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Tony Blair Lays Foundation Stone at New Carer's Centre



Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was in Newton Aycliffe on Friday, 6th November, to lay the Foundation Stone for the Pioneering Care Centre, a new concept in health and social care services. He also met local people with disabilities who have been involved from the early stages of the project.

The £2.5 million Pioneering Care Centre is being built by Sedgfield Borough Council and brings together a wide range of services under one roof. It is due for completion in Spring. Michael and Julie Dalton, who both suffer from spina bifida met Mr. Blair. They are both wheelchair users and are looking forward to the Centre opening next year.

Michael said, "It will make a real difference to us both when the Centre opens. We shall be able to make use of most of the facilities - the Pharmacy and the therapy suite will be very valuable and we shall be able to use the Independent Living Centre, to find adaptations for the home as our needs become more complete".

The Pioneering Care Centre also houses a doctor's surgery, a coffee shop, a carers centre, a Social Services Advice and Information point and is a base for the Council for Voluntary Services. Users hope it will also develop as a social centre where people can find companionship and meet others facing similar problems.

Jane Hartley, Development Director, PCP said, "The Pioneering Care Centre represents a breakthrough for local disabled people and the families and friends who support them. It will give them local access to a range of support services, under one roof, helping them to live independently in their own homes. Counc. Brian Stephens, Leader of the Borough Council said he was delighted the Prime Minister was able to come and add his endorsement to this exciting initiative.

Sanyo Celebrate Tenth Birthday



Top T.V. Chef, Gary Rhodes, who endorses Sanyo microwaves, visited Aycliffe for the 10th Birthday of the Company in Aycliffe. Did Sanyo's logo influence Gary's choice of hairstyle? (See the 'N' in Sanyo).

DISCRIMINATION CLAIM BY AYCLIFFE SCHOOLCHILDREN

A recent report has claimed that the children of Newton Aycliffe feel most discriminated against in shops and on buses in the town, according to the report these are the areas, along with leisure centres, where the children feel they are mostly treated differently because they are young.

"Sour Grapes" is a report produced by six pupils from Woodham Comprehensive School in association with the Investing in Children Locality Study. Investing in Children has the aim of implementing their principles supporting children "where children and young people live their lives." The report was commissioned to investigate issues which were important to children and young people.

The group, Emily Card, Simon Douthwaite, Melissa Haskins, Micheal Northcott, Ashleigh Sangster and Helen Swanwick, consulted with local children before deciding what research to conduct. "We came to the conclusion that the best way to know which areas to research was to consult other children and young people The information we collected reflected the ideas that we felt and what other young adults agreed".

The pupils came to the following conclusion that young people are unhappy with people who are less polite because they are not adults, charge adult fees for

children and places which discriminate because you are not an adult. To gain an adult point of view the service providers were approached to comment on the children's findings, and despite the interviewees politeness the pupils thought they skirted many of the issues.

Investing in Children Co-ordinator Liam Cairns was very impressed "Not only have there been some extremely innovative and exciting techniques used in the process, the findings that are beginning to emerge are fascinating.."

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I joined over 300 invited guests including the Prime Minister, customers, suppliers and friends to celebrate Tallents 50th Birthday and the opening of their latest £30 million extension. It must be over 15 years since I last visited the factory floor and since then this bit player in the automotive parts industry has grown into a world leader, bringing success, prestige and pride to Newton Aycliffe.

Tallents currently supply parts for Ford, Honda, Jaguar, Nissan, Rover and Vauxhall. The company employs nearly 1000 people and has a turnover in excess of £100million.

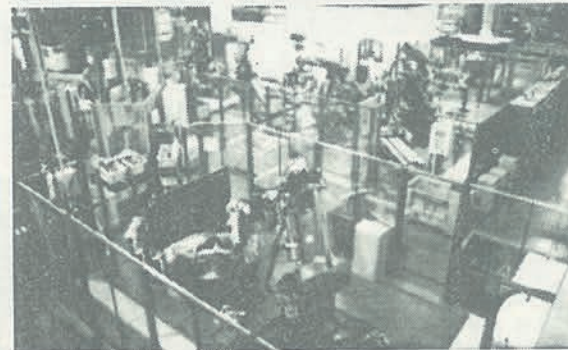
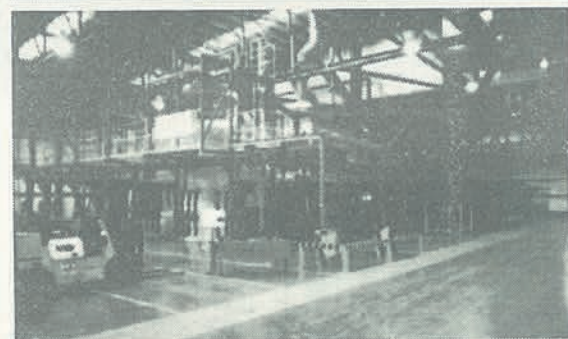
Tallents unique expansion has been guided virtually by the same Board of Directors - Managing Director Bernard Robinson worked his way up from a toolroom apprentice and joined the Board in 1974, Alex Worrall joined the company in 1978 and Simon Flunder left Ford to work for Tallents and was appointed a Director in 1986.

These three negotiated a Management buy-out in 1988 and Tallent Holdings came into existence. During this time the company secured a niche market in the manufacture of chassis and suspension products for cars and light commercial vehicles.

Clive Wheeler joined the company in 1990 and in the same year was appointed Director. By investing in the latest technology including robotics Tallents have competed successfully in the global market place, securing awards for their products and standard as well as individual honours for the Directors. Notably in 1989 Bernard Robinson was voted North East Businessman of the Year and awarded the O.B.E. In 1992 German giant Thyssen acquired Tallents and the group enjoys a world-wide reputation for quality and efficiency.

And this was demonstrated to visitors who toured Tallents modern factory floor. Every department and process was clean and safe, products and materials were stacked neatly with spacious gangways. Qualified personnel courteously greeted each group in each department and, with the aid of microphone and speakers, gave explanations of the product being manufactured. It was all very impressive and Tallents are to be congratulated for their efficient presentation.

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LETTER

Compassion for the Homeless?

Dear Sir,

Today as a traveller stopping for a bite to eat, I found the only available reading material was Newton News.

I read an article on the Horndale House and had to permit myself a wry smile. I imagine the issue is associated with homeless people and I work with youngsters.

I know many who have struggled with drugs and I wondered if they would be welcome. Those same youngsters went to Romania and helped those children whose deprivation is hard to imagine - still not welcome?

Then I read a comment that carol singing should be properly organised so that we could properly hear the Christmas message.

I always understood this message centred around some homeless people and I believe it goes on to talk about compassion for the less fortunate, alcoholics and criminals included.

What a strange world we live in...

Kim Harris

Just passing through.

Christmas Fayre

Neville Parade Methodist Church is holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November between 10am and 2pm. Lots of stalls, including Christmas Fayre, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac. Entertainment by Vane Road and Elmfield Schools. Free Punch and Judy Show. In addition there will be Coffee, Tea and light lunches available.

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Letter to the Editor

Village Millennium Fund Nears Target

Dear Editor,
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 We now would like you all to support us in our final push by attending the concert in the Village Hall

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The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Angela Fleming, with the winners of the Town Council Bonfire Night Poster Competition.

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Mark Reason and the Team from the Breakfast Show of Alpha Radio 103.2 hosted the evening and whipped up the atmosphere for the Big Countdown. The Bonfire was lit alongside a fire sculpture of an acorn, an oak leaf and the number 50 to signify the Town's Fiftieth Anniversary year.

The display which followed the lighting of the bonfire was an amazing mixture of roman candles and aerial shells with a really sensational finale.

Winners of the Poster Competition were awarded with their prizes by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Angela Fleming at a presentation prior to the Display. Some of the winning posters are on display at the Dalton Way Library until Friday 13th November.

Rugby Team in Dominant Form

Northallerton - 7
 Newton Aycliffe - 21

Travelling away to Northallerton is always going to be a tough fixture. Saturday's game was made equally hard by the number of players unavailable. The Aycliffe front row was hastily re-arranged, with newly-wed P. Sheen thrown in the deep end, showing no sign of the fatigue you would have associated with his recent vacation!

The second row of R. Gilyeat and M. Nolan were again in dominant form in the line out, providing excellent balls for the backs to run riot. The first try starting from a superb line out, the ball presented to the backs on a plate, was passed down the line and finished off with a 50+ yard sprint to the line for P. (I'm a lover not a fighter) Shaw.

The second try was a superb example of lines of running, with split second timing the ball was held up for N. Shaw to hit the line at pace, showing that age doesn't matter after all, as he split the defence wide open to score under the posts.

Aycliffe's third try was a little less subtle with coach M. (The Barrel) Hill bullocking his way through several weak tackles to score under the posts.

The evergreen T. Cooper converted all three tries with what must have been the simplest 3 kicks of his illustrious career.
 Our thanks go to match ball sponsor: Aycliffe Fabrications and for the continuing support of Great Lakes Chemicals.

PROTESTORS REJECT 'ALPHA PROJECT' COMPROMISE

Tony Moore invited the editor of Newton News and the Trustees of Horndale House to explain the new aims of the project which had been changed.

Previously the broad outline for the use of the premises was to accommodate all types of homeless people from anywhere.

This was obviously unacceptable by the local community and the Trustees, at the suggestion of Newton News, decided to restrict the use to accommodate youngsters under 18 who live in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area.

Syd Howarth explained how, as chairman of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, he became aware of the levels of homelessness amongst young people in Newton Aycliffe. Over one year 76 youngsters were given hostel beds / breakfast accommodation in Darlington. Syd suggested we should have our own hostel in Newton Aycliffe and Horndale House could fill that need if the local community agreed.

Unfortunately the residents of Horndale didn't agree and those at the meeting indicated

they did not want the hostel in any form. Homeless kids would not be welcome in the neighbourhood as they could be a bad influence on their children. One protester was honest enough to say his house could not be sold if this type of hostel operated near his home.

Others doubted the integrity of the Trustees who left the meeting bruised and disappointed by the manner in which Tony Moore conducted the meeting.

"It was a one man show and there were no other Councillors at the meeting. There was no impartial Chairman to control angry outbursts or abuse. Tony Moore played to the audience and was grossly unfair in not following the rules of debate" said one observer.

Newton Aycliffe is no different from any other town where a hostel is proposed, as no one wants a hostel in their area, and this is understandable, but where do the unfortunate youngsters of Newton Aycliffe go for refuge?

It was a meeting of the protesters with invited people set up to run the gauntlet and

it would hardly be surprising if they refuse to attend further meetings or enter into any future dialogue with the campaign committee.

Newton News was wrongly criticised for being biased, giving the Trustees more space in Newton News. Syd Howarth said that was false and would be disproved.

We have counted the column inches given to the issue and it is 137 for the Horndale residents against 40 for the Trustees of Horndale House.

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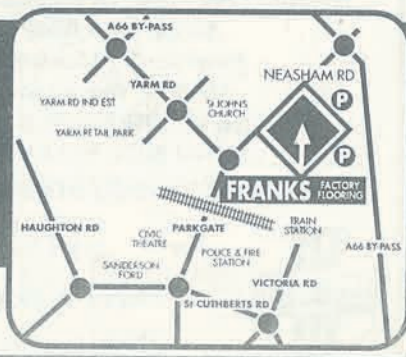


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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Residents of Horndale,

I would like to ask you what was the last time you looked around yourselves, do you know who you live next door to? Do you know their backgrounds? Do you know whether or not they have committed a crime, of what ever nature. I'm sure you probably don't.

I live on the Agnew Estate and over the last 2-3 years I have witnessed, drug dealers, abuse and people arrested for sex offences as well as known thieves. I have witnessed GBH against people, all this on one small estate. I am sure when these people were given council houses the Council were unaware of these peoples tendencies toward crime.

Not one of us knows who we are living next door to, or sometimes who we live with! Do you know where your teenagers are at night and can you be sure they will be where they say? We like to think we can trust them, but do you know that a lot of teenagers drink in public houses illegally or do so in groups round the town centre, or in local parks? A lot of them take drugs, cause distress and disturbance to other people, some break in to other people's property, vandalise etc. We all say 'not my child' he/she would never!

I have seen teenagers from my area, Horndale and Woodham drinking in pubs, whose parents have no idea where they are, but if they fall by the wayside, become addicts etc., we forgive and try to help them - it can happen to anyone's child. Being a teenager these days is pressure enough, so they should be helped as everyone deserves a second chance.

I have a teenage daughter and, God forbid, if ever it happened to her, I would like to think, if she couldn't come to me, there is somewhere like the Alpha Project for her to go for help and I know they would never turn her away.

The number of homeless people is unbelievable for such a small town, two families in one house, children whose parents feel they can't cope, who have been forced out of their homes. Some teenagers leave due to sexual or physical abusive, or breakdown in families. The Alpha Project is an opportunity for people to rebuild their lives and become responsible, honest hard working members of the community.

The Trustees of the project have answered questions honestly and stated the type of people the residents are concerned about would not be accommodated. I know the trustees and know them to be genuine, hard-working, caring, Christian people whose only objective is to help people achieve what the rest of us take for granted.

I would like to know whether Mr. Moore would be so opposed if his own were in need of help, or the Project wasn't on his own doorstep. In every part of this town there are people in need and most of us turn a blind eye, or walk on by. We do not fully realise the poverty and hardship some people go through, because it does not concern us, and we prefer to leave it for someone else to deal with. It's not our problem!

But it should be all 'our' problem and concern. As you snuggle down warm in your beds with a full belly, snuggling into your loved ones, do you care how many people, through no fault of their own, don't have this luxury and through your objections, you are depriving some young person of a chance to have that which you take for granted.

Please, people of Horndale, give the Alpha Project a chance to prove what they are about, helping less fortunate people. In lifting your objections you can sleep soundly with the knowledge that you've given someone else a chance.

I'm sure the trustees would be more than happy to talk and put your minds at rest as they are very nice, approachable people. Just think, when you see someone less fortunate than yourselves, "but for the grace of God go I" and help these people help others less fortunate.

Agnew Resident

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On Tuesday 17th November a Public Open Day has been arranged for townspeople to hear what the scheme is all about and to give their views.

The idea is to give everyone within Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to obtain and try new and different skills. There are many people who feel they have the ability to do many different things if they had the chance. The Learning Town Partnership exists to allow you to express and experience new challenges to widen your learning and education.

The Open Day is in the Sycamore Suite at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre from 2pm till 4pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available. Do make the effort to go along and check it out.

Further details on creating a learning community from Karen Robson on 300378.

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Only one more week before Woolworths holds its special event evening.

Wednesday 18th November sees Woolworths hold an event evening for the disabled community and their carers.

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Both store manager John Saint and his staff hope that the evening will be a success. We intend to make this store easily accessible for wheelchair users freeing the aisles from side stackers and generally have plenty of staff on hand to help the

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So if you would like an invitation please contact Mr. John Saint or Miss Zoe Clark c/o Woolworths on 312936.

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Details to follow shortly!

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Last week, Aycliffe Under 12's got back to winning ways with a hard-fought victory in saturated conditions at Fishburn. The lads tore into the opposition from the start and were immediately rewarded when Graham Johnson slotted the ball home from a Stewie Owen through ball.

After 10 minutes skipper Liam Cooper came to the rescue with a goal-line clearance to keep the lads in front.

In the second half, Liam Cooper converted a penalty before netting his second from the edge of the box after good work by Anthony Ross.

The whole defence played their hearts out to ensure their first league clean sheet of the season and centre-half Kyle Summersby took the 'man of the match' award for a storming game in difficult conditions.

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The grant, for £5,000, will enable the Princess Royal Trust Sedgefield Locality Carer's Centre, based in Newton Aycliffe, to continue to offer services such as one-to-one counselling, an expensive resource and information library and stress relaxation sessions. Over 350 local carers use these services, with over 50% dropping-in on a regular basis.

A sitting scheme is also in operation for carers in this area, when a trained volunteer will take over for a short period of time while a carer takes a break or attends an appointment. These volunteers contribute to the success of the Carer's Centre and compliment the work of the four paid members of staff. Louise Carlton, the manager of the Carer's Centre, said: 'This grant from the Lloyds TSB Foundation will enable us to continue the work we are doing but we are also planning to extend our services. In particular, we are looking at supporting specific groups of carers, such as those who care for adults or children with learning difficulties, people with life threatening illnesses and people with addictions. Our support could really help them on a day-to-day basis.'

Chris Ashcroft, branch manager of TSB, Newton Aycliffe, also commented: 'A message is a real treat and it's great to see that they can be provided free for carers, who often have little time for themselves. This centre is clearly a focal point of services for carers right across the Sedgefield area and I am delighted that the Lloyds TSB Foundation has been able to help ensure the service will continue and even expand.'

The Lloyds TSB Foundations support under-funded grass-roots charities that enable people, especially disadvantaged and disabled people, to play a fuller role in society. In 1998, the Foundations will distribute over £21 million to registered charities including over £700,000 to the Tyne Tees region. For more information about the Princess Royal Trust and the Sedgefield Carer's Centre, Tel: 01325 308100.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISIT AYCLIFFE



By Andrew Noble

20 pupils from Woodham Comprehensive School played host to a group of exchange students from the French town of Abbeville last month, welcoming them to Aycliffe and the North of England. The visit of the group of Year 10 pupils to Woodham was the first leg of an exchange programme with the school which is situated on the River Somme, the English hosts will visit France next April to stay with their host families.

The exchange is the first at Woodham for some time and marks the twinning of the two schools to provide exchange visits for years to come. The visits are not just a holiday, they provide opportunities to develop cultural understanding as well as develop the pupils linguistic skills.

The French students were making their first visits to the North of England so an informative and exciting itinerary was laid on during their stay. Not only did they spend time at Woodham learning about a British school day but they learnt about the town, through a visit to Great Aycliffe Town Council, and the area, taking in sights such as

Durham and the Metro Centre.

The stay also included a two day visit to the Lakes including Ambleside and Keswick, which, despite the British weather, proved a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The visit on a whole was a resounding success which was stressed in a letter of thanks to the school on the visitors return to France. Woodham Languages teacher Mrs. P. Butynaska said "They really enjoyed it ... we hope to have another exchange next year."

Xmas Fayre

St. Michael's Christmas Fayre will be held in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday November 21st. The Fayre will be opened at 2 o'clock by Mr. Peter Smyth, Chairman of the Parish Council organised by St. Michael's working party. This event, in aid of Church Funds, will offer a range of stalls and other attractions including Tombola, a Silent Auction, Refreshments, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Preserves, Bottle Stall etc. Father Christmas is coming why don't you?

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travelled to Fishburn with the
10's dropping their first
points in a highly
entertaining game with a 2-
2 draw in a dramatic finale.
The 12's were victorious
with an emphatic 3 nil
victory.

Without three regulars the
10's gave a lack lustre first
half display and conceded
two goals from defensive
errors.

After the half time interval it
was a different story with the
town's midfield trio of Ben
Poskett, Mark Wood and
Richard Langthorne in total
control. Danny McPhee
pulled a goal back with his
excellent first touch control
and shot. With MOM
Langthorne prominent the
Fishburn goal was virtually
under siege and a Mark
Wood effort was kicked off
the line.

In the last minute
Langthorne equalised with a
20 yard free kick that was
the equal of any of David
Beckham's efforts. Not only
are these boys good players
they demonstrated their spirit
in an excellent game.

The 12's were always in
control of the game with
goals from Anthony Ross,
Graham Johnson and Liam
Cooper.

The 11's entertained Yarm
Town Boys and were on the
wrong end of a 4-3 scoreline
the home side scorers were
Luke Smith (2) and Micheal
Bagnall with MOM award
going to Shaun Swainston.

The 13's travelled to New
Marske and gained a 3-3
draw after trailing three times
in the match the scorers for
Aycliffe were Mark Ross,
Ryan Stonehouse and
Michael Carr with midfielder
Ryan Wilson earning MOM
honours.

The 15's entertained bottom
of league Clavering Park and
run out winners by 10 goals
to 0 in a one sided game. The
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(3), Phil Dodds (2), Rob
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The opening few minutes of the game were probably the most nervous the ladies felt as the training was put to the test, but the ladies defended well in the opening 10 minutes but could of been 1 down, if it wasn't for a good save from Tracy who later went off after hurting her fingers from a good save at her front post. Darlo should have gone ahead 11 minutes into the game when they hit the bar from 8 yards and then they smashed the rebound over the bar. Darlo made no mistake 7 minutes later when they scored from an excellent through ball which split the Sports Club defence open. T. Lowerson made a brilliant one on one save to deny a certain second.
A second though was added due to a sweet 18 yard finish that narrowly beat the keeper. 32 minutes into the game Darlo added a third from 7 yards out. Sport Club's best chance in the first half came from a good break down the right which gave them a corner. From the corner a goal almost came when a shot just passed the post. Darlo's fourth came from an acute cross shot. The fifth Darlington goal came from a good move down the right, from the resulting cross it found an unmarked Darlo striker who put the ball in the net from 5 yards - Half-time 5-0
The start of the second half brought several changes to the Sport Club line-up as they went looking for a goal. Darlo's sixth came from a good run down the right flank and the cross found the boot of the number 10 who knocked it past T. Lowerson. A great save by T. Lowerson denied a certain seventh. Towards the end a few of the ladies were the victims of cramp. There was a good understanding in the defence between T. Woodward and C. Jones. C. Towers came back on for the last 20 minutes and revitalised the midfield. 14 minutes into the second half a well finished move made it 7-0 but the ladies heads never dropped and still fought on. An excellent shot by Darlo's number 11 almost made it 8-0 but the shot rebounded off the post.
11 minutes from time a right foot shot found the top corner by Darlo's number 5 to make it 8-0. A minute later it was 9-0. 3 minutes from time it was almost 10 but a good save denied it. - Full-time 9-0
Manager Ian Mahorn and the rest of the coaching staff were very pleased with the commitment and determination shown by all the players.
Thank-you to all the supporters for their support.
Man of Match - T. Lowerson played well in goal after going in goal, made some brilliant saves that kept the score down to 9-0.
Report by G. Jones - (age 14)

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT SILVERDALE



The Silverdale Community House in Newton Aycliffe held a Halloween Party on Saturday October 31.

There was fun and games and both children and adults came in Fancy Dress. The night was a huge success with over 100 people enjoying the organised activities.
A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in the Community) would like to thank special guests, the

Mayors of Great Aycliffe and Sedgfield Borough for both attending and their continued support. They also had the difficult task of judging the Fancy Dress Competition which was won by Natasha Griffin.
For more information about the Silverdale Community House contact: Diana Fleming at The Silverdale Community House, 9 & 10 Silverdale Place, 01325 307539.



Horndale Residents Ignored

Dear Sir,
I have a reply to my request from Durham County Council for information on the sale of Horndale House. As to why residents affected may not have been informed of what was proposed before the event is not for my comment, as I am no longer County Councillor. However, I can say, that in my Ward, whenever such issues affected residents I ensured they were fully informed and put in contact with Officers with whom they could discuss any concerns.
As to County Councillors involving the Town Council in seeking to enquire into matters said to be then arising from the sale of Horndale House by D.C.C. on which they serve, it might be asked by some, "Why were residents not informed before the event?"
Moreover, with rigorous regulations on Planning matters which all Borough Councillors have to comply with; it might be that any Aycliffe Town councillors who have taken part in that Council's involvement over Horndale House, might have to 'Declare an Interest' then leave meetings dealing with it at S.B.C.
If so it would leave this Town with hardly a voice in Sedgfield Borough when considerations are made for any 'Change of Use' application.
If that proves to be so, would questions be asked about the wisdom of raising such a matter in G.A.T.C. under "Any Other Business," without prior discussion with all other Councillors whose Ward representation might be affected by it?
I sincerely hope that proves not to be so, and Great Aycliffe's voice in Sedgfield Borough Council is not neutralised in any way!
Yours faithfully, Cllr. D.M. Fraser. Woodham Ward.

AUTUMN FAIR RAISED OVER £1600

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support St. Clare's Autumn Fair recently and helped make it a tremendous success, when over £1,600 was raised for Church Funds.
Thanks also to Mr. Frank Ridley, Head of Sugar Hill School, who kindly agreed to open the event, and also to the Junior schools who took part in the Tug of War competition. Judging by the noise they were all obviously enjoying the event! The trophy was won by the team from Sugar Hill School - well done!
Dancers from the Hargreaves-Jacques School of Dance gave an excellent display during the afternoon, thanks go to all concerned. Unclaimed raffle prizes are numbers 261 yellow

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