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Hydro Plan
Energy Project

Hydro Polymers has announced plans to install on-site wind turbines as part of a renewable energy project to generate its own electricity. Hydro is proposing the installation of two 250kW wind turbines on its site at Newton Aycliffe as part of a long standing company commitment to sustainable development. The two turbines will have a combined electrical output of 500kW (0.5 megawatts) and the electricity generated will be fed directly into the company's electricity supply, reducing the need for the company to import power from the National Grid and reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas. Dr. Jason Leadbitter, said: "The proposed turbines would be some of the smallest models currently available, with a total height to the tips of the blades of 48 metres. "The choice of this type of turbine means that these structures effectively merge within the existing industrial skyline, minimising their visibility from outside the site." The company will be submitting a planning application to Sedgfield Borough Council. It is anticipated that the two turbines could be installed by the end of this year or early 2006. Local residents are being formally notified of the company's plans by letter. Hydro Polymers Newton Aycliffe site employs 400 people in the manufacture of PVC and houses Europe's largest single site compounding operation. The project is being managed for Hydro Polymers by renewable energy consultancy TNEI Services Ltd.

SUMMER FAIR

St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village are holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 25th June from 2pm. Free admission, Aycliffe Village Hall. Crime Prevention, questions answered by Community Policeman. At 2.30pm judging of the children's competition. A Garden on a plate (12 years and under) At 3.00pm - Grand raffle draw.

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FAMILY
HISTORY

At the next meeting of the Society on 29th June Mr L. Jobson from Richmond will give a talk entitled "Flying Boat to Ceylon", everyone is welcome. We meet in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. Car Parking and refreshments are free. Please contact Mr Eric Musgrave, Chairman, on 01325 315538 for further details.

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In accordance with Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986, the said vacancy shall be filled by election, if within fourteen days (computed in accordance with Rule 2) after the publication of this notice (the date of publication shall be 24th June 2005), ten electors for the electoral area give notice in writing of their request for such an election to the Returning Officer, Sedgfield Borough Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, Co. Durham DL16 6JQ. For this purpose, blank forms of notice may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the address at the foot of this notice or from the Returning Officer (Sedgfield Borough Council).

In the event of this casual vacancy being filled by election, the election will be held on a day appointed by the Returning Officer within sixty days (so computed) beginning with the date of this notice.

In the event of this vacancy not being filled by election in accordance with Rule 8, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Town Council as soon as practicable after the expiry of the period of fourteen days referred to above.

Dated this 24th day of June 2005

Michael Rice (Town Clerk)
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GREENFIELD TENNIS TO THE MAX

Greenfield School tennis fans from Newton Aycliffe have adopted World Ranked 35 player Max Mirnyi to inspire young players to take up tennis in the school. Mirnyi standing 6'5" tall is known as 'The Beast Of Belarus'. He took time to sign autographs and pose for pictures at the 10Tele.com ATP Tour Event in Nottingham. The Beast was extremely friendly and students plan to follow Max's progress at Wimbledon and keep in contact with him via his own personal website.

Greenfield School tennis facility was opened in 2001 and has succeeded in attracting almost 13,000 visitors to its programme out of school hours. Further details of all activities for Juniors and Adults can be found at www.rootennis1.homestead.com



N.A.W.I.

Notes from the WI meeting that was held on Monday 13th June at the Cubby. After the normal business of the evening was concluded we were treated to a cookery demonstration by Christine Wallach from the Pampered Chef. The Pampered Chef range centres on clay baking stones that breathe and make life easier for the cook, especially for washing up. Christine made a Hot Broccoli Dip and Boursin Mushroom. Both dishes were very tasty and easy to make. We also learned that to keep 1/2 peppers fresh, one simply kept the seeds in as peppers are very maternal and will protect their seeds.

Normally the WI meets on the second Monday of every month at the Cubby. Next month however there is no meeting as the group are going on a trip to Barnard Castle and local villages. The competition for August is a farmyard animal depicted in an ornament.

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI contact Lyn Swift on 314805

FIGHT NIGHT
TOTAL COMBAT 13
A Night of Champions
Robert 'Buzz' Berry VS Tengez The Georgian Gladiator

Goshin Ryu International presents a full 10-bout competition to be staged at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Saturday 23rd July 2005. Chilton's very own Combat Heavyweight Champion and Cage Rage 10 & 11 winner, Robert 'Buzz' Berry, will fight for the title of Total Combat 13 in probably one of his hardest fights yet. The competition begins at 7:30pm, limited tickets still available, either single bank seating or ringside VIP tables. For more information call: 07974 158 926

Newton Aycliffe Bridge Club

Want to try something new? The Bridge Club (non affiliated) meet every Monday evening at Oak Leaf Sports Complex in the Function Room from 7.00pm. It's a great way to make new friends! A warm welcome awaits you, so why not come along, for further information contact Alan Race on 01740 651 663.

A Day With Charles Evans



His inimitable style has made him not only a popular demonstrator, but also the star of a TV series on Tyne Tees Television. If you missed it then here is your chance to be entertained by Charles in his own unique style. He runs painting holidays both in England and abroad, and is the regular water colour trouble-shooter for Artist and Illustrator magazine where he has his own monthly page. Charles also is the Daler Rowney's resident Watercolour expert. If you would like to know more about Charles then visit his website: www.charlesevansart.com

This event will take place at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Saturday, 13th August, 2005. There will be two sessions, the first from 10am till 12.45pm and the second from 1.15pm till 4pm.

Charles will be demonstrating a multitude of watercolour techniques, whether you are a novice or not, there will be something for you so come and enjoy an interactive day with Charles.

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PPI Forum Members want to find out how the service will work and what help and support will be available to the public once it is implemented.

Betty Carr, Chairperson for Sedgefield PPI Forum said, "This is an ideal opportunity for members of the public to receive first hand information about the service and raise any questions or concerns they might have."

For more information please contact Jane King on 01325 327463.

For further information contact: Jane King
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Greenfield Writers Group

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There is a free storytelling workshop with the BBC on July 11th from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Please call for more information or to book a place.

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Class 1	A Jar of Home Made Jam - any variety
Class 2	A Jar of Home Made Rhubarb Jam
Class 3	A Jar of Home Made Cherry Jam
Class 4	A Jar of Home Made Marmalade (not jelly)
Class 5	A Jar of Home Made Lemon Curd
Class 6	1 Fulling of Home Made Jam
Class 7	Decorated Victoria Sponge (baked) (not only)
Class 8	Four pieces of Tray Bake (not pastry based)
Class 9	8" Mince Pie
Class 10	1 round of Shortbread (not pieces)
Class 11	½ lb Fruit Cake (7" round or square tin)
Class 12	12" Fruit Cake (filled)
Class 13	Plate Apple Pie - Shortcrust Pastry
Class 14	Chocolate cake with butter cream filling
Class 15	6" Fruit Pie
Class 16	4 Scones (2 fruit and 2 savoury)
Class 17	1 lb White Lard (made with use of bread making machine)
Class 18	4 "White Bread" (made with use of bread making machine)
Class 19	Egg Custard
Class 20	Flavoury Flan
Class 21	Egg and Bacon Pie - Shortcrust pastry top and bottom (not a pie but a plate size).
Class 22	Rice Lard
Class 23	4 biscuits (same variety)
Class 24	4 biscuits (different varieties)
Class 25	4 squares of lemon drizzle cake
Class 26	Ten for two to include 3 whole items of Home Produce. You can include items of your own choice. Accessories allowed for effect and presentation. Space allowed: 3' x 2'.
ART SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
No Soiled or Laundered Work Accepted	
Crochet	
Class 27	For baby, an article in wool
Class 28	Any Article in Cotton
Coloured Embroidery - pictures not to exceed 30" high x 30" wide	
Class 29	Embroidered picture or article unless stated otherwise
Class 30	Embroidered Picture using any stitch
Class 31	Embroidered Picture in Cross Stitch using even weft
Class 32	Embroidered Picture in Cross Stitch using even weft
Class 33	FreeStyle Embroidery (including beads) any item
Class 34	Hand embroidered item in Cross Stitch (not framed)
Class 35	Hand embroidered item in Cross Stitch (not framed)
Class 36	Embroidered Cushion Cover using any stitch
Class 37	Miniature embroidery to fit into 25"cm square
Patchwork	
Class 38	Any article hand stitched
Class 39	Any article machine stitched
Dressmaking	
Class 40	Any Garment (machine sewn)
Soft Toys	
Class 41	Any Toy Hand Sewn
Class 42	Any Toy Machine Sewn
Class 43	Any Doll (any size)
Class 44	Any Doll Dressed (any size) garments machine sewn
HAND KNITTING SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
Class 45	Piece Sweater
Class 46	Sweater or Double Knitting
Class 47	Arant Garment (Arant wool, Arant pattern)
Class 48	Baby's 30" cardigan (V necked)
Class 49	Any Hat or Article
Class 50	One Bottle of Red Wine, Sweet
Class 51	One Bottle of White Wine, Sweet
Class 52	One Bottle of Beer
WOOD SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
Class 53	Article Wood (not painted or decorated, please leave in natural form)
Class 54	Article in Wood (may be painted or varnished)
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION	
TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
Previous winning exhibits are eligible for all classes in the Competition. All exhibits to be mounted on card, but NOT FRAMED. Overall size of entry including mount not to exceed 12" x 10". Exhibits to be taken to family to mounts. Display space is flat; rests may be used if desired.	
Class 55	Black and White print
Class 56	Colour print - Wildlife
Class 57	Colour print - Wildlife or Pets
Class 58	Colour print - Landscape
Class 59	Digital print - Hard copy of Photograph taken with digital camera
ART SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
Display space is flat; rests may be used if desired.	
Class 60	An Original (framed)
Class 61	A Water Colour (framed and -any medium)
Class 62	An Original Drawing - any medium
SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SECTION	
TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY	
Under 16 years. Please note that all items of the child is stated on all exhibits. (No names on exhibits please) NO KIDS ALLOWED unless stated otherwise	
Class 63	1 Fulling of Home Made Jam
Class 64	1 Jar of Home Made Jam
Class 65	1 Jar of Home Made Marmalade (not jelly)
Class 66	1 Jar of Home Made Lemon Curd
Class 67	1 Fulling of Home Made Jam
Class 68	1 Jar of Home Made Jam
Class 69	1 Jar of Home Made Marmalade (not jelly)
Class 70	1 Jar of Home Made Lemon Curd
Class 71	1 Fulling of Home Made Jam
Class 72	1 Jar of Home Made Jam
Class 73	1 Jar of Home Made Marmalade (not jelly)
Class 74	1 Jar of Home Made Lemon Curd
Class 75	1 Fulling of Home Made Jam
Class 76	1 Jar of Home Made Jam
Class 77	1 Jar of Home Made Marmalade (not jelly)
Class 78	1 Jar of Home Made Lemon Curd
OPEN FLOWER SECTION	
TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL FLOWER ENTRY	
Class 79	Container of 3 plants for effect, to face all round (no foliage allowed)
Class 80	Two Long Onions, not shallots
Class 81	Three Onions, not shallots
Class 82	(fresh pulled up tops and roots washed)
Class 83	Four Onions, root and top 250g
Class 84	Four Shallots
Class 85	Two Carrots - long root (fresh pulled up with tops)
Class 86	Two Carrots - long root (fresh pulled up with tops)
Class 87	Two Parsnips - long root (fresh pulled up with tops)
Class 88	Three Broccoli, round (to be cut by Judges)
Class 89	One Cauliflower - any variety Medium
Class 90	One round Cabbage with 4" stalk
Class 91	Three Potatoes - kidney or round
Class 92	One Cauliflower - any variety Medium
Class 93	One round Cabbage with 4" stalk
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The object of each of these activities was to show just how much young people care about their community, proving they aren't always the one's dropping the litter through spending hours picking it up.

On entering the Nursing Homes, the young people gave flowers and chocolates to the residents and entertained them with hymns. One of the residents was so touched that she commented, "I've been in here two years . . . and today has been the best day."

The gardening activities involved clearing flower beds, pruning trees and making the garden altogether more manageable for the owners, who found the job impossible to do on their own. By taking part in these activities the young people showed that they love and value every member of their community in a practical and helpful way. One of the HALO team expressed perfectly the purpose behind the entire event: "It was really fun, giving back to the community and helping people to have a better day."

Heighington win the double



Heighington A.F.C. under 9's celebrated their first season in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance by winning the 2nd Division Title and the Challenge Cup.

New players currently in school year 4 are welcome to join - midweek training sessions are at Greenfield's Astro turf Pitch on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.00-8.00pm or parents can phone Patrick on 307094 for more details.

Factory Fire Leaves Bitter Taste

Dear Sir

Following the fire at the Northern Packaging Supplies factory on Monday, June 13th, a thick, swirling black cloud of smoke and pollutants poured over Aycliffe Village with the prevailing westerly winds.

By the following morning a bitter-tasting and acrid smoke hung in the village. Residents have since complained of stinging eyes and headaches.

While full of admiration for the fire crews who brought the fire under control and relieved that no-one was hurt, I am very concerned about the effect of the smoke on a community of 700 people who took the full impact of the pollution.

Not to mention the fact that more than 100 children attend the village school.

There appears to have been no information given about the situation and unless people rang the police, no advice about what to do.

In addition, debris is now settling as a fine film on windows etc and it does make me wonder what the long term implications are for the village regarding such aspects as the soil/allotments. Will there be any monitoring to assess the situation?

I seek reassurance from the relevant authorities that there was nothing toxic in the smoke and there are no health implications for people having inhaled it.

If, as I suspect, no such reassurance can be given,


Letter to the Editor

I ask why wasn't more done to protect residents living directly down wind of the incident.

It does leave me feeling very concerned for Parishioners of Great Aycliffe as whole in the event of any further incidents, bearing in mind we all live in the lee of a large Industrial Estate.

Jackie Craft
Aycliffe Village

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

Tuesday 5th July 2005

Environment Committee - 7.15pm

Tuesday 5th July 2005

Recreation Committee - 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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