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## Secretary of State Visits Newton Aycliffe



Alan Campbell MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State and Phil Wilson MP meet with the staff at the Sedgfield Community Drugs Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Alan Campbell MP Parliamentary under Secretary of State at the Home Office and Phil Wilson MP visited The Sedgfield Community Drugs Service situated in Thames House in Newton Aycliffe to see the work that is ongoing there. Mr Campbell said "The kind of work taking place here is vital to keeping people in the process of breaking their drugs habit. It complements the government's stance of both recognising the need to help people with a drugs problem and coming down hard on drug related crime"

Wilson MP for Sedgfield said "The work being done by the drug rehabilitation team here is first class. I was particularly impressed by their sheer dedication to finding solutions to the difficult problems drug abuse brings to individuals. As the Minister said the approach on being tough on drug crime and offering support for people who have become addicted is the right way to tackle this problem".

## AYCLIFFE MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITIONS

Aycliffe Musical Theatre will perform 'Viva Mexico' early next year in Greenfield School Arts and Community Centre. Although the performance will be a concert version, it will be performed in full costume with scenery and an orchestra.

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## Gardens Guild Hut Closed

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Grace Pateman Patrick who attends Stephenson Way Community School is 5 and has entered the "Face of Kinder" competition. She was chosen from a panel of celebrity judges to be in the final 30 children from 5000 who entered from all over the country. Her parents David and Helen from Stephenson Way would appreciate if everyone in Newton Aycliffe who has access to a computer would vote for Grace. She could be in the running to win the top prize of being the "Face of Kinder". Grace as well as her parents and her sister are delighted she has been chosen. Grace loves to draw ponies and unicorns, going to Rainbows and walking her puppy called Burt. She also likes to play



dress up with her big sister Madalyn and her friends. To vote for Grace go to the "Face of Kinder" website using your search engine.

# What's in the Pipe Line?

Dear Sir,  
Over the last few weeks a lot of Newton Aycliffe has been dug up and piping put down. The pipes do not appear to be gas or water pipes and they seem to all lead to the telephone cabinets.

I would like to know what is happening and if this is an indication of cable services finally being brought to the residential areas of Newton Aycliffe.  
James  
**Editor;** We contacted County Councillor Mike Dixon who after investigation found the ongoing work laying ducts in Newton Aycliffe is to provide fibre-optic cable network for the National Health Service.

This is part of the process of upgrading the NHS communications network within County Durham. The route of the cable is from the Carers Way Medical Centre, along Burnhill Way/Greenfield Way/Williamfield Way, and out towards the A167 via Stephenson Way. Once complete, the works will link up the NHS networks in Durham/Newton Aycliffe/Bishop Auckland and Darlington. It is envisaged the work will be completed by Christmas 2009.

# WORLD CUP REFEREE VISTS AYCLIFFE

**Courtney Dinner Tickets Now on Sale**

Tickets are now available for Newton Aycliffe F.C.'s Pie & Peas supper next month. Former world cup referee George Courtney MBE, who lives in Spennymoor and continues his work as a UEFA and FIFA delegate, is the guest speaker for the fundraising talk-in, with comedian Ned Kelly. Tickets are priced just £15 each, which includes a Pie & Peas supper, and tables of 10 are available for the event, due to be held at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on Friday 27th November. "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."

Anyone interested in buying tickets can contact organiser Martin Walker on 07826 525907, or martinwalker50@hotmail.com Alternatively, tickets are available from the Sports Club and from the club at Moore Lane Park on matchdays.



# LEAD STOLEN OFF ROOF

Between 07:30hours on 19/10/09 and 07:30hours on 20/10/09, persons have gained access to the flat roof of the THAMES CENTRE, CENTRAL AVENUE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE and proceeded to strip approximately 100 feet of lead flashing (value unknown) from the roof. The price of lead has recently risen and the roof of the THAMES CENTRE still has a large amount on its roof. Due to the roof being flat, it is easily accessible from the top floor of the multi storey car park. These suspects have possibly had a vehicle in which to transport the stolen lead. Could any information be passed to PC SURTEES at NEWTON AYCLIFFE POLICE OFFICE or telephone - 0345 6060365.

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*Dwys Rock Page review*

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# Aycliffe Company Refurbish Community Centre

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Revolution Power, which provides renewable energy sources for domestic, commercial, community, education and agricultural projects, also played a significant role in the funding application for the project. The application was incredibly successful, receiving the largest fund to date in the North East from the Community Sustainable Energy Programme (Big Lottery Fund) and 50 per cent funding from the Low Carbon Building Programme Phase 2 for the Ground Source Heat Pump.

Delighted to have completed such a worthy project, director of Revolution Power, Wayne Richardson said: "It was a pleasure to work with everyone involved in The Wilson Centre refurbishment, particularly the Vice-Chairman, John Rosser and his wife Nora who showed incredible passion and enthusiasm for the project. "The revolutionary Ground Source Heating System will not only benefit the environment but will help The Wilson Centre cut down on

energy bills and maintenance costs of running the facility which offers such a vital link between the community and its people."

Built in 1886 with money given by the village rector, Rev. Wilson, the refurbished Centre can now continue to meet the needs of the people of the parish and beyond with modern facilities including WiFi, screens, audio visual equipment, new kitchen, meeting rooms, disabled facilities and a new car park. Vice-Chairman of The Wilson Centre, John Rosser said: "Wayne and his team have not only carried out a fantastic job on the centre but played an important role in the funding application, without which the Centre wouldn't have been refurbished. Everyone in the local community is very grateful and we were very proud to re-open our doors on Saturday"

The six month project was managed by Malcolm Cundick of Alpha Plus Architects with A&B Joinery also playing a major part in the project.

# OUR MP WELCOMES GCSE RESULTS

Phil Wilson MP has welcomed this year's GCSE results showing a rise in the number of young people across County Durham receiving good results. This year's GCSE results show that County Durham is one of the twenty most improved local authority areas in the country. The figures show:

An 8.3% increase on last year to 74.5% in the number of pupils receiving five or more GCSEs at A\*-C grade. This is a big increase of 38.8% percentage points from just 35.7% in 1998.

A 4.0% increase on last year to 48.5% in the number of pupils

receiving five or more GCSEs at A\*-C grade, including in the vital subjects of English and Maths. This is a big increase of from just 27.8% in 1998.

Phil Wilson MP said: "Congratulations to young people, teachers and parents across the County.

"This year's GCSE results show an excellent increase over the last year and a real transformation in school standards across Durham since 1997. In 1998, 1 in 4 young people leaving school did so without qualifications to day the figure is almost 1 in 10 and below the national average.

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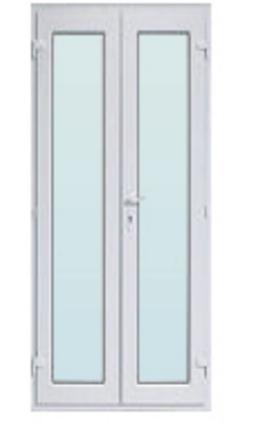
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Operation Market Garden took place in 1944, laying a wreath at the memorial in the War Cemetery. They visited the Airbourne Museum and ended the tour on the bridge at Arnhem which was the subject of the film 'A Bridge too Far'. The following day 1407

participated in the 65th Airbourne March, an annual event which has huge support from people in the area. Thousands of people completed a 10 km march accompanied by various military and civilian bands and representatives from many different countries. The squadron was very proud to be there representing the ATC. Anyone aged 13 -18 who is interested in joining the squadron should come along to the ATC Hut in the Barnard Armoury, Greenwell Rd on Monday or Thursday nights at 7-9.30pm or contact Ft Lt Karin Scott (01325) 318603 at the same times.

## Hallowe'en at Hardwick

Spooks and ghouls will be haunting Hardwick Park later this month. The Hallowe'en at Hardwick event will be taking place again this year and visitors are dared to join the spooky goings-on. There'll be a scary woodland walk, face painting and a chance to come face to face with some creepy crawlies. There will also be entertainment including circus skills, fire juggling and - for those brave enough to venture inside - a scary Hallowe'en torture chamber.

The event is organised by Durham County Council's Countryside Service and will take place at Hardwick Park on Friday, October 30. Families are invited to go along in Hallowe'en fancy dress and join the fun.

A family ticket, which admits two adults and up to three children, costs £20 in advance and individual tickets cost £5 in advance.

Tickets are available until Friday, October 23 by calling Hardwick Park Visitor Centre during office hours on 01740 621505.

A limited number of tickets will be available on the door. They will be priced £30 for a family tickets and £10 for an individual ticket.

## It Wasn't Funny John!

Dear Sir,  
May I comment about a short note that was in the Newton News on Friday, 16th October from "Honest John"!  
I cannot understand why he has the title "Council Top Of The Pops" and included my name! I have not been a Councillor since the end of March 2009!  
I do a lot of fundraising for good causes and an awful lot of voluntary work.  
Unlike "Honest John", I do not seek publicity for anything I do, I do it because I want to help others.  
If he thought he was being funny, well excuse me while I pick myself up off the floor, laughing! Please note, I am NOT a councillor!  
Lileen Cuthbertson.

## Youthy U13's Still Unbeaten

Travelling to Guisborough Town, for a league encounter, Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13s continued their winning ways with a comfortable 4-1 win. After the tough, fast paced games of the previous 3 weeks this was a game which never really sparked into life. Aycliffe were fancied to win this comfortably but found the home team ready to do battle.

In the early exchanges wingers Ryan Mercer and Jake Cane made life difficult for the opposition and an early corner saw Cane fire just wide. At the other end keeper Jack McLaren was forced to make a save as the home side caught the Aycliffe defence square.

It was Cane who broke the deadlock half way through the first half, his free kick beating everyone to end up in the net. Cane almost scored again following a long ball from Centre Back Tom Gledhill. Near misses from Kenyon, Mercer and a good free kick from Billy Bradley brought the half to a close at 1 - 0 to Youthy.

The defence of Gledhill, Bradley, Howe and James Wren restricted Guisborough in the second half and it was one way traffic. Sam Pascoe and Mathew Dixon started to dominate the midfield and skipper Ben Nicholson fired a good long range shot at the opposition goal. With Cane and Kenyon continuing to dominate it was time for man of the match Mercer to turn up the heat. Mercer curled a shot just wide and, after the introduction of ever lively Connor Halford, Mercer provided the killer ball for Kenyon to continue his hot

streak by driving the ball home from 15 yards.

Aycliffe made further changes with Josh Penney and Mathew Marshall adding some spring to the attack. Mercer forced a fine save from the home keeper but, following a superb through ball from Howe, he made no mistake the next time making it 3 - 0 to Aycliffe. Despite piling on the pressure Aycliffe were caught out when Guisborough scored from a long range free kick to make it 3 - 1.

As the opposition rallied Penney made a vital clearance to keep the score the same, but the defence was rarely troubled. Mercer killed the game late on with a clinical finish following a blistering run. Replacement keeper, Mathew French ensured there were no further scares. Youthy travel next week to St Francis for Round One of the County Cup with their hundred percent record intact

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## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2009 commencing at 6.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Finance Manager of Great Aycliffe Town Council will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss Budgets for 2010/2011.

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings  
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**Wednesday 28th Oct. 2009**

Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

### QUESTION TIME

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

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# SUCCESS FOR TOWN'S JUNIOR ATHLETES

NAAC junior members are enjoying much deserved success following a hard summer season of training and race events. One of it's youngest members aged just 11yrs old, Henry Johnson, has received the "Sports Winners Award" for Darlington. Receiving the award last week, came as a big surprise since he was not expecting to beat other talented sports achievers, many of whom were aged 19 years old.

The nomination was made by High Coniscliffe Primary school, where Henry went last academic year. His school were very proud of his athletic abilities and decided to put him forward for the Young Sports Achiever Award for October, following his success as the under 11s 800m Durham Tees Valley Champion. The categories for October included, golf, swimming and gymnastics as well as athletics. The range of children nominated included, primary,

secondary and children from Queen Elizabeth's College. Henry will now go into the grand final in December. He accredits his success to working hard at school, but training with the club has improved his techniques and training over the last few months.

Henry Johnson joined other members of the NAAC to attend NYSD league cross country at Croft on 11th October. His debut race in the under 13s category was tough due to headstrong winds and a hilly course.

He came in 7th place in 8.59. William Crossen,(U15) managed an amazing 4th place over the longer distance with an outstanding 15.45. Ryan Walton,(U15) ran for NAAC for the first time this season, and battled the wind to gain 11th place in 17.17. In the under 17s, running approx 6k, Daniel Inglis ran extremely well to take 12th place in 25.01. Well done to all the junior members.



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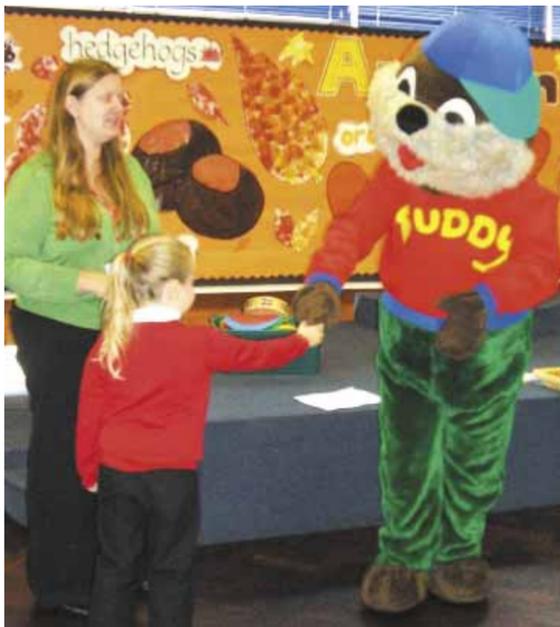
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## BUDDY CALLS IN AT HORNDALE SCHOOL



Children and staff at Horndale Infant School were lucky to receive a visit from 'Buddy' the chipmunk who is the Mini-bud mascot. He visited school for an awareness raising assembly and to congratulate all of the mini-buds who do a fantastic job within school.

The Year 2 mini-buds provide a peer support service for other children in school, supporting the Reception and Year 1 children over play and break times. It was a lovely surprise to meet Buddy when he came to say well done to the Year 2 children who have helped all the school enjoy a wonderful start to the new school year.

# Great Aycliffe Town Council



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Cost is £1 per family. Contact Emma Tel: 01388 772898 or Ena Tel: 01325 311035. To avoid disappointment please ring to confirm a place with us, Mondays do currently have a waiting list.

## AYCLIFFE BEAT LEAGUE LEADERS - AWAY!

### FIXTURES

Saturday 24th October: Stokesley (H), 3pm  
Saturday 31st October: Jarrow Roofing (A), 3pm  
Saturday 7th November: Whitehaven (H), 3pm  
Saturday 14th November: Washington (A), 3pm  
Wednesday 18th November: North Shields (H), Cup, 7.30pm  
Saturday 21st November: Northallerton (H), 3pm  
Wednesday 25th November: West Auckland (H), Cup, 7.30pm  
Saturday 28th November: North Shields (H), 3pm

Aycliffe FC claimed a shock win at league-leaders Sunderland RCA with a superb away performance on Wearside last week.

A positional shake-up saw Mark Wood restored to his

natural midfield position and Chris Renshaw tried up front in a tactic which worked wonders for Oliver, while Paul Stout's withdrawal through injury saw Sean Tarling revert to full-back as Dan Mitton moved inside.

Renshaw's quality shone all game, and even when he reverted to centre half for the last 10 minutes his standard never dropped. It was battling work from the ex-Tow Law man down the right which brought the opening goal on 34 minutes, pulling the ball into the channel for Paul Broom to cross and Elliot Gardner to stroke home his seventh of the season.

Aycliffe deservedly doubled their lead with 15 minutes to go. Broom again orchestrated the move, finding Stuart Owen in the box to fire home from six yards.

Aycliffe are due to entertain Stokesley at home this Saturday (October 24). Their League Cup game at home to West Auckland has been put back to Wednesday November 25, while their Ernest Armstrong Cup second round tie at home to North Shields has been scheduled for Wednesday November 18, meaning Aycliffe face a busy November with five home games in the month.

Aycliffe are still looking for companies or individuals to sponsor a monthly page in the club's calendar, which will be out in December, costing just £50, which includes two complimentary copies (only 100 copies of the calendar are being produced, which will be priced £5 each). Anyone interested should contact Martin Walker on 07826 525907, or email martinwalker50@hotmail.com

## New Landlady at Huntsman



Michaela Postlewhite is the new Landlady at the Huntsman Pub in Woodham. Originally from the Ferryhill area she has spent the last 14 years running pubs in Darlington.

She is very pleased to be running the Aycliffe pub which is very much alive and kicking with the popular Karaoke on a Friday night and now live entertainment on Saturdays.

"I found an acute lack of televisions at the Huntsman and we have put that right and with generous donations from my lovely new locals we are now able to show Sky Sports. May I pass on a big thankyou to all concerned," said Michaela.

"A warm welcome awaits old and new customers at the Huntsman" added Michaela.

## DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Durham Constabulary is asking primary school pupils throughout the area to put their thinking caps on - and design a Christmas card. The only restrictions to their imagination are that their designs should incorporate both the traditional festive theme and the police.

Claire Kerr, youth inclusion officer - and more famously known to young people as the handler of "say no to strangers" dogs Jet and Ben - said the winner will be picked by the Chief Constable. The design will be colour printed and sent to force contacts and VIPs throughout the country.

Claire said: "There is a wealth of artistic talent out there and past years have shown a huge number of original ideas, making it very difficult to pick a winner. The competition is open to all youngsters at the county's primary schools. Last year we had more than 700

entries. What we would like this year is for schools to hold their own competitions first and send us what they consider to be the pick of the bunch. The Chief Constable, Jon Stoddart, will then pick out the top three and the winner will be professionally printed to become the official card of the force."

Claire added that Santa Claus will come early to the top three designers. Through the Durham Agency Against Crime the winner will receive a mountain bike while the youngsters in second and third place will receive vouchers for £40 and £20 respectively.

All entries should be sent to Claire Kerr, Youth Inclusion Officer (Jet and Ben), Durham Agency Against Crime, Bede House, Police Headquarters, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT by November 13 2009. Previous winning entries can be viewed on www.jetandben.co.uk.

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## Meetings at the Library

The 'New Friends New Places' group held their weekly meeting at the New Library whilst the Navy Club is being refurbished. Thirty people attended and they were all pleasantly surprised at the warmth of the room and the welcoming staff. There was plenty of room for us all and we made our own tea etc. and had a very full and interesting meeting. This venue is ideal for a meeting place and drop-in and would make an ideal temporary place for the "Cubby Team" as it is ideally located and has easy access. On Sunday 1st November we are going on a Mystery Tour preceded by a superb Lunch at "The Cumby Arms. £12.95 altogether and you can be picked up at the Town Centre. Ring J.C.Coaches to book 01325 312705. We look forward to meeting you on the coach, and you are welcome to join our club. Dorothy Bowman.

## AYCLIFFE WIN GAME OF TWO HALVES

Newton Aycliffe 43 Washington 15



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club hosted Washington in their latest Durham and Northumberland, Division 3 fixture. Aycliffe were fielding their strongest line-up of the season against a team that they always perform well against. The visitors, against expectations, began the game in fine form and were close to scoring straight from the kick-off. Aycliffe could not settle and found it hard to give the backs good possession, but, after Luke Tinkler had missed a penalty kick, Michael Welsh scored under the posts from good ruck ball. Tinkler added the conversion. Both teams then missed penalties, but Washington continued to have the upper hand and scored a

converted try with the last play of the half to tie the scores at 7-7. Straight from the kick-off, Washington turned over the ball and scored in the corner to go 12-7 ahead. Aycliffe soon hit back when Chris Wilson scored a try in the corner to level. From then on, with Andy Newman taking over at scrum-half, Aycliffe took control. Gareth Parsonage scored two tries, Paul Ellis scored after more good rucking and Wilson added another, with Washington only able to add a penalty in reply. With the final play of the game, substitute Phill Sangster, with his first touch, intercepted a pass and ran 70 metres to score under the posts. Tinkler finished with four conversions to leave the score 43-15 to Aycliffe. Aycliffe moved up to 8th with this result and on 24th October visit Chester-le-Street, one of the clubs below them. Aycliffe's sponsors are Fabtech Engineering and Workshop Supplies. More information is available at [www.ayclifferrugby.co.uk](http://www.ayclifferrugby.co.uk)

## CHARITY FUNDRAISER CANCELLED

The Carers Centre are sorry to have to inform you that the fundraising event planned for Saturday, 24th October, in The Sports Cricket Club, Moor Lane, Newton Aycliffe has been cancelled due to lack of support. We would like to apologise and thank all of you that did support us by buying tickets and hope you are not too disappointed.

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## Family History Society Meet

The speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm will be Mr Garry Waite, who will talk on "My Experiences as a CSI". The Society meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way. If you are interested in Family History please come along. Car parking and refreshments are free. For more details please visit our website at www.communitate.co.uk/ne/nafhs or contact Mr John Barraclough on 315959.

## Public Notice

**WATCH BATTERIES** now available at Taylors Newsforce **DONATIONS** needed of Bric-a-Brac and other good condition items for Newton Aycliffe good causes. Ring John 316630  
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## Thank You

**COLIN CRAGGS** of Langley Road, Newton Aycliffe. Died 12th October 2009 aged 77 years. The family of Colin wish to thank all family and friends for support and comfort during this sad time. With special thanks to Rev. Bill Simms and Julie and staff of the Co-operative Funeralcare. Many thanks and love are due to Lyn and Ann for their immediate response.

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**Birthday Remembrance**

**TED COURTLEY** 27th October. Special memories of a wonderful Husband. Forever in my thoughts. Your loving Wife, Doreen

**TED COURTLEY** 27th October. Birthday memories of a very special Grandad and Great Grandad. We miss you every day. Lots of love from Keith, Debbie, Lauren and Thomas xxx

**BRIAN WILSON** 22-10-1941. Dad. Wish you were here to celebrate your 68th birthday. Miss you every day. Happy birthday. Love, Sharon and Michael. Happy Birthday Grandad Brian. Lots of love, Gemma, Jake and Jodi

**ELLIOTT**, Christopher James. 25th October. You are not just remembered on birthdays Chris, you are remembered every day. My thoughts are always with you in every single way. Always in my heart till we meet again. Love, Betty

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 25th October. To a dear Son on your birthday. Always in our thoughts. Mam and Dad

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 25th October. Your birthday we cannot share, but in our hearts you are always there. Loving Sister Barbara and Brother-in-Law Rob

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 25th October. Birthday memories of a most dearly loved Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Always remembered. Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xx

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**BROWN** 13th October in Hospital. Jim, aged 85 years of Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe. Dearly beloved Husband of Joyce. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral took place Tuesday 20th October at Durham Crematorium  
**THOMPSON** Clare, of Aycliffe Village, passed away peacefully on 18th October 2009, aged 97 years. Widow to the late Len; Loving Mum to Jeffrey. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to be sent to Defoe Court Nursing Home, Defoe Crescent, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4JP. Friends please meet for Service on Wednesday 28th October at 10.30am at St Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village. Followed by Interment at St Andrews. With thanks to Dr Walker of Pease Way Medical Practice and all the staff at Defoe Court for looking after Clare.

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**Births**

**Adam James Brown**



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**JULIE HOWEY** would like to announce the safe arrival of her beautiful baby Grandson "Thomas Stephen John", weighing 7lb 9oz. Well done Stephen and Natalie. Love from Mam and all the family  
**DONNA & MARK** congratulations on the birth of your baby boy "Adam James". Born on 15th October 2009 weighing 8lb 8½oz. May he bring lots of love and joy into your life. Love, Mum and Dad xxxxx

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**Congratulations**

**John Connell**



**Happy 65th Birthday**  
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Love from Jacqueline and all the family.  
Hugs and kisses from Connor and Lexie xxx

**Anthony Collins**



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
All our love, Rosa, Martin and family. Have a great party !!

**Corey Halton**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
23rd October 2009  
Happy birthday Corey. We are so proud of you. Lots of love, Mam and Dad

**Amelia Anderson**



**WELL DONE**  
for qualifying for Blackpool! Well done for coming 4th in Rock n Roll. Love, Mummy and Daddy xxxxx

**Heidi Fisk**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
28th October 2009  
Happy birthday beautiful girl. All our love, Mammy, Daddy, Beth and Noah

**Jake Cane**



**Happy 13th Birthday**  
24th October 2009  
Happy 13th birthday Jake. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Grandma, Grandad, All Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

**Jonny Cooper**



**18 TODAY**  
23rd October 2009  
Hope you have a wonderful day, our gorgeous boy. Lots of love, Mam, Mally and Tom xxx

**Ava Addison**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
22nd October 2009  
To our little Princess, enjoy your day. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xx  
To our beautiful Granddaughter. Lots of love, Gran and Grandad Addison xx  
To our gorgeous Niece, you are just perfect. Lots of love, Auntie Rachel and Uncle Garry xx

**Jayden Crawley**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
25th October 2009  
Our little boy is 1 on 25th October. Love you always, Mammy, Daddy and Tyler xxx  
To our wonderful Grandson Jayden Crawley. Happy 1st birthday. Love, Gran and Grumpy's Foster xxx

**Holly Emmett**



**WELL DONE A.C. Holly**  
on Passing Out from RAF Halton on 29th October 2009. Love from Mum, Dad, Katie, Slinky, Grandma, Grandad and Nannie xxxxx

**Romie Cowens**



**What a little star!** You danced amazing Babe. We are so proud of you, you did really well and qualifying for the finals at the Winter Gardens 2010. We are so proud of you. Love loads, Mammy and Daddy  
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**Programme of present users:**  
Mondays: Icing Class - Spiritualist Church

Tuesdays: Innovations  
- Line Dancing - Photo Group - Spiritualist Church.  
Wednesdays: Tai Chi.  
Thursdays: Bingo  
Saturdays: Dance School.  
Sundays: Xcel Church Sunday School

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The Centre is open to all ages regardless of sex, disability or any shyness. We are very friendly and down to earth people from the local community working as volunteers. In 2010 we hope to begin a Youth Club session for the 7 to 11 year old group and will inform you of this through our community newspaper at the time.

Should you want to hire the Centre for a one off event, start or transfer your group/organisation then contact the Secretary. Remember we are disabled compliant with the latest regulations and pride ourselves on being a friendly Community Centre.

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