SHILDON COUPLE
Les and Sylvia Bolton were delighted to receive a visit from Mayor of Shildon, Cllr Shirley Quinn on Thursday 12th April, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Eighty year-old Sylvia (nee White), was born in Garbutt Street and attended the Council School and Timothy Hackworth before finding employment as a hairdresser for John Hunter of the North in Church Street. When the owner and namesake of the company moved to Darlington, Sylvia’s parents purchased the Shildon business and re-named it Sylvia’s, in honour of their daughter, later moving premises to nearby Dean Street. Les (85) was born in Stanley and began his working life at the family business in West Cornforth, selling ice cream and confectionery, before taking a job at Shildon Works in 1961. There he remained until its eventual closure in 1984, when he began working for Firth Rixson. The couple met at Spennymoor Rink Dance and tied the knot at St John’s Church in Shildon in 1958 before settling into their first home together on Garbutt Street.

COUPLE RAISE CHARITY FUNDS IN CELEBRATION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY
Shildon Mayor, Cllr Shirley Quinn visited Sylvia and Les Bolton to help celebrate their special anniversary.

OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED TO CATTLE BRIDGE ALTERATIONS
RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS and local residents have objected to plans lodged with Durham County Council to repair a footbridge at Shildon over the trackbed of the railway line.

Bishop Line Community Rail Partnership has objected, saying the plans are “totally inappropriate”.

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway say they are “disappointed” by the plans, and New Shildon Residents Association has also lodged an objection, saying that the repairs, which would involve removing the southern 1875 section of the bridge and replacing it with a soil embankment will “destroy the character of the bridge completely”.

Network Rail, which is behind the planning application say that the section they want to replace is dilapidated.

The bridge, located behind Locomotion railway museum is also known locally as Thickley Wood Bridge and Hildyard’s Bridge.

It was built in four separate stages as the sidings at Shildon Wagon Works expanded into the largest...
Passed Away

Todd
April 10th, peacefully in hospital aged 65 years, Ron (Ronny) formerly of Shildon. Dearly loved partner of Judith. Also sadly missed by Judith’s family and Grandchildren.

Dennis Tomlinson
21st April
Remembering a loving Husband, Dad and Granddad on his 60th Birthday

Friends and family please meet for service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon, on Wednesday 25th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Ron can be left at Crematorium for the British Heart Foundation.

In Memoriam

John Philips
6th April 2018
To a much loved Granda, love and miss you more than words can say

Love, Ste & Tash

John Philips
6th April 2018
To our wonderful Great Granda, love you loads and miss you so much

Love from Harley, Jessie & Skylar

John Robert Trotter
April 29th 2005
Treasured memories of a special man
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there

Loved and sadly missed,
All your family

Birthday Memories

Dennis Tomlinson
21st April
Remembering a loving Husband, Dad and Granddad on his 60th Birthday

All our love from Susan, Damien & Amy, Vicky & Steve, Rebecca, Luca & Liam

Thinking of you every day, Happy Birthday Steph

In Memoriam

Stephanie Thompson
April 20th

Nana & Granda

We love you to the moon and back

Birthday Memories

Zayden Jake Bland
April 20th

Happy 2nd Birthday to our gorgeous Grandson

Birthday

Phillip Henderson
30th Birthday
30!
With lots of love, Mam & Dad

Phillip Henderson
Happy 30th Phillip

Happy 2nd Birthday

Phillip Henderson
Happy Birthday Uncle Pippy

Happy 30th Birthday Phillip / Daddy
Hope you have a good day

Love from Kai & Finley

Phillip Henderson
Happy 30th Phillip

Happy 2nd Birthday

Phillip Henderson
Happy Birthday Uncle Pippy

Love from Kaitlin & Finley

Phillip Henderson
Happy 30th Birthday Phillip / Daddy
Hope you have a good day

Love from Rachael, Louie and Joshua

Birthday

Phillip Henderson
Happy Birthday

Love Becki & Harvey

Jade Plews
21st April 1978
Happy 40th Birthday
We love you lots
From Isabelle & Alex

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Happy 40th

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A DIAMOND DAY

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later moved to Auckland Terrace, where they have remained for over 50 years.

In earlier times the couple loved to travel and enjoyed many holidays in Spain over the years, visiting their cousins in Benidorm twice a year. They also had a caravan and enjoyed touring the country. They still get out and about, visiting Redcar and Stockton regularly, where they take their mobility scooters and enjoy days together.

The sprightly couple celebrated their wonderful milestone with a party at the Institute, alongside daughter Mandy, friends and family. Instead of gifts, the generous couple requested that donations be made in their honour to Cancer Research UK, which raising the fantastic sum of £280.

The Cattle Bridge was built in several sections as the Shildon Wagon Works grew. Network Rail wants to replace the southern sections with a soil embankment.

OBJECTIONS TO BRIDGE ALTERATION

FROM PAGE 1

and bears the name of its maker embossed into its side.

In its submission, Network Rail said: “By maintaining different styles of bridge across the spans, the appearance of the bridge will alter but it will still tell a story of the development of the railway across a period of time.

“The alterations will obviously make a change especially with the addition of the embankment but will not deter from the appearance of the Listed sections of the bridge.

“The appearance of the bridge will remain as one altered over the years to accommodate an ever changing railway and local landscape.”

New Shildon Residents Association added: “It sets a very poor precedent. We should be hanging on to these structures, not destroying them – especially leading up to the bicentenary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.”

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ManTalk sessions take place every Wednesday evening.

**TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH**

AN ORGANISATION in Shildon which helps men who are suffering with mental health issues has enjoyed a successful start.

The ManTalk sessions take place every Wednesday evening in the Foundations Building (opposite Costa Coffee)

Men are encouraged to go along and discuss their issues with others in a similar position, and break the stigma associated with mental health disorders.

For more information, visit manhealth.org.uk or call 0188 320023.

**SHILDON YOUTH IN COURT OVER LONDON STABBING DEATH**

A 17-YEAR-OLD youth, said in court to be from Shildon, has appeared at the Old Bailey with a second man charged with the murder of 20-year-old Omid Saidy.

Mr Saidy is said to have confronted a group of teenagers, whom he suspected of dealing drugs outside his home.

He and his friend, Oluwafemi Omotosho, chased down two males from outside his house near Parsons Green in south-west London but Mr Saidy was knifed in the neck and subsequently died.

His friend, who was on a moped, was also attacked with a knife.

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Prosecutor Timothy Cray told the jury that a fight involving Mr Saidy, Mr Omotosho and the defendants took place under a railway bridge, which was not covered by CCTV, on Parsons Green Lane near the tube station.

Mr Saidy was stabbed in the neck and pronounced dead later that night while Mr Omotosho was stabbed while lying on the ground but survived.

Both defendants deny the charges.

**AUDREY CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE**

**MRS. AUDREY SIMPSON,** Timothy Hackworth Primary’s Crossing Patrol, recently celebrated fifteen years of working at the school, helping children and their families to stay safe.

Mrs. Simpson was invited to an assembly, where the children gave their special thanks for her hard work. Shildon Town Councillor and School Governor Shirley Quinn also attended and pledged her support for child safety.

To help celebrate the special occasion, Miss Johnson and the school’s Junior Road Safety Officers designed, promoted and led a competition in school where children were invited to design a poster to raise the profile of road safety.

Parents and carers were invited to vote for their favourite entries and winners Beth, SJ and Grace enjoyed a bag of ‘Bike Goodies,’ including reflective stickers and a water bottle.

The overall winner, Beth, was also very lucky to receive a fabulous bike, kindly donated by Mr Horan.

A spokesperson for the school commented, “Mrs. Simpson continues to work with relentless enthusiasm and dedication in an effort to help our children to cross the road safely.

“Our Governors, children and staff continue to be increasingly concerned about the speeding and parking issues around our school, which is making crossing the road extremely dangerous indeed for our children and their families.

“Thank you to Mrs. Simpson, our Junior Road Safety Officers, concerned parents, staff and Governors who continue to strive for a safer school community so that our children have their right to be safe.”

**This week in History**

18 April 1942
World War II: The Doolittle Raid on Japan: Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagoya are bombed.

19 April 1770
Captain James Cook, still holding the rank of lieutenant, sights the eastern coast of what is now Australia.

20 April 1792
France declares war against the “King of Hungary and Bohemia”, the beginning of French Revolutionary Wars.

21 April 1966
Rastafari movement: Haile Selassie of Ethiopia visits Jamaica, an event now celebrated as Grounation Day.

22 April 1889
At noon, thousands rush to claim land in the Land Rush of 1889. Within hours the cities of Oklahoma City and Guthrie are formed with populations of at least 10,000.

23 April 2005
The first ever YouTube video, titled “Me at the zoo”, was published by user “Jawed”.

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WITH A MOPED LOAN
GET 'WHEELS TO WORK'

DOZENS OF CHILDREN VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN THE TOWN'S ANNUAL BIG SPRING CLEAN AND ALSO ENJOYED AN EASTER FUN EVENT.

CHILDREN TAKE PART IN BIG SPRING CLEAN

OVER 34 children participated in the town’s annual Big Spring Clean and Easter Fun Event at Jubilee Fields Community Centre on Wednesday 11th April.

The event was held in conjunction with Shildon Town Council, Shildon Alive and Durham County Council and was a huge success, with children collecting a substantial amount of litter in and around the Jubilee Fields Estate.

Following on from the litter pick the children enjoyed a buffet lunch and party games, face painting and a disco.

Barbara Fuller, the Centre's Development Worker commented, "Well done all of you, we are all so proud of each and every one of you!"

A spokesperson for the scheme said, "Please get in touch to find out more or pass on our details to anyone in the BASH area who may experience difficulties getting to work and/or training – this scheme aims to make people more employable by helping them to be mobile and independent.”

Further information can be found on the Wheels to Work website. For further details, call Gina on 07460 068668, or email g.davies@wheelstowork.org.uk or info@wheelstowork.org.

GET 'WHEELS TO WORK' WITH A MOPED LOAN

WHEELS TO WORK is a moped-loan scheme which aims to help people access employment, training or education that would otherwise be inaccessible due to poor public transport connections or out-of-hour work patterns.

The idea behind the scheme is to provide a loan of a moped for six months to help people to establish themselves in work and/or training. Mopeds of either 50cc or 125cc are available to people aged 16+ as long as they have a provisional or full driving licence. The cost is £25 per week for a 50cc and £30 per week for a 125cc moped and, at the moment, (thanks to a grant from the County Durham Community Foundation), people on apprenticeships, working less than 18 hours each week or employed on zero hours contracts can benefit from a discount.

Ace Motorcycles in Pity Me, Durham provides the motorcycle training (all included as part of the scheme) which involves a full day's Compulsory Basic Training (CBT), followed by a 2 hour CBT plus session on a separate day, when clients are provided with additional road time and are issued with their moped and clothing.

The moped loan includes brand new protective clothing (helmet, armoured jacket, gloves, waterproof over-trousers and high visibility vest) and a heavy duty lock, insurance, tax, breakdown cover, as well as servicing and maintenance of the moped. There may also be a chance to buy the moped from the scheme at the end of the loan period.

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**THE MUSICALS IN BLOOM**

**ST JOHN’S** Church is to host a *Musicals in Bloom* Flower Festival next month.

The event will span across the bank holiday weekend, from Friday 4th May to Monday 7th May, between 10am and 4pm (12 noon to 4pm on bank holiday Sunday).

Rev. Canon David commented, “Plan to pop in and be amazed, with specialists from across the North East displaying it will be amazing.”

Admission is £3.

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**EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT IN SHILDON**

**A BRAND** new work club is taking place every Wednesday at Foundations in Shildon, between 1pm and 3pm, when *livin futures* are on-hand to offer support and help you get into employment or training. The sessions offer 1-2-1 support, CV preparation, job search facilities and help applying for jobs.

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**Jilly Johnston** brought the art of story-making to life leading a fun session where the many budding young authors got the chance to create their own handmade book of stories.

The new summer learning programme is now available with extra weekly sessions for young people and the return of many popular activities.

To find out more about what’s on offer, check out greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048, info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or pop in and speak to one of the members of staff.

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FIVE TOTS BAPTISED AT ST JOHN’S

IT WAS a busy day at St John’s Church on Sunday 15th April, when five beautiful first-born children - all born within four months of each other - were baptised.

Lauren Hunter and Nathan Lawson, a full time mum and warehouse operator from Corporation Avenue, were there to celebrate the christening of their daughter, Peyton-Lei Elsie Lawson, born August 2017.

The couple chose seven Godparents for their little girl; Lisa Hunter, Courtney Waites, Callum Thompson, Connor Pearson, Liam Porter, Page Bowden and Kurt Tweedy.

A reception followed at the Civic Hall.

Jake Edward Merchant, born October 2017, was next to the font. The tot’s parents, student nurse Claire Longstaff and automotive paint technician Jonathan Merchant, live on Auckland Wynd and chose two Godparents; Martin and Alexandra Longstaff.

The family celebrated with a party at Elm Road Club.

Full time mum Sophie Lee and farmer Anthony Smith’s daughter, Tiffany-Rose Ann Lee was born in September 2017. The couple, who live on Redworth Road, chose six Godparents for their little girl, who happily took their vows in front of the congregation. They were Chelsey and Adam Lee, Leah Sheriff, Grant Sturt, Chloe Metcalfe and Nathan Lee.

Old Shildon Club was the venue of choice for their celebrations.

Next up was 8 month-old Emily Pattison, the daughter of Evelina Dogley, a commercial cleaner, and Matthew Pattison, an electronics engineer.

Suzanne Monaghan and Martin Pattison took on their duty as the little girl’s Godparents before the family returned to their home in Primrose Drive for an informal soirée.

Last but certainly not least was Grace Lilly Payne, born in September 2017 to Laura Ward and Liam Payne, a personal assistant and HGV driver respectively.

The couple, who live in Barnard Castle, chose Nikki Burnside, Kira Ridley, Keith Bell, William Jackson and Stuart Laybourn as Godparents.

Family and friends gathered afterwards at Elm Road Club.

Grace Lilly Payne with her parents and Godparents.

Emily Pattison with her parents Matthew and Evelina, and Godparents Martin and Suzanne.

The only boy to be baptised on the day - Jake Edward Merchant, with mam Claire, dad Jonathan and Godparents Martin and Alexandra.

Peyton-Lei Elsie Lawson on her special day, with her parents and Godparents.

The parents of Godparents of Tiffany-Rose Ann Lee (centre).
FREE ALL STARS TASTER AT SHILDON CRICKET CLUB

AFTER A couple of years absence, junior cricket is set to return to Shildon this year. Shildon Cricket Club is taking part in the national All Stars initiative backed by the ECB and Durham CCC focusing on increasing the number of 5 to 8-year-olds taking part in cricket.

The club is hosting a taster session at the BR Sportsfield on Thursday 3rd May from 6-7pm with any youngster in the age group welcome to attend free of charge.

The sessions will be run by coaches from the club’s senior side but parents are also welcome to attend the taster sessions to see for themselves the benefits of the All Stars programme.

The full sessions will run throughout May and June for eight weeks on Thursday nights at a cost of £40.

White Wins Again

Shildon AFC U12 Whites not only continued their winning streak at the weekend, but continued to improve as a team - news that will undoubtedly strike fear into next season’s opponents if the current players continue to play together.

On Sunday (15th April), the Whites visited mid-table Nunthorpe Athletic in the T.J.A Under 12 Division Three and recorded another resounding victory, scoring five and conceding just the one. The League’s top scorer, Jack Leighton was again on target, collecting another brace, with the other goals coming from Ben Moore, Xander Caygill and Jack Milner. Jack has now amassed 29 league goals for the season.

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McDonald scored the consolation goal for the hosts. Shildon remain third in the table, just two points behind Great Ayton. The team are looking to continue running and we rely on the continued support of local businesses.

“The senior season has already fallen victim to the particularly inclement spring weather which has caused the scheduled start to be delayed a week.

The season now begins with a home tie on Saturday 28th April with all supporters new and old encouraged to attend.

“We hope this will be the beginning of a successful season on and off the field, and one which will secure the future of cricket in Shildon for years to come.”

Lotto Rolls Over

Shildon AFC Supporters’ Club’s latest lottery draw took place at Shildon AFC social club on Sunday 15th April. The six numbers drawn on the night were: 1, 2, 5, 7, 14 and 16. With no jackpot winners, the consolation prize of £25 was won by Mr S Vayo.

This week, players must match the six numbers drawn from the remaining 15 to scoop the £650 jackpot.