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Bottle Thrown at Moving Vehicle

Dear Sir,
On Monday evening 11th July, a bottle was thrown at the van of the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, an organisation that helps people in need with both employment training, jobs, and those people setting up a home. The driver was unhurt on this occasion but it could have been much more serious had he swerved. This incident took place on Burn Lane and although the police where informed they took a light view of the situation by responding over 4 hours later. If someone can come forward with firm evidence of those responsible then we will prosecute. This incident has cost us both time and money while the van has its windscreen replaced. This is not mischievous but pure criminality, and had this bottle hit something else or even a child or passerby then they could have been killed. We only hope that someone reads this and has a conscience to report the offender and anyone else they see commit such dangerous acts.
Vince Crosby
Chairman

Landlord Decides Shop Mix

Dear Sir,
Excessive members of outlets selling greeting cards in the responsibility of the Town Centre Landlords. However having sold Town Centre shops to outside agents, it is now the responsibility of Town representatives to make this point known and show that they also are interested in the balance of trade in the Town Centre. It would be well received by residents if the Town Council took an interest in this problem before long term businesses have to close down due to the Town Centre owners only being interested in leasing empty buildings.
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Newton Aycliffe Wishing Well Club with members of the Town's Rotary Club at the start of a great day at the Northern Games for the Disabled held at Middlesbrough last Sunday. The team came away with the most medals and everyone enjoyed the event

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A packed College Concert last week marked the end of the first year of a major drive to spotlight music in Woodham. The Music Department consists of two new teachers, who have worked tirelessly this year to create musical opportunities within the college and to raise the profile of the subject. The Summer Concert was the culmination of their efforts for the first year and the students wowed the audience with a variety of musical items. There was something for everyone, ranging from Bach's Double Violin Concerto to the choir singing gospel songs and also the hugely successful student band 'Sound Attic'.



The concert also saw the first performance by 'Woodham Dance Workshop', who have only been together since March and danced to 'All That Jazz' and 'Fame' with original choreography by music teacher, Laura Tindall. There could not have been a bigger or better response to the concert - with a full house of enthusiastic students, parents, friends and staff. Tina Hughes, Head of Music at Woodham Community Technology College said "It was marvellous to see the final result of what students have been working really hard for, we were very proud." The Music Department is going from strength to strength with GCSE Music drop-in sessions every Tuesday lunchtime, and a Music Masterclass which runs on a Thursday after school. In the new academic year the department will have newly refurbished teaching rooms, practice rooms and improved resources to further enhance the teaching and learning at the college. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tina Hughes, Head of Music or Laura Tindall, Music Teacher, at Woodham Community Technology College - 01325 300328

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Toddlers Can Use Play Equipment at Town Park

Dear Sir
In reply to the letter from PM of Dykes Walk may I advise that the following equipment installed at the Town Park is designed specifically to be used by toddlers and young children:
Daffodil Unit/Tick-Tock Unit Guide age 1-3 years
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Spinner Bowl Guide age 2-12 years
Flat Seat swings Guide age 2-12 years.
Obviously, the use of equipment depends on the ability of each individual child, however, as can be seen from the list above, younger children have been catered for at the Town Park.
I would also advise that I am unaware of communication from P.M prior to the matter being raised in the Newton News.
Yours sincerely,
A. Bailey Director of Leisure and Environment

“A Great Day with the Wishing Well Club”

Dear Editor
May I take this opportunity through your paper to say a very special thank you to a group of people who I had the great honour of meeting on Sunday 10th July: - I attended the Annual Rotary Club Disabled Games in Middlesbrough and we were all taken there by the wonderful people of J & C Coaches with members of the Aycliffe Rotary Club.
Joe, Kevin, Greengrass, Louise, Vicky, Simon, Mark, Cheryl, Bobby, Steven, Stephen, Ian, Paul Andy and Lee who are all members of a local group known as the Wishing Well Club are based in Newton Aycliffe.
All these fantastic men and women have learning difficulties but nothing stops them achieving their dreams. Indeed many lessons could be learnt if we followed their example.
Many of them were there for the first time (including me) but all have vowed to be back next year. Many trophies and medals were won by the team, but the whole day was spent having fun and their attitude was exactly as it should be: "Who cares what anyone thinks! This is for me!"
Being a Christian I got into some debate about good and bad, right and wrong and by the end of the day everyone said I'd made a difference to their day-a nice thought. They even invited me along to their Tuesday Night meetings. But, I would just like to point out to my new special friends - I may have touched your lives once but my life was blessed fifteen times over meeting you.
Thank you so much.
See you soon,
Janey B, Cookers Plus

Vandals Stop OAP's Gardening

Dear Sir
On Wednesday 6th July at about dusk, allotments at St. Oswalds were broken into and produce stolen and ruined. By the size of the footprints and the agility needed to scale and wreck a fence it suggests the perpetrators were possibly boys over the age of ten years, which means that they knew they were doing wrong.
I also believe them to be local to the area. My onions, which were planted last September, were uprooted and one bite taken from each one before they were discarded.
Had the vandals been aware that they were wrecking a pensioner's garden and stealing his produce which I grow to supplement my meagre pension, would it have made a difference? I doubt it, and what of their parents do they know where their children were last Wednesday after dusk. Or do they care?
If your child arrived home late that night smelling of onions they may have destroyed someone's allotment.
This is not the first time this has happened and this will be my last year growing produce for vandals to destroy.
A. Snowball

ANOTHER NEW PARK?

This week the Borough Council considered the provision of 5 new play sites in the borough at an estimated cost of £350,000.
One of the new play sites is proposed for land at Scott Place.
When complete the new Park at Scott Place will probably be administered by our Town Council.

Woodham Students on French Trip

(DON'T MENTION THE OLYMPICS!)
A very excited group of Year 8 students departed from Woodham Community Technology College in Newton Aycliffe on Sunday evening, 10th July, for the French Study Visit to Hardelot-Plage, a small seaside town.
The students are and accompanying staff are sending back a diary every day whilst they are away. Latest reports suggest that the group have arrived safely, the weather is beautiful, and everyone is now busy doing some intensive study of the French language... in the local shops and on the beach!
During the course of the week, there will be a non stop programme of activities. Tuesday will see the group visit a local bakery and the Bagatelle Pleasure Park.
On Wednesday it's off to the Nausicaa sealife centre, bowling alley, town of Boulogne and Auchan hypermarket. After a good night's sleep it will be back on the road on Thursday to visit the town of Le Touquet and Aqualud Water Park followed by an evening disco.
The trip will be rounded off with a visit to the Beussent chocolate factory on Friday before setting off for the journey back to Woodham.
In between all of this, there are tasks to be completed by each student including a study visit folder containing various tasks, puzzles and questions together with a diary. Prizes will be awarded for the project work as well as good behaviour awards, sporting challenge awards, best kept room and courtesy prizes.

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musculoskeletal problems, such as backache, and a 60% cut in stress-related absence over a two-year period. The site has a special sub-committee for health - alongside others for safety and the environment - and a wide range of health-improvement activities are regularly staged for employees. These include healthy heart and smoking cessation programmes, organised walks for exercise at lunchtimes and awareness-raising sessions for issues such as breast and testicular cancer. Site manager Guy Turnock commented: "We are delighted to have been chosen for this national award. We work closely with employees on the health programmes to ensure we respond to their needs, and the results speak for themselves." Joanne Hindle, Corporate Services Director, UnumProvident and Chair of the judging panel said the judges had been impressed by both the commitment and achievement of the 3M site in Aycliffe.



3M Aycliffe safety engineer Adrian Hughes (left) and occupational health adviser Pat Hardy (second right) receive the site's winning plaque and tree from CBI director-general Sir Digby Jones, Financial Times editor Andrew Gowers and Julia Cleverdon, chief executive, Business in the Community.

PICKED FOR GREAT BRITAIN



Scott Carpenter from Sedgfield 75 Water Polo Squad has been picked for the Great Britain Senior Men's Team at only 17 years old, one of the youngest ever chosen. Scott is also only the second player from Northumberland, Durham and Cleveland to be picked at Senior Level since his Father and Coach in 1984 George Carpenter. Scott will make his debut in Egypt in October. Scott was also named a Great Britain Junior Champion for a Tournament in Slovakia in August despite being the youngest player still. Scott and Leading Stars of the GB Ladies team Carol Mohan and Angela Winstanley Smith are probably the best bet from the area for Olympic Glory in London 2012. Other Sedgfield players in a good position to challenge for 2012 are Chloe Willcox, Sarah Scott, Charlotte Nichols, Chris Gilbertson and Matthew Bowden, all current Junior and Senior Internationals.

Youth Centre Seeks Volunteer Secretary

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is probably one of the most successful in the north. It attracts youngsters of all ages and numerous community groups into the new ultra modern purpose built centre situated opposite Tesco's. It elects a Management Committee each year to oversee the administration and they meet monthly to review the day to day use of the premises to ensure their proper usage and to maintain adequate provision for the youth of our town. The Committee are in urgent need of a Secretary whose job it will be to receive correspondence and take minutes of the meetings which generally last just over an hour. If you are interested in serving in this position please contact the Chairman Syd Howarth on 300212 during the day or after hours on 320901. The only qualification is a desire to help the development of youngsters in Newton Aycliffe and be able to take notes of the meeting. "Not an onerous task at all and I look forward to hearing from a volunteer willing to give something back to the community," said Syd.

American Preacher Visits Aycliffe

Neville Parade Methodist Church is privileged to have a visit from Rev. Mitch Reece from Kansas, USA along with his wife Nancy and their three children. He will preach at Neville Parade on Sunday 17th July at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome to experience worship - American style. We hope as many people as possible will join us to give Mitch and his family a warm Newton Aycliffe welcome.

Famous Author Visits Aycliffe



On Saturday 9th July, Newton Aycliffe Library was privileged to welcome the famous author, Anne Fine, to their Junior Book Club. Anne is a distinguished author, with over forty books to her credit including Madame Doubtfire. She is twice winner of the Carnegie Medal, Britain's most coveted children's literature award, and has also won the Guardian Children's Literature Award, the Whitbread Children's Novel Award twice, and a Smarties Prize. She won the Publishing News Children's Author of the Year Award in 1990 and again in 1993. In 2001 she was named Children's Laureate. Sixteen reading group members (plus parents and borrowers) were engrossed by Anne's relaxed approach. She answered lots of questions from "how she became an author" to "where her inspiration comes from". She was a breath of fresh air and encouraged the children to read as much as possible now and leave the writing for later. If you are interested in reading any of Anne's novels, just call into the library where we stock a large selection of her superb books.

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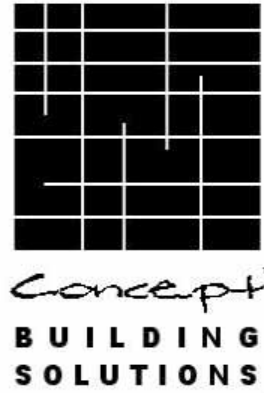
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Newton Aycliffe's depleted first team were comfortably defeated by 5 wickets away at much improved Burnhope in the first division of the North East Durham league. Aycliffe scored a respectable 179 for 9 in their 45 overs with the main contributions coming from Karl Wheeler (46), Mark Fawcett (23) and John Williams with 21. In reply opening bowler Tony Musgrave took 3 quick wickets to give the visitors hope, but the home side rallied impressively to reach their winning target after just 31 overs. Aycliffe seconds came out on top by just two wickets in their third division home match with Tantobie. Roger Howe finished with 4 for 15, Mila Simpson took 3 for 31 and Adam Gittens held 3 catches at first slip to help dismiss the visitors for just 93 after 22.4 overs. In reply Aycliffe captain Lee Weldon top scored with 30 and with good support from Tom Dolan (24), the home side secured victory in the 30th over. Aycliffe under 11's won their first game of the season defeating Darlington RA in an exciting game by just 9 runs. The victorious Aycliffe team line up was Adam Randall, Daniel Weldon, Tom Stanier, Johnny Ward, Tim Jasper, Antony Iverson, James Layfield-Carroll, Craig Robertson, Jordan Denton and Jordan Evans.

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Happy 18th birthday. Have a nice time. Love, Gillian and Neil xx

WELL DONE to Olivia for receiving trophies in her four dances at I.D.T.A. in Spennymoor. We are all very proud of you. Love from, Mammy, Daddy and Hannah xxx PS A huge thanks to Clare and Aimee for all their hard work xx
KEL & JADE
Congratulations on your Wedding Day. Love, Louise and Buny xxx
UNCLE KEL & AUNTY JADEY Congratulations. Love, Chloe xx
KEL & JADE
Congratulations on your Wedding Day. Wishing you a wonderful future. Love, Mam and Dad xxx
JOANNAH COCKERILL
Happy 30th birthday. Hope your birthday is as wonderful as you are. Lots of love, Gary, Mica, Alex and Ellie xxx
JOANNAH COCKERILL
Happy 30th birthday. Hope you have a lovely time. Love from, Caroline, Jack, Michael, Olivia and Jack xxx
JOANNAH COCKERILL
Have a great 30th birthday. Love from, Caroline, Jack, Michael, Olivia and Cousin Liam, Kieran and Shay xx
JOANNAH COCKERILL
Happy 30th birthday. Enjoy yourself. Love from Linda, Dave, Lauren and Kate xx
HAPPY 11th birthday Hannah and Chelsea Burns. Have a great time at your party and good luck at your new High School. Love, Mam, Dad and Brother Christopher xx
HARRISON Jaimee-Olivia
Happy 3rd birthday to our little Pie-Bear. Have a lovely T party. All the love in the world, Mammy and Daddy xxx
AIRBY Happy 25th birthday, don't get too depressed. Love from, Mum, Dad and Caera xxx
CLAIRE WILLIAMS Have a good one. From, Lee, Elaine, Tyler and Millie xxx
CLAIRE WILLIAMS
Happy birthday to the best Mum in the world. Love from, Megan xxx
CLAIRE WILLIAMS
Happy birthday. Love from, Mum, Dad and Max xxx
CLAIRE WILLIAMS
Happy birthday Claire. Hope she has smashing time. Uncle deserve it. Love from, all your pals at work xxx
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dad. 50 years you "Old Bagger!" Love you, Helen xxx
HAPPY 50th birthday Alan. Love you loads, Denise xx
Lisa xxx
BALLANTYNE Happy birthday Daddy. Love from your 2 Princesses, Lauren Olivia and Aimee Elise xxx
CONGRATULATIONS to the brand new Mr & Mrs Wren whose marriage took place at Gretna Green, Scotland. I wish you good health, happiness and love. God bless you. Lots of love, Gran xxx
GLORIA PARTIS Happy 21st birthday. Love from, Mam, Dad, Charles, Carlos. Love from, all the family in Germany and France xxx
KIM ROWLING Well done on obtaining an Academic Award in Health, Natural and Social Science at the University of Sunderland. Love from the family xxx
CARL & DONNA BEAL
Congratulations on your Wedding Day at the Gretna Green on the 15th July. Thank you for sharing our special day. Love, Kelvin, Jade & bump x
KELVIN, JADE (and baby bump) Wren, Congratulations on your Wedding Day at Gretna Green on 15th July. Thanks for making it a day we'll all remember forever. Love from the family xxx

MATTY

Happy 15th Birthday
Wishing you all the happiness on your birthday
Love from Gran, Dad and Mum

Michael Golightly

Happy 40th Birthday
17th July 2005
Love from Mam and Dad Golightly xxx

Alison Suzanne Hunter

Happy 18th Birthday
13th July 2005
Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Gran, Nicola, Steve, John, Aunties and Uncles

Rachel Ann Partridge

Happy 2nd Birthday
15th July 2005
To our little angel. Lots of love and kisses from Mammy and Daddy xx

GUESS WHO?

ELLICE ORR 16th July, 13 today, our beautiful niece is a teenager! With all our love always, Aunty Jacky, Uncle Darnald, Louis and Bump xxx
HAPPY 50th birthday Grandad. Love, Emily Lauren xxx
MYRA SHAND 15th July 2005. Now living at Shafto House wishing you a very happy 95th birthday. Lots of love from, Daughter Sheila, Granddaughter Pauline and family xxx
DONNA SOWELS 13.7.05 well done on graduating. Love from, Aunty Kate, Uncle Mark, Chester and Regen xxx
LINDA & GLYN Well done on graduating. Love, Keith xxx
CONGRATULATIONS Gary Toal BAHons. With love from, all the family xx
LOCHIE SCOTT Happy 7th birthday. We all love you so much. Love from, Mam, Dad, Jason and Aaron xxx
LOCHIE SCOTT Happy 7th birthday. Hope you have a great party. Love, Nanna and Grandad xxx
DAVID GREGORY 16-7-05 Happy 18th birthday son. All our love. Dad and Karen xxx
DAVEY Happy 18th birthday. Love from, Laura, Mark and Luke xxx

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 20th July 2005
Full Council - 7.15pm

Tuesday 13th September 2005
Environment 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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OBITUARY

Sandra Richardson

Two years ago Newton News ran a story featuring Sandra Richardson who was raising money to go to Mexico for alternative treatment for secondary breast cancer. We featured her in a story where the Lakeside FC had raised funds in a campaign called "Stop the Clock".

We are sad to report that on the 15th of June Sandra passed away peacefully at home in Hartlepool, aged 53.

Sandra lived in Newton Aycliffe until 2002 when she moved to Seaton Carew. One of her daughters still lives in Newton Aycliffe, as do many of her friends.

She leaves behind her husband Colin, three daughters Lauren, Hayley and Jonelle and a granddaughter Claudia.

Thanks to the efforts of many people Sandra received the treatment which we believe added 18-24 months to her life. Up until May this year she was active and still working full time.

The fund is to continue raising money to carry on her legacy and hopefully help others receive the same treatment. To make donations to the Stop the Clock Campaign please contact Judith Healey on 01642 345133.

Woodham College Sixth Form Prom



Staff and Year 12 and 13 students from Woodham Community Technology College got together last Thursday evening for the Sixth Form Prom at the Williamson Motors Stadium - the home of Darlington Football Club. The Prom Ball was held for those students who are leaving and as an end of year celebration.

All students in Years 12 and 13 were invited to participate in the festivities.

Almost 100 students attended the Ball, many of whom travelled in style arriving in limousines.

Martyn Oliver, Assistant Headteacher at Woodham told us. "The Ball was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many of our students enjoying themselves and looking fantastic in tuxedos and evening wear. A tremendous accolade was paid to the group when they were told by the staff that they were the best behaved party of students that the stadium had ever had the pleasure of hosting".

THE END OF AN ERA



Head Teacher Mike Thornton (centre) with retirees

As we arrive at the end of an academic year I have to announce the retirements of Mrs Carole Bell, Assistant Headteacher, Mr Ron

Connolly, ICT Co-ordinator, Mr Neil Gill, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Sue Jones, our Finance and Admin Officer.

These stalwarts of Greenfield have over 100 years experience between them and Carole, Neil and Sue were members of the original staff at Greenfield in 1977. They have been architects of the success at Greenfield and will be greatly missed. We hope they have long and enjoyable retirements and remember to call in and see us at Greenfield.

Mr Connolly will be returning to Greenfield in September in a non-teaching role as the ICT Systems Manager. Mr Connolly has been the Head of ICT at Greenfield since September 1989. We thank all of these colleagues for such outstanding service to Greenfield and the local community.

Cobblers Nature Reserve

Do you live in or around Cobblers Hall? Do you have an interest in the countryside, and would like to be involved in the management or decision making for the development of a local nature reserve? The Moor Local Nature Reserve (LNR) - Corner of Cobblers Hall Road and Burnhill Way - was declared an LNR in 2003. The reserve is now due to be developed for the benefit of the wildlife and local community.

If you are interested, come along to the inaugural meeting to be held on the 22nd July 2005, 7.30pm at Woodham Community Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

Newtonian and Mate - the Next French & Saunders

Lynn Chambers and Sally Nettleton are best mates. Both northerners, Lynn from Newton Aycliffe and Sally from Leyburn, Wensleydale, they met while singing and waiting tables at a Medieval Banquet at Redworth Hall Hotel and began a friendship, which would ultimately lead them into a comedy double act.

It's an odd-couple



What the Press says . . .

"Divine and very funny" (Time Out).
"Touches on on brilliance, charisma - a plenty. Chambers Nettleton have both the voices for radio and the faces for TV" (The Scotsman).
"They'll leave you in hysterics" (The Stage).
"A Top Team. See them before they're bigger than that other female double act" (The Sun).
"Fast becoming a major force in British comedyadorable" (Time Out).
"The surprise hit of the Festival" (Richard Evans - Radio 5 Live).
"French and Saunders beware" (The Herald).
"Deliver exactly what you might hope for. They're funny, strangely attractive and provide a sure-fire 60 mins of fresh comedy. The Northern lass's answer to Morecambe and Wise." (Metro).
"They'll surely make prime time TV one day" (Time Out).
"Chambers & Nettleton are attracting the attention of telly folk searching for a new French & Saunders." (Sunday Times - Culture).
"Definitely two big comedy stars of the future" (Beat 106, Glasgow)

relationship, Lynn is organised and in charge, Sally has the attention span of a flip-flop. They have an extraordinary rapport and their stand-up and songs are delivered with warmth, charm and a caustic wit that is winning them enthusiastic fans across the country.

Their ninth gig saw Chambers and Nettleton in the final of the 1999 Hackney Empire New Act Awards. They are now the only female double act who performs regularly on the live Comedy Circuit. They have also enjoyed great success at the Edinburgh Festival with sell-out shows in: 1999, 2001 and 2002.

Before a long-term friendship turned into a comedy double act, their paths in entertainment were quite different. Lynn sailed the world as a singer and performer and writer of comedy revue - don't mention the sparkly frock! Sally went from drama school into acting, began improvising

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Tennis
5th & 22nd August
12.30pm-4.30pm
Members £6.75
Non-members £7.00

Bowls
10th August
2.30-4.00pm
Members £2.50
Non-members £3.75
please bring own slippers if possible

Archery
28th July
11th & 25th August
12.30-2.30pm or
2.30-4.30pm (11th only)
Members £3.25
Non-members £3.50

Badminton
9th & 17th August
12.30-4.30pm
Members £5.25
Non-members £5.75















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	The King & I	08-10-05	Coach & Ticket, Sunderland	£35.00
	Disney on Ice	15-10-05	Coach & Ticket, Newcastle	£29.50
	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	20-01-06	Coach & Ticket, Sunderland	£45.00
	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	24-02-06	Coach & Ticket, Sunderland	£45.00
	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	03-03-06	Coach & Ticket, Sunderland	£45.00
	Disneyland Paris	26-07-05	4 days (B&B) 2 day pass	£169.00
	LegoLand, Windsor	29-07-05	3 days (B&B) 3* hotel + entry	£129.00
	Alton Towers	30-07-05	2 days (B&B) 3* Hotel + pass	£99.00
	Spanish Mini Cruise	06-08-05	4 days inc En-suite cabin	£65.00
	The Peaks & Chester	06-08-05	2 days (HB) 4* Hilton Hotel	£79.99
	Alton Towers	12-08-05	2 days (HB) 3* Derby Hotel	£59.00
				£65.00

NEWS IN PICTURES



In the news is Aycliffe Village School where music students presented a Concert showing great skill on a range of instruments. The event was attended by Deputy Mayor Mary Dalton and parents. The Mayor Val Raw was "At Home" at the Council Offices this week where she hosted visiting dignitaries, representatives from local organisations and members of the public. Moore Lane Pre-School toddlers earned medals and prizes from the Town Council for a Colouring competition. The Town's Mobility Club held a Concert at the RAFA Club to commemorate the end of the 2nd World War funded by the Lottery. This was followed by a Buffet Supper.

Lets Go Fly a Kite

A 'Summer Spectacular', sponsored by Great Aycliffe Town Council, is a must this month! Come along on Sunday 31st July from 11am and watch the North East Kite Flyers present their annual 'Fly In' on the sports field at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. With professional commentary and lots of chances to join in the fun – a free kite to the first 100 children – this will be a great free entertainment for all the family.

Why not make a day of it and enjoy one of our delicious Sunday lunches, served 12.00noon until 3.00pm with reasonable prices and a warm welcome to greet you. For further information contact reception 300600.

Letter to theEditor DEMOCRACY LOST!

Dear Newton News, Judging by the Editor's comments to my last letter it would appear under New Labour democracy, only exists when applied to subjects chosen by New Labour. At the last New Labour Party conference, (I won't call it the Labour Party as that was a party of democracy), delegates spoke on the subject of council housing and the retention of councils' housing stocks was carried. As shown by the letter in Newton News by Austin Mitchell MP, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister headed by John Prescott, indicates there is no intention of being democratic when dealing with issues on council housing. I wonder what is going on when local councillors, elected under the name of the Labour Party, are told not to comment in the papers on the subject of transfer of Council Houses. I thought we paid a salary and gave these elected councillors generous expenses through our council taxes to keep us informed about public concerns. We now find that when a question is asked about housing transfer the Freedom of Information and the Freedom of Speech has gone straight out the door and all replies are dealt with by a PR company, paid for by whom? People should keep in mind for future reference that the people who said they stood for the Labour Party in the last local elections were really standing for New Labour. The editor's comments about keeping quiet on housing shows that New Labour is really a right wing undemocratic party and nothing like the original Labour Party. Regards, Peter Dolan

Joint Effort to Combat Vandalism

Dear Sir Vandalism in the Williamfield area has risen drastically over the past few weeks, and includes the destruction of property through arson attacks. May I please reassure the residents that every possible action is being taken to combat the destruction that has taken place. The damage is caused by a group of mindless hooligans hell bent on causing as much damage and concern to residents as they can. I am working closely with the Police, Sedgefield Borough Officials and the Neighbourhood Warden and with this combined effort we will stamp out these criminal activities. If you see any acts of vandalism or anti-social behaviour in the ward I represent (Aycliffe West) please do not hesitate in contacting me on 313697. They did an excellent job. Councillor Enid Paylor.

ICE IS AN ACE IDEA

East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of Emergency "ICE" campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award. The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do it and ask everybody in your address book to do the same. It wouldn't take long for everyone to follow this excellent idea.

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Great Aycliffe Town Council

Community Enhancement Award

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6QF or email your nomination to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk - (closing date for nominations is Friday 12th August 2005)

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

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or

Full Street:
Summer 2005

Neville Community Centre

A very big thank you to Great Aycliffe Town Council on behalf of all Senior Citizens who enjoyed a free summer outing (all expenses paid) and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Lees Coaches of Durham organised these day trips very well and their staff was a credit to the company. We look forward to 2006. Thank you also goes to G.A.T.C staff for organising these day trips. Day Trips York 6th August £12 Blackpool 3rd September £13 Open to all comers. To book ring 313924. Book Sale, Saturday 23rd July, 9am - 1pm. Books in good condition wanted.

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LOCAL CONCERNS

Dear Sir,
I read your article in the last issue regarding Taylor Woodrow and though I don't have official confirmation I understand the Company have withdrawn and building the next phase is out to tender. If this is correct residents should be informed as to whether this re-tendering will delay the start on site or have any impact on the quality and scale of the final development. On another matter I understand the Town Council's Early Learning Centre based in Aycliffe Village is to close on 15th July. No doubt users have been informed but the wider population should be interested, particularly in light of previous assurances given in respect of this facility. W Blenkisopp St. Andrews Close

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Summer Programme

JULY
Tuesday 19th Outdoor FIESTA Fishburn 1.30pm - 7pm Age 13-19
Thursday 21st Senior Session 6.30pm.
Junk Music Workshop Age 13-19
Monday 25th Sk8 Jam In Youth Centre Car Park - 12-5 pm
Monday 25th - 29th Girls Football Coaching, 10.30 - 12.30pm. Age 13-16 Cost: 50p per session. Limited Places. Register by Friday 22nd July
Thursday 28th Senior Session 6.30pm. Age 13-19⁺

AUGUST
Monday 1st Breakdancing Workshop 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Age 11+
Tuesday 2nd Breakdancing Workshop 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Age 11+
Thursday 4th Senior Session 6.30pm, Age 13-19
Thursday 11th Senior Session 6.30pm, Age 13-19
Thursday 18th Senior Session 6.30pm, Age 13-19
Friday 19th Open Canoe, Hetton Centre. Pick Up 10.30-11.00, Age 13+. Limited places.
Thursday 25th Senior Session 6.30pm.
Friday 26th Bell Boats/Rafts Pick Up 10.30-11.00. Age 13+ Limited Places. To register contact Youth Centre
*Entry Cost for all Senior Sessions 50p
For further information contact 307522

Letters to the Editor

Council Reply on Burn Lane Housing Decision

Dear Sir,
With reference to the letter from Colin and Marilyn Carter on the Development Control Committee's decision on the application for housing at Burn Lane. I do appreciate that residents are occasionally upset by decisions which go against their wishes. However I am disappointed in this instance that personal criticisms have first been made in public without inviting a response from me following the decision. Others will judge whether this was fair or indeed reasonable and accurate reporting of the matter. For my part I would ask all members of the public to recognise that members of the Council's Development Control Committee have a responsibility to act in the interests of the wider community, to hear both sides of an argument objectively, and to make decisions on planning matters with the benefit of appropriate professional advice. In doing so, Councillors have to "put to one side" views which might be seen as being both limited in vision or merely parochial in nature. Yours sincerely, Councillor Andrew Smith Chairman Development Control Committee. *Ed: Coun. Smith seems to be saying Newton News should have invited him to respond in the same issue. We didn't expect, having made the decision, that a committee would want to justify it publicly. Our correspondents were giving a reaction to that decision which we considered fair comment. We are always keen to give equal space to officialdom who think they have been criticised unfairly.*

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