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MAD ADVENTURER LIAM MCGOUGH



Former Big Brother contestant, Liam McGough has become a charity fund raiser with some mad cap adventures. A few months ago through a charity based organisation in Newcastle, 'madventurer.com', together with local man Anthony Hutton, winner of big Brother 6, he went to Kenya as part of the Make a Difference Foundation (MAD). Liam has now been asked to become a patron of the charity which was founded in 1998 and has completed over 800 varying projects in the Third World. The picture shows Liam with a number of the Kenyan children he is helping through the charity.

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BRIDE'S TEARS TURN TO LAUGHTER

Most brides to be must suffer some sort of anxiety about their big day but for Alison Welsh the pre-nuptial days must have been a nightmare. As the extreme winter conditions got worse on the estate where she would be leaving with her father Tony, for her marriage to fiancé, Charlie Collins, panic set in for both. They felt that they needed a 4 x 4 vehicle to help them out and the road had to be cleared somehow. The search for the 4 x 4

brought a great response and national interest in their wedding began. Some of the tabloids began to cover the story as did ITV Tyne/Tees News. The 4 x 4 was provided by a guest from Berwick and another took the wedding cake with other items to Durham Castle where a magnificent reception and a ceilidh for about 100 people took place. Durham County Council came up trumps. Steve Keetley, Head of Technical

Services said "We were determined to save Alison's day. We sent workmen, tractors and a snowplough onto her estate". The wedding itself at All Saints RC Church, conducted by Canon Bob Spence, was wonderful, with no mishaps. Chief Bridesmaid, Rebecca Hirst, and her three assistants looked lovely. Best Man, Ross Hamilton, and his team did a great job. There was much laughter as photographs were being taken just before the

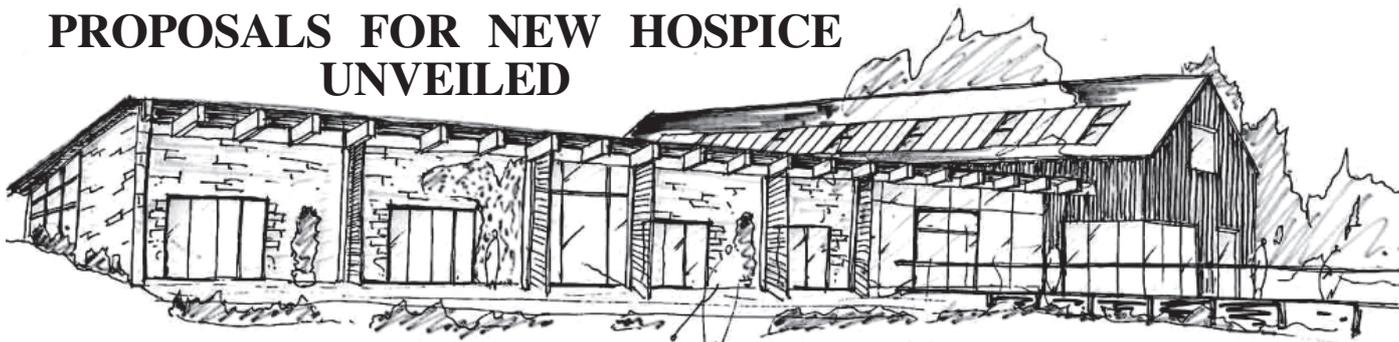


Snow Bride, Alison, wore her wellies to save her Jimmy Choos

ceremony, with Alison wearing wellies to protect her Jimmy Choo shoes. This was certainly a remarkable, memorable day for everyone

involved. The happy couple would like to thank all those who supported them throughout and made their marriage possible.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW HOSPICE UNVEILED



The picture above gives us a graphical representation of the proposed new £5 million development for the renewal and updating of Willow Burn Hospice.

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