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## ELECTORAL COMMISSION MAKES BIG ERROR ON BOUNDARY CHANGES

### One Town Ward Missed Completely

The Boundary and Electoral Commission are recommending that for 2013 the Great Aycliffe area be represented by 7 Unitary Councillors in accordance with representations made by Great Aycliffe Town Council and the Great Aycliffe Residents Association. (GARA).

The only real change is that part of Shildon which also shared an extra councillor with Newton Aycliffe will no longer be included. Middridge will come in with Newton Aycliffe and the wards will be Aycliffe North, the Dales & Middridge a two member division, Aycliffe Central a three-member division, Aycliffe East a two-member division (7 in all). This proposal makes sense and seems to be welcome by all interested parties.

For the Great Aycliffe Parish review (Great Aycliffe Town Council) the Council were seeking just 3 wards each running with the Unitary Council wards with 13, 8 and 9 Councillors respectively for the 3 wards, (30 Councillors for the Town Council).

But the Electoral Commission and the Boundary Commission have rejected this in favour of no change to 8 wards and 30 Councillors, remaining basically the same. This is in line with the Great Aycliffe Residents Association

recommendation. Making easier not harder for people to become involved with local democracy.

The only problem is that the Boundary and Electoral Commission have made a whopping big error, someone missed out a ward, Woodham South with 3 Councillors and they seem to think that Great Aycliffe Town Council is currently comprised of 7 wards and 27 councillors, the Commission recommends the same remains for 2013.

But eagle eyed, former Mayor Of Aycliffe, Arun Chandran, who drafted the GARA case to them, has pointed out to the Commission the glaring error that the Council is currently 8 wards and 30 Councillors. Arun has notified them immediately of this administrative error so that they can correct it. The report and map covering the Great Aycliffe Parish will have to be re drafted! He has also alerted the Town Council of the error. The full report which thanks to Arun will now have to be redrafted and map redrawn, can be seen on the Boundary Commission website <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/all-reviews/north-east/durham/county-durham-electoral-review>. (Map 12 refers to Newton Aycliffe)

## LETTER

### HSBC Bank Closure Surprise

Dear Sir

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Andrew Thomson

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It appears the situation regarding the Cubby is becoming more and more sordid as our MP gets involved in an attempt to exert pressure to get

them to move off their current site. So much for supporting the Cubby, or anyone else for that matter.  
We were promised a new Library and a new Cubby, but

despite this, our elderly people have been urged to be good little boys/girls and not oppose pre-laid plans. This completely ignores promises made to the people of this town. All in all, our local MP's record of support does raise some questions as we head towards a General Election next year. Pressure is being put upon the Cubby users to move into the temporary library, (which they have strong reservations about). Vague promises of moving into a yet to be built permanent building with the Library and Leisure Centre depends on a lot more factors than waiting for it being built. Temporary in this case means 5 years or more.

After more than a decade of broken promises from a disgraced and shambolic New Labour Party any such promises are more than likely glib and meaningless.

I believe the Cubby should stay on the same site and have purpose built new premises which was promised to them. This could come out of the money gained by Durham County Council when the land was sold for town centre development, and when approx £7 million went unaccounted for.

It was certainly not spent on Newton Aycliffe. I have been informed it went into a pot. Why were our elected representatives not pushing for a bigger slice of this money when the land was sold, or even getting the Unitary Authority to stick to their promises over the Cubby? If they had, this situation would not exist.

This distinct lack of support by some of our elected representatives has led me to consider how I can best serve the interests of the people in the town and village. There are clearly far more people upset now with Labour than will vote for them at the next General Election so I have decided to join the Liberal Democrat Party to help mount a sustained drive to provide a desirable alternative for people to consider at the next election! Counc. Bill Blenkinsopp

# New Textiles Facility at Woodham College



Students studying GCSE Textiles Technology at Woodham Community Technology College have been enjoying working in brand new specialist accommodation. The room which includes dyeing facilities, sewing machines, overlocking machines and a bespoke cutting table, was designed in partnership with textiles teacher Sarah Gregory and offers a fantastic opportunity for students at the school to develop their creative and technical skills by using the new machinery to make high quality and innovative textile products such as toys, hats, bags, fashion and artwork. Miss Gregory previously worked as a Designer and Product Developer for Triumph International before deciding to pursue a career in teaching. Miss Gregory was one of the first cohort of teachers trained by the School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT), a partnership of over 30 schools based here in Newton Aycliffe, and led by Woodham CTC.

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### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

#### Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2009**  
commencing at 6.00pm

The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. For further information please contact Christine Walton on 01325 300700 or email: christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Environment Office of Great Aycliffe Town Council will be in attendance at this meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 21st Oct. 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).

The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 70 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## MEN ONLY HEALTH SESSION

Woodham Community Centre are holding a Drop in Health Centre session on Thursday 1st October from 4pm - 7pm. Advice on healthy eating, smoking, alcohol, stress, chest pains, sleeplessness, out of breath etc. Just call in and see the specialist for an informal chat in non clinical surroundings.

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In this service we also pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers and whose names are on the prayer board. Refreshments and fellowship are shared after the service and you are warmly welcome to share this with us. (When I say warmly – I mean that in every sense – the heating is back on

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Valerie Bedocs (312071)

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Dear Sir,  
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The Centre is keen to make residents aware you don't have to be a member to take part in the Salsa Exercise session and in a bid to 'get locals moving' have agreed to a recession busting offer.

For the next three weeks (up to 15th October), anyone who is new to the session can try out the salsa at a reduced fee of only £2.50 per session.

So if you want to get fit, are trying to lose a few pounds for Christmas, or simply want a fun night out, then come along.

If you would like to become a full diet and fitness member then the committee have also helped to make this more affordable with free membership, saving £10.00 to all locals joining up to 15th October. You also receive free portion pots worth £4.88 on week two.

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Lorraine Pickering

## JAMES WINS NEW BIKE

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company celebrates its legacy of innovation and achievement. So it was only fitting that PWS chose to sponsor the Team. John Lennon, Director of PWS, said "As a local employer and keen believer in the benefits of sport for children, PWS is delighted to be able to play a part in supporting Newton Aycliffe Under 9's. We wish them luck in the new season and hope to see some of them in the Premiership in just a few short years." Words the Team took on board at the weekend, beating Stockton Rangers 4-2 in the first round of The Cup. The Team played off the field. Great passes from Niall Blenkinsop and Goal Scorer Harry Hobbs, gave opportunity for two terrific goals from Adam Lamb, followed by another in the back of the net by Elliot Stonehouse. Fantastic defensive work by Defender Ben Stephenson and Goal Keeper Josh Ward, made a great game of Football for all to watch. Well Done to the whole team. Anyone interested in playing competitive football for the Under 9s, please contact Dave on 07791936670 or Berni on 07939045242. All Welcome

## Support to Improve West Park

Dear Sir,  
May I, through Newton News, inform Mr R. Bainbridge and Mrs D. Moor as the Councillor for the West Ward, I too would like to see what you are both requesting at the Town Lakes. I have over the years, as a Councillor, requested this many times. The boats are missed, and they are just locked away in the shed. I would love to see them back on the lake, but the Town Council do not have the staff to supervise this area. As the Council are about to employ more staff I hope the situation may change next year. We do need an island in the centre of the lakes to keep the ducks safe, due to irresponsible dog owners. I have watched dogs chasing the ducks, when they should be on a lead. Work on an island and staffing all comes down to funding. I have requested one of our Unitary Councillors to apply for money from the Recreation Fund at the County Council to pay for these items in this Ward. Not many towns have a park like ours, two lakes with an abundance of wildlife, Ducks, Geese, Swans and other birds. The model Boat Club spend many hours sailing their boats, which to me is a pleasure to watch. Councillor George C Gray

# Good Value for Money Councillors

Dear Sir  
I was outraged after reading the letter launching the Lib Dems in Aycliffe. The content of the letter made by their spokesman Mr. Atkinson, are inaccurate and questions their credibility. Firstly Councillor's pay has in fact gone down by four to five thousand pounds per year, and they are now doing both County and Borough work. £13,300 less the usual off-takes

cannot, in anybody's eyes, be called exhorbitant, considering the responsibility and long hours they work. The underlying accusation coming from Mr Atkinson is they are only doing the job for financial gain. Considering these allowances are just above the minimum wage he cannot be serious. The only explanation is the Lib Dems think it's worth going

for these positions for financial gain. The County Council maybe, but not Aycliffe Town Council where £70 take home pay per month is not enough to tempt them. So much for wanting to represent the people of Newton Aycliffe and is this the reason not one Liberal Democrat stood for a Town Council positions? Mrs A. Miller  
Address Supplied

# Honest John Donation

All members of J.A.M. thank Honest John for the very much appreciated donation of £400 from his fundraising stall. The money will be used to pay for transport for a weekend break for 20 children in Seahouses. Keep up the good work,  
Thanks,  
Margaret Tuplin

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## Repeat of Popular Art Exhibition

After the great success of last year's exhibition, Spennymoor Settlement is hosting another opportunity to see artwork from local artists, Lynn Rocks and Colin Richardson.

Artists, Lynn Rocks and Colin Richardson, daughter and father, live in Tudhoe and Bishop Auckland respectively and have painted many pieces for people living in our area, as well as selling work at The Art Fair held at the Sage, Gateshead and beyond.

Entry to the Settlement



Exhibition is free and will contain affordable pieces to suit every taste and style, from original pieces to fine art reproductions and cards; from traditional to contemporary, with the belief that fine art should be accessible to everyone.

Lynn's compositions range from: tactile, 'sculptured' florals; to images of the human form; to crisp sweeping seascapes and sultry, warming sunsets and are all about movement, energy and light, with 'uplifting' results, whilst Colin concentrates mainly on painting images of local landmarks and scenes, which depict the vibrance and energy of the people and places of the North East.

The exhibition will run from Saturday the 3rd of October until Monday the 5th October, with the added attraction of having a café area which has wonderful home made cakes and other delights, available on Saturday.



Spare a little time and go along to soak up the atmosphere and maybe start or add to your art collection. Or, you could even get started on your Christmas shopping! The opening times are: Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday & Monday: 12 - 4pm.

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## PUPILS UNITE AFTER 21 YEARS

Woodham Comp pupils, This is a reminder/final call to those of you that went to Woodham Comp in 1988.

Do the names Smudge, Jimll, Haggis, Kipper, Scirrors, Boris, Torty, Rimmer, Olly, Crod, or Nobby mean anything to you? A reunion is being organised for those who left Woodham Comp in 1988 (or 1990 if you went on to 6th form).

It is 21 years ago and some of us left altogether. It was therefore decided that it would be a good time to have a get together, reminisce and see how we have all turned out!

The reunion is booked for Saturday 10th October, at the Sports Club, Moore Lane. If you would like to attend this event, (and have not already confirmed your attendance on Facebook) please do so via email to [chris.jenkins0@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.jenkins0@hotmail.co.uk) or sign up to the Facebook group "The Woodham class of 1988 school reunion" Jimll

## INSPIRED WOODHAM STUDENT

Amir Treifi, from Woodham Community Technology College joined other young leaders from around the world at the UK School Games on Thursday 3rd September to Sunday 6th September as part of the International Inspiration programme.

International Inspiration is a key strand of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy to engage and inspire the youth of the world through sport.

The 48-strong group of young leaders had been specially selected to attend the 2009 Games, in Cardiff, Newport and Swansea.

The group consisted of two young people from each of the 12 countries currently involved in International Inspiration (Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, India, Jordan, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palau, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia); and young leaders from more than 20 schools which have school links with the International



Inspiration countries.

The UK School Games, which is managed by the Youth Sport Trust, is a multi-sport event for elite young athletes of school age and includes opening and closing ceremonies and an athletes' village to replicate the environment of a major sporting event, such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This year's event in South Wales featured 1,600 athletes competing across ten sports: track cycling, athletics, badminton, fencing, gymnastics, hockey, judo, swimming, table tennis and volleyball, with disability events in athletics, swimming and table tennis.

Volunteering at the Games enabled the young leaders to receive training and experience in leadership, volunteering, child protection and welfare, national governing body accreditation, event management, press operations and athlete support, while also improving their understanding of the cultures of each International Inspiration country, sharing experiences, developing relationships and formulating action plans to use their new skills and expertise back in their home country.

International Inspiration is a unique partnership of public and private organisations. The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has joined forces with the programme's key delivery partners, UK Sport, UNICEF UK and the British Council to bring International Inspiration to fruition as a core of the London 2012 international education programme.

For more information visit [www.ukssport.gov.uk/internationalinspiration](http://www.ukssport.gov.uk/internationalinspiration)

## FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY MEET

Our next meeting on 30th September at 7.30pm will be a Research Evening. If you are interested in family history, would like to learn how to begin your own research or need advice, please join us. The Society meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way. Car parking and refreshments are free. For details visit our website at [www.comunigate.co.uk/ne/nafhs](http://www.comunigate.co.uk/ne/nafhs) or contact Mr John Barraclough, Secretary, on 01325-315959.

## ST. MARY'S PUPILS VISIT NEW LIBRARY



Last Friday, Year 6 pupils from St. Mary's R.C.V.A. Primary School visited Newton Aycliffe's new temporary library, in order to carry out research on the 'Aycliffe Angels', as part of a cross curricular project with St. John's Comprehensive School, in Bishop Auckland.

During the visit, the children were able to join the Library and the staff very kindly prepared a display of newspaper cuttings and reference books to help them with their research.

The pupils were fascinated by what they learnt and were also impressed with the new library. It has inspired them to carry out more research into the history of their local environment.

The staff and pupils of St. Mary's would like to say a big "Thank You" to all of the Library staff, who went out of their way to make the visit so enjoyable. St. Mary's are going to organise more visits to the library for their children, so they can appreciate what a fantastic library service we have in the town!



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Application forms are also available at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex



Agnew Centre Open Day

Open Day at the Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close Saturday 26th September starting from 11am-3pm opened by Mayor, Mary Walton. We hope to have demonstrations during the day from Brett Lamberts School of Tai Chi, Line Dancing with Disco music, Face Painting, Stalls, Tombola, hot & cold drinks, Hot Dogs and French fries. No Admission Charge and you can take out a membership for 2010 which will cover the rest of this year at the same price of £2 and £1 for concessions. Membership brings a discount on hiring the Hall for children's Parties, so come on down and see the New (friendly) Centre for yourself, and we look forward to seeing you all.

Outstanding Cricket Season

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club celebrated an outstanding season with a packed house at the Sports club for their annual presentation night. The club's first team won the Glen Pattison Memorial Trophy and the under 18's team won the Bob Hay Trophy. The club also presented the following individual achievement awards. Under 15's team:- catching -Daniel Weldon, bowling-James Layfield-Carroll, batting -Sam Telford. Joint player of the year was Sam Telford and Daniel Weldon. Under 18's team: catching-Ross Dixon, bowling-Luke Telford, batting-Matt Wheeler, outstanding performance- Ross Dixon. The Giles Shaw Memorial trophy for the player of the

year was Matt Wheeler. 2nd team: catching-Daniel O'Connor, bowling-Daniel Weldon, batting-Dave Bennett. Joint player of the year was Dave Bennett and Daniel Weldon. 1st team: catching-Mahesh Shenoy, bowling-Matt Wheeler, batting-Mahesh Shenoy. The Ian Clark Memorial Trophy for the player of the year was shared by Chris Palmer and Arvind Shetty. There was also special awards presented to Mahesh Shenoy, Karl Wheeler and Matt Wheeler for scoring centuries and to Lee Weldon, who was voted the Clubman of the Year for the twelfth time. The Cricket club have scheduled their Annual General Meeting for Monday 5th October, with a 7pm start at the Sports Club and all members are invited to attend.

5th YEAR CERTIFICATE



Members of staff celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Specsavers store in Newton Aycliffe. From left to right they are Fiona Curtis (director), Katrina Allen (contact lens supervisor), Liz Lambert (manager) and Dave Pape (dispensing supervisor). They all started together when the store opened in August 2004. There are three other other members of the Newton Aycliffe team (not pictured).

COME ON AYCLIFFE!

Aycliffe suffered their fifth league defeat of the season with a disappointing display at home to Gillford Park last Saturday. The Carlisle club, who were 2-0 up by half-time, leapfrogged Allan Oliver's side with the victory, climbing to eighth in the skiltraining Northern League second division. Aycliffe, by comparison, slipped to 14th with their third consecutive league defeat at Moore Lane Park. Mark Wood, returning to the side for the first time in four weeks, gave Aycliffe a glimmer of hope with an injury-time penalty, but Gillford dashed any hopes of a late comeback by grabbing a 95th-minute third. Aycliffe continue their Northern League campaign with another home game against Guisborough Town this Saturday (September 26, 3pm kick-off). Aycliffe's game away to Whitehaven in Cumbria, originally scheduled to be played next March, has been brought forward to next Saturday (October 3). It means after Saturday's home game, Aycliffe face FIVE consecutive away games after their six home matches on the spin. **Saturday 26th Sept:** Guisborough Town (H), 3pm **Wednesday 30th Sept:** Crook, Ernest Armstrong Cup (A), 7.30pm **Saturday 3rd Oct:** Whitehaven (A), 3pm **Saturday 10th Oct:** Brandon Utd (A) 3pm **Tuesday 13th Oct:** Whickham (A), 7.30pm **Saturday 17th Oct:** Sunderland RCA (A), 3pm [www.newtonaycliffecc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffecc.co.uk)

SWIMATHON TROPHY WON BY BEWICK CRESCENT SURGERY



"LITTLE" BIG EVENT

Churches Together who run the "Big Event" for secondary age young people are also running two other events for younger children called the "Little Big Event". There will be an event for children from Reception to Year 2 on Friday 2nd October and an event for Years 3-6 on Friday 9th October. Both events will take place at Sugar Hill School at 6pm, admission £2.50 and all children are welcome. The event includes a Disco, action songs, games, face painting, tuck, etc. Come along and have some fun!

Bewick Crescent Surgery maintained the record of always bringing a trophy home from the annual Rotary Club Swimathon held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. This year they won the "Distance Award" having swum the most lengths in the 55 minute session. The Presentation of awards was held at the Cumby Arms followed by Supper. The total raised was almost £10,000 and many local chairities benefitted from the efforts of teams sponsored from this area. The main charity was Butterwick Hospice and Chairman Bob Theakston presented the cheque to Dayman Miller. Next year's Swimathon is on 9th May and details can be obtained from Tony Gent on 01325 721037.

Kind Readers

Dear Sir,  
May I thank the two very kind readers of Newton News who donated a birdbath after reading about ours being stolen from our garden. The disabled pensioner is now able to enjoy watching the birds in the garden again. Grateful  
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## Local Ref at Sports Dinner

Former World Cup referee George Courtney MBE has been lined up by Newton Aycliffe FC for a fundraising event in November. George, who lives in Spennymoor and continues his work as a UEFA and FIFA delegate, will hold a talk-in at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on Friday 27th November, to raise much-needed funds for the club. Aycliffe are also hoping to book a comedian for the event. "It should be another cracking night," said the club's chairman, Gary Farley. Our last two dinners have been superb, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed them. We'll be putting a lot of effort in to making sure everyone enjoys this one, too, and we're pretty sure tickets will be fairly popular."

## THANKS TO KIND DRIVERS

Dear Sir,  
I would like to give a very great thankyou to all of those who stopped and offered help to myself and my wife when our car broke down on St. Cuthberts Way last week. I was surprised at how many people were willing to give help to unknown folk, in particular to the couple with the black four wheel vehicle who returned twice to make sure we were ok.  
Bill & Aileen Pattie

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new application form and been asked to return it so that their circumstances can be assessed in readiness for the change on 1 October. New applicants can collect a form from any SBH office or by ringing SBH on 0845 505 5500. More detailed information on the CBL scheme and how it works can be found either on the SBH website online at www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk or via the Durham Key Options website at www.durhamkeyoptions.co.uk

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 The Fly-tipping Partnership has had a great deal of success since it launched but intends to get even tougher on those who wilfully break the law.  
 Durham County Council's Director of Neighbourhoods, Terry Collins, says there is no room for complacency, "This

partnership has resulted in the lowest incidents of fly-tipping for four years. However, last year there were still more than 7, 600 reported incidents, and that's not acceptable. Not only is this a crime and blight on our landscape, it costs a great deal to clean up and, in some instances, can have severe environmental consequences as well."  
 Together Durham County Council and the Environment Agency will use their powerful partnership to map out fly-tipping hotspots, carry out surveillance and then pursue prosecutions using all available legislation  
 The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Environment, Cllr Brian Stephens says dealing with this issue is a high priority, "We already know by working with the Environment

Agency on this we can reduce this countywide problem, and if anyone is in any doubt, here is some hard evidence. Last year we investigated more than 1,340 incidents, issued 380 formal warnings, with the police getting involved on 33 occasions. In addition, 37 files were submitted for prosecution decision, leading to court action or fines."  
 Kate Halka, the Environment Agency's Swat Fly-tipping project manager said: "We will continue to work with Durham County Council to combat the issue of fly-tipping. The success of our joint working approach sends out a clear message to anyone thinking of fly-tipping. You are being watched, so dispose of your waste responsibly and within the law, or risk a criminal conviction."

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Dear Sir,

A big thank you to the Thames Cleaning Centre especially the proprietor who went out of his way to clean a Christening gown that had been marked after loaning it out.

I had previously asked another well known dry cleaners to do this and had been very disappointed in the service as well as finding the gown still being marked. I called in the Thames Centre and the staff were very kind, efficient and understanding of the situation. The gown is very special and they gave me a lot of hope where previously it looked as if the gown would be ruined forever. I can't thank them enough. I am so grateful and would like all your readers to know of the excellent service and totally friendly and caring attitude as well as being very good value.

I now will not go anywhere else and hope I can encourage other readers to be aware of this excellent, friendly service that we have here in Newton Aycliffe. Once again Thank you, words cannot say how much this meant to me.

Gail Hodgson

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**EVENING** of Clairvoyance with renowned Spiritualist Mediums "Les Henderson" and "Jean Clayton" at the Rolling Mills, Longfield Road, Darlington on Thursday 1st October, 2009 from 7.30pm. Entrance fee £7 (pay at the door)

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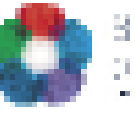



# Thursday, 1st October

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**PHILIP ASKEW** on 18th September (in hospital). Philip (Phil) aged 74 years. Beloved Husband of Josie; Loving Dad of Philip and Karen; Father-in-Law of Ann and Allen. A much loved Grandad of Gareth, Philip and Glen. Also a dear Brother and Brother-in-Law. Funeral Service to take place at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 28th September at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to Cancer Research (plate at the crematorium)

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**THE BOWTELL** Family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and condolences received on the recent loss of Paul. Thank you to Father Campion for a wonderful Service and all who attended. What a great send off he got!!! Thank you all xxx

**UNIBUILD UK** Just a quick thank you for a job well done in fitting our new kitchen and laminate flooring. Thank you Mark and Daniel from Tom and Helen

Public Notice

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**CARRIE HOWARTH**  
**Happy 20th Birthday**  
Lots of love, have a great day from Mam, Dad and Matthew.

**Happy 20th Birthday Caz**  
Love from Grandad Syd, Uncles, Aunts and Cousins

**JOHN GARRETT** 26-9-09. It's finally here, the big 40! Have fun, love always, Karen xx

**JOHN GARRETT** Enjoy your day John. Love, Adelle and Danielle

**JOHN GARRETT** Happy 40th Dad. See you Friday. Love, Danielle, Sophie and Jessica xxx

**STEPHANIE HUBERY** 2nd October. Happy 18th birthday. You're all legal now, have a great birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Nanna, Daniel, Rhys and Maddy xxx

**STEPHANIE HUBERY** 2nd October. Happy 18th birthday to a special Granddaughter. Have a great birthday. Love you loads, Grandad and Gramma xxxx

**STEPHANIE HUBERY** 2nd October. Happy 18th birthday. Have a great birthday, Niece. Love from Uncle Darin, Aunt Emma, Michael & Britney xx

**STEPHANIE HUBERY** 2nd October. Happy 18th birthday Stephanie. Lots of love, Auntie Julia and Uncle Eric xxxxx

**STEPHANIE HUBERY** 2nd October. Lots of love on your 18th birthday. Love from your Cousins, Julie, Debbie and Susan xxxxx

**KATEY FLEMING** (nee Raine). Happy 30th Birthday to our beautiful Daughter and Sister you are such a lovely person and we are very proud of you. All our love Mum and Dad, Richard and Jen, Paul and Nicki xxxxx

**KATEY FLEMING** (nee Raine). Happy 30th Birthday to my wonderful Wife and Mum you mean the world to all your boys. Love you forever. John, Jack, Ollie, Ellis and Tyler xxx

**KATEY FLEMING** (nee Raine). To our special Auntie on your 30th birthday lots of love James, Iris & Cambell xx

**KATEY FLEMING** (nee Raine). Happy 30th birthday to a super Daughter and Sister-in-Law all our love, Les, Rob, Paul, Martin, Steven, Tracy and the boys. xxx

**KATEY FLEMING** (nee Raine). Hope you have a lovely birthday. Lots of love, Nanna and Grandad Raine, Nanna Weldon and all the family

**ZACH MELTON** Happy 21st birthday to my gorgeous Husband. You've made me the happiest I've ever been and I love you so much. Hope you have an amazing day! Here we come Shmamsterdam - LOL xxx

**ZACH MELTON** Happy 21st birthday Daddy/Zach. We all love you lots and lots. All our love, Tyler, Milly & Reagan x

**ZACH MELTON** Happy 21st birthday Zach. Hope you have a fantastic day. All our love, Marian, Dave and Caera xx

**ZACH MELTON** Happy 21st birthday Zach! Hope you have a great time in Amsterdam. We love you! Love from Mum, Zoe and Grandma xxxxx

**ZACH MELTON** Happy 21st birthday big Bro! Love from Chloe and Chris xxx

**ZACH MELTON** Congratualtions on your 21st birthday. Love and best wishes from Grandma Eileen, Granda Bas and Nana Jean xxx

**PAUL KENNETT** Happy birthday. Have a fab day. Love from all the Williams and Melton family xxx


**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** 22-9-09. 18 today . . . Have a wonderful birthday and enjoy your party. Love always, Dad, Dawn, James, Ellice and Jack

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Happy 18th birthday. All my love, Grandma xxx

**DENISE** **RAINE** Congratulations on completing the Great North Run. Lots of love and kisses, Team Nana

**Stephen Waddingham**  
  
**Happy 21st Birthday**  
*25th September 2009*  
Congratulations. Love from Mam, Dad, Big Sis Laura, Big Bro Jonny, Siobahn and Newpewh Tyler.  
*Ste, you are a legend to us all xxx*  
**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Hope you have a great day. Love you always, Colleen xxx

**Charley Louise Haigh**  
  
**Teenager at Last**  
*24th September 2009*  
all our love, Mam, Craig, Grandma, Granda, Uncle Gav, Lauren and all the family xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Hilda Jones**  
*(nee Batchelor)*  
  
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Happy birthday to a very special Wife, Mam and Grandma. Lots of love from all the family xxx

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In Memoriam

**BARRY HURST** 27th September. Your light still shines on us all. Love you always

**HARRY COCKERILL** Treasured memories of my dear Dad. Died 30th September 2008 and my dear Mam, Jean who died 2nd March 1990. In my thoughts every day. Your loving Daughter, Sheena

Birthday Remembrance

**ANTONY HAMMELL** 26-9-1974. Still missing you and will always be thinking of you and you will always be in our hearts. God bless. Mam, Dad, Andrew, Philip, Michael, Sister-in-law Sharon, Catherine. Much loved Uncle. Love, Gemma, Jake and Jodi xxx

**TERRY HUGHES**  
  
**Hooray !!!**  
Congratulations Terry on being top sales rep for your company. We are so proud of you. Love you, from Mam, Dean and all your family xxxxxx

**FIVE GENERATIONS CELEBRATE**  
  
Five generations come together to celebrate Great Great Grandmother Irene Thompsons' 86th Birthday. Mrs Thompson celebrated by having a party at her Daughter's home surrounded by lots of other family members.  
Photo shows: Irene Thompson (front); Daughter Jennifer Degnan (back left); Granddaughter Irene Ross; Grandson Anthony Ross and Great Great Granddaughter, 9 month old Maisun Ross

**Meika Biggs**  
  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
*1st October 2009*  
**My Special** little girl. Hope you enjoy your day Princess. Love you always, Mammy xxxxxx  
**Happy 1st birthday** little Sis. Love you lots from Jameylevi xxxxxxxxxxx  
**To a Special** little girl on her 1st birthday. Have a lovely day. Lots of love, Daddy xxxxxx  
**Happy 1st birthday** to a very special little girl, Meika. Love you lots, Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Emma, Auntie Aimi and Uncle Craig xxxxxx  
**Have a very special** 1st birthday Meika. Lots of love and kisses, Great Grandma and Grandad and all your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxxxxx

**Phillip and Rebecca Bradley** (nee Mitchie)  
  
**Congratulations**  
on your Wedding Day on 29th August. You looked gorgeous in your dress and Erin looked like a Princess. Ernie was so proud to give you away and the day was perfect. Love, Mam, Ernie and all the family xxxx

**Leanne Beckwith**  
  
**Well Done**  
on gaining your BA Hons in International Finance and Capital Marketing. Very proud of you and good luck at Nottingham. Lots of love, Mam, Godfrey and Richard

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## Bowled Over by Donation

The new Agnew Community Centre recently received a splendid donation of carpet bowls equipment and appeal for a keen bowls person to help set up a club for this activity. For an informal chat contact the Secretary on 07518 035320.

## Coffee Morning at Care Home

Lindisfarne Care Home at Silverdale are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at 10.30am. Refreshments, Tombola and Book Sale with all proceeds going to the Residents' fund. Everyone welcome.

## Where are the Savings on Changing to Unitary?

Dear Syd,  
Following on from my letter last month in Newton News, I have seen a survey regarding councils in the North East and the number of staff being paid

over £63,000 annual salary. Newtonians will be interested to note that Durham County Council has the largest number of staff over that salary level with 97 employees earning a combined annual salary of over £8¼ million. This does not include unelected and unaccountable public sector quangos like the trust structure of the National Health Service where it has been reported recently that the annual cost of all quangos is currently £170 billion a year compared to £24 billion in 1997/8 when new Labour came to power. The numbers are huge and its difficult for people to relate them to their everyday life, but knowing that the County Council have two people earning over £63,000 for every 5,000 residents and that quangos cost every man, woman and child in the country £3,000 each per year, helps to put it into some perspective. The jury is still out on the success or otherwise of the recent local government reorganisation in County Durham and, as I have said before, it is important that politicians are held to account for the claims of savings that were promised would be achieved by the abolition of the Borough Council. With all the latest media coverage on public sector cuts because of the cost of bailing out the banks, the huge reduction in the tax monies flowing into government and the growing public sector, it is vital that the emphasis is on cutting bureaucracy and quangos. Much like Lileen Cuthbertson letter in last week's Newton News, I would not like to see the most vulnerable people in our society suffering because of the need to reduce the scale and cost of the public sector. There are far more productive areas to concentrate on that will not have an adverse effect on people's lives.  
Counc. Terry Hogan  
Independent

## Shaping the Future of Care

by our M.P. Phil Wilson

The Government recently published the green paper "Shaping the Future of Care Together", which looks at the options facing us regarding the future care of the elderly. The document has led local residents to contact my office. I want to clarify that a green paper is a document published by the government when it wants to consult with the public on an issue of major change or of great importance before legislating. The green paper will not be voted on itself. Why is "Shaping the Future of Care Together" important? In future 20% of people will need care that costs less than £1,000 during their retirement, but equally, 20% will need care that costs over £50,000, and people currently have no way of predicting their risk or protecting against it. When the current system was designed in 1948, life expectancy was 66 for men and 71 for women. Today it is 77 for men and 82 for women – and it is still rising. Today, more people are over the age of 65 than there are under the age of 18. Care affects everybody and even if we do not yet need care ourselves, we know someone else who does or help pay for it through our taxes. Two thirds of women and half of all men will need help with ordinary daily life at some point. The system will not be able to cope with the future care pressures in its current form and we need to reform the funding system. If we don't take action now there will be more and more people going without the care and support they need, with ever-greater uncertainty and unfairness for

families. The Government has suggested three options for funding a National Care Service which need to be discussed, hence the green paper. **By Partnership**, in that, everyone who qualified for care and support from the state would be entitled to have a set proportion for example, a quarter or a third – of their basic care and support costs paid for by the state. People who were less well-off would have more care paid for – for example, two-thirds – while the least well-off people would continue to get all their care for free. **By Insurance**, by which, everyone would be entitled to have a share of their care and support costs met, just as in the Partnership model. But this system would go further to help people cover the additional costs of their care and support through insurance, if they wanted to. The state could play

different roles to enable this. **By a Comprehensive system** everyone over retirement age who had the resources to do so would be required to pay into a State insurance scheme. The debate we need to have is about how we balance what it is fair for everyone to pay, against the need to protect some people against having to pay a huge cost. As this would be a significant reform, we would expect the introduction of the new National Care Service to be phased in over a number of years. Anyone wanting to respond to the "Shaping the Future of Care Together" green paper can do so by writing to the Care and Support Team, Room 149, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall. London SW1A 2NS. The document can be found on the Department for Health website at [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk). Alternatively make an appointment to see me on 01325 321603.

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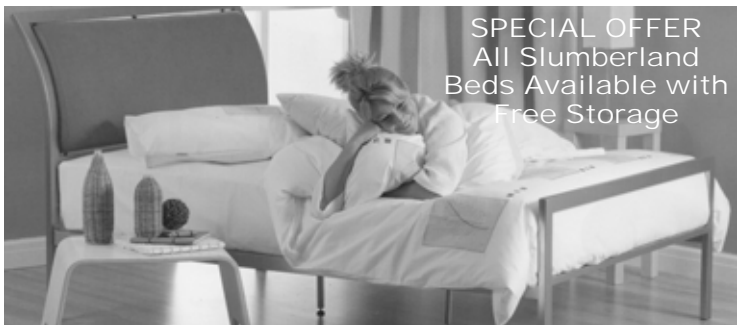
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## NORTH BRIT CHARITY RACE NIGHT

On Saturday, 19th September 2009 The North Briton hosted a race night with the proceeds going to charity. Attendees of the race night placed a small wager upon each of 8 races. should they wish to do so. If their chosen horse won the race, a small sum of money was won, the rest of the money was given to charity. Attendees enjoyed Pie and Peas and a raffle was held. The charities included the restoration of grave stones at St. Andrew's Village Church., specifically those of people who no longer have family to take care of them. Reverend Julie Wing represented the church and spoke about the importance of this charity and how it would benefit the community. The British Heart Foundation also received money from the evening. All together £830 was raised for the two charities. The night was highly entertaining and a lot of hard work and dedication went into the event. . Thank you to everyone involved in the charity night and for those who attended and who generously gave their support. A special thank to the landlords, Karen and Bryan of the North Briton for hosting the charity night.

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