sisters Lauren and Gracie xxxxx

OLLEY 19.08.09. Happy birthday Son, love Dad xxx

SHARON CROSSEN 18.08.09. Happy 40th birthday. All our love to you Corrine, Paul and Daisy xxx

GRACE PARNABY 23.08.09. Happy 1st birthday. Love, Nana and Grandad Parnaby

Hogan (nee Johnson)
23.08.09



Happy 50th Ann Loads of love from Mam, Dad and Susan, Mark, Hannah, Georgia and Sooty, love yer loads xxx

Becca Burnham



18 AT LAST! Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Have a great time in London and the Leeds Festival, you deserve it. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Andy xxx

Hazel Chapman Bake



Happy 16th Birthday Haze Lots of love, Mum, James and Dita

Maisie Elizabeth Burn
14.08.09



Happy 18th Birthday to a fantastic Daughter. Hope you have a fab weekend. Love you loads, Mam and Ian xxx

MAISIE ELIZABETH BURN 14.08.09. Happy 18th birthday to our little Sister. Lots of love from Sarah, Michael, Kal, Kate, Andrew and Lindsay xxx

AUNTIE MAISIE. Have a great birthday. Lots and lots of love and kisses from Daisy, Logan and the bump xxx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAISIE. 18 at last. All our love Grandma, Grandad, Aunties Alison and Fiona, Uncles Andrew and Kiehl, Owen, Anna, Mackenzie, Julie, Darryl and all your friends and family xxxxx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAISIE. Lots of love from Alex xxxx

MITCHIE BRADLEY

Good Luck Rebecca & Philip for your Wedding Day on the 29th of August.

We will have a good old 'knees up'. Can't wait to see you in the dress.

Love, Mam, Ernie, Jordan and Rachel and all the family xxx



Katie McLean & John Flanagan

Congratulations Katie and John on your Engagement. All our love, Mam and Colin and all your family and friends xxxx



STEPHEN LOTHIAN Happy 18th birthday Big Bro, hope you enjoy Amsterdam. Love, Shane x

STEPHEN LOTHIAN Happy 18th birthday Son. Try not to get too drunk. Love, Mam xx

LAWRENCE LAING Happy 50th birthday. Hope you enjoy the Lakes!! Lots of love Susan, Adam, Chris and Ashley: Love from all the Bennett family xx

LAWRENCE LAING A very happy 50th birthday Son. Hope you and Susan have a lovely holiday. Love, Mam xxx

LEONARD, MEL 21 on 23rd August. Happy 21st birthday Mel, enjoy your party. Love, Mam, Dad and Jed

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 18.08.09. Sue and Laurie Brown, congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. We love you both very much. Love and kisses from all your family and special x from Angel Mam xxx

MELANIE LEONARD All the best on your 21st, 23.08.09. enjoy your day, love, Nana and Mike

SARAH BEEDLE Happy birthday. Love u lots, Carrie, Emma and April

HAPPY PEARL ANNIVERSARY Auntie Jane and Unlce John. Enjoy your special day. Lots of love, Harry

SPECIALIST HELP ON "A-LEVEL" RESULTS DAY

Specialist advisers will be out in force in County Durham to help students when A-level results are announced this week. (August 20)

Connexions County Durham will have a personal adviser either in, or available to, every sixth form in the county on Thursday, August 20 to work with students when the results are released.

And because of the credit crunch, they expect competition for university places to be extra stiff.

As well as getting help in

sixth forms, young people will also be able to get specialist advice in Connexions centres in Consett, Bishop Auckland, Durham City and Peterlee.

"The credit crunch has meant a rise in applications to universities," said Connexions' Pam Brew.

"They are up by almost ten per cent* for 2009 meaning competition for places is high especially for courses in journalism, aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering, and hospitality, leisure, tourism and transport

which all show larger than average increases.

"Despite government funding for additional places on maths and science courses, there may be fewer places available through the clearing system.

"Our advisers can work with young people to give them advice, information, guidance and support to plan their future and help them identify the appropriate choices," she said. Young people can make appointments to see specialist education advisers at Bishop Auckland on 01388 603468.

TEMPTING TROUBLE

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Contractor at Agnew Community Centre and the vandalised path. I am not condoning what the children did and they will be punished in due course, but if he had put a fence around the wet cement then the temptation would have been taken away.

He should take some responsibility and half the blame for not protecting his work. I live quite close to the Centre and the mess left behind is attracting children to the site.

Name & address supplied

Golden Wedding Event Raised £700



Popular local couple Freda and Johnny Jones of J & C. Coaches, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their own Cumby Arms premises last Friday. The town Mayor and her Consort, Mary and Reg Dalton attended with over 150 guests. Their Son and Daughter in Law, Neville and Clare,

well known entertainers provided a Cabaret, including the fantastic northern Comedienne Brenda Collins. The guests enjoyed a sumptuous Buffet followed by dancing and great conviviality. John and Freda requested no presents, only a small gift to the North East Air Ambulance which raised £700.

The Really Great Aycliffe Show

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Jazz Band at Defoe Court



Defoe Court Care Centre had their Summer Fete on Saturday 15th August 2009. A great time was had by all despite the rain showers.

We would like to say a big thank you to all who supported this event, especially the local Fire Brigade and Jazz Band Goldenaires from Thorntree in Middlesbrough. We raised £505 for our residents' comforts fund and they all really enjoyed the event.



RAILART AT LOCOMOTION

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is to stage the prestigious annual exhibition - Railart 2009. Organised by The Guild of Railway Artists it opens to the public from 2.00pm on Saturday 29 August and runs until Sunday 4 October.

This is the 30th anniversary of the formation of The Guild of Railway Artists and Railart exhibitions have been held annually

throughout the country with this being its third occasion at Locomotion.

The majority of works of art on display will be offered for sale and visitors will be invited to vote for the 'Picture of the Year'.

Younger visitors will have the chance to take part in an observation competition.

For information, call 01388 777999, email: info@locomotion.uk.com or visit www.locomotion.uk.com