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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks from Santa Claus

Dear Sir,  
Now that I'm back at the North Pole, and after a little rest, I'd like to thank all my volunteer helpers for their work on Christmas Eve. A special thanks to the people of Great Aycliffe who made donations, through me, to your Mayor's charity. This totalled £98.65, so a big thank you to you all. Be good everyone, and I'll be back next year.  
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In 2012 residents of Great Aycliffe will have the opportunity to help shape how our community develops in the next 20 years.

Important items on planning, schools, housing, shopping, environment etc will all be reviewed and our needs submitted to the County Council to formulate an overall County Plan.

The Town Council will lead a major consultation with as many people and groups as possible to assess public opinion on all aspects of life within our area. The object is to find what the people of Great Aycliffe want to see develop in our community over the next 20 years, and also what they don't want.

What we specify, provided it does not contradict the overall County policy will be incorporated into the County Plan and provided it is backed by the local community, become the governing principles for the Great Aycliffe area.

A series of meetings and a referendum will be held to debate these important issues affecting the

future progress of Great Aycliffe and the lives of all inhabitants. For our children's sakes we must all share the responsibility of planning and securing the future of Great Aycliffe. The Great Aycliffe Residents Association will hold its AGM in March and this topic will be on the agenda. Details of the time and venue will be published later, but as the town faces this important review of its future under the Localism Bill it is vital we all stand behind the Town Council to determine the future of this area of South Durham.

In an effort to show a united front Great Aycliffe Residents' Association invites neighbourhood Tenants Associations and Neighbourhood Watch groups and any other interested parties to partner them in agreeing the Great Aycliffe Plan with our Town Council.

Anyone who believes there is strength in numbers please contact Chairman Syd Howarth to talk about the way forward. Telephone 300212 or 320901. E-mail: [syd@newtonpress.net](mailto:syd@newtonpress.net)

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# DOUBTS WOODHAM DEVELOPMENT CAN BE FINANCED

Dear Editor,  
It would seem that Washington Developments Ltd publicity and spin machine has been hard at work in an effort to convince people that their planning application to build 50 houses and a hotel on the Woodham golf course should be allowed. This is despite the fact the application appears to contravene planning rules on several counts, falls outside the Regional Development Plan for the area, and cuts right across the former Aycliffe Development Corporation's wishes that there should be no encroachment onto greenfield sites on the north side of Newton Aycliffe.  
If these plans were to be approved by the Planning Committee, the proposals would undoubtedly lead to the destruction of a very large area of open and beautiful countryside that is home to a wide variety of wildlife.  
Having convinced our fickle Town Councillors to support the plans, the company has now turned its attention to our Member of Parliament but clearly from the article in a

recent issue of "Newton News" it has been extraordinarily economical with the truth about local support for the project.  
I have not seen signs of growth in support locally for this project as is claimed by the company except perhaps from our politicians. When development of this area was first proposed by Washington Developments some three or four years ago now, a meeting of Woodham residents with members of the old Sedgfield Borough Council Planning Department and it was attended by over 120 people who all made it very clear that they considered the proposed destruction of green areas around our town was unacceptable.  
Our Town Councillors at that time apparently agreed. The plans may have been scaled down a little since then but the fundamental principles have not changed. I do therefore hope that Mr Wilson and our Councillors have not been taken in by the rhetoric, the spin and the wild promises made by the professional advisors

employed by the company to facilitate this application. Jobs can only be created in any significant numbers with investment and the company's case has, since the earlier valid objections to their plans, been based largely upon the potential for job creation. Perhaps our Councillors have been seduced by this prospect. We all want to see more permanent jobs created in the area but this will simply not happen in this case. The reality is that Washington Developments, an Irish Republic owned company, has continually failed to demonstrate how it proposes to fund the development to the tune of the £32 million which they claim will be needed for the project. Presumably the company will expect Council Tax payers to foot the bill for the upgrade of the Middridge Road that will be essential to cope with the increased traffic before any building can start. This will cost many millions and it will be interesting to learn whether that will have been fully costed or that the company intend to foot the bill.

The Irish bankers of this company have, according to a Panorama programme, stopped funding all new speculative property development so where will the funds come from? Washington Developments have failed to show any financial support for the project in their planning application which can be viewed on Durham County Council website.  
This question does not appear to have been an issue for our Councillors and our MP. I would suggest Mr Wilson investigates this aspect before allowing our County Planning Committee to consider the proposals. As a Labour party MP, I cannot really believe that he would allow himself to be associated with such a highly speculative and risky project. In any case should he not be focusing upon how to build more affordable housing around the area rather than more expensive "executive" housing?  
The company's application suggests that they anticipate the selling prices of their new houses to be between

£400,000 and £750,000. We do need a balance of both executive and starter and smaller homes but the pressing need is surely for more affordable homes in our area and there is certainly no current demand for the more expensive housing.  
Of huge significance in this matter is the fact that the latest accounts filed at Companies House for Washington Developments Limited are at 31/10/09 and the 2010 figures are now well over three months late for statutory filing and are showing as "overdue" on the Companies House web site (as at 14/11/11). Surely the Planning Committee will need to see the figures for 2010 at the very least as well as firm evidence of a funding package in place before giving this application any credence? It is a matter of public record that the 10/09 accounts filed for the company show losses of over £1.6 million and a return to balance sheet solvency from the previous year's (2008) accounts only by virtue of the directors' revaluation of the fixed assets.  
So why is this company so intent on obtaining planning permission for a development that it does not appear to be in a financial position to see

through to a conclusion? There is a feeling it is simply to enhance the freehold value of the site before trying to sell it on with planning approval to another developer. Quite probably, we shall then be faced with another proposal with the prospect of even more damage to our green areas.  
I would urge our Councillors to listen to their constituents as previously at the Community Centre Residents' Meeting some three years ago when they supported the residents. I wonder why they have changed their minds?  
Previous planning applications to develop this site have failed because they neither conformed to planning regulations or planning policies for the area.

The same principles apply now so this application should also fail on the same grounds as nothing has changed.  
Fortunately it is the Durham County Planning Committee who will finally decide the fate of this unwanted and ill conceived application and I am sure they will be far better informed about all of the appropriate planning issues. Residents who oppose the plans can register their objections with Mr S Timmins, Head of Planning, Durham County Council, Spennymoor Area Office, Green Lane, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ or on-line on the Durham County Council website.  
Mrs V Crichton. Woodham

# GOLF CLUB RESPONDS

Dear Editor,  
I refer to the letter from Mrs Chrichton in relation to our proposed development at Woodham Golf and Country Club. Much of the letter is, unfortunately, inaccurate and it is therefore necessary for me to respond.  
Firstly Mrs Chrichton claims the development is 'Green

field' and does not comply with policy. In reality only part of the site is Green field and the proposals are supported by the vast majority of relevant policies within the local plan. It also claimed our new scheme is only slightly smaller than our 2007 scheme. In fact our current proposals represent only a third of the previous

scheme, with only 50 homes and a 75 bed hotel.  
We agree entirely with Mrs Chrichton that there is a need to have a balance of executive and affordable housing. This is why Washington Development will be providing a financial contribution of £350,000 towards the provision of affordable housing in Newton

Aycliffe. This has been agreed with the Council and will be secured via a legal agreement. Hopefully 20-30 affordable homes will then be delivered.  
The letter has also raised a number of questions on the funding and delivery of the development. In this regard I can confirm, unequivocally, that we have secured bank funding to take this project forward. The key to unlocking and delivering this scheme is planning permission.  
With permission in place by the end of January we would be able to commence construction on site in 2012 and complete the development within 5 years. Planning conditions will guarantee that the hotel and golf course works will be completed in association with the new housing. This is not a risky project. The new jobs will definitely be created and the scheme will provide much needed hotel facilities and visitors alongside the construction of the new Hitachi Factory.  
Washington Developments is a company that operates across Europe, and has operated in the UK for over 10 years with 20 British employees. We have an excellent reputation for the quality and management of our properties. Woodham Golf club has been owned and operated by us for the past five years.  
Mrs Chrichton claims no changes in circumstances since 2007. In reality the world is very different. Unemployment in Sedgfield has risen by 88% since 2007 and Durham County Council are now bringing out new plans which target Newton Aycliffe for growth. In this context our proposals will make a huge contribution to meeting local economic and policy objectives.  
We continue to work with the Council and it is our hope that this application will be presented to planning committee on 31st January 2012. At that time we hope Members will consider the application on its own planning, environmental and economic merits rather than on the basis of incorrect and unjustified hyperbole.  
Jamie Murphy, Director

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**Saturday 21st January - "NE/DC"**

GIG PIT REVIEW - Crook FC was absolutely jam-packed and it appeared apparent that they had made such a good impression on the punters the last time they played, that quite a lot had turned out for them again, despite the dodgy weather.  
Well, what can I say about the music? Well NEDC are (probably obviously) an ACDC tribute band who cover the Bon Scott era tracks, and are made of the remnants of Whey Aye CDC plus a couple of newbies to the fold.  
They played a straight set for nearly two hours and as usual Graeme got right into his 'Angus' role and just never seemed to let up, an absolutely blistering guitar performance with all the moves of Angus off to a tee. The crowd were really getting into it by the third track!  
Lead singer Patrick, vocally I dont think I have ever heard better. I usually refer to him as 'more Bon than Bon' but dont just take my word for it, go and see for yourself, I think you will be amazed. Despite not looking like Bon however, Patrick is a great frontman, gets the crowd going and keeps up with the Duracell bunny antics of Graeme superbly well.  
The drummer Neil knows ACDC upside down and could probably play any track by them while eating a sandwich and reading a newspaper, and he puts his own trademark, of course, on everything he does. This is the second time I have seen NEDC and I think they were excellent first time round at The Blyth and Tyne, but they really stepped it up a gear and took the roof off Crook FC on Saturday.  
One to watch these guys, they dont gig loads, but I personally would highly recommend them.  
"outstanding again. It was just like watching the AC/DC "Rock goes to college 1977" DVD....loved it."  
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## ARRIVA CUT BUS SERVICES WITHOUT CONSULTATION

A reader living in the Alston Crescent area of the town has complained on behalf of neighbours to the changes to the 5 and 5A bus route. The buses no longer operate in this area causing massive inconvenience to residents, particularly the elderly. What is more the removal of the service came unexpectedly with no public consultation. We tried to make contact with Arriva through their website and Press

"Arriva's recent changes include the withdrawal of the service 5/5a at the stop in Alston Cres. This is a service they provided without any subsidy (except for the Mon-Sat evening service) and as a commercial venture they are free to choose what route and time they operate.

They are keen to save the time involved in the diversion via Alston Cres, in order to improve the timekeeping of the service. Although the diversion takes less than 2 minutes, they consider it is necessary to make this small saving as the timekeeping on these services has been "under pressure" since changes earlier this year.

Although the 5/5a times did not change, it was linked at Bishop Auckland with the Bishop - Ferryhill service; and I understand it is now stopping more often in Darlington following a reduction in town services on the North Rd corridor. This has made the overall

operating cycle slightly tighter and Arriva feel they have to do something to save a little time by shortening the route. They say the stops at Alston Cres were not heavily used and that is why they have made the cut.

It is of course frustrating that the service is being lost at Alston Crescent. Although for the immediate area of Alston Crescent many of the houses are within what would be considered a normal walking range of alternative stops that are still served, there are people for whom the longer walk will be a problem. (Particularly from the west side of Greenfield Way).

We are in discussion with Darlington Council about a possible variation to the route in Newton Aycliffe of the Scarlet Band service 16 to cover the section of Greenfield Way adjacent to Alston Crescent. This is a service that runs under a subsidised basis, jointly funded by DCC and

Office, without success. We left messages, but received no reply.

It was noticeable how difficult it was to find anyone to speak to and it was almost like the object was to wear the caller down.

As the County Council have responsibility for bus services we placed the matter in the hands of County Councillor Mike Dixon who obtained the following response from the officer in charge:

*Darlington BC (who lead on the contract arrangements as most of the service is in their area.)*

The service currently runs from Newton Aycliffe town centre via Burn Lane, Burnhill Way, Williamfield Way, Greenfield Way then School Aycliffe etc. The possible diversion would mean it would have to omit Williamfield Way, instead running via Meadowfield Way and then the full length of Greenfield Way.

However, Darlington recently announced it is proposing to withdraw ALL its subsidised services later in 2012, as part of coping with cuts in government funding. This creates a significant question mark over the future of service 16, as DCC will be faced with funding the whole cost of the service rather than paying a share. It is therefore not clear what scope we are going to have, although I am still pursuing the matter. I am sorry not to be able to provide an entirely positive response at this point. I will be back in touch in the New Year."

Simon Day  
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## ARRIVA INCREASE BUS FARES BY 6%

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For comparison, overall annual inflation according to the latest CPI index was 4.8%; the RPI increased by 5.2%; and RPIX (excluding mortgages) increased by 5.3%.

The fares increase is taking place against a background of rising operating costs, particularly for fuel, compounded from April 2012 by the 20% reduction

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## GOOD RESULTS FOR AYCLIFFE IN FESTIVE RACES



Members of Aycliffe Running Club have been at a number of events over the last few weeks. On 4th December Anne and Alan Kellet donned their Santa suits for the Run at Hardwick Park.

On 17th December Trish Kay and Andrew Robertson joined about 300 other runners for the Centenary Saltwell 10K Road Race. On the morning the course was covered in heavy frost and ice but the marshalls did an excellent job in clearing it ready for the start of the race.

The route was an undulating 3.5 laps in and around Saltwell Park.

Andrew Robertson finished in a good time of 46:49 whilst Trish Kay took a more leisurely pace and finished in 52:22.

On 18th December Peter Milburn travelled to Loftus

for the Poultry Run, a multi terrain event of approximately 8 miles with 3 challenging ascents.

This race has built up a reputation as one of the friendliest and most fun events in the North East. Peter finished in an excellent time of 53:07.

Christmas Eve saw a good turn out of Aycliffe runners at the 5km Durham Park Run, held at the Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle. The race covers a variety of surfaces including running track, grass, gravel paths and bridges.

First home for the club was Lee Wren in 19:22 followed by George Reid 20:05, Richard Campbell 21:29, John Burnside 21:31, Ray Johnson 22:13, Jodie McMaster 23:35, Penny Johnson 24:54, Gareth Richardson 27:47.

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Over £100 was raised for the Ladies Refuge in Bishop Auckland, (a charity supported by the Turbinia). This was a new idea and hopefully will be repeated in the future. Earlier in the evening they had been singing carols with the residents of Rose Lodge care home.

## OPEN NIGHT FOR D of E CANDIDATES

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is holding an open night for anyone interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

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

**Wednesday 18th January 2012**

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If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

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### EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that:

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on

**THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2012  
at 7.15pm**

The item for discussion on the agenda will be:

Localism Act – Neighbourhood Plans  
To receive a presentation from Mr. S. Timmis,  
(Head of Planning and Assets, Durham County Council,  
and Mr. G. Scott.

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## Our M.P. Sums up 2011

In this, my New Year's Report I want to give you a picture of my work over what has been an extremely busy 2011. I have worked hard in Westminster as an Opposition Whip and in the constituency dealing with not only your personal concerns, but also those which have or will affect the whole community. These include Hitachi, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre; The Isles Wind Farm, Arriva Buses.

#### HITACHI TRAINS

One of our greatest successes in 2011 was ensuring the government made the right decision agreeing to Hitachi trains coming to Newton Aycliffe; creating 500 direct jobs with thousands in the supply chain: the biggest private sector investment in the North East since Nissan. Construction of the purpose built factory will start towards the end of 2012 beginning of 2013. Train carriages will start production from 2015/2016. Hitachi is also looking for other train building contracts which would bring more work to Newton Aycliffe. The importance of this project cannot be overestimated, not just for the local area but for the whole of the North East. The Hitachi project is still on track.

#### NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN CENTRE

The Aldi Store will be built and opened in 2012. The Town Centre Manager informs me the ramp will be brought down and other improvements made in 2012. I found the most frustrating issues since the redevelopment began to be the planning process and the incompetence of the utility companies which caused unnecessary delays. I also know this has caused a great deal of frustration for residents and developers alike. I know it may not always seem as if anything is happening in the Town Centre but that doesn't mean nothing is happening as a lot goes on behind the scenes.

#### THE ISLES WIND FARM

The people of County Durham are not nimbyist. We have approaching 20 wind farms in the area and 22 % of our energy needs come from renewable sources. County Durham continues to play its part in the fight against climate change. It is time for other parts of the country, especially the South East, to do the same. We all want to share the benefits of renewable energy but we should also share the burden. Eon proposes to build a wind farm near Newton Aycliffe of

up to 45 wind turbines, each at least 4 times the height of the Angel of the North covering 7.5sq miles: an area equal to the size of Newton Aycliffe. I held three major public meetings on wind farms including Newton Aycliffe; spoke on the matter six times in the Commons. Durham County is known as the Land of the Prince Bishops; I do not want our County to become the land of the wind turbine.

#### ARRIVA BUSES

My post bag is full of complaints about the state of bus services in County Durham. They report buses not turning up, broken down or simply cancelled with communities left stranded. I have a constituent who will have to find more than £60 a week in taxi fares to take her to work just 2 miles away and her situation is not unique. Arriva will run buses where there is subsidy from the taxpayer. If that subsidy is withdrawn Arriva simply withdraws the bus. There is a clash of needs. A clash between the commercial bus company which needs to make a profit and the need of the traveller who needs to get to work, college, or visit hospital.

Durham County Council has to find £125 million in cuts over the next 4 years and is in a similar position to many other local authorities reducing its subsidy to bus companies, particularly Arriva, who in turn are withdrawing services. The problem is the decision taken back in 1985 to privatise bus services, however, privatisation didn't highlight the fact that privatised buses run on a commercial basis still require public subsidy. All I am asking the bus companies to do is what they set out to do in the first place: provide a service.

#### NATIONAL ISSUES

The number of unemployment in Sedgefield constituency in November 2011 numbered 2,332, which is 397 higher than in November 2010. Youth unemployment rose by 105%. 13.3% of 18-24 year olds are out of work in the area, compared to 10.8% in the North East and 8.0% in the UK. We need a growth strategy for the economy. The government simply does not have one.

The NHS generated a great number of the emails and letters in 2011. Constituents are deeply concerned about the government's reforms. The Conservatives said before the election they would not produce a top down reorganisation of

the NHS; but that is what they have done. They want to cut NHS bureaucracy but have managed to create National Commissioning Board, the largest quango in the world which will oversee the running of the NHS and we are already seeing a rise in waiting lists. Finally, it continues to be my great privilege and pleasure to continue to work on your behalf and it is important that I hear all your views. Contact me through the Constituency Office at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4EE telephone 321603 or call the London Office on 0207 219 4966. I also have a website at [www.philwilsonmp.co.uk](http://www.philwilsonmp.co.uk) and you can follow me on twitter @philwilsonmp. May I take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and a peaceful 2012.

## COUNTY FINANCES

Every month, the County Durham Economic Partnership publishes an Economic Update for the county. After a slight delay, this becomes available on the County Council website. This link – <http://bit.ly/sg1vMK> – will take you to the webpage.

If you want to receive the Update as soon as it is published, however, email [economicpartnership@durham.gov.uk](mailto:economicpartnership@durham.gov.uk) and they will add you to their mailing list. (At the moment, these updates make grim reading.)

John D Clare

## Aycliffe's Got Talent Final at Youthy

The Management Committee of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is busy organising the grand final of Young Aycliffe's Got Talent. There have been three talent packed heats that have taken place over the past few weeks and things are now coming to a head as the last minute arrangements are being made. The grand final will take place on 21st January at 4p.m. and will be held at the Youth Centre on Burn Lane, opposite Tesco's. There will be 10 acts scheduled to take place in the finals, these being 9 finalists of the 3 heats and 1 competitor who the judges deemed to be the best of the runners up.

Prizes, on the night will be presented by representatives of our three sponsors. First prize sponsored by Nordic Pioneering, with the Youth Centre sponsoring the second prize winners and Great Aycliffe Town Council Youth

Council are sponsoring the 3rd prize.

Dave Brittle, head judge, said "It has been a privilege to support this event and I am, with the rest of the judges, looking forward to the finals. We look forward to launching next years event around Easter when we will be showcasing the event supported by the judges and any of the contestants who want to take place".

For more information about the final, or to reserve your tickets please do not hesitate to contact Joan Clark on [joanclark2011@live.co.uk](mailto:joanclark2011@live.co.uk) or leave your name and address at the Youth Centre.

The cost of tickets for the final will be £1.50 if purchased in advance or £2 in the door subject to availability. Accompanied children under 10 will be admitted free as will one adult with each performing finalist.

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# AYCLIFFE TENANT WINS IPAD COMPETITION



livin, one of County Durham's largest registered housing providers has run a competition to ask people "What makes life worth livin?" Hosted via the company's new twitter page @weare\_livin the housing provider was inundated with responses from tenants and businesses alike. The winning tweet was posted by tenant, Evelyn French, which said: "Good health, happiness and warm sunny days." Presented with the prize of an ipad 2, Evelyn said: "I was so surprised when I received the phone call to say I had won. I enjoy browsing the internet and can't wait to get to grips with the ipad. I am going to use it to contact my sister who lives in Mauritius and my friend in America, as well as play my music, it will come in really useful." To view entries visit livin's official twitter page @weare\_livin

# HONEST JOHN'S STALL RAISED £14,500 FOR TOWN ORGANISATIONS

Honest John who runs a fundraising stall at the Tuesday Market wishes to thank all Newtonians who donated items for him to sell. A grand total of £14,580 was raised to help various groups in the town including Brownies, Dance Schools, Football Teams, Youth Clubs, MIND, Boxing Club and Care Homes in Newton Aycliffe. The only expense John incurs is the rental of the stall and he wishes to thank Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane for his help in providing storage facilities. John is out in all weathers with a friendly smile to all



who visit his stall. "I enjoy helping others and look forward to doing the same in 2012" said John.

# MAKE RECYCLING YOUR RESOLUTION

Residents in County Durham are being urged to make recycling one of their new year's resolutions. Durham County Council is encouraging people to do their bit to help improve the local environment by helping to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. And as an extra incentive people are being offered the chance to win up to £250 worth of prizes every month through the North East Recycling Rewards Scheme. People taking part will be given stickers to put on glass jars and aerosols before they put them in their kerbside recycling collection. Each month a stickered item will be selected and the winning resident will receive a prize. Residents in County Durham already recycle around 40 per cent of their household waste and even small changes can make a big improvement to the local environment. The North East Recycling Rewards Scheme is a fantastic way to offer an extra incentive to recycle and it's open to everyone living in County Durham." The launch of the scheme follows the successful One More Thing campaign, which ran from September until December 2011. The scheme saw more than 200 residents recycling additional items to the ones they usually put in their kerbside bin, with 16 of those taking part receiving prizes for their efforts. The North East Recycling Rewards Scheme runs until the end of July 2012 and is being organised by Waste Aware North East, along with Durham County Council and four other councils in the North East, and funded by the Government and recycling firm Valpak. To register and receive a sticker pack, visit [www.recycle-more.co.uk/NERewards](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk/NERewards) or call 0844 844 4546. For further information on recycling please contact Durham County Council's Strategic Waste team on 0191 383 5674 or visit [www.durham.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.durham.gov.uk/recycling)

# Take Children to Tiny Church

St. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Aycliffe Village is pleased to announce the start of Tiny Church in the Village Hall, Aycliffe Village on Sunday 22nd January at 3pm-4pm. Tiny Church is an ideal way of meeting with other parents/carers of young children and learning in a fun and informal way about the anglican faith. So if you enjoyed going to Sunday School as a child come along with your children or grand children and join in the fun of learning about the greatest story ever told! All enquiries to Revd Julie Wing 01325 320278

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Mon 16 Jan	am	Creative Camera	4	£18.40*
Mon 16 Jan	pm	Intro to Floristry	4	£18.40*
Tues 17 Jan	am	'Thread Works'-Intro to Needlecraft	4	£18.40*
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Thurs 19 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Care	4	£18.40*
Thurs 19 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Counselling	6	£27.60*
Fri 20 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Childcare	4	£18.40*
Fri 20 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Playwork	4	£18.40*
Sat 21 Jan	10-12	Intro to Family History	4	£18.40*
Tues 24 Jan	10-12	Employability	4	£18.40*
Wed 25 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Admin	4	£18.40*
Wed 25 Jan	am/pm	Intro to Customer Care	4	£18.40*



# MOTORBIKES ON GREAT AYCLIFFE WAY

Dear Sir,  
When will the police or the Council do something about the amount of idiots who ride motorbikes and quad bikes along the paths of the Great Aycliffe Way?

I'm fed up of being out with my dogs and having to grab hold of them when a motorbike comes flying up behind us, for fear that they'll be run over. It's not enough to put those big stones across the path, because the gaps that are left are often big enough for a motorbike to fit between. I've lost count of the times I've seen bikes going up and down the paths

along the Burn and I can't be the only one with these complaints.

It's not only dog walkers who are affected either. A lot of elderly people walk along these paths daily. If a bike were to suddenly appear in front of or behind them, I doubt many of these people would be able to avoid them and I'm surprised that there hasn't been a nasty accident.

There are also family groups who use the paths to get to the schools. Is it too much to ask that a footpath is used as it is meant to be? People should not have to fear for their safety while they're

walking, whether with their dogs or with their children. Come on councillors, put something more effective in place, please!

Outraged

Name & address supplied

## Rotary Club Thanks Residents

Dear Editor,

May I through your newspaper, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, thank all members of the public who have generously donated to the collections organised by the Club at Tesco and with the Santa Sleigh around the Newton Aycliffe area.

We are indebted to the Management and staff at Tesco for their help and co-operation in this annual effort.

The money raised is spent on providing Christmas hampers for residents of the area who are in need of assistance especially at this time of year.

Once again many thanks for your generosity and the Rotary Club wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Alan Crawshaw, President

# SLIMMING CLUB MANAGER MEETS STAR COMEDIAN

Fiona Jones scored a big 10 out of 10 from comedian Jason Manford when they met at Slimming World's annual awards ceremony to celebrate its most successful slimmers.

Fiona, who manages Slimming World groups in Aycliffe, was thrilled to meet the funnyman, at the event in Birmingham. Salford-born stand-up Jason, joined Slimming World's founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE, FRSA to host the ceremony.

He said: "Presenting the Slimming World Awards was a real honour. I was blown away by the achievements of all of the slimmers. Throughout the day I met so many inspirational people, not only the slimmers collecting awards but also the amazing people like Fiona who run and manage the groups and help them achieve so much. It's literally changed their lives beyond all recognition.

Fiona says meeting Jason was the perfect ending to another extraordinary year for Slimming World which helps more than a million people every year lose weight and lead healthier, happier lives.

"But there's still a lot of work to be done," adds Fiona. "With some of the highest levels of obesity in Europe in the UK, we want to help even more people slim down and improve their health starting this January. Lots of people are making New Year's resolutions pledging



to lose weight, and we'd love anyone who wants to make a change to come and join us.

"Even if they've struggled in the past, there's no need to be put off. Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan isn't a diet, it's an easy, healthy way of eating that the whole family can enjoy. By making small easy changes to the way they shop, cook and eat, members see a big difference on the scales.

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of a long list of everyday foods from fruit and veg to pasta and rice and lean meat to eggs and fat free dairy, they never have to go hungry. And that's the biggest issue for slimmers.

When you combine this with all the support, fun and friendship that members get at a Slimming World group, that's a powerful weight loss package that's hard to beat – all year round."

To get your New Year off to a super slimming start visit [www.slimmingworld.com](http://www.slimmingworld.com) to find your nearest Slimming World group.

## Purse Theft at Xmas

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday 21st December my purse was stolen, but the sad thing is I know who stole it and so do the police, but I need more evidence from another person who was a witness.

I hope the person is proud of himself as he took my grandchildren's Christmas money, my pension card, bus pass and all my other cards. This thief totally ruined our Christmas and I hope he can live with himself. He works with the general public and this is a warning to all to be always vigilant.

Name & address supplied

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## GAMP FUND COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATIONS



A community centre is celebrating work which has made their local hub a safer, more attractive place to be. GAMP has funded renovations to the Neville Parade Community Centre with new front double doors, side panels, railings and toughened glass. The front doors have been moved forward, flush with the front of the building. It's hoped this work will deter people gathering at the entrance and subsequently help to reduce litter and anti-social behaviour. Funding was also used towards the cost of renovating the gents toilets as the previous ones were over 40 years old and in need of extensive modernisation. The partnership, one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009, has supported the initiative via councillors John

Moran and Sarah Iveson's Neighbourhood Budget, totalling £7,875. Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "Supporting the town's voluntary organisations is a priority for GAMP and assisting the Neville Community Centre with funding has allowed the team there to progress their plans and create a safe and welcoming environment for local residents." Peter Beaty, President of the Community Centre, said: "The trustees of the centre appreciate the support we have received from the GAMP team and would also like to thank councillors Iveson and Moran for supporting the project." Pictured are: Adam White, GAMP project officer, Anne Hardy, Neville Community Centre Secretary, Cllr Sarah Iveson and Peter Beaty.

## FREE SWIMMING

There's an activity for everyone in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre's new swimming pool timetable. The Leisure Centre is right in the heart of Newton Aycliffe's shopping facilities at Beveridge Arcade. Along with public swimming the centre offers the following sessions and activities in its two pools.

- Children's swimming lessons - ducklings (under 5's) and juniors (5yr+)
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### BIG SPLASH

The ASA is inspiring the nation to swim through the Big Splash Scheme. Newton Aycliffe is playing their part in supporting this scheme by providing a Big Splash fun session every Sunday from 12.30-1.30pm. Incorporating the leisure centre's new aqua inflatable assault course, 'The Olympian', the session is sure to challenge all those who dare (8-18yrs)!

### PUBLIC SWIMMING

Public swimming sessions are available in the large pool on a daily basis at the following times:

Monday: 7-9.30am, 11.30am - 2.00pm, 3.30 - 6.00pm  
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Thursday: 8.00 - 9.30am, 10.30am - 1.30pm, 6-8.00pm  
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Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership

# Courses in your Community from January - March 2012

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My Career My Future - do you need an up to date CV and help finding a job? This course will provide you with the skills needed to create a targeted CV and will help you apply for jobs with confidence	Starting 11/01/12 for 5 weeks 10am - 12pm	
Emergency First Aid at Work	1 day - 16/01/12 9am - 4.30pm	
Food Safety in Catering	1 day - 30/01/12 9am - 4.30pm	
Paediatric First Aid	2 days - 27/03/12 & 28/03/12 9am - 4.30pm	
Computers - IT for the Terrified	Starting 15/02/12 for 7 weeks 9.30am - 11.30am	
The eligibility criteria for the courses listed above is 19+ and the Fee Policy is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If you are in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) the course is FREE</li><li>If you are not in receipt of either of these benefits a charge of £2.30ph would be applied, you will be invoiced direct from Bishop Auckland College</li></ul>		
Computer IT Drop in Taster sessions (the sessions are free, however please make a contribution to the Centre)	11/01/12 to 08/02/12 10am - 1pm then ongoing 15/02/12 11am - 1.30pm	
Greenfield Community and Arts Centre 01325 379048 info@greenfield-arts.co.uk		
Zumba	Monday 6pm - 7pm (ongoing)	3.50/session
Aerobics	Monday 7pm - 8pm (ongoing)	3.50/session
Zumba	Thursday 6.30pm - 7.30pm (ongoing)	3.50/session
Aerobics	Thursday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (ongoing)	3.50/session
Stretch & Tone	Tuesday 5.15pm - 6pm (ongoing)	3.50/session
Box Aerobics	Tuesday 6pm - 7pm (ongoing)	3.80/session
Stepping Out Dance School Tuesday 5pm - 9pm (ongoing) For more information Tel: 0792929562 or Email: clarewalton@aol.com		
Weight Watchers Thursday 6pm - 8pm (ongoing) For more information Tel: 08456070685		
Musical Theatre Group Wednesday 7pm - 9pm (ongoing) For more information Tel: 01325 318968		
Salsa-cise Wednesday 7.30pm - 9pm (ongoing) For more information Tel: 07772756416		
Community Pottery Group Wednesday 1pm - 4pm (ongoing) For more information contact the Arts Centre		
Guitars - Adults	Thursday 7pm - 8pm (5 weeks)	25.00
Steel Pans	Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm (until Easter)	FREE
Singing - Adults	Wednesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (5 weeks)	16.00
Ballroom Dancing (Beginners)	Tuesday 8pm - 8.30pm (ongoing)	3.00/session
Ballroom Dancing	Tuesday 7pm - 8pm (ongoing)	2.50/session
Spanish (Beginners)	Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm (10 weeks)	33.00
Spanish	Tuesday 7pm - 9pm (10 weeks)	41.00
Make and Munch	Thursday 6.30pm - 8.30pm (5 weeks)	40.00 including ingredients
County Durham Furniture Help Scheme Steve Mitton 01388 721509		
County Durham Furniture Help Scheme based at Unit 18 Chilton Industrial Estate offers a Voluntary Work Experience/Employability Prospect Improvement course which provides: Work Experience and support with Employability Skills, CV Preparation, Mentoring, Confidence Building, Interview Techniques, Job Campaign Preparation and Information, Advice and Guidance. The duration of this course is 8—12 weeks and is FREE		

Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre 01325 316558 aycliffe@bacoll.ac.uk Concessions may be available ask when enquiring		
A wide range of courses offered at various levels are delivered at Bishop Auckland College's Community Learning Centres, these include:		
Computers for the Terrified	5 weeks	23.00
Introduction to Web Design	5 weeks	23.00
Learn how to search and book your 2012 holiday online	3 weeks	13.80
Introduction to Social Networking	3 weeks	13.80
Creative Camera	5 weeks	23.00
Vocational Tasters including Introduction to Administration, Customer Care, Counselling/Interpersonal Skills, Teaching Assistant, Childcare, Care, Book-keeping and Dementia Care	All courses are 5 weeks	23.00 per course
Work Club including confidence building, interview techniques, application forms, CV preparation	4 weeks	FREE
CSCS Card (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)	5 weeks	23.00 + Reg/Cert
First Aid (CIEH)	1 day	16.00 + Reg/Cert
Food Safety (CIEH)	1 day	16.00 + Reg/Cert
Accredited Courses including City & Guilds IT— for further details contact the number above		
Adult Literacy Levels 1 and 2	Varies	FREE
Adult Numeracy Levels 1 and 2	Varies	FREE
Pioneering Care Centre 01325 321234 enquiries@pcp.uk.net		
*FREE courses if you are in receipt of ESA or JSA - contact above number for details		
Intro to Youth Work - 4 weeks	Monday 16th January (am/pm)	18.40*
Intro to Teaching Assistant - 4 weeks	Monday 16th January (am/pm)	18.40*
Creative Camera - 4 weeks	Monday 16th January (am)	18.40*
Intro to Floristry - 4 weeks	Monday 16th January (pm)	18.40*
'Thread Works' - Intro to Needlecraft - 4 weeks	Tuesday 17th January (am) 4 weeks	18.40*
Cake Decorating/Love Cupcakes - 4 weeks	Tuesday 17th January 1pm - 3pm	18.40*
Lunch Around the World - 4 weeks	Wednesday 18th January 11.15am - 1.15pm	18.40*
Great British Cookery - 4 weeks	Wednesday 18th January 6pm - 8pm	18.40*
Weight Management - 4 weeks	Wednesday 18th January 6pm - 7pm	18.40*
Computers for the Terrified - 4 weeks	Thursday 19th January 10am - 12pm	18.40*
Intro to Care - 4 weeks	Thursday 19th January (am/pm)	18.40*
Intro to Counselling - to provide an insight into Counselling Skills - 6 weeks	Thursday 19th January 6pm - 8.30pm	27.60*
Intro to Childcare - to provide an insight into working in the early years sector - 4 weeks	Friday 20th January 10am - 12pm	18.40*
Intro to Playwork - to gain an understanding of the role of a play worker, how to plan and prepare a programme of activities etc - 4 weeks	Friday 20th January 1pm - 3pm	18.40*
Into to Family History - 4 weeks	Saturday 21st January 10am - 12pm	18.40*
Employability - 4 weeks	Tuesday 24th January 10am - 12pm	18.40*
Intro to Admin - 4 weeks	Wednesday 25th January (am/pm)	18.40*
Intro to Customer Care - 4 weeks	Wednesday 25th January (am/pm)	18.40*
Newton Aycliffe Library Rosemary Hoban 01325 312856 Rosemary.Hoban@durham.gov.uk		
Family History and Basic Computing		
The above courses will start mid February for 5 weeks (dates to be confirmed), however, please contact the above number to register your interest.		
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre 01325 307522 newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@live.co.uk		
HAVE YOUR SAY on the non accredited courses you would like to see being offered at the Youth Centre. Call in to the Centre to complete a questionnaire or alternatively contact the centre on the above telephone number/email for further details.		





## Courses in your Community from January - March 2012

**Communicators Training Associates Ltd**  
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- **ITQ ECDL** - online learning course covering 3 modules; word processing, spreadsheets and powerpoint. Each module is approximately 13 hours - £45 registration fee. The remainder of the course is funded. Funding is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- **Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering** - qualification for anyone who works in the food industry. The modules are delivered online £29.99 for the course and £29.99 for the test
- **Prepare to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)** - 4 day introductory course to teaching. It is a Level 3 qualification and prepare anyone who is looking to go into the learning/teaching profession - £225
- **Maths and/or English** - work towards a recognised Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) delivered via online learning materials on the internet. Minimum of 4 hours learning per week is required. When your learning is complete you take a test at the Centre on the Industrial Estate in Newton Aycliffe - FREE.
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# Greenfield Community & Arts Centre News

We have been extremely busy in the Arts Centre recently and would love to share our news with you; from Christmas activities, to brand new clubs starting, we are bound to have something to interest you.  
DECEMBER 2011

Christmas was a very busy time for us in the

Greenfield Arts Centre. We had a number of fantastic activities for all to participate in. These included a Festive Cookery workshop with fun for all the family, baking a great selection of festive goodies. There were also a number of creative workshops such as Christmas card making

and decorations. And on Friday 23rd December, we all enjoyed the fantastic Polar Express on the police mobile cinema, with popcorn and winter warming hot chocolates. The hard work doesn't end there however, with the New Year bringing brilliant workshops for children and

adults. If you'd like to find out about our courses, then why not visit us, email us at: info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or give us a ring: 01325 379048. We look forward to seeing you! Our next exhibition at Greenfield Gallery is: Karen Syms 'Tea for Two' from Thursday 12th

January to Wednesday 1st February 2012.

This fantastic new exhibition by artist Karen Syms draws inspiration from the Aycliffe Angels, their lives, their work and how they spent their time outside of the factory during the Second World War. Karen Syms has



created textile pieces and paintings using colour, materials, techniques and themes from the lives of the Aycliffe Angels. The Greenfield Gallery is the perfect setting for this exhibition with its strong local history connection. Greenfield Gallery is open from 10am to 9pm Monday to Thursday and 10am to 4pm Friday. We also have an exciting programme of courses and sessions for both adults and children at Greenfield Community Centre. Pick up a leaflet on your gallery visit, or visit our website for more information www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

Exciting New Clubs in the Greenfield Community and Arts Centre  
We have lots of exciting new groups and activities occurring in the Arts Centre for young people in 2012. Our enrolment week is Monday 9th – Friday 13th January 2012, so why not visit us to find out more and to register.

Want something new to join with your mates? We have 3 amazing new clubs for you to join ~ Dance Mats, Film Club and Book

Club. All for FREE too!  
DANCE MATS run on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm starting 17th January and is open to anyone aged between 8-16. Come and join our fun dance mat sessions, guaranteed to get you dancing. Film Club runs on Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm and starts 19th January. (Parental Consent is needed 11+).

It is a fantastic opportunity to watch films and make your own exclusive online members site (find us at www.filmclub.org). We'll even provide popcorn!  
BOOK CLUB runs Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm and starts 19th January 10+. If you love reading or would like to read more then this club is definitely for you. Share your favourite books and participate in lively discussions and activities. For these or other opportunities including FREE steel pan workshops, guitars or singing please come and see us or contact us on 01325 379 048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk  
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# WOODHAM STUDENTS DELIVER XMAS HAMPERS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS



The weeks leading up to Christmas are busy in any school. At Woodham Community Technology College part of the Christmas preparations included the making up and delivering of hampers to nominated local residents, particularly senior

citizens and families in difficult circumstances. The process involved every student – and their families. Decorating the boxes with festive wrapping and tinsel not only made them look more attractive; it was good fun too. A prize was awarded to the tutor group

in each year group creating the best-decorated hamper. Some classes put together not one but several superbly decorated Christmas hampers. Students donated a grocery item, the boxes were packed with goodies and then the school mini bus was drafted into operation for the task of delivering the hampers around the area. One student from each tutor group helped with the deliveries. The recipients of the hampers were delighted and registered their appreciation by sending letters, cards, emails and notes into the college saying how grateful they were. Assistant Headteacher, Danny

Morgans, who co-ordinated the endeavour explained, "This was a very heart-warming project. The local residents really appreciated the hampers and the tutors and students put in a tremendous effort. The venture was not only of benefit to those receiving the hampers but engendered a feeling of pride within the college at having made a real contribution to the Christmas of those within their community. This was very much a part of the spirit of Christmas, and in keeping with the ethos of Woodham." Students were entitled to come to the college in non-uniform on the last day of term as a thank you for all their hard work.

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## Carols on the Village Green

Thanks to all who took part in the joyful "Carols on Aycliffe Village Green" especially those who played instruments. Our appreciation also to those who erected the gazebo with lights, the compere and the ladies who provided Ginger wine. Santa took time out at his busiest time of the year to visit the children and Stuart and Collette from "The County" did us proud again with their hospitality and amazing generosity. The evening raised £276 to be shared with St. Andrew's Church, The Village Hall and Butterwick Hospice. We all look forward to doing it again next year.

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# COUNTY DURHAM GETTING WARMER

Winter may be well underway but a study of weather trends going back 150 years shows that County Durham is getting warmer! The research, carried out by a Durham University student on work experience at Durham County Council, also reveals that, contrary to how it may feel, rainfall is pretty much unchanged over the same timescale. This is the second longest historical climate record in Britain after the Radcliffe Observatory in Oxford and provides an excellent source for an investigation of recent climate change. The fact that the data correlates to national trends means we now have unequivocal evidence of climate change here in County Durham and some of the findings are fascinating. For example, while temperature rises are in line with those experienced

nationally, this research shows that whatever our perceptions of wetter summers may be – they're actually pretty much unchanged regarding rainfall for 150 years. It's the winters which appear to be getting wetter!" The findings give us invaluable data for our continued education campaign regarding the need to take action and make even little changes which will help reduce the impact of climate change." The report investigated trends such as temperature, rainfall, wind speeds, even humidity and compared these local trends to national trends. Temperature trends show that over the timescale annual temperatures in Durham City have increased from 8.0°C in 1850 to 9.5°C in 2009 (with a steep drop to 8.3°C in 2010 due to the exceptionally cold winter in this year). The figures provide a good match to national trends showing that climate change is occurring even here in

Durham. Professor Tim Burt from Durham University added: "It has been very good that a Durham University student has been able to spend time analysing the Durham weather records. "Andrew's findings are clearly of immediate benefit to the local community and can help us plan for the future. "Having just had the warmest November and the second warmest autumn on record at Durham in over 160 years, we just cannot ignore the recent warming trend."

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT meeting at Aycliffe Village Hall on Sat 7th Jan 2012 from 11am to 12noon. Councillors and Representatives from Great Aycliffe Council, Durham County Council and Livin have been invited.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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**Friday 3rd February - The 80's Experience**  
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**Saturday 4th February - Gourmet Evening**  
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**Saturday 4th February - Night Fever at the 70's Disco**  
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**Friday 10th February - The Jam and Paul Weller Tribute**  
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**Friday 10th February - The 80's Experience**  
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# Festive Fun Run in Durham



Christmas Eve saw over 200 runners dressed as various characters from the Christmas season taking part in the Durham Park run. The 5k distance is attracting more runners every week, and many young athletes from Sildon AC made 24th December their debut. First back for the club and 5th place overall was Michael Bleasby, dressed in a full length Santa suit he still knocked out 17.48 as he crossed the line. Not far behind was young Henry Johnson from Aycliffe who despite

having a cold came 7th with 18.24. Matthew Coulthard made his debut and romped around in his Santa outfit in 19.09. Amy Etherington was 1st female home and seemed to fly around the course as fast as Santa delivers his presents! She completed her debut run in 19.49, and hard on her heels was Zoe Hewitson who crossed the finish in 20.39 and claimed 2nd female place. Other results include Ryan Etherington who finished in 20.54 and Elizabeth Wood 22.28.

# A COURSE TO HELP YOU GET A JOB

Woodham Community Centre is forming partnerships with Bishop Auckland College, various members of Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership, the Job Centre etc, and our own Championing Community Learning team to help job seekers. We offer both formal classes and individual

help for people to gain the confidence and skills to help prepare a CV using computers. Develop the skills to use the Internet, and e-mail to job search, and submit job applications. A five week course starts Wed 11th Jan 2012 10am to noon at Woodham Village Community Centre. People will then have the chance

to practise and receive free help individually from our own team at Woodham until 1-30pm. The five week Courses are free to those receiving Employer Support Allowance or Job Seekers Allowance, all others £2-40 per hour. Contact David Sutton-Lloyd 01325 316144

# NEW TECHNOLOGY SHORTENS MOTORWAY CRASH CLOSURES

Drivers across England are to benefit from shorter motorway closures after crashes thanks to the roll-out of 3D laser scanning technology funded by the Government and Police. The Department for Transport has awarded 27 police forces across England a total of £2.7million. The funding, together with police and the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) contributions, will enable them to purchase 37 scanners. The technology saves time by quickly making a 3D image of the whole crash site, rather than investigators painstakingly surveying multiple sections of a scene. This digital image of the site can then be viewed on a computer screen remotely allowing investigators to take measurements of where vehicles are in relation to each other and examine other important evidence. This initiative is delivering an action plan aimed at reducing delays caused by incidents in order to keep traffic moving - a vital element in securing the UK's prosperity. "There is nothing more frustrating than being stuck in a traffic jam for hours on end. But even worse than that

is the shocking £1 billion cost of those lost hours for our economy. That is why we are determined to improve the clear-up of accidents so we can get our motorways re-opened as quickly as possible. The £2.7 million DfT funding award will see 3D laser scanners rolled out quickly where they are needed most. This will benefit drivers by reducing incident clear up times by 39 minutes on average. Last year there were more than 18,000 full or partial motorway closures lasting a total of more than 20,000 hours. A Government strategy to tackle congestion caused by motorway closures and drive down the £1bn annual cost to the economy was published in May by the Minister. The 3D laser scanning project is innovative and will enable motorways to be opened more quickly after incidents, passing a direct benefit to the public. The National Policing Improvement Agency is pleased to support the project, which also brings significant improvements in supporting better outcomes in policing and increased efficiency in officer time.

# SOUPA LUNCH

The Soup-a-Lunch this month will be on Wednesday 11th January at 12.45pm. There will be a choice of two soups, and a sweet followed by a cup of tea or coffee. The price is £3.00 and it is held in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham. In February we will return to our usual day, the first Wednesday of the month which is February 1st. If you wish to attend please phone Angela or Brian on 01325 319067

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TUES. 17th JAN. 2.15 pm.

Behind the Scenes - Making Bespoke Furniture Derek Nixon will give an illustrated talk about his Barnard Castle based business, with emphasis on special commissions and particular items of furniture made for the Museum. Tickets, Tel: 01833 690606 ext 233 (voicemail) or email friends@thebowesmuseum.org.uk. Friends £8, Guests £9, including tea and scones.

THURSDAY 26th JAN. 11.00am Jennifer Scott, Keeper of the Royal Collection, will bring to life some of the pictures in the current Museum Exhibition on Dutch Landscapes which have been kindly loaned by Her Majesty the Queen.

The Royal Collection includes rich holdings of 17th Century Dutch Landscapes by great masters and the current exhibition brings together

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## SANTA WAS HERE!



Santa very kindly took time out from his busy schedule to visit the OakLeaf Sports Complex Children's Party on Christmas Eve afternoon. He had a little chat and gave a small gift to all those attending before setting off for a very busy night's work.

## Playday Nursery Nativity



On Thursday 15th of December Playday Nursery held its very 1st Nativity. The pre-school children put on a fabulous performance supported by the babies and toddlers who sang and danced. The children then

had a very well deserved party afterwards. The turnout was overwhelming. We would like to give a special thanks to Neville Jones at J+C Coaches and everyone who donated prizes for the raffle

## Police Authority Consult on 2012/13 Budget

Durham Police Authority will be meeting with National Non-Domestic Rate Payers and it's Citizens' Panel on 17 January to discuss the policing budget proposals for 2012/13. Members of the public are also welcome to attend the Citizens'

Panel to feed in their views on the proposals. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 5.30 p.m. at County Hall, Durham. Peter Thompson, Chairman said: "This time of year is always difficult for the Authority and it is important we consult widely with the general public, through the Citizens' Panel and through meetings with businesses. We are determined to put front-line policing at the forefront of our priorities and the Police Authority will continue to support the Chief Constable and his officers in every way possible to ensure that the Constabulary maintains its status as one of the best performing Forces in the Country"

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## AYCLIFFE 'TRY-ATHLON' FOR HELP THE HEROES



Wheelchair user, Sandra Wheatley and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Staff are planning another Swimathon with a difference!

Almost two years ago Sandra, who has MS, and the staff at Aycliffe Leisure Centre plus

many, many friends raised almost £5,000 from a 24-Hour Swimathon! The monies raised helped provide a clean-water project in Uganda.

On the 19th-20th January another 24 hour event will take place and this time will include

the use of a static exercise bike and a rowing machine renamed as a 'Try-athlon'. It is hoped those who aren't keen swimmers but who would like to participate can use the other pieces of equipment to raise funds!

'Help for Heroes' will benefit from all their efforts this time. Sandra and the Leisure Centre Staff are already in training for the event - Sandra has been swimming 100 lengths-plus as often as is possible!

It is hoped as many people as possible will join Sandra and the Staff again and make this another huge success for all involved.

For more information please contact: Sandra Wheatley: [sandra@wwofw.co.uk](mailto:sandra@wwofw.co.uk) Tel: 01325 314050 mob: 07715 236326

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## New Year Wishes

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** from Godfrey and Shirley Bennett to friends old and new

### Best Wishes to Harry David West

On your first Christmas. Sorry about the mistakes made by Newton News in the announcement. From Nana, Grandad, Nicola, Daniel and family hope you had a great time.

## In Memoriam

**DEMI HESLOP** 01.09.06 - 08.01.07. It's been 5 long years since you were taken away. And I have missed you every single day. You were and still are the pride of Mammy's heart. Love you always and forever, Mammy xxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** Our beautiful Sister Demi, we love and miss you all the world and back again. Love you always, Shannon, Daniel and Megan xxxx

**OUR BEAUTIFUL GRANDDAUGHTER** Demi Heslop 01.09.06 cruelly taken 08.01.07. Our heart still aches in sadness, our silent tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you Demi, no one will ever know. Love you, loved and missed always, Grandma and Granda xxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** 01.09.06 - 08.01.07. A garden of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears. Love, Great Grandma  
**DEMI HESLOP** 01.09.06 - 08.01.07. Thinking of our little Angel today and always. Uncle John, Auntie Glennis and Uncle Bill xxx  
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**LOL GREEN** died 11.12.03, loved and remembered always. From, Sue xxx

## Obituary

### David Barkley

05-01-11

No special day is needed, For me to think of you, For you are always with me, In everything I do. Your smile is in the sunshine, your laughter is in the breeze, your love is all around me, it's in the air I breathe.

Behind my smile there lies a tear, for the husband I lost and loved so dear. I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain, to walk throughout my life until we meet again.

I love and miss you my Darling David, your loving Wife Pauline xxxxxx

### David Barkley

05-01-11

In loving memory of our beloved Dad and Grandad. Deep are the memories, precious they stay, no passing of time, can take them away.

Loved and missed always. From your loving family xx

## Thank You

**O'BRIEN** - Judith, Bryan, Alan, Ann and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support, cards and flowers received on the loss of their dear Dad, Frank. Special thanks to Revd Linda for a very comforting Service and to Matthew of Gibson's Funeral Services for his care and guidance.

### KYRA ROSE WALKER

When I took ill at New Year your quick thinking and bravery saved my life! You are my super hero. Without you I wouldn't be here to thank you! Love you so much, Mammy Bear xxxxxx

### THE SMITHS

We been to hell and back this week and without your support we wouldn't have made it. Thank you, Lisa and Kyra xx Would like to say a special thank you to my Dad, you're the best, Lisa Marie xxx

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### Well Done Charlie!



**Pupil of the Year & Most Improved Dancer for 2011**

Love Mum, Nan & Grandad. Special thanks to Clare Walton, Danielle and Sophie xx

### Valerie Graham



**Congratulations Val on reaching the BIG 5...0!!!** Hope you enjoy your day pass to Rose Lodge!!! Wishing you a very happy birthday to a very special Wife, Mother and Granny to be!!! Lots of love, Colin, Sam, Steven, Steph, Graham & Pip xxxxx

### Drake Christopher



03.01.12  
**Congratulations on your 18th Birthday**  
Love from all the family

**KELLY SIMPSON - STEPHEN HUDSON.** Congratulations on your Engagement on Christmas Day. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Stephen's Mam and Hudson family xxx

## Births

**CYMON & LINDSAY** would like to announce the birth of Oliver Thomas born 24/12/11 weighing 8lb, thank you to all family & friends for the cards & gifts.

### MILLER-METCALFE



**ISABELLE MAE**  
Born 22-12-11

A little lady who obviously didn't want to miss Christmas! What a wonderful 'extra' gift for us all. Many congratulations and much love to Kat and Craig from both families xxxx

### Giles Mercy



7th January 2012  
**Happy 40th Birthday**  
Have a fab day. All my love forever, Lisa xx  
**Happy Birthday Daddy**  
Lots of love from Leo and Libby xx

### Molly Eve Cooper



31st December 2011  
**Congratulations Molly on your 18th Birthday**  
We all love you very much from Grandma, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins xxx

**STEPHANIE MARIE ROBINSON.** Happy 21st Birthday, hope you had a great day on 27th December. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Mike, Lisa and David  
**LILIAN WARD.** February 3rd, happy 80th birthday. Love, Rob and family  
**ELOISE COLLINGWOOD** Happy 5th Birthday. Have a fab day princess all our love Mammy Daddy Jordan & Jack  
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# AYCLIFFE FC UNBEATEN IN FOUR GAMES

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Ancients in the build-up to Christmas, which followed a 1-1 draw at Bedlington Terriers, to stretch their current unbeaten run to four games. It enabled Aycliffe to cement their top-six position in the Northern League first division, in their first season in the top flight. Now they hope to add to their encouraging league form

with another derby win at home to Shildon next Wednesday (January 11th, 7.30pm) in the Durham County Cup. Aycliffe will play their nearest rivals in the second round of their only remaining cup competition. They first go to Jarrow Roofing in the league this Saturday looking to make it four straight wins.

Chairman Gary Farley is optimistic for the rest of the 2011-12 campaign. "It's been a terrific season up to now," he said. "Results have been a bit up and down but we expected that and we have to take the rough with the smooth. "But we have hit some good form at a good time and putting three straight wins together has given us all a boost. "We look to make it four straight league wins at Jarrow this weekend followed by another big home derby against Shildon next Wednesday." It took a modest, yet professional performance to

despatch basement side and whipping boys Stokesley last Sunday, on a bitter cold afternoon in the North Riding. First half goals from Stuart Owen and Nathan Wilson - his second in as many games - gave Allan Oliver's side control of the game, with Dale Jardine crowning a fine individual display with a late third. Aycliffe served a Boxing Day treat to their biggest league crowd of the season against Bishop, with 363 supporters packing into Moore Lane Park as goals by Wilson and Dan Mellanby provided a 2-1 victory.

## FIXTURES

Sat Jan 7: Jarrow Roofing (A), 3pm  
Wed Jan 11: Shildon (H) Durham Cup, 7.30pm  
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Sat Feb 11: Shildon (H), 3pm  
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Be prepared – that's the winter message to people in County Durham. Tips and advice on staying safe, warm and well during winter are now available on Durham County Council's website.

The page also includes a downloadable 'personal winter plan', which features checklists, useful telephone numbers and space to add extra information.

For advice on keeping warm and well during cold weather or to download the personal winter plan visit [www.durham.gov.uk/warmandwell](http://www.durham.gov.uk/warmandwell)

If you need help during winter weather or are concerned about someone else's welfare during severe weather you should contact the following numbers:

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