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## Woodham Celebrates Record Examination Success!

Woodham College is celebrating its best set of GCSE results ever! Staff and students from the college were overjoyed when they opened the all important brown envelopes together last Thursday. The results showed improved examination performance for the fourth year running. 63% of students gained 5 or more GCSE grades at C or above (9% increase from last year) and, more importantly, 54% of students gained 5 or more GCSE grades at C or above including English and Maths (13% increase from last year and 6% above last year's national average for all schools in England). These are wonderful achievements and show that students at the college receive a well rounded education, providing a stepping stone to either further education or opening doors to career opportunities. Not only were the college headline figures impressive, there were also some remarkable individual



successes to celebrate. Twelve students achieved eight or more A and A star grades, sparking hugs and tears of joy with their friends on results day. Success and jubilation were evident on faces everywhere with groups of students at all abilities performing fantastically well and receiving results to be extremely proud of. There were also notable successes in vocational subjects such as Hair & Beauty, Motor Vehicle Studies and Childcare. Jon Tait, Director of Student Support at Woodham said "These are wonderful results for our students

and it proves that all the hard work and hours or preparation that both our students and staff have put in has paid off. To have improved results for the fourth year running and attaining the best results that the school has ever had is a truly fantastic achievement. Everyone connected with Woodham is delighted for our students and wishes them all success in their future careers. With successful results behind them they can now move on to pursue their plans in further education, employment or training with a great deal of confidence. Well done everyone!"

## Agnew Centre Officially Opened



There was a large gathering of civic dignitaries at the official opening of the new Agnew Community Centre. County Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins had



the honour of cutting the ribbon. Congratulations to the Committee for their hard work in sourcing the funds to replace the dilapidated "Green Hut" with this fantastic new facility for the area.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM  
Thursday 17th September 6.00

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There is a **PROMOTIONAL EVENT** at **Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre** on **Tuesday 8th September 2009** between **12pm - 8pm** consisting of a variety of taster activities and course information

# NALP

Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership

Employability

|  |          |   |
|--|----------|---|
| Office Return to Work Course (Business Admin Level 2, IT, Business English, Maths and English) | 30 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre |
| Employability Skills Programme (CV, interview preparation , etc)                               | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre              |
| Interview Skills   | Half Day | Pioneering Care Partnership               |
| CV workshops   | Half Day | Pioneering Care Partnership               |

Computing & IT

|   |          |   |
|---|----------|---|
| Basic Introduction to Word Office 2007 (leading onto Access & Excel)  | 5 weeks  | Woodham Community Technology College      |
| Digital Imaging (can lead onto 10 week programme)   | 5 weeks  | Woodham Community Technology College      |
| Computers for the Terrified including internet & email (can lead onto Start IT or Level 1 onwards) (roll on roll off) | 10 weeks | Woodham Village Community Centre          |
| Introduction to Digital Photography   | 10 weeks | Woodham Village Community Centre          |
| Computerised Accounts Level 1 & Level 2   | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre |

Health & Wellbeing

|                                  |          |                                      |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Salsa Dancing                    | 10 weeks | Woodham Community Technology College |
| Crystal Healing                  | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre         |
| Baby and Child Life Saver        | 3 hours  | Childrens Centre                     |
| Motivation & Confidence Building | Half Day | Pioneering Care Partnership          |
| Yoga Advanced / Intermediate     | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre   |
| Belly Dancing                    | 5 weeks  | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre   |
| Pilates                          | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre         |

Creative Arts

|                        |          |                                      |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Crafts for Pleasure    | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre         |
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| Ceramics               | 5 weeks  | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre   |
| Painting & Drawing     | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre   |
| Fresh Flower Arranging | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre   |
| Family History         | 10 weeks | Woodham Community Technology College |
| Gilding                | 5 weeks  | Woodham Community Technology College |
| Creative Writing       | 5 weeks  | Newton Aycliffe Library              |

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|                     |          |                                   |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Counselling Level 2 | 16 weeks | Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) |
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**Skills for Life - National Tests English & Maths**

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- Newton Aycliffe Children’s Centre
- Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre
- Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
- Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP)

**ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)**

- Newton Aycliffe Children’s Centre
- Woodham Community Technology College

Languages

|                      |          |                                    |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| French Intermediate  | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre |
| Spanish Intermediate | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre |
| Spanish Plus         | 10 weeks | Greenfield Community & Arts Centre |
| Italian Beginners    | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre       |
| Spanish Beginners    | 10 weeks | Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre       |

Performing Arts

|         |          |                                    |
|---------|----------|------------------------------------|
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**Family Learning**  
There are a wide range of activities and courses available where parents, grandparents, children, carers, neighbours and friends are involved in learning together and it’s fun. To find out more about family learning activities and courses in your area, contact Carol Neville or Hilary Hawkins (LEAP) 01833 690281, Ian Defty (Adult Learning) 01325 307522 or Sharon Proud (Bishop Auckland College) 01388 443133.

**If you are interested in any of the courses listed above, futher information including details of course fees can be obtained by contacting the venue direct**  
**Please note all courses will run subject to sufficient numbers enrolling on an individual course**



# NEW TERM STARTS FOR MACADAM SCHOOL OF DANCE



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# THE CUBBY POSES A PROBLEM

Members of the Cubby are about to lose their home and the alternative offered is unsuitable.

There is no doubt their building is in a very bad state, but the Community Room at the new library is not big enough, and the times it can be used are limited, whereas the Cubby was a "drop in anytime" facility for elderly people.

The County Council own the land and they may have plans for the sale of the site, but they should provide a replacement of equal size and with the same easy access.

Everyone is jumping to support this and the County Council can expect a big outcry if they don't play fair.

We understand the Town Council is to debate the issue at their next meeting and the Great Aycliffe Residents Association have been asked for their support.

# Bill Bryson Joins Litter Pickers in Heighington



On Saturday 12th September Heighington Parish Litter Group resumes its regular monthly Litter Picks after a two month summer break. It will be a special occasion as Bill Bryson will be there and will help with the picking.

Bill Bryson is a successful author and the Chancellor of Durham University. He is also the President of CPRE – the Campaign to Protect Rural England – and last year he launched the national anti-litter campaign Stop the Drop.

His visit highlights the success of Heighington Parish Litter Group which since its formation in 2005 has picked 400 bags of litter a year. The group picks not in the villages but on the verges and under the hedges of the roads running through the parish.

Bill Bryson's visit also highlights the work of LitterFree Durham CPRE which arranged the visit and which promotes Stop the Drop throughout County Durham and Darlington.

Although local authorities have a legal duty to pick up litter they just do not have the resources to collect everything that is dropped. Until people stop dropping their rubbish, particularly from vehicles, LitterFree Durham CPRE believes we need voluntary groups such as Heighington Parish Litter Group to help keep our streets, roads and countryside free of litter.

If you would like to join this special Litter Pick come along to Heighington Village Hall at 10.0 am on Saturday 12 September. Everyone is welcome. The Pick finishes around 12.0 noon with refreshments in the village hall.

# Castle Car Boot Sale

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# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

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Visitors can take a closer look at the exhibits – including the Shildon Works Bell and Hackworth Plug Wheel. Museum staff and volunteers will be on hand to give an in-depth insight into Timothy Hackworth's role in the development of the railways.

Also on Thursday 10 September, historian Michael Bailey will be present to give talks on the rescue and conservation of the early 19th century steam locomotive, Nelson.

For more information, contact George Muirhead on 01388 771440 or Pam Porter on 01388 771445 / 07809 548078.

# LEE SMITH THAI BOXING SHOW AT AYCLIFFE

Lee Smith from Newton Aycliffe was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in June 2007. This Memorial Show is now in its 3rd year and is growing in attendance year on year. The Show is a tribute to Lee's contribution to the sport.

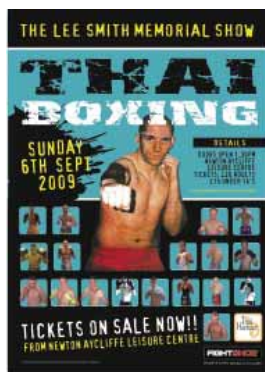
During Lee's fight career he achieved the following titles.

2 British Light Middleweight Titles – Thai Boxing  
1 British Middleweight Title – Thai Boxing  
World Championship – ranked 4th, Thai Boxing  
European Championship - ranked 2nd, Thai Boxing

This is to be a large event, hopefully attracting up to 500 people and will consist of 14 - 16 fights. It is held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 6th September 2009. Thai food will be on sale throughout the evening provided by Thai Harbour based in Hartlepool. Food may be purchased by Centre users as well as show attendees.

Proceeds from this show will go to the Lee Smith Trust which aims to support and promote Thai Boxing in the North East of England, including Co. Durham, Darlington, Tyne & Wear, Teesside and Northumberland. The Lee Smith Trust will further the education and training of Thai Boxing students by the provision of grants and donations to individuals and clubs/associations and to make donations to charitable organisations as the committee decide.

Tickets are now on sale from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at a cost of £20 per adult or £15 for under 14's. There are a limited number



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## Festival Silver Medal for N.A.S.C.



Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Junior FC recently represented the region, playing in the 1950's West Auckland FC strip, as part of the 2009 Durham Festival of Football. Four teams took part including Willington, Wolsingham (as Crook Town) and Bishop Auckland as representatives of 4 famous local amateur clubs that have been so successful over the years.

Pictured above is the NASC (West Auckland) squad who earned the silver medal against Bishop Auckland at the friendly tournament. Our thanks go to the Durham Amateur Football Trust who organised the event and to the local referees including Ryan Gillam, the 'ageless'

Terry Farley who ran the line, and the famous world cup referee: George Courtney, who refereed the final.

NASC Junior FC is also proud to announce that we won the 2009 Durham FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year award, in recognition of our contribution to the development of junior football in the region. If your child wants to develop their football skills and is between the ages of 4 and 16 or you want to be involved more with the club, then visit our website [www.nascjuniorfc.co.uk](http://www.nascjuniorfc.co.uk) or contact club Secretary: David Prior on 07798 684 988 for further information.

## Aycliffe Athletics News

Newton Aycliffe Athletic Club runner Trish Kay showed green values by travelling all the way to Spofforth, which is just outside Harrogate, by bus.

The Spofforth 10k trail race followed green paths, leafy lanes, grass fields and ended in a neatly manicured cricket ground in the attractive village.

The rural route was muddy in parts due to recent rain but the weather, warm and dry with a gentle breeze, was ideal for the event. The race was part of the Spofforth Village Gala so there was plenty of interest for runners and supporters alike. There were 233 finishers and the fastest and slowest times were 32:15 and 91:02 respectively. The rewards of a

race like this are really about taking part and enjoying the running, but for the record here are the club results: Julia Atkinson-Tate 46:12, John Edmondson 48:00, Janet Mcrae 49:14, Trish Kay 54:04.

By way of contrast, the previous week's Ray Harrison Memorial 10k race was run entirely on roads around Billingham. The fairly flat course gave the 370 finishers a chance to beat their personal best times, although the headwind for the last 3k made this a bit of a challenge. NAAC results: James Askew 36:07, George Reid 40:46, John Edmondson 45:33, Barry Geldard 47:24, Trish Kay 50:16, Penny Johnson 50:59, Ray Todd 52:32, Vicky Postle 58:55, Indira Hesketh 62:35.



## TOWN CENTRE TOILETS

Dear Sir

Reference the subject of the lack of public toilets in the town centre and the situation mentioned last week in connection with the parent and child.

How long will it be before an elderly person or anyone with a medical problem find themselves in the same situation? Could the lack of this amenity mean that shoppers are going to Tesco rather than the Town Centre?

Perhaps councillors who oppose the provision of toilet facilities may find themselves in the same embarrassing situation as the parent of the little boy, and what are they going to do about it?

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## Vandals Forced to Clear Up Graffiti

Teenaged vandals who spray painted their names all over a recently revamped public play park are being made to clean it up.

Durham County Council neighbourhood wardens have carried out a joint operation with the police to track down the youngsters who sprayed graffiti all over the play equipment at Addison Park in Meadowfield. The park, which is very popular with local people of all ages, had only recently been repainted by volunteers from the Probation Service who were carrying out their community service orders. Neighbourhood Warden Kay Hughes says everyone involved in the park was devastated when vandals struck again, "Local children play here and it's so important they feel safe and play in a welcoming environment. It's not very welcoming if everything is covered in spray paint and it shows a complete disregard for everyone's feelings. Fortunately they actually spray painted their names on to the equipment and we have worked with the police to find them and now they will have to clean it all up."

Cllr Brian Stephens holds the Portfolio which includes Streetscene, "I hope this sends out a powerful message. We will not tolerate people who insist on selfishly spoiling our neighbourhoods and we will use all our powers to find them and make them put things right."

The park will be re painted next week by the youngsters behind the vandalism and under the supervision of the police and their parents.

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# Exhibition of Local Builder's Art Youth Centre F.C. Organise Show Tournament



Local builder Bill Lowery, (not retired - as misprinted in Northern Echo), from Newton Aycliffe, is now exhibiting his paintings at The Greenfield Gallery at Greenfield Art College.

His artwork features family portraits, landscapes and recent stained glass and nature sketches. Bill has been working towards this exhibition for nearly three years, creating some new work for the gallery exhibition space. His work will be on display until Thursday 17th September and he is planning to create some new work in the gallery space during the exhibition.

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## Dog Muck Thrown in Garden

Dear Syd,  
I don't usually write letters to newspapers, however this is the exception. Recently an individual near where I live is talking his/her dog for a walk, armed with the obligatory plastic bag to collect its mess. As He/She walks past my garden. He/She "inadvertently" trips and

throws the mess filled plastic bag into my garden.

I always return this bag to the point from which it was thrown, so anyone reading this, and aware of what they do, can return to this point, collect their mess and dispose of it properly.

Should it occur again, the same will happen and when I identify this person, the authorities and the general public will be made aware as to who is causing the fouling.

Kindest Regards

Alan Murray

Resident of the Chase

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC organised a very successful football tournament over the weekend at the Great Aycliffe Show with medals and trophies sponsored by Co Op Funeral Care.

Teams from Sunderland, Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Darlington added to teams from Newton Aycliffe, competed in 3 age groups over the 2 days. The under 8's at this friendly tournament provided some excellent football from a group of enthusiastic young footballers.

The under 9's provided a very competitive tournament culminating in a Final between Plains Farm, Sunderland and the Youthy A. Despite a spirited effort and holding the visitors at half time, the long day caught up with the lads and Plains Farm left with the Trophy. The under 10 age group lacked teams but still produced some excellent football with the eventual winners being our neighbours from the Sports Club. Joe Blackett Chairman commented "The conduct of all players, officials and supporters was a credit to junior football in the town"

The winning number of the Large Number Board was 29 (prize Claimed by D.Todd) We are still looking for players for the coming season at under 8 & 9. If you are in year 3 or year 4 and want to be part of an FA Charter Standard Development Club. Contact Berni on 07939 045242

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## Bring Your Idea to Start a Business

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SASDA, the Enterprise Agency for Sedgefield Borough is now running a FREE programme, aimed at parents of young children who may want to start their own business. People who attend can also claim a £10 ASDA voucher totally free. The 'Flexible Families' programme aims to encourage and coach mums and dads with young families to develop ideas they've been pondering over. They may be looking to turn a successful hobby into a budding business, or develop an early idea into a plan for a new venture.

Over the course of a few hours the 'Flexible Families' programme creates a relaxed and friendly format which will give people the knowledge and skills they need to take the first tentative steps towards starting their own business. With a complementary lunch provided the informal session is available to mums and dads across the area and the added incentive of a £10 ASDA voucher could make the day really worthwhile. A fantastic prize draw, held at the local workshops, will give three lucky winners the chance to win a luxury spa treatment, a photo shoot for the family and a candlelight dinner for two at a local restaurant.

So if you have a young family and have been thinking of starting your own business, or have an early business idea, the 'Flexible Families' programme can get you on your way. To register your interest contact Tracey Davis on 01325 310730 or visit [www.sasda.info](http://www.sasda.info)

The 'Flexible Families' programme for Sedgefield Borough is managed by SASDA - Supporting People in Business

## Theft from Garden

A callous thief has stolen a birdbath and plinth from a disabled pensioner's garden in Byerley Park. He enjoyed watching the birds and this theft has taken away a simple pleasure. If you have any information on who might be responsible please contact the Police on 0345 6060 365

## Heighington W.I. News

Heighington WI is about to start its autumn programme with a meeting on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm followed by a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 12th September in Heighington Village Hall from 10.00a.m to 12noon.

Coffee and a homemade buttered scone with jam will be served at £1.50. There will be a raffle and a variety of stalls selling books, cakes, plants and bric-a-brac.

The WI has not been idle through the summer. A working party of members re-decorated the committee room in the village hall and members enjoyed a taster session to learn how to play croquet at Bishop Auckland Croquet Club. At our first we will welcome Mr Lance Slawther, a Wimbledon Umpire, who will talk about his experiences.

Contact Valerie Bedocs, Email: [v.bedocs@btinternet.com](mailto:v.bedocs@btinternet.com) or telephone 01325 312071.

### 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  
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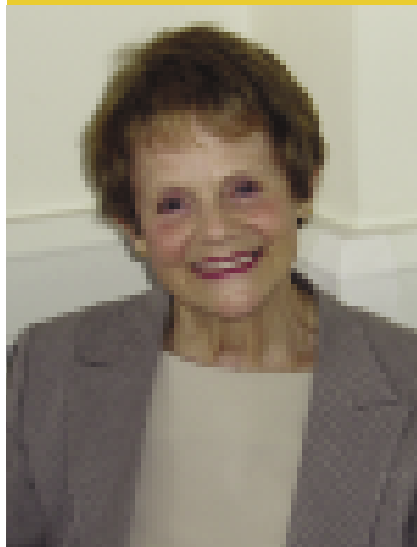
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Autumn 2009

Welcome to the autumn edition of PCP News.



In this issue you will be able to find out why the Pioneering Care Centre is on its way to becoming a 'Centre of Excellence', discover who has been presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award or find out if you are eligible to take part in the centre's new Arts for Wellbeing workshops.

If that's not enough, you can also find out what classes, courses, therapeutic treatments you can book over the next few months at the Pioneering Care Centre.

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# PCP NEWS

Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is your local charity which runs the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe - and whose aim is to improve the health and well-being of local people.

## Pioneering Care Centre set to become 'Centre of Excellence'

**P**artnership across County Durham will be able to access a number of new services to improve their health and wellbeing after CLIC action grants were awarded to extend the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

The PCP is one of only 25 projects across the county to receive funding from the government's Community Assets Programme, which is being used alongside funding from County Durham Council and the Wellbeing Neighbourhood Funds to build the new extension.

The extension, which will be recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence', will include an activity and therapy suite to help people to improve their health, as well as additional housing and IT facilities, meeting rooms and other accommodation to support people in developing their health, skills and confidence to help them to secure income-employment. Once completed in March 2014, the Pioneering Care Centre's total will be extended to a second site.

Chief Executive, Jane Hickey commented: "I am delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with the County Council to secure the future of the centre as a result of the new development as that we can continue to deliver services both in the local community and across County Durham for many years to come."

If you would like any further information regarding any of the activities, treatments or facilities that are currently available at the Pioneering Care Centre or would like an informal discussion about how your group or organisation could access the centre to deliver their various plans contact 01454 611444 or visit [www.pcp.co.uk](http://www.pcp.co.uk)



## Arts for Well-being

**T**he Pioneering Care Partnership is giving our guests, users and individuals with a long-term health condition the opportunity to join in a series of workshops that have been created to help people to have fun whilst recovering from ill.

The programme, which runs in partnership with the local County Durham and Darlington, will enable people to take positive control of their lives by taking in sculpture, drama to dance and street-dance to create a new way to help people learn to 'unlock their inner artist' whilst building their confidence, self-esteem and making new friends.



For further information please contact Liz Chaffey or Lynsey Potholm 01454 611444 or email [info@pioneeringsocial.co.uk](mailto:info@pioneeringsocial.co.uk)

# Classes, Courses and Events at the Pioneering Care Centre

## CLASSES

### Conditioning

Conditioning is a key element of fitness and strength, with exercise classes helping to improve your total body conditioning.

Classes begin:

Wednesday 7th September

9.30am – 10.30am, £3.00

Booking is essential, no places are left!

### Flexibility

This class will strengthen and tone your body, improve your balance, core stability, flexibility and help you to sit down.

Classes begin:

Wednesday 7th September

10.40am – 11.40am, £3.00

Booking is essential, no places are left!

### Exercise in Music

This fun six-week course is run in conjunction with Age Concern and is a gentle session for music. The session is suitable for anyone wishing to exercise.

Classes begin:

Thursday 16th September

10.30am – 11.30am, FREE

Booking is essential, no places are left!

### Home Carework for Engineers

Learn how to become a home care professional in the home care industry. This six-week engineering course will teach individuals and prepare the basic course.

Classes begin:

October 2020

Contact for details.

## COURSES

### Home Health – Managing your Health Conditions

If you are finding it difficult to manage a long-term health condition, this six-week, self-managed program will help you in developing the confidence and skills to manage your condition better.

Course begins:

Thursday 16th September

9.30am – 4pm, FREE

If you would like to book a place on the programme please contact 0800 884 4824

### Secondary Level 2

The GCSE Certificate Level 2 is a secondary skills in delivered by Bishop Auckland College. This 12-week course will cover topics such as communication, listening, observing, reflecting and understanding.

Classes begin:

September 2020

January 2021

9.30am – 3.30pm, £100.00 (this may be eligible for tax credits.)

### Mathematics and Motivation Course

This half day course will help you to build self-esteem, set goals and overcome barriers with work or education.

Classes begin:

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 17th November

1pm – 4pm, FREE (subject to eligibility)

### Interview Skills

A two-hour workshop designed to help you gain confidence in official interviews and self-promote in interviews.

Classes begin:

Thursday 10th October

Friday 16th November

11am – 12noon, FREE (subject to eligibility)

### Maths and English

A weekly class which will enable you to achieve maths and English level 1 and 2 qualifications.

Classes begin:

September 2020, FREE

### Old Building Workers

Come along to a group session where we can help you to build confidence in work.

Classes begin 4th March, FREE (subject to eligibility). Call for details.

## EVENTS

### November Career Office Meeting

Come and support the month's biggest career meeting. Every student that is made for last, online and tomorrow's session will go to November Career Support. Enter the tickets or receive a number of displays on show.

Friday 16th September

9.30am – 11.30pm

### Book Club Awareness Week

An awareness week will be held during national book week with a variety of physical and digital displays. The week will be a chance to promote the book club and support the people who suffer with book problems. There will be a book club, a book club and a book club.

Thursday 16th October

11am – 12noon, FREE

### Old School Awareness Week

Would you like to know more about children? Come along to this awareness week with free refreshments and displays.

Thursday 16th November

11am – 12noon, FREE

### Improve your Skills and Confidence

If you are looking to improve your skills and confidence, our two weeks at the Learning Pod will provide you with all of the information that you need to know.

Wednesday 16th September at Bishop

Thursday 16th September at Church

Thursday 17th September at Bishop

Thursday 18th September at Bishop

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Wednesday 16th October at Bishop

11am – 4pm, FREE

For more information about classes, courses,  
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# Therapy Services at the Pioneering Care Centre

## Acupuncture Therapy

Combining the therapeutic power of massage with the properties of acupunctural oils, this treatment helps to relieve pain and promote relaxation.

Therapy available:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Monday                                 | 10.00am – 8.30pm |
| Wednesday                              | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday                               | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Full rate £20, concessionary rate \$20 |                  |

## Apexone Massage

This holistic massage opens up the body, allowing stress to be released in a holistic balance.

Therapy available:

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| Wednesday                              | 8.00pm – 4.00pm |
| Full rate £20, concessionary rate \$20 |                 |

## Body Massage

A traditional form of massage used to stimulate energy, reduce stress and muscle tension, improve circulation and help mobility.

Therapy available:

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|--|------------------|
| Monday                                 | 10.00am – 8.30pm |
| Wednesday                              | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday                               | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Friday                                 | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Full rate £20, concessionary rate \$20 |                  |

## Chiropractic/Pediatric

A range of hand over treatments and advice with state-of-the-art chiropractic.

Therapy available:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Wednesday   | 6.30pm – 8.30pm |
| Thursday  | 8.00am – 8.00pm |
| Sat (Pediatric)   | 10am – 1pm      |
| Full rate £10/£5 (full consultation), \$10 (follow-up)        |                 |
| Concessionary rate: \$10 (full consultation), £10 (follow-up) |                 |

## Indian Head Massage

A relaxing, soothing and reviving massage to stimulate your senses, leaving you feeling rejuvenated.

Therapy available:

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|--|------------------|
| Monday                                 | 10.00am – 8.30pm |
| Wednesday                              | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Friday                                 | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Full rate £20, concessionary rate \$20 |                  |

## Lymphology

Indigestion in the system can be day caused by lymph nodes on the feet, and this treatment works to remove the indigestion.

Therapy available:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Monday                                 | 10.00am – 8.30pm |
| Wednesday                              | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday                               | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Friday                                 | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Full rate £20, concessionary rate \$20 |                  |

## Physiotherapy

Treat painful joints and soft tissue injuries, with a range of techniques. Other needs known: pregnancy and advice in the gym.

Appointments for pain relief also available for local painful joints and muscles, arthritis, back/neck pain, knee/leg pain, sciatica and headaches.

Therapy available:

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Monday  | 8.30pm – 8.40pm |
| Tuesday | 8.30pm – 8.40pm |
| Friday  | 7pm – 8pm       |

Full rate \$20 (the rate full consultation), \$20 (10-min follow-up), Concessionary rate: \$10 (10-min full consultation), \$10 (10-min follow-up)

## Relax

Relaxation both physical and emotional well-being without the need for medicine.

Therapy available:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Monday                                  | 10.00am – 8.30pm |
| Wednesday                               | 1.00pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thurs, Fri                              | 10am – 4.00pm    |
| Full rate \$20, concessionary rate \$10 |                  |

## Stretch Massage

A gentle therapy to release the build up of tension within our muscles.

Therapy available:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Thursday                                | 10am – 4.00pm |
| Full rate \$20, concessionary rate \$10 |               |

## Chiropractic

Chiropractic treat a variety of common conditions including: changes in posture in pregnancy; injuries with neck or shoulders, repetitive strain injury, postural problems, the pain of arthritis and sports injuries.

Therapy available:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Monday    | 10am – 11am |
| Wednesday | 10am – 11am |
| Friday    | 10am – 11am |

Full rate \$10 (full consultation) \$20 (follow up), Concessionary rate: \$10 (full consultation), £10 (follow up)

## Lymphatic Drainage for Children and General Adult/Younger Adults

A very light massage technique that encourages lymph to flow freely around the body, increasing the circulation of lymph from the body. It can promote healing, strengthen the immune system and reduce pain.

Therapy available:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Monday                                  | 8.00am – 11.00pm |
| Full rate \$20, concessionary rate \$10 |                  |

## Relax and enjoy...

Relax in one of the region's only publicly accessible hydrotherapy pools at the Pioneering Care Centre. The heated pool is a great way to relieve pain, improve mobility and de-stress and is extremely comforting for people with joint and muscular problems or those who aren't able to access alternative leisure activities. The centre runs a variety of sessions for people of all different ages and abilities from Monday - Saturday including aqua-aerobics and waterbables. There is even a reduced rate for carers. For more information or to book a session please contact 01325 327444.

Coming soon: **Homeopathy**

events or therapy services, please contact  
Fax: 01325 301129



# Writing words of wisdom wins award



Members of the 'Pension Writin' creative writing group were rewarded as winners of The Outstanding Achievement Award at the Southfield Borough Learning Celebration event earlier this year.

The eight-week course, which took place at the Pioneering Care Centre, was part of a pilot scheme that has attracted nationally to capture local events and images can be used to capture an individual's health and wellbeing.

The group, who were supported by local writer and member of Lupton-Johns Ward, had never captured creative writing before. In addition to their award, the group were published a book of poetry titled 'Pension Writin', Spreading the Word on Writing and Health'.

Several members of the group had also attended the Pioneering Care Centre's 'Pension Shop' programme, which aims to build people's confidence and knowledge through a range of interactive skills, CV and healthy lifestyle workshops, whilst introducing them to volunteering, training or employment opportunities.

People include Janet Chandler, Ean Hayward, Jean Armstrong, Wilma Shabo and Linda Graham reading their poems from *Again Arriving: The Taster Lunch of Southfield Borough Council*.

## How to find us?

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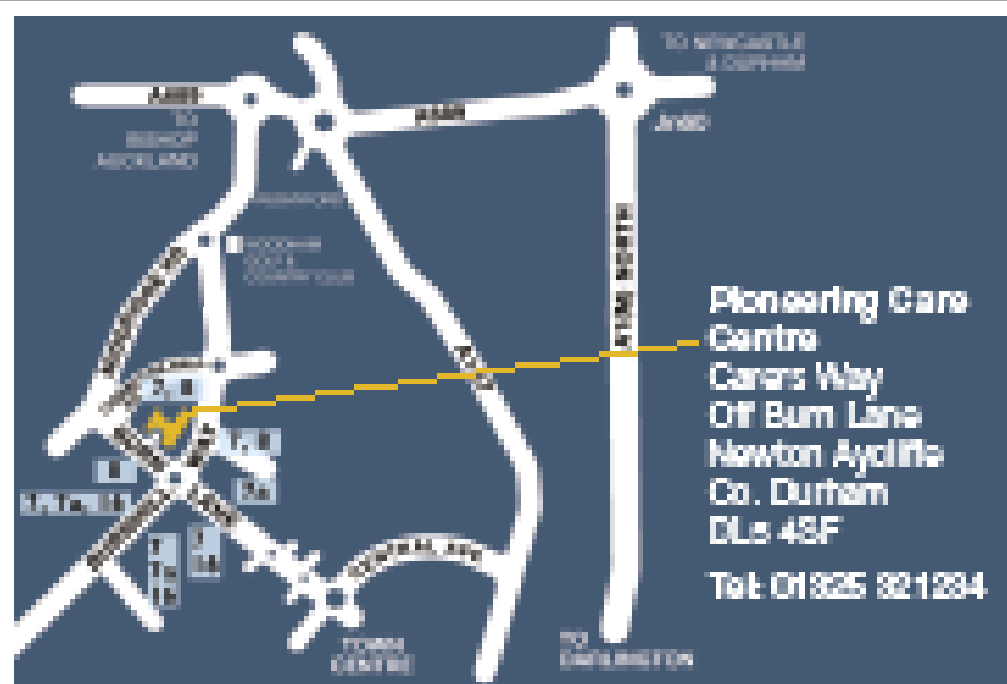
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and a few surprises from Rudi Wallenda's restored 1926 Bullnose Morris. Several marquee exhibitors exhibited the handcraft and horticulture competitions, as well as crafts, hobbies, local trades and services. Making a welcome return was the popular County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service extrication competition in which fire crews had to rescue casualties from vehicles involved in realistically-staged road collisions. The show was a great success - and preparations are already underway for next year's event!



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We are performing in Ferryhill due to a request for help from the Community Centre to help preserve the annual panto. A spokesman for the group said, "The group are beginning a promotion drive to get new members to join. We are looking for people to help us put this exciting production together, both on and off the stage. So if you fancy doing some singing, dancing or acting or even all three then we are the group

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We are a friendly group and would love to see more members at the group. If you don't fancy treading the boards, then maybe you can help backstage staff, front of house, sound and lights, scenery or even helping with the making of costumes which we will need. If you are free on a Thursday, please come

along and join us at the Civic Hall, Shildon. The group currently have members from Shildon, Bishop and Aycliffe. More information can be obtained on any of the following numbers, 01388 774838 or 01325 313363. We have our Facebook page or our website www.freewebs.com/centrestagetheatre - Have a look, give us a call.

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# 11 Conservatives Do Not Represent the Party

Sir,  
I have just returned from holiday so I apologise for not responding earlier to Mr. Vince Crosby's letter. I thank him for revealing his source of information which he used to justify his claim that the Conservative Party will end the minimum wage should they regain power at the next election. His actual statement that 11 Conservative MP's have sponsored a Bill to present to Parliament is correct - in so far as it goes. By inference Mr Crosby is stating that because 11 Conservative MP's are introducing this Bill that the Conservative Party as a body are going to back it. This assumption is wrong. All MP's have the right to present a Private Members Bill to Parliament, as part of our democratic system and these 11 MP's are simply exercising their right. This does not mean that it is Party Policy. The Employment Opportunities Bill that Mr. Cosby refers to was a Private Members Bill. It was and is not a Conservative Party Bill. Only 11 of the 195 Conservative MPs in

Parliament sponsored the Bill and it was not supported by David Cameron or any other member of the Shadow Cabinet. David Cameron has repeatedly said that we will keep the minimum wage - most recently at the 'Cameron Direct Event' on 20 August 2009 at Kingsmead School in the constituency of Weaver Vale. In 2007 David said: 'On the economy, we'd keep the minimum wage' (BBC News Website, 18 January 2007). In 2005, David argued that 'the minimum wage has been a success' (The Observer, 18 December 2005) and George Osborne, the Shadow Chancellor, stated in 2008 that 'Modern Conservatives acknowledge the fairness of the minimum wage' (Speech to Demos, 20 August 2008). To make it crystal clear, Conservatives support the minimum wage. David Cameron supports the minimum wage. The minimum wage will not be repealed. Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

# Youthy Car Wash for Butterwick

Sam, Chris and Crabber, members of the Youth Centre worked with youth leaders to raise £61 from Car Washing for the Butterwick Hospice who supported Dorothy Lowe who died recently from lung cancer at the age of 61. Her husband Leslie is shown in the photo with John Brittain (left) and wishes to thank all gave support during this sad time.

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The 3rd September 1939 was the day the Second World War was declared and also the day Thomas Verney was born in Bishop Auckland. The War Baby was educated in the town and left school to go down the mine at Dean & Chapter, Ferryhill. When the pit closed Thomas travelled to Ipswich to work in Agriculture and it was there he met his wife Teena at a local Dance in 1964. They were married in 1966 and two years later moved to Newton Aycliffe when Tom took a job with Cleveland Bridge Company. He then moved to Woodhead Steel on the Industrial Estate and after receiving an injury worked at Remploy until he retired. He and his wife can often be seen walking the dogs round the town while Tom sits on his electric scooter. He enjoys music and plays the accordion and organ. Tom also enjoys reading and pottering about in the garden. His wife, Teena, son Mark, daughter Mandy, Son-in-law Ian, Grandchildren Samuel and Grace send love and best wishes to him on his 70th Birthday.

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# THE STORY OF TOWN CENTRE TOILETS

A few people, mainly newcomers to the town, are asking for an explanation on how we lost our public toilets in the town centre in the first place.

A number of years ago the Town Council took over the responsibility of the toilets from the Borough Council and employed staff to clean and maintain them.

The news that the Town Centre was to be redeveloped was announced. Around the same time the toilets needed refurbishing, but the Town Council were told they would be demolished within 6 months as part of the new development.

Rather than waste taxpayers money on costly repairs the Town Council decided to close the toilets and many presumed they would negotiate their replacement within the new plans.

The 6 months passed and the original developers walked away from the contract and the redevelopment of our town centre reached stalemate. Tesco had opened and provided toilets in-store so public toilets weren't considered an important issue. The Leisure Centre toilets were also made available if people took the trouble to gain access through the turnstile.

Years have passed and the town centre redevelopment, which became a political football, is now back on schedule although much modified, isolating Tesco's store from the planned integration of their site with the existing town centre.

The issue of reintroducing toilets on the old town centre side of Greenwell Road is gaining popular support and the Great Aycliffe Residents Association is petitioning the landlords and/or the Local Authorities to provide this much needed amenity again in our Town Centre.

No one seems to want to take on the responsibility. The Landlords have never had it

so reject any suggestion they should take it on. The Town Council seem reluctant and want to pass the burden onto the Unitary Authority. It is important therefore that residents support the reintroduction of town centre toilets, by signing the petition found in most shops and also by contacting their local Councillors.

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## Thank You

**SHOREY** The family of the late Michael Shorey would like to express their thanks to all friends and family for all kind wishes, cards and flowers received at this difficult time. A special thank you to Father Campion for a beautiful Service and Bob Gordon from the British Legion

**HINDLE** The family of the late Doreen are most grateful for all the messages and letters of sympathy, floral tributes and for the genuine concern and help received during their recent sad bereavement. Thank you also to Donna, Heidi and all the Carers at Premiere Care. Also to the District Nurses for all their kindness shown.

**STARK** Kath and Sue would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the wonderful support and kindness and also for the cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes received following the recent death of Trevor. Our grateful thanks go to Father Campion for his support and for the comforting Service. To Bryan Shepherd of Whitehouse Funeral Services for his guidance, support and comfort. To the Doctors and Nurses of Bewick Crescent Surgery and Darlington Memorial Hospital and to the Ambulance Staff, all of whom provided excellent care to Trev during his illness. Thanks to work colleagues from Calsonic and friends from Sunderland Supporters Club for the kindness, support and friendship given to Trev. A special thanks must go to Terry, Lynn, Diane, Pamela, Carolyn and their families, without your help over the recent months we could not have got through a very difficult year in our lives. We will be eternally grateful. God bless you all

**I WOULD** like to thank everyone who took part in making our Son's Memorial a day to remember. The celebration of his life. A special thanks to Rev Linda Potter for a beautiful Service; the Stanley Methodist Men's Forum Gospel Choir; The Buglers of Durham Army Cadet Force; The Royal British Legion for the use of the club and bar staff; the catering of the restaurant by Anne and staff. Special thanks to all our friends who have been a great comfort to us. Money donated (£300) will be sent to Blesma (British Limbless Ex-Servicemen). Mr and Mrs S Ibinson and family

**LEEANNE** and Nicky would like to thank all who attended their 30th birthday party for making it such a special night. Thank you xxx  
**THE FAMILY** of the late Frank Robb would like to thank family and friends for the cards and condolences, £225 was raised for Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to all at this sad time.

**PHILLIP** and Rebecca Bradley (nee Mitchie) would like to say a great big thank you to our families and friends who joined us on our Wedding Day and all the fantastic gifts and cards we received, you all made it so special for us. Thank you Vicky at Lagoon for my fab hair-do "I loved it". Thank you Mandy and your super staff at the Bay Horse, Middridge for a lovely reception - the food and room were gorgeous. Also a big thanks to Bev, Cath, Sam, Yvonne and all staff at Woodham Golf Club for a fantastic party and the night at Redworth. You all made such an effort and worked hard, the room and the food were brilliant - we appreciate everything. thank you so much. Phillip and Rebecca xxx  
**ON THURSDAY** 6th August I fell in the town centre, where a crowd soon gathered, someone put a coat under my head and a young man who said he was a paramedic rang for an ambulance, while a kind lady soothed my brow and held my hand. I was taken to hospital where I soon found out I had a broken pelvis. After a month in hospital I am now home and on the road to recovery. I don't know who you were, but you do, so from the bottom of my heart, thank you thank you . . . Mrs Betty Huitson



# Library Takes on Modern Look



The new “Temporary” Library opened last Wednesday and impressed all the visitors including County Councillor Dorothy Bowman who became the first person to take membership in the new premises. The open plan system has adjustable shelves and the shelving units are easily moved to different positions.



# AAP FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS CONFIRMED

CountyDurhamAreaAction Partnership has agreed the timetable and structure of its board meetings for the coming months. Board members of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (AAP) – which serves areas including Sedgfield, Trimdon and Bowburn – will meet every two months to consider local issues,

including the action plans drawn up to address the AAP’s annual priorities. At their first meeting, held on July 29, board members agreed that they would set aside time at the start of every future meeting to consider any local issues raised by members of the community. At the end of each meeting the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP board will also set aside time to consider any county-wide issues involving partner organisations that will have an impact on the work of the AAP.

The three main priorities for the coming year for the East Durham Rural Corridor AAPhave been confirmed as activities for young people; support for the community and voluntary sector and for developing community spirit and aspirations; and traffic issues, including sustainable transport. A separate sub-group, will be set up to focus on each of the three priorities over a set period of time. The dates of future East Durham Rural Corridor Board meetings are 16 September 2009, 18

November 2009, 20 January 2010, and 17 March 2010. All meetings will start at 6pm. Venues are to be confirmed. Anyone who would like an issue to be raised at the board meeting should contact AAP Co-ordinator Jane Bellis at least 10 working days in advance of the meeting on 01388 816166, ext 7847, or email jane.bellis@durham.gov.uk

# P.M. SHOULD PRACTICE WHAT HE PREACHES

Sir, DEFRA Secretary Hilary Benn has recently talked about the UK becoming more self-sufficient in its food production and has stated that “It’s about people eating more food seasonally.” Disappointing, therefore, that the Government does not practice what it preaches. As part of its Rural Manifesto campaign to promote British farmers and producers, the Countryside Alliance wrote to the main Government departments asking how much of the produce they serve is British. The answers would make Mr Benn blush. The Foreign Office said “no detailed breakdown exists of individual residences” and the Cabinet Office, which runs Number 10, said “There is no information on whether the proportion of food procured in the past twelve months was domestically produced.” Only the Treasury scored well and sources a high proportion of UK produce. This is simply not good enough. If the Government is telling us all to eat British they should be leading by example. Talking about it is all very well but you can easily be found out, as the Prime Minister has been, by saying in Parliament that “we all know British bacon is best” when the Cabinet Office hadn’t bought a single rasher. Yours etc. Simon Hart Chief Executive Countryside Alliance

## Congratulations



LORRAINE COLE (nee Lannon)



5th September 1939

Happy 70th Birthday

“From Bonny Young Lass to Wrinkly with a Bus Pass”

From all the family

Mackenzie Jackman



Good Luck

as you start Greenfield School on 7th September. All our love, Mum, Dad, Madison and all your family and friends xxx xxx

Maryam Treifi



Happy 18th Birthday

Today’s your 18th Birthday and so much lies in store, success and opportunity are knocking at your door. Love, Mum, Dad and Amir

James Sterling



Congratulations

on completing your training and Graduation to the Royal Air Force on 25th August 2009. We are so proud of you. Love, Mam, Dad, Rebecca, James, Nana, Paul, Mira, Grandma and Grandad xxx

Iain & Rebecca Hall (nee Craig)



Were Married

in Sunderland on 22nd August. “Congratulations”. Love from Mam, Dad, Susan, John, Oewn and Faye xxxxx

Ollie Joseph Baxter



IS ONE

7th September

Happy Birthday little man! Can’t believe you are 1 already! Love you lots, Mummy and Daddy xxx Happy birthday little bro! Love you, from Louis xxx Happy birthday coppertop! Love from Nana and Grandad xxx

Sophie Swords Lee



Happy 2nd Birthday

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## Birthday Remembrance

LEE SMITH

7th September 1973



Another birthday without you Lee and still the pain does not ease. Our hearts break for the want of seeing you and yet we feel that you are with us. We miss you eternally and will love you forever. Mam and Dad

## In Memoriam



ROBERT & SHEILA KIPLING

(16th August - 9th September)

Loving memories of Mam and Dad. Gone are the days we used to share. But deep in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memories never close. You are missed more than anyone knows. Love, Col, Val, Michael, Nicola, Glen, Claire, Wayne, Holly, Emily and Morgan

RICHARDSON Ella and Garry. Remembering my dear Sister Ella and Nephew Garry. Thinking of you both today and always. God bless, Brother Joe and Sister-in-Law Mena xx BRIAN MEALE 2-9-1995. Remembering you with great affection. So sadly missed by your dear Wife Eileen and family xxx ROLAND PUTTOCK 1-9-03. Close to our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Love, Elaine, Amy and Elenia xxx DULCIE YOUNG Died 2-10-08. As you were you will always be. Treasured in our hearts, worthy of remembrance. RIP. Dulcie, Eddie, Sharon, Gary and families

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## BEWICK CRESCENT SURGERY SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

**Bewick Crescent Surgery will be starting the seasonal flu vaccination clinics from 14th September. The clinics will be walk in between the hours of 8.30am - 12noon and 1pm - 6pm.**

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

**0844 477 3708**

**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.**

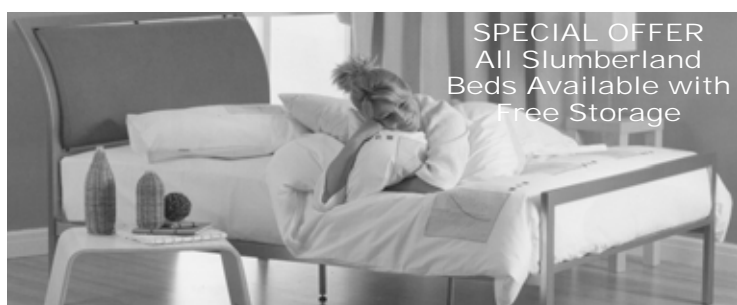
**We must stress that these Flu Clinics are for the SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION and NOT SWINE FLU.**

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

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The 'A' Factor proved to be a very popular addition to the Great Aycliffe Show with some very talented youngsters competing for the title.

A 12 year old, all round entertainer, Annis Race from Newton Aycliffe, won the audience vote.

All the finalists gave superb performances and delighted the audience with their musical abilities. It is thought this will now become a regular part of the Show Programme.



Winner Annis Race



## JUMPING ON THE BANDWAGON

Dear Sir,

I nearly choked reading the article titled "Green Hut has Gone" in the Northern Echo and I am writing to redress this. New Labour are at it again, - Jumping on the bandwagon! Everyone realises when changes to the political make up take place that incoming people take the credit for things they may have had very little to do with. Such is the case here as the article stated that civic dignitaries officially opened a new Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe after a £275,000 rebuild. An Independent Councillor, Lileen Cuthbertson, was heavily involved in this project and has done such a tremendous amount of the work which is continuing. She was absolutely fantastic in obtaining the money, yet her magnificent efforts

do not even get a mention - what a total disgrace!

Seeing the people gathered in the photo made me feel sick at their sheer audacity. It's bad enough our MP Phil Wilson appearing in more photos than David Cameron, but for such brazen opportunistic manoeuvring this takes the biscuit.

Councillor Gittins has been on the Unitary Authority for a few months, and has come out in print saying he does not wish to be part of a complaint against the Unitary Authority. So much for representing issues relevant to the people who elected him as an Independent Councillor in opposition. I would suggest that if he wants to impress people he goes about it the right way - being an opposition Councillor.

Clr Bill Blenkinsopp (Independent)

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