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Newtonian in GB Olympic Team



Angie Winstanley-Smith (right) with Fran Clayton

Two former students of Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, have been selected for the GB Olympic Water Polo Team. Angie Winstanley-Smith from Newton Aycliffe was at the College from 2001-2002; taking A levels in History, Maths and PE. Fran Clayton studied at QE from 2005-2007, gaining A levels in Maths, PE and Physics. Julia Atkinson-Tait, Head of PE at QE says: 'Everyone at College is absolutely thrilled for Fran and Angie. During their time at QE they were exemplary students and superb, dedicated athletes who combined their rigorous training regimes. They played water polo whilst studying A levels and also represented the College at swimming championships'.

We will all now be watching the Olympics with added interest wishing the GB team and Angie every success.

RESIDENTS EXPRESS OPINION ON POLICING

Emphatic "Yes" For Town Centre Police Office

There has been an astounding response to Great Aycliffe Residents' Association's Survey on Policing in Newton Aycliffe.

Without exception every one of the forms returned asks for a Police Station in the Town Centre. The simple "Yes or No" question has come down resoundingly in favour of a permanent police presence in the centre of town.

When questioned further many say it is just the feeling of security one has knowing the Police Station is on hand at the centre of things.

People agree we need not have a massive building and it is right to demolish the old Police Station and use the site for another purpose. But it is also right to have a police office situated centrally just as it is right to have a Library or other public facilities.

The Public Meeting called for 19th July at St. Mary's Church will discuss the issue and be part of the conclusions

drawn ready for another public meeting in September at which the Police Authority will be in attendance. Please come along at 7pm and air your views.

The police are still consulting on the matter and are in contact with the Town Council so it is important we let them and the Council know what residents think before any proposals are put

forward.

A last minute topic has been added to the agenda. Bin Collections in some areas of the town are being affected by the County Council requesting householders bring the wheelie bins to easy collection points for the wagons.

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VANE ROAD SCHOOL HELP POOR AFRICAN CHILDREN



Debra Hallworth, Norma Wise and Alwyn White recently presented an illustrated talk about Malawi in Africa on two separate visits to the infants and juniors of Vane Road School. Debra and Norma visited Malawi, one of the poorest countries in Africa, last November to meet some of the children already supported by The Malawi Trust of St Elizabeth (Newton Aycliffe).

While there they also visited a local primary school where a friend and supporter of the charity's work is teaching. This is a very large junior school with 2,200 pupils but with very limited resources and many of the children are extremely poor. The trustees are raising awareness of the needs of these children so contacted Vane Road School and were invited to talk to the pupils by Miss Pimm. The children

were studying Africa as part of One World Week- so it was interesting for them to hear about Africa from people who had visited and were closely involved with this part of the world.

The illustrated talk showed the children what life is like for the children in Malawi and how different their lives were to theirs. The children enjoyed the talk and one little boy decided he would like to do something to help the children at Namilango school in Malawi.

Charlie Dunn organised a sponsored silence and with the help of his parents printed a sponsor form saying: "I would like to help a charity who are helping poor children in Africa. They help them go to school so that they can have better lives and get good jobs when they are big. I want to do something to help them because I have so much stuff

and can go to school every day for free and never have to be hungry and have nice shoes so my feet don't hurt. The children in Malawi don't have any of that and I want to help them."

Charlie managed to stay quiet for 3 hours and with support from his family and friends raised £53. With further donations from the pupils of the school the charity was presented with a total of £73. The school also appealed for out grown uniforms and clothes to pass on to the children and collected a total of ten large bin bags.

Norma and Debra returned to the school to meet Charlie to say a big thank you to him and all the pupils. Charlie was presented with a photograph of some of the children he is helping, and the school was also thanked and presented with a photograph to display in the foyer.

The trustees enjoyed their time with the children and would like to thank all the pupils, parents and staff for the support and encouragement they have received.

FREE BRASS BAND CONCERT TICKETS

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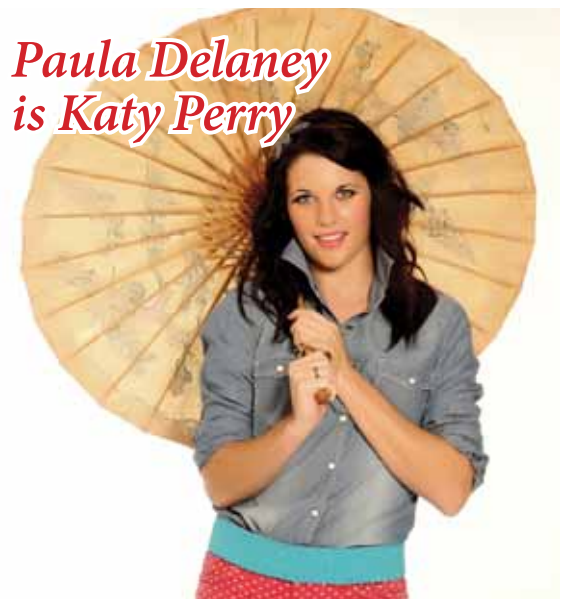
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Trevor and Linda Westwood would like to thank family and friends for the lovely gifts, cards and for the kind donations which were given to the British Lung Foundation. Nearly £300 was raised by donation and raffle at a Party which was held on 7th July at Moore Lane Sports Club.

They would also like to thank entertainer, Mike Richards, Rob and Anne at Burnett4cakes for catering and the bar staff for all the effort they put in for a really lovely time.

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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". Covering tracks by Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Gary Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, Santana, UFO, ZZTop and much more - www.unclegilbert.co.uk

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Aycliffe Teacher Wins Regional Award



Winner Paul Mansfield joined the team at Walworth Special School in Newton Aycliffe in 2009. The school provides a safe

and welcoming learning environment for pupils with severe emotional and behavioural difficulties between the ages of four and eleven years old. Paul was nominated by the Head of Care Pat Cogan at the school, Paul has been recognised for making a difference with the students' lives by spending countless hours of his time to research and obtain additional grant funding to maximise the children's opportunities.

He has also received praise for successfully implementing a full quality training programme for all staff and maintaining a cheerful, optimistic disposition and a positive approach to his work. Headteacher Peter Wallbanks added that he and all the school staff were delighted with Paul's success at winning this award. Paul had added another dimension to the high quality provision provided at Walworth and in particular the residential provision.

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"A Splash of Colour," work by Bill Harris is from Thursday 19th July – Tuesday 7th August 2012. This fantastic new exhibition comes to Greenfield Gallery next week. Bill believes that line and colour are one of the most important aspects of his work, as they can be both an exciting and provocative means of expression. He uses imagery from the County Durham landscape, as he was born and still lives in the area. The images are then manipulated and developed into the finished artworks, which use strong flat primary colours in a stylised graphic way. This

promises to be a colourful and interesting exhibition of work by this talented local artist. We are holding a special free "Meet the Artist" event on Thursday 19th July in The Greenfield Gallery, from 6-8pm. This is an opportunity to meet Bill and find out more about his work, as well as being one of the first to see the exhibition "A Splash of Colour." The Greenfield Gallery is open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm, and Friday 10am to 4pm. For more information visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

Dear Sir
Just what will they think of next? Durham County Council have just been to cut the grass in the open areas of Moule Close and most of the grassed area is under water or totally waterlogged. The mess they have created is unbelievable. Some of us residents take pride in their front lawns and take time and care looking after them, only for these irresponsible idiots to drive tractor machines all over the grass and ruin the lawn. We now have to contend with mud and grass strewn all over the footpaths which in turn will be trodden into our homes. Come on Durham County Council have more forethought about the weather conditions and stop what you are doing

Radical New Tutoring Programme at Greenfield

A Newton Aycliffe school is introducing a radical new tutoring programme which involves peer mentoring as a tool for success.



Greenfield Community College is launching the new initiative, which is called Vertical Tutoring, which started earlier this term. It means the school will scrap the current tutoring system, which groups young people together from year 7 and continues right throughout their school life, and replace it with smaller 'family' groups of four or five young people from each year. It's a move away from what's considered the "norm", but school leaders believe it will encourage mentoring among pupils and improve relationships between all young people and tutors, while improving integration throughout the school. Greenfield's head teacher David Priestley said:

"Creating tutor groups from a mix of students from across the year groups may appear unusual, but having done our homework and carried out extensive research, we are convinced Vertical Tutoring is a positive and engaging way of increasing opportunities for intervention and collaborative learning therefore improving results and outcomes across the board. "It will also improve the quality of relationships between all pupils, tutors and parents and carers and prepare all our students for the next stages of their lives." New tutor groups will draw from a cross-section of the school population and typically be made up of four pupils in each year group.

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haunt us for years and Brown destroyed decent pensions. Labour did massive damage and their legacy lives on. The present government puts dogma ahead of economics. The NHS and most public services are being put in the hands of dubious companies like Southern Cross and A4e.

They will make exorbitant profits from our taxes while jobs are destroyed and services deteriorate. But all the political parties watched for years while jobs were sent abroad. Millions of well-paid manufacturing jobs were replaced by low paid service jobs. Consequently living standards and tax receipts fell.

All governments supported the minimum wage even though it's not a living wage. The argument that people should be better off in work than on the dole doesn't mean you'll be well off in work! One million pay day loans paints the real picture. The 'Working Poor' rely on agencies offering temporary minimum wage jobs with no pension.

No political party has stopped the tax avoidance of unscrupulous individuals and companies. The sums involved would clear the national debt at a stroke. Politicians won't even stop 3000% interest charges!

All our political parties ignore private equity buy outs which cancel out corporation tax that would have been paid on profits. I would argue that all political parties and successive governments are to blame for the current mess. We need to start producing goods that other countries want to buy. We need full employment. We need control over our politicians.

'Made in Britain' used to mean the best in the world. Now Britain leads the world in having the most corrupt banks, dodgy insurance companies, accomplished tax dodgers, crooked national (and sometimes local) politicians and unscrupulous national press. How on earth did we get here?

Tom Hodgson



Keep Off Our Clock!

Dear Editor,
I feel I must respond to Mr Rhodes comments regarding the Town Clock.

The clock at the top of Churchill House has been chiming for many years and has nothing to do with the Thames Centre.

The Clock is an institution and, I respectfully suggest that Mr Rhodes moves back to where he came from - he is obviously not a Newtonian! Val Halton

Dear Sir,
Tell Darren Rhodes to get lost, we have heard the chimes in Aycliffe for 30 years. It's part of the town's atmosphere and, day or night, we love 'em. Ann Teasdale

Dear Sir,
I am writing with reference to the article in last week's Newton News about the town clock.

I also live within half a mile of the clock and worked on the clock when it was being built. It has been there many many years and still in good condition.

Churchill House is one of the only original buildings left. I contacted our local MP Phil Wilson regarding this with the view of retaining it when this end of the town centre is demolished.

In my experience no one has ever complained about the clock chiming till this letter appeared and the answer is easy.....Do not move the town clock, move yourself! I am fairly sure you knew about the clock when you moved here. J W Smurthwaite

Outstanding Student



Emily Halford from Year 6 at Sugar Hill primary school was recently presented with the Douglas Swan Memorial trophy.

The award recognises Emily's outstanding effort throughout her time at Sugar Hill, from her nursery years up to Year 6.

Emily has been an exemplary pupil and thoroughly deserves her award as recognition for her outstanding contribution to the school over many years. All at Sugar Hill wish her well in her comprehensive school years and beyond.

Bike Winner



The Town Council Whit Super Sports Skills Bike Draw winner was Leo aged 8 from Newton Aycliffe. The Mayor Cllr Val Raw presented him with his new bike on Tuesday 10th July. For your chance to win a new bike get involved in our Summer 2012 Super Sports Skills programme.

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The aim of the day is to offer the more able mathematicians in year 6 and 7 the opportunity to extend their understanding of mathematics whilst having fun. Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of activities including

designing and constructing the "Woodham Orbit" from spaghetti and marshmallows, playing "Round the Clock" and "Pentominoes" and finally the "Woodham Crystal Maze". Teamwork and problem solving were essential, all students and helpers worked hard showing resilience and resourcefulness.

Overall winners were Woodham Team1. Sunnydale Team 1 won the quiz and Timothy Hackworth Team 2 were the most successful designers of the "Woodham Orbit".

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Time	Class	Studio
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9.30-10.30	BodyAttack™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2
10.30-11.00	CXWORX™	1
12.15-13.00	BodyPump™	2
13.00-13.45	Boxercise®	2
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.00-18.45	BodyPump™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyAttack™	1
19.00-19.30	CXWORX™	2
19.45-20.30	AF Circuits	2
20.00-20.45	BodyBalance™	1

TUESDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.15	Zumba®	2
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
10.30-11.30	Modern Pilates®	1
10.15-11.15	BodyBalance™	2
12.15-13.00	BodyPump™	2
13.00-13.45	BodyStep™	2
17.15-18.00	Modern Pilates®	1
17.30-18.15	AF Circuits	2
18.00-19.00	BodyAttack™	1
18.30-19.30	BodyPump™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyBalance™	1
19.45-20.30	Boxercise®	2

WEDNESDAY

Time	Class	Studio
6.30-7.15	AF BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyStep™	2
9.30-10.15	AF Basic Aerobics	1
10.30-11.00	CXWORX™	1
12.15-13.00	AF Circuits	1
13.00-13.45	BodyPump™	2
17.15-18.00	AF Fitball	2
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.00-18.45	BodyPump™	2
19.00-19.30	CXWORX™	1
19.00-20.00	BodyStep™	2
19.30-20.15	BodyBalance™	1

THURSDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2
10.30-11.30	BodyBalance™	1
12.15-13.00	BodyAttack™	1
13.00-13.30	CXWORX™	1
17.15-18.00	Zumba®	1
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.00-19.00	BodyPump™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyBalance™	1
19.15-20.00	Boxercise®	2

FRIDAY

Time	Class	Studio
6.30-7.15	AF BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyAttack™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2
10.30-11.00	CXWORX™	1
12.15-13.00	BodyCombat™	1
13.00-13.45	AF Fitball	2
17.00-17.45	Modern Pilates®	2
17.45-18.30	BodyPump™	2
18.00-18.45	BodyAttack™	1
18.30-19.15	BodyStep™	2
18.45-19.15	CXWORX™	1

SATURDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.00	CXWORX™	1
10.00-10.45	BodyCombat™	1
11.00-11.45	BodyPump™	2

SUNDAY

Time	Class	Studio
10.00-11.00	BodyPump™	2
11.15-12.15	BodyAttack™	1
16.15-17.15	BodyStep™	2
17.30-18.15	AF Fitball	1

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New Labour Wrecked the Economy Assisted by Banks

Dear Sir,
John D. Clare does not believe that the Labour Government wrecked the economy and blames the banks. Incredible! Even more incredible is his hypothesis: Labour did not wreck the economy (the banks did). Therefore the Coalition has loads of money to throw at the poor North East.

There is no money Mr. Clare and we cannot risk borrowing more, hence the cut-backs in the non-wealth-creating areas of the economy.

I would remind Mr. Clare that when New Labour deposed the previous Conservative Government they kept to the Conservative spending plans for their first two years in office. Conservatives demonstrated they could manage the economy then. They must be a better bet than New Labour to repair the economy now.

After 13 years of New Labour nonfeasance, misfeasance and perhaps, malfeasance (selling our gold reserves at the bottom of the market?) the country is bankrupt. Our credit card is maxed-out (an expression the electorate understand too well after 13 years of Labour). Ex-ministers have apologized. However, one ex-minister thought it funny to tell his successor that the money was all spent.

New Labour saying sorry for ruining the economy and for allowing unbridled

immigration from Europe cuts no ice with me. This is especially the case, when their die-hard supporters don't believe they have anything to apologize for.

I find it very difficult to understand how an apparently well - educated man can encourage young and old to join New Labour and waste his time campaigning on their behalf. The facts speak for themselves. New Labour was not fit for purpose then (an expression used by a New Labour Minister to describe his Department) and there is no reason to expect that it ever will be.

J.D. Clare needs to realise that the only money a government has to spend is raised by tax or borrowed. We have been taxed to the hilt by the Labour government that squandered it, not on wealth creating jobs, but on subsidised 'jobs for the boys' in the bloated Public Sector. Hence the need to now cut back a public sector THAT WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD.

It would appear that J. D. Clare thinks that as a Town Councillor he needs to monitor the wider issues. How about Global Warming?

The Carbon Tax that New Labour agreed with the 'Evil Empire' (the EEC) has led to our jobs being exported to countries which do not have to levy taxes on their pollution. (Alcan in Cumbria is a case

in point). Indeed, we are only continuing with steel making in the North East because the local plant, that is subject to Carbon Tax and therefore uneconomic, has been bought by a company that can avoid paying the Carbon Tax elsewhere and can therefore subsidise the steel made here. In signing up to the Global Warming farce, the Labour Government set up a system of subsidies for so called 'green energy'. Unwanted wind farms to you and me. Unfortunately, this was their grand plan for creating jobs in the North East. I say, unfortunately, because, again, we cannot afford the subsidy; the wind farms are too expensive, it is doubtful if they are 'green' and we will be paying for them in our utility bills for the rest of most of our lives.

On a local matter; my bin stinks! The Coalition Government has offered subsidies to councils that continued with weekly collections. Our County Council, in their New Labour wisdom, decided to change to fortnightly collections. This to me is a case of, "cutting off your nose to spite your face". Does J.D. Clare support Durham County Council in refusing Government subsidy? Or should I just cut off my nose so as not to smell the mess left by his favourite political party?

Alastair P.G. Welsh

400 ATTEND HITACHI CONSTRUCTION DAY

Following on from last year's Open Day for the Hitachi Rail Europe project proposed for Newton Aycliffe, the developer, Merchant Place Developments, Hitachi and Business Durham hosted another Open Day this time focused on the three main contract phases of the project. "It was a great success possibly best reflected by the number of companies queuing up to introduce themselves to Darren Cumner, Hitachi's appointed manager for the Hitachi plant," says MPD's marketing consultant, Chris Dobson.

The event was held at Aycliffe's Xcel Centre, rated by Mr. Dobson as one of the best venues in the region. About 400 individuals registered for the event on Business Durham's Hitachi Rail project website. They represented potential suppliers that could be directly involved in the procurement strategy of Hitachi's 450,000 sq ft building work upon which is likely to start at the end of this year.

Geoff Hunton, director, Merchant Place Developments, the developer of the 104 acres Amazon Park strategic site, explained the contract process:

"To enable the project to proceed with all haste after the completion of the Intercity Express Programme (IEP) contract with the



Left to right: Stewart Watkins, managing director, Business Durham; Darren Cumner, Hitachi's plant manager, Newton Aycliffe; Geoff Hunton, director, Merchant Place Developments and Keith Jordan, managing director, Hitachi Rail Europe.

DfT the last two years has used the full Design Team now in place to complete the technical aspects of the project preceding the construction process. The sequence would be from tender action through to site start and building completion over a three year period.

"The Hitachi project will be controlled through three main contracts, each one having its own sub-contractor element.

"The first contract is for Archaeological investigations prior to work starting on the second contract phase, the main Design and Build, turnkey, contract. This will cover on-site works including the main production building together with office and storage accommodation as well as the on-site rail infrastructure and test track

facility.

"As part of this contract we will be identifying specialist supply services required such as paint spray booths, staging, test facilities and so on that may appeal to local firms.

"The Third contract is for off-site rail works connecting to the Network Rail infrastructure, creating the rail access to the site and repositioning the existing Shildon branch line track to facilitate the construction of the test track.

"The three main contracts will be run together with the component elements of each contract so all contractors can identify the work opportunities. I reiterate that it is our aim, where appropriate, that we will identify regionally-

based suppliers for this very important inward investment project."

Keith Jordan, Managing Director of Hitachi Rail Europe, explained that Hitachi's investment in a rail manufacturing plant in the UK "is a major step for the company and also for the local area. Our plans for this UK plant are very mature".

"The Hitachi Open Day gave potential suppliers for the construction phase and the fit-out of the plant the opportunity to find out more about how they could get involved. We are ready to start the build phase of the plant, which can closely follow the close of contract with the DfT."

NEW SHOP WELCOMED

Dear Sir,
I felt I had to write in to say how pleased I am to hear we are FINALLY getting a new clothes shop in Newton Aycliffe town centre!

Its something we have needed for a long time and it's even better the fact that it is a designer clothing store! I'm sure Boola will do well and I for one will definitely shop there! Thankyou Mark for bringing us something to shop in the town for!

Amy

Beechfield Newton Aycliffe



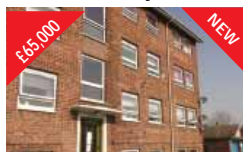
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Hatfield Road Newton Aycliffe



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Dixon Road Newton Aycliffe



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.

Emerson Way Newton Aycliffe



2 bedroom terrace, double glazed, GCH, enclosed garden to rear, separate WC. Partly refurbished.

Guthrum Place Newton Aycliffe



3 bedroom end link house in a modern development in Newton Aycliffe. Fitted kitchen, DG, GCH and rear garden. Must be viewed.

Honister Place Newton Aycliffe



Three bedroom mid terrace house conveniently situated, modern fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, garden, DG. Ideal family home.

Ida Place Newton Aycliffe



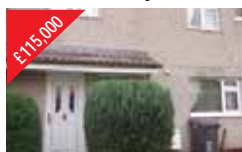
A well presented & improved 3 bed end terrace house. Close to shops, doctors and play school. Modern fitted kitchen, combi central heating, modern bathroom, DG. Ideal family home.

Karles Close Woodham Village



Extended 4 bedroom detached, loft conversion, luxury ensuite, fitted kitchen, conservatory, games room.

Lingard Walk Newton Aycliffe



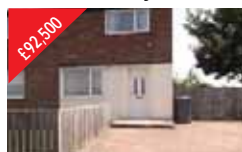
Three bedroom terrace house, fitted kitchen, DG, GCH, rear garden, well maintained home - must be viewed!

Oakfield Newton Aycliffe



3 bedroom terrace property. Lounge, modern fitted kitchen / diner, garage, DG, easy maintenance gardens.

Skirlaw Road Newton Aycliffe



A well presented improved three bed end terrace house. Modern fitted kitchen, GSH, modern bathroom, large garden, double glazing, conservatory. Ideal family home.

Sunnydale Shildon



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Finchale Rd Newton Aycliffe



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Bowes Road Newton Aycliffe



Two bedroom semi detached property, offering DG, conservatory, modern kitchen. Internal viewing strongly recommended.

McKenzie Place Newton Aycliffe



3 bedroom link house conveniently situated for town centre, fitted kitchen, bathroom, garden, DG. Ideal family home

Chillingham Grove Woodham Village



An attractive 3 bedroom semi detached property. Fitted kitchen/diner, modern bathroom / WC, DG, GCH, pleasant cul-de-sac location.

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CLOCK CHIMES MISSED!

Dear Sir,

In reply to last week's letter I certainly do not find the town clock chimes annoying. Having lived in Newton Aycliffe for over 50 years, I have blessed our town clock numerous times in making me realise that I should be making tracks to pick up my children/grandchildren from playschool/primary school. I feel if Darren Rhodes finds the chimes annoying he should try counting sheep instead. If this fails there are lots of simple aids on the market to plug your ears. His letter reminds me of one that I read of a person moving into a small village to retire where the local church bells rang out several times a week . He appealed to the local council to see if they could get them to stop, and was told in no uncertain terms that the church bells had rang for hundreds of years and if he did not like it then he could always move on. During these last few months our clock has undergone repairs and in my capacity as Town Chaplain I have spoken up on behalf of many people who missed the chimes. I was very pleased therefore to be able to see and hear our town clock chiming again and long may it continue.

Pam Lovelass

Response to Graduate's Despair

What do the privileged few know about lack of opportunity?

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the letter in last week's publication titled 'An Aycliffe Graduate's Despair'. I would like to discuss some of the points made in the article and relate them to a wider context. 'The writer asserts that 'the jobcentre have done nothing but hinder my search for work'. Like the writer of last week's letter, I have been offered the opportunity of training through the jobcentre. On inquiry, I find without exception all of the courses on offer either provide remedial English and Maths skills, or technical skills that would allow one to apply for an entry level job as a labourer in one of the building/construction trades. I have an excellent degree from an outstanding University. When I inquired about using this as a platform to build my way into a profession I was met with frustration. For example, within as little as a year I could complete either a conversion course in law or train to be a journalist. Both of these options wouldn't cost the tax payer more than the government is prepared to pay to private training providers for the short remedial courses I mention above. I made the case that, with a professional job I would pay more tax back into the system across my working lifetime than I had ever had out of it in benefits. However, despite this logic, current legislation does not allow for graduate training.

The writer of last week's letter also states that 'the government is inciting hatred towards the unemployed'. This is a typical deflection tactic used by the government to set the working poor against the unemployed poor. 'It's their fault you work for so little' the government cry, then point the finger at those who draw benefits. Any family can find that their income earner loses their job through no fault of their own. However, I live around people who have claimed benefits for many years who start families and make additions to the number of children they have without any thought of getting off benefits and engaging in useful economic activity. For me, and I'm sure the writer of last week's letter, feeling trapped within a culture where no aspiration exists when you're driven and ambitious only adds to the sense of despair. However, one must understand that lack of opportunity and decent wages perpetuates benefit dependency. Last week's letter illustrates the point that the political class think of us as nothing but peasants who can be whitewashed in White-Hall ideology and then left to fight it out amongst ourselves. What can these privileged few know about the frustration one feels at the lack of opportunity? Nor can the last Labour government be held in any higher esteem. It was Gordon Brown's administration that specifically commissioned an independent study into poverty in Britain. The returning report concluded that an adult living on less than fifteen thousand pounds a year was living in poverty. A worker on New Labour's minimum wage was nearly three thousand pounds a year below the then government's acknowledged bread line. Moreover, the same administration cynically calculated that it was cheaper to keep a percentage of people on the dole than implement a living wage in line with their report's findings. We live at a time when the Con-Dem government tell us that austerity must be implemented to plug the deficit. The deficit can be fully costed without eroding public sector spending. These are just right wing ideologies to shrink the state, policies the Tories would implement in any circumstances. Again, the government try to set us apart by stirring discontent between public and private sector workers. We shouldn't be eroding public sector pay, but bringing private sector pay and conditions in line with the public sector. For anybody who thinks that this is just wishful thinking I would refer them to the economy in the immediate post war years when the deficit was greater than it is now; and it was investment in workers that rejuvenated the economy. I would like to address one final point made in last week's letter. The writer expresses a fear that he or she is, and will remain 'a slave to recruitment agencies'. I cannot offer any words of hope. Why? Because this is how the previous

Labour government and current Con-Dem government want the labour market to be. Blair and Brown facilitated the free movement of migrant workers into and out of this country. It is a noble principle but it needed to be properly executed and managed. It served the then Labour government as a form of false economy as so many of their other policies did. When it was calculated that it would be cheaper to keep a percentage of our citizens on the dole rather than implement a national 'living' wage, there was still the problem, who will people the economy at the bottom of the food chain? Employment agencies flourished and saturated the market to accommodate the influx of migrant workers. It was a win-win situation. The government got the work done necessary to keep big business well oiled without increasing the wage bill, and migrant workers earned money that translated into greater value when they returned to their economies. Now, most of the economies where free movement is permissible have normalised. The Con-Dem government try to encourage the ideology of neoliberalism. This means, no longer are we professionals, trades-people or workers, but each and every one of us accesses the 'free' market and each other as individuals looking for profit. Where you might have once been one of a hundred workers employed by a factory, you are now like an actor with an agent who got you the role as one of the cast. What better working culture than one in which we are all individuals looking for opportunity in each other could recruitment agencies ask for? They get a slice of everything you do, but they also put you into direct competition against your colleagues. In order for that agent to get you that role, they have to state that you, their client, can do it cheaper, faster and for longer, with less time off, and a contract that can see you legally out of the door immediately. If this sounds like left field indulgence, I know of a factory fully staffed by temporary workers and not one of those employees are paid through P.A.Y.E. They are all self employed workers responsible for paying their own tax. It's perfectly legal, the beneficiaries are the agency who by not retaining their employees tax, have less of a gross on their books when they determine their own tax payment. This is what the Con-Dem public school boys think the economy needs. Maybe it's what a handful of their posh mates need to keep themselves rich and riffing over the bumps of austerity while the rest of us walk the hardy terrain. And where is New Labour in all of this? Two years in and still deciding upon policy, putting together a package of populism that they hope will win them the next general election without any radical change in their party or their relationship with the electorate. W.S. (Resident of Newton Aycliffe)

Jubilee Draw Winner



Dave Warman of Furniture Factory Outlet, Fulbeck Road on the Business Park delivers a Leather Reclining Seat to Mrs. Reid of Silverdale Place who won it in the Rotary Club Jubilee Draw. This was one of the 60 prizes donated to the draw, the proceeds of which helped 30 town organisations.

Labour Policy Wasted Cash

Dear Editor,

In reply to John Clare's letter "Government Cut 80% of Regional Funding". He says that Labour are not to blame but forgets if Labour had not wasted money (Unitary Authority for one- a black hole of debt alone) such prudence would not be needed! As for his statement on the neighbourhood plan no independents have been involved. It is a "Labourhood Plan". Why should we thank Phil Wilson for raising issues - that is what he was elected to do. It does make a change for him to raise his head above the trench. GAI Cllr Alan Warburton

Sounds Great

U CRE8 Community Arts has been awarded grant funding from the Co-operative Community Fund to work with adults with learning and physical disabilities the Oaks Centre, PACE, and Silver Street. Derek Lythe, Community Placement Officer, says: "This is a great opportunity for our service users to develop new skills using Caribbean steel pans and to showcase their music making" The groups will meet and take part in regular workshops at Greenfield Community and Arts Centre, using their Caribbean steel pans, starting in the Autumn.

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OLYMPIAN VISITS FORMER SCHOOL



On Wednesday 4th July 2012, Vane Road Primary School received an exciting visit from a former pupil – Angie Winstanely-Smith, who is now an Olympian in the field of water polo. Angie hosted a full-school assembly, allowing the entire school to listen intently to her fascinating facts about the sport she participates in. Angie will be taking part in the London 2012 Olympic Games as a member of Team GB and is pictured below with 2 of her former teachers. We wish her luck and hope she wins medals as well as the rest of her team!
By Kate and Jasmeen.

Wheelie Bin Collection Changes Annoy Residents

Dear Sir,
On Friday we found a leaflet stuffed through our letterbox from Durham County Council advising us of changes to collections for our rubbish & recycling. I would like to quote two paragraphs of this letter: "A route risk assessment recently carried out revealed that the footways to the rear of your property are narrow, and on collection day when everyone presents their bin and box the footway is restricted so much that the crews are having to physically manoeuvre bins past others that are out for collection."

Our Health & Safety Officer has determined that continually manoeuvring bins using awkward postures could lead to muscular skeletal injuries. Further concerns are the distance that the crews have to pull bins which, in some cases is around 80 metres."

It has now been decided that because of these problems, they will no longer collect the bins from our back alleys, another problem being that the collection vehicle is causing obstructions to other road users because they have to park at school crossings etc.

I would like to know the real reason for this. We have lived in the same house for 29 years, and every week we have put our bin out, dustbins at first - which the binmen used to hoist onto their shoulders with no problems - and then later wheelie bins, which could be pushed or pulled - usually both by the now renamed refuse collectors - from our "narrow" alleys. Has this decision been determined by the ever increasing 'Compensation

Culture' which has made our whole country a laughing stock - and made all our solicitors very rich indeed?

A point I would also like to make is that what would happen if a tenant/houseowner injured him/herself whilst wheeling the bin down our 'too narrow' alley. Would we have a case for compensation? I'm sure that a time and motion study could be employed so

that the collection vehicles avoided being anywhere near schools at school start and end times, thus relieving a lot of congestion. I noticed that our particular vehicle arrived at our street at 3.10pm on Friday, at the busiest time for Woodham Primary School, thus causing said congestion.

That really could be avoided. After all, from 9.15am to 2.45pm the area is free. Our

particular road is also narrow with cars parked down one side, so the collection vehicle would cause an obstruction in the street at any time - made worse by the amount of bins they would have to stop and empty.

They also suggest that our bins should be brought to the front of our properties, which means bringing it through the house - not possible in our particular case - and I'm sure also in a lot of other property owners. The wheelie bin should be in the back garden, where the kitchen door is, as it is of more use there, as well as the recycling bin. Most people throw their rubbish out from the kitchen surely? A more important point is that wheelie bins left outside gates in the front of our properties, sometimes all day if the owners work, is surely a hazard to wheelchair users and pushchairs.

My husband phoned Mr Ashurst, the Refuse & Recycling Supervisor and after some discussion, it was agreed that we should wheel our bin to end of the alley onto Silkin Way on collection day. This is

fine for us but people further along our road will have quite a way to walk with theirs.

I really think that some more thought needs to be put to addressing these problems. Perhaps some sort of meeting with the householders, council and refuse collectors could maybe go far in solving this problem.

Just one further point, perhaps the "narrow" alleys could undergo some sort of upgrade, the surface of our particular one is full of pot holes etc which is a hazard to everyone. To my knowledge, there has never been any work carried out on them, perhaps since the houses were built way back in the 50's. Perhaps somebody could look into the cost of repairs and make them safer for everyone to walk down, not just refuse collectors.

Mrs Gillian Stevens
Marshall Road

EDITOR: This item has been placed on the agenda at the Great Aycliffe Residents' Association Public Meeting on Thursday 19th July in St. Mary's Church at 7pm. EVERYONE WELCOME.

UNKNOWN MAN SAVES LIFE OF TEENAGER & DOG



Photo of The Burn in flood sent by reader C. Baker

June 28th is a day many will remember for the torrential downpour and floods in Newton Aycliffe, but it was also a time Natalie Parker will never forget as the day her life was saved!

Natalie (19) was walking her Springer Spaniel "Benny" along the Burn that evening when her pet slipped into the fast flowing stream and was quickly swept away by the current.

Without thinking Natalie jumped in after him and with some difficulty managed to grab Benny before he was drowned, but the current was too strong for Natalie to get herself and her pet to the bank. She was stuck in the middle yelling for help and fearing for her life.

She shouted at a lady who was nearby to phone her Dad

while trying to remain clam and upright. Then a middle aged man appeared on the scene, another dog walker, who handed his pet to the lady while he dashed through the bushes to the river bank. He grabbed Benny first and then pulled Natalie to safety. He checked they were both ok and walked off as though nothing had happened.

"This man must not have realised how much danger we were in as I was really frightened for our lives. He was wonderful and I was so distressed I did not get his name. I want to thank him and let him know how grateful I am for coming to our rescue" said Natalie.

Bad Weather Spoils Events

Lots of events were called off during the recent bad weather. Among them was Byerley Park School's Summer Fayre which was scheduled to be held on 14th July and is now cancelled.

Shop's 3 Day Charity Event

Staff at Bon Marche are holding a 3 day event from 19th - 21st July in aid of Macmillan Care.

Staff will be in fancy dress and there will be a variety of fundraising activities. Any donations of unwanted goods for prizes will be gratefully accepted.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Neville Community Centre open a new Kurling Club for beginners, handicapped and blind on Monday 16th July from 1 - 3pm. The first session is free so give it a try. It is so simple to play and can be played sitting in a chair. We are happy to discuss any ideas for other new activities open to the public. We have excellent facilities including a kitchen and catering.

The Centre runs a weekly Books and Bric-a-brac Sale every Tuesday from 10-12 noon. Please help our funds by donating your unwanted items. The date for Presentation of Veterans medals has been fixed for 27th October at 3pm attended by the Deputy Lieutenant Col James Ramsbottom. Ring 313924 for details and application form.

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JUNIOR FC HOLD 15th PRESENTATION EVENING



NAJFC held their 15th Annual Presentation at our official home of Woodham Community Technology College on Saturday 30th June. Over 150 football players turned up throughout the day to be awarded individual participation trophies from their manager as a small recognition of their commitment throughout the season. All of the players looked smart in their formal club attire and took to the stage to collect their trophies. The stage looked better than ever this year with pop up banners purchased at a reduced cost from Newton Press. Woodham CTC has been particularly supportive of the club in allowing us to use their

indoor facilities to train and also have access to 9 pitches and during the presentation both Mr Morgan Assistant Headteacher and Mr Bickerdike Deputy Head both came along to support the day. As a small gesture took NAFJC presented to Mr Morgans a cheque of £500 and the club has received a thank-you from the school advising that this money will be set aside to invest in sports facilities.

A special thank you also to the committee members; Stuart Howe (Chairman), Michelle Acuna Ocana (Secretary), Mick Burnham (Treasurer), Nick Scott (Vice Chairman), Nigel Slatcher (Conduct Officer, Joe Petroczy (Parent

Helper) who were there to set up and oversee that the day was a great success. A special thanks also to Tina Greaves for organising and selling more of NAFJC grand raffle tickets which will be drawn on Friday 20th July and Vanessa Scott for producing 200 programmes to be sold on the day to raise more vital funds ready for the new season.

During the presentation the chairman Stuart Howe awarded both Jack Slatcher (17yrs) and Tom Brazzel (18yrs) the chairmans' award. Both played for NAFJC in their earlier years. Tom now helps to train the current under 13's. Jack was chosen for his commitment to football becoming an FA qualified referee and has given up his time to referee many of the NAFJC games. Jack will also be back playing football next season in the under 18' age group.

After the trophies were handed out a short DVD of each age groups seasons photos were shown. However there was one DVD that was extra special; Colin Coulthard (u15's manager/coach) had liaised with street kids in North Africa a charity that aims to give disadvantaged children who enjoy a game of football the chance to wear football strips something that previously they could only dream of.

Colin recieved this message "The lads sent their love to you. To me and the boys you gave it away for a worthy cause. With time, you will realise how much you are appreciated by the bunch. They send their love and I hope one day, your name will be written in my peoples history".

What a fantastic gesture and one which will become regular with all of our old strips sent out to help this worthy cause. NAFJC is a completely voluntary organisation and all of the committee, managers

and coaches dedicate hours of their free time in order for the players to train and play at competitive level. This alongside work and family commitments, so a massive thank you goes to each and every one of them.

Many thanks to all of the sponsors throughout this season Solaskylights (u8s), Shafto Way Garage (u9J), Dalton Construction & Aldermans (U9J) Ebac (u10), Braddon Structures & Baltic Recruitment (u11), supplymatchteachers.biz (u12), Ross & Wright (u13), Splat (u14) and for the forthcoming season; Beanies (u6), AC Door Systems (u8), AC Aluminium (u11), Bengal Lounge (u14), Honest John & Hayes Travel (u16) and Plasmor (u18).

Many thanks also to our local newspaper Newton News for their free coverage throughout the season. Looking forward to the 2012-2013 season whereby we have the development team moving up to u7's and competing in both the TJFA and Russell Foster League.

We also have a new under 18's team which will be an excellent addition and enable



children to continue in their football for a further two years and hopefully feed into adults clubs in the area. Under 9's and Under 12's require new players for the forthcoming season if your child is starting in Year 4 and Year 7 in September and wish to meet new friends, develop their footballing skills and play in competitive leagues then please contact the Club Secretary, Michelle on 07877 084831.



AYCLIFFE FUN DAY POSTPONED

The atrocious weather has put paid to a popular eagerly-awaited Fun Day in Newton Aycliffe this weekend.

Newton Aycliffe FC's summer extravaganza was due to take place at the club's Moore Lane Park ground, at Aycliffe Sports Club, this Sunday.

But after heavy rainfall in the last few days, and with Durham County Council issuing a severe weather warning for the weekend, the club have reluctantly decided to re-schedule the Fun Day for Sunday 19th August (11am-3pm).

Organiser Barry Waters said: "It's with great regret that

we've had to postpone the Fun Day, we were expecting hundreds of people to come through the gates so we're as disappointed as anyone.

"But common sense must prevail – the rainfall in the last few days is followed by a severe weather warning for the weekend will make it difficult and put people off going.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has helped, particularly Newton Press who printed our flyers and advertised the event free of charge.

"We've re-arranged it for later in August and, touch wood, we might get some decent summer weather by then."

Male & Female Models Wanted for Competition

Roots Hairdressers in the Leisure Centre are looking for the "Face of Roots 2012" as it enters the American Crew Photographic Competition and the British Hairdresser of the Year awards.

They are casting male and female models on Monday 16th July with a free Photoshoot on Wednesday 19th when the Salon has a special evening with Mark Bailey from London.

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Local Polo Team Finish 5th

Sedgefield Water Polo Club made their annual visit to the Manchester Water Polo Festival at the Aquatic Centre. This is the biggest tournament in the country with 30 teams entered in the two age groups of under 14 and under 16. Last year Sedgefield managed to become the first team ever to win both age groups at the same time. Sedgefield under 14's made an excellent start in their 7 team group beating Bolton School 6-1 and then progressed with wins over CWM Draig from Wales 10-2, Rotherham 9-1, Royton from Manchester 5-4, Watford 7-3, Castleford 7-3 to the semi finals. They were playing the Welsh Champions Welsh Wanderers from Cardiff who were expected to be a tough game. However Sedgefield started at a very high tempo and quickly over whelmed the Welsh team to win 10-2. In the final they faced the runners up from their group Bolton School who they had already beaten 6-1.



However this game was very different as Sedgefield struggled to impose themselves on Bolton. Some poor defensive work saw Sedgefield chasing the game and found themselves a goal behind with a minute to go but then Sedgefield's leading goal scorer John Pratt came up with two great goals for Sedgefield to squeeze home 7-6 to retain the trophy from last year. This was a great effort by the young Sedgefield team winning all 8 games over 9 hours. John Pratt 13 was the tournament's leading goal scorer for the second year running with 28 goals, however Jake Plant 13 was voted player of the tournament for Sedgefield for his tireless display. Kristopher Egginton 12, Michael Cousins 12 and Connor Keeble 11 all performed admirably scoring goals and defending really tightly. Terri Millington and Emily Pilkington 13 gave excellent defensive displays. Goalkeepers Simeran Kang 13 and Luke Curley showed

great potential for the future with some important saves. Ben Stephenson and Michael Hampshire both only 10 performed admirably to play an important part in the Sedgefield triumph. The Sedgefield coaches were Richard Cousins and Greg Barker. Sedgefield's under 16 team started at a high pace with convincing wins in their 6 group games against Welsh Wanderers, Sheffield, Royton, Falkirk, Chester and Tyldsley. In their quarter final they played Watford but unfortunately some poor referee decisions and a failure to take their chances saw Sedgefield lose 3-1, a disappointing end to their tournament finishing 5th from 14 teams after further victories over Tyldsley and Carlisle. The Sedgefield under 16 team was Richie Howe, Josh Lowther, Frazer Roe, Abbi Turnbull, Holly Short, Simon Howe, Ben Turnbull, Adam Courtley, James Pratt and Joe Barker. Coach was Scott Carpenter.

Children's Summer Activities at the Library

Rainbow Fish – Tuesday 24th July 2-3pm
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Jungle Book Craft & Story – Thursday 30th August 10.30-11.30am
In addition to the crafts there will also be other activities taking place, such as a quiz and various competitions for various age groups. Come along and join in the fun. Please contact the library on 01325 or call in for more details. There will be a small charge of 50p per child per event. Places must be booked in advance.

Aycliffe F.C. Ready For Sunderland Match

Newton Aycliffe FC are gearing up for another record crowd next week, with Premier League giants Sunderland visiting Moore Lane Park. Club officials have met with representatives from the local police and council to make sure the game goes ahead smoothly next Friday night July 20 7.30pm kick-off. Aycliffe FC have been proactive in trying to ensure minimal disruption to nearby

residents and are keen to make sure everyone enjoys the occasion. They're expecting a huge crowd for Sunderland's first-ever visit to Aycliffe, with hopes they can exceed their record attendance of 1,307 for previous pre-season friendlies against Darlington. Aycliffe Council are helping to provide additional parking on the field adjacent to Aycliffe Sports Club, while more than a dozen police officers are expected to be on hand to make sure traffic flows smoothly. Chairman Gary Farley said: "A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to secure this prestigious game first of all, followed by lots of preparations to make sure everything goes smoothly. "We're now all looking forward to what should be a special occasion for the town, as well as an historic match. "Additional parking for this match will undoubtedly help, but fans can also help by grouping together in cars wherever possible, getting lifts or taxis, and by giving yourself plenty of time. "We're expecting a huge crowd, possibly our biggest yet, so we'd ask everyone to come as early as possible to avoid any potential delays getting into the ground." Admission to the Sunderland game next Friday night is £5 adults and £3 concessions (Over-65s & Under-16s), with kick-off 7.30pm. Aycliffe FC had to postpone their annual Summer Fun Day last Sunday, due to the bad weather. It has been re-arranged for Sunday 19th August. www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Running for the Hospice

Dear Sir,
I have decided to do the Great North Run this year (aged 59 and three quarters), and thought I might as well try and raise some money for a good cause at the same time. I have already paid for my place, so any money raised will go to Butterwick Hospice. Like so many other people, I've seen for myself (unfortunately), what a useful role the Hospice plays, and how dedicated the staff, and volunteers are. To maintain their excellent standards, they need to constantly raise money through donations, and fundraising events. If you can spare a pound or two, please go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/Dave-Catleugh> Thankyou to those who have already given something.
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Councillor Fails to Reveal Accounts

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We are now led to believe the accounts are with another independent auditor. Mrs

Gray and myself are not interested as to who are writing up the accounts, but would just like to see them. Mrs Bowman must stop diverting our attention and also stop dictating she will only produce the accounts to Mrs Gray and not to me. Mrs Bowman cannot keep fobbing us off.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Persuant to the Localism Act 2011 (Section 28(12))

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

1. GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL at its meeting on the 13th June 2012 adopted a Code of Conduct pursuant to Section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011.

2. Copies of the Code are available at the following location for inspection by members of the public during office hours or on our website (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe Co. Durham. (Telephone 01325 300700)

Dated: 1st July 2012

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15th July 2012

To our gorgeous girls. All the best. Love, Mam, Dad and Brother Chris xxx

Birthday Remembrance

KATIE ELLIS ANDERSON

To some you are forgotten, to others just part of the past, but to your Mammy and Daddy who loved you, your memory will always last. Happy 1st birthday to our darling baby Daughter who was born sleeping on 19th July 2011. How can a whole year have passed without us seeing your beautiful face or touching your perfect little fingers? Mammy and Daddy have missed you more than words can say and it has broken our hearts into a million pieces waking up every day without you. You truly were our perfect miracle angel Katie, who we will miss and love always. Happy birthday Sweetheart xxx

KATIE ELLIS ANDERSON You are one of Heaven's Angels now, a perfect little star and when you shine the world can see how beautiful you are and though our hearts are broken and your life was far too short, we thank you sweetest angel for the happiness you brought. To our beautiful Granddaughter Katie on your first birthday away from us. Love you always, from your Nana and Grandad Ellison. Sleep tight little one xxx

KATIE ELLIS ANDERSON 19-7-2011. Happy birthday dearest Katie, we wish you were here to celebrate with us your first birthday. We think of you always and will never forget our beautiful Granddaughter who we fleetingly met. Love, Grandma and Grandad xxx

KATIE ELLIS ANDERSON Happy birthday little one, up to Heaven we send our love. A year's gone by, it's hard to believe. We saw you yesterday, so so it seems. Our love for you still grows and grows, an unchanging love, a constant flow. This day you burn within our hearts, a little miracle from the start. We'll light a candle in your name, and sing that birthday song the same. But we will sing it to the sky, for you are alive, you did not die. Happy 1st birthday Katie. From Auntie Simone, Uncle Steven and Cousin Joshua

In Memoriam

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a loving Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

LAWRENCE BRUMWELL Died 15th July 1987. Always remembered and forever loved. God bless. Jeannette, Owen and Carl

Dolci Llorenna Cowens



Happy 9th Birthday Babs

Hope you have a lovely day with plenty of surprises. Have a good time this weekend my special girl, lots of love, Mam.

Happy 9th Birthday

To our special girl. You are beautiful inside and out. We are very proud of you love you all the world, Nana Vera and Granda Trevor.

Happy Birthday Dolci

have a fantastic day. Love Auntie Jo, Uncle Wayne, big Cuz Romie.

Happy Birthday

to our gorgeous cuz. Love you loads, all your Cousins

Happy Birthday Darling

have a lovely day. Love you always, all Aunties and Uncles.

Happy Birthday Darling to the most precious girl in the world. Lots of love from Great Nana Edith and Great Nana Cathy.

Anne Firth



Happy 50th Birthday
Got you from a distance
Love, Julie and Ed

MAGUIRE, Matthew Lee. Happy 21st Son. Hope you have a brilliant birthday. Love you loads, Mam, Ian, Alex, Jordan and Hannah

TOMMY PALMER Dad and Granda. Happy 65th Birthday. Love from Craig, Julie, Charley and Lexi xxx Hope you had a good holiday.

TOMMY PALMER Happy 65th birthday. Love from Jean, Gary and Susan xxx

ARRON and LAURA Congratulations on turning 21, hope you enjoy your party. Lots of love Dad, Caz, Anth, Kieran and the rest of the Gaskarth family xx

AIMEE NEWTON Congratulations on your graduation and on achieving your teaching post. All our love, Dad, Diane and Sophie xxx

EMILY FARLOW Teenager at last. Have a lovely 13th birthday Emily. Love, Grandma and Grandad

SAM LOUISE TELFORD Happy 18th birthday to a wonderful Son and Brother. Enjoy your day. Love always, Mam, Dad, Liam and Alfie xxx
SAM TELFORD Happy 18th birthday. Love and best wishes always, Gran and all the family

Niall Irwin



Happy 6th Birthday on 12th July 2012

Happy birthday to our gorgeous Son. You are our world. Love, Mam, Dad, Gran, Grandad, the cats and all the family xxxxx

Rebecca Ellen Harcus

SWEET 16!

Happy birthday angel.

Have a great party!

Lots of love,
Dad, Sharon,
Scott, Jill, Will,
Sadie, Rhys, Dean,
Emma, Maddox,
Baby Zane, Kelly,
Gary and Buddy
xxxx



Bailey Reay



Happy 1st Birthday

Wishing our gorgeous boy a happy first birthday. Lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Brother Mason, Granny & Grandad Reay, Aunti Julie, Uncle Mark, Kayleigh, Markie, Auntie Tracey and Uncle Jason xxx

Emily Farlow



Happy 13th Birthday

A teenager at last! Have a lovely birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Chloe

John & Doreen Hennessey



Golden Wedding

14th July 2012
Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary, with love and all our best wishes to a great Brother and his Wife, from Anne & Peter, Jane, Neil & Luke and Philip, Ashleigh & Dougie. We hope you have many more happy years together. Enjoy your day!

Morgan David Collier



Happy 13th Birthday

16th July
Lots of love,
Mam, Chris, Nan and Grandad Arthur xxx

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

LAMBTON 10K

On a grey June morning 4 members of Aycliffe Running Club lined up for the 2nd Lambton 10K. After a torrential downpour before the start of the race the air was still humid and infused with the smell of wet soil.

The majority of the multi-terrain race was routed through the forest of Lambton's Estate. The course was different from last year in that it went in the opposite direction, had lots of twists, turns and undulations of various gradients and kept you wondering what was coming next. Gravel paths were riddled with potholes, roads were slippery from a combination of water and leaf-litter and the short bursts of grass were soft and muddy. Although challenging it was a good scenic course.

First home for Aycliffe was Gary Minns in 49:53 followed by Trish Kay 50:18,

Penny Johnson 51:44 and Tracey Warrior 55:50.

CROFT 10K

There was a great turnout from Aycliffe Running Club for the Pitstop 10K held at Croft circuit on the evening of Wednesday 4th July. The course was 3 laps of the circuit and although there had been a lot of rain it stopped before the race began and the weather was very humid. There was good support for the runners, particularly from friends and family of Darlington Harriers and Quakers running clubs. First home for Aycliffe was Tom Porter 41:56 followed by Matt Heron 42:03, Peter Smith 42:13, Nigel Holmes 46:48, Dean Barclay 47:20 and Gary Minns 48:20. Ladies captain Kelly Smith led the ladies home in 48:24 followed by Trish Kay 51:12. Other times included Paul Upton 49:55,

Rob Nicholson 51:16,

Stephen Smith 51:57, Simon Robinson 53:30. Shelley McCormack achieved a new PB of 53:40 and was followed by Dave Mackenzie 54:06, Tracey Warrior 55:38 and, making good progress after injury, Elaine Morgan in 60:59.

Learn to Play Baseball

A Junior Baseball Academy will be starting soon at Shildon Athletics Track with Newton Aycliffe Spartans Learn-Basic hand/eye coordination Fitness Training Batting skills Team building/confidence Take part in local and National Competitions. For further info contact John Johnston on 07593951879 or email john@newtonaycliffe.spartans.co.uk

A Baseball/Softball Camp has been arranged for Saturday 4th August Shildon Athletics Track and Sunday 5th August -Horndale Field, Greenfield with an Inter camp game on second day. Both days 10.00am-4.00pm for ages 6-16yrs £25 for both days, please bring a packed lunch and hydration. Coaches are fully qualified and CRB checked. Please register with John Johnston.



SPARTANS DOUBLE DEFEAT



Newton Aycliffe Spartans are still looking for their first win in the British Baseball Federation North League AA Division following a double defeat to Manchester Torrent

last Sunday.

Spartans were glad to have a home fixture after weeks of postponements due to the weather and even then were forced to switch the games

from their home diamond at Horndale Avenue to Shildon Leisure Centre. It was perhaps fitting with all this wet weather this summer that Spartans should be facing a team called 'Torrent'.

The first game saw the visitors take control early on the back of some impressive hitting and aggressive base-running. Spartans struggled to gain any momentum and soon Manchester were out of sight racking up 25 runs to the Spartans' 2 when the game was called finished after 5 innings.

The second game was a much closer affair than even the score-line suggests. Spartans quickly found themselves 13-2 down after 3 innings however the Spartans' bats then came alive with Stu Bradon and Mike Holton both hitting home runs. Despite the final 19-10 score in favour

of the team from the North West, the Spartans can take some comfort that they scored double digit runs and took the opposition to the full 7 innings for the first time this season.

This Sunday, the Spartans are at home again, with the league leading Sheffield Bladerunners the visitors. First pitch is a 12pm and the Spartans would welcome anyone come along and support the North East's only baseball team.

Anyone interested in joining the Spartans are invited to join them at their weekly training sessions. First 'taster' session is always free. These are held every Thursday evening (weather permitting) from 6pm until dusk at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College, Newton Aycliffe. www.facebook.com/aycliffespartans; @naspartans

WOODHAM OPENS SPORTS ACADEMY



On Tuesday evening, over one hundred young people and their parents attended the launch of Woodham Sports Academy which will offer high-quality coaching opportunities to elite athletes in a range of sports. These include football, dance, basketball, American football, cricket, gymnastics, softball, table tennis and swimming. Coaching will be delivered by Woodham's award-winning Physical Education department, Premier Player Football Academy and in partnership with Durham County Cricket Board, Durham Wildcats, Newton Aycliffe Spartans and the British American Football Association. Former Woodham students, Jason Steele (Middlesbrough FC) and Ross Turnbull (Chelsea FC) are ambassadors.

Membership of Woodham Sports Academy will be open to all students at Woodham Academy subject to selection in some sports. Members will be required to meet strict academic criteria in terms of achievement, attendance and discipline.

Headteacher, Christine Forsyth says "Those who take part in competitive sports often do better academically. Sport gives a structure to learning that can help in any subject. Our aim is for athletes to aspire and achieve, not just in their chosen sport, but in all aspects of their lives at Woodham and beyond".

Coaches in the photograph are Andy Collett, formerly of Middlesbrough and Darlington and Neil Maddison, formerly of Southampton and Middlesbrough, coaching at Woodham Sports Academy.

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