

family notices

BIRTHS



DUNGAIT

(Morpeth). At Wansbeck General Hospital on Tuesday February 5th to Keith and Christina, a son, Macauley Thomas, 8lbs 11ozs, brother for Ronnie.

DEATHS



APPLETON

(Alnwick). Peacefully on 3rd February 2013, aged 55 years, Brian, dearly beloved son of Sam and Sarah, much loved nephew of his Aunt Stella and much loved cousin of Doreen. Will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him at Alnbank and Tynedale House. Funeral Service and cremation to be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Tuesday 12th February at 10.30am. Family flowers only please.

COATES

(Burnhope). Sonia, beloved wife of George Desmond, loving mam of Erik and Karen, mother-in-law of Debra and devoted grandma of James. Died suddenly on 30th January, aged 69 years. Friends please meet for service at Mountsett Crematorium, on Tuesday 12th February at 12.30pm. All are welcome to return to the Plough Inn, Dipton for refreshments afterwards.

COATSWORTH

(Shotley Bridge). Formerly of West Hamsteels Farm and Lanchester. In Shotley Park Residential Home on 31st January, Nancy, aged 91 years, loving sister of the late Ruth, Elsie and Harold, dear auntie of Brenda and Peggie. Friends please meet for service in All Saints Parish Church, Lanchester on Thursday 14th February at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium. All are welcome for refreshments after the service/ cremation at The Kings Head, Lanchester. All enquiries to Derwentside Funeral Service. Tel. (01207) 234444.

FITZSIMMONS

(Ashington). Suddenly on 5th February, aged 38 years, Paul (Fitza), dearly loved son of Jean, Pat and step son of John, also devoted dad of Sharna, dear granda of Tulisa, loving brother of Kay, dearly loved grandson of Jonny, and the late Margie, dear uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to all. Friends please meet for service at St. John's Church, Seaton Hirst on Tuesday 12th February at 10.30am. To be followed by interment at North Seaton Cemetery at 11.15am. Funeral enquiries c/o John Grenfell & Son, Station Road, Ashington, Tel. (01670) 823204.

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GREGORY

(Bury St Edmunds). Died peacefully at home after a short illness on 29th January 2013 in his 87th year, James, son of the late Ellis and Mary Ellen (nee Miller) Gregory, originally from Blyth Northumberland, brother of Norman, Mary, Bruce and the late Ron. Enquiries to L. Fulcher Funeral Directors, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1NX Tel. (01284) 754049.

MEAD

(North Seaton Colliery). Peacefully in hospital on 5th February, aged 78 years, Peter, dearly loved husband of Betty (nee Harris), much loved dad of Dawn, Michael and Elizabeth and a loving grandad of all the grandchildren. Family flowers only please. Cortege leaving from residence on Monday 18th February for service and cremation at Cowpen Crematorium at 11.30am. Friends please meet at crematorium. All enquiries to K. & T. Shields Funeral Directors, Carlton House, Wright Street, Blyth, NE24 1HQ. Tel. (01670) 540004.

SAYERS

(Blyth). Formerly of Morpeth. Peacefully on Friday 1st February, aged 76 years, Mary, beloved wife of Frank, a dear sister-in-law of Marian and a dear aunt of Marian, Billy and David. Funeral Service at St. James' Parish Church, Morpeth on Tuesday 12th February at 1.30pm, followed by interment in St Mary's Cemetery. Special thanks to the staff at Tynedale House for their care and dedication to Mary over recent years.

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WILSON

(Ashington). Formerly Fenrother. Peacefully at home on 5th February, aged 84 years, Arthur, beloved husband of Joyce and the late Dorothy, much loved dad of Avril and Michael, Moira and Lee, Garry and Sharon, Kevin and Sarah, a dearly loved grandad of Mark, Erin, Alanya, Hayden, Charlotte and Lily and great grandad of Harry. Friends please meet for Funeral Service at St. Cuthbert's Church, Hebron on Tuesday 12th February at 11.00am, followed by private interment. Flowers welcome or donations if desired to Cancer Research U.K., c/o Peter Grenfell Funeral Directors, Westfield House, Morpeth Road, Ashington, NE63 8PR.

IN MEMORIAM



BARKER

(Chopwell). Dora, passed away 7th February 2006. Treasured memories of a wonderful, devoted mother and grandma. We talk of you every day and will do till we're together again. Your devoted son Bill.

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Daredevil dad's new challenge

Four-day trek to raise more hospital cash

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DAREDEVIL father Ivan Hollingsworth is planning another epic sporting challenge to boost the coffers of the hospital which saved his son's life.

Ivan has already skied down a mountain in a mankini, run 100 miles in less than 24 hours and charged through countless marathons and half marathons for charity.

But the highlight of the former professional athlete's year is the Coast to Coast challenge, in which he annually tailors a gruelling route from Cumbria to North Tyneside in a bid to encourage a flurry of donations.

Ivan, 36, is now planning a four-day challenge that will involve cycling, swimming and running from one side of the



FAMILY AFFAIR Ivan with Seb and his mum Nadine

country to the other - and he'll have close friend, TV presenter Ben Shephard, with him along the way.

The Sky Sports presenter had to pull out at the 11th hour due to work commitments last year, but is looking forward to lacing up his trainers alongside Ivan this year.

Their inspiration is Ivan's son four-year-old Seb, who was diagnosed with the heart condition tetralogy of fallot hours after being born.

Ivan, a pharmaceutical rep, and his business manager wife Nadine, 35, anxiously waited as medics at the children's heart unit, based at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital, carried out heart surgery when Seb was 16 weeks old.

As Seb recovered from the operation in the children's intensive care unit, the Whitley Bay couple decided to set up a fund - Seb4chuf - devoted to putting money back into the miracle-working unit.

Since then, they have raised an astonishing £286,000 for Chuf, the Children's Heart Unit Fund, which will pay for a state-of-the-art play facility for the young patients, some of whom spend months in the unit, based on Ward 23.

This July, Ivan hopes to break the £300,000 barrier with the C2C4 challenge, which will see him, Ben and a team of other athletes cycle 75 miles on the first, swim a mile across Derwent Water



SPLASHING FUN Ivan Hollingsworth, right, celebrates the end of Seb4CHUF C2C Challenge with Ben Shephard, at Tynemouth

and ride 65 miles on the second day, run 35 miles to Close House Hotel in Northumberland on the third day, then run a marathon into the sea at Tynemouth on the final day.

"I've come up with a challenge that will be really testing," said Ivan, who is

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now a Chuf trustee. "It will be good to have Ben back. He's one of my best mates and it's important to have him there because he's such a strong character, and is great at helping to co-ordinate everything.

"Last year's event went really well and I've been getting my head round what worked really well and what could be improved, so I've come up with a route that will be really intense.

"During the cycle ride we will be taking on four of the toughest climbs in the UK, and two of them are in the top 10 so it's really going to be a side-burner and lung-burner."

For information about the challenge, visit www.seb4chuf.org.uk.