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HITACHI CONTRACT SIGNED

Great Boost for Aycliffe's Future

At last the Department for Transport has signed the deal with Hitachi Rail Europe to bring a high tech rail assembly plant to Newton Aycliffe.

Durham County Council Leader, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "This is a hugely significant moment for County Durham. Rail manufacturing is coming home, returning to where it all began and to the people who played such a key role in its history."

"I have no doubt at all that Hitachi will have much to benefit from choosing Newton Aycliffe for its base. As a council it is our pledge to do everything possible to continue to attract, retain and support business and job creation in County Durham. Hitachi has this week played an important role in ensuring the world is looking at our county and we will make the most of this fantastic opportunity."

Working with partners including Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson and site owners Merchant Place Developments, the council played a significant role in bringing Hitachi to Newton Aycliffe. This influential group successfully lobbied the DfT to progress the production of the next generation of passenger trains with Hitachi Rail Europe. Since then Business Durham, the council's business arm, has supported and organised an event hosted by the Xcel Centre attended by more than 1,500 people interested in being part of the fit out and supply chain linked to the Hitachi development. The signing of the contract with Hitachi is the beginning of a very significant time for Aycliffe as the second largest industrial estate in the North East and a focal point for engineering based manufacturing. Hitachi will add significant value underlining the importance of South West Durham to the county's economic prospects." Stewart Watkins, managing director of the council's Business Durham, said:



"Hitachi is renowned for extremely high standards in design and manufacturing. The company's presence in Newton Aycliffe will raise the bar on standards and the aspirations of local people who will have a key role to play in the supply of goods and services as well as the workforce. It is through opportunities like this that we get to showcase what we can offer on a global stage."

"The 200 construction jobs and up to 730 assembly plant posts which will be created directly by Hitachi are just the start of a ripple effect throughout the local and regional economy. I would expect everyone including local shops and services and regional ports and airports, to benefit when the plant opens."

This is indeed a welcome boost for Aycliffe and should fill everyone in the town with renewed hope and optimism for the future.

It should spur everyone into action and we ought to expect improvements in all aspects of community life with more businesses moving to Aycliffe. We will need to improve the general infrastructure, move quicker with developments such as the Town Centre, housing, and public facilities. The contract announcement paves the way for Hitachi to build a rolling stock manufacturing and assembly plant over the course of the next two years and be fully operational by 2015.

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Weather Could Spoil Fun in the Parks Event

Due to the exceptionally poor weather conditions we have been experiencing recently concerns have been raised about the ground conditions in the town's parks.

Anyone planning to attend one of these events is asked to visit our website for all the latest information at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/oakleafsportcomplex/events-sports/fun-in-our-parks.

Local Accountancy Firm Launched



M. A. Smith Chartered Accountants is an exciting new firm, which recently opened, in the Newton Aycliffe area. The Principal, Mark Smith, has over 20 years experience working with owner managed businesses, charities and mutual societies. The offices are based in Heighington Village. Mark said "In these challenging times, people need an honest, approachable accountant, they can trust and find easy to talk to and we feel we can meet this need."

"We pride ourselves on providing a high-quality, flexible, competitively priced accountancy service to businesses and individuals." The firm offers a full range of accountancy services including:

Accounts preparation; Self-assessment tax returns; Corporate tax preparation; Bookkeeping; VAT returns preparation; Payroll; & Company Secretarial. Mark offers all clients, a free initial consultation meeting which allows them to assess their clients' needs and provide them with a high quality tailored service. They aim to provide a flexible service and are happy to arrange evening and weekend appointments to fit clients' needs.

Mark Smith grew up in Barnard Castle, and studied in Manchester, graduating with a first-class honours degree in Accountancy and Finance in 1990. He trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1995 and has worked for a small number of local firms, gaining invaluable experience.

He lives in Heighington Village, with his wife and two young children. Mark is an active, family man, who enjoys spending time with his young family, keeping fit and socialising with friends.

If you would like more information please contact Mark on, 07557 794495, e-mail: info@masaccounts.co.uk or visit their website at www.masaccounts.co.uk.

The Day the Balloon Went Down!



On Tuesday evening a hot air balloon made a 'crash' landing on the field between Clanny Road flats and Pudsey Walk in the Neville Parade area of the town. My family and I initially saw the balloon rise over the trees behind our house, then skimming over rooftops and narrowly missing trees made a safe landing on the field. The 'driver' of the balloon should be commended on making such a good landing in what could have been an awful situation. Many

of the neighbours from the vicinity and neighbouring streets gathered on the field to witness the event - what a sight! Claire Chadwick. Newton News thanks Victoria Pinner and Stephen Jones who sent in pictures from their mobile phones. If you see something we would be interested in please e-mail: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Why Were County Councillors Absent at Public Meeting?

Dear Sir,

I noted a fair proportion of Town Councillors were in attendance at the Great Aycliffe Residents' Public Meeting last Thursday night to discuss litter, policing and changes to wheelie bin collections.

However I saw no County Councillors there to make comments from their perspective. I was later told they were in another special meeting to determine who would represent the Labour Party at the next County Council Elections. Obviously they were looking after their own well paid interest rather than that of their Ward constituents. The County Officers present at the meeting did try their best, but on the Wheelie Bin issue came away shamefaced!

The Policing question is still not resolved satisfactorily and if all the Police Authority is offering is a part time town centre office with a telephone then that is a major insult to a town with 30k inhabitants.

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PC 1452 Alan Thompson and Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne are holding a combined PACT and Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 21st July 2012 from 11am to 12noon. Representatives from Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Councillors & livin have been invited to attend.



The Very Best of Rock - Normally NO Cover Charge

Saturday 28th July - "REQUIEME"

BIO - Requiem are a fully established Rock/Metal cover band from the North East UK. Made up of experienced musicians. Including former members of legendary bands Fist, Tygers of Pan Tang and Blitzkrieg. We play a mixture of songs from the 1970's to the noughties encompassing most genres of rocking music - i.e Classic Rock, AOR, Grunge and popular Heavy Rock/Metal - a band for the true rock fan!!

Gig Pit review - "what a band . . . top class, if you like heavy rock/metal do yourself a favour get along to see them, brilliant bass n drums, vocals top drawer, and the guitar playing, out of this world - two of the best players in the area, was nice to see Davy Irwin (ex Fist) back in a great band, and the sound man was class, got it spot on . . ."

Covering tracks by: Foreigner, Soundgarden, The Cars, Dio, Alice In Chains, Gary Moore, Satriani, Scorpions, Metallica and more

Saturday 4th August - "FACELIFT"

"Not a bad night, crowd wise, a lot of regulars missing, but a few new faces which is always good to see. Band cracked off with 'T Rex, '20th Century Boy', followed by a bit of Bad Company. Fratellis had them all boppin' in their seats. Paranoid next followed by a rocked up version of 'Spin Me Right Round', and Gilly missed it, they played PRIEST, Free and Therapy were followed by 'Billie Jean', Green Day and Motorhead finished a crackin first set.

Second half kicked off with 'Saturday Nights Alright For Fighting' belting out, 'Whiskey In The Jar', followed then Cult, Purple, more Lizzy - did an excellent drum solo on a bass guitar, new one on me, by now the dance floor was chocka. For enchores we were treated to Led Zepellin, Sex Pistols and Metallica. Great band, great mix of music . . . classics to get them singing and dancing and a few unusual tracks they did in their own impressive style. They will be returning!"

GIG-PIT review of a previous gig at THE TURBINIA

Saturday 11th August - "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 NE/DC are (probably obviously) an AC/DC 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 don't think I have ever heard better. I usually refer to him as 'more Bon than Bon' but don't 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 AC/DC 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 NE/DC 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 . . . another - "outstanding again. It was just like watching the AC/DC 'Rock goes to college 1977' DVD . . . loved it."

1 more - "Absolutely mint, close your eyes and Bon is back from the dead - spooky!"

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Rotary Club iPad Winner

Greenfield Community & Arts Centre is pleased to announce the winner of our Cutting Loose "Win an iPad" competition. Well done to James Kovacs, 11, who answered all the questions correctly and was drawn as the winner from all of the correct entries by Councillor Mike Dixon.

James has just finished Year 6 at Stephenson Way Primary School and will join Greenfield Community College in September.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club for generously donating the iPad for this contest. We would especially like to thank Roger Curtis, President of the Rotary Club for joining Councillor Mike Dixon and Adam White from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action

Partnership to present James with his prize.

This competition was part of our larger Cutting Loose marketing effort, which attracted over 1000 people to the fantastic "Cutting Loose" event on Thursday 12th July 2012 in West Park, Newton Aycliffe.

The project was developed and managed by Greenfield Community & Arts Centre and funded by the GAMP AAP through County Councillors; Mike Dixon, Joan Gray, Enid Paylor, Dorothy Bowman, Paul Gittins, Sarah Iveson and John Moran's Neighbourhood Budget allocation. For more information on this project, including photos of the event itself, visit:

www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

COUNTY COUNCIL ADMIT MISTAKE

Residents affected by changes to their wheelie bin collections received letters through their door confirming bin collections are returning to normal. This is a victory for common sense and proof that people power wins in the end if you stand up, unite and fight for what is right.

The changes introduced on health and safety grounds were flawed from the start as the County Council could not transfer risk to the general public. This was brought home to County Council officers quite emphatically

at the Public Meeting called by Great Aycliffe Residents' Association last Thursday.

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Many thanks to all who bought tickets for our Summer Raffle. Special thanks goes to the local businesses and organisations who sponsored the prizes.

We also appreciate the help Newton News gives to the Church.

The winning prizes have now all been claimed. A list of winning numbers will be displayed in the Community Notice Board in the Town Centre. We are hosting an August Coffee Morning at St. Elizabeth's Church Woodham on Saturday 4th August at 10am.

There will be a Summer Competition for "The Most Boring Postcard you have ever received"! The usual Home Produce and Cake stall, a White Elephant Stall, Knitted Goods, Handicrafts and Books.

Tea and Coffee will be served and of course delicious savoury and sweet scones. Look forward to seeing you.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Dear Editor,
With reference to 'noise that annoys' in 20th July edition of the Newton News I also like to enjoy 'peace and quiet' as many of us do.

But let's remember we are in a close community of families where the majority are enjoying themselves. When I hear motor bikes I picture young people out there having a good time.

When loud music is played I think to myself someone out there is having a party enjoying the sun (what little we have of it). Yes, builders are noisy, but at least members of this community are spending their money locally, to improve the environment around them and the work does not go on forever.

I am a dog lover, and dogs, the same as people, like to hear their own voices, and the bulk of responsible dog owners only allow barking to go on for a short time, and do you know what? - at least those dogs are happy!

The emergency vehicles

are there to help people in distress and some day the 'Newtonian' in our area will need them.

As for 'ice cream vans', well to be honest, their tune is quite pleasant and reminds me of my childhood when I would wait for the melody, knowing that a treat was instore.

Lastly the scrap man who is trying to survive like the rest of us, working hard and as a bonus removing unwanted rubbish that we all throw out from time to time.

So my answer to the 'Newtonian' is - Wake up! Get a Life!, if you are still not happy move somewhere else and leave the rest of us to enjoy our lives, after all, life is very short indeed and far too good to moan about.

Happy Camper, Aycliffe.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

Durham Constabulary is dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. This is an informal discussion with the police and local partners to resolve the issues where you live.

The next Woodham Ward Pact Meeting will be held on Monday 6th August at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth Close at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

PCSO Chris Noble 7497

New Facility for Disabled Children Opens at the PCP



The Education Centre for Children with Down Syndrome (ECCDS) held a launch event last Saturday prior to opening for regular sessions at the Pioneering Care Centre.

The Centre is committed to helping children and their parents acquire essential skills that will equip them to meet the future with confidence. Families, volunteers, staff and carers were invited to attend to have a look round their new premises.

The Centre will be based at the PCP from August and they welcome children from across the North of England, including Durham, North Yorkshire, Cleveland, Tyne & Wear, Northumberland and Cumbria.

FREE BRASS BAND CONCERT AT AGNEW



On Friday 20th July Agnew Centre hosted an Oompah Brass Band as part of the Durham International Festival and were very grateful to Arts Council England, Durham County Council & County Councillor Paul Gittins for providing the funding for this event.

The band kept the audience enthralled with their interpretation of modern pop music mainly from the 80's. Their interaction with the audience was brilliant, with our special guest Town Mayor, Val Raw and County Councillors Joan Gray and Mike Dixon in the audience.

The Secretary thanked Margaret Lovelady for the work done in bringing Oompah Brass to the Centre and Jane Taylor and Lydia Henderson for the catering. There was no charge for admission for this event. A raffle made £83 with the Band giving a CD and a lady donated chocolates. We received a cash donation of £32 from another lady who wishes

to remain anonymous.

It was a sensational performance with Oompah Brass receiving a standing ovation. Agnew Community Association would be very willing to hold a similar event in 2013. Make a note in your diary for Saturday August 18th from 11am to 3pm when we are holding an Olympic themed Family Fun Day.

GARA Info On-Line

Readers who may want to read more about Great Aycliffe Residents' Association can log on <http://www.greataycliffe.com/>. To contact the Secretary: by e-mail: ArunMChandran@aol.com and the Chairman: syd@newtonpress.net - We are interested in your opinions and if you have a complaint affecting your area we will be pleased to act on your behalf.

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Everyone made a trophy, golden medal cake and decorated fish whilst also having the opportunity to write a prayer which included prayers for a 'safe, fun summer break', 'to make new friends at new schools' and 'thanking God for a fun afternoon'.

The sun continued to shine as everyone settled down for a 'BIG PICNIC' (outside!!) and listened to the story of Jesus feeding the crowd. The afternoon ended with each child receiving a medal, presented by two members of Parish Youth and we hope everyone had a great



afternoon. Many thanks to the 'Messy Team' for all they do to make these days so enjoyable for the children and they're families. Don't forget children's cinema club runs every Tuesday in the school holidays at St. Clare's - 2pm.



Keeping Children Entertained

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Guthrum Place, Newton Aycliffe - £81,000

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Kestrel Court, Newton Aycliffe - £139,999

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Chillingham Grove, Woodham Village - £115,000

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McKenzie Place, Newton Aycliffe - £75,000

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

Re-think by County Council on Wheelie Bin Collections

Dear Sir,

May I explain to readers some history and to ask questions about the changes to wheelie bin collections where Durham County Council environment department seem to believe it is acceptable to refuse, without consultation, to collect bins from the rear of some homes.

Refuse has always been taken from the rear of homes since the houses were built 56 years ago with metal bins and hot ashes carried on shoulders. There has never been any problem in all that time and indeed a great relationship between residents and refuse collectors has built up over the period.

I had a telephone conversation on 30th June with a member of the environment team informing me, as a matter of courtesy, that the current collection system was coming to an abrupt end. Councillors were informed and he had been told to inform myself as Chairman of ACORN Residents Association. My reply was that they would be well advised to circulate a letter informing residents of any changes and seek to consult people because any announcement would alarm, shock and anger people.

Nevertheless on Thursday 5th July a letter was posted through letterboxes informing residents that from the following day Friday 6th July there would no longer be a collection from the rear of properties. This communiqué resulted in instant reaction with residents having angry confrontations with refuse operatives in the streets.

Letters were written, emails were sent and telephone calls were made to DCC, County Councillors, Great Aycliffe Town Councillors and myself. Following a meeting between Councillor Mike Dixon and the Environment Department I was informed that whilst discussions were taking place normal collections would ensue. Based on this information word was passed on by mouth about these arrangements which then culminated in a mixture of two schemes. Some recycling waste was not collected and wound up being bagged and taken to the recycling centre to put into landfill.

As an affiliated member of Great Aycliffe Residents Association, Acorn were given room on the agenda of a Public meeting held at St Mary's Church on Thursday 19th July to discuss other important matters affecting our community.

Speaker after speaker voiced concerns about the handover of bin removal previously carried out by Council operatives to residents who may be elderly, infirm or incapable of pulling bins to the nearest collection point. Does health and safety only concern Council operatives? What has suddenly changed after 56 years to warrant passing health and safety risk from the Bin Collectors to the public?

Friday 20th July began with an unannounced visit from no less than four council officials to my home asking me to accompany them on an inspection/survey of the alleys in my area where overgrowth had occurred and potholes were evident.

My evaluation which the safety officer seemed to agree with was that, rather than a full blown safety problem, it was more of a case of bad maintenance over a number of years.

QUESTIONS

1. Where are the Councillors who represent residents in this town who will be appearing shortly looking for re-election?

2. Just who exactly is responsible for the maintenance of these alleys and why have they not been maintained to a high enough standard to protect the public from harm let alone council operatives?

3. We have many private landlords in our area who don't appear to care what state their properties are in as long as they are making money. How do we contact those owners and get them to accept responsibility?

Displayed below is a selection of comments posed over the last couple of weeks:

a) So there is risk to the bin men of awkward postures leading to possible muscular skeletal injuries, and crews have to pull the bins 80 metres. This work is now unilaterally, without consultation, imposed on residents, who without training or assistance take on that risk themselves? Who pays Council Tax to employ these bin men, in the first place?

b) The bins are pulled to the collection vehicle which causes an obstruction for other road users. This won't change by forcing residents to bring their bins to the front edge of their properties and will result in a disability vehicle dropping off a kerb in an attempt to avoid these obstructions on the footpath. Mothers with children will also be forced to use the road with prams and wheelchairs.

c) As for other road users and the collection vehicle having to park on school crossings and traffic calming areas. How long have they been doing this without any problem so far? How does forcing residents, who may already be incapacitated in some way bring their bins to the front edge of their property resolve this particular aspect?

e) Bin Wagons should never park on school crossing areas. Do they think they are above the law? This situation is not changed by the residents bringing their bins to the edge of their properties this is dictatorial, being imposed without consultation by a public service funded by the public for which the public have not been consulted nor any risk assessment made on behalf of residents affected and reflects badly on Councillors and the Durham County Council, who allowed this to be imposed without a risk assessment on residents, in the first place.

Perhaps the Highways Department have solution for problems of parking. They have the means of sorting these things out and guess what? They work for the same organisation.



How many compensation claims were made by bin men?

Why no risk assessment on residents, instead of just transferring that risk from the bin men?

Presumably the Council is accepting the responsibility of risks to the residents and any legal costs?

What has Durham County Council done to maintain the alleyways to prevent dangers to bin men and residents?

Durham County Highways, living, and all County Councillors would appear to be unaware that these problems exist, I would urge all residents in the area to make sure that hedges and other growth are not impeding access to alleys and to report faults.

Thank you for being such a great community and speaking out against what appears to be a great injustice. We will be seeking active support from Great Aycliffe Residents Association, Sedgefield Residents Federation, County Durham Residents Association and other formal bodies.

Ken Robson (Chair)

Aycliffe Central Open Residents Network

Editor: Great Aycliffe Residents' Association GARA fully back and endorse what Ken Robson Chairman of ACORN and the many residents have queried. it was a big mistake not to consult residents on this issue. Passing Health & Safety risks to the public totally destroys the new policy. We await a satisfactory response from our elected representatives.

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HOLDERS ONLY) ORDER 2012**

The Council on 19.07.12 made an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Sch. 9 to the Rd. Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA 1984"), as amended, which comes into effect on 01.08.12 and reaffirms/introduces the following: (A) Prohibition of No Waiting At Any Time: Durham Way South, east side around its junction with the unnamed access rd opposite Ketton Way. Unnamed access rd opposite Ketton Way, south side from Durham Way south eastwards for 36m incl. its junction with the car park. Groat Way (both sides) full length. Ricknall Ave., (both sides) full length. Skerne Rd (east side) from Ricknall Ave. southwards to St Cuthberts Way, (west side) from Groat Way southwards to St Cuthberts Way. Howden Rd. (both sides) from Ricknall Ave. southwards to St Cuthberts Way incl. its junction with Ricknall Ave. Linde Way (both sides) from Ricknall Ave. southwards for 25m. Unnamed access leading from Linde Way, north side from Linde Way eastwards for 13m. St Cuthberts Way (north side) from 22m north of Sheraton Rd southwards for 54m. Moule Cl. (north side) from Simpature Gate westwards for 15m; (south side) for 25m. Unnamed access Rd of Simpature Gate into the garages (south side) from Simpature Gate westwards for 15m; (north side) for 6m. St Cuthberts Way (east side) around its junction with Sheraton Rd for 55m. Sheraton Rd (both sides) from St Cuthberts Way eastwards for 61m. Sharp Rd (both sides) Shearton Rd southwards for 12m. Stephenson Way (north side) from access rd into Thames House eastwards to Central Ave. Central Ave (north west side) from Stephenson Way north eastwards to Gort Rd; (south east side) Church Close north eastwards to the Fire Station. Greenwell Rd (north east side) from Central Ave north westwards for 51m. Woodham Way (north side) from 11m east of Kings Drive eastwards for 23m; from 12m west of Well House Drive westwards for 21m (south side) from 12m west of Well House Drive westwards for 50m. Agnew Way (north side) from 12m east of Kings Drive eastwards for 28m; (south side) from 36m eastwards for 23m. (B) Prohibition of Waiting and Loading/ Unloading At Any Time: Greenwell Rd (south west side then south east side) from Central Av to no 7 Greenwell Rd; from its junction with the unnamed access Rd behind the back of nos. 3-15 Greenwell Rd south westwards for 35m; (north east/ north west side) from 51m north west of Central Ave. to the access rd to the rear of No 34-58 Beveridge Way. Dalton Way (north east side) from Greenwell Rd to Faulkner Rd; (south west side) from Greenwell Rd north westwards to Dent Walk. Central Ave. (both sides) from Greenwell Rd north eastwards to the R'bout. Burn Ln (south west side) from the R'bout Central Av north westwards round the junction with the Superstore Car park. (C) Prohibition of waiting 7am-6pm: Ketton Way, both sides from Menom Rd eastwards for 145m including its junction with Menom Rd; Durham Way South (both sides) Durham Way southwards for 49m. Durham Way/Durham Way North (both sides) full length. Redworth Way (north side) Durham Way westwards for 60m (south side) westwards for 52m. Groat Ave. (both sides) full length. Groat Dr (east side) Groat Ave north for 25m; (west side) for 67m. Howden Rd (east side) from 12m north of Ricknall Ave to Groat Ave; (west side) Groat Ave northwards for 102m. (D) Prohibition of waiting 8am-7pm: Rd leading to Isherwood Cl. (both sides) St Cuthberts Way to Isherwood Cl. Isherwood Cl. (both sides) from the rd leading to Isherwood Close northwards for 21m incl its junction with Bewick Crescent. (E) Prohibition of waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm: Stephenson Way (south side) from 20m west of Pease Way eastwards to Central Ave; (north side) from 20m west of Pease Way eastwards to access into Thames House. St Cuthberts Way (both sides) from 15m south of rd leading to Isherwood Close northwards to Central Ave. Central Ave. (south side) Stephenson Way eastwards to Church Close; (north side) from Gort Rd eastwards to the Fire Station. Gort Rd, full length excl the Taxi Bay on the east side. Unnamed access Rd between Magistrates Court and Multi-storey car park – full length excl the Taxi Bays. Macmillan Rd (both sides) Stephenson Way northwards to Lightfoot Rd. Greenwell Rd (north side) Macmillan Rd eastwards to no. 44 Greenwell Rd; (south side) Macmillan Rd eastwards to the unnamed access rd behind no. 34-58 Beveridge Way. Unnamed access rd behind 34-58 Beveridge Way (both sides) full length. Unnamed access rd behind 3-15 Greenway Rd (both sides) full length including side St.s. Dalton Way, north east side from Faulkner Rd northwards to Hartley Rd, south west side from Dent Walk northwards for 41m. (F) Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time except Taxis: Gort Rd (north east side) from Central Ave north west for 29m. Car park area off Greenwell Rd at the back of nos 34-58 Beveridge Way; (north west side) for 61m. (G) Prohibition of No Waiting At Any Time except Taxis 8am - 8pm : Unnamed access rd between the Magistrates Court and the Multi-storey Car park; (north east side) alongside the Magistrates Court for 10m; (north east side) at the back of the Post Office for 27m. (H) Loading Only: Greenwell Rd (south east side) in front of nos. 9-15 Greenwell Rd for 21m; (north west side) outside no 37 Greenwell Rd for 24m. (I) No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance markings: Byerley Park Primary School, Staintondale Rd, Walworth School, Bluebell Way, Greenfield School Community & Arts College, Greenfield Way, St Josephs RVCA Primary School, Stephenson Way and Garburn Place, Stephenson Way Community School, Stephenson Way and Barrington Rd., Sugar Hill Primary School, Sheraton Rd, Woodham Burn, Westmoreland Way, Vane Rd Primary School, Vane Rd, St Marys RC Primary School, Central Ave. (J) Parking on all days except Tuesdays between 6am-4pm: Greenwell Rd (service rd) from 106m south west of Dalton Way south westerly for 69m, covering the length of the south eastern layby. (K) Permit Holders only on Tuesdays between 6am-4pm: Greenwell Rd (service rd) from 106m south west of Dalton Way south westerly for 69m, covering the length of the south eastern lay-by.

Full details are contained in the Order which may be inspected at the Council's offices at County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri 9am-4pm; via the Council website and also at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the RTRA 1984, as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with may, within six weeks from 27.07.12, apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 27 July 2012



Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

Cutting Loose Spectacular!

The carnival celebration of live music, dance and costume held in West Park, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 12th July was a great success. Over 1000 people came out to see this colourful extravaganza. Over 250 primary school and secondary school students performed in this vibrant carnival event. All of the students made their own props each week in our cutting loose shop in the town centre with local artists Sarah Churlish and Jilly Greenwood directed by professional arts organisation Bravura. They worked with Choreographer, Ali Dixon, to perfect their carnival moves and Greenfield's BTEC dance group performed the final dance piece as NWSI's butterflies on stilts appeared from the trees. Musical director Ken Patterson worked with Woodham and the Music Service who composed a piece of music which they performed at the event as well as Jazz in my pants, Brassy B and Band de la Maria from Spain. The costume and props brought colour to West Park, Boating Lake in Newton Aycliffe and even the sun came out and shone for us. Greenfield Community and Arts Centre who managed the project would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved including DCC



Councillors who funded the project from their neighbourhood budget, to GAMP APP for their support, the Great Aycliffe Town Council, the Rotary Club for donating the iPad prize, the town centre management who provided our shop in kind, to all of the staff and students of the schools in Newton Aycliffe and a thank you to our volunteers who supported the project.

Children Name New Housing Schemes

Schoolchildren played the name game to give life to new developments in Newton Aycliffe and Fishburn. Pupils from Woodham Burn and Fishburn Primary Schools have scooped prizes for naming proposed new developments, which includes bungalows and spacious new family housing. All the children from the schools took part in the competition and the winning entries, chosen by livin, were Beacon Court in Newton Aycliffe and Diamond Close in Fishburn. The youngsters have now had a school visit from livin and Southdale about health and safety issues on construction sites and the winning pupils each received a Kindle as a prize. Ian Brown, Head of Development and Allocations for livin, added: "It is great that the schools have got so involved with these exciting new homes for rent and that so many entries were put forward for the competition. The proposed development includes 2 bungalows and 13 family houses for rent at Fishburn and 6 family homes at Newton Aycliffe.

The scheme has been designed by architect P+HS and has been part-funded by the Homes and Communities Agency. A planning application has been submitted and a decision is expected shortly. Southdale Managing Director Paul Moore added: "Its fantastic to work with livin to build high quality new for rent in local communities and being able to involve children in such an exciting competition as well as explaining the importance of construction site safety.

Honest John's Stall Helps Under 12's

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 12's would like to say thank you to Honest John for kindly donating £500 which will go towards some much needed training kit and equipment. This kind of donation makes a big difference to the team and is greatly appreciated. Once again a big thank you from all associated with the Under 12's.

AYCLIFFE PEOPLE DEMAND A PROPER POLICE STATION

Great Aycliffe Residents Association are currently conducting a survey on Policing in the town and have asked the simple question whether or not people want a Police Station in the Town Centre. Without exception every one of over 1000 forms returned have said "Yes". The Police Authority met last Tuesday and on Wednesday the Chairman informed the Town Council they were in negotiation to share the town's Fire Station premises to provide a Police Office. Whilst this was welcomed as a positive step forward at the Public Meeting called by GARA last Thursday many in the audience were not satisfied and wanted a proper Police Station in the Town Centre as provided elsewhere in other large towns in the County. It is not clear what type of service would eventually be provided at the Fire Station, although the Police Authority Chairman assured the Town Council that it would be staffed and when no one was around a telephone would be available to talk to a Police Officer at one of the local HQ's which could be on Aycliffe Business Park or in Bishop Auckland. This was unacceptable to people at the meeting who said if they wanted to talk to an officer on the phone they would use their own mobile phone. What is required is a

face to face contact with the police. GARA have passed these opinions to the Police Authority Chairman and hopefully it will shape his committee's thinking and negotiations in time for the next GARA Public Meeting to which he is invited on 20th September. Whilst the latest proposals show the Police Authority is listening to what the people want and is a step in the right direction, it will not satisfy the residents of Newton Aycliffe who want nothing less than a real Police Station in the centre of town. Newton News contacted Peter Thompson the Police Authority Chairman who made the following reply: "There appears to be a lack of overall understanding. The front counter facility being negotiated for the Town Centre, in conjunction with the Fire & Rescue Service, would be no different to that available at other police stations. The other support police services traditionally connected to Police Stations would continue to be provided at the Parsons Court premises". Mr Thompson added that he had been extremely pleased with the support to the proposals which he outlined at the Great Aycliffe Town Council meeting on Tuesday 17th July."

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OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT - WEST PARK



Triple Strength Station

A partnership between Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham County Council and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) will be providing and installing a range of new outdoor fitness equipment in West Park, Newton Aycliffe, aimed at improving general health and fitness levels. An extensive public consultation exercise revealed a need for an alternative to indoor, gym-style membership, which would be free to use. The equipment is generally aimed at ages from 14 and above.

The project has received funding from Durham County Council Members' Neighbourhood Budget from County Councillors Enid Paylor and Mike Dixon. Great Aycliffe Town Council will be providing maintenance and insurance cover for the equipment.

There will be five units of equipment, providing eleven activities, with displayed instructions.

Use of the equipment is free and, when installed, initial taster sessions will be held to demonstrate its use, dates to be advised later.

The pictures show illustrations of the type of equipment to be installed.



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BMX TRACK – WOODHAM PARK

Great Aycliffe Town Council, in conjunction with Durham County Council and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP), is pleased to announce the provision of a new, purpose-built BMX Pump Track at Woodham Park, Woodham Way. Activities for Young People is a key priority for GAMP and the proposed project received enthusiastic support from local young people during the consultation phase.

Work is due to commence in mid-August, depending on ground and weather conditions, and should be completed by mid-September.

The project has received funding from Durham County Council Members' Neighbourhood Budget from County Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins. Great Aycliffe Town Council will be providing ongoing maintenance, signage and insurance cover.

The track is designed and constructed by professional riders and will include a start hill, berms, jumps and obstacles to provide a challenging and enjoyable new facility. A layout plan of the track is shown here.



Senior Citizens' Excursions 2012

In spite of the dreary weather, in excess of 1,400 of Great Aycliffe's Senior Citizens enjoyed a day out, courtesy of the Town Council's award-winning programme of free excursions. The Senior Citizens' Excursions are always very popular with local residents and run throughout June and July. A choice of destination was offered, including Scarborough, Blackpool, South Shields, the Lake District, Dumfries and Skipton, with morning refreshments and lunch included. Judging by the number of cards and notes of appreciation received at the Council Offices the excursions have once again proved a huge success.



Town Council receives another clean bill of health from the Audit Commission

The Council has recently received its Annual Governance Report from the Audit Commission for the 2011/12 financial year.

This report sets out the results of the annual audit inspection of the Council.

The Council is pleased to report that it has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the report. This

means that the Audit Commission considers that:-

- the Council's Statement of Accounts presents fairly its financial position;
- the Council is well managed and governed with sound strategies, policies, procedures, systems and internal controls;
- the Council's finances are in good order;
- the Council has secured value for money in the use of public resources.

The audit highlighted that while there are challenging times ahead for the Council as a result of the on-going

economic difficulties, Government spending cuts and reform of local government finance, the Council's healthy financial position means that it is in a strong position to deal with these challenges and continue to meet the needs of the community of Great Aycliffe.

All in all, this was a very positive Audit Report for the Council and follows on from the good reports that have been received over a number of years now.

This excellent achievement is recognition of the hard work and commitment of all councillors, management and staff at the Town Council.

JUBILEE WOODLAND

A two Hectare site within Woodham Burn has been transformed over the last winter into a mixed woodland which has been planted by Great Aycliffe Town Council's to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The site which is located on the bankside to the rear of Woodham Technical College has been planted with a mix of over 6000 British native species such as Oak, Ash, Alder, Holly and more interesting standard specimen trees such as Walnut, Cox apples, Conference pears and Victoria Plums.

Most of the trees were planted by the local community with public planting events taking place in November, followed by many of the local schools helping to plant some of the smaller trees donated by the Woodland Trust.



The rain over the early summer months has helped to establish the trees in their new location, with a successful planting rate in excess of 90%.

In addition, wildflower seed has been sown around the edges of the planting area to produce zones of wildflower swathes.

The site was formally opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Val Raw, with the unveiling of the new commemorative marker stone and the

planting of a Royal Oak from the Royal Estates by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bob Fleming.



MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

5th Sept. 2012	Environment	7.15 p.m.	16th Jan. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
5th Sept. 2012	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.	16th Jan. 2013	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.
12th Sept. 2012	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	23rd Jan. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
19th Sept. 2012	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	30th Jan. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
17th Oct. 2012	Environment	7.15 p.m.	27th Feb. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
17th Oct. 2012	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.	27th Feb. 2013	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.
24th Oct. 2012	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	6th Mar. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
31st Oct. 2012	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	13th Mar. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
28th Nov. 2012	Environment	7.15 p.m.	10th Apr. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
28th Nov. 2012	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.	10th Apr. 2013	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.
5th Dec. 2012	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	17th Apr. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
12th Dec. 2012	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	24th Apr. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

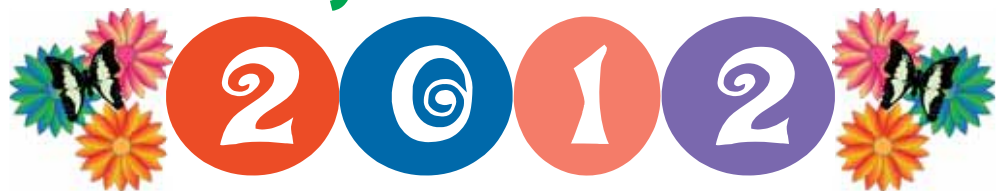
* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

WED 15th MAY, 2013 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

THUR 23rd MAY, 2013 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m. ()**

(* *) (N.B. - this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).

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 e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 17th August 2012.

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

House No: Street:

or Full Street:

THE 'REALLY' GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

Great Aycliffe Town Council look forward to welcoming everyone to the 'really' Great Aycliffe Show, to be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August in the grounds of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, with something for all the family to enjoy. Arena entertainment this year will feature 'The High Fall Show' and 'The Flaming



High Fall Show', which showcase the amazing skills of 15 year old stunt rider, Aaron Stannage, who is part of the Stannage International Stunt Team. The Team will thrill spectators with their daring fire and water stunts, including the 'Human Torch' and 'Flaming High Dive'. Top dog trainer, Richard Curtis, and his talented dancing dogs perform exciting choreographed musical routines. The team includes the Crufts 2006, 2010 and 2011

Freestyle Champion and the UK's first Frisbee Freestyle Border Collie. A new feature of the show is "micro freestyle" with possibly the smallest dancing dog in the UK.

The Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition sponsored by Gregg Little Testing Centre and Deco Trophies and Engraving will attract over 800 exhibits, with a wide variety of flowers, vegetables and homemade produce, plus arts and crafts. The



Pigeon Show proved a popular attraction last year and in its second year is expected to attract over 180 birds.

The Environment Marquee will literally be a hive of information and innovation, with live animals including snakes and a bee hive.

The Craft Demonstration Marquee is home to an array of local crafters, not only showing how the products are made but also giving you the opportunity to purchase home-made items at less than the retail cost.

For the more adventurous there will be water walkers and for those who

like a flutter, try out the Gold Cup Horse Racing. Quad bikes will be available and a fairground will complete the thrills and spills experience.

Professor Llewellyn will be attracting full audiences to see Punch and Judy and children have the opportunity to have their faces painted for free by Marilyn.

The Junior Football Tournament (sponsored by Co-operative Funeralcare) is fully booked and has attracted entries from all over the North East of England.

The Golf Tournament, sponsored by Bewick and Neville Pharmacy in Newton Aycliffe, is also attracting many entries. Entry is free and the Tournament is open to any resident of Newton Aycliffe, or members of the Oak Leaf Golf Club.

Youngsters should keep an eye out for 'Woody' and 'Buzz Lightyear' as they will be wandering about at the Show this year.

In the Playhouse Marquee local dance troupes of children aged from four will be giving professional performances and on Sunday there is a professional group 'Reflex 80s' and a Comedian.

Finally - and very importantly - there will be plenty of opportunities for tasty refreshments, both on the Showfield and in the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

For further information and entry forms visit www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or contact the Council Offices - Tel: 01325 300700 or Oak Leaf Sports Complex - 01325 300600.



Getting Back to Nature

A small dedicated group of volunteers assist Great Aycliffe Town Council on a weekly basis to help maintain the councils' natural open spaces such as Woodham Burn, Aycliffe Nature Park, School Aycliffe Wetlands, Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve and the Great Aycliffe Way.

The group help with all aspects of the day to day management of the sites including, cutting back, vegetation clearing, fencing repairs, litter picking and survey work. Volunteers are assisted and supervised by the Town Council Environment Officer at all times. Equipment and safety wear are provided and if you live in the town you will also be collected and returned to your home after the volunteer work has been completed.

At the moment the group has a good blend of ages, abilities and gender. Participants can volunteer as much time as they wish and volunteer for a number of reasons including to get extra experience, to boost social networks, civic pride or as a way to get fit. Whatever your reason, if you are aged over 18 years of age Great Aycliffe Town Council would welcome your assistance. To find out more you can contact Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer on 0777 9090 842 or e-mailing him on steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk



Great Aycliffe Town Council present FUN IN THE PARKS 2012



FREE : Fun Fair : Punch and Judy : Balloon Modelling Magic Shows : Face Painting
Plus FREE games and much more to take part in - come along and join the fun!! 11am - 3pm EACH DAY



Town Park



Simpasture Park



Horndale Park

TUESDAYS

31st July - Town Centre Park

7th August - Oak Leaf
Sports Complex

14th August -
Simpasture Park

21st August - Horndale Park

28th August - West Park

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600



Byerley Park



West Park

FRIDAYS

3rd August - Moore Lane Park

10th August - Woodham Park

17th August -
Aycliffe Village

24th August -
St Oswald's Park

31st August - Town Centre Park



Moore Lane Park



Woodham Park



Aycliffe Village Park

SUPER SPORTS SKILLS SUMMER 2012



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NEWTON AYCLIFFE

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OLYMPIC FUN

Takes place on 23rd, 24th, 25th,
26th and 27th July

1pm until 3pm, ages 8 to 15 yrs
Archery, Badminton, Table Tennis,
Volley Ball, Races and much more

Only £1.00 per session

MINI ACTIVITY DAY

Takes place on Wednesdays

1st August & 15th August

9.30am until 11am, ages 4 to 7 yrs

Big fun for little people

£2.40 members, £2.75 non members

GOLF

This 5 week course takes place every
Friday morning during August

10am until 11am, ages 8 to 11 yrs

Putting, Chipping, Driving Range & much more.....

Great Value at only £20.00

SPORTING FUN

On Monday 6th & 20th August

10am until 12 noon, ages 8 to 15 yrs

Table Tennis, Badminton etc...

£2.40 members, £2.75 non members

ACTIVITY DAY

On Mon 30th July & Mon 13th August

9.30am until 3.30pm, ages 8 to 15 yrs

A day packed full of Sports, Team Games,
Craft and much more ...

Only £11.00 per day

Don't forget your packed lunch

Courses take place during the school
six weeks holidays, to book your
place or for further details please
contact our Reception on the number
below Booking Essential
Call 01325 300600



ARCHERY

Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd & 30th August

10.00am -12 noon, ages 8 to 15 yrs
Perfect for any budding Robin Hoods
or Maid Marians.

£3.20 members, £3.70 non members

CRAFTY KIDS

On Wednesday 8th & 29th August

9.30am until 11am, ages 8 to 15 yrs

It's Glittertastic!!!

£3.20 members, £3.70 non members

MINI DANCE MATS

On Wednesday 22nd August

11am until 12 noon, ages 4 to 7 yrs

For little people who love to dance!

£1.60 members, £1.85 non members
(parents must stay)



MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX &
OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

FRIDAY 31st AUGUST 2012

(Tee Off Times between 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.)

Entry Fee - £100 per team

(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

In Aid of the Mayor's Charities

Butterwick Hospice, Soldiers Suffering with Combat
Stress and Local Town Organisations

Further Information and Application Forms from: The Mayor's Secretary
(Tel 01325 300700) or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

OAKLIFE CLUB

Here at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex we have created a
'club' for the over 50s. Ideal for people with some time
on their hands, who would like to feel a little fitter but
the gym isn't for them.

Starting Thursday 14th June
from 10am to 12 noon

£3.00 per week,
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Badminton
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Fitness Class

The Really



Great Aycliffe Show

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August

11.00 am - 5.00 pm

School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

A great weekend for all the family

Punch & Judy Shows, Dace Painting, Handcraft and Horticulture Competitions, Football and Golf Tournaments, cup horse Racing, Quad Biking, Water Walking and the thrills of the Fairground Rides.

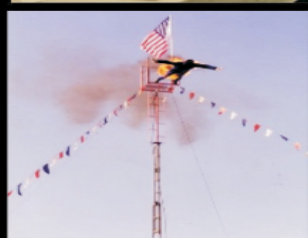
Rabbit Show, Pigeon Show, Craft Demonstrations, Fire Brigade Extrication Demos, plus the Playhouse Marquee with local dancing and singing talent, tribute bands and a comedian.

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For more information, telephone 01325 300700 or visit our website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

HANDCRAFT & HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION HOME PRODUCE - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Please note that all items will remain on display until 5.00 pm on Sunday. Jars/containers used to have plain covers (i.e. no trade names) and in jars no less than 340g.*
- Class 01 A jar of home made strawberry jam
 - Class 02 A jar of home made blackcurrant jam
 - Class 03 A jar of home made lemon curd
 - Class 04 A jar of home made marmalade (not jelly)
 - Class 05 A jar of home made chutney (any variety)
 - Class 06 1 Fatless sponge cake (no filling)
 - Class 07 Decorated Victoria sponge sandwich (top only) to be cut
 - Class 08 Four pieces of tray bake (not pastry based)
 - Class 09 Gingerbread (7" square or 8" round tin)
 - Class 10 Six Melting Moment biscuits
 - Class 11 Dundee cake (8" square or 9" round) - made to Bero Recipe
 - Class 12 Four almond slices
 - Class 13 Plate apple pie (shortcrust pastry)
 - Class 14 Chocolate cake with butter cream filling (One cake, cut. Butter cream filling, not iced)
 - Class 15 Four pieces of flapjack
 - Class 16 4 Scones (2 fruit and 2 savoury)
 - Class 17 1 lb White loaf (made with breadmaker)
 - Class 18 1 lb Wholemeal loaf (without use of breadmaker)
 - Class 19 Egg custard
 - Class 20 Date and walnut loaf
 - Class 21 Tea loaf
 - Class 22 Lemon drizzle cake (loaf tin)
 - Class 23 Any item of sugarcraft
 - Class 24 Four sausage rolls (Shortcrust pastry)
 - Class 25 Egg & bacon pie - shortcrust pastry(saucer or tea plate size)
 - Class 26 Pastry savoury flan
 - Class 27 "Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee" including 3 whole items of Produce from above.

CRAFT SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- No Soiled or Laundered Work Accepted*
- Class 28 Crochet For baby, any article in yarn
 - Class 29 Crochet For a toddler - any article
 - Class 30 Coloured Embroidery - Needlepoint - canvas work picture (framed)
 - Class 31 Coloured Embroidery - Embroidered picture in cross stitch (any count)
 - Class 32 Coloured Embroidery - Hand embroidered item in cross stitch (not framed)
 - Class 33 Coloured Embroidery - Christmas tree decoration - any media
 - Class 34 Coloured Embroidery - 18" x 18" cushion (or equivalent round)
 - Class 35 Coloured Embroidery - Miniature embroidery to fit into 2" (51mm) square
 - Class 36 Coloured Embroidery - Any embroidered box
 - Class 37 Patchwork - Any article machine stitched
 - Class 38 Decoupage - Any picture (framed and glazed)
 - Class 39 Any piece of home made jewellery – beadwork (Theme - Wedding)

- Class 40 Any piece of home made jewellery – wirework (Theme - Wedding)
- Class 41 Machine stitched item for a dolls house
- Class 42 Hand sewn item for a dolls house
- Class 43 Any toy all knitted
- Class 44 Any doll dressed
- Class 45 An item made from rag rugging
- Class 46 An item made from hooking and knotting
- Class 47 A machine stitched shopping bag

HAND KNITTING SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Class 48 Any article
- Class 49 Sweater in double knitting
- Class 50 Baby's 20" cardigan
- Class 51 Any article in 3 ply

WOOD SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Class 52 Article in wood (not painted or decorated, left in natural form)
- Class 53 Article in wood (may be painted or varnished)

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Mounted on card, NOT FRAMED. Overall size including mount not to exceed 12" x 10" to be fixed to card. Rests may be used if desired. Maximum number of photography exhibits per entrant is 25.*
- Class 54 Black and white print
 - Class 55 Colour print - Birds
 - Class 56 Colour print - The Sea Shore
 - Class 57 Colour print - Nature
 - Class 58 Digital Art "Before and After"

ART SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Display space is flat; rests may be used if desired.*
- Class 59 Oil painting (framed unless on 3D canvas)
 - Class 60 Water colour (framed and glazed)
 - Class 61 Acrylic painting (framed, unless on 3D canvas)
 - Class 62 Pastel (framed and glazed)
 - Class 63 Any artwork – any medium not listed in classes 59-62

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- Please ensure that the age of the child is on exhibit. (No names on exhibits please) NO KITS to be used unless stated otherwise*
- Age 4 - 6 years
 - Class 64 An original poster to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (any medium)
 - Class 65 Clown's face on a paper plate
 - Class 66 Decorated hard boiled egg
 - Class 67 Decorated iced digestive biscuit
 - Class 112 Garden on a Tray
 - Class 114 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 7 - 10 years

- Class 68 Design for a sculpture
- Class 69 A glove puppet
- Class 70 An original poster to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (any medium)
- Class 71 A home-made crown
- Class 113 Garden on a Tray
- Class 115 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 11 - 13 years

- Class 72 An original poster to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (any medium)
- Class 73 A scarecrow model
- Class 74 3 butterfly cakes
- Class 75 Aycliffe Show (any medium, model, picture, collage etc.)

Age 14 - 16 years

- Class 76 DVD Sleeve
- Class 77 Airfix, Lego (or similar) model – any subject any size (kits allowed)
- Class 78 An original poster to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (any medium)
- Class 79 Computer Art - picture created or edited using computer

HORTICULTURE SECTION LEEKES - COLOUR PORTABLE TV PLUS PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY FOR BEST LEEK

- Class 80 Two pot leeks 6" tight button
- Class 81 An assortment of 4 vegetables (not shallots) from the open vegetable section

NOVICE SECTION - (For beginners or people who have not yet won a trophy at the show)

- Class 82 Two long leeks - round under 250g
- Class 83 Three Onions, not shallots (fresh pulled with tops and roots washed)
- Class 84 Four onions - round under 250g
- Class 85 Four shallots - stump rooted
- Class 86 Two carrots - long root (fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- Class 87 Two carrots - stump rooted
- Class 88 Two parsnips -(fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- Class 89 Three beetroot, round -(to be cut by Judges)
- Class 90 One cauliflower - kidney or round
- Class 91 Collection of 3 different vegetables (cucumbers and tomatoes not accepted)

OPEN VEGETABLE SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL VEGETABLE ENTRY

- Class 82 Two long leeks - round under 250g
- Class 83 Three Onions, not shallots (fresh pulled with tops and roots washed)
- Class 84 Four onions - round under 250g
- Class 85 Four shallots - stump rooted
- Class 86 Two carrots - long root (fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- Class 87 Two carrots - stump rooted
- Class 88 Two parsnips -(fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- Class 89 Three beetroot, round -(to be cut by Judges)
- Class 90 One cauliflower - kidney or round
- Class 91 Collection of 3 different vegetables (cucumbers and tomatoes not accepted)

- Class 92 Best Truss of Tomatoes
- Class 93 A Dish of 4 Tomatoes
- Class 94 Vegetable Marrow

OPEN FLOWER SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL FLOWER ENTRY

- Class 95 Container of Flowers for effect - to face all round (no foliage allowed)
- Class 96 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - Intermediate (large or medium)
- Class 97 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - any variety incurve medium
- Class 98 Vase of 3 stems of spray Chrysanthemums - any variety
- Class 99 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety medium
- Class 100 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety small
- Class 101 Vase of 3 Dahlias - small pom pom
- Class 102 Vase of 3 Hybrid Tea Roses
- Class 103 Vase of 3 Gladioli Spikes
- Class 104 Vase containing a single Gladioli Spike
- Class 105 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter 6" or less
- Class 106 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter bigger than 6"
- Class 107 One Buttonhole - any variety

FUSHCIA SECTION

- Class 108 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 90mm/3.5")
- Class 109 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 127mm/5")
- Class 110 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 154mm/6")
- Class 111 One mini std. clear stem 150mm - 250mm (6"-10")

Trophies sponsored by Deco Trophies and Engraving and Gregg Little Testing Centre

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GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW EXHIBITION - ENTRY FORM FOR ALL CLASSES		
Class No	Class Description	Number of Entries in Class

I request you to enter the above named Exhibits, subject to the rules and regulations of the Great Aycliffe Show Exhibition which I have read and understood. **Please note that a separate entry form is required for each person** (photocopies are acceptable).

NAME (as to be shown on certificate or trophy).....
FULL ADDRESS.....
..... Post Code..... Age (if 16 or under)..... Telephone No.....

*e-mail (please print clearly).....
*Acknowledgements will be sent by e-mail unless no e-mail address is given. Completed entry forms (photocopies are acceptable) must be received by Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF or show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before 5.00 pm on Tuesday 21st August 2012.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 18th JULY

The meeting started with a presentation from Durham Police Authority. Assistant Chief Officer Gary Ridley started by giving the Council very promising news about crime in the area – crime rates down, anti-social behaviour significantly down, and detection rates high.

Then Peter Thompson, Chair of the Authority, informed the Council that – having listened to the concerns of local people – the Authority was minded to have a presence in the town centre ... perhaps in the Fire Station. He was as yet unable to supply any detail in response to councillors' questions about hours, or what such a service would entail. He stressed also that no decision had yet been taken about what was to happen to the Police Station. Such matters, he said, awaited further clarification in September.

Next, members considered a request from the Planning Inspectorate for information the Council considered should be provided in E.On's Environmental Statement (ES) accompanying its wind farm application for The Isles. Speaking to the motion, Councillor Clare explained that E.On had already provided an extensive scoping document outlining what they intended to include in the ES, but that this was a call for extra items. The County Durham

Association of Local Councils (CDALC) had already responded, but Cllr Clare listed a number of factors which GATC might wish to mention – including visual and landscape impact, amplitude modulation, data acquisition, impact against the Water Framework Directive, traffic disruption and noise during construction, socio-economic impact, cumulative and collective impacts, and the exploration of alternatives. He recommended that the Council send its comments 'without prejudice' (i.e. failure to mention an issue did not mean the Council did not want it investigating).

Cllr Clare stressed that this was not about opposing or supporting the wind farm application, but simply that the 30,000 people of Great Aycliffe have the right to know fully what impact the wind farm will have on their lives if it is built. The Council authorised the Town Clerk to work with Cllr Clare to submit comments from GATC (you can read the full submission at <http://bit.ly/GATCscoping>).

The Durham and Yorkshire Branch of the Scots Guards Association had written to the Town Clerk asking to hold repatriation services in honour of servicemen and women who have lost their lives. The Council authorised the Town Clerk to meet with

representatives of the Scots Guards Association to see what assistance the Council can give.

Finally, Cllr Mary Dalton informed the Council that – at a meeting in September – the Normandy Veterans Association (who through age no longer feel able to meet) wished to give their standard to GATC for display in the Council chamber. Cllr Fleming said the Council would count it a great honour, and would remind councillors of the many people who had given their lives in Normandy during the war so that we might be able to exercise our democracy in freedom.

Strawberry Teas for £3

St. Andrew's Church are holding a Strawberry Teas afternoon in Aycliffe Village Hall on Sunday 29th July at 3pm. The cost is only £3 and everyone is welcome.

"NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT"

It is 100 years since the founding of the former United Automobile Services Ltd., one of the iconic bus operators in the North East of England?

St. ANDREW'S CHURCH WEDDING



Former 'Newton News' deliverer for 9 years, Clarissa Nixon, married Stephen John Barker at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Saturday 21st July 2012.

Clarissa is employed as a clerk at Ladbroke's and her new husband works for the Council. The Bridesmaids were Channon Nixon, Laura Elliot, Shona Fitzgerald and Casey Nixon. The Best Man was Craige Nixon.

The Reception was held at the Aston Hotel and the couple travelled to the Lake District for their Honeymoon. The newlyweds will live in Elmfield Place and Clarissa will continue to help her younger sister Channon with her paper round.

Clarissa and Stephen would like to thank everyone who came to enjoy their special day.

LOCK OUT THOSE SUMMER THIEVES!

With the summer weather finally on its way, householders are being reminded of the need to keep their homes secure.

The warmer weather traditionally brings a rise in particular types of offences. The two most likely are 'sneak in' burglaries, where entry has been gained through open / unlocked windows and doors, and 2-in-1 burglaries. This is where burglars have reached through open doors, windows or letter boxes to get car keys.

PC Graeme Davison, crime prevention officer, says: "These crimes are nearly always opportunist. If the windows and doors had been secure they probably wouldn't have happened in the first place."

He offers the following tips to keep your property safe:

- DO YOU know when sitting in one part of your home if the other is properly secured with closed, locked doors and windows? This includes sheds and garages. Even if it is very

hot, don't leave doors ajar and windows wide open. Consider using opening inhibitors which only allow you to open your window a small amount.

- DO NOT leave vehicle keys on benches / window sills or 'key racks' near doors / windows or letter boxes.
- KEEP BIKES, toys and garden tools secure overnight.
- IF YOU have a garden, think of how many items you have outside, such as a barbeque, patio furniture set, and garden ornaments. Where possible secure and indelibly mark your property inside and out.
- REMEMBER not to leave clothes on washing lines overnight, they could be an attraction for the opportunist thief.
- VALUABLES should be kept away from benches or windowsills near open windows.
- DOUBLE check your home, garage and garden before you go to bed.

BSL Level 1

(British Sign Language)

Course to be held at:
PIONEERING CARE CENTRE
Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF
Starting Monday, 10th September, 2012
from 6.00pm-8.00pm (duration: 30 weeks)
Cost: £350.00

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The Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society is celebrating this by holding three events in the region and in co-operation with Arriva NE the inheritors of United.

In June the Society hosted a display of vehicles in Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne whilst last week vehicles were again on display in the Market Square, Darlington, the headquarters of United.

On Sunday 29th July, a bus rally will be held at Locomotion, Shildon with particular emphasis on United when a range of both Society and visiting United buses in preservation will be on display. There will be an opportunity to have a ride on some of these vehicles during the day.

Star attractions will be the formal launch of the Society's latest restoration project a 1958 United 39 seater coach which members have been working

on for some years. The coach displays the United coaching livery of drab olive green and cream and is thought to be the only surviving example of their once extensive coaching stock.

Also appearing will be two Arriva service buses which have been painted out in United red and will be used on service over the next 12 months. The rally starts at 10.00am and will run until 4.00pm.

Coffee Morning

The staff and residents of Rose Lodge will be holding a coffee morning on the 8th August to raise funds for outings and entertainment. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available and there will be a book stall available.

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School Partnerships Will Not Be Lost

Dear Sir
In response to the letter entitled "Why did Woodham go it alone" in last week's Newton News, I am pleased that the writer recognises the fact that Woodham is performing well and is able to convert to an academy because it is a good school.

This was confirmed by Ofsted when the school was inspected in September 2011. I can assure readers that the Governing Body took the decision to convert after careful consideration of the facts. It is our view that academy status will allow us to better serve our students and our community.

As an academy, we will receive additional direct funding from the DfE and will be able to choose where we buy services from. It is highly likely that we will continue to buy many of the services which we currently purchase from Durham County Council. However we will be in a position to secure best value for money.

The writer questions the phrase "following consultation with the wider community". Again, I can confirm that Woodham's Governing Body carried out a full and extensive consultation process, involving all staff, parents, students, trade unions, Durham County Council, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Phil Wilson MP, all local schools, colleges, training providers and universities and a number



of other organisations in the town, including the Newton News.

In responding to the consultation, the ASSET Board made a formal response "The ASSET Board understands the need for the request by Woodham Community Technology College to convert to an academy but is disappointed that this necessitates Woodham withdrawing from the Trust (this view is shared by all three Headteachers). The Board hopes that if Woodham Governing Body do decide to convert to an academy, the three schools will continue to collaborate closely in the future and also with the trust partners."

Woodham fully subscribes to working in partnership with other institutions and looks forward to continued collaboration for the benefit of young people in Aycliffe.

Mrs C. Forsyth
Headteacher
Woodham Community Technology College

Changes to Recycling Centre Rules

New rules aimed at preventing the illegal dumping of trade and commercial materials come into force next month. People visiting household waste recycling centres (HWRC) in County Durham in a van, pick-up or trailer already need to apply in advance for a free waste permit to use the site. From Wednesday, 1 August, these rules will also apply to anyone wishing to enter the sites with a minibus or campervan.

In addition, a maximum of three permits will be issued per application. Flatbed vans and livestock vehicles such as horseboxes will no longer be allowed to

use the centres.

The new rules follow a review of HWRCs by Durham County Council earlier this year.

The changes to the permit scheme will help reduce the amount of trade and commercial waste entering the sites, which are provided for the recycling and disposal of household waste. Landlords are also reminded that permits will not be issued to them for the disposal of waste from tenanted properties.

For more information about the waste permit scheme, call 0300 026 1000 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/householdpermit

Newtonian Enjoys Lunch with the Queen



Newton Aycliffe Community volunteer David Sutton-Lloyd was honoured to represent our area at a Diamond Jubilee Lunch held at Durham Castle last week in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke

of Edinburgh.

The event was part of the busy Jubilee Day which saw the Queen open the new Tyne Tunnel, host a Jamboree at Gateshead Stadium, lunch at Durham, and open the Tees White Water Course.

The Lunch event was organised jointly by Durham County Council, and Durham University. Many ordinary local people from all over the County were invited as part of the County's recognition of community service.

David said it was a great honour to represent our area as the GAMP Area Action Partnership's Durham County Chairman's Medal nominee. To be sitting within feet of the Queen and the Duke and having lunch with them, was for a miner's son from Boldon Colliery beyond his wildest dreams, a truly memorable day which he will never forget.

Both the Chairman's Medal Award and this Lunch are a tremendous lift to the spirits of not only nominees like David, but his family, friends, and our communities.

As the Queen left everyone who was in Durham Castle came out onto the green to witness her departure. David sat on a seat on the green afterwards with the Cathedral and Castle as backgrounds on a gorgeous day, and just thought how lucky we all are to live in this County.

David says "It was very special, and the universal reaction to my story has been how marvellous that so many ordinary people were given this unique opportunity."

Woodham Students Dracula Experience



Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn - before the Twilight saga even existed there was another vampire terrorising readers around the World: Dracula.

Woodham students in Year 9 were given an exciting chance to get their teeth stuck in to some active research. An educational visit to Whitby allowed them to explore the landing place of one of literature's infamous villains and find out where the vampire tradition began.

Students were split into small groups and provided with a range of questions and a map of the area. Their task was to find the answers to the questions asked whilst avoiding being bitten. The treasure trail directed the students to the old town, the abbey and the band stand.

Many students also visited The Dracula Experience in which they were educated on the story of the famous novel; the villain's victims; how to avoid being a target and the world of the vampire. As the vulnerable students progressed around the mysterious, black building they were shocked with bat sounds; they struggled to see clearly as the atmosphere of Bram Stoker's novel was truly captured in the darkness. But,

where was Dracula himself?

Waiting round the last corner of the experience, the students were petrified with the rapid appearance of literature's most famous vampire! Edward Cullen take note. The Woodham teachers seemed to be quite clever and avoided all contact with The Dracula Experience; it seems they knew the dangers of this encounter.

Since the visit, a number of students have emerged around the Woodham Community Technology College site with pale skin and sharp fangs.... Could it be true? Perhaps, Stephanie Meyer should pay a visit to Woodham Community Technology College; it seems the next installment of the Twilight Saga is writing itself!

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre continues to introduce new clubs and in addition to the recent Kurling club starting on Monday 10th September from 1pm - 3pm. we commence a Ukulele class for children also during that month.

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Gary Ridley Durham's Assistant Chief Police Officer told the Town Council last week that crime in the county dropped by 14% and in Aycliffe the figure was 17% lower.

He also reported the detection rate in Aycliffe was the highest in the County at 43%. There has been a 37% reduction in Anti Social Behaviour brought about by meetings of all services to solve problems. Compared with 1100 incidents of ASB last year, recent figures show a reduction to 731.

Overall people indicated an 89% satisfaction rate with the service provided by the police.

The future of the old Police Station is undecided and nothing will happen until the police premises in the town is agreed. It is hoped this will be concluded before the end of 2012 and then demolition and sale of the land will be discussed.

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Council Open New Customer Access Point

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- Housing and Council Tax Benefits
- Bus Passes
- Highways
- Council Tax
- Waste and Recycling
- Planning and Building Control
- Housing Solutions
- Durham City Homes

Clayport Library has also been refurbished. Terry Collins, Durham County Council's director of neighbourhood services, said: "This major project has seen not only the relocation of the Customer Access Point to an improved facility but also an extensive refurbishment of all three floors of Clayport library, bringing council services in the city together under one roof in a convenient and accessible location." The new customer access point will be officially opened by Cllr Linda Marshall, Chairman of Durham County Council, at 1pm on Tuesday, 31 July, when she will unveil a commemorative plaque.



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On Thursday 19th July 2012 Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club drew there Summer Raffle with the help of the young team players. On the evening the Club had 5 teams all training and playing matches at Woodham Community Technology College, which made this a perfect evening for the raffle to be drawn with the help of the players. The club had a number of fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. A spokesperson from the Club stated "We are overwhelmed by the support we have been given from local business within the surrounding area for our raffle and we cannot thank everyone enough." The club had secured 25 Raffle prizes and the first five tickets drawn out won the top prizes:-

1st Prize – Packard Bell Easynote (donated by Tesco), ticket number 891 - J Pasinage.
2nd Prize – Golf 2 Ball Round (donated by Woodham Golf & Country Club), ticket number 682 - P Cayless.
3rd Prize – 6 week Health & Leisure Club Membership

(donated by Redworth Health and Leisure Club), ticket number 351 – L Jordinson.

4th Prize – MOT Test (donated by Shafto Way Garage), ticket number 220 – D Surtees.

5th Prize - £60 Make Over Voucher (donated by Stephen Russell), ticket number 814 – David Barker. The Raffle has raised exactly £700.00 for the club which will be used to purchase new equipment for the teams.

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club would like to thank the following businesses for their support:- Tesco, Woodham Golf & Country Club, Redworth Hall Health & Leisure Club, Shafto Way Service Centre, Stephen Russell, Bannatynes (Darlington), Jacks Driving School, Rock Antics, Eden Arms Hotel, Fire & Ice, Ruff 'n' Tumble, Real Radio, Windlestone Nursery, G. Little Testing Centre, Janine Mawson, Carolyn & Gemma Mulley and LeedMarque. You can find Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club on the web at: www.najuniorfc.co.uk

Cricket Academy at Woodham College



Woodham Community Technology College, which will become Woodham Academy on 1st September, has opened a cricket academy to provide professional coaching to talented cricketers. Students selected for the U12s, U13s, U14s and U15s squads attended the launch of Woodham Sports Academy earlier this month. Year 7 students starting at Woodham Academy in September are welcome to join on a one-year trial basis.

Coaching will be delivered by Durham County Cricket coach and Woodham Assistant Headteacher, Danny Morgans. A talented cricketer in his own right, Danny made his debut for Darlington First Eleven at the age of 15. Through his late teens and twenties he was a regular in their 1st eleven playing alongside former Durham County players Andy Fothergill and John Glendenen in one of the most demanding amateur leagues in the country.

Danny always had an interest in coaching and worked his way through the ECB coaching structure and on achieving the Level 2 award was quickly invited to work with Durham County Junior squads in the year 2001.

Since then, Danny has regularly worked with elite junior county players as an age group lead coach, as well as overseeing the Durham County provision at district level for a number of years. He has also assisted a number of local clubs in junior development and he is widely regarded to be one of the most accomplished cricket coaches in the area. Currently Danny is working with the Durham County under 17's squad. Woodham Sports Academy, part of Woodham Academy, offers high-quality coaching opportunities to elite athletes in a range of sports, including football, dance, basketball, American football, swimming, table tennis, gymnastics and softball.

Sponsored C2C



Chris Armstrong, his Dad (Mark) and Uncle (Richard) completed the C2C on the weekend of 1st July to raise money for Chris to volunteer in Ghana on behalf of Project Trust (<http://www.projecttrust.org.uk>). Chris will be teaching English and extra-curricular activities in Liati-Agbonrya Junior School.

The cycle ride started 11am Saturday morning at Whitehaven. The first 30 miles to Keswick were estimated to take 2 ½ hours but Whinlatter Pass proved to be a tough hill to beat and the journey took 3 ½ hours. Lunch was taken at Keswick followed by a 28 mile race across to Langwathby – some beautiful views of the Lake District.

The stopover point for Saturday night was only 18 miles away at Garrighill, so spirits were high, until they reached Hartside Pass – this is a long steep hill rising over 1600 feet in a few miles. To make matters worse, the temperatures dropped dramatically near the top of the Pass and visibility decreased to only a few feet. This was hard work climbing to the top but rewarded with a 5 mile descent into their bed & breakfast at Garrighill.

Sunday morning was cloudy and cool as the 3 riders climbed aboard their cycles and headed out of Garrighill. The road out of the village appeared quite flat until you turn right and are greeted with a 500m hill with a gradient of 1 in 3 - not a recommended way to start a Sunday morning!!! After 500m, the angle of descent decreases very slightly for the next 1 mile. A steep climb is always rewarded with a descent but the descents never last as long as the climbs.

The next climb out of Nenthead was long and tiring but this was followed by a long slow descent into Allenheads – a welcome rest from climbing the hills of the Pennines. The final steep hill on the C2C is around Stanhope where a new off-road section has been opened up through the beautiful countryside – unfortunately it is a steep ascent for 2 miles that breaks your back – most sensible people walk their bikes up this but we were up for the challenge.

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Dear Sir,
The Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts agreed by Blair's Government could yet bankrupt the NHS - such was their scale. By 2001 PFI contracts were worth £10 billion to private companies. This year with our economy in recession, the repayment on those contracts alone will be £20 billion. That money comes from cuts to benefits, closure of services, public sector redundancies etc. We will be paying the price to protect big business. But, to be fair, the Coalition Government is doing the same! In their first year they agreed nearly £7 billion of PFI deals. total repayments will cost us £33 billion. Not a bad return on their money! PFI was used by some politicians to win votes but the real problem is the cost. With interest rates at their lowest for decades it would be much cheaper for the government to borrow the money rather than pay the exorbitant rates charged under PFI. Try telling that to your MP and we come back to where we started, the lack of control over politicians. I want more than the right to vote every 5 years then leave my MP to do what they like. I want the right to stop them voting for the scandal that is PFI, G4S or Wind Turbines - I want democracy!
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This has now been completely grassed over at his own expense because he is unable to manage it himself. Until now the council would call once a month to cut his grass. We are now told that this has ceased and even after appeal have been told he does not qualify under the new regulations. Although he does have family, they also have homes and families of their own to look after along with full time jobs and I think it is disgraceful that he has been left to look after it himself. Would they care if he left it to grow into a forest like some of the other properties in the area!

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Councillors Abdicating Responsibility

Dear Sir,
It appears residents are having to look after themselves these days as Councillors look the other way.

Important issues of the day are being tackled by volunteers in the community who run residents groups. They are having to fight decisions being made by the authorities while Councillors stand idly by! County Councillors are being paid to look after our interests yet they are not speaking out for their wards or protesting on behalf of their constituents. It is Residents Associations who are doing their job!

The two current issues bothering folk is the town centre police station and wheelie bin collections. It transpires both have been solved by residents associations, running surveys and holding meetings to express public opinion - something councillors should be doing from the Council Chambers.

It is time our local Councillors got a grip on local issues and took a lead in representing the people who elected them at Council meetings.

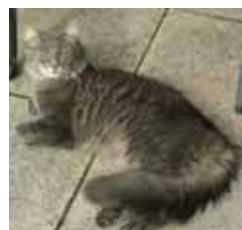
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Thanks for Listening County Council

Dear Sir,
Following my letter in the Newton News two weeks ago, and the subsequent public meeting in which we discussed the topic of the bin collections in our alleys, I would like to thank Durham County Council for their swift response to what was indeed a volatile subject. I didn't foresee the reaction when I wrote the letter. At the time, it was just my Husband and I venting our anger at the situation. The two gentlemen at the meeting obviously hadn't realised the depth of anger we all felt, and to be fair, they have now taken steps to rectify the situation. We have now

Newtonian Stars in Gala Musical

Talented young Aycliffe performer, Nathan Elwick is having a show stopping summer as he prepares for a bright future training in musical theatre.

Nathan is currently in a busy schedule of rehearsals for his role of "The Engineer" in "Miss Saigon" at Durham's Gala Theatre. This stunning theatrical spectacle will run from 27th July to 4th August. Former Woodham Community Technology College student, Nathan, has been given a place at a prestigious London drama school which counts Julie Andrews, Sarah Brightman and Will Young among its alumni. This follows on from gaining the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts at Newcastle College. Nathan is now set to continue his studies at the Arts Educational



Schools in London, which has Andrew Lloyd Webber as its president. He impressed the panel so much at his auditions in January and February of this year that he was awarded a full three year Dance and Drama award to support his studies which begin this September. From 60 hopefuls who attended the auditions, Nathan was one of the lucky two who were successful.

From his early childhood, Nathan's ambition has been to be a performer. He joined the Gala Theatre Stage School five years ago. During his time at Woodham, he was a member of the college's successful Woodham Youth Theatre. He credits both of these experiences with developing his skills and confidence and confirming his aspiration to make a career in musical theatre. At Woodham's recent Summer Concert, Nathan returned to captivate the college audience with two vocal solos, "Stars" from Les Miserables and a Scott Alan song entitled "Home". Nathan explained his ambition in very simple terms, "I'm a young performer who loves musical theatre and I'm hoping to make a career out of it."

Greenfield Summer Holiday Activities



Start of the summer at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre Summer is finally here! At Greenfield Community & Arts Centre our holiday activities are in full swing – this week we have had Steel Pans, Crazy Crafts and Arty Clarty. Over 60 young people have already been involved in making clay artworks, creating colourful window designs and learning some new tunes on the Steel Pans!

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In Memoriam

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Obituary

SYLVIA EMMERSON (nee Mason) on 17th July. Passed away in hospital. Sylvia, aged 75 years, beloved Wife of George Emmerson; Mother to Sylvia, Wayne and Angela; a devoted Grandmother and Great Grandmother. The Funeral Service took place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 26th July with donations to Cancer Research UK

JOY COSH 8/4/1938 - 19/7/2012. RIP Mam/Nana, a true angel. The memories we've shared are unforgettable. You are our hero. We will never forget you. We will look up to the sky every night knowing that you are looking down on us. Sweet dreams. Andrea, Alex, Kirsty, Ali, Callum and Great Grandchildren xxxxx

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Tom Heilbron



Happy 21st Birthday
29th July 2012
Lots of love from all the family and Dash xxx

Olive Hammond



To the best looking Mam and Gran in Newton Aycliffe. Have a great day and enjoy your party. Lots of love, Carrie, Neil, Sam, Joe and Louis.
Happy 80th Birthday Mam
Hope it's a good one. Love from Michelle, Ernie, Rebecca, Rachel, Jordan, Ethan and Erin xxxxx

Susan Jardin



Happy 30th Birthday
Love from Dave xxx

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Thank You



Christopher Cogan & Gillian Marley
(Nee Austin)



Married on July 23rd 2012. We would like to thank all our family and friends for all the help we received with the wedding and for all the presents that have been given to us. We had a wonderful day, we hope you did too.

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Summer Gymnastics Camp at Aycliffe

An opportunity for children to give Gymnastics a go over the holidays! Catering for children aged 5 years and over, the camps are supervised and instructed by qualified coaches within a safe, fun environment. All our coaches are BG qualified, insured and CRB checked. The children will be able to try out all of the equipment, including our new air tumble track!

Remember to bring a healthy packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink!

Dress Code: Leotard or t-shirt & shorts and bare feet.

For safety reasons, we cannot allow any kind of jewellery when participating in gymnastics activities; this includes earrings of any kind, even studs.

The camps will take place at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on each Monday of the school holidays (except bank holiday - August 27th) and

Sunnydale Leisure Centre on each Thursday of the school holidays.

Age 5 - 8yrs 10am - 12noon cost £4.00 per session

Age 8yrs+ 10am - 3pm cost £12.00 per session

To book a place please contact Sam on 07800 847527 or 01388 605946

Race Results

In the Victorian 10K at New Marske Aycliffe Running club Veteran Dave Mackenzie produced his best time in nearly 4 years to finish 132nd in 53:27s. Trish Kay was disappointed at not getting under 50 minutes finishing 112th in 50:01.

Prolific road racer Tom Porter was first home for the club in 38th position 41:25, followed by Richard Campbell 44th in 42:05, then Peter Smith who has performed consistently well throughout the summer 53rd in 43:10. Finally Ray Todd 164th in 58:33.



Both Newton Aycliffe's senior teams and their under 13's side each had their respective fixtures cancelled at the weekend as some of the local playing surfaces remained unfit for cricket matches to be played.

However, during the week, Newton Aycliffe's under 11's team travelled to Sedgfield and came away with a superb 11 run victory thanks to an excellent opening partnership of 21 runs from Jack Lowery and Lee Reynoldson, which help set the team on their way.

The Club's under 15's team visited Mainsforth in the Durham County Junior league and lost by 20 runs. The home side batted first and reached 106 for 4 in their 20 overs and in reply Aycliffe were restricted to 86 for 9 with Ben Nicholson top scoring with 19 runs.

The under 18's played only their 4th match of the season when they played away at Brandon, but unfortunately they were handed a 7 wicket defeat. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe's openers Nathan Blackburn and Sam Telford both scored 16 to give their side a solid start. Michael Howe then chipped in with 11, however the rest of the batsmen struggled against the homesides spinners and they were bowled out for 70 after 19.5 overs. In reply Brandon coasted to victory despite a wicket each from Aycliffe bowlers Michael Howe, James Layfield-Carroll and Tom Gledhill.

OLYMPIC TORCH BROUGHT TO TRAINING GROUND



There was great excitement at the weekly training session for Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 12's. Richie Howe, Olympic Torchbearer brought the torch to training for the lads to have team and individual

photos taken. Richie who has volunteered to help out with training sessions to gain some experience has nearly completed his training to become a referee said "its an honour to bring the Olympic torch along. They are a great

bunch of lads and show excellent potential for the future." John Stephenson team manager said "I would like to thank Richie for bringing the torch along and for the help and commitment he has shown the team over the past months."

LEARN BASEBALL

Newton Aycliffe Spartans, who play in the Adult British Baseball Federation AA Northern League will be looking for the baseball and softball stars of the future when they hold their first Baseball/Softball Summer Camp for girls and boys aged 6-16yrs over two days on Saturday 4th August 2012 and Sunday 5th August 2012. Junior baseball and softball are two of the fastest growing team sports for kids in the UK today and both sports are starting to establish a presence in schools with over 17% of all schools offering baseball or softball as an activity. In secondary schools, this figure rises to 74% of schools.

Run by fully qualified and CRB checked coaches and supported by Durham County Council, the camp is all about the kids having fun and will teach, basic hand/eye coordination, fitness training, batting skills, team building and confidence growing and will include Inter-camp game on second day. Each day will run from 10.00am-4.00pm and costs £25 for both days.

The camp will be held on Saturday 4th August at Shildon Athletics Track, Shildon Leisure Centre and Sunday 5th August at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College (in Newton Aycliffe)

To register or find out more, contact John Johnston on 07593 951879, email john@newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk or download a registration form from the Spartans website at www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk

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