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Great Aycliffe Town Council has been recognised as an Investor in People organisation, after achieving the Standard in April 2005.

The Town Council embraces a commitment to the training and development of employees and all Councillors. Councillor Malcolm Iveson, Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, commented, "The Council is fully committed to developing workforce and member skills in order to meet its aims and objectives. The Council has implemented a training and development programme and it will continually evaluate that programme to ensure that its workforce has the most up-to-date skills to deliver excellent service to the community of Great Aycliffe."

Ruth Snellman, Chief Executive of Investors in People UK, comments, "Putting people development at the heart of every function is the most cost-effective decision a business can ever make. Employees are central to business success, so it is vital for staff to be skilled, flexible and motivated. This can be achieved through



planned and consistent training and development." Mike Rice, Town Clerk, added "The Council has demonstrated its commitment to the development of its employees and those employees have worked hard to meet the Investors in People Standard. We do not intend to rest on our laurels and we recognise the need to continue with the

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Head Coach of the team and PE teacher at Woodham, Jon Tait said "This is a magnificent achievement for all the players and coaches who have worked so hard to become English Champions. It was truly fantastic to see the level of determination, attitude and commitment of all the players on the team that made us worthy champions. It was wonderful to play on our home territory to become UK Champions and hopefully progress to the European Championships later this summer."

Following on from the team success, Jon has been appointed Team England Head Coach. Stuart Mackay, National Director of American Football was so impressed with Jon's organisation of the American Football at Woodham that he offered him the post which involves taking full responsibility for the Team England Programme.

Jon further told us "It has come as a wonderful surprise to be given the full responsibility of such a prestigious post. I am extremely excited at the prospect of managing and coaching my country and can't wait to get started. This is truly the icing on the cake for me, following on from the Woodham Warriors UK Final win last weekend. It adds weight to the fact that we are now one of the leading schools and organisations in junior American football in this country". Well done to the entire team and to Jon on their successes.

Team Photo - left to right:

Elliott Holt, Chris Barber, James Brown, Craig Tumelty, Jon Tait (Head Coach), Daniel Lerner, Darren Newton, Danny Ketch (Coach)



HYDRO HOSTS 'ANGELS'

A special open day event is being held this weekend, the 60th anniversary of VE Day, to commemorate the important work of female workers at one of the region's largest wartime munitions factories.

Newton Aycliffe-based plastics company, Hydro Polymers, has joined forces with the Home Front Recall Fund and Greenfield Arts and Community Centre to commemorate the memory of the 'Aycliffe Angels' with an open day for former 'angels' this Sunday.

Hydro Polymers is located on the site of the former Aycliffe Royal Ordnance Factory in Newton Aycliffe - where the Angel's worked during the war. A specially designed sculpture commemorating the Angels will be unveiled on Sunday and visitors will take a step back in time to re-visit their past.

The project team has also developed a schools education pack and drama project with pupils at Greenfield. The pupils will be running a 'story workshop' throughout the day.

Around 17,000 women worked at the Aycliffe factory between 1941 and 1945. It was a filling and assembly plant, where women put powder into shells and assembled detonators and fuses.

Around 100 former Angels, and their family and friends, will be attending the open day at Hydro this Sunday May 8th, 2005 between 10am and 12pm.

Disability Initiative

Options are a local project for adults with learning and physical disabilities. The project offers a variety of activities including outreach, fitness sessions, adult education, life skills courses, I.T, arts and crafts, trips out and holidays.

The groups also benefit from supportive staff and volunteers who help to develop members confidence and self-esteem. The members are all from the County Durham area. Options members always have great FUN whatever they do.

If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering for Options, please contact Karen Cole or Lynne Fothergill at Options, 01325 321234.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 20th April 2005

Full Council - 7.15pm

Wednesday 11th May 2005

Parish Meeting 7.14pm followed by AGM - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for the public to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked.

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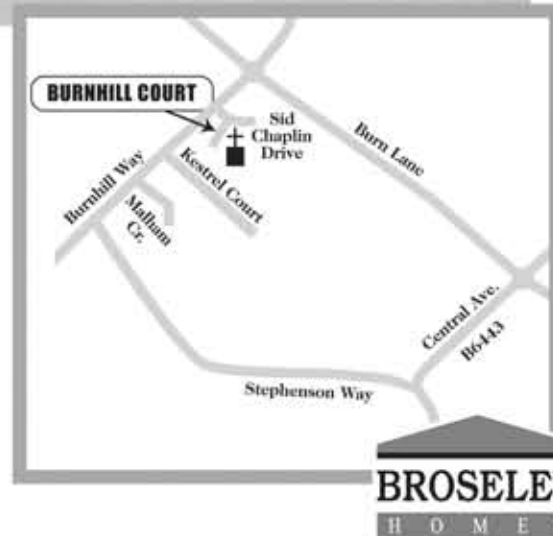
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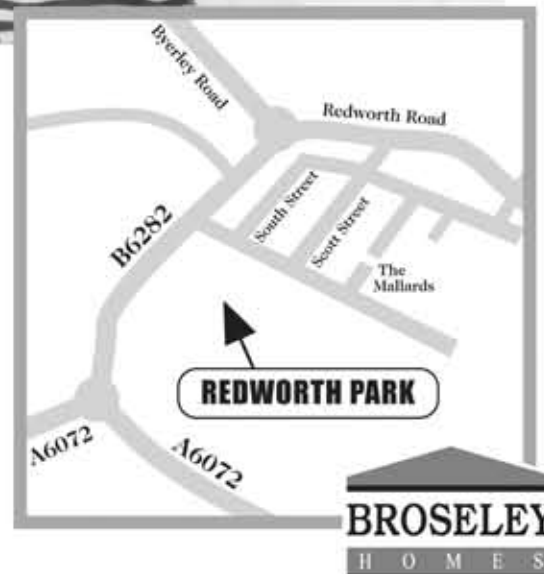
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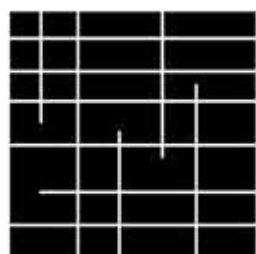
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Letters to the Editor

Town Centre Park Dog Fouling

Dear Sir,
With reference to the above subject. May I advise you of the following information which may

help to explain the current situation regarding dogs in the park.

The Council has applied to the Government department, DEFRA, for dog byelaws for the new park. The byelaws will control two things:

- 1) Dogs will be excluded from the play area, teen zone and football area
- 2) Dogs must be kept on leads in all other areas of the park.

The Council cannot apply for dog fouling byelaws, as these already exist in Sedgfield Borough and are enforced by Sedgfield Borough Council (including all parks and other areas in Newton Aycliffe). These provide essential byelaws and penalties for non-compliance, in particular for not picking up dog dirt. The wardens in the park are park wardens, funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council but provided and trained by Sedgfield Borough Council.

In a particular case in a letter, to Newton News it appears the correspondent complied with the general byelaws regarding dog fouling. The warden was incorrect if he said there is a byelaw not allowing dogs on grassed areas.

Unfortunately I am unable to identify from the letter the grassed area referred to, however I would like to state it would be preferable if dogs are not taken to a public park to relieve themselves, in particular formal grassed areas where children may be sitting or playing.

The warden is correct in that dog dirt does cause a hazard to the park staff when mowing the grass if it is not picked up in its entirety. It cannot be guaranteed that dogs do not foul areas, but if it is picked up that is certainly complying with the current byelaws.

A. Bailey
Director of Leisure and Environment
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HEIGHINGTON FUN WEEKEND

The picturesque village of Heighington is holding a weekend of fun and celebrations to raise much-needed funds for a recreation playground for the local children. This weekend kicks off on Thursday 12th May 2005 until Saturday 14th May with a traditional village fun fair featuring Alice in Wonderland Rides, Hook a Duck, Candy Floss, Coconut Shy's, Knock down the cans, Fantastic Funtasia Funhouse etc.

On the village green there will be face painting, balloon modelling, hair braiding, cake stall, bric a brac and toy stall. This event will start at 6.00pm on the weeknights and 12.00 noon on the Saturday.

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"The trouble is we can't find those people and it is a shame, because we can offer them an excellent package including first class training on and off site," said Tony whose company produced the "Apprentice of the Year" and has won many top Regional and National Awards.

The current workforce is 43 and ALM is committed to quality training, currently employing the highest ratio of apprentices in Co. Durham, working closely with South West Durham Training Agency at Aycliffe.

The Company's growth has been constant and demand for their service is high, but despite shift work and long hours of overtime they still have need for more staff.

Tony told Newton News of his ambitions for the company and how he would like to offer good job opportunities to the right people.

"We don't employ cheap labour and we are a good firm to work for with excellent staff benefits. It is not hard work but we do expect loyalty and

flexibility in return", said Tony. Keith Smith of Woodham has worked at ALM for over 4 years, has been promoted a number of times and his current responsibility is customer liaison. "I would encourage anyone to work for ALM as it offers good prospects to those people who have the right work ethic" said Keith.

Jo Longley, about to be married to Christopher, is from School Aycliffe and has just been appointed Office Manager. She told Newton News she was very happy working for a family business with a friendly caring attitude towards staff. "This Company is really going places" said Jo. Tony was born in Ingleton and is married to Lesley and they have two children. Lesley was a Florist in Barnard Castle and now the children are

old enough she has returned to work at ALM in Human Resources and would be happy to receive job applications from those who would fit in with the team.

Tony enjoys car rallying in his Mitsubishi Group 'N' Saloon and has figured prominently in National Competitions. It could be said he shows the same drive and determination in his working life and his undoubted management skills will continue to bring success to ALM.



Tony Thompson

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WOODHAM TECH STUDENTS IN TALENTSTAR SEMI-FINALS

A fantastic range of class acts from Woodham Community Technology College took part in the semi-finals of talentSTAR 2005, including Year 7 solo drummer Josh West, Year 12 solo singer Sabrina Brett, Year 10 Band Sound Attic and the Urban Rhythm Dance Group.

talentSTAR and Genius Entertainment held the first semi-final heat of their live music audition extravaganza at the Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday April 21st. Supported by the Princes Trust and Northern Arts, talentSTAR is a show which gives up and coming singers, dancers and musicians the chance to perform in front of a live audience and also some representatives from the music industry. Performing against very stiff opposition, the Woodham acts were outstanding but not lucky enough to be selected for the final. However, there are still 9 acts to be selected as the best of the rest after all the semi finals have been judged, so there may still be an opportunity to see some

Woodham talent in the final to be held on Sunday 26th June at the Journal Tyne Theatre, Newcastle. Well done to all the musicians from schools and colleges across the county, and especially to the Woodham performers. We are keeping our fingers crossed that there may be a Woodham finalist.



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Cadets from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Training Corps had a very successful day at the annual Durham/Northumberland wing athletics championships at Monkton Stadium in Jarrow.

The cadets won many individual medals and each of the teams were placed in the top three for their age groups with the senior girls winning their group. The squadron won the overall trophy which was presented to the team by Wing Commander Harris. The medal winning cadets will go on to represent the Wing at the North Region Championships in May.

Council Co-option

Former County Councillor J. G. Dormer was co-opted onto Great Aycliffe Town Council to fill the vacancy in the Aycliffe Village Ward at the Council meeting held on 20th April 2005.

Teenager to Attempt Six Mile Lake Swim



Last year at the age of 12 Cara Lawson swam Wykeham Lake in Scarborough (2 miles) winning the trophy for best newcomer. Cara then completed the length of Lake Bala in North Wales (3 miles) in temperatures as low as 59 degrees. Cara then completed Derwentwater in the lakes (2 miles) before ending the season winning a 1 mile swim at Kings Lynn. During these swims Cara just wears a normal costume as wet suits are not allowed and has to compete with winds and rough waters on occasions.

This year Cara is due to compete at Wykeham Lake on June 11th, Rivington near Bolton (2 miles) on June 25th, Lake Bala (3 miles) on July 10th, Derwentwater (2 miles) on July 30th and an attempt on swimming Coniston (6 miles) on September 4th before rounding off the season at Kings Lynn (1 mile) on the 10th September. Cara lives in Newton Aycliffe, attends Woodham and trains under the guidance of John Moore at Sedgefield 75 Swim Club. She deserves great credit for her achievements last year which will be further enhanced if she completes Coniston this year at the age of 13.

Over £600 Raised

The Oaks Centre would like to thank everyone who attended the Charity Night at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 16th April 2005.

It was a fantastic night enjoyed by everyone. The money raised on the night was £613.96. A big thank you to the Zephyrs, also the bar staff who worked voluntarily, the staff at the Oaks and Mr and Mrs Pickard who contributed to the buffet.

A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Tucker who donated a £100 cheque on Mrs Tucker's birthday and computer equipment. The money raised is for the project to install a sensory room at the Oaks Centre.

We will be arranging further events in the near future. Your help in this would be extremely grateful.
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Thanks

PHYLLIS HEARD Debra and Paul Dunn sincerely thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their kind expression of sympathy, letters, cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes received during their recent sad loss of Debra's Mam, Phyllis. A special thank you to the Rev Linda Potter from St. Clare's Church for a truly comforting service and the care and professionalism shown by Penny of John Meynell Funeral Directors. **LANFEAR** 22nd April. Margaret would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and cards on the sad loss of George. Also thanks to Dr. Roberts and District Nurses Julie and Stephanie of Pease Way Medical Centre. Thanks also to carers and McMillan Nurse Jill. Thanks also to Cooperative Funeral Service and Minister Brian Swallow.

ALLISON SARAH (Sally) would like to thank my family and friends for all the lovely flowers and presents received on my 50th birthday. My sister and nieces, members of the RBL Women's section and the surprise party by niece Maureen and my friends Jenny

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JODEY SLATER 4.5.91 Thinking of my beautiful Granddaughter on her 14th birthday. Always in my heart. God Bless. Love, Nanna xx
JODEY SLATER, 4th May, happy birthday. Always in my thoughts. Lots of love, Auntie Mavis xx

Obituary

IN LOVING MEMORY of Ellen Carr who passed away on 22.4.05. Bob and the family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the following whose help and support has been invaluable: Dr. Scott, McMillan Nurse Jill, District Nurses Julie, Stephanie, Kate and Audrey, the SHARP team esp. Leruane and Pam, the Marie Curie Cancer Care esp. Diane, David and Tracy and many more including Revd Davis, Dr. Truby (DMH) and the Nurses from DMH, UCC and Sedgefield.
GOWLAND VERNIE April 30th. Loving Dad of Michael and Paul, Father-in-law of Elizabeth, Grandad of Neil. Service at St. Clare's Church Monday 9th May at 9.45am.

In Memoriam

DAVID BLEWITT Dad, a dear Dad and Grandad who loved his beer and grub. We miss you so much everyday, especially down the pub. Diane and Simon xx
GRANDAD You're our Angel over a rainbow. Love you always, Daniel, Georgia and Ariel xx
DAVID BLEWITT died 5th May 2004. One year since you left me, and the pain goes on. I.W.L.Y.T.T.D.E.A.T.C.C.H.O.S "Moggy"
SUE ANDERSON 5.5.03 always in our thoughts. Love, Carol and Alan xx
DENNIS SCOTT 4-5-2003 Time will never ease the pain of losing you. Forever in our hearts. Love always, Elaine, Amy and Elenia xx
SUE ANDERSON 5th May 2003. We think about you everyday, we miss you since you went away. Love always, Christine, David and family xx
LESLIE SWINTON died 5th May 1997. Because you can't be here with me I hope that you still know I miss you more than any words of mine could ever show. If only I'd have thanked you for everything you'd done, but before I had the chance, you'd closed your eyes then were gone. Was this the only thing you had you couldn't let me share, or did you know leaving would be just too much to bear. I know I had to say goodnight for just one final time, I just wish I would have told you sooner, no one had a husband like mine. Your loving wife, Jean xx God Bless
LESLIE SWINTON died 5th May 1997. There is a special person Lord resting in your care. If you look around your garden, you will see Dad sitting there. Put your arms around him Lord and give Dad a great big hug and tell Dad we miss him so much and give him over love. Sons, Gary and John
GEORGE MEREDITH 4.5.96 Treasured memories of a much loved Husband, Dad and Granddad. Nine years have passed, but it seems like only yesterday. Always remembered, Sadie and all the family xx

Congratulations

TONY DURHAM All my love to a wonderful husband on our first wedding anniversary. Lots of love always, Julie xx
CARL SIM Congratulations on passing your driving test love Tania and Mick
HOWEY Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary to a very special couple, Michael and Tania. Only 49 years to go for your golden one, you'll do it no problem. Love from, Mam, Den, Paul, Ste and Natalie xx
P.S Happy 27th birthday for today Mick (Friday) Love you loads, Mam xx
HAPPY 1st Wedding Anniversary Mick and Tania. All our love, Rachael and Kieran xx
JENNY TARVIT Happy birthday Mam. Lots of love from all the family xx
HAPPY 13th birthday Leanne Maughan. Love from, Mam, Dad, Colin, Grandma and Grandad xx
TIA LEONI MADDISON 5th May Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xx
PETER McCULLAGH Hip hip hooray its Grandad's birthday today. Lots of love and kisses, Matthew and Jamie xx
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RYMAN - DIXON Congratulations to Yvonne and Paul on the birth of Annabell Lorna, born 2nd May at Darlington Memorial Hospital. She weighs a healthy 7lbs 6oz. Congratulations from, both families xx
TARA & CARL Congratulations on the birth of little Olii. We are dead proud of you both. All our love, Tania and Michael xx
B R A N D O N - L E E Congratulations on becoming a big brother. Lots of love, Auntie Tania and Uncle Michael xx
OLLI ROSS SIM Congratulations on the birth of our beautiful boy 7lb 6oz. Both Tara and Olii are fit and healthy. Love, Daddy xxx
BALDWIN Vikki, Stu and Katie-Mai congratulations on the birth of your beautiful little girl Zara born 28.4.05. Love, Glyn and Chris xxx
CONGRATULATIONS Lisa and Keith on the birth of a wonderful baby girl on 2.05.05. Love and best wishes from, Mam, Danny, Natalie, Scott and Jarney Levi
LANGSLEY-WALKER Nycola and Stuart congratulations on the safe (but late) arrival of Emily Grace 5lb 10 1/2 oz. All our love from both families xx

Shakira Chloe Palmer



Happy 3rd Birthday
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To a special little girl who brings so much happiness. Hope you have a great birthday and enjoy your party. All my love, hugs and kisses. Love, Mammy and David xxx

Emma Perry



Happy 13th Birthday
Love from Mam, Paul, Nana, Granda and Todd xxx

Jimmy Toal



Happy Birthday Dad
Love from Cath, Gary and Marc
Happy Birthday Grandad
Lots and lots of love, James and Brandon
Congratulations
Jimmy Toal, 50 on 10th May. Happy birthday "Whole lotta love" Teressa

Hayley Anne Hetherington



Happy 21s Birthday
To the most special niece and cousin, happy 21st birthday Hayley. Love, Auntie Tracy, Sian, Rachel and Declan xxx

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You are the most precious person to me. You are not just my daughter, but also my best friend. Happy 21st birthday sweetheart. Love you. Mam and Sam xxx

Tia-Leoni Maddison



Happy 1st Birthday
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My message of sympathy is intended for the parents of such louts as I feel that their children are in urgent need of psychiatric help if this is their only form of recreation! I also feel sorry for the louts, especially as their attack was caught on camera and I hope that they will shortly be called to answer for their actions by the Police.
F.C. RIDLEY, Head Teacher

Aycliffe Scouts at St. George's Day Parade



As many readers will know, 23rd April was St. George's Day. Whilst many know him as the Patron Saint of England, what is less well known is that Baden-Powell dedicated Scouting to him - thus good old St. George is also the Patron Saint of Scouting (& Guiding). For many years, Scout Groups have made their yearly pilgrimage to local churches on the nearest Sunday, to pay respects to the dragon slayer. This year Aycliffe Scout Group added to the masses by attending the Area Parade in Hexham. The streets were awash with children marching their way up to the Abbey, traffic was stopped by the friendly (& very helpful) local constabulary. People stopped in the streets to watch and the occasional onlooker had to be reminded of the significance of the whole event. Most stood and reminisced about bygone days when they too marched for England and St. George!

The children enjoyed an excellent service by the Abbey's Vicar - who engaged them with facts about the founder Baden-Powell, and that All of Scouting started 4 miles further up the road in a field called 'look wide' (older scouts will understand the significance). All in all, a marvellous day out. Anyone wishing to join the group as a Beaver, Wolf Cub or Scout, should come along to Aycliffe Village Hall on a Monday or Thursday evening for further information, or call 07704 553011.

Don't ask what the pointing is about... Julian Lenahan (Scout Master)

Youth Led Worship

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