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## It's the Show Weekend! Saturday & Sunday, 29th & 30th August, 11.30am - 5pm

This year's Great Aycliffe Show, organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, is guaranteed to beat the recession, with a wide variety of competitions, displays and entertainment to please the whole family – and admission is free, the only charge is £1 per to park a car. A new competition will reach its climax at the Show this year, with the finals of the 'A Factor' and an audience vote to find the area's most talented young singer. The finals will be held in the Playhouse Marquee, which will also host a range of local performers including popular local dance groups, bands, singers and a steel pan group. Arena entertainment will feature the 'Bolddog Lings Freestyle Moto Cross' team, based on competitive racing and freestyle motocross in a spectacular display of mid-air jumps, tricks and wheelies. Teesdale Flyball Club will thrill the audience with its fast and furious relay race with dogs, Ridgeside Falconry returns to the show with its ever-popular Birds of Prey and there are some surprises in store from Rudi Wallenda's restored 1926 Bullnose Morris.

Visitors to the Show will have an opportunity to participate in the arena entertainment this year by entering their pet pooches in the Fun Dog Show, with prizes awarded in various classes and proceeds from the £1 entry fee to go to the Wear Valley Riding for the Disabled Group. A variety of other competitions will be held over the show weekend. One of the most popular with visitors is the Durham County and Darlington Fire and Rescue Brigade competition, where teams from fire stations in the area compete against each other to rescue a 'casualty' from a realistically-staged road traffic collision. The handcraft and horticulture exhibitions will display entries in every category from jam to geraniums, with a special class for novice gardeners. There will even be a 'plant swap' for visitors to exchange unwanted plants and cuttings and an expert on hand to answer gardening queries. For those who enjoy sport, the Great Aycliffe Show Golf Tournament, sponsored by Hays Travel, will take place

on the Saturday and the very popular Five-a-Side Football Knockout, sponsored by Co-operative Funeralcare, is open to youngsters up to age 10. For the animal lovers, there will be lots of cavy and rabbits competing on Sunday – and if you like excitement, don't miss the ferret racing display. If you ever wondered just how to make a start with crochet, flower arranging or tatting, make your way to the Craft Marquee where you can watch demonstrations of these arts. A funfair will provide thrilling rides for those who dare, while the smaller children might prefer the Punch and Judy show and free face painting for the children who have watched the show. Local fundraisers and local services will be advertising their services in their own marquee on the Saturday and the Trade Marquee has a variety of stalls featuring everything from therapy taster sessions to environmental workshops. In addition, there will be many different traders around the showfield selling everything from fishing equipment to new cars. Refreshments will be available

from the Women's Institute marquee – their scones and pies are legendary – and various traders around the showfield, plus a range of snacks, meals and drinks from the Oakleaf Sports Complex. Further information is available from the website at [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) or the Council Offices, tel 300700.

## Drug Bust!

Newton News witnessed the dawn raid on known drug dealers in Newton Aycliffe last week. We were impressed with the detailed planning of the operation and the efficient and well trained deployment of our police officers. Nine people were arrested and remanded in custody facing a total of 40 offences. Nimrod is an all out campaign by the Police and their partners to put a halt to drug dealing in our town. Residents are asked to report any suspicion of dealing in their street. Together we can, and must, drive this rotten trade out of Aycliffe. Ring Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

## Free Gift at Show



Readers at the Great Aycliffe Show this weekend are reminded to visit the Rotary Club stall where they will receive their FREE 3 point Powerdown plug which will save you ££££'s off your electric bill.

## Wrong Name

Dear Sir,  
In July my name appeared as a signatory to a complaint against the Unitary Authority. Please make it clear I did not support the contents of the letter. Counc Paul Gittins.  
Ed: We did print Counc Gittin's name by mistake. The letter was signed by a group of Independents and we assumed it was his signature. The correspondents have also indicated he was not included in the complaint.

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8,500 tenants of Sedgefield Borough Homes (SBH) will receive a free gift during the coming week that could potentially save a fantastic £5million in energy costs. SBH has teamed up with EAGA, the Government's energy saving body to send every SBH household 4 free energy saving light bulbs.

Chief Executive, Colin Steel says: "We are thrilled to be able to offer this beneficial free gift to our tenants. If every tenant changes their normal bulbs to the energy saving ones, then together they could make a fantastic saving of over £5 million over the lifetime of the bulbs.

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# JESSIE GIBSON CELEBRATES HER 100th BIRTHDAY



Born on 24th August 1909 Jessie was the fifth child in a family of eight children. Home was in Barnsley, then in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Her father worked at a local colliery and her mother was never short of something to do with ten mouths to feed, and ten lots of clothes to wash.

In 1909 Mrs Pankhurst and her supporters were fighting for women to get the vote, Louis Bleriot became the first person to fly across the English Channel, the government introduced Old Age Pensions at 5 shillings (25 pence) per week for single people and 7 shillings and sixpence (37½p) for couples, and in the United States, the world's first military aeroplane was commissioned. It could carry two men and fly for up to an hour without re-fuelling.

From their marriage in 1933, Jessie and her husband George lived in Haigh, Darton and Staincross, three villages near Barnsley, where their sons Granville, who was Vicar at St. Clare's from 1977 until 1985, and Martin were born and bred. It was in 1980 that Jessie with her husband George,

a one time member of the Neville Male Voice Choir, came to live in Newton Aycliffe in order to be near Granville. Together they spent many happy hours at the Cubby and made many good friends.

Granville moved to Sunderland in 1985, and two years later George died. Jessie decided to stay in Newton Aycliffe where good friendships had been established and where she has been ever since.

Jessie was always interested in needlework, crotchet, embroidery and knitting being her favourites. It is only recently that the onset of arthritis in her finger joints caused her to lay down the needles.

Over the last ten years, Jessie has been in hospital for serious surgery on a number of occasions and for some time has had difficulty in getting around. Throughout this period she has been helped by a team of carers from Premier Care for whom she is ever thankful, as they help her to remain reasonably independent in her own home.

How times have changed for Jessie. The incredible developments in virtually

every aspect of life have made all kinds of things possible now that she could never have dreamed of. Yet throughout her life, the strength and commitment of family loyalties has always been supreme.

Her four brothers and three sisters, together with their families, often found excuses for a family get-together. Jessie is the sole survivor, but her nephew and nieces together with her two sons along with family friends continued the tradition with a get-together at Headlam Hall to mark her centenary.

## GARDENS GUILD HUT RE-OPENS

The Gardens Guild Hut at Clarence Chare will re-open on Sunday 6th September for all your usual gardening supplies including Onion sets. Join the Guild and save ££££'s.

## Entertainment for Town's Care Homes

Honest John has raised £720 to provide two Musical Entertainment acts to give two separate performances in the town's Care Homes.

Vocalist Jim Stark and Takubak, a duo, will perform at Shafto House, Defoe Court, Rose Lodge, Bethany House, Aycliffe Care Home and Lindisfarne Home.

John thanks all Newtonians who have donated goods to sell on his stall to make this possible. He hopes the residents enjoy the entertainment.

## KIND ACT

Bonmarche sent out 30% discount vouchers to all Care Homes in the North East recently. The vouchers were for staff and residents only and valid for one week only, commencing 22nd August.

# IF IN DOUBT - KEEP THEM OUT!

A man pretending he needed to check the water supply entered a one bedroom semi detached bungalow, occupied by an elderly lady. He told the victim to go into the bathroom and run the taps and followed to make sure she was doing this.

She caught him going through drawers in the sitting room. She asked him to leave which he did. On checking it appears he had searched all the rooms

and forced open the locked wardrobe doors where he has stolen approximately £250 in £5 and £10 notes from a bag.

Do not to allow anyone in your home without proper identification. Keep the door locked or on a chain and if in doubt keep them out.

Readers are also advised not to buy from or employ cold callers. Make sure you know the business is operating in your area and is well known and advertise their service. If you need work doing in your home/garden and are unsure who to employ - Ring 0191 383 3589 or visit www.county Durham MTS.org.uk - for a list of vetted traders on the Registered Trader Scheme, Trading Standards, Environment, Health and Consumer Protection.

## Activities at The Library

The Library have some special events planned for September to celebrate their opening. All the events are free, but some have limited places:

Thurs 10th September - 10am - fantastic author and illustrator Liz Million will be leading a drawing and story session for the under 5's and carers - reserve your place at the library

Thurs 10th 2-4pm - Silk painting taster (for adults) with artist Shirley Wells. No experience necessary. Places are limited to please reserve a place to avoid disappointment

Fri 11th 2pm - Local history talk from experts at Beamish Museum

Fri 11th 4.00 - Mini beast crafts for kids with Artist Shirley Wells, limited places so book to avoid disappointment

For further information and to reserve a place visit Newton Aycliffe Library or contact us on 312856

## Petition for Town Centre Toilets

The Great Aycliffe Residents' Association petition for Public Toilets to be provided in our Town Centre is receiving massive support. Most shops have forms and residents are urged to sign up to show the Landlord and our local Authorities that this amenity is required.

On Wednesday I was coming out of the Library and a Mother was helping her child relieve himself against the wall.

Please help us avoid this by signing the form and pressing your local Councillor to do something.

## Opening of Park Garden

The final stage of the redevelopment of St Oswald's Park, Newton Aycliffe, will be completed with the opening of a formal garden on the disused former bowling green.

The garden has been designed by Town Council staff, with herbaceous beds and rose borders, paved footpaths and seating. Steel arbours and a central iris sculpture feature have been supplied by local blacksmith artist Brian Russell of Little Newsham Forge.

The garden will be named after the late Sheila Mlatilik, former Town Councillor and Mayor of Great Aycliffe. It will be officially opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton and Josef Mlatilik on Tuesday 1 September at 11.30am.

The garden project has

been funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council and from a Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme grant, a Member fund initiative from the former Sedgefield Borough Council.

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# COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS SAY AGE IS A VIRTUE

Stan Pinkney and Eric Lincoln may have both just turned 80 but they certainly have no plans to retire from their long standing roles with Durham Voluntary Countryside Ranger Service (DVCRS).

The firm friends are dedicated members of the army of over 300 volunteers who help to keep County Durham's countryside in tip top condition and between them have been installing gates, improving drainage, laying hedges and improving footpaths for 27 years.

Stan, who is from Spennymoor and Eric who hails from Heighington, share a lifelong love of the outdoors, despite having careers which were predominantly building-bound. (Stan is a retired forklift truck driver and Eric spent many years in electronics)

Now every Wednesday they role up their sleeves and literally 'dig in' to maintain County Durham's rural beauty. For Eric it's the highlight of the week, "Oh yes, I really look forward to it, it's a happy day out there's so much camaraderie. We're always having so much fun."

Stan insists it's not at all like hard work, "We like to feel we are helping to make the countryside open to everyone for their enjoyment. You don't know what you're missing - age is no barrier and you can go at your own speed."

For Durham County Council Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Ferguson the work the pair does is priceless "Without the support and dedication of volunteers like Stan and Eric we simply couldn't provide the level of service that we do. All our volunteers



Durham County Council Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Ferguson with Stan Pinkney (left) and Eric Lincoln, both 80 and hard at work on improvements to the steps beside Bishop's Bridge on The Auckland Walk.

are such a vital part of the Countryside Service, it's impossible to imagine functioning without them. It's great for the volunteers to get recognition for the hard work they do, week in, week out - they deserve it. Stan and Eric really are an inspiration and I only hope I'm half as fit as they when I reach their age!"

Portfolio Holder Cllr Bob Young says they are a fantastic example, "Stan and Eric are part of a volunteer army making an invaluable contribution to our countryside. The

volunteers bring with them a wealth of experience and talent but no money could buy the enthusiasm and team spirit they show with such energy."

So when do this intrepid duo think they'll call all the digging and hammering a day?

"How long is a piece of string? says Eric.

If you're interested in learning more about volunteering please contact Deborah Ferguson, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 0191 383 5704 or email rangers@durham.gov.uk

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Line Dancing for Beginners starts on Monday 7th September at 1.30pm with a professional tutor.

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A Presentation Day is being organised when a high ranking officer will issue the badges. For an application form please contact Peter Beatty on 313924.

Come in and watch our new Nintend Wii being demonstrated on our Open Day on Monday 31st August at 1pm.

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Tea Dancing with qualified Teacher. Old Time and Modern commencing Monday 5th October at 2.45pm. Admission is only £3 including refreshments. To book ring 313924. Knit & Natter every Tuesday at 10am. Come and learn - just turn up - you will be welcome.

On Monday 7th September is Senior Citizens Forum. Major Bob Jones at 1.30 pm speaking on Royal Connections.

## LETTER DOORSTEP MILK THEFT

Dear Sir,

This is an open letter to the two youths who stole two pints of organic milk from my doorstep on Thursday 20th of August. These bottles of milk cost 98 pence, and I consider this theft equivalent to stealing a pound out of my pocket.

The Postman, who was on his delivery round in the area, tackled the thieves and got a mouthful of cheek for his trouble. A short while later he again saw the two lads drinking my milk outside a friend's house and had the decency to return to my house and let me know where they were after noting that one youth had tried to hide an empty bottle in the re-cycling bag.

As I knew the family who lived at that address I promptly went round to try and contact the youths and was faced with a flat denial that they were anywhere around, only to be told by the postman the next morning that he had seen them, complete with bikes, all chatting away in the back garden!

The following Saturday morning I managed to speak to the mother of the young lad who had denied all knowledge of the two who had stolen the milk and she promptly told me that she wondered where the empty bottle that had found its way into her paper recycling bag had come from. The sad part about all this is that a lad was coerced into lying on their behalf.

Having warned the mum I spoke to, that I intended to take the letter to the Newton Press for inclusion on the next Newton News, I now feel that handing a copy in to the Police Station is also a good idea. I don't expect people to be perfect but I also don't see why a postman on his rounds should be subjected to this sort of attitude when the perpetrators know that it is more than his job is worth to retaliate!

Esla Cox

## TOP QUALITY GOODS AT INTERNET PRICES



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Once a niche in the market was noticed David then decided to make his knowledge and product range more widely available by starting a website www.bathroom-envy.com. This idea proved to be a success and very quickly sales increased through eBay.

As the site went live on Google in early 2008, sales rocketed, taking the company into national distribution, of all kinds of plumbing & heating products from showers & trays to central heating

boilers & gas fires.

One year on David is trying to pass on his contacts and knowledge to the local community by opening a sales office to supply brand named goods at internet prices. David wants to share his money saving contacts with those that have supported him over 6 years.

Bathroom-envy offer a full fitting service supplied through dwt services which has a good reputation and employs trade registered engineers, with a qualified electrician, administration staff and an apprenticeship programme. David believes his success is down to offering a reliable and professional service.

Readers are invited to visit the sales office for any advice, free quotations or just to view the vast range of product catalogues. Call 01325 327 325 to arrange a visit or to obtain a free copy of our bathroom catalogue which currently offers up to 20% discount during the summer months.

## LOST BAG

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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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## AYCLIFFE WIN CRICKET CUP FINAL



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club picked up their first silverware for four years when they defeated Belmont Cricket Club in the final of Glen Pattison Memorial Cup at East Rainton on Sunday 23 August.

After narrowly losing to Burnhope two weeks earlier in the Vinton Cup Final, Aycliffe were determined not to miss out again. Choosing to bat first, in rainy conditions, Aycliffe posted 210 all out with Man of the Match Matty Wheeler scoring exactly 100, including 3 sixes and 11 fours, ably supported by his father Karl who

scored 22 and club captain Chris Palmer who chipped in with 27.

After tea Aycliffe quickly had Belmont in trouble taking 3 wickets for just 10 runs and with Arvind Shetty taking 4 for 31 and Sean Morgan 3 for 16 Belmont were bowled out for just 91 giving Aycliffe a victory by 119 runs.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have a chance of further silverware when the Under 18 team host Brandon in the final of the Bob Hay Cup at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on Sunday 6 September at 2.30pm.

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Manager Martin Butcher has set the Newton Aycliffe store a target of £15,000 over the year. So far they have raised over £3000

and hope to raise a further £1000 from the Exercise Bike Ride organised last week.

The aim was to ride the equivalent miles from John O' Groats to Lands End (870 miles) over a few days with members of staff and customers taking part if they so wished.

Lifestyle Fitness at the local Leisure Centre generously provided the bike.

The Manager is also on a personal crusade attempting to lose 4 stone in weight. So far he has shed 1.5 stone in 7 weeks. With £1000 pledged in sponsorship if he reaches his target, Martin his trying very hard to achieve this.

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## Sport & Active Recreation for Young Women

After a very successful year, Durham County Council's on-going Young Women's Sport and Active Recreation Project sees the launch of new running sessions this month.

The new jogging and running sessions will take place for six weeks, from 25th August, and will be held each Tuesday (5.45pm to 6.45pm) starting at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

The sessions – run by qualified coaches – are suitable for young women who have never run before and there will also be an intermediate class at the same time.

The previous course attracted many new members and nine runners went on to complete the 5k Durham Breast Cancer Campaign "Race for Life" in July raising over £500 for the cause.

The Young Women's Sport and Active Recreation Project aims to increase participation in sport for young women aged between 16 and 25 years

It works to bring down potential barriers to involvement in physical activity, and introduce new and exciting sessions that are targeted at this age group.

The project has now completed its first year of activities with several different sessions still currently available across the Sedgefield area. Those activities introduced include running, golf, street cheer, trampolining, rock climbing and indoor and outdoor cycling.

As part of the initiative, a Young Mum's group has been formed in partnership with SureStart. The mum's, as part of the larger group, have taken part in dancing, aqua aerobics, and outdoor cycling sessions.

If you are interested in taking part, or finding out more information, call Marie Urwin, Young Women's Co-ordinator on 01388 816166 Ext. 4512.

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We recently celebrated our learner achievements at the annual presentation day on 16th July 2009. Robyn Molloy, 17 – Won the Award for Professional Development.

Robyn who lives in Newton Aycliffe, attended Woodham Technology College and on leaving joined SWDT Ltd on

the then full-time Business Services Level 2 programme, where she attended the centre for a period of 8 weeks to work towards and achieve her Technical Certificate Level 2 in Business Administration and Customer Service. Robyn was able to develop the general administration skills required to work within a business environment.

Robyn was employed by Highlea Homes Limited as an Apprentice Receptionist where she completed her Business Administration Level 2. When asking Robyn why she chose SWDT Ltd she stated: “SWDT was suggested to me to complete an NVQ in Business Administration. I chose SWDT as they were recommended as a good training provider by my school and also by people I knew had previously attended.”

Emma Guy – Business

Services Vocational Trainer Assessor says: “Robyn showed commitment and dedication to the job from day one, and quickly settled into the company as an employee. This positive attitude resulted in Robyn achieving the qualification ahead of time and securing her future with Highlea Homes. This has given Robyn the confidence and skills-set to progress to an Advanced Apprenticeship in Business Administration.”

Michelle Broom from Highlea Homes said “We took Robyn on permanently as she has shown great potential and we would like the opportunity to help her develop”. Robyn’s future plans are to stay with Highlea Homes Ltd and progress within the business and move onto the Advanced Apprenticeship in Business Administration Level 3 with SWDT Ltd.

SWDT Ltd have a team of four dedicated Vocational Trainer Assessors within Business Administration and Customer Service and are looking for local companies who wish to recruit an Apprentice via placement / employment to work towards a nationally recognised qualification in the relevant subject area and level. If you wish to discuss Apprenticeship opportunities further or would like to discuss the possibility of an Apprentice working within your company, please contact Emma Chalder; Business Services Vocational Trainer Assessor on 01325 313194 or echalder@swdt.co.uk

## Thanks from “Cubby” Chairman

Dear Editor,

I write to you in my capacity as the Chairman of The Cubby in Newton Aycliffe. I believe that all your readers will be aware of the plans for the development of the town centre and for the resiting of the Health Centre, Library and The Cubby.

The future of The Cubby is by no means certain. As I understand it the original plans included a separate building for The Cubby. However, this is no longer the case. Instead, The Cubby might be included in the revamped Leisure Centre at some time in the future.

The Cubby management are currently waiting for answers to questions we posed to the library services regarding what facilities would be available to us in the temporary library. These facilities include what, if any, rent would be payable by us, degree of access (times etc) and storage and kitchen facilities.

I have been encouraged by the recent letters to the Newton News from various persons who all seem to be on our side. May I offer them my thanks through you. We will take any help and guidance from anyone to ensure that The Cubby continues to exist and provide a service for the older members of our community.

Yours faithfully,  
Keith Bell  
Chairman The Cubby

## Council Will Support The Cubby

Dear Sir

With reference to recent articles regarding the future of the Cubby. The letters call upon the Town Council and myself to take the lead in the fight to retain the facilities that are provided by the Cubby.

I have already been in contact with senior members of the County Council Cabinet, and also with officers of the Authority, drawing their attention to the importance of the Cubby to the residents of Newton Aycliffe and I have no doubt that the Town Council Members will support me on this issue.

Over the years that the Cubby has been in its present position, the Council has supported the Cubby by carrying out many maintenance tasks, free of charge. I believe that under the new ‘Powers of Wellbeing’ the Council will continue to support the Cubby if a suitable solution to its future is found.

CLlr Bob Fleming  
Leader of the Council

# COUNCILS MUST BE HELD TO ACCOUNT

Dear Syd,

Can I commend the Newton News for its coverage of local issues, we are lucky in Newton Aycliffe to have this community newspaper to air different views on what is happening and should happen in our area.

People are much more interested in what politicians are doing (or not doing!) in the aftermath of the expenses scandal at Westminster and this is having an effect on local politics. For instance, the letters in your last issue regarding “The Committee of Ridiculous Decisions” and the Doncaster experience of a directly elected Mayor as well as Councillor Blenkinsopp’s letter on the lack of investment in Newton Aycliffe from the new Unitary Council.

In the future, I think that local and national politicians will be held to account by the electorate and people will be much more demanding with regard to what is expected.

Two initial examples are the new Unitary Council where we were promised at least £24 million of savings by getting rid of

the eight District Councils. All that I have seen so far has been high council tax bills, one of the highest paid Chief Executives in the country, a top heavy management structure and the Unitary Councillors voting for increases in their allowances; not a very good start, but it has only been less than six months.

The second example is Sedgefield Borough Homes, the not for profit organisation, set up by the Borough Council before its demise which has already raised rents and again set up a new top heavy management structure with

all of the senior management on substantially improved salaries from when they were employed by the Borough Council. Again, it’s early days and the promised £100 million improvements in renovating existing council houses and building new homes have yet to come to fruition.

I will continue to monitor the promises made by these organisations and put pressure on our councillors who are on the Unitary Council and who sit on the Board of Sedgefield Homes.

Counc Terry Hogan  
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**Provisions will be made for house bound patients, please ring the surgery on**

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**and request a home visit.**

**Heighington patients who have transport can be vaccinated at Bewick Crescent and we will put a clinic on at Heighington on Thursday 24th September from 9am - 12noon.**

**We must stress that these Flu Clinics are for the SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION and NOT SWINE FLU.**

**The clinics are for the following at risk groups.**

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# STRONG INTEREST IN TOWN CENTRE FROM FOOD RETAILERS

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE DESPITE RECESSION

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the recent letter from Mrs Bergg in last week's Newton News. Opening the new Wilkinson's store has been a great success with many more shoppers visiting the town centre over the past few weeks. When the new library opens this will be yet another positive step forward in delivering the master plan vision. The opening of the Wilkinson's store will have cost well over £1.5M and surely demonstrates a very significant commitment. Contrary to what Mrs Bergg suggests, there has been a great deal of progress and an enormous amount of hard work by all concerned in delivering the improvements to the town centre. The master plan is being implemented at a time when many other town centres are seeing similar plans being cancelled or delayed as a result of the recession. A strong partnership has been formed between Freshwater, Great Aycliffe Town Council Durham County Council and the PCT. Phil Wilson MP has played a crucial role in bringing together the various parties to deliver the master plan vision and is in very regular contact with all parties with a view to ensuring that the plans are moving forward as quickly as possible. Implementing the Phase 2 development involves dealing with a number of inter linked and complicated issues. It has required a great deal of technical investigation including finding the best way to demolish some of the large and very robust buildings already on the site and finding alternative

homes for many of the functions that were carried out in the medical centre. All of this takes time.

In the current economic climate delays are bound to occur. Even in normal circumstances, implementing the master plan would be challenging and is ultimately determined by finding retailers who want to take new buildings such as the Phase 2 retail block. The last thing the town needs is for Freshwater to build more retail space without a retailer having been lined up.

Freshwater have over the past year spent a great deal of time, effort and money in developing the design of the Phase 2 retail block. This has included many tens of thousands of pounds being spent on detailed surveys and design to enable a planning application to be prepared. Now that we have strong interest in Phase 2 from a couple of food supermarket retailers, we hope that the Phase 2 planning application will be submitted in the next 4-6 weeks and that demolition of the existing properties can be commenced before the end of the year.

We have also been working on the improvements to Beveridge Way with detailed designs well underway. We are now looking at the complex phasing issues of how Beveridge Way can be upgraded whilst minimising disruption to shoppers and retailers alike.

You ask for an accurate prediction of when everything will be complete. We can simply set targets. Achieving these targets will depend on how successful we are in attracting new retailers and occupiers to the town centre and how much the people of Newton Aycliffe use the new facilities. In summary, we are sorry that you are disappointed with the progress to date but you can be assured that the Town Centre Partnership and Phil Wilson MP are all working very hard to deliver the master plan improvements.

Regards

Bryan Haldane, Centre Manager

# DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER OPENS NEW BUSINESS

A former museum exhibit designer has started his own digital photography business in School Aycliffe. Lawrence Conyers launched Anson Photography after being captivated by the power of the still image in his past career.

He offers much more than the usual wedding and family portrait services and also specialises in industrial, commercial, architectural, landscape, and model portfolios.

Lawrence's favourite work is in Urbanism and dramatic brooding digital art for which he is becoming increasingly acclaimed. Attracted to photography by the huge variety available, Lawrence said:

"Hour upon hour, there's something new to learn, a new technique to perfect, a new digital technology to understand. One minute you're putting it to use shooting at the seaside, the next, you're in an underground bunker, or photographing giant spiders

at the zoo! This can be challenging but I'm really enjoying it."

Lawrence believes it's his vast experience that sets him apart from the competition. He added: "I have participated in almost every aspect of creative media - I've been in front of and behind the camera, acted and directed on stage, therefore I understand the importance of performance

whether it be natural, posed or within a picture - a notion which ordinary photographers may not consider."

Lawrence is already attracting attention of other photographers and models across the country and is keen to expand his business so he can build further on specialist areas such as High Dynamic Range and Urbanism.

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

### PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

A meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2009**  
at 7.15pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting ([www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk))

## DARLO CONFIRM TICKET PRICES

DARLINGTON have confirmed ticket prices for the forthcoming Johnston Paint Trophy tie at home to Lincoln City next month. Quakers will entertain the Red Impas at the Northern Echo Arena on Tuesday September 1, 7.45pm kick-

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# Six Drug Houses Raided in Newton Aycliffe

## Let's Work Together to Wipe Out Street Dealing

Early morning raids were launched throughout the Newton Aycliffe and Shildon areas last Thursday August 20th in a carefully co-ordinated drive to remove drugs dealers from the streets.

More than 100 officers, including specialist dog teams, were involved in simultaneous arrest operations that targeted 9 houses. The houses targeted in Newton Aycliffe were in: Langdale Place, Cadogan Square, Faulkner Road, Silverdale Place, Whinlatter Place and Brockett Close. A house in Beech Crescent, Heighington was also raided.

It resulted in the detention of seven men and three women whose ages range from 23 to 43. They were held at police stations in Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor. Police also seized cash and what is believed to be heroin and cannabis.

The operation is the latest strike under the Nimrod banner - a rolling programme designed as an unrelenting series of attacks to wipe out street level dealing throughout Co. Durham and Darlington.

Community leaders were escorted to raid sites to watch the operation. Police also left "calling cards" at targeted houses with large stickers being posted on windows informing local residents exactly what the police operation was about. Chief Insp. Vicki Martin said: "The people arrested today are known dealers supplying crack cocaine, heroin and other drugs. Their removal from the

streets is the consequence of months of careful evidence gathering.

"We have consulted with our partner agencies and local communities who raised this as an issue. They said it was a problem and our operation today is a direct result of the concerns they raised." She added: "The message we are sending out today is very simple. Drug dealing is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in the force area."

Chief Insp. Martin said similar raids will take place over the coming months. "We know who is dealing drugs - and we are going to arrest them. Some may have escaped our hit list today but we can promise them to expect a knock on their door soon."

Police community support officers were out and about in the areas where the raids took place telling local residents just what has gone on and distributing leaflets outlining the reasons for the operation and asking people to contact police not only about drug dealing but all other criminal activity.

Officers are also working with a number of agencies, including the Drug and Alcohol Action team, to provide as much support as possible to help addicts receive treatment for their addiction.

Chief Insp. Martin said: "All information given to us is acted upon; even the most innocuous could prove to be the last remaining piece of a bigger picture which allows us to act."

"Operations, such as the one today, take time in the

planning and the collecting of evidence, but they are effective and welcomed by the vast majority of people. "No one wants to see lives and communities blighted by the misery that drug dealing brings. Working together we can fight it - and win." People with information can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111; they can speak direct to their neighbourhood officers or raise issues at regular local meetings with beat officers.



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# M.P. Moves Office Again!

## MAKES WAY FOR DEMOLITION

Phil Wilson MP said at the opening of the town centre library: "The new Library is an excellent facility and will be well used by the people of Newton Aycliffe and shows progress is being made on the town centre redevelopment as we move towards the demolition of Dalton Way, the old library and former health centre.

I will be moving offices week commencing September 14th. My new office will be 4 Beveridge Walkway, next door to the town centre manager's

office. I'm sorry for any disruption this may cause over the coming days, but the move is necessary so the town centre redevelopment can continue. Other units next to the location of my office at Upper Beveridge Way will be moving over the coming months. You can still contact me on 321603."

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# AYCLIFFE'S FIRST HOME DEFEAT

Newton Aycliffe star defender Dan Mitton admits he's loving life with the club in the Northern League. The 20-year-old former Tow Law defender, who signed for Aycliffe two years ago, is the latest player featured in the club's popular matchday programme for this weekend's home game against Darlington RA. This fixture was originally re-arranged to be played in Darlington as neither side are involved in the preliminary rounds of the FA Cup this weekend, but it was switched to Moore Lane Park to accommodate RA. Ferryhill lad Mitton is the feature interview in the latest programme for the game, which is priced just £1. "We have a big bond in the changing room, a togetherness, which helps us a lot," says Mitton, who reached the final 10 of Sky Sports' national Football Icon show at the age of 16. "We all get on great, that's why I love playing here. I'd rather be somewhere where I'm enjoying my football, and I do with Aycliffe."

Aycliffe will face two games in three days, with the Darlington game followed by a trip to Crook Town on Bank Holiday Monday, August 31, kick-off 11am. The team slipped to sixth in the Northern League second division with their first defeat of the season at home to Seaham Red Star last Saturday. The side collapsed in the second-half after going into the half-time interval at 1-1, thanks to a Phil Caley goal, losing 4-1 in front of 230 fans. Defender Dave Forrest underwent his hernia operation on Tuesday this week. The centre-back has been sidelined since the end of last season with the niggling problem, but the op should mean he'll be able to return to first team action in four-to-six weeks. Aycliffe are still suffering with a number of injuries. Paul Stout (ankle), Elliot Gardner (ankle) and Jonathan Pennock (calf) are all struggling, while midfielder Dan Robinson and striker Dan Mellanby are both still out with back injuries. Left winger Kyle Swankie is suspended until September 20th. Aycliffe's game against

Darlington RA kicks off at 3pm on Saturday, with admission £3 adults, £2 over-65's and £1.50 under-16's. **FIXTURES**  
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# AYCLIFFE CONTINUE WARM-UP

Bishop Auckland Squad XV 28 Newton Aycliffe 5

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club travelled to neighbours Bishop Auckland as their warm-up for the coming season continued against a Bishop squad XV containing a mix of players. Aycliffe fielded a stronger team than the previous week with a strong set of backs. The early exchanges were hard fought but Bishop, playing their first game of the season, struggled to adapt to this season's new law interpretations and conceded a number of penalties. Aycliffe looked strong when the backs were in possession, but were uncharacteristically loose in defence. Good rucking and solid back play saw Aycliffe open the scoring with Phill Sangster touching down in the corner. Luke Tinkler was unable to convert. As the half wore on, Bishop began to dominate with their stand-off, Tom Burn, being especially dangerous. After having once

being held up over the line, Bishop finally scored a try and added two more before the break, all converted. At the half, the hosts led 21 – 5. The Aycliffe scrum was solid for the second week running and the lineout functioned well. During the third quarter the play was more open, but a sustained period of Bishop pressure and strong mauling saw them add a fourth converted try. Aycliffe were on top again in the final quarter and Gareth Parsonage was almost released for a try whilst Andy Newman was held up after crossing the line. The final score was 28 – 5 to the hosts. This was another mixed performance from Aycliffe which again started and finished well but lapsed in the middle, but with players still to return from absence and injury, the omens are promising. Aycliffe now travel to



## PIONEERING CARE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Local charity, The Pioneering Care Partnership will be holding their annual general meeting at 11.30am on Friday 25th September at the Pioneering Care Centre, off Burn Lane. The charity, who is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, will be giving an update on activities that have taken place at the centre over the past year and refreshments will be served. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Becky Gustard on 01325 321234 or email becky@pcp.uk.net. For further information about the charity, please visit www.pcp.uk.net

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**WOULD THE LADY** who asked about the Lost Necklace at Fun in the Parks please contact the Sports Complex on 01325 300600.

## In Memoriam

**STEPHEN RILEY 02.09.02.** Seven years have passed, we still love and miss you as much as ever. Always in our thoughts and hearts. Love, Vicky, Megan and Alex xxx  
**STEPHEN RILEY 02.09.02.** Remembering with great love an honourable and 'gentle' man, I'm proud to call my Son. Time passes but my love and memories of you Ste will always be with me, R.I.P., Mam xxx  
**KARMEN**, died August 30th 2005. Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same, we have to hide our heartaches, when someone speaks your name. Mam, Dad and Nadine, Ronnie, Karen and family  
**HODGSON RUSSELL** August 26th 2008. To hear your voice, to see you smile, to sit and talk to you a while, to be together in the same old way, would be my dearest wish today. Your very dear friend Aline  
**KEN INNES** fell asleep 28th August 2006. Still missing and thinking of you. All our love, Linda and Rob xxx  
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## Birthday Remembrance

**BILLY BLACK, 28.08.32 - 07.06.04** Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. To think we never said goodbye will always bring regret, but the ones who always love you, are the ones who won't forget. Close to my heart you'll always stay, loved and remembered every day. From your loving wife, Mena xxx  
**BILLY BLACK, 28.08.32 - 07.06.04** Dad, thinking of you on your birthday and every day, from your loving Daughter Sharon and loving Sons David and Philip xxx  
**DEMI HESLOP 01.09.06-08.01.07** Dear Lord above I have a wish, I hope you grant for me. Please take my special little girl, and sit her on your knee. Give her kisses, loads of hugs, tell her they came from me. Today is very special, my beautiful Daughter will be 3. Demi I love and miss you with all my heart. Love always and forever, Mammy xxxx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Dear God look after our Sister today, because she is 3, hip hip hooray. Kisses and hugs for the 1st of September. This is the day that we will always remember. Love you all the world. Love from Shannon, Daniel and Megan xxxx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Please put your arms around her Lord. Don't let her be alone. Today is Demi's birthday. her 3rd away from home. Love you always Demi. All the world and back again, Grandma, Granda and Jack xxxx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Thinking of you today on your 3rd birthday. Lots of love from Great Gran xxxx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Happy 3rd birthday Sweetheart. Lots of love, Uncle John xx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Happy 3rd birthday Angel. with love, Auntie Annette and Uncle John xx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Thinking of you today. Love, Auntie Glennis and Uncle Bill xx  
**DEMI HESLOP** Happy 3rd birthday. Thinking of you today. All our love, Auntie Yvonne, Uncle Tony and family xx  
**MARGARET ROSE THOMPSON 27.08.09.** Thinking of you today on your 70th birthday from your loving family

**HANNAH & AIMEE LAWSON**, Happy birthday to my two Beautiful Grandchildren. Enjoy your birthdays. Love and kisses as always, Grandma  
**CONGRATULATIONS** Claire Foster on your 3 'A' Grades at 'A' Level. Good luck at Kingston University. Love, Mum and Dad x  
**MITCHIE AND BRADLEY**, Rebecca and Phill. We're sending all of our love for your Wedding Day on Saturday 29th August. Wishing you a wonderful day and a happy life together. Lots of love, Carrie, Neil, Sam, Joe and Louis xxxxxx  
**BARKER AND MERCER.** Congratulations to Bev and Russell on your Wedding Day on Friday 28th August. Wishing you every happiness today and always. Lots of love, Carrie, Neil, Sam, Joe and Louis xxxxxx  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Auntie Anne and Uncle John. Enjoy your special day. Lots of love Harry  
**LEANNE AND NICOLA**, Happy 30th birthday. Hope you enjoy your party! Lots of love from all the family xx  
**TOM HUNTER** Well done Tom on raising £152 at the 3M Fun Run for Prostate Cancer, in memory of your Grandad. Lots of Love, Mum, Dad, Max and Grandma xxx  
**LUCY POLLOCK** Congratulations on your great A Level results - well done! Good luck for the future. Love, Mam, Dad and Jemma xx  
**LUCY POLLOCK** Well done on your A Level results. Lots of love, Nan xxx  
**MERCER - BARKER** Getting married on 28th August. Russell and Beverley, loads of luck, love and especially happiness on your big day, we can't wait! Love you two, Lindsey, Mark, Niall, Brooke, Ash, Danielle and Ryan xxx  
**GARY HUBERY 'BIG 40'** Happy 40th birthday to my Wonderful Husband. all my love always, Debbs xxx  
**GARY HUBERY** Happy 40th birthday Dad. Enjoy your day 'you deserve it'. Lots of love, Shelby and Rory xxx

## Thank You



### Darren & Dawn Ablewhite

Married  
Friday 14th August 2009  
Hardwick Hall Hotel  
Darren and Dawn Ablewhite would like to say a huge thank you to all of our family and friends who helped to make our Wedding Day and Night so amazing and memorable. Also a massive thanks for all the kind gifts and cards we received.  
Love from us both xx

**MICHELLE & PHIL** wish to say a 'BIG' thank you to all our family and friends who made our Wedding Day very special and for the wonderful gifts received xx  
**KILBURN ROBINSON**, Tyler-James and Millie-Jo would like to thank everyone who came to their 6th birthday party. We got great presents and it was mint to see everyone from school. Special thanks to The Cumby Arms, Sue for the lovely cakes, Tash and Lucy for all the help they gave to our Mammy and Andy for helping our Daddy out. We had a gr8 day, hope you all did too. Thanx, Tyler and Millie xx  
**THE FAMILY** of the late Patience (Pat) McKenzie would like to thank friends and neighbours for their condolences and flowers. Special thanks to Pam Lovelass and Defoe Care Home for all the support and care. A big thank you to Amanda B.  
**JOAN MURPHY** would like to thank all friends and relatives for the calls of concern, beautiful get well cards and flowers received during her recent illness. Your kindness has meant so much to me, many thanks to you all, Love Joan XXX

## Congratulations



### Lyndsey Stewart

29th August

**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Happy birthday Princess. Lots of love Mam and Phil

Happy 18th birthday Sister. Lots of love from Paul and Michael

Happy birthday, 18 at last. I've felt so proud to be your Dad for the last 17 years. Love you always from your 'Dad Phil'

### Dan Farrall



### HAPPY 18th

Lots of love, Mum, Neil, Tom and Kirsha xxx

### Curtis Harrison



### Happy 18th Birthday

Hope you enjoy your weekend. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Brad, Megan and Charlie and the rest of the family  
P.S. Congratulations on gaining your NVQ in Joinery. Well done Son.

### Jason Green



### WELL DONE

on passing your exams with flying colours. All the best for the future. Love Emma, Anth, Bobbie-Jane and Paige Brooke xxx  
**Well done** on passing your exams. We know you will have a successful future. Love, Nan, Mam, Aaron and Kelly xxx

### Tom Hunter

31.08.09



### A TEENAGER AT LAST

We are so very proud of you. Our love always, Mum, Dad, Max and Grandma xxx

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## COUNCIL ACT ON THE SMELL

Following the article on the smell from Eldon Moor which caused such offence to residents, the County Council followed our suggestion that, like Darlington, they should combat the problem by

issuing a 'nuisance' notice. The muck spreading complied with regulations and it was thought nothing could be done, but Darlington did find a way to deal with the obnoxious odour by another

regulatory route.

The County Council followed suit and the problem is now being solved by burying the offending waste material. The alternative would have involved the stockpile being removed at great expense.

This method of disposal and use of organic waste on agricultural land is an accepted and recognised method of soil conditioning. Fertilising land in this manner, will usually result in some noticeable degree of odour in the surrounding area, (this usually being sometimes exacerbated by certain weather conditions). However, so long as the Code of Practice is followed and all odour mitigation measures detailed therein are being adopted, odours whilst likely, will not usually warrant service of a Notice.

Residents can now take comfort from that if a smell does occur action can and should be taken.

## GET OFF YOUR BIKE!

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Animal Lover

## Councillors Help the Elderly



Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran have helped two local groups with funding. Peter Beaty received a cheque for Senior Citizens at Neville Community Centre and the White House in Aycliffe Village received a donation towards their outings fund.

## TOWN POKER PLAYERS IN £53,000 FINAL



Three Poker Players at Blakes are off to play at Newcastle on 13th September at Stanley Circus Casino in the Red Tooth Regional Final.

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