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# **FUTURE**

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Obviously there will be a need for temporary accommodation; the County Council feel that the community room in the new library offers just such a choice with the added benefit of reduction in overheads (heating and lighting), which this would bring. Every attempt has been made to meet the opening times that the 'Cubby' required to the extent that some community groups have moved their times to fit in with the 'Cubby's' needs.

It is felt that the such plan would be the best option for the 'Cubby' and the whole regeneration of the town

#### **AGNEW SALE**

A Great event on Saturday 28th November at the Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close from 11am to 3pm. We have 7 tables left for a New and Nearly New Goods Sale. To book your table [only £5] ring Margaret on 01325-319857.

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# **WOODHAM HAT TRICK**



A.A.P. Budget Figures

(including

£15,000.

Taylor, Special Matthew Needs Teacher of the Year for the North East and Cumbria, attended the National Teaching Awards in London last week. The all-star event was hosted by Jeremy Vine and The One Show's Christine Bleakley.

After graduating from Durham University, Matthew joined Community Woodham Technology College as a newly qualified teacher in 2001. He initially taught ICT before finding his true vocation in teaching those children who find the move from primary school to secondary difficult. As well as improving their skills in reading, writing and

mathematics, he gives them confidence and the ability to succeed in education. As Foundation Learning Manager,

Newton News has obtained

details of the Great

Avcliffe and Middridge

Area Action Partnership

The total budget for this

year at present is £242,678.

This is an estimate as

some clarification is

needed on the 'facilitation

and expenses' element of

the spend, but there is not

expected to be a significant

variation from the figures

mileage and a proportion

of supervision costs)

Facilitation and expenses

given below.

Staffing

£77,676.

budget.

he continues to work with these students throughout their time at Woodham, making sure that the education they receive is suited to their individual needs.

Matthew Taylor is the third Woodham teacher to have won a Teaching Award in recent years. In 2003 Steve Harness, Executive Headteacher. received an award for leadership and last year Anna Wass was named Outstanding New Teacher.

Christine Forsyth, Principal at Woodham, says, "Matthew embodies the college's values - Achievement For All and care for the individual child. He is an inspirational teacher and thoroughly deserves to be recognised by this prestigious

publicity, room hire etc)

This leaves £150,000 to

pay for those initiatives

the board have agreed in

In simple terms it takes 21

volunteers on the board to

come up with ideas on how

to use the allocated cash

but it is costing £93,000 to

administer the £150,000

We asked Co-ordinator

Brian Riley to comment

they have to spend.

and await his reply.

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#### **NEW LIB DEM BRANCH SUPPORTS** "CUBBY"

Monday evening, in support and concern for the future of The Cubby, Great Avcliffe Area Lib Dems held their monthly branch meeting in the premises. During the meeting, they welcomed a delegation from the Cubby committee Keith Bell. Chairman and Ken Dixon,

They gave details of events and expressed their disappointment that promises made had not been honoured. Phil Wilson's Office Manager promised to search out details of vacant property in the Town Centre and get back to them. They have not heard anything since!

the attitude of Labour County Councillors when they met them at The Cubby. They were appalled by comments, made by a County Councillor, that one way to 'get them out' would be to use 'Health and Safety' legislation. This attempt at brow-beating the

left a bad taste in the mouth. They expected more from their elected councillors.

The Lib Dems unanimously agreed to work with The Cubby committee to explore options to carry forward their fight for long-term survival. Initially we await the outcome of their

request to the Great Avcliffe Town Council for a structural survey on premises to see if it can be refurbished.

After viewing the lease agreement, Paul Thomas. Secretary, was of the opinion The Cubby committee had a strong case for like-forlike provision of another prefabricated unit. Anne-Branch Marie Curry, Chairman, thanked The Cubby representatives for attending. During part two of the meeting, Paul Thomas gave an update on proposed Boundary Commission changes to wards. Lib Dem Councillor, Bill Blenkinsopp, Vice-Chairman, gave outline details of a survey to be carried out in one of the wards by the Lib Dems to seek the views of townspeople on a whole range of issues. It is hoped that this will be completed before Christmas Anne-Marie Curry expressed concern, not only that our local

AAP seemed to be dominated by Labour Party Councillors but also by information that much of the annual budget, totalling £150,000, was taken up by administration costs. Paul Thomas and Bill Blenkinsopp agreed to look into this issue. It was decided that December's GAA Lib Dems meeting would be held in the North Briton, Aycliffe Village on a date to be confirmed. Derek G Atkinson.

Denham Place.

# **Town Centre Toilets**

I read with astonishment the continuing debate over the provision of toilets in the town centre and the continuing clamour for their provision.

This notion that their provision would some way make the town centre more attractive to visitors is, in my opinion, farcical. The town centre is an embarrassment and no-one shops there for any reason other than convenience anyone who has the ability to shop elsewhere does.

It is reasonable to assume that the overwhelming majority of visitors are local to the town (the point being they are unlikely to face a long journey and arrive clamouring for the use of a toilet). There are toilets at Tesco and at the Leisure Centre situated at either end of the town centre (a walking time of no more than 2 or 3 minutes from the centre point).

There is, no doubt a list of people having signed the petition who believe this is a necessity or who were merely too polite to reject a request for a signature. If these people want the provision of more toilets let the Council or Town Centre owners seek out their provision from a private sector provider and let the charge for their usage reflect their cost rather than a "token amount". There are two certainties if these are provided in response to this petition. Firstly the cost

will be borne by Council Tax payers (and I shudder to think how much the cost would run to, given their track record for prudence when spending other peoples money).

Secondly, after honeymoon period, your pages will be full of letters complaining about the state of these facilities, the graffiti being disgraceful, and the raising of a petition demanding that someone else spends money to repair/improve them. J.Pearson

Coverdale Court

#### **CLUB'S TEA URN STOLEN**

Would the thief who took the Aluminium Water Heater from beside my car whilst I was unloading equipment last Tuesday after our meeting please return it. Just leave it at my door and no action will be taken. The value is £70 and it is used for giving our members a cup of tea/coffee. The AGM of New Friends New Places will be held on the 10th November at 2pm followed by our first years Celebration Party. This will be held in the Navy Club. Burnhill Way All old members are welcome along with any new members. For further information ring Dorothy Bowman on 01325 308094.

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Rob Pitt from Neville Pharmacy in Newton Avcliffe said: "The survey by the National Pharmacy Association highlights that prescription visit www.askyourpharmacist.co.uk.

medicines are sometimes used in different ways than the prescriber originally intended. Medicines Use Reviews (MURs) or Medicine Check-ups well as picking up any problems, making sure people get the most out of their medicines.

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## **Town Entrance Signs** Still in Disrepair

Dear Syd

How much longer do we have to put up with the awful walls with the slowly disappearing words at the entrance to the Business Park?

I dread to think what prospective business executives think of the entrance. I imagine they consider the mess and wonder what the actual business park is like if we can't even greet them properly. After all, in the present climate, we need to attract new business, not put them off.

Surely an answer would be to knock the walls down and replace them with a high structure with the name of the park on that, well out of reach of vandals . The area could then be grassed over, and perhaps even have flowers planted.

I believe that was the original idea, but it never happened. If we hadn't had to pay for these white elephants we could even have had the 'head' planted there instead of it hiding behind trees on a roundabout that is nowhere near either entrance.

What has happened to Newton Aycliffe? The money that has been spent supposedly improving the look of it has just been wasted, and what was once a lovely place to live has just become one big eyesore. Mrs Jill Stevens

Marshall Road.

Editor: We brought this to the attention of our readers some weeks ago and hoped this would bring a reaction. Since then nothing has been said or done and we have received numerous letters on

We asked one of our local County Councillors, Mike Dixon to explain the current situation: "The signs are being replaced with more robust materials, and the letters will be screwed into position. where previoulsy they were glued. There will be more costs involved and the work is out to tender".

Mike tells us that someone has been caught damaging the signs. There are no plans to alter the design, even though he accepted the signage is vulnerable to vandals.

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number of people in the world

celebrate. Many of our parents

were verbally disappointed

that we were not taking part

in a Halloween event, but as

the actual day did not fall on a

school day it was understood. Secondly, the Halloween

FUN (note the capitals again)

occurred in the childrens lunch

time which is actually classed

as "out of school hours" as

a curriculum is not being

delivered and therfore is not

being interfered with. All credit

goes to Alison and Edwina for

Thirdly, this was something

that lasted a full week with

absolutely no complaints aired

from the children or the parents

of our children and in the end,

they are the people we listen

to. I have heard the reactions to

some of our parents to the letter

printed last week and they come with anger that someone

can try to spoil the excitement

that their children shared that

I just hope the author of the letter last week wrote their

letter from an individual point

of view and that no-one shares

week.

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# **OUT OF SCHOOL**

Dear Newton News

In response to the letter printed in the Newton News 30th October regarding the Halloween FUN from Horndale school and Hardwick Park (i emphasise the fun word as it is

I was appalled to read such a letter from someone who agrees that there is too much violence and unhappiness in the world, yet the author still thinks it is a good idea to take another element of a child's fun

As a member of staff from Horndale school, I felt disturbed that the author seems to suggest that instead of offering our children a happy, fun atmosphere while they are in our care, we should perhaps be forcing Christian bible stories into their heads for 6 and a half hours a day, 5 days a week.

It would be beneficial for the author of that letter to look

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issues you may have.

#### Death of **Agnew Centre President**

The committee and members are saddened by the sudden death of their President, Kate

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#### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

#### Wednesday 2nd Dec. 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 it a matter for which that committee has responsibility. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Priday afternoon preceding the meeting (www.great-ayoliffe.gov.nk).

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in the correct context).

life away from them.

into the actual school day and

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# LADYBOWER

The date of the next meeting has 18th November.

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We look forward to seeing you

Gibson aged 87 years.

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#### **LETTER TO** THE EDITOR

this view. I also hope that children and parents all over Newton Aycliffe enjoyed their Halloween night - BRING ON BONFIRE NIGHT! Glvn Stevens

Horndale Infant School

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The author is from Manchester who is qualified in mechanical engineering and also holds a degree in Business Administration.

David became interested in writing while passing time in lonely hotel rooms, during extensive travelling for his company.

The book, published by Austen & Macauley is on sale now price £8.99p.



Aycliffe Cheerleaders travelled to Stoke on Trent for the National Street Cheer Competition on Sunday 18th October. Aycliffe had two teams "Riverside Rascals" who came 3rd in the community level and "A Sassy Nation" who took 3rd place at National level. Leah Alder and Amy Manning came 2nd in the Freestyle. Aycliffe were delighted with these results on their first Street Competition.

The group who are official cheerleaders for Durham Wildcats are still recruiting and invite interested cheerleaders to their training sessions at the Leisure Centre. Please contact Aileen on 07958 726170

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## Birds on Town's Lake

Dear Editor

Further to my letter concerning provision of an Island on the lake at West Park. I am waiting for Counc. Gray to advise the Town Council's decision on this but as nothing has been printed I feel I need to let people know.

Counc. Gray phoned my home to advise me that a meeting had been held and the provision of an island discussed. Despite the fact a local businessman had agreed to provide the stone required, thus limiting the cost to the tax payer, the suggestion

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Tel: 07703 464971 www.ayolifle-ec.org.uk was again turned down on the advice of the wildlife officer who thought that it was better not to encourage the wildfowl to stay on the lakes, as they should return to their usual habitat to breed etc.

I don't know who this expert is but anyone who is a visitor to the lakes will see that many of the birds are resident and hatch and raise their young there. It is for this reason the request for a safe place for them to roost is made. We should be encouraging these birds by providing a safe area for them, which in a small way would replace some of the habitats that we have destroyed. Rather like providing bird and bat boxes!

Councillor Gray suggested a possible course of action would be to pass a by-law to stop the exercising of dogs off the lead on the park. This would be a very unpopular move amongst dog owners as the park is one of the few places dogs can be safely let loose to play. People who allow their dogs to chase the wildfowl would take no notice of the bylaw anyway, and it would not stop children and youths from harming the birds. Foxes and cats would

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also continue to frequent the

area, as that is their nature.

I do not feel the subject has been dealt with in the correct manner, and too little thought has gone into the decision. I would appreciate other people's views

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the park keeper who picks up the rubbish thrown onto the ground in West park and keeps the area so clean and tidy.

Karen Gray

# TOWN CLERK REPLIES . . .

I cannot comment on what Councillor Gray may have said or not. The proposal by Mrs K Gray in 2004 was considered by the Town Council and was rejected, following receipt of advice from Durham Wildlife Trust and the R.S.P.B.

No further recent formal consideration has been given to the proposal nor has the Council received a request along with any actual details of the proposal. The only information is a letter to the Newton News and informal discussions with an individual member of the Council.

Therefore, no further final decision has been taken. I believe this suggestion was raised as an item via the AAP Environment Task Group, however they were advised of the Council's previous decision on this matter.

Editor: The correspondent and any other supporters of the proposal are advised to write formally to the Town Council or take advantage of Question Time at the appropriate Meeting of the Council.

## Rose Lodge Goes Pink



Staff at Rose Lodge Care Centre, part of the Southern Cross Healthcare Group, took part in the "wear it pink" fundraising day, for the Breast Cancer Campaign. All "wear it pink" donations fund innovative, world-class research throughout the UK & Ireland, to understand how Breast Cancer develops, leading to improved diagnosis, treatment, prevention & cure. The charity supports around 130 projects worth £15 million in 43 centres across the UK & Ireland.

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Residents in Newton Aycliffe and Middridge can find how local issues are being tackled when the Area Action Partnership meets this month.

The GAMP Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 24, between 6pm and 8pm, at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre and local people are invited to go along to observe proceedings.

People can also raise local issues they would like the board to address, but these need to be put in writing and sent in by next Tuesday Nov 10th.

The GAMP Forum will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at the Sycamore Suite, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. At the Forum meeting the Board will give an update on progress made by the partnership during its first six months of operation. The event will include short presentations from police, fire and health service representatives and from Durham County Council on their specific budgets and an update from the three GAMP task groups on each of their planned projects.

The meeting will take place at 6pm but there will be refreshments and information stalls available from 5.15pm. Anyone who would like to attend either the Forum or the Board meeting should contact Paula Stockport in advance by ringing 01388 816 166, ext 7769, or by emailing paula. stockport@durham.gov.uk



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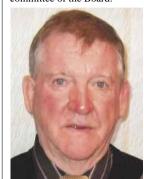
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Councillor Moran has been a longstanding local Councillor and will bring a great deal of experience and local knowledge to the Board

Councillor Moran stated "I am looking forward to being involved in the investment that Sedgefield Borough Homes are putting into the local area to improve our communities".

Ian Gillespie has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board and is one of four Independent Board members. Ian will also

Performance Committee.

Ian has over 40 years experience in construction and social housing, most recently as Head of Investment at a Registered Social Landlord. He therefore has a wealth of knowledge about the Social Housing Sector.

Mr Gillespie today said "I am happy and honored to be elected to the Board of Sedgefield Borough Homes and look forward to helping it achieve its values and aims". Mr Colin Steel, Chief Executive

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Six winners received Argos vouchers for their costumes but all the young children deserve praise for the way they dressed up and enjoyed a free hot dog. Thanks to Paul Gittins for providing the Disco. Many thanks to Michelle and Samantha for arranging the games and supervision. Once again many thanks to the parents for bringing their children and a special big thanks to all the young people whose behaviour though out the afternoon was beyond Councillor Dorothy Bowman

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A strong wind made life difficult in the first half but centre back Tom Gledhill won the aerial battle with James Skerrett sweeping behind. The first half belonged to Sam Pascoe, controlling the middle

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It was Kenyon who broke the deadlock turning and firing home a low shot. The home team tried to get back in the game but keeper Jack McLaren kept them at bay. It ended 1 - 0 at half time.

Jake Cane burst into life in the second half with Matthew Dixon and, the ever busy, Pascoe providing the passes. Cane made it 2 - 0 with a cool finish and with Halford causing problems on the other flank Youthy started to dominate. Skipper Ben

#### **Births**

#### Leanne and Mark Wilkinson



Congratulations on the birth of your baby Daughter "Tia Kelly Wilkinson". Lots of love from all the Kelly and Loftus family

#### Flynn Cox



Steven and Kirsty Cox would like to announce the safe arrival of their baby boy "Flynn", who arrived on Friday 30th October 2009. A baby brother to big Sister Libbie, who is the best big Sister Flynn could ever imagine. Big hugs and kisses from Flynn xxxx

**FLYNN COX** Congratulations to Stephen and Kirsty on the birth of your Son "Flynn" and for giving us our first Grandson. Lots of love from Mam and Dad xxxx

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congratulations the birth of your Daughter, born 4-11-09, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Well done to you both. Lots of love, Gran (Liz), Grandad (Baf), Uncle Ryan, Uncle Keiran and Great Grandad John xxxx

HYMAS & ELMAR
Congratulations Tina and
Eddie on the birth of Isabel Rose on Friday 30th October. little Sister for Amelia. Love,

HYMAS & ELMAR
Congratulations Sis and Eddie
on the birth of Isobel Rose, another niece! Love, Craig and Nicholson pushed the play deep into St Francis territory, Pascoe went close and 2 well struck free kicks from Bradley threatened to put the game beyond the hosts.

Cane, once again, broke free and his direct run resulted in a powerful finish to make it 3 – 0. Moments later Kenyon broke through the defence and Cane completed his hat trick to make it four. Nathan Stott came on to replace Pascoe and Matthew Marshall for

Aycliffe continued to press and James Wren came on to add

#### In Memoriam

ALICE JAMES 5-11-08. Treasured memories of a loving Mam. You suffered so much in silence, you battled on in vain, then God put his arms around you and ended all your pain. To us you were so special, you will always be remembered, loved and missed every day. Loving Daughters, Pauline and Joyce. Sons-in-Law David and Edward.

**JAMES** 5-11-08. ALICE Loving memories of a dear My best friend, loved and missed every day. Loving Son, Kenneth
ALICE JAMES 5-11-08.

Loving memories of a special Nana and Great Gran. In our heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Love, Karen, Tony, Marie, Paula, Samantha, Rachael, AnneMarie, Georgina, Billy, Emilia, Austin and Brandon

LILY LAVERY. Treasured memories of our dear Mum and Grandma who left us one year ago to be reunited with Husband, David. Greatly missed by your loving family, Derek, Ingrid, Ellie and Kirsty CHRIS GARRITY 8-11-06. It has been 3 long years since we lost you so suddenly. There was no time to say goodbye, but we love and miss you every day. Love, Glenys and family DÁVID BAYNE 6-11-05. There are holes in the floor of Heaven when it rains, your tears are falling down that's how I know you are watching and wishing you could be here. Now when I'm lonely I will remember, you can see and I know you are watching over me. Love forever. Julie

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JOHN CAMERON Died 5th November 2004. It broke my heart to lose you but you didn go alone, for part of me went with you the day God called you. Your love and thoughts will be with me forever. Although you are not here with me. You will always be in my memories, there is not a day I don't think of our memories. Your Wife, Mary

SANDRA ANN FARRELL 1965-2001, 8th November. This day we shall always remember, with tears, heartache and regret. It's the day you were taken from us. How could we ever forget. From your loving Mum, Dad, Sister, Helen, Nieces, Laura and Millie xxx

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The festival of Samhain celebrates the end of the lighter half of the year and beginning of the darker half, and is

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Ancestors were honoured and

invited home whilst harmful spirits were warded off. It is believed that the need to ward off harmful spirits led to the wearing of costumes and masks. Their purpose was to disguise oneself as a harmful spirit and thus avoid harm. Samhain was also a time to take stock of food supplies and slaughter livestock for winter stores. Bonfires played a large part in the festivities. All other fires were doused and each home lit their hearth from the bonfire. The name 'Halloween' and many of its present-day traditions derive from the Old English era.

There is no need for people of any religion to be disappointed that others wish to dress up at the time of halloween, or any other event.

I am a Christian and I respect other people's points of view, opinions and actions when it comes to celebrating holidays, especially when they are

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I would hate to see any holiday fun lost as we are having a tough enough time as it is and people should be allowed to let their hair down and have some

This is a holiday mostly for children and I prefer to see the children enjoy themselves and have fun when modern day society leaves less and less for children to do and more and more children hang about on

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#### **PARENT & TODDLERS**

A meeting will be held at the Agnew Centre on Thursday 12th November at 1pm to try and kick start a session for local parents.

Please come along and have vour say on suitable day/s & time for this group, bring the bairns along as well if you want. All welcome at this meeting, with Tea, Coffee & soft drinks provided.

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sadly missed by many
CLARE WALTON a big thank you to Clare and all the teachers at Stepping Out for all the hard work. Love you all, Dolci and the Cowens family

NORAH SMITH and family would like to show their gratitude and appreciation for all the kindness and support shown by everyone after the Tom on the 15th October 2009. We would like to thank the staff at James Cook and Bishop Auckland Hospitals for their help and the Co-op Funeral Service and Reg for a lovely Service

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WHEATLEY Happy 21st Birthday. Have a smashing day. Our love always Mam, Dad, Vicky, Neil, Kevin, Elisha, Emily, Dinx, Joshua, Joanna and all the family

**CURTIS DAVIES** Happy 16th Birthday Curt. Have a great day. Love, Neil, Bob, Liz and

all the Family xxx CRAIG HYMAS. Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary Babe. Love you always, Maria xx CHERYL COWENS 8th November. To the bestest Mammy ever and a big thank you for everything you do for me. You are simply the best. Love you millions. Dolci xxxx **ELAINE MELTON**. Happy Birthday babe, love you soooo much, u mean the world to us all:) Hope you have a great day and an even more fantastic night. All our love, Zach, Tyler,

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#### **Obituary**

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PERCY VIGGER aged 87 years, died 23rd October 2009 after a short illness, borne with courage and dignity. Dearly loved Husband of Amy, loving Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, Sadly missed

JACKSON Peacefully on 29th October, Janet, much loved Wife of Brian, Daughter of Jenny and the late Steve Miller and Mum of Sarah and Stephen. Mother-in-Law of Ian and Amanda, Nan of Robert, Naomi and Joshua. Also a dearly loved Sister of Joyce and Pat. Will family and friends please meet for Service in St Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 11th November at 11am, to be followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium. All welcome to return to Woodham Golf Club following the Service. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired may be made to Cancer Research UK and Cerebral Palsy, plate will be provided at the crematorium.

#### Dolci Llorenna Cowens



Well Done Babes On coming 1st and losing your last life. Now in Intermediates in Solo and Slow. You are a little diamond, keep going Babes. Love you loads, Mammy xxxx

Big Well Done Sweetheart, now in Inters you have come a long way in dancing in such a short time. You are such an amazing dancer. Love, Nana and Grandad xx

Well Done to an amazing little girl, you are doing so well. Love from all your Aunties, Uncles and family xxxx

#### Oliver Martin



Happy 1st Birthday Happy birthday Angel, have a lovely party. Lots of love and hugs, Mammy xxx

#### George and Sharon Henry

Ruby Wedding Anniversary



Mam and Dad, congratulations on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary years) of happy marriage. Lots of love, Maxine, Am Vicki and Mic Amanda, Stu Granda and Nana, we

love you lots. Love, Hugs and Kisses, Luke, James, Maisie. Charlotte and Danielle xxxx

# Birthday Remembrance

#### **David Bayne**

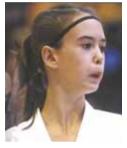


Birthday remembrance on 7th November. You were a much loved Husband, Dad and Granday. You will never be forgotten. Julie David, Moira, John, Rachel Kenneth, Emma, Lyn, Liam and all your Grandchildren



90 TODAY 9th November 2009 birthday Lynda, Mike, Jeff, Roy and

#### **Annalise Tinkler**



Happy Birthday Teenager at Last Good luck next weekend in Sheffield. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Hanah xxx

#### Helen Chambers



Happy 18th Birthday November 2009

Congratulations and best wishes on your 18th. All our love always, Mam, Dad, Neil and Sarah Congratulations on your

18th birthday. All our love, Gran June and Grandad

Congratulations on your 18th Love from Gran Bebe and Grandad Eric

All our best wishes and congratulations on your 18th. Uncle Paul, Elaine and Lads

wishes congratulations on your 18th from Uncle Malcolm and Auntie Sarah

#### **Christine Dawson**



Happy 16th Birthday **All our** love, Mam, Ďad and Amanda Happy birthday Dawson, woooo, finally 16. Love you, Stephen

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