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The Freedom of the Town was first granted to 124 Recovery Company on the 21st May 1988 and has since

been exercised in 1992, 1999 and 2005.

The Parade will march from the Barnard Armoury in Greenwell Road to the car park at Bewick Crescent where the Parade Commander invites the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, to inspect the troops at 11am.

At the conclusion of the inspection and speeches the Parade will march off along Stephenson Way back to the Barnard Armoury past the Saluting Dias where the salute will be taken by Brigadier M.J. Boswell ADC, Director Electrical & Mechanical Engineering (Army).

Members of the public are invited to attend to spectate this event and to celebrate our association with the Battalion on this memorable day.

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LAUREL FOLK - John Wrightson Band
Wednesday 15 June, 8.00pm - Tickets £6.00

John Wrightson has spent many years involved in music in his native North East. Initially working with bands on the club circuit he became interested in acoustic/folk music and since 1988 has been a prolific writer of excellent songs, dealing with thought provoking, contentious issues, ever since.

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FILM - Black Swan - Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm.
Cert 15, 108 minutes - Tickets £3.00

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COMEDY & MAGIC - Barry and Stuart
Friday 17 June, 8.00pm.

Tickets: £9.00 in advance / £11.00 on the door.

REGULAR EVENTS

Tea Dance - Tues., 14th June, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. £2.00.

Evergreens Over-50s Club - Wed., 15th June, 10.30-12 noon.

Annual membership: £25.00 or £2.00 per session.

Wear Valley Writers - Wed., 15th June, 7pm-9.30pm.

Free event in the library.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Story Time - Tues., 14th June, 10.30-11.30am.

Stories and crafts for under-5s. Free event in the library.

Book Buddies - Thurs., 16th June, 5-6.00pm.

Aimed at 8 – 12 year olds. Free event in the library.

For further information about any of our events or to purchase tickets please call in or ring the Town Hall Box Office on 01388 602610.



RAINBOWS AND RAINDROPS

A charity evening of entertainment, music and dance with a buffet and Grand Raffle will be held in Low Spennymoor and Merrington Lane WMC on Saturday, 11th June from 7.00pm – 11.00pm. The event is being held in support of the Diabetes Centre, University Hospital, Durham in aid of Insulin Pump Equipment. Tickets costing £5.00 are available from Marian McGowan 01388 818039 or 07984 090814; Teresa Patterson 01388 816549 or 07948 582627; Alan Robinson 01207 236621 or 07908 804636 or pay at the door.

OPTIONS

After an 80 day placement from Sunderland University, Jess has said goodbye to Options and the PCP. Jess proved to be a fantastic addition to our team and built up a strong bond with Options members, staff and volunteers. Everyone associated with Options wishes Jess the very best for the future.

Options had another fantastic weekend at the Lakes in May. 11 members and 4 support staff took part in canoeing, abseiling and archery, all

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ARMED FORCES WEEK

To mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week' the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will be raising the Armed Forces Flag at St. Clare's Church on Monday, 20th June 2011 at 11am.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 124 Recovery Company (REME) and 102 Battalion (REME) together with Members from the Royal British Legion and their Standard Bearers.

Armed Forces week was first held in 2009 when it was an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families and from recruits and veterans.

This year a Freedom of the Town Parade will take place on Saturday, 25th June

commencing at 10.45am on the Bewick Crescent Car Park.



Free Training & Development Opportunities

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Due to the successful introduction of Communicators one week FREE training courses in NVQ and ITQ/ECDL in May, we are pleased to schedule a further number of courses.

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Tracks by - Guns N Roses, Pearl Jam, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Iron Maiden, U2, Ozzy, Foo Fighters, Velvet Revolver and more - www.bulletband.co.uk

Saturday 25th June - "1 0 1"

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AYCLIFFE SINGER ADVISES CHERYL COLE TO GO TO ROMANIA

Newtonian David Bryan, Eurovision finalist and lead vocalist in Romania's Hotel FM band, has responded to news that Cheryl Cole has been axed by X Factor USA due to her accent.

David said, "Its sad news for Cheryl. I would tell her to forget the USA and to come to Romania, where I know she would encounter the same warmth, acceptance and love as I have experienced, since I first came in 2007. The people of Romania and Europe love our northern accent!"

David, who was involved in a European voluntary work programme, is now successfully forging a music career in Europe, both as a solo artist and lead vocalist

with band 'Hotel FM'. Such has been the response that David is developing a fan base from all corners of the globe, acquiring thousands of new followers on social network site, Facebook. "I cannot believe the response I have had from people since Eurovision."

"The exposure Eurovision has given me has been unbelievable. Right now, I feel like a very lucky man and I can't wait to start promoting my new material and making my UK debut".

David is currently hard at work, recording a much anticipated and eagerly awaited album with Hotel FM. Meanwhile, Romania will have to wait and see if Cheryl takes David's advice.

ROMAN MOVES PRODUCTION FROM CHINA TO AYCLIFFE

LOCAL shower manufacturer Roman, is bucking the current trend by moving the manufacture of their sister company's range of enclosures and bath screens away from China to manufacture the products at their Newton Aycliffe factory headquarters.

Roman Limited has proudly flown the flag of British design and manufacture since they were founded in 1985. However, in a move engineered to combat low cost, low quality imports from China, Roman set up sister company Haven in 2006.

Haven introduced a range of price sensitive models that are carefully designed by Roman's team of designers, but to remain price competitive, they were manufactured in China. The company has now decided the time is right to move the manufacture of these products to the UK, so they will be produced alongside their other shower enclosures and bath screens.

This move has been enabled due to the movement of the pound against the US dollar, which has seen the price of imported goods experiencing great fluctuation - this is alongside increased shipping costs. Roman has made the decision to take advantage

of the company's own infrastructure and, due to the rapid growth in demand for Haven products, moving the manufacture in-house to Roman now makes sense financially for the company.

The Haven range is a low cost alternative to Roman's own range of products which are designed with the highest specification for the luxury end of the bathroom market.

Roman Group Managing Director, David Osborne commented: "Being a British designer and manufacturer is very important to us as a company. Therefore we are extremely please to be able to move the manufacture of all Haven products into the main factory in Newton Aycliffe. At Roman we have over 25 years experience of manufacturing showering solutions and prefer to keep a close eye on all our products as they are built and delivered.

Due to the current market conditions and the popularity of the Haven products, we are now able to make the move and bring the manufacture of these products in house. We have stringent quality control measures for all our products and this will now be applicable to all the Haven enclosures and bath screens."



PUPILS UPSET AS VANDALS ATTACK THEIR SCHOOL

Staff and children at Stephenson Way Community Primary School had a very nasty shock on their return to school after the summer half term break.

Vandals had entered the premises and destroyed a large number of trees, plant boxes, flower beds and plant pots. They had also cracked some paving slabs, destroyed part of a fence and uprooted plants.

Perhaps worst of all a bird box had also been destroyed killing a number of small birds who had made their home in the school grounds. The children were very upset indeed and found it hard to believe that people could cause such mindless damage. Some of the fruit trees had been planted a number of years ago and were only just beginning to bear fruit. Some classes had been growing plants from seed over the spring term and were ready to plant them outside but were very unsure whether or not this would be a good idea following the vandalism.

Staff called a special assembly in the junior building to share the sad news with all of the children. Staff at the school will now have to spend time and money repairing the damage.

The children were very upset and baffled as to why vandals would do this to their school. One parent commented 'whoever did this should be ashamed of themselves'.



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Youthy Girls Group Walk for Charity



A Girls Group at the Youth Centre have entered the "Race for Life" on 3rd July 2011, 11am at Aykley Heads. The girls wanted to raise money for a charity and chose Cancer Research as this is close to their hearts. They are all getting dressed in pink gear to walking the 5K. Please support the girls, the Youth Centre has a fundraising page: <http://www.raceforlifespansome.org/newtonaycliffeyouthcentre>. Alternatively pop into the centre and sponsor the girls at reception. The girls also have sponsor forms themselves. The group includes, Leah Oxley, Rebecca Gibbon, Paige Braithwaite, Chelice Braithwaite, Lydia Dunn, Caitlin Lowe, Sara Peek, Kayleigh Atkinson, Lauren Atkinson and Toni. Youth Workers Jenny Walton, Litza Johnson and Steph Ridley. Thank you very much from all the girls Jenny Walton, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre

RADIUS TO CLOSE AYCLIFFE FACTORY

Radius Systems has today made public its plans for the restructuring of its UK operations which are designed both to boost its competitiveness in the region and to release capability to support its international expansion. Under the plans, Radius Systems is making key investments in two production units, the Hilcote plant in Derbyshire and the Lurgan plant in Northern Ireland. At both of these sites the factories are being upgraded so that all UK activities can be moved to these two locations. As a result of the restructuring, Radius Systems proposes to close the remaining two factories in the UK region at the end of 2011, these being the Newton Aycliffe factory and the Banbridge factory in Northern Ireland. Consultation on the proposals has commenced with employees and their representatives. The Company is committed to providing support for all those affected through transfer opportunities to the retained factories, facilities for job search and counselling.

Radius Systems CEO Stuart Godfrey said; "The decisions were not taken lightly, and only after very careful analysis of the current and future needs of the business with the intention of ensuring that Radius Systems holds its position as one of the most competitive, and innovative, suppliers of plastic pipe systems for infrastructure markets." "Whilst it is deeply regrettable that a restructuring of the business results in job losses, these changes are necessary to maintain our competitiveness, the key to ensuring we have a bright future in both the manufacturing and infrastructure sectors in the United Kingdom".

Police Notice GARDEN THEFTS

Over recent weeks there has been an increase in thefts of garden furniture from resident's properties across Newton Aycliffe. These thefts include garden furniture as well as plant pots and statues. The thefts have primarily occurred in the WOODHAM WARD and GREENFIELD/MIDDLEDGE WARD. If anybody has any information which may assist the police in their investigation, or has been offered any of these items for sale door to door then please get in touch. Some of the items that have been stolen recently include concrete plant holders, concrete water features and garden benches. 0345 60 60 365 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 PCSO 6859 Mike WELCH

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Aycliffe Teenage Volunteer Named as Local Coach Hero

Coach USA young volunteer, Josh Stephenson, has been recognised as a Local Hero in Newton Aycliffe for helping young people access sport in his local community.

Josh (age 17) from Newton Aycliffe, volunteers at the Coach USA Project at Woodham Community Technology College. Here young people volunteer at sports sessions and learn to organise their own sessions within the local community together with receiving an individually tailored coach education programme



from Anderson Sports

John Downes, National Volunteering Fieldwork Manager for StreetGames, said: "Josh has been recognised as a Local Hero because of his fantastic work in The Co-operative StreetGames Young Volunteers programme and how he has helped so many young people in his community to access sport. Without the efforts of volunteers like Josh, young people wouldn't be able to access the sport they love at a price, time and place available to them."

Michael Fairclough, Head of Community and Campaigns at The Co-operative, said: "I would like to congratulate Josh for his dedication to our Co-operative StreetGames Young Volunteers programme. He has worked extremely hard learning coaching, sports and community leadership skills and has devoted a great deal of time to inspiring other young people to get involved in sport, which is exactly what we are trying to achieve in local communities right across the country."

Development. Following this training, they then visit Camp Cody USA in New Hampshire to work on the traditional log cabin sports camp for a month in the summer.

Josh has been recognised as a Local Hero because of his commitment to helping more young people access sports sessions in their local community. After visiting Camp Cody last year, Josh has been mentoring Coach USA Project's next group of volunteers at Woodham, and has set up an American Football club in the area. Josh was rated so highly by Camp Cody that they have invited him back on a six week Junior Councillor Scholarship for this year.

The Coach USA Project is a partnership between local sports coaching company, Anderson Sports Development, Woodham Community Technology College, The Co-operative StreetGames Young Volunteers, and Camp Cody in the USA.

Due to the excellent partnerships that Anderson Sports Development and Woodham Community Technology College have fostered with partnering organisations, Josh has benefited by becoming a member of the award-winning Co-operative StreetGames Young Volunteers programme, which trains volunteers, aged between 16 and 25, in community leadership and sports coaching skills. The Co-operative has invested £1m in the programme over the last three years and it forms a major part of its Inspiring Young People campaign, which provides young people with new opportunities to help them change their world.

Fun Night at Town Centre Shop

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d.suttonloyd@btinternet.com

Agnew: Tel 01325 321504
0774 9236853
agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

AYCLIFFE COUPLE MARRIED IN YORK



Nick Whitehead and Paula Murphy of Haselwood Road, Newton Aycliffe were married on the 28th May at York Registrar's Office.

Nick is employed by the NHS and Paula works in Hartlepool for TaTa as their Regional Sales Manager.

Paula was given away by Neil Robinson and her Matron of Honour was Fiona Robinson. Geoff Robinson was the Best

Man.

A reception was held at Tritons Restaurant in York followed by a boat trip down the River Ouse with dancing to music provided by a disco and a Caribbean Steel Band.

Later the guests enjoyed an open bus tour of York completing a memorable wedding day. They are planning their honeymoon for later in the year to Turkey.

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Planning Sub-Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that:-
A meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE, 2011
at 4.00p.m.**

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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VETERANS BADGE PRESENTATION DAY



Neville Parade Community Centre hosted another successful Veterans Badge Presentation last Saturday. Our Town Mayor and M.P. were present and a Guard of Honour was provided by the Air Training Corps while the Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band played in the background. Deputy Lieutenant Colonel James Ramsbottom presented the medals to over 100 veterans who applied, but only 45 were able to attend.



Tesco and Lidl sponsored the event and afternoon tea was a joint voluntary effort by the Heighington W.I., St. Clare's Mothers Union, Ladies from The Church of Latter Day Saints, St. Michael's Heighington Working Party, Newton Aycliffe Inner Wheel, Methodist Church Ladies Circle, Norma and Maureen from the Kurling club.



Peter Beaty, Chairman and organiser, wishes to thank all the volunteers for working so hard to ensure a day remember.



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Finchale Road
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£185,000

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Newton Aycliffe
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Theatre Group Perform at Sugar Hill School



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By Jaycee Lature Class 9.

SUPPORTERS RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

Newton Aycliffe Branch of Sunderland AFC Supporters Association have been raising money for their 2010/11 nominated charity The Great North Air Ambulance and at their monthly meeting presented a cheque for £2002.60 to Janet Hume from the charity. The money was raised throughout the season by various events including a World Cup Prediction League, a Sponsored Walk, a Christmas Raffle and a collection on the last home bus of the season. The Branch were also delighted to inform Janet that they had decided to support The Great North

Air Ambulance during the 2011/12 season. Janet said she was delighted to accept the cheque on behalf of the Charity as well as the news of the continued support from the Branch. Charity organiser Andrew Eales presented the cheque to Janet Hume together with other organisers Cliff Hudspeth and Les Bell. Newton Aycliffe Branch run buses to all Sunderland home games and some away games and meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Royal British Legion Club. Further information on the Branch can be obtained from Secretary Stan Hall on 01325 313172.



GREENFIELD HOST AYCLIFFE'S FIRST CHARITY ZUMBATHON

The Banana Army are very excited to announce their next charity event in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research - a Zumbathon which will be held at Greenfield School Sports Hall on Saturday 25th June between 5pm and 8pm. In case you've never heard of Zumba - where have you been?! It's the latest fitness craze sweeping the world and with lots of classes to choose from, the people of Newton Aycliffe are wiggling up a storm as they become beach fit for the summer.

There are so many types of Zumba on offer targeted at specific audiences, there truly is something for everyone: Zumba Toning, ZumbaAtomic for kids, AquaZumba, Zumba Gold for the young at heart and of course just plain old party time Zumba. With tickets at just £10 now on sale for the event, which will be hosted by Zumba with Jaime, you can try it for yourself, three hours of fun-filled craziness as we whoop, holler and shimmy along to the Latino inspired Zumba beats. It'll be a challenge, you can dip in and out of the songs, and more importantly you'll be raising money for a GREAT cause.

For tickets contact Karen on 07974 153334, Jaime on 07956 588277 or e-mail: zumbawithjaime@hotmail.co.uk. You can also find us on facebook by searching for 'Banana Army 2011 - Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research Fundraising or 'Zumba with Jaime'

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COUNTY PLAN GIVES AYCLIFFE LITTLE ROOM TO EXPAND

by Councillor John D. Clare, Deputy Leader, Town Council

The Durham County Plan is a plan for economic growth. It has to be. Economically, County Durham is the worst-performing area in the north-east. And the north-east is the worst performing region in the country. Unless we get our economy going, we are staring decline and poverty in the face.

Economic growth is paramount, and it has to come before ANY other consideration.

WHERE DOES AYCLIFFE FIT IN THIS PLAN?

In the original draft Plan, last year, Aycliffe was not even mentioned. I complained loudly about this, and – if you read the new Plan – you might be persuaded to think that the County Council has listened. Aycliffe is now listed as a ‘key employment location’. Its position on the A1 corridor is counted as ‘capable of attracting employment of national significance’. Finally, the Plan states that: ‘Given the site’s importance to the Plan it is proposed to identify the site as strategic.’

When you come to look at what that means in practical terms, however, it is less acceptable. Despite the map’s title: ‘Strategic Extension to Aycliffe Industrial Estate’, NO extra land has been allocated to economic growth in Aycliffe. In fact no extra land has

been allocated for Aycliffe’s industrial area since 1996. And although the Plan claims that 103 hectares of ‘employment land’ exists in Aycliffe, in fact 21ha of that land has already been used for the Hitachi factory development. That leaves just 80 hectares of land which the County Council is proposing will suffice for economic growth in this area for the next twenty years. Thus we have a County Plan for economic growth which envisages the Aycliffe industrial area as growing at just 4 hectares a year. (A hectare is exactly the size of a football pitch.)

IS THIS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU? It isn’t good enough for me! It may well be that the County Council is so incompetent that, despite the ‘strategic’ significance of Aycliffe, it will only manage to attract enough industry to Aycliffe to fill four football pitches a year. But can we not hope? What if DCC does its job properly and gets our industry zinging! The County Plan needs to allocate land for the growth that MAY happen.

LET’S BE ASPIRATIONAL!! I think we need MUCH more land allocating than this. Aycliffe’s position on the road and rail network makes it perfect as a centre for warehousing for the whole north-east region. We ought to be able to attract these companies, but they will need space, and our 82 remaining hectares will disappear very quickly if somebody does their job right at County Hall.

(You know, it is almost as if

Aycliffe was being consciously downplayed in order to buff up the County’s originally-identified centre-for-growth at Aykley Heads.)

SHOULD WE COMPLAIN?

It is vital that we lobby the County Council and the County Councillors vigorously about this. The County Plan SAYS good things about Aycliffe’s economic potential but actually it is A PLAN FOR STAGNATION in our town. This is bad news for us, because it means fewer jobs, less wealth and more outward migration.

What the County Council has to be made to understand, moreover, is that it is also bad news for County Durham.

I want to put an image in your mind. Occasionally I water the garden using a hose with a sprinkler nozzle at the end. There is plenty of water-pressure in the hose, but unless I open the nozzle to full the spray doesn’t reach the whole garden. Aycliffe is exactly the same. It sits at the south-east corner of the County, on the A1 corridor, at the end of a massive supply-line of trucks, trains, goods and services. But unless the Aycliffe economy is turned up to full, that economic flow will not be dispersed through the county – it will simply pass on through to Newcastle.

The Plan recognises this is true for tourism – why have the planners not realised it is just as true for goods and services! This is not an Aycliffe attempt to steal others’ prosperity! Growth in Aycliffe will not preclude growth at Aykley Heads – the two places will attract utterly different types

of business. What the planners must be made to see is that, if the warehousing/industry site at Aycliffe is stifled, the office/executive potential of Aykley Heads will be damaged.

We are fighting here for the prosperity of our County, not just our town.

THE NEED FOR A VISION

It will be said that it is hard to plan for the growth of Aycliffe Industrial Estate, because much of the land lies outside County Durham, in Darlington authority.

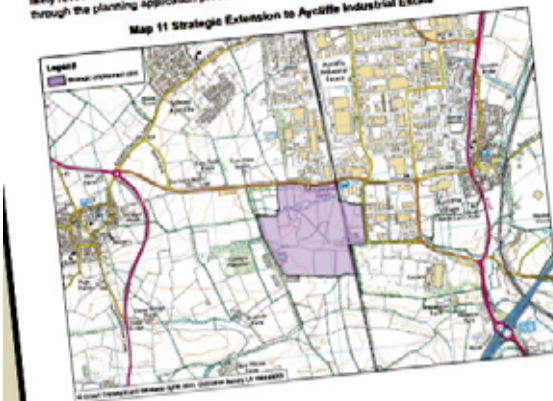
That should not be a problem. When it comes to the environment, the Plan boasts how it has agreements with neighbouring authorities to encourage cooperation and biodiversity.

So, if they can do it for the environment, HOW MUCH MORE IMPORTANT IS IT that they manage to cooperate with neighbouring authorities over the economy!

As we look forward to the next 20 years for our town and our County, we need planners with vision, who can envisage Aycliffe as an industrial and warehousing hub for the entire north-east, servicing and stimulating the economy of the entire region. And we need the Plan to allocate the land to deliver that vision.

These are just my ideas about the County Plan. Whether you agree or disagree, you can see the Plan and send the County Council your views on it at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/ldf> Next week I will tell you what I think about the Plan’s proposals for housing in Aycliffe.

Extension to Aycliffe Industrial Estate, ...
6.18 Newton Aycliffe Industrial Estate is one of the largest industrial estates in County Durham which has developed since the Second World War. It now extends to more than 300ha south of Newton Aycliffe. An extension to the industrial park was allocated in 1996 and RPS identified 70ha of land for future development. 58 ha of land remains undeveloped and it is proposed that this area is carried forward as a strategic employment site.
6.19 Part of the site has recently been identified by Hitachi as its preferred location to build the carriages and trains. And the potential exists for the creation of around 1000 new jobs. Given the likely revocation of RPS, confirmation of this site will support Hitachi’s proposals and provide clarity through the planning application process.



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Taxi Needed for Disabled

Chairman of 'The Cubby', Billy Blenkinsopp requests Taxi firms on the town consider adding a vehicle to their fleet offering wheelchair access. Recently a disabled person living in Newton Aycliffe required this service and had to get a Taxi company from Bishop Auckland to provide the ride.

FREE FIRST AID AT WORK COURSES

Woodham Village and the Agnew Community Centres have joined together in a partnership and with the help of the Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership have obtained funding from Durham County Council's NLDC fund to provide free the following:-
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Friday 17th June, 9am to 4.30pm at The Agnew Community Centre. Monday 20th June 9am to 4.30pm and Wednesday 6th July 9am to 4.30pm at Woodham Community Centre.
All fees, course books, exam papers, and certificates (for successful candidates) will be free.
Woodham: Tel: 316144 d.suttonlloyd@btinternet.com
Agnew: Tel: 01325 321504 0774 9236853
agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

Sedgefield Must Have Moved!

Dear Sir,
Having worked at Aycliffe Hospital, during the early 1970s, I was puzzled to learn that it was situated 'near Sedgefield' (re: reports on the Castlebeck Care Homes scandal). Aycliffe Hospital was situated between Heighington and Newton Aycliffe. I walked home from work after many a shift there, to Newton Aycliffe. I certainly would not have been able to walk from there to Sedgefield. Seemingly the beginnings of Castlebeck had its impetus from some staff, within a closing Aycliffe Hospital. It is somewhat ironic that Aycliffe Hospital (a home and a caring environment) was closed, to facilitate 'care within the community'. In the main, patients were settled in small groups, in sheltered housing out amongst the community. Yet this care home company, dealing with not necessarily the same type of individual - though some of the most vulnerable in our communities - seems to have taken us back to the bad old days of almost industrialised mass-produced care, where, at least in this instance, they received neither CARE, nor a HOME.
Derek G Atkinson
Denham Place

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WIND FARM SHARING

Dear Sir
I read the letter from John Burrows on the subject of wind turbines and have thought in a similar vein for a long time. I am not very keen on the wholesale adoption of wind turbines but wonder if it is possible to find a map showing the geographical locations of the turbines throughout the country. It always seems to me that places further away from London have such things inflicted upon them while at the same time investment in other things to bring benefits are reluctantly given.
JT Barraclough

Appeal for Witnesses

Dear Sir,
I am appealing for witnesses who may have seen or have information about the theft of a red psp game console from a Starcabs Taxi which was parked to the side of Starcabs on Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.
The theft occurred on 16th April 2011 at 18:00 hours. The suspect is described as being a white male, small in height with a large build with short brown hair. He was wearing a dark coloured tracksuit type top and dark coloured tracksuit bottoms. If anyone has any information please can it be passed to myself at Newton Aycliffe Police Office. Incident number DHM-16042011-0495.
Debbie Woods, PC 2228
Newton Aycliffe Police Office. Tel: 0345 60 60 365

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Greenfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, DL5 7LF
Tel: 01325 300378 - Fax: 01325 379058
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Greenfield wishes to appoint a reliable and hardworking casual school cleaner and relief caretaker to work flexibly on an as and when required basis to cover for staff absences.

Casual School Cleaner
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Relief Caretaker
£6.47 per hour - Scale 1 Point 6
Responsibilities for the post include the general safety and security of the school premises and grounds, general portage duties and carrying out general repairs and maintenance.

Please indicate on the application form if you are applying for both posts.
Please contact Mrs Susan Mouyiassi on 01325 300379 or email susan.mouyiassi@greenfieldschool.net for further information and an application pack.
Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.
Greenfield School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of sex, race, marital status or disability
Closing Date: 12 noon 22nd June 2011
All appointments are subject to medical clearance and CRB Enhancement Checks. Your place of work will be Greenfield School Community & Arts College. The school is part of the Aycliffe and Shildon Schools Education Trust (ASSET) and you may be required to work in any of the school sites within the Trust.

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Greenfield wishes to appoint a Breakfast Club and Cover Lesson Supervisor.

Breaktime Club and Lesson Supervisor
Full Time - Scale point 12 scale 2
TERM TIME - 32.5 hours per week
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To start September 2011

Experience of working with 11-16 year olds is essential. Relevant qualifications are desirable although not essential (training will be addressed during an induction period).
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Greenfield wishes to appoint a Receptionist / Administration Officer to work afternoons in a very busy office environment.

Receptionist / Administration Officer
Scale 2 Pt 11-13
TERM TIME - 14.5 Hours Per Week
Scale 2 - £4,996-£5,237 to start September 2011

The successful candidate will have experience of working in a customer led environment; good planning and organisational skills; strong inter personal skills and ability to work flexibly and as part of a team.
Main responsibilities for the post include reception duties, data input, first aid and general office duties.
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Greenfield wishes to appoint one Breaktime / Lunchtime Supervisor to start September 2011

BREAKTIME / LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR
Temporary
£6.96 per hour
11 1/2 hours per week 11.15am - 1.30pm (term time only)

The successful candidate will work as part of a team to supervise students in all areas of the school at breaktime and lunchtime. Additional duties may include cashier cover and contributing to the supervision of recreational and sports activities.
Please contact Mrs Susan Mouyiassi on 01325 300379 or email susan.mouyiassi@greenfieldschool.net for further information and an application pack.
The school is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and require all staff to share this commitment.
All posts are subject to satisfactory CRB clearance.
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Friday 8th July
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£18.95 per person

Saturday 9th July
Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet.
£10.95 per person

Monday 25th July
Wedding Open Evening
Come and take this opportunity to view the Coleman Suite, John Burdon Suite, Bayne Suite and Paddock Marquee set up for Wedding Receptions and a Civil Ceremony. No appointment necessary just come along between 6.00pm and 8.30pm

Friday 29th July
Michael Buble Tribute
Dan James will be performing all the greatest hits from the No. 1 selling artist. Arrive at 7.00pm for dinner 7.30pm. Evening includes a three course dinner and disco.
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Friday 12th August
Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet.
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Friday 19th August
The 80's Experience
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Sunday 21st August
Wedding Open Day
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Friday 26th August
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Friday 2nd September
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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE

One of the jobs of a Councillor is reading through long, dense documents on matters which – to be blunt – are ‘dull but important’, and this week’s Town Council Policy and Resources Committee was one such occasion. There were other, ‘lighter’ matters on the agenda – the Committee granted £300 to fund author visits to Newton Aycliffe Library, and approved funding to mend the cycle bridge over Woodham Burn. It also agreed a number of measures to end a spate of vandalism at St Oswald’s Park – and

to catch and prosecute the perpetrators. But, nevertheless, the most important items concerned two ‘bulky documents’. The first was the 2010/11 Budget Year End Outturn Position document – the paper which informs Councillors how the Council’s finances have fared over the last year. This year, Finance Manager Dan Austin was able to inform members that in 2010/11 the Council had achieved an overall year-end saving of £213,036 on a net budget of £1.6million (13%). This was a result of

efficiency savings across all budget areas – notably on the running costs of the Sports Complex, and on civic and special events expenditure – and particularly as a result of the freeze on officer pay. Meanwhile, the Council’s Capital Spending Programme had totalled £289,500 – including £70,000 on a new heating system at the Sports Complex, £40,000 on the School Aycliffe play area, £21,000 on the Great Aycliffe Way extension and more than £20,000 on public toilet refurbishments! There are a further £143,500-worth of capital projects in progress. Which – when all is taken into account – will leave the Council with Balances and Reserves of around £640,000. This puts the Town Council finances in a sound position, and on course to cope with future expenses predicted in the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan.

The second mighty document Councillors considered was the Parish Performance Plan. The PPP is not a statutory requirement, but the Town Council chooses to produce it in consultation with service managers, through satisfaction surveys, open days, community events, the Youth Council and our Customer Panel. It is part of our determination to keep people informed. In the Plan, each Council department outlines its tasks and its objectives for the coming year. Copies of the Plan are placed in the Town Council offices, the Library, the Sports Complex, Aycliffe Village Hall and on the Council’s website, and the Council would welcome your views and comments. These two documents show that your Town Council is well run, and that its finances are in good order. They are in the public domain, and you are welcome to read them for yourself. But perhaps you are prepared to let your Councillors plough through them on your behalf!

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LOCAL SPORT

AYCLIFFE JUNIOR TAKES BRITISH TITLE

Phoenix Thai Boxing has produced another Champion, Myles Brown, who travelled to Birmingham to fight in the Junior British Championship. This is one of the biggest events for juniors, and fighters from all over the country enter.

Myles entered the 25-30 kg 9-11 year old category. This was a tough category having 16 competitors. First fight for Myles was Corey Mclachlan from Eclipse Gym in Scotland. It was a great fight going to a points draw which led to an extra round which Myles took with ease. Next was Tommy Green, Touch Gloves Gym in Devon with a unanimous point’s win for Myles.

Fight 3 was against local fighter Nafees Khan of K Star gym. Myles showed great movement and skill to win through to the final against London’s William Oliphant. Both lads were tired but were hungry for the title.

Myles showed true championship quality by taking control in the fight to win the British title which shows great promise for the future. Any one wishing to train at the Phoenix camp can contact Gary on 07812 737718



Compensated After being Ridiculed by Daily Mail

A few months ago readers may remember the story surrounding Council Bill Blenkinsopp who was suspended from the Town Council meetings for a month for swearing at Councillor Dorothy Bowman.

The story reached the Daily Mail who then ridiculed Billy over the wig he wears to cover serious injuries he sustained in a car crash. Billy was hurt by the story and Newton News took up his case and complained to the Press Complaints Commission on his behalf. The Daily Mail did not believe they had contravened any rules, but we persisted saying they had caused great offence to a disabled person and we would continue to pursue the case for grievance.

After much correspondence with the PCC the Daily Mail regretted any offence they caused and made a donation of £500 to a charity of Council Blenkinsopp’s choice. As Chairman of the Cubby Billy was happy to accept the apology, and the cheque for his own charity.



Race Night

St.Mary’s RC School will be holding a charity Race Night on the 24th June 2011. All proceeds will be going towards funding new outdoor play equipment for the school. We are looking for local businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a race and support our cause. All race sponsors will be listed in the event programme, if you are interested please contact Tanya Lowe on 07780 761714 or tanyalowe@rocketmail.com

AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

LINE DANCE CLASS - Please note that the class for next Tuesday 14th June 1pm to 2pm has been cancelled. HEALTHY EATING - This is a Free course run by the local NHS and will be starting on Tuesday 14th June 2pm to 4pm. Please turn up on the day or for further information you can ring the Secretary on 321504 office, 301033 home or 07749 236853

Newton Aycliffe Under 6 Football Team



On Saturday 4th June 2011 the NAJFC Development Team Under 6’s played an away friendly match against St Mary’s, Bishop Auckland in preparation of them going into the 2011/2012 Football Season as Under 7’s.

They played two matches of ten minutes each way with Newton Aycliffe winning the first match (2-0) and St Mary’s the second (1-0). Both teams played extremely well which reflected in the final results.

Not only did the Under 6’s win the matches overall, they all looked the part in their new

club tops (they will soon grow into them!) which have been sponsored by AC Door Systems (www.acdoorsystems.com). Craig Turnbull (Manager) would like to personally thank, on behalf of the team and the club Adam Cayless who has very kindly sponsored the team for next season.

We would like to thank everyone who came along on Saturday and supported the team.

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AYCLIFFE U-18's LOSE ON PENALTIES



Newton Aycliffe's Under-18s reached the final of a mini World Cup tournament last weekend, only to lose on penalties. But Aycliffe's youngsters cantakegreatencouragement after winning their two group games, including a 4-1 victory against England's arch enemy, Germany! The four-team tournament was organised by U-18s secretary Kath Sowerby, with German team SV Prondorf making the trip to the North-East for the unique competition, held at Aycliffe Sports Club last Sunday. Aycliffe finished top of the group, beating Prondorf 4-1

and Ferryhill Town 2-1. But after drawing 0-0 with Gateshead College in the final, they lost on penalties. "It was a fantastic event overall and we got a lot out of it. The Germans thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a trip lasting four days and being involved in a number of events around the region as well as the tournament itself," said Kath. They arrived on Thursday and stayed at the Premier Inn. On Friday they joined some of the Aycliffe team for a trip to Durham Cathedral, before meeting the Mayor of Durham, Les Thomson, at the Town Hall, followed by an afternoon of rowing.

They went paintballing on Saturday near Tow Law, followed by some friendly games in the afternoon. The tournament took place on the Sunday, when all teams were provided with a free lunch and every person had a medal, water bottles, wrist band and cake. The scores were: SV Pfrondorf 1, Newton Aycliffe 4; Ferryhill Town 0, Gateshead College 9; Ferryhill Town 1, Newton Aycliffe 2; SV Pfrondorf 1, Gateshead College 1; Ferryhill Town 2, SV Pfrondorf 5. Final: Newton Aycliffe 0, Gateshead College 0 (Gateshead won on penalties). Kath added: "Well done to every single player who took part in this tournament. A big thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, referees and all who came to support the teams on the day."

AWARD WINNERS WANT VOLUNTARY HELP

A double award-winning programme team are looking for voluntary help to improve their matchday publication for the 2011-12 season. Newton Aycliffe won the Northern League Programme of the Year award for the second successive season in 2010/11 – in their first two campaigns in the league.



Aycliffe are particularly looking for a keen designer, ideally a student studying graphic design with experience working in Quark Xpress, to improve the visual side of the programme. But they're also looking for any budding writers and students who might be looking for an extra hobby or experience. Programme editor McGeary, pictured with the silver salver he picked up at the Northern League end-of-season dinner, said: "We're continually looking to improve the programme and last season we added Rob Walker and Glen Robertson to the editorial team, which helped us retain the award of best programme in the league. "We're always looking for more volunteers to get involved with the club, and at the same time we're keen to get enthusiastic writers, designers and photographers to offer their help. For students, in

particular, it could be valuable experience and something to add to their CV and portfolio." Aycliffe's media manager Martin Walker, a qualified journalist who works in the media industry, will offer training and guidance to those interested in getting involved. Walker added: "It could be a fantastic opportunity for aspiring media professionals hoping to break into the industry. "A strong media portfolio and a demonstration of your enthusiasm really can make a strong contribution to your overall CV, and we can offer students a great platform to showcase their talents." Anyone interested in getting involved with Aycliffe in 2011-12 can email martinwalker50@hotmail.com – or to discuss it further, call him on 07826 525907.

PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE TO DATE
 Saturday 9th July: Easington Colliery (H), 3pm
 Saturday 16th July: Esh Winning (A), 3pm
 Tuesday 2nd August: Darlington (H), 7pm
 Saturday 6th August: Darlington RA (H), 3pm
www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk

LOCAL SPORT

Cricket Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe's first team were well beaten at home by local rivals Coundon in the North East Durham league, despite another superb individual batting performance by captain Chris Palmer. Palmer followed up last weeks century, with an unbeaten 93 and with good support from Ross Dixon (44 runs) and Luke Telford (25 runs), Aycliffe set an imposing total of 212 for 7 in their 45 overs. However the reigning league champions coasted to victory by seven wickets and with seven overs in hand.

In midweek, the firsts had a dramatic win away at bogey club Lands in the quarter final of the Fenwick trophy. Chasing 102 for victory in 20 overs, Aycliffe looked to be heading for defeat and needed 14 from the final over when 17 year old Michael Howe (24 not out) nonchalantly smashed two sixes and a four to give the visitors victory by three wickets and with only two balls to spare. The second team were fixture free last weekend. The under 18's travelled to Esh Winning and were well beaten by 10 wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored 76 for 6 off their 20 overs with the only bright spot being an excellent unbeaten 24 from 14 year old Ben Nicolson. Esh Winning effortlessly reached their winning target in the 9th over without losing a wicket. The club's under 15's hosted league leaders Bishop Auckland and found them in top form as they were well beaten by 87 runs. There were good individual performances however, from opening batsman Thomas Wickins who battled hard to score an unbeaten 17, Josh Penney who took 3 for 20 and Thomas Gledhill who proved to be real handful for the visiting batsman, giving away just seven runs from his

four overs. The under 13's also suffered a heavy away defeat against a very strong Norton side, but credit must go to Sam Morgan and Johnny Hope who both bowled well and each took two wickets for Aycliffe. The under 11's made it into the semi finals of the league cup for the first time in their history after an emphatic 103 run victory at home to Billingham Synthonia. Captain Liam Hickey again starred with bat and ball scoring an unbeaten 22 and taking 3 wickets for 13 runs.

FISHING FUN DAY

Tom Carrol, founder of town's fishing charity, is hosting a day at West House Trout Lakes who are holding a family fun day. There will be Tackle choice and 'setting-up', Casting lessons - beginners and improver playing and landing fish - fish welfare, Approaches to fly fishing - nymph, buzzer, lure, dry-fly, etc. Fishing with bait - tackle and techniques. Practical fishing experiences. Any fish caught to be paid for @ £4.50. Also Fly Tying for still waters simple games and competitions, a Barbecue and soft drinks will be available to buy. The cost for the day will be £5.00 per adult and £2.00 for children up to 16, under 5's free. This event is hosted by members of the Game Angling Instructors Association. Open from 10am till 4pm, Mill Lane, Bishopton, Stockton-on-Tees, TS21 1LL. For more details ring Tom on 07759 469032 or 01325 308049

Youthy Team Takes Championship



The end of May has seen the Youthy Adult Soccability Team become The North East Ability Counts Division 1 Champions for the second time in four years. They visited Great Ayton to contest the play off games and in the semi finals played Blyth Commanche. The Youthy started really well and were 2-0 up in the first 3 mins when Andy 'Budgie' Burridge drilled in low across the keeper for his first and a minute later headed home his second at the far post from a pin point cross provided by Andy Denham. Youthy took total control of the game with Andy Burridge going onto complete his hat trick and Andy Denham grabbing a brace, Paul Scoones finished the scoring making it 6-0 to the Youthy taking them through to the final and a meeting with Seaton Carew. The final was a much more contested event, with some good play from both sides but it was Seaton Carew that opened the scoring and held onto the lead until 2 minutes from time. When Andy Denham ran

through the Seaton defence and rifled into the top corner to level the game. Full time came and the game went into penalties, which the youthy went on to win the shoot out 3-1 and lift the trophy for a second time. A massive well done to the squad for all the hard work they have put in over the season and a special mention to Paul Cooke who is recovering after knee surgery. All at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre football club would like to congratulate Andy Denham on his success at gaining a place in the Great Britain Squad that are to compete in this years special olympics world games in Greece, later this month. Anyone wishing to play adult disability football, who is 16 or over, please Contact Joe Blackett on 07983 390743. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Football Club are a FA Charter Standard Community Club providing main stream boy's and girl's football and Adult Disability football for Newton Aycliffe and surrounding area's. Please visit naycafc.co.uk for more information.

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The appeal has got off to a flying start after hundreds of new bridal, bridesmaid, mother-of-the-bride and even school prom outfits were donated by a dress store which had gone into liquidation.

Hats and accessories were also donated. All will either be auctioned or sold at the event, which takes place at Hardwick Hall Hotel near Sedgfield in County Durham on October 30.

Mandy Drake, fundraising manager at GNAAS, said additional donations from other businesses and individuals would be warmly welcomed. She added: "Across the 8,000 square mile area that our fleet of helicopters cover, there must be many thousands of wedding and prom dresses gathering dust in wardrobes."

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The new items already in stock feature designs by Phil Collins, Benjamin Roberts, Condicti, Isobella and Special Day.

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In Memoriam

BAINBRIDGE, Margaret. 7th June 2010. Your happy smile, your heart of gold, these are the memories I will always hold. Love, Barbara

BAINBRIDGE, Margaret. 7th June 2010. One sad year has passed without you in our lives, there's never a single day goes by when I don't think about you and all the loving things you used to do. Life is so unfair sometimes, you were taken from us way before your time. Love and miss you so much Mam. Love from Jackie, Dale and Dale xxx

BAINBRIDGE, Margaret. In memory of a dear friend who died on 7th June 2010. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. Miss you. Love from Anne xxx

TONY THOMPSON 11th June 2010. A year ago you went to sleep, with no time to say goodbye. But I will never be lonely, as I have so many happy memories of our 57 years. Love and miss you. Your loving Wife, Grace xxxxx

RITA ANN CHAPE (nee Lawson). Born 1952, died June 12th 2006. My darling Wife, loved and missed every day. Vaughan

RITA CHAPE 12-6-2006. Memory is a lovely lane, where hearts are ever true, a lane we often travel down, because it leads to you. Always in our hearts. Love, Martyn, Nicola and Natalie xxxxx

RITA CHAPE Dear Sister-in-Law and Auntie. Died 12th June 2006. Thinking of you today as we do every day. Love and miss you. Val, Colin, Julieann, Lee and Zack

RITA ANN LAWSON 12th June 2006. Memories are a gift to treasure, ours of you Rita will last forever. Deeply missed by Mam, Colin and family

SYLVIA HUBBARD 13-6-2007. To your resting place I visit every day, place flowers there with care. But no one knows my heartache, when I turn and leave you there. PS I miss you. Your loving Husband. Derrick xxxxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. No treasure on earth can replace you. Your memory will never grow old. We miss you Sarah because we love you. To us you are more precious than gold. You are in our thoughts every day with an ache in our hearts that will never go away. Love always princess, Mam and Dad xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. Wherever I go, whatever I do, in my heart I always think of you. Love always, Michael xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. No farewell's were spoken, no time to say goodbye. You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why. Within my life when all was bright, God took you from me, a shining light. I miss that light and always will, her special place no one can fill. Good night and God bless till we meet again. Love, Nana xxxxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. Memories of you will never grow old, like autumn leaves they turn to gold. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, someone too special we'll never forget. Loved and remembered every day. Love always, Nana and Uncle Barry xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. Loving memories I have of you Sarah. Missed and never forgotten, Wendy xxx

FRANK McCAFFERTY Died 14th June 1999. Silent thoughts of times together. Hold memories that will last forever. Love, Nancy, Frank, Kevin and Tracy xxxxx

Congratulations

Chloe-Mae O'Connor



Happy 1st Birthday

To our Beautiful and Special Daughter and Granddaughter on her 1st Birthday hope you have a wonderful Birthday Lots of Love Always Mam & Bump, Nanna & Grandad Barber & Auntie Rebecca x

Paul and Caroline



Congratulations on your Wedding Day 28th May 2011 Love from Mam, Dad and Reece xxxxx

Sarah Sowerby



Happy 21st Birthday Sarah

Have a lovely day, lots of love from Mam, Dad and Zak xxx

George and Mima White



Married 9th June 1945

Congratulations on your Sixty Sixth Wedding Anniversary. Get well soon Mima. Lesley, Billy and Charlotte, Jon-Paul and Bobby

CHANTELLE WOODHEAD

Happy 16th birthday. Hope you have a fab day, lots of love from Mum and Dad xxx

ELLIS ATKINSON Happy 16th birthday for Tuesday. Have a great day. Love from Nan and Grandad Ramsay

DAVE NEWBERRY "65" on 10th June 2011. Have a great birthday and a special night. Love, Kath and Ben xxx

DAVE NEWBERRY Congratulations on your 65th birthday. Have a great night. Love, Jean, Steve, David and Joey

DAVE NEWBERRY Happy 65th birthday Dave. Enjoy your day. Lots of love from Trish xxxxx

DAVE NEWBERRY Lots of love and best wishes on your 65th birthday Dad. From Peter, Ste, Michelle and Clare xxxxx

DAVE NEWBERRY Hip Hip Hooray our Granda is 65 today. Lots of love from Becci, Jack, Kieran, Leah and Summer xxx

DAVE NEWBERRY 10-6-2011. Happy 65th birthday David. Love always, Mary and family xxx

AMY-JO SAUNDERS 15th June - happy 13th birthday Amy. Lots of love from Nana Ann, Grandad Neil - Also Grandson Arron on 10th June, happy 19th birthday xxx

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ROBERT WAITES 7th June. No card to give, no present to choose, but memories live on all my love, Ruth

KENNETH INNES Loving memories of your dear Husband on your 75th birthday, 13th June. Also Fathers Day on 19th June. Remember you always, forget you never. Your loving Wife, Brenda

KEN INNES Thinking of you on your 75th birthday, 13th June 2011. and also for Fathers Day on 19th June. Miss you always, thinking of you forever. Love from Linda and Rob xxx

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club under 15's were invited to attend the TJFA annual presentation evening at Tall Trees Yarm on Tuesday 31st May 2011 where they picked up the runners up league trophy for Division 5.

The lads ended up playing 18 games won 15 lost 3 and ended up beating the club record for the most amount of goals scored in 1 season and also scored the most amount of goals for the entire Teesside Junior Football Alliance who have teams from Under 8s all the way up to Under 18s with most age groups having at least 3 divisions in each the boys enjoyed results from 14-0 away and 13-1 at home and Liam Wood became top goal scorer with 33 goals which helped the lads get a total of 127! Well done for a great season and let's go and do it again next year in division 4. I am proud of everyone of you. Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Clubs Secretary

David Prior also made the club very proud picking up the award for the Referee of the Year - well done David. Unfortunately he is standing down as Secretary as he is to move away to pastures new and I would like to thank him for the continued support he gave me over the last 3 years and wish him and his lovely family all the best for the future. He will be very hard to replace and missed by everybody at the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre FC who actually won the league ahead of NAJFC and it just shows that the development of football in Newton Aycliffe is very high. If there is anybody who would like to come and play for NAJFC next season in the 4th Division please contact Trevor Shingler on 07766926243. May I thank Dorothy Bowman who allowed us to use the Community mini bus for the evening.

LOCAL SPORT

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AYCLIFFE BOXING CLUB HOLD SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT AT THE "BIG CLUB"



Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club would like to thank the sponsors for their tournament held at the Big Club on Friday 27th May. W Slater & Sons, Steadfast Security, MJM Roofing, Royal British Legion, Paul Cummings, A-Tech Plumbing A.B.A. Taxis and Newton Press. Without them it would not be possible, also the helpers on the night for the great job of security on the door and ring and other work behind the scenes.

There were 14 contests of which six were from Aycliffe ABC, Harry Condren beat K Stuart from Bishop Auckland, Mackenzie Jackman lost to Connor Dickinson Cruddas Park, Andrew Steele beat Connor Pearson from Lampton Street, Cona Collis beat Lewis Adams from Forest Hall, David Olewinski beat Adam Bridges from Easington and Sean Denham beat Calvin Chisholm from Loose Cannon in the main event. A great night was had by all

with this exciting evening of sporting excellence. The next tournament will be held some time in December at the same venue. Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club train at the Youth Centre on Tuesday and Thursday evening 6pm to 7.30 and anyone aged between 8 yrs and 40 yrs, male or female are very welcome to attend. Thanks for your support.

NEW GROUNDSMAN AT SPORTS CLUB

Chris Palmer, captain of Aycliffe Cricket Club's first XI, is now two months into his new job as groundsman at Moore Lane Sports Club.

The 27-year-old is learning the ropes from Gary Ventress, Darlington FC's head groundsman who is also working part-time for the club. "I'm loving the job," says Chris, who's responsible for maintaining the cricket, rugby and football pitches at the club as well as the surrounding grounds.

"Gary really knows the trade and is training me up, and I'm really enjoying it." Aycliffe are known for having one of the best cricket pitches in the North East Durham League. The Rugby pitch is also highly-regarded in the Durham and Northumberland League, while the football's vastly-improving playing



surface at Moore Lane Park is one of the best in the Northern League. It's hoped Chris' appointment in April and his ongoing training will help the club maintain the top standards of all their sections' respective pitches which makes Aycliffe Sports Club at Moore Lane a top-quality sporting venue for its members and players.



Wind Farm & County Plan Concerns

In other parts of the UK Wind Farm applications have been refused as a departure from the Local Plan where "no special circumstances were demonstrated to make the development acceptable in a Green Belt." Newton Aycliffe could make the same claim.

Other comments against turbines is their comparative inefficiency against other sources of power. They are said to run on average at only 15% of their capacity. Many believe the government are forcing the installation of wind turbines in an effort to comply with the "green" targets they have set.

There is also a more cynical attitude that too many pro turbine supporters are due to make a lot of money based on salving the conscience of people panicked around issues surrounding future sources of energy.

Another issue causing concern in the town is the County Plan which seems to sideline Newton Aycliffe expansion in favour of central Durham. It appears to be passing us by without proper consultation and the Great Aycliffe Residents Association is considering calling a Public Meeting to give residents an opportunity to hear the facts.

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Road Race is for Everyone

It's now just over a week until the 14th Aycliffe 10k, which will take place on its traditional date of Father's Day on Sunday 19 June 2011. The run (sponsored by 3M and Northumbrian Water) is on a fast and flat course and ideal for any budding runners. There will be £100 for the first male and female runners along with veteran prizes. Everyone that finishes the race will receive a technical running shirt. If the 10k isn't your thing then why not take part in the increasingly popular 3k Fun Run. It's ideal for running with the kids and will help to keep them entertained. Every year it's proving more and more popular and is a real family event. If you are interested in taking part in either the 10k or the 3k fun run, information can be found on our website www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk/

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