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Woodham Community Technology College will become an Academy on 1st September.

Following consultation with students, parents, staff and the wider community, governors submitted an application to the Department for Education. This has been approved, recognising the fact that Woodham is a school which is performing well. Some changes will be immediately obvious: a new logo, new uniform and of course a change of name to Woodham Academy. Some things will not change, such as the school's commitment to achievement for all.

In becoming an academy, Woodham will receive additional funding from the Department for Education. This summer will see significant investment



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Health & Safety and Food Hygiene Courses

The Youth Centre was pleasantly surprised by the number of phone calls recently after advising Newton News readers there would be a Level 2 Emergency First Aid in the Workplace Course at the Centre.

The Centre is now looking to run a Health and Safety and a Food Safety Course. The courses are run in conjunction with Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership and Bishop Auckland College. Vince Crosby Chairman of

the Management Committee said "I was thrilled to see that so many people are still keen to learn. The switchboard at the centre was red hot and we have created a waiting list in preparation of the next Emergency First Aid at work Course we can organise. Certainly for those who are currently seeking employment having such courses as First Aid at work, Food Safety and Health and Safety on your C.V. is nothing but helpful and may be the one thing that will make them stand out from other applicants".

For more information about the Food Safety and Health and Safety Courses or to register an interest in the next Emergency First Aid Course or any other course you may be interested in why not call in to the Youth Centre on Burn Lane, (opposite Tesco), and fill in a questionnaire alternatively you can email joanclark2011@live.co.uk or newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@live.co.uk

New Uniform for Woodham Academy



Students at Woodham will start the new school year in September in an exciting new school uniform. After months of consultation with students, parents, staff and governors the school has decided to change its uniform. The students have helped to choose a smart and

professional grey suit jacket to be worn alongside a stylish green tie for Key Stage 3 students and a black version for the Key Stage 4 students. Jonathan Lumb, Deputy Headteacher, said "The students have chosen a very slick new uniform which they are excited about and looking forward to wearing."

Mother & Toddlers Sessions at the Youthy

Plans are in the early stages at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre to bring a spot of relief and friendship for mothers and toddlers of Newton Aycliffe area.

Some of the sessions currently being discussed are Toddler Story Time Sessions with Story Sacks plus Musical Sessions and Baby Signing Sessions.

Joan Clark Secretary of the Management Committee said, "There is a lot of excitement about the new venture, we are confident that once plans are finalised that the sessions identified will be ready to start in September. They will bring extra money into the centre and help to ensure the main use of the centre, for young people will be maintained.

The location of the Youth Centre is so central that it will be convenient for lots of mums. The sessions planned initially could be the tip of the iceberg if mums are interested in doing something different with their toddlers. Of course tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will also be available.

Joan encourages mum's in the area to pop into the centre and express an interest in the proposed sessions. Prices will be kept as low as possible and could, if they are successful be run several times a week, both mornings and afternoons. For more information contact Joan on 307522 or email Joan on joanclark2011@live.co.uk

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Saturday 14th July - "KIMERA"

Gig Pit Review: "We were informed that a band was actually on, and they were called Kimera. I had never seen them before, but I would certainly recommend them to anybody now after Saturday night. The band are a young 4 piece (guitar, bass, thumper and vox) but showed a degree of professionalism lacking in some bands that have been going far longer. The guitarist, James, is an extremely talented young lad and the singer delivers a cracking vocal. The bassist and thumper made up a very tight rhythm section as well. Highlights for me were Evanescence - 'Bring Me Back to Life' (first time I had heard anyone attempt this), Cranberries - 'Zombie', AC/DC - 'Sin City', Queen - 'Tie Your Mother Down' and Fleetwood Mac - 'The Chain' . . . everything was done well though. They are an excellent band and I would thoroughly recommend any pub to book them. The crowd in the Shoe were very appreciative and I really hope they come back again soon."

Saturday 21st July - "UNCLE GILBERT"

Riffs Online Review: "An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill and Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance - as did all the other punters in the venue tonight. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right - this band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league".

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based at Catterick, although his family home is in Rochdale Kathryn Metcalfe from Newton Aycliffe is a Teaching Assistant, who, after returning from Germany until the birth of their daughter, worked at Longfield Road Academy in Darlington.

The Best Man was fellow Signalman Tim, based at Aldershot and the Bridesmaids were Kathryn's Sister Kelly, her two best friends Gemma and Nycola, Craig's sister Katy, and their 6 month old Daughter Isabelle. Nycola gets married in August and the roles will be reversed! Ushers were Craig's young Brother Jack, and his friend Paul who was reserve 'Best Man' if Tim couldn't make it!

The Metcalfe 'clan' turned out in force from as far away as the Isles of Scilly, and the Bride and Groom were delighted that so many of their friends from far and wide were able to attend. Kathryn and Craig are living in Newton Aycliffe whilst awaiting army accommodation. Craig will be leaving for a second tour in Afghanistan in September.

Enter Your Art, Craft, Cooking and Gardening in Great Aycliffe Show

The very popular Great Aycliffe Show will take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday and Sunday 25 and 26 August. Entry forms are now available for the Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition. Entries are welcomed in a wide variety of classes of cookery, handcraft, art work and horticulture – everything from outstanding onions and gorgeous gladioli to homemade jewellery and digital photography. There are also special categories for children so that the whole family can enter the competitions, which are free. Prizes of £5, £4 and £3 will be awarded for first, second and third place entries in each category. In the Pot Leeks category, the first prize is a portable television, plus £30 prize money and a trophy, with second and third prizes of £20 and £10. Trophies are provided by Deco Trophies and Engraving; horticultural trophies are sponsored by G Little Testing Centre. Although judging takes place on the first morning of the Show, Saturday 25 August, all entries will be displayed to the public throughout the Show. An entry form is published below; further copies and information are available from Great Aycliffe Town Council, tel: 01325 300700, the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, tel: 01325 300600 or download from the website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

P.A.C.T. Meeting
Police And Community Together 

Meetings have been arranged for Saturday 21st July at 11.00am to 12noon at Aycliffe Village Hall. Thursday 16th August from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Neville Parade Church.

Newtonian in Canada Keeps in Touch



Stephen Cooke (front left) pictured here with Mum and Dad, Anne and Mel Harland and his brothers and sisters on his recent visit home from Canada (and not New Zealand as previously reported). "Thanks to Syd and all the team at Newton Press, for the Newton News web site which I visit each week to keep up to date with all the news from Newton Aycliffe" said Stephen.

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Library Premises Could Become Town Centre Police Office

Dear Sir,
Given the Kremlin-style Coalition's draconian cut-backs to Public Services Finances, I can appreciate Durham Police's dire need to carefully re-evaluate their property assets to ensure best value for funding future policing for Great Aycliffe. With that in mind, might they consider the use of the 'temporary library' building across the road from the original offices when the Library Service is re-located by Durham County Council? It has 'facility potential', parking spaces, walk-in public access, high profile civic siting. It is next to the Magistrate's Courts and multi-storey car parking. And importantly, direct road access in case of emergencies in the heart-land of Great Aycliffe.

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Don Fraser, Woodham

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Congratulations to our Mayor for a superb "At Home" at the Council Offices. A Party from the Centre attended and was greeted by two Scottish Pipers and thoroughly enjoyed the well organised event. Whilst handing out accolades I must also mention the beautiful flower beds the Council gardeners have created in the town - a job well done! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with an in-store collection. Anyone over 17 years would be welcomed. Please ring 313924. We provide Kurling for Blind and Disabled on Monday 16th July from 2-4pm. Your first session is free thereafter pay only £2 a session. Our next Film Show is on Saturday 28th July showing "Happy Feet 2" It is free for everyone. please use it or lose it!

Collection for Macmillan Raised £1,339

On 29th and 30th of June Macmillan Cancer Support raised a magnificent sum of £1339 in a bucket collection at Tesco Newton Aycliffe. Kevin and Chris, Macmillan Volunteers, would like to thank the management and staff of Tescos for their hospitality and to say a big thank you to all of the customers who donated over the 2 days. During the collection a further donation of £765 was made to Macmillan by Philip Topping who very bravely lost his flowing locks and ponytail in a sponsored head shave. A big thank you goes to Philip and all of his sponsors for a fantastic donation. Kevin Richardson

LES GIBSON NIGHT A MASSIVE SUCCESS

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MILTON HALL OLD PHOTOS

Dear Sir,
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- require copies of any such statement or report to be delivered to him on payment of a reasonable sum for each copy.

Anyone elector wishing to inspect the Accounts should telephone the Council Offices on 01325 300700 to make an appointment with the Finance Manager. Appointments are available at the Council Offices between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

In addition a full copy of the Statement of Accounts has also been made available for inspection on the Council's website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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WALWORTH INSTALL FREE ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT

Best Western Walworth Castle Hotel have just installed an electric car charging point, and guests can now come to the hotel and charge their cars FREE OF CHARGE.

The owners have been working closely with Zero Carbon World, who have provided the charging points. Two charging points have been installed which means any type of vehicle can now be charged at the hotel.

Chris Swain, hotel director said "We are very happy to be one of the first hotels in the north to provide electric vehicle charging points. We were one of the first to provide free wifi, and now this is the norm. I am certain that electric vehicle charging points are a step closer in providing a sustainable future".

Rachel Swain, said "We were looking at the possibility of charging points a couple of months ago. The price of petrol and diesel is so expensive we have to look at greener options. As we are 5 miles out of Darlington so we have to take into consideration the cost of fuel for our customers to come and use our hotel.

Installing electric charging points will hopefully encourage them to consider



getting an electric vehicle, making the journey to the hotel free.

As we are offering the vehicle charging free to all customers, this will hopefully be good for business as well as being good for the environment and further increasing our green credentials. I would like to

give a bottle of Champagne to the first customer booking an overnight stay and using an electric car at our charging point." said Rachel. Bristol Street Motors displayed the new Vauxhall Ampera, which gives over 235mpg and a battery life of 8 years.

Woodham Students Off to U.S.A. Camp

Four lucky year 11 students from Woodham Community Technology College are off on the summer of a lifetime this weekend as they travel to Camp Cody in New Hampshire, USA as part of the Coach USA programme at Woodham. The students, who were selected from a strict application and interview process will work on the American summer camp for four weeks. The group fly out to Boston on Sunday morning and will stay on the camp with the American children for a month.

Camp Cody is a traditional log cabin style American summer camp set in a stunning lakeside location. The four students will help coach a multitude of sports including traditional American sports as well as a range of exciting water sports on the adjacent Lake Ossipee. The programme at Woodham is believed to be the only one of its kind in the UK for 16 year olds.

Jon Tait, Assistant Headteacher at Woodham and leader of the Camp Cody programme, said "Our students will have an incredible four weeks in America. They have shown fantastic leadership in both school and the community giving them this fabulous opportunity. The life skills that they will develop whilst being away from their families will be invaluable to them in the future". The students will be recording a daily video diary from Camp Cody which can be viewed via the Woodham website www.woodham.org.uk



Open Day for New Homes to Rent

Homes and communities organisation, livin, is holding an Open Day to showcase the first in a series of 100 new homes as part of a £11.6 million investment programme across south Durham.

The Open Day will be held on Saturday 14th July between 10.00am – 3.00pm in a marquee at the rear of the newly completed properties on Baliol Road in Newton Aycliffe (in the car park of the Oak Tree pub). Residents will be able to view the properties as well as find out about further new build developments in the area and how to apply for a home.

Eight, two-bedroom homes have been built on the Baliol Road site for livin by construction company Southdale Homes. The properties which have been built for affordable rent have already been allocated through the choice based letting scheme, however, the housing provider is on hand to explain how residents can apply to live in similar new build properties that will be built in the area.

Wayne Harris, executive

director, property and development, said: "These are our first new build properties so it is a very exciting time for us. The homes have attracted a lot of attention already and we will ensure the allocation of these new homes supports our objectives to grow strong, sustainable communities."

As part of the new build programme livin is developing more new homes in Spennymoor, Chilton, Newton Aycliffe and Fishburn comprising a mixture two and three bedroom homes and bungalows.

Took keep up-to-date with news and information on new build properties you can follow livin on twitter @weare_livin or visit the facebook site at facebook.com/wearelivin

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<p>Beechfield Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>Four bedroom terraced home, downstairs WC, kitchen / dining room, lounge, garage, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, DG and GCH. No chain.</p>	<p>Hatfield Road Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>3 bedroom mid terrace property. Close to local amenities. Central heating, lounge, kitchen, dining room uPVC double glazing with enclosed gardens. Immediate possession.</p>	<p>Dixon Road Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>Impressive and deceptively spacious residence. Situated in a quiet area and needs to be viewed internally to be fully appreciated. Priced for an early sale and no chain.</p>	<p>Emerson Way Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>2 bedroom terrace, double glazed, GCH, enclosed garden to rear, separate WC. Partly refurbished.</p>	<p>Guthrum Place Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>3 bedroom end link house in a modern development in Newton Aycliffe. Fitted kitchen, DG, GCH and rear garden. Must be viewed.</p>	<p>Honister Place Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>Three bedroom mid terrace house conveniently situated, modern fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, garden, DG. Ideal family home.</p>	<p>Ida Place Newton Aycliffe</p>  <p>A well presented & improved 3 bed end terrace house. Close to shops, doctors and play school. Modern fitted kitchen, combi central heating, modern bathroom, DG. Ideal family home.</p>
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GREENFIELD AND SUNNYDALE TALK OF MERGER

Proposals have been unveiled for Sunnydale Community College in Shildon and Greenfield Community College in Newton Aycliffe to forge even closer links.

A consultation process has been launched on plans to create a Federation which, if approved, will mean there will be a single Governing Body for the two schools from September.

Sunnydale and Greenfield have been working closely together successfully since 2009 when the Aycliffe and Shildon Schools' Educational Trust was formed. The new arrangement will mean establishing a more formal working partnership.

The single governing body would determine priorities and allocate resources, both financial and non-financial, for the Federation.

The proposal does not however mean an amalgamation of the two schools. Each will keep its unique identity, serving its own community, and each will retain financial independence and operate a separate budget. In the initial stages of the Federation the staffing structures of the two schools will remain as they are, but over a three year period there will be a move to a single senior leadership team that will operate across the Federation.

Peter Berg, chair of governors at Greenfield, said: "We have always seen our success to be based on key partnerships, it will be good to secure an exciting future through closer ties with Sunnydale, built on shared values and vision. This will extend opportunities for our students and allow for even greater personalisation and choice"

Chair of governors at Sunnydale Lesley Wilson said: "The Federation will be based upon shared values and beliefs which put our two communities and all of our students at the heart of our developments."

"As specialist colleges, keeping each college's special character, we will be able to offer the broadest possible range of subject choices for our students."

She said governors believed that the proposal would lead to improved and more effective management, a wider choice of subjects for students and improved staff training.

At the same time it would preserve and build on the education and opportunities being provided to the whole community while retaining the care and personalised learning that can be offered to students in a small college.

The consultation process, which began on Monday July 2nd runs up until August 17th.

Millionaire Shares Secret of Success

BUSINESSES and community groups are being invited to spend the afternoon with a millionaire who will be revealing his latest secret charitable venture.

John Elliott, who was Channel Four's very first Secret Millionaire in 2006, is hosting an event on July 13 on behalf of County Durham Community Foundation.

John, who is vice president of the charity, has a fund with the Foundation to benefit community groups and individuals from the area.

He recently announced he was putting his Newton Aycliffe-based manufacturing business, EBAC, in a trust to pump profits into the local community – instead of passing on his £30m fortune to his children.

John will be talking about his decision, his thoughts on community support and the impact businesses can have as well as revealing details of his new role.

"The Community Foundation



is very close to my heart and I am determined to help make a difference," said John, who was awarded the MBE for services to small business in 1986.

"I want to share details of how we can revolutionise the way businesses interact with community groups in their area, add value to their

profit margins through staff development and raise the profile of their company."

Companies who wish to attend the event on July 13, between 2.00 – 3.30pm, at EBAC, Ketton Way, Newton Aycliffe should contact Lisa Maughan on 0191 278 6351 to register their place or email: lisa@cdcf.org.uk.

SMALL GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL GROUPS

Groups in the Newton Aycliffe and Middridge are set to benefit from a new pot of funding dedicated to small community minded organisations.

The fund, which has been developed by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and the local community and voluntary organisations support group CAVOS, will provide a valuable source of funding to all non profit making organisations in that area.

The overall aim of the project is to provide support for groups to organise projects they would not normally be able to finance.

Groups can apply for up to £1,000 and applications are sought from charities, community groups and any non profit organisation for projects that will directly benefit the area and improve the lives of local people.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "A key priority for GAMP is to help support the local community and voluntary sector. "Building on the success of previous rounds of small grant funding, it is anticipated that a significant number of

local community groups will be able to develop projects that benefit all members of the community."

Laura Agar Wilson, CAVOS development manager, said: "CAVOS is delighted to be working in partnership with GAMP to support them in administering this excellent source of funding to local community and voluntary organisations for yet another year."

All applications will be considered, especially those which meet GAMP's priorities which are: activities for young people support to the voluntary and community sector and employment, enterprise, education and training.

This first round of funding is only open to local voluntary and community groups working within the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership area that have not previously received a GAMP small grants award.

However, small groups that are not formally set-up (i.e. un-constituted) may have a larger constituted group apply for funds on their behalf even if that larger group has had previous GAMP funding. For example a local community centre could apply on behalf of a small craft club that runs from their centre. The deadline for the first round of applications is Friday 27th July.

If funding permits, a second round will be launched for groups who have previously benefited. Application packs are available from CAVOS by calling 01388 811 115 or by emailing: enquiries@cavos.org.uk.

GAMP has allocated £10,000 to the project from its Area Budget with councillors John Moran, Sarah Iveson, Joan Gray, Paul Gittins, Mike Dixon and Enid Paylor giving £2,000 each from their Neighbourhood Budget allocation.

Residents Exhibition on Isles Wind Farm

Following E.ON's announcement that they will be holding consultation events about their proposals to build more wind farms in County Durham, The Isles Communities Turbine Action Campaign (TICTAC) invite all interested parties to view their exhibition.

The TICTAC exhibition will be held on Friday 13th July in Sedgfield (in the shop formerly known as Animated Closet) from 10am to 2pm. The exhibition will then move to Mordon Green between 4 and 8pm. The venues and timing will allow

people to see and compare what E.ON is presenting with the research carried out by local people.

The purpose of the TICTAC exhibition is to ensure that the people of County Durham and those that represent them are aware of all the implications involved in E.ON's latest proposals. The effects of these wind farms will touch all in County Durham, not just those unfortunate enough to live near it. We hope to see you there.

The Isles Communities Turbine Action Campaign

Permission Granted for New Police HQ

Durham Police Authority has been granted planning permission to build a new police headquarters at Aykley Heads.

Permission has also been granted to relocate the communications mast from its existing position to a new location next to the new headquarters. Its removal will enable residential housing to be developed on the site of the existing headquarters which has also been agreed in outline by Durham County Council's Planning Committee.

The new headquarters will cost almost £15m and will be substantially funded by the proceeds of the sale of land from the Police Authority's estate.

It will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, cover more than 5,600 square metres over three floors and is expected to be operational from spring 2014. The existing headquarters site is expected to be sold for residential development for around 227 homes which will be two, three, four and five bedroom properties.

Peter Thompson, Durham Police Authority Chairman, said: "I am very pleased that the County Council has

granted planning permission for the new headquarters, relocation of the mast and residential housing. This represents several years work by members and staff of the Authority and staff from the Constabulary.

The new building will be more efficient to run and is expected to save £750,000 per year and will be energy efficient unlike the current headquarters building. These savings will help us maintain an effective policing service.

The Police Authority was sensitive to people's views regarding the future of the communications mast and we are happy to relocate it. In relation to house building on the existing headquarters site, this will also give a welcome boost to the construction industry and local economy. We expect the sale of the land to be used to fund the new headquarters.

This is a really exciting time for the Authority and clearly demonstrates our continued commitment to value for money, community safety and service delivery. This is on the back of crime continuing to fall, high detection rates and good levels of customer satisfaction."



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YOUTH COUNCIL SHOW PRIDE IN TOWN

From the 9th to 13th July, Aycliffe Youth Council will be visiting schools around Newton Aycliffe as part of Town Pride Environment Week.

Working with Steve Cooper, Great Aycliffe's Environment Officer, the Youth Council will be giving a presentation to classes in schools about the consequences of dropping litter, followed by a litter pick in the school's local areas.

We welcome all members of the public and would like to encourage them to join in on this occasion to take pride in Great Aycliffe Town. All equipment will be provided. Anyone wishing to assist can meet outside the reception of the relevant Primary school at the times and dates below.

Monday 9th July – 9.30am Byerley Park

Monday 9th July – 1.15pm St. Francis'

Tuesday 10th July – 9.30am Sugar Hill

Tuesday 10th July – 1.15pm St. Josephs'

Wednesday 11th July – 9.30am St. Marys'

Thursday 12th July – 9.30am Woodham Burn

Thursday 12th July – 1.15pm Vane Road

Friday 13th July – 9.30am Stephenson Way

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Support Group Still Strong 10 years on!



A memorial bench has been replaced in the Pioneering Care Centre's Community Garden. The original bench was dedicated to Jim Brown, PCP Director and active volunteer who sadly died in 2004. Jim was one of the volunteer course tutors for the Expert Patients Programme (EPP) which was managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in 2003 on behalf of Sedgfield PCT.

The programme involved delivery of a self-management course to enable people to better manage their condition and increase their self-esteem, delivered by volunteer tutors who had chronic conditions themselves.

Local people with a long term conditions, such as arthritis, asthma, back pain, diabetes, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis and mental health issues came together as part of the Expert Patient Programme. The participants who met almost 10 years ago through the PCP stayed in touch to continue to provide support to one another as it gave them the chance to do something proactive about their health.

The group still meets regularly; they fundraise for trips and to pay for talks from guest speakers. They wanted to recognise the invaluable commitment and hard work of Jim Brown, who left money for the group to continue.

Jane Hartley PCP Chief Executive says "This is a fine example of individuals taking responsibility for their own care. The programme was about empowerment and self management – patients needing to do more than just take their tablets for an improved quality of life and they have set up their own support group using the network of voluntary and community organisations, neighbourhood groups, friends and clubs that enrich civil life in this area.

Jim's passion was the Expert Patient Programme and he was a key figure in helping establish it as one of the most successful in the region, if not the country. The success of the local programme is testimony to his drive and enthusiasm." For further information about the support groups available in this area contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Tel: 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net.

Show You Want High Speed Broadband

Residents, businesses and community groups are being urged to show their support for the roll-out of high-speed broadband across County Durham.

Durham County Council has already been promised almost £7m by the Government to take broadband to everyone in the county and superfast provision to as many homes and businesses as possible.

However, as part of the conditions of securing the money for its Digital Durham programme, the council must prove that there is a demand for the service.

The authority is, therefore, asking people to take part in a short survey and needs as many people as possible to take part. Don McLure, Durham County Council's corporate director for resources, said: "Around 60 per cent of County Durham will not have access to superfast broadband if the council does not step in.

"Private companies are not inclined to invest in these areas because of the length of time it would take them to make a financial return.

"The Government grant, along with match funding we have managed to set aside, will enable us to target those areas.

"The responses we receive to the survey will help us understand the demand for superfast broadband and assist us in formulating our plans for the future."

The survey can be accessed online by searching for Digital Durham on the council's website, www.durham.gov.uk

Anyone who does not have access to the internet can contact the Digital Durham team on 03000 26 11 60 or by emailing digital.durham@durham.gov.uk

The deadline for responses is Saturday, 30 June

New Club Just for Men

There is a new group "Just for Men" starting at Neville Parade Methodist Church, on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm, to include New Age Kurling, and Carpet Bowls. This group will be run by a trained instructor. Come along for an introductory session to discover what it's all about on Tuesday 10th July. We look forward to seeing you there.



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GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION POLICING SURVEY NEWTON AYCLIFFE POLICE STATION

The town's residents' association (GARA) are conducting a survey asking views on Policing in Great Aycliffe. Our Police Station was closed in March 2011 and the building is to be demolished. The site could be sold for an estimated £3 million. Our Police Station was re-located to Aycliffe Business Park and a new strategy devised to maintain contact with residents. As a decision has not been made on whether a new Police Station is to be built in the town centre GARA wish to determine the wishes of residents to help in the Police Authority consultation.

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Local Couple's Chance to Win Dream Wedding

Eloise Harker of School Aycliffe is one of seven finalists in a competition run by TFM Radio's – Wake up with Wayne and the charity 'Cash for Kids'.

To win the competition Eloise and her partner Neil Nicholson have just 9 days to raise as much cash as they possibly can for the charity 'Cash for Kids' Sponsored by TFM Radio. The bride and groom who raises the most cash over this time will win the 'Wedding of their Dreams'.

Eloise and Neil need to act fast and ask all their friends to spare a minimum of a £1 towards their cause. To vote please TXT WIFE01 £1 to 70070. The monies they raise this week will all go to the charity Cash for Kids and only if they achieve the most donations to the charity will they win the competition. You can track their progress on www.tfmradio.com/charity/couple01. Any donations made on line will attract a further 25% for the charity. A text or donation of any size would be greatly appreciated.

Eloise attended St Joseph's Nursery and Primary School in 1986 and then moved on to Carmel School in Darlington before moving as a student to Middlesbrough, where she attended the University there achieving a BSc Media Production with Music Technology. When she was younger she attended Brownies at the Scout Centre once a week and spent her Saturdays learning various types of dancing at St Clares. Her Sundays were spent Horse Riding at Ketton Hall and she was also a member of a choir in Heighington. She works at Eston Park Academy in Eston, and still enters the Aycliffe Shows craft classes as she has done since she was young. Now her fiance and son enter also.



KDANZ HOLIDAY SLEEPOVER OFFER



Well the weather didn't stop KDANZ from wowing the crowds with a impromptu performance in Spennymoor town centre last month in the rain.

KDANZ are back in Newton Aycliffe to give the young people some fun for the summer holidays even if the sun never shines!! These holidays can be a long time for parents trying to find fun activities for children to do. Well KDANZ plan to create a whole dance show in just 24 hours!

The children will arrive at 7pm one day and sleepover in the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre all with fully qualified staff. (there is unlikely to be

much sleeping!)

They will be working hard learning dance moves, original choreography and songs. They will then snuggle down for a quiet DVD of the latest dance movies ready for an early start. Costumes hair and makeup will be included so by the time 7pm the next day comes KDANZ and it's sleepover crew will have produced a show to remember! How much more fun can you get than that! Learn new dances to current songs from Kay and her dance teachers with the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and perform - what better way to spend your summer holidays!

There are two events planned:

- Arrive Tuesday 14th August 7pm - Perform Wednesday 15th August 7pm or Arrive Wednesday 29th August 7pm - Perform Thursday 30th August 7pm.

The cost of the whole exciting event is just £30 - less than a day's child care!

This is open to anyone aged 8-16 years who has an interest in dance. If you have any questions or queries or would like to book a place please contact Kay on 07900 365892 or kay@kdanz.co.uk There are only limited places and they are already going fast! Closing date Thursday 12th July. You will not get this opportunity anywhere else so don't miss out !

Greenfield SHINE Week

Greenfield hosed SHINE week, for year 5 students in Newton Aycliffe. "Step up to the Line" presents the year 5 students with the opportunity to take up the challenge, to take a risk to be the best they can be.

Sometimes it's not easy to take risks, be confident and to continue practising but in order to be the best you can be you have to continue to "Step up to the Line" – which is what the 300 students this week have done.

Each day the students worked in three different groups with teachers from Greenfield and staff from the Arts Centre. They tried new activities, met new people and worked together. One group looked at cup stacking, exploring what it takes to be the best cup stacker you can be, researching, testing and practising.

A second group explored our Gallery exhibition "Designing the Dynamic", and came up with some fantastic new ideas for smart materials and technology to help sports men and women be the best they can be. The third group used our interactive installation "Pro Energy" to look about how the balance of energy in and energy out can help you be the best you can be.

"Pro Energy" was designed by students at Greenfield to help young people explore this idea. After spending the day working on their challenges, each student stepped up to the line in the afternoon, presenting what they had found to parents and family in a celebration of their creativity and talent.

A huge thank you to all staff and students from the primary schools involved, we look forward to seeing you and working with you again in the future. We would also like to thank staff from Greenfield Community College and Greenfield Arts Centre for their hard work to make this week possible.



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Woodham Prom

Woodham Prom Night Wednesday 27th June 2012 Redworth Hall Hotel



The annual awards to Newton Aycliffe Senior School students were presented at two recent School Proms. These were both glittering events with everyone dressed in their finery.

Different modes of transport and the quality of ball gowns, hairdressing and beauty treatment are an important feature of the Proms and we weren't disappointed.

The prizes of ipods, cameras and laptops were much appreciated by the winners who were nominated by their teachers.

Prizes were generously donated by the local business community including Newton Press, Newton News, Aycliffe Tesco Store, Honest John, Aycliffe Shopping Centre Management, iTEC and the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe.

The awards caused great excitement and messages of thanks to all sponsors have been received with the hope



the ceremony is repeated next year.

Paul Howarth, Director at Newton Press, is the driving force behind the awards, helped enormously by the sponsors. He attended both proms to present the awards assisted by Rotary Club President Alan Crawshaw and his Father Syd Howarth.

WOODHAM AWARDS

Award Sponsors: Tesco, Honest John, Aycliffe Shopping Centre, Newton News, iTec, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe and Newton Press.

The winners at Woodham's Prom were: Top Academic – Emma Taylor; Top Sport – Matthew Allison; Helpful in College – Aaron Hetherington & Hannah Johnson; Helpful in Community – Faye Hutton; Technology Award – Heather Archer; Most Improved Student – Holly Brown. Presenting the prizes were Paul Howarth (Newton Press) and Alan Crawshaw (Rotary Club)





CLASS of 2012

Honest John is proud to sponsor the Prom Awards for 2012 Students from Greenfield and Woodham Colleges and wishes them good luck in their chosen future careers.

Greenfield Prom



Greenfield Prom Night

Tuesday 3rd July 2012
Hall Garth Country Club

From the Prom Committee

Dear Sir

We would like to thank the sponsors who provided the prizes at our Prom. It made our night extra special to think that people in the community are thinking of us and supporting us at this crucial time of our lives. We would also like to thank Paul Howarth from Newton Press, for coming along and organising the awards.

We also want to thank the staff of Greenfield for not only giving up their time to support the Prom but for all the support they have given us over the past five years.

Charlotte; Catlin; Eve; Anna; Holly



GREENFIELD AWARDS

Award Sponsors: Tesco, Honest John, Aycliffe Shopping Centre, Newton News, iTec, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe and Newton Press.

The winners were: Top Academic – Emma Coulbourne; Top Sport – Wayne Gough; Helpful in College – Izzy Gardner; Helpful in Community – Rachel Layfield Carroll; Art Award – Chloe Farlow; Most Improved Student – Ben Potts.

Presenting the prizes were Paul Howarth (Newton Press) and Syd Howarth (Newton News).



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An Aycliffe Graduate's Despair

Dear Sir,
I'm 30 and desperately seeking work like the ever-increasing proportion of everyone I knew from school, college and university. Like most graduates, I'm in vast amounts of debt. I owe £18,000 (and rising) to the Student Loans Company. Despite this, I don't regret my degree course for a second (I have a 2:1 degree from York St. John University). No, my demons reside at the Jobcentre. Forced to move back in with my parents (who don't have vast amounts of money), I rely on jobseeker's allowance to get by. The Jobcentre has done nothing but hinder me in my search. When I was asked what qualifications I had, and I told them about my degree, AAT accounting qualifications, NVQ levels 2 and 3, and my 14 GCSEs (all A-C), they responded with "Are you sure? Have you got certificates to prove that?" To be patronised and looked down on didn't faze me, but what did was the suggestion by a personal adviser that I take my degree off my CV, saying it might be

scaring employers. I steadfastly refused, and later asked another staff member who said there was no way any adviser would suggest anyone remove a qualification. Things degenerated when another adviser referred me to the "flexible new deal" programme. They made me attend a course to 'help my job prospects'. This was a few rooms of rented-out office space with a projector, whiteboard and a few computers. My assignment was to complete a large black folder worth of worksheets, with topics like "verbal and non-verbal communication" which was more or less sit up and smile, and interview techniques with innovative methods such as not swearing and wearing a shirt and tie. All for a level 1 NVQ, which according to direct.gov is worth the same as a GCSE grades D-G. After this my adviser decided that work experience was all that mattered. This was despite the fact that I already have work experience. I have had a high salary working as a Mortgage Underwriter at Norwich Union,

worked as a customer assistant at Waterstones and been an Accounts Administrator for the Educational Maintenance Allowance Scheme. Not to mention the many temporary roles I have had. Why then did the "adviser" refer me to the mandatory work activity that is designed for young people who require "discipline" as they have "never had a job". I have had jobs. I have discipline. I couldn't have passed my degree without it. I have successfully passed over 25 exams in my academic career, each one of them a good example of how I possess the skills of "arriving on time", "carrying out specific tasks" and "working under supervision", the aims of the mandatory work activity. Why are graduates being placed on this scheme at all? I keep hearing claims that this scheme is voluntary. But I've got a form that uses the phrase "you must" three times, the phrase "you will" once and the word "mandatory" five times. I can't seem to find the word "voluntary". I was asked the other day by a friend, "Isn't this fair, though? I have to get up really early and slog away all day, why shouldn't you?" What he meant was, "I am made to

suffer hardship. I want to see you suffer too." This is the start of bullying. The government is bullying the unemployed, and is inciting hate towards us. It's not my fault that there are no jobs. It's not my fault others have to work long hours for very little pay. It's the government's fault. You should look to it for answers, instead of demanding them from us, the scapegoats. Ask why it signs off on its staff avoiding taxes, or on paying bankers huge salaries and bonuses of taxpayer's money? I am not lazy or workshy. I send at least 20 job applications every week with no replies. No recognition of your existence. And of course, no jobs. At university, I was so filled with ambition and hope for my future. I was going to get my own place, buy a car and settle down into independence. Now they say I'm only good enough to stack shelves or file things in alphabetical order. For no wage. It's a very bitter pill to swallow. I suspect, for my generation, there is no future. We were supposed to be the next set of great thinkers. What do you think we think about now? How to stay out of poverty. How to avoid being made a slave to recruitment agencies. CG, Constant Temp.

Beavering at Hardwick



On Saturday 16th June 1st Aycliffe Beaver Colony attended an Area Beaver Day at Hardwick Park. Although we did have a couple of showers this did not stop the children having fun. With the help of Durham County Council Rangers they enjoyed a Beasty Hunt, Pond Dipping, Making a Den and also being shown how to make a camp fire.

The day was topped off for one of our Beavers, Adam who was awarded the highest award a Beaver can get his "Dam Builder" which was watched by his family. If you are interested in joining 1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Group please contact Beavers - Jackie Langford on 307566 the Beaver Master. *Cub & Scouts - Barbara Cull 320413, Group Scout Master.*



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Carnival Time at West Park



Greenfield Community & Arts Centre were asked to develop and manage Newton Aycliffe's contribution to BRASS: Durham International Festival this year. We have created "Cutting Loose," a carnival celebration of live music, dance and costume, featuring four different brass ensembles amongst other professional and community performers.

Cutting Loose will take place on Thursday 12th July 2012, 6pm at West Park, Boating Lake, Newton Aycliffe. FREE - Also on the 12th July, BRASS comes to Greenfield Community College and Byerley Park Primary School. La Banda de la Maria, a 13 piece band from Seville, Spain will perform to students at Byerley Park on the Thursday morning, linking to this term's topic of "Spain". The band will then perform to Greenfield students during their lunch hour and throughout the afternoon. This is a real treat for the students at Greenfield and Byerley Park to experience BRASS.

If you would like to be a part of this fantastic Brass Spectacular, come and see Banda de la Maria perform

as part of "Cutting Loose," at West Park, Boating Lake from 6pm. For more information, and to enter our contest to win an iPad, visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

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Aycliffe Firm's £10 Million Bid

Carlton & Co, based on the Aycliffe Business Park, has submitted a bid to the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) for a project that will create jobs and provide much needed homes.

Carlton & Co has applied to the RGF for £10m to lever in £30m in private sector institutional investment with the aim of achieving a £100m portfolio within seven years.

A specialist regeneration company, it is seeking the funding to support the construction of 400 high quality, low carbon affordable homes in the North East.

This is supporting the Government's housing policy of harnessing new forms of private institutional investment into affordable housing



provision. The funding would provide an important boost to the region's construction industry creating more than 200 direct jobs and an additional 70 jobs within the supply chain.

Norman Peterson, Director of Carlton & Co, said; "We are cautiously optimistic about our round 3 funding application bid. With the uncertain future prospects for public sector subsidy it is imperative that we gain support for private sector funding.

"Our application aligns closely with the region's identified housing objectives and would provide significant economic benefits arising out of the jobs created within the construction sector and throughout the supply chain. We await the bid decision with anticipation for a

positive result."

The RGF is a £2.4bn fund operating across England from 2011 to 2015. It supports projects and programmes that attract private sector investment to create economic growth and sustainable employment. The fund endeavours to assist areas and communities which were previously dependent on the public sector to make the transition to sustainable private sector led growth and prosperity.

The first two rounds of the RGF have been extremely successful allocating £450 million of funding in round one and a further £950 million in the second round. This funding will potentially deliver approximately 330,000 jobs across the UK.

WORK RELATED LEARNING WEEK FOR WOODHAM STUDENTS

During the last week of June, Woodham Technology College held its first work related learning week for all Year 10 students. The aim was to make sure that students have the best possible understanding of what is on offer for them when leaving school in Year 11.

"Ensuring that our students leave Woodham with the skills required to progress successfully into employment is crucial to the vision here at school" said Mrs Sarah McGinnety, Assistant Headteacher.

A variety of events took place at a number of post 16 providers in County Durham.

At Darlington College and

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, students took part in taster workshops to experience life in a further education setting. Workshops encompassed traditional AS and A level subject areas as well as those of a vocational nature.

Those students considering higher education visited Teesside University where they had a campus tour and met some of the current undergraduates.

Key information was given throughout the day to clear up some of the misunderstandings about university education and what this will mean for students in the current financial climate.

'Giving students a flavour



of what the future could hold for them through work related visits is vital in helping our students to make intelligent decisions about their next steps. We look forward to more events of a similar nature in the next academic year,' said Mr Jenkins, Head of Year 10.

School Fayre Posponed

Byerley Park Summer Fayre has been postponed until the end of September because the field is a swamp and will not dry out in time.

Gymnastics Benefit Town's Young Disabled People



The Gymnastics & Movement for People with Disabilities class is open to all young people each Sunday from 9.30 - 10.30am. The session is run by Athena Gymnastics at the Leisure Centre and is free of charge, because it is not just gymnastics it is a proven therapy improving confidence and general wellbeing.

Lileen Cuthbertson one of the Mums says: "Gerry Fuller, Jeff Wade and Sam Robson receive no fee for the work they do with disabled youngsters. Gymnastics have done more for my son David than the NHS ever did!" If you have a child with a disability please feel free to bring them along.

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10K Race Disruption

Dear Sir,
Following the latest letter in Newton News regarding the disruption caused by the 10K Run, I feel that I must respond.

I live just off Meadowfield Way and for a number of years have had difficulty in leaving my home on the morning of the run.

This year there were no road closure notices on Greenfield Way which led us to feel that at last the route might have been changed but this proved to not be the case.

I visited the police station to ask for advice but apart from suggesting that I either leave earlier or park the car some distance from my home they could do little to help.

As my circumstances prevent an early departure and my husband, who is the driver, is unable to walk very far these two options were of no use at all.

Eventually we put a notice in the car window saying that we needed to be away by 9.45am and this year had no problem.

When Mike Beadle organised the run we always had letters through the door a few weeks before the race with a contact number should there be any difficulties but since he stood down the race seems to be organised by someone who does not wish to be identified.

Whilst I have every sympathy with those who enter the run and admire the charitable status it holds I continue to feel that little thought is given to those it does actually inconvenience. I would be very pleased if someone from the running club would discuss the matter with either my husband or myself by calling the number held by Newton News.
Mrs J. Dutch

SIX AYCLIFFE T.A. SOLDIERS IN FEAT OF ENDURANCE



On Sunday 14th October a team from 102 Battalion REME (V) will participate in the Newcastle Stampede along with up to 1500 others from across the North East.

For the six members of the REME TA taking part the competition will come as a pleasant break, because prior to competing in the event they will cycle the 30 miles from Newton Aycliffe to Newcastle Racecourse.

Impressive enough you might think, but once finished, the team made up of permanent staff and REME Territorial Army soldiers will cycle home again, a gruelling 60 miles round trip!

The brains behind this feat of endurance is also a member of the Territorial Army. Lance Corporal Chris Schroeter has been a member of 124 Company for 9 years. As a soldier, LCpl Schroeter trained to become a Recovery Mechanic, while outside of the TA, Chris has just completed a 4 year course to qualify as a Tree Surgeon.

"It is this diversity that makes the Royal Electrical and Mechanic Engineers such a great choice for young men and women looking to learn a second skill", said Captain David Hamilton, the Regimental Operations Support Officer.

"When Lance Corporal Schroeter first came to me with the idea, I was not the least bit surprised,"

"Chris keeps himself extremely fit and has undertaken quite a few similar events. There is no shortage of volunteers to join Chris on the venture either and we have had to cap the number to

6 TA soldiers who will make the 60 mile round trip on 14th October."

"I see it as a great opportunity for training and a chance to raise funds for two very worthwhile charities", Lance Corporal Schroeter added.

102 Battalion REME, also known as "The Northern Craftsmen" are specialists in vehicle recovery and repair of the Army's equipment both at home and on operations. The battalion presently has vacancies for young men and women willing to be trained as vehicle mechanics, drivers, chefs medics and HR

specialists.

If you are aged between 18 and 43, physically fit and are interested in becoming a member of 102 Battalion REME (V), then why not pop into one of our TA Centres on Northfield Way, Newton Aycliffe or Walk, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. We are open Mon - Fri from 8 am to 5 pm, or visit our drill night on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 and 9:00 pm to find out more. Further details can be obtained by telephoning Captain David Hamilton on 01325 375012 or by e-mail to 102reme-bhq-roso@mod.uk .

SHACKLED BY THE BURDEN OF DEBT

Dear Sir,
Rousseau wrote: 'Man is born free, but everywhere he is in chains'. We are increasingly shackled by the chains of debt - a burden, since 2009, imposed on ordinary men and women of this country as a direct result of the recklessness and unethical behaviour of our major banks.

I am not saying the Labour Party did not make mistakes; such a view would be myopic. Reining back the powers of the FSA to regulate the banks was most unwise. However, the Labour Party had little option but to recapitalise the banks with OUR money; our seed corn for the future.

Failure to do this would have meant a complete collapse of the financial system. Yet still the banks and their fat cat management prosper; whilst you and me are driven towards poverty and sleepless nights; which seems to be the destiny, almost the birth right of the ordinary people under the hammer of this cynical, self-serving Tory Government. For years Barclays and others have been manipulating the Libor rate in their own interests to

the detriment of the rest of us; making us pay inflated interest rates and higher charges on a whole range of financial services.

Now there is yet another banking scandal emerging. Who knows how many of the shops and businesses in such as Newton Aycliffe - were given faulty advice - then were forced to close. Will this Tory Government genuinely condemn this? Crucially, will they do something about it? Putting on a serious face and tut-tutting will not actual solve the systemic problems, fuelled by greed and self-interest that permeate the banking system. Or will they adopt the Jimmy Carr approach.

That is condemning a soft target and turning a blind eye to the activities of their chums, such as the bankers and supportive pop stars. One final thought: the Labour Party do not always get it right however, they are the only hope for a better future for the hard-working and decent, as well as the disadvantaged and most vulnerable in County Durham.

Derek George Atkinson, Denham Place.

CARING RESPONSE FROM NEWTONIANS

Dear Sir,
after reading your article "Blind Son expected to cut grass" I felt I had to contact you.

I was shocked to read that the person is receiving the benefits that are required to qualify to have the grass cut but isn't receiving the service.

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Jolene.

Editor: We have received a letter from the local Baden Powell Scout Group, another student, an unemployed man, and an active pensioner with the same offer. The lady does not live in Newton Aycliffe and wrote to Newton News as she does not have a local newspaper.

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Wednesday 18th July 2012

COUNCIL MEETING

from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been 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.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

Darts and Dominoes League AGM

The AGM is on Tuesday 24th July at the Navy Club with a 7.30pm start. Any new teams wishing to join can turn up on the night or contact Brian Venables between 9am and 5pm on 01325 320130

Help Wanted from Anglers

Fishing with Tom have been asked to host an angling event on the 25th July for members of the forces who have been injured in some way. This is the first of its kind in the UK.

We also need a little help with soft drinks as there will be around 70 coming and if possible prizes to give away. We call on all local anglers who have an enhanced CRB to help out on the day. Please contact us via the web site www.fishingwithtom.com and feel free to look up the Forces web site at www.fishingforforces.org Tom Carroll (Fishing With Tom).

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Local Swimming News

Northumberland & Durham Masters Championships.

On 1st July Caroline Saxby competed in the 50,100 and 400 Freestyle recording good times in all the events. Her back stroke had been going really well in training and swimming in the 100 set a British Record. She won the 25 to 29 age group. Gillian Hook competed in the 50 and 100 Freestyle and the 50 Breast and 50 Fly returning best times on all her swims. She won the 35 to 39 age group. Superb results from both swimmers

ESSA National Finals. Liverpool Aquatics Centre.

30th June/1st July Mathew Bradley was selected for the North Eastern Team and was Team Captain for his age group. He swam in the 200 Breaststroke and the 200 Individual Medley taking 4th place in the Breast and 3rd in the IM. His time in the IM was 2:18. A new best time. Mathew

swam in the 4x100 Freestyle and Medley teams taking 3rd and 4th place. It's back to training in preparation for the Nationals at Sheffield later in the year.

Great North Swim. Lake Windemere.

On 24th June Sam Dixon swam in the 800 Open Water event winning the boys age group silver medal and taking 4th place overall. Megan Baker swam in the 2 mile event taking 5th place in her age group and 11th overall. Really good results from Sam and Megan considering the awful conditions and the very low water temperature.

ISA Independent Schools Association Gala.

Nottingham 1st July.

Sam Dixon swam in the 25 metre Fly and the 100 Individual Medley. He won gold medals in both events. The Olympic Torch relay caused quite a stir within the swimming club with four members involved.

Lauren Richardson, Sam Dixon, Ross Landon and Angela Winstanley-Smith. Ross represented Great Britain as a Tri-Athlete and Angie was National Back Stroke Champion and swam for Great Britain before switching to Water Polo. Everyone in the club sends best wishes to Angie on her selection for the Water Polo team to compete in the Olympics.

DEE DEE'S DINNERS

Dear Sir,
If anyone does not feel like cooking Sunday Lunch, then we would definitely recommend they try Dee Dee's Dinners.

We saw their advert in the Newton News last week and gave them a try. The service was prompt and the dinners delicious, we will certainly be using them again.
Pamela Gray

Quadkids Sports Festival at Greenfield



On Tuesday 26th June we welcomed Shinccliffe, Langley Moor and Kelloe Primary Schools to Greenfield Community College to take part in our very own British Council Connecting Classrooms Quadkids Festival.

As part of the on-going programme linked with Sri Lanka this was the latest project undertaken by all involved in the Durham cluster. The Quadkids Sports Festival involves all the key disciplines for athletics; a sprint, a long distance run, a throw and a jump.

This, of course, proving very apt for fuelling the pupil's enthusiasm towards athletics in the lead up to

the London 2012 Olympics in July. The project was designed to allow all the cluster primary schools to compete against each other in a sports festival event. Videos, photos, data and write ups from the day will be sent to our colleagues in Sri Lanka to share the success of our Festival. This will soon be replicated by our counterparts in Sri Lanka. All who took part from the different primary schools were a credit to their teachers and school giving maximum effort throughout. A special mention must go to the year 9 Greenfield sports leaders who were superb in ensuring that everything went exactly to plan and that pupils could fully enjoy each activity undertaken.

Congratulations go to Shinccliffe Primary School who came away victors by a comfortable margin. Well done to everyone who took part!

Mr Butterworth



Both of Newton Aycliffe's senior teams had their respective fixtures cancelled at the weekend after the heavy storms that hit the north east left the local playing surfaces waterlogged.

However, during the week, the club's under 15's team travelled to Langley Park in the Durham County Junior league and thanks to career best bowling figures of 4 for 22 from Aycliffe's Jon Hope, the home side were restricted to 81 for 8 in their 20 overs. In reply Aycliffe opening batsman Tom Wickins got his side off to a solid start with 14 runs.

Ben Nicholson then took over and dominated proceedings with the bat hitting an excellent unbeaten 31 and putting Aycliffe into a winning position. The steady drizzle then turned to heavy rain forcing the game to be abandoned as Aycliffe were agonisingly close to victory needing just 14 runs with 8 wickets and 7.2 overs in hand. Newton Aycliffe's under 13's team played well, but still lost away at title favourites Darlington, despite an excellent all round performance from captain Josh Pearson. Pearson took the only wicket to fall in Darlington's innings as they scored 83 for 1 from their 20 overs. In reply the Aycliffe skipper top scored with 25 and Sam Dobinson scored 9 as the visitors were restricted to 69 for 7 from their allotted 20 overs.

FORMER UNIVERSITY BOSS JOINS NAFC



Dan Lewis, who spent seven years as Deputy Director of Sport at Durham University before leaving to set up his own business last year, is now General Manager heading Newton Aycliffe F.C.'s off-field affairs.

The 34-year-old, is managing director of the Soccer Factory a company looking to build a new £1.7m football complex on Aycliffe Business Park, as reported in the Newton News recently. He is tasked to bring more business to the Northern League club.

Chairman Gary Farley said: "It's a fantastic appointment and with his experience in business and local sport, Dan promises to be a brilliant acquisition". Dan, who lives in Aycliffe, has also worked as a part-time fitness coach at Hartlepool. He has already got to work on a number of exciting new projects for Aycliffe.

"Hopefully I can help the club off the field to take the next step forward and to try to professionalise things a bit," he said. We're organising a Sportsman's Dinner and hopefully attract a high-profile

speaker, which would be a nice event to bring people through the door and hopefully raise some money so we can continue to bring in the type of players the management is after.

"If we can get things right off the pitch then we can get the players we want on the pitch and hopefully everything will work hand-in-hand."

Mr Lewis, an Aston Villa fan, is originally from Shrewsbury and after his A-levels came to the North-East to study a BA (Hons) in Sport in the Community at Durham, where he gained a 2:1 in 1999.

He was Director of Sport in Action Ltd from 1999-2000 before taking up a strength and conditioning role at Durham University, becoming director of high performance sport in 2003. He was then appointed deputy director of sport at the University a year later.

From 2004-8 Dan was selected to play cricket for Shropshire CCC, from u11-senior Minor Counties squad, and also selected for national cricket representation with England Schools u19, Midlands u19, and National Association of Young Cricketers.

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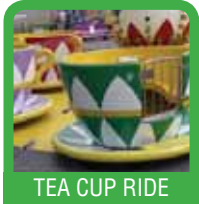
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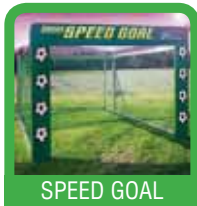
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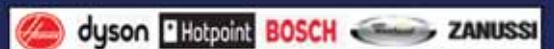
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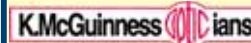
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Children, young people and families have played a crucial role in shaping the plan, having been involved throughout the process. The document has been created with the help of children, young people and their families who took

part in a consultation. Cllr Claire Vasey, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "The reduction in Government funding means that we now have to do more with less. "This plan, therefore, sees us refocusing our efforts to concentrate on a fewer number of the right priorities in order to reap results and maximise efficiency. "Firstly, we will focus on the root causes of poorer outcomes rather than both the causes and effects and, secondly, we will mobilise our resources to intervene at an early stage. "This means the needs of vulnerable families will be identified at the earliest opportunity and they will receive the support they need at a much earlier stage. This will be done largely through our One Point service."

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Paul Clark

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Paul Clark

Died 8th July 2009

Still learning to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. I will think of you forever because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife, Carole

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Happy 21st Birthday

11th July 2012

Happy 21st to my Princess. You've grown up to be more beautiful than this picture! Hope you have a great day. You are a beautiful person inside and out and a fabulous Mum. Love you loads, Mam and Jimmy

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Happy 21st to the best big Sister in the world. Thank you for everything you do for me. Love you loads, Rachel xxx

Thomas Luck



Happy 18th Birthday on 5th July 2012

Happy Birthday to our wonderful Son Love always, Mam, Dad and all the family

Jordan Woodward



Happy 16th Birthday

5th July 2012

Have a fab 16th birthday hun, you will definitely be smiling today! Lots of love always, Mam xxxxx

Happy 16th Birthday

Happy birthday Jordan. Lots of love from your annoying little Brother Brandon xxx

Happy 16th Birthday

Have a lovely 16th birthday Jordan. Lots of love Granda and Grandma

Oliver Whitchurch



Happy 18th Birthday

5th July 2012

Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Thomas xxx

Leigh-Ann Watkins



Happy 18th Birthday

7th July 2012

Happy birthday to our gorgeous Granddaughter. Have a great holiday in Salou with Matthew. Lots of love, Nan and Grandad xxxxx

Michael Dixon



Happy 21st Birthday

From Mam and Geoff xx

Happy 21st Birthday

Love you loads. From Becka and the Bump xxxxx

Happy 21st Birthday

From Nana and Jen xxx

Matthew Cockfield



Happy 13th Birthday

Matthew

Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Jamie, Gran and Granda Pete, Nana and Granda Len and all the family xxxxx

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Coast To Coast Completed



Mick Beadle from Newton Aycliffe along with Andrew Legg, Steve Bowen, Brian Bolton and Steve Gray From Bishop Auckland all completed the coast to coast on Sunday 1st July from Workington to Seaton Carew on bikes in aid of Cancer Charities, they hope to have raised well over a £1000. Weather conditions on the west coast were poor but hearing that the weather in the North East was dry kept them going and the blue sky's around Leyburn lifted their spirits. They completed the ride in 8 hours 50 minutes riding time at an average speed of 16.6 MPH. At the end they were greeted by family and friends and were presented with medals for their achievements. They would like to thank the support team and welcoming party for their encouragement.

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EX-BLACK CAT RELISHES SUNDERLAND FRIENDLY

A former Sunderland player says the Black Cats' pre-season visit to his hometown club promises to be a fantastic occasion for the town.

Newton Aycliffe-born Phil Brumwell began his career as a trainee with the Wearsiders in 1993 before moving to Darlington two years later, playing more than 200 games for the Quakers.

And although the 36-year-old has never played for Aycliffe, he says he's watched their "amazing" progress in recent seasons, with Allan Oliver guiding them from the Durham Alliance League to the Northern League first division inside three years. Brumwell reckons Aycliffe's friendly against a Sunderland XI on Friday 20th July will be a massive occasion for the club, no matter what kind of side turns up at Moore Lane Park.

"Hopefully the club will get a good gate and it's nothing but good for the club. I think clubs in the Northern League need a few games like this. It brings in finance but it might also bring extra supporters for the first game of the season. "A lot of people will want to

see Sunderland play and it's not that easy to go and watch a Premier League game. It's £20 to £30 for a ticket plus your travel. But for a club to come here during pre-season is great, especially for young kids. If I'm available I'll definitely be along to watch.

"Aycliffe has a really good Sunderland fanbase. It used to be a Sunderland/Newcastle split, but I think it's more Sunderland now."

Brumwell currently coaches Shildon, after leaving Bishop Auckland for Dean Street just before Christmas. He faced Aycliffe twice last season. He says Aycliffe have benefited from showing loyalty to the players who have helped lift the club from amateur football to challenging at the top of the world's second oldest league. "The results the club got last year, when they were in the top six for most of the season, surprised everyone, but it wasn't surprising to me as they've always kept the core squad together and that is priceless," said Brumwell.

"If you do that then you only need to add one or two new players to get a good blend. If you've kept the likes of Sean



Tarling through the seasons, you only need one or two to keep growing.

"Aycliffe is fanatical about football and it's always needed the football club. I think what Allan (Oliver) and the committee have done to build this up and climb the league so quickly is amazing."

Aycliffe welcome a Sunderland XI to Moore Lane Park on Friday 20th July at Moore Lane Park. Kick-off is 7.30pm, with admission £5 adults and £3 concessions. www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk

COMPETITION

Three Family Tickets for Wrestling Match

Three Family Tickets worth £32 each are up for grabs to see the American Wrestling Show at the Leisure Centre on Saturday 28th July. (www.epwwrestling.co.uk) EPW Wrestling present the show which starts at 6.30pm. Lots of excitement as top American wrestlers compete for titles. Stars Joe Legend, Johnny Moss (as seen on T.V.) are among those on the bill. They will be joined by promising newcomer and latest signing "Valkabious". It is a great night out for the whole family and tickets can be won by answering the following question:

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