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Green Light for £8m Biogas Plant at Aycliffe

A new anaerobic digestion facility at Preston Road, Aycliffe is set to make a positive impact on the region's renewable energy sector after Emerald Biogas finalised an £8m deal.

The company will be the North East's first commercial food waste AD facility, utilising a proportion of the 800,000 tonnes of food waste generated across the region to generate renewable energy and fertiliser.

The three directors have solid track records in farming, waste and recycling. Antony and Adam Warren are owners of the successful animal by product, food waste collection and recycling business, John Warren ABP. Ian Bainbridge owns a diverse farming, land and resource management, and plasterboard recycling business, Agricore.

The first phase of the new facility will process up to 53,000 tonnes of food waste collected from across the region annually.

The process removes all traces of plastic, glass and metal before pasteurising the waste to meet stringent regulations. The waste is then transferred to large digestion tanks where



anaerobic digestion takes place - a natural biological process within a fully sealed, air free environment. Millions of bacteria 'feed' on the organic fraction of the waste to produce a methane rich 'biogas', which can then be used for heating or to produce electricity. Emerald Biogas will produce 1.4MW, enough to power almost 2,000 homes. The excess heat generated during the process will also be used across the Aycliffe Business Park where the facility will be located. This was a key factor for the Emerald Biogas team in selecting the site. It was vital that the energy produced would be fully utilised and this was the rationale for an industrial location as opposed to a rural site.

In addition to the energy generated, the resultant digestate, which is high in nutrients, will be supplied to land owners within a ten-mile radius.

Antony Warren, director, Emerald Biogas said: "Emerald Biogas is the first commercial plant of this size in the region and we are

delighted to have secured the funding and support for the project.

By harnessing our knowledge of the food waste, agricultural and renewable energy industries and proven track record in terms of collection and recycling, it was a natural progression for John Warren ABP and Agricore to diversify and create an AD facility capable of providing renewable energy and digestate to be utilised by the agricultural community."

Ian Bainbridge, director, added: "The project has been planned for some time and to have secured the funding from HSBC, WRAP and the Rural Development Programme for England is testament to the commercial viability and the need for such a facility in the North. We expect the AD plant to be up and running in mid 2013 and have ambitious targets in terms of further energy production capacity and are committed to ensuring the facility delivers tangible benefits to Aycliffe Business Park and to the wider community."

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WACKY DAYS OF FUN AHEAD

Young people aged 8 to 15 from around the area will be able to enjoy 2 days of crazy fun games, music and laughter at the Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, when the Young Entertainers Wacky Workshops return on Wednesday's 15th and 22nd August from 10am to 3pm.

"These days have always been a success with the young people over the past few years. The four hours are full of enjoyment, loads of laughs, meeting new friends, and just letting ones self go crazy. All we ask the young people to bring is £1.15 entrance to the Leisure Centre, a packed lunch and a smile" For more information ring 01388 774838 or 07747 826324.

Holiways Go Into Administration

Newton News is sad to report that Holiways have gone into administration with the possible loss of over 80 jobs. The popular Ford dealership has been run very successfully for many years by John Hardy

and his son Matthew. They won awards over the years as one of the best dealerships in the country. The company expanded over the years building new premises and opening branches in Durham, Bishop Auckland and Hartlepool demonstrating the popularity of the family business.

The collapse has been put down to the reduction in car sales during the current recession. The receivers stated despite selling some of the assets and reducing prices the company could not be saved.

The Ford dealership, the premises and remaining assets will be sold as the business winds down.

Curry & Quiz Night

Spice Lounge in Bishop Auckland are hosting a Curry & Quiz Night on Monday, 3rd September to help local charity Butterwick Hospice raise vital funds.

The evening will include a two-course meal of the finest Indian cuisine while guests get to battle against other teams at the quiz. There will be a raffle on the night as well as great music.

Tickets are £15 per person, and can be reserved by calling the Fundraising Department at Butterwick Hospice on 01388 603003 or by popping in to Spice Lounge on Fore Bondgate. Seating is limited, so tickets will be on a first come, first served basis.

Entertainment at Bishop Auckland Town Hall

TEA DANCE

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Tuesday 14 August, 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Cost: £2.00.

FOLK - "PRELUDE"

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Wednesday 15th August 8.00pm. Having built a following on the folk circuit since 1973, touring with Joan Armatrading and Don McLean, Prelude have enjoyed a distinguished career, which has included Top 20 hits in the UK, USA and Canada and a live performance on Radio 1. Heavily influenced by American harmony - based soft rock acts like Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Prelude bring some exciting new material to the Town Hall this summer. With support from John Weighell. Tickets: £8.00 or £6.00 for concessions

FILM: The Descendants Bishop Auckland Town Hall Thursday 16 August 7.30pm George Clooney plays workaholic Hawaiian lawyer Matt, who suddenly finds himself having to operate as a single parent to his two wayward daughters in this acclaimed film about the unpredictable messiness of life.

Tickets: £4.00
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Don't Miss The "Great" Aycliffe Show

This year's Great Aycliffe Show takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 August on the Showfield on School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and will feature a wide range of showfield entertainment, in addition to live performances in the Playhouse Marquee and Arena. Organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, entry is free, with ample car parking available at £1 per vehicle.

Action and excitement will be available on the showfield, with something for the whole family. Water Walkers may not yet have made it into the Olympics, but these large plastic globes which allow users to run, roll, flip and spin on water, but without getting wet - will be a main FREE attraction for young people. Younger children will enjoy the large inflatable play equipment plus Punch and Judy Show and FREE face painting. Of course, if you prefer the atmosphere and excitement of fairground rides, these will also be on

offer, as will quad bikes. Teams from Durham County and Darlington Fire and Rescue stations will compete against each other in specially staged 'incidents' demonstrating how they cut casualties out of crashed vehicles. The scene of a road traffic collision, complete with a trapped live casualty, will be created, requiring a full 'rescue'. The demonstrations will take place throughout Saturday and Sunday.

A variety of trade, fundraising and craft stands, inside and outside, will showcase everything from wood carving and jewellery to beekeeping, fishing and new cars.

The Playhouse Marquee will feature a programme

of live entertainment throughout the weekend. Members of Aycliffe dance schools always receive enthusiastic support for their performances. In addition, there will be Karate and BMX demonstrations and local singer Charlotte Altringham will be entertaining the audience. On Sunday, comedian and magician Gary Dunn will be performing and for a hint of nostalgia, top band Reflex 80s will be taking audiences back to the hit songs of the 1980s. Finally, for the motor enthusiast, don't miss the Vintage Vehicle Rally. Further information is available from the Council Offices, tel 01325 300700 or visit the website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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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!"

Saturday 18th August - "INSANITY"

"Two great sets with something a little different - early Sabbath, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and a brilliant version of Queens Of The Stone Age 'No One Knows', were amongst the stuff Insanity serve up. Not all my cup of char, but thoroughly enjoyable. Band were nice and tight with Graeme his usual rocking self at the back, ably assisted in the rhythm section by Hirdy playing great bass and jumping around like only he does. Brian on vocals has a perfect voice for the material and headbangs and poses like a proper frontman. I was most impressed with John "I only play rhythm really" . . . yeah, right!!! Trigg on guitar. Great clean but dirty tone playing in a variety of tunings and some real tasty phrasing and playing. Definitely a less is more style, but some lush soloing that was even more impressive considering the lack of saturation, each note ringing out nicely. Excellent stuff!"

GIG PIT REVIEW - www.insanity-rock.com

Saturday 25th August - "BON JOVI FOREVER" with Special Guest Support "THE KILL"

Gig Pit Review: "I went up the tuns, glad I did, never seen 'The Kill' before, known mark for years, what a band, top drawer! Not a great fan of Bon Jovi, but I have to say these are the best tribute act I've seen, and Greggs vocals in both bands was awesome, guitar playing was immense and the rythm section tight as anything. Grown men stood open mouthed, and the women went beserk. Great night lads!"

Rockermouth Review: "Great band! Still haven't seen the Bon Jovi Forever set, but it's the same line-up as the Kill . . . and they rock! Talented lads, the lot of them. A great set of musicians, and Gregg has frontman skills and stage presence to back up his excellent voice. "Then add to that a cool and interesting set list, a quality P.A. rig, and you've got a superb package. Can't wait to see the lads play again. But maybe next time at the Office".

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We have always enjoyed these free excursions and this was no exception. The Coffee stop was lovely at the Rheged Centre and such a relaxing venue with tea and shortbread biscuits. The meal at The Hydro Hotel was superb - the best I've ever had over the 23 trips I have made.
Our driver and courier were great and showed us nothing but courtesy throughout the day. All in all it was a fantastic day out and we thank the Town Council and all the staff who work to make it possible.
Mrs A Humble and Mrs F. Tinkler

Donation to Rotary Club

The Rotary Club wish to thank Brian Winwood for his donation to the club's charity account which is used to support local appeals for help.
President Roger Curtis said: "We are grateful for individual donations which are added to our general fundraising efforts used to support local charities and others seeking help."



Inner Wheel Raised £600

The Wedding Dress Exhibition organised by the town's Inner Wheel Club at the Methodist Church in Neville Parade was very successful and raised £600 for the NSPCC.
The Chairman Gail Anderson thanks all those who attended for their support and hope everyone enjoyed the evening

ITEMS WANTED FOR CHARITY AUCTION

Neville Parade Community Centre are appealing for goods to sell in an Auction they are planning for October in aid of running costs.
The charity would welcome any donations and collection can be arranged by ringing Peter on 313924.
A Wednesday Luncheon

club is proposed to start on 5th September followed by a film show. 12 noon - 3pm. To show an interest and book your lunch place please ring 313924.
The Centre has two good meeting rooms suitable for numerous activities and would welcome any new group wishing to use our excellent facilities.
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Finleys Move into Business Property Leasing



Managing Director John Finley inside the old Presswork Metals Factory

Aycliffe Steel company, Finley Structures, hope to regenerate a once thriving factory left dilapidated for years. The old Presswork Metals building on Aycliffe Business Park has fallen into a state of disrepair after being left to rot since the company closed four years ago.
Neighbouring firm Finleys, which specialises in steel fabrication, is branching out into the letting business after purchasing the 70,000 square foot factory.
Family-run Finley Structures, has bought the

old Presswork Metals unit on Durham Way South, just a stone's throw away from their main factory.
MD, John Finley saw the three-acre site as a prime investment location to refurbish the building, to sub-let a number of units to either the manufacturing or leisure industries.
The purchase comes as John Finley makes plans to develop another three-acre piece of land on Aycliffe Business Park and create 10 new-build units of varying sizes.
It's a major development for Finley's which was formed in 2000 and has a workforce of 50 plus a sister company, SCH Site Services, with 35 members of staff.
"It's been a long-held vision of mine to develop the group of companies into other industries, and both these sites offer prime locations for new leisure or manufacturing units. With the purchase of the SCH Site Services site and these new developments, it would take our main five-acre plot at Finley Structures to well over 10 acres in total, which is a significant investment, but one we're confident will pay dividends in the long-run," said John.
Finley's will consider all offers of development for the factory, including separating to accommodate smaller businesses. Any firms interested in letting the units can contact Finley's on 01325 328120.

Good On Ya Cobber

Conservatory and Double Glazing Manufacturer, Protech Direct, a member of the BBgroup in Aycliffe, have secured their first order from Australia,
Managing Director Brendan Bermingham said "It took quite a long time to break into the USA market but the company persevered and now receive regular orders.
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Greenfield's First Word Millionaire!



Charlotte Stenger, 13, a Year 8 pupil at Greenfield Community College is the first million word reader since the school began its innovative Accelerated Reading programme in June. Charlotte read to the million-word mark in just under four weeks! Recently she was surprised by being presented with the Head Teacher's Award for being the first millionaire, winning vouchers to further her avid reading habit.

But Charlotte is not alone - every pupil and staff member at Greenfield is part of the huge drive to raise literacy and revive a lifelong love of reading within our community. Several other pupils are nearing the magic million-mark and the aim is to achieve a billion words read by July 2013!

With 20 million words read to date Greenfield think this is an ambitious but achievable target. It's not just about numbers though, the key objective is to ensure every pupil raises their reading age by two years in the next 6 months.

Headteacher, Mr. David Priestley, has instigated this whole school reading programme as a radical approach to rapidly declining literacy levels amongst 11-16 year olds.

"Every pupil and staff member reads in silence for a

minimum of twenty minutes each day during vertical tutor time. It's fantastic - we are all focussed on the same aims - reading for pleasure and raising our literacy at the same time." Mr. Priestley went on to comment that in these difficult economic times, with employers and universities having an

increasingly large field of applicants to choose from, being a confident, literate individual is an undeniable asset.

If you would like further information about Greenfield's ambitious plans for raising literacy levels please see the literacy site on Greenfield's Moodle.

Local Photographer Releases First Book

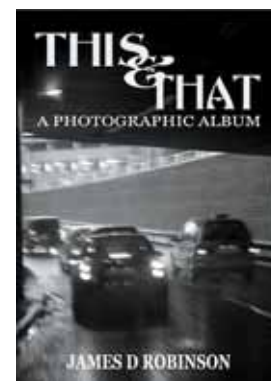
If photography or picture books are your cup of tea, then you may like to note that a new hardback book by local photographer, pencil artist and sometimes writer, James D Robinson, of Bewick Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, has just been published with the self explanatory title of "This & That, A Photographic Album".

The 83 black and white images which it presents in an A4 portrait format, offers and eclectic mix of subjects intended to appeal to anyone who simply enjoys looking at images without being assailed by the often pretentious rhetoric that frequently accompanies many art and photographic projects.

The design of the book itself was inspired by the long established "Graphis Photo" annuals and will be promoted in an exhibition of his

creative endeavours which is due to open in September at the Greenfield Art Gallery.

Copies of the limited edition book (all signed and numbered), are now available to purchase at Aycliffe Framers & Engravers, located in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre; from the Greenfield Art Gallery or direct from the photographer via his website at www.jamesdrobinson.com



Long Lost Cousins Meet



Freya and Alan Bridger emigrated to Australia in 1973 and after nearly 40 years caught up with her long lost cousin George Gray, a Town Councillor. George and his wife Maud gathered their family to meet Freya who is on a trip covering England, Rome Greece, U.S.A., Thailand and China before returning home.

Bake in Vintage Style with Roman at Home

Luxury online homewares retailer, Roman at Home (www.romanathome.com), have added a collection of kitchen and baking accessories to their range, all featuring a vintage look that makes the items as stylish as they are practical. The collection includes a decorative cookbook stand, which features a cream rose and leaf decorative pattern. The stand folds out into an A-frame so it can sit on top of your kitchen workbench whilst you cook. The book stand comes complete with two hanging weights to ensure you don't lose your place whilst cooking.

So you can present your finished masterpiece in style, Roman at Home have also introduced two cake stands; one is a wired two tier version, which is perfect for presenting cupcakes on. The second is a one tier ceramic cake-stand which is ideal for serving larger cakes and pies.

To complete the set Roman at Home also offers a matching ceramic cake box and storage jar - this makes sure your left over treats are kept fresh. The cake box and storage jar is in a matching cream colour and features the word 'CAKE' written across it.

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NEW EXHIBITION IN GREENFIELD GALLERY

Opening Monday 13th August a great new exhibition in The Greenfield Gallery at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre: “EDANADE” an exhibition by the East Durham Artists Network. This will be a general exhibition of 2D and 3D work by the talented group of local artists! EDAN is a vibrant artist-led organisation which aims to raise the profile of visual arts by returning art to the public realm. Over its five years of existence, EDAN has grown phenomenally from the initial group of 15 to 67 artists at present. The membership is spread throughout the region from The Tees to the Tyne. The Greenfield Gallery is open Monday – Thursday 10am to 9pm, and Friday 10am to 4pm. For more information please visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. (Image by Victoria Leeks)



SPONSORS THANKED

Dear Sir,
May I thank all those who supported fundraising efforts for my expedition to Botswana next year, sponsors for the zip line off the Tyne Bridge and those who took part in the Name the Bear to be drawn in September. Special thanks to Katell on the Business Park for their very generous donation and Great Aycliffe Youth Council. I still have a long way to go to reach the target so continued support would be a great help.
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GLEESON HOMES OFFER COMPLEMENTARY INTERIOR DESIGN PACKAGES



Gleeson is offering buyers a fantastic interior design package absolutely free on selected 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes at its Hackworth Place & Shafto Court developments in Shildon & Newton Aycliffe. The spacious homes, which are ready to move into now, start from just £83,196 for a 2 bedroom home at Shafto Court using the Government backed FirstBuy Scheme with monthly mortgage repayments from less than £100 per week, which for many buyers is cheaper than renting. The FirstBuy scheme, which was launched by the Government last year, aims to help over 10,000 individuals in England purchase a brand new home with a small selection of housebuilders in each region chosen to allocate the money. Under the FirstBuy scheme, the government and Gleeson will jointly provide a 20 percent loan to top up first-time buyers' own deposit of 5 percent. This will allow them to take out a mortgage for 75 percent of the property. The 20% loan is interest free for 5 years and lasts for the term of the mortgage. Sales Manager, Gary Anderson explains, “By purchasing a home using FirstBuy you have the opportunity to get on, or move up, the property ladder by taking advantage of lower mortgage repayments. Mortgage repayments at our Co Durham developments can start from less than £100 per week and many first time buyers are delighted to find that it can be cheaper to buy a new home than rent”. The interior design package includes fitted carpets throughout, fitted curtains using designer materials plus light fittings to all rooms. Gleeson has enlisted the help of well-known interior designer Avril Deehan of Classic Interiors to help buyers choose the right look for their new home. Says Gary, “Many people are keen to use current interior design trends when decorating their new home. We have asked our designers to create a number of design boards which match colour schemes with different samples of fabrics from cutting edge designs to more traditional patterns. Buyers will be able to choose their preferred colours and style to create their own, professionally designed interiors.” Gary adds, “We are really excited that people will be able to create their dream home using our interior design package. But I would urge buyers to hurry as the interior design package is only available on selected plots for a limited time.” Gleeson’s Sales Offices at Shafto Court & Hackworth Place are open Thursday to Monday 10am to 5pm. Please visit www.gleeson-homes.co.uk for more information.

Pedestrian Congestion Near New Aldi Site

A couple of readers contacted Newton News over pedestrian access around the new build at Newton Aycliffe which is narrow and congested at times. An Aldi spokesperson commented: “Aldi does not take occupation of the site in Newton Aycliffe until September 2012, with the fit-out of the building set to commence at this time. They passed on the concerns raised by residents to the landlord’s Manager who replied with the following:

Further to your query I can confirm the proposed Aldi site is fully compliant with all statutory requirements and has in fact achieved high scores from independent inspectors. As regards pedestrian access there is of course no public access to the site and it is fully fenced and secured exterior roads are the responsibility of Durham County Council with the exception of 43 to 2 Dalton Way where we are carrying out repaving works as part of the centre redevelopment. We are working within defined barriers outside of which we provide a space of 2.2 metres for pedestrian access which is more than enough for 2 people side by side or a mobility scooter/ wheelchair to pass. Full access to all shops in this section has been maintained at all times and all of the shopkeepers are happy to see the works proceed and I have received no complaints regarding access in this area. The works on Greenwell Road itself are being undertaken by the highways department and as such are their responsibility. Bryan Haldane Town Centre Manager

Club Moves Venue

The Northern Bygones Society has a new venue, now meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 7.15pm at The Oak Leaf Sports Complex with food and drinks available to purchase. Next meeting is Thursday 13th September. The Northern Bygones is for anyone with an interest in Vintage and Classic cars, models, collectables, i.e. pocket watches, thimbles, spoons etc. To be a member you do not need to own anything, you just need to have an interest. At club nights, we have quizzes, games, and guest speakers. We are having a club stand of vintage and classic cars plus models at Great Aycliffe Show on 25th & 26th August. Come along and talk to Paul if you are interested in becoming a member. We are also having an auction on 17th November with the Scout’s at the Scout Centre Bluebell Way. If you would like to donate anything towards this please contact Paul or Yasmin to arrange collection on 01325 312183 or 07968 367438.

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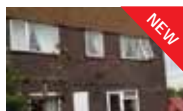
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3 bedroom house with GCH and DG throughout. Lovely enclosed rear garden

Holiday Activities at Greenfield



Drop-in Debt Advice Days at Aycliffe

Due to the significant success of our previous Debt Days, Sedgfield and District Citizens Advice Bureau are to offer a further special Drop-in Debt Advice Day for people seeking help to resolve their financial problems.

The Bureau will offer a Debt Advice Day on **Wednesday 22nd August in the Newton Aycliffe office, at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way.**

The debt advice day is in addition to the current weekly drop in sessions held at both the Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe offices.

Should you not be able to attend this special day, the CAB also offer a telephone gateway assessment line which is available 10am-3pm Monday to Thursday and 10am-1pm on a Friday. The gateway assessment line number is 01388 825429 (charged at local rate).

The debt drop in session is for new clients only and current clients should continue to contact their debt worker direct.

LIBRARY SERVICE CHANGES

Library-users could be given the chance to decide on new opening hours across County Durham if changes to services are given the go-ahead.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to approve proposals that would enable it to make required savings of £1.457m while ensuring that all libraries can remain open.

The authority is proposing to reduce opening hours at its library buildings and change its mobile library service as part of its work to save £159.2m by 2016.

A public consultation on the initial proposals ended in May and the feedback received has helped shape the recommendations.

In particular, plans for mobile libraries to only call at settlements at least four miles from a library building have been changed following concerns about access to services in rural areas.

This distance has been amended to at least three miles under the revised proposals meaning almost 80 per cent of current mobile library users would now still receive the service. Cllr Maria Plews, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for leisure, libraries and lifelong learning, said: "With increased financial pressures due to Government spending reductions, we have no choice but to make changes to our service.

"However, it is essential that library users are able to play a part in shaping these changes. Public feedback has already influenced our proposals and, if these are agreed, library users will also get the opportunity to help decide new opening times."

The council has 27 community and 12 town

centre libraries, including Clayport, where opening hours have already been reduced.

More than 5,800 people completed questionnaires on the proposed changes to library services, with a further 881 members of the authority's Citizens' Panel also taking part in the consultation. Presentations were also given at each of the 14 AAPs.

The council received more than 100 letters, emails and web-based responses and eight petitions during the consultation period.

More than 70 per cent of people who responded to the questionnaire and 91 per cent of the Citizens' Panel members who took part in the consultation supported the proposal to reduce opening hours rather than close libraries.

There was also support for consistent opening hours, with 61 per cent of questionnaire respondents and 65 per cent of Citizens' Panel members agreeing.

There was some opposition to consistent opening hours, but no there was no consensus on an alternative option, with many respondents' views favouring the continuation of existing opening hours at their own library but the closure of others.

More than 60 per cent of people who completed the questionnaire and more than 70 per cent of Citizens' Panel respondents supported the proposed criteria for those communities that would be served by mobile libraries. If the proposals are approved, library users will be invited to choose from a number of options for opening hours for their local library building.

People who use the mobile library service in those areas where there are currently a number of

halts, will be asked to indicate their choice of where they would like the library to stop in the future. This information will be used to develop the route for the service.

Kind Gesture by Church Member



Before and after



Dear Sir,
While on a trip provided by Durham County Council I happened to mention the problem elderly people were having maintaining their gardens now that the landlords "livin" have stopped this service for some residents.

A lady asked for my address and said she would try to get help. That help came from

St. Clare's Church and Alec, a volunteer.

He called at my home on two occasions and worked very hard and the photos above show the result. No payment was required - thanks was enough!

May I publicly thank Alec and St. Clare's Church for their kindness.

Chris (81 yrs)
Buddle Walk

EBAC MILLIONAIRE SHARES SECRETS OF HIS SUCCESS

LOCAL businesses were invited to spend the afternoon with a millionaire who revealed his latest charitable venture. John Elliott, who was Channel Four's first Secret Millionaire in 2006, hosted an event recently on behalf of County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF), with which he has a fund to benefit community groups and individuals from the area.

John, vice president of CDCF, introduced Localgiving.com, a website specifically designed to support small, local charities and community groups by providing easy-to-use online marketing and donation tools.

The site helps local groups to promote themselves to local donors by creating their own webpage highlighting their work and fundraising activities. A powerful search engine lets donors find the



charity they are looking for by breaking the search down by cause and area, so potential donors looking for a charity supporting the homeless in Durham will find one with just a click of the mouse!

Localgiving.com is the only website to enable those

charities that are too small to register with the Charity Commission to claim Gift Aid, thus boosting donations by 25%.

Localgiving.com works in partnership with Community Foundations across the country ensuring charities on the website are checked and vetted. This process brings peace of mind to donors who can be sure their money is going to a good cause.

The resource also provides opportunities for businesses to become more involved with local good causes by providing in kind support and expertise.

John Elliott recently announced he was putting his Newton Aycliffe-based manufacturing business, EBAC, in a trust to pump profits into the local community – instead of passing on his £30m fortune to his children.

"The Community Foundation is very close to my heart and I am determined to help make a

difference," said John, who was awarded the MBE for services to small business in 1986. "I want to share details of how we can revolutionise the way businesses interact with community groups in their area, add value to their profit margins through staff development and raise the profile of their company."

Barbara Gubbins, Chief Executive of County Durham Community Foundation, said: "The Community Foundation Network's latest initiative, Localgiving.com, is revolutionising the way money is donated to charity. "The ability to give to worthy local needs in an easy, reliable and trustworthy way is now at the fingertips of every business in the country."

For more information on Localgiving.com, contact Clare Duggan, Programme Coordinator for Localgiving.com at County Durham Community Foundation, on 0191 378 6352 or at localgiving@cdcfc.org.uk.

Diesel Theft

Overnight Sunday 5th August, thieves have cut through a chain link fence at the Waste Transfer Station, Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park and stole a large quantity of diesel from vehicles in the compound.

There is a suggestion that the offenders may have been in possession of a quad bike. If you have any information which can assist us with this offence - Please contact the police on Tel. 101

Ineos Opens its Doors to School Aycliffe Residents



Following incidents within Ineos and the serious fire at Stillers a short while ago, the Chestnuts Residents' Group asked Ineos to organise an Opening evening and invite all residents from the Chestnuts Estate to visit the Plant in order for them to meet with the company management team and ask any questions of concern to allay fears that the residents may have about the companies safety record and procedures. The invitation was to all houses on the Chestnuts

Estate and approximately 20 people signed up to attend. After an Ineos safety briefing and site orientation talk, residents were told about the site history, followed by an introduction to the many products made from PVC and a brief description of the Resins and Compounds production process.

Following the Company presentation everyone was provided with PPE and taken on a tour of the Chlor Vinyls resin plant which included a visit to see the Aycliffe Angels memorial. Throughout the visit residents were encouraged to ask any question or express any concern that they had regarding the manufacturing process

or any aspect on safety particularly those regarding site incidents that had occurred over the last few years.

All in all it gave the Chestnuts residents the opportunity to see for themselves the high standards of safety employed by Ineos and as all questions were addressed the general feeling expressed by the residents was that they felt much happier having visited the site.

On behalf of the Chestnuts Estate may thank the management and staff of Ineos for organising the Opening Evening and for the hospitality given to us all.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee

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Home from Germany for Military Style Wedding at St. Clare's



Newtonian Shaun Gibson, a Lance Corporal in the Army, married Ronja Gazzard who he met during his 3½ years serving with his regiment in Germany.

After a lot of legal wrangles the couple arranged to come back to Newton Aycliffe to marry and tied the knot on Saturday 27th July.

The couple and their guests were piped into St. Clare's Church by REME Pipe Band member Dave Harper. The Bride was accompanied by her Sister Rebecca and Shaun's Niece Bethany. The Best Man was Shaun's elder Brother Gary.

After the marriage ceremony they left the Church where

nine of Shaun's comrades, who had travelled from Germany, formed a Guard of Honour.

Shaun and Ronja thanks family and friends who helped them celebrate a fabulous day especially to members of Ronja's family who travelled from Germany for the occasion.

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Greenfield Zumbathon in aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Charities



Zumba lovers came out in force as Greenfield School played host to the Banana Army's recent Zumbathon in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. With the lure of cakes and

photo-booth fun provided by the event sponsor Boothalicious, the crowded room wiggled, whooped, shimmied and shook their way through 2 hours of Zumba moves.

The event, one in a string organised by the Banana Army, raised £426. Organiser and Justgiving Fundraiser of the Year finalist 2011 Karen Everson said, "Once again the support of local people astounded us. We're now gearing up for the biggest event in our calendar, The Forget Me Not Ball, this year a spectacular Mardi Gras Masquerade which is sponsored by local firm K&B Kitchen Creations and will

be held at Hardwick Hall on Friday 28th September 2012. Tickets are still available, as are table sponsorship and promotional opportunities for local businesses." For more information on any of the events held by the Banana Army please visit www.bananaarmy2011.co.uk or contact Karen Everson directly on 07974 153334.

Aycliffe Scouts Hold Anniversary Camp

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group recently held their 60th Anniversary camp at Moor House Scout Headquarters, Durham. 56 Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts accompanied by 18 adult leaders and helpers had a really great time over the weekend. Activities included Rifle Shooting, Archery, Frisbee Golf, Tobogganing, a Climbing Wall, Drumming, and a Sing Song round the Camp-fire on Saturday night. Arts and Crafts were also available indoors during frequent showers. A full cooked breakfast, sandwiches and various drinks for lunch, and a two course dinner was provided for everyone, seconds and even thirds were enjoyed by the younger members of the Group. The smiles on their faces made all the hard work worthwhile. On behalf of the group, I would like to thank all of the leaders and helpers who made the weekend a success. We will be having a stall at The Great Aycliffe Show to raise more funds for future activities. Please come along and support us. Bill Goudie, Group Chairman

Creative Routes Film Making at Greenfield



Last week saw the GAMP AAP funded Creative Routes film making project launch at Woodham Community Technology College with a three day film making residency for young people. This week we hosted another 3 day residency at Greenfield. Fifteen young people aged 11 and up worked with a local drama facilitator and film maker to create their own film. They developed the idea, wrote a script and storyboarded the scenes, then

Stay Safe - Stay Out of Quarries

Every year, young people put themselves at risk of injury and even death by entering their local quarries uninvited. It happens right across the country – and it happens in this area. Sadly, since the beginning of May, four teenage boys have died in trespass related accidents in UK quarries. All too often, an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding a tragic accident of this kind reveals the same stark fact. The young people involved did not perceive the risks they were exposing themselves to, they saw their activities as a bit of harmless fun. With the long delayed arrival of dry, warm weather and the

start of the school summer holidays, quarry operators are therefore keen to raise public awareness of these risks.

They would also like to appeal to parents to ensure that their youngsters are not tempted to enter into local quarries and to deter irresponsible adults who, in pursuit of their own activities, are breaking down quarry fencing and putting children's lives at risk. While some of the hazards that young people may expose themselves to are

obvious, others are less so. Quarry water, no matter how inviting, is icy cold and deep with unexpected currents and obstacles hidden beneath the water.

The dramatic impact that cold water can have on one's body can result in even very experienced swimmers suddenly finding themselves in difficulty. Quarry edges can be unstable. Caves dug into sand stockpiles can collapse on you. Ground that may look firm can act like quicksand.

Make Your Own Jewellery

By popular demand Lyn and Janet are to start two new beading jewellery courses at Woodham Community Centre. You can learn this very popular craft which produces some stunning jewellery for yourself or others. Places are limited so telephone quickly. Starting Thursday 16th August from 6-30pm to 8-30pm and Friday 17th August 1pm to 3pm. Contact Lynn 01388 606045 or the Centre on 01325 300258.

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AAP FUNDS HELP TOWN YOUNGSTERS ENJOY NEW ACTIVITIES

Budding DJs and sport stars are being given the chance to shine thanks to new sessions in Newton Aycliffe.

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership has come together with Durham County Council's Sport and Leisure Services to offer Aycliffe young people the chance to try new sport and leisure facilities for a small, nominal fee.

Many youngsters don't have the opportunity to try new sports or activities because of financial constraints and others come from families which don't get involved in sport.

The sessions will begin in September at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and qualified staff will deliver sessions such as kayaking, rock climbing, DJ workshops, boot camps, swimming and zumba.

During the summer holidays staff from Sport and Leisure Services and the council's One Point Service will be

working with youngsters to allow them to be involved in deciding which activities and sports they want to be included in the project.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic project which we were happy to support as it will break down barriers which some families face and which may stop young people getting into sport."

As well as trying out new sports, young people will be offered the chance to meet socially on a weekly basis with the support of youth leaders from Durham County Council's One Point Service who will be on hand to address any concerns the young people may want to discuss. GAMP has given £4,227 to support the project.

Anyone interested in taking part in any of the sessions should contact Lesley Tindale, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Manager on 01325 300 500.

Are You Active in Aycliffe?

Call for Town's Small Sports Groups to Showcase Their Activity

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are co-ordinating an 'Active Aycliffe' marquee at the Great Aycliffe Show on 25/26 August 2012 and are offering spaces to local organisations who deliver services that aim to improve the lifestyles of children, young people and families.

PCP, through the Sedgfield Health Network is involved in a new initiative involving organisations such as Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Durham County Council's Sport and Physical Activity Team and local sports' clubs who have got together to run events and raise the profile of what's going on in Aycliffe.

The aim of 'Active Aycliffe' is to help get children, young people and families fitter and healthier and participate in activities to improve their



lifestyles. The tent (60 x 30ft marquee with full interlocking wood floor) will showcase the activities of local small sports clubs and associations and provide a market place of information. Financial support has kindly been provided from GAMP, The Rotary Club, livin and Lifestyle Fitness.

Jane Hartley Chief Executive for the PCP says "Whether you would like to increase participation or awareness of your activity, benefit from partnership support through this new initiative or simply be part of this positive promotion of Newton Aycliffe, this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the diverse range of activities available that can improve people's lifestyles. We want people to visit our 'Active Aycliffe' tent at the show to discover the huge variety of local activities and services that people can access on their own doorstep. There will be tasters from sports clubs and activities such as cycling, gymnastics & health MOT's. There will be lots of things for all the family to see and do. We want people to have fun, try something new and celebrate what Aycliffe has to offer."

If you represent a local organisation/group that fits in with the Active Aycliffe aims and would like to provide a demonstration or book a stall please contact Kirsty Hill, Marketing and Arts Co-ordinator at the Pioneering

Care Partnership on email: kirsty.hill@pcp.uk.net tele: 01325 327430. Stalls will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For further information on the PCP pop into the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF, call 01325 321234, email enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net

Jewellery Exhibition

Opening next week in our cabinets at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre is an exhibition of stunning jewellery by recent graduate Lyndsay Peters. Lyndsay studied at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen and regularly exhibits her work at Number 15 in Spennymoor.

Lyndsay is inspired by both traditional and contemporary concepts relating to the jewel as a form of adornment, where the wearer, maker and viewer have a significant connection in interpreting the piece. She finds this relationship fascinating as a way of evoking memories,

conveying sentiment and as an expression of identity. She creates pieces that can challenge our perceptions of the jewel, perhaps being unconventional in the way that they are worn. These objects can then be given new meaning by the wearer while remaining fun and enjoyable to wear, therefore creating a sense of attachment.

This fantastic exhibition opens on Wednesday 15th August, and will finish on Friday 7th September. Greenfield Community & Arts Centre is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 9pm, and Friday 10am to 4pm.

Big Fat Gypsy Baptism to take Place in Newton Aycliffe

Stars of "Big Fat Gypsy Wedding", Josie MkFayden, Cheyanne MkFayden and Joan Fury (Cousin of Tyson Fury, the UK's 3rd place heavyweight boxer) are to attend a Baptism in Newton Aycliffe on Sunday 12th August at 10.30am in Neville Parade Methodist Church.

The after party will be held at DL5 SPORTS BAR Nathon Abbot (Big Fat Gypsy Family in Newton Aycliffe)

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PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding PACT meetings at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 14th August 2012 from 6-30pm to 7-30pm and at Neville Parade Church Hall on Thursday 16th August 2012 from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. Everyone welcome. Councillors and livin Representatives have been invited. Please come along and get updates on local issues and have your say on any issues that you may have.



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In partnership with the British American Football Association, Woodham Sports Academy will offer first-class coaching to elite athletes in the Woodham Warriors squad. The Woodham Warriors is open to all girls and boys in Years 7, 8 and 9 and is selective for older students. Having coached American Football for over ten years, coach Jon Tait is regarded as one of the best youth coaches in Great Britain. Jon has coached in four European Championships and a World Championship, becoming the first UK American Football coach to do so when he took the Woodham Warriors to New Orleans to take part in the NFL World Championships in 2007.

This success led Jon to become Great Britain junior head coach at U15 and U17, twice winning the British American Football Coaches Association 'Coach of the Year' award, and being asked to speak at the prestigious BAFA National

Coaching Convention.

During his time as Woodham Warriors head coach, Jon has coached and developed 11 players to international level who subsequently played for the Great Britain Lions in European Competition. At the request of the national governing body, Jon has also travelled to the House of Commons to advise government ministers about the role that American Football can play in schools alongside more traditional national curriculum sports.

Andy Fuller, BAFA Director for Student Football Development, said, "We

are delighted to be working closely with Woodham, a school with a tremendous footballing pedigree and international reputation, to establish and further develop a range of programmes which can be rolled out to schools nationally. The work which will be done at Woodham will help shape the future of our sport in schools across Great Britain."

The Woodham Warriors have been invited to join the American High School League of Europe next season, playing against American teams based in the United Kingdom and Europe.

WOODHAM COLLEGE BUILDS IPHONE APP

Woodham Community Technology College continues to push technological boundaries as

it becomes one of only a few schools in the country to have its own iPhone app.

From within the app you can access key dates such as parents' evenings and concert dates. Students can build their own timetable and record assessment data to help them track performance progress from year 7 up until they leave school. There is also the current newsletter, Ofsted report and other useful data.

Christine Forsyth, Headteacher at Woodham, said "I am really pleased with the development of the Woodham app. This ground-breaking move is reflective

Have Your Say on Library Changes

People will have the chance to decide on new opening hours for their local library.

A consultation on changes to opening times at libraries across County Durham began on Monday, 6 August and will run until Friday, 28 September.

People who use the mobile library service, which stops in 37 communities, will also be invited to give their views on where it should stop in the future.

Durham County Council is reducing opening hours and changing its mobile service in response to significant

Government funding reductions, which mean it has to save approximately £180m between 2011 - 2017.

Cllr Maria Plews, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for leisure, libraries and lifelong learning, said: "By making changes to our library service we will be able to keep all our libraries open despite the financial pressures we are currently operating under."

"It is important though that people who use the service are able to influence these changes so I would encourage residents to have their say during the consultation."

Library-users can fill in a survey at their local library, giving their choice of preferred hours from a number of options. These options have been put together to reflect factors specific to each library, such as current busy times of day, market days and other issues. At those libraries where there will be only a small reduction in opening hours, one option will be similar to existing opening times.

People who use the mobile library service should have received a questionnaire about which settlements they would like the library to visit in the future. Questionnaires are also available from the mobile library.

The council has 27 community and 12 town centre libraries, including Clayport, in Durham, where opening hours have already been reduced.

Regular Activities at Agnew Centre

Monday to Friday - Aycliffe Day Nursery. Ofsted Registered - £30 per Full Day - £15 per Half Day - Pre School £8-50 per Day.

Ring Jane on 07761 818514 or email aycliffedaynursery@gmail.com or go to www.aycliffe-day-nursery.co.uk

Aycliffe Spiritualists: Monday 7pm to 9pm in the Hall. Contact: Gladys Brown on 01325 324660

TUESDAYS: Art Class for all standards from 1pm to 3pm in the Meeting Room. Contact Andy Taylor on 0191 373 2485.

Disability Sports Club 5-30pm to 7.30pm in the Hall. Contacts are Dale Anderson on 07411 009487 or Centre Manager on 01325 321504. Aycliffe Spiritualists 7pm to 9pm in the Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAYS Tai Chi Class. All Welcome, 6-30pm to 8pm - contact is Brett Lambert on 01325 320239 after 6pm

THURSDAYS: Weight Loss Challenge in the Hall 6-30pm to 8pm - Contact

Jules on 07966 968388

FRIDAYS: PK Allstars Youth Club for children aged 7 to 11 in the Hall and outside if the weather is good - Starts September 7th from 6pm to 7-30pm.

Aycliffe Spiritualists in the Meeting Room from 7pm to 9pm starting on November 6th.

For any other Booking including Children's Birthday Parties contact the Centre Manager on 01325 321504 office with answer machine or 07749 236853 or email: agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

Coming attractions include on Saturday August 18th an Olympic Themed Family Funday from 11am to 3pm. Full advertisement on page 3.

We call on members of the public to be volunteers at the Centre. You can volunteer from 2 to 20 hours a week covering a wide range of skills from gardening to funding applications. Please contact the Centre Manager for an introductory chat.

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Aycliffe FC March For Cash

Newton Aycliffe supporters are once again rallying round to raise cash for their club in a sponsored walk. More than 20 fans are expected to make the trek to Ebac Northern League champions Spennymoor Town on Saturday 1st September in a fundraising stunt dubbed "Marching On Together".

The trip, measuring 9 miles, mirrors that taken by 18 fans and staff members last November, which helped raise over £1,600 for the club to support its varying on and off-field projects.

Organiser Barry Waters is hoping for a similar, if not better result to that of last Autumn. "Last year, like a lot of our events, we piloted things to see if we could operate them more frequently as the club grew".

The Spennymoor trek will start at Moore Lane Park and end at the Brewery Field, home of the Moors.

Waters added: "Supporters can start their walk when they wish. Last year some began at the crack of dawn and arrived in Spennymoor shortly after opening time in one of the local bars, in time to take on board liquid refreshments! We appreciate others may have commitments early on a Saturday, so all we ask is that those who are willing to partake, simply complete their route in time to enjoy the game against one of the league's true



heavyweight sides.

"As a gesture, Newton Aycliffe FC will ensure all walkers receive free entry to the match, and those raising certain incremental amounts of money, will also reap the benefits in a new loyalty scheme operated by the football club."

Anyone wishing to sign up for the walk can contact Barry on 07864 718243, or email barrywaters212@msn.com, to request a sponsor form, or pick one up from any member of the

committee at the next game.

Aycliffe completed their pre-season friendlies with victory over Harrogate Town last Friday night. New striker Paul Robinson scored the late winner as Allan Oliver's side got the better of a youthful Town in front of 104 spectators at Moore Lane Park.

Aycliffe's season starts this weekend, against Barrow-in-Furness side Holker Old Boys in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup with Budweiser.

FIXTURES

Saturday 11th Aug: Holker Old Boys (H), 3pm, FA Cup

Saturday 18th Aug: Marske United (A), 3pm

Wednesday 22nd Aug: Hebburn Town (H), 7.30pm

Saturday 25th Aug: Norton & Stockton (A), 3pm

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Skate & Scooter Competition



The Skate Park competition at the Town Centre Park and in the Youth Centre was funded through Great Aycliffe And Middridge Partnership and was the first of three planned events. The Urban and Community games was on Thursday 26th July

but sadly the skate competition was cancelled due to the weather and re-scheduled for the following day.

22 young people entering on scooters and BMX and another 25 young people supporting and watching the event along with some family and friends. The event was organised by youth workers Laura Langdale and Franceene Birbeck from the Youth Centre

Winners were: **BMX** 1st - Connor Jones, 2nd - Stuart Lowe, 3rd - Curtis Wilby
Scooter Beginner 1st - Adam McCabe, 2nd - Aaron Ross, 3rd - Aaran Taylor

Scooter Advanced 1st - Jack Strain, 2nd - Bradley Cloughton 3rd - Drea Latue

The next event will be organised and planned by young people with the support of the youth workers, there will be a steering group meeting held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 5pm. So please look out for the next competition date.

Thanks to GAMP for the support and funding and the Town Park Wardens for their support on the day and in the run up to the event.

Commercial Vehicles Parking in Residential Areas

Dear Sir,
I live at Cobbler's Hall, and am increasingly concerned about the parking of commercial vehicles on local roads and residential streets. In Woodham also commercial vans are parked most of the time outside of houses. If it is a narrow road it causes problems for the refuse collection wagons and also restricts the flow of traffic.

It could cause a serious accident if a child was on the opposite pavement as vehicles need to mount the kerb to continue their journey.

Large vans like this cause problems with access in and out of drives. I notice there are a number of people running a business from their home and they persistently park commercial vehicles on Cobbler's Hall Road all the time and at weekends.

As I understand it a commercial lorry has to be parked at the address on its Operator's Licence.

Observant

Name & address supplied

Rugby Legend Visits Newton Aycliffe



Rob Andrew MBE will visit Aycliffe Sports Club this weekend to help celebrate in a fundraising testimonial match. Aycliffe Rugby Club have organised the special game to celebrate player-coach Bob Malvern's 50th birthday, and mark his retirement from first team rugby.

Aycliffe have been raising cash for 'Wooden Spoon', the children's charity of rugby, of which Andrew is Vice President. Ex-England fly half Andrew, currently RFU director of operations and former Newcastle Falcons boss, has agreed to attend.

"It's a massive coup for the club," said Malvern, who started playing for Aycliffe 17 years ago. "He's the most capped fly half ever, so it's a tremendous accolade. It'll raise the profile of the rugby club and Aycliffe Sports Club, and promises to be a special occasion for the club."

Aycliffe's first team will take on a Malvern select XV on Sunday 12th August, kick-off 2pm, while Andrew is due to arrive at about 1pm to accept a cheque for 'Wooden Spoon' and stay for about an hour. The game will be followed by a charity raffle and a light meal and the bar will be open throughout. To sponsor the game, or to donate raffle prizes, call 01325 312768, or email lee09_uk@yahoo.co.uk

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THIEVES ROB DOG CHARITY TWICE

Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity has been targeted by thieves for the second time in two weeks following a break in at the charity's Sadberge Rehoming Centre.

The centre was broken into in the early hours of Sunday as thieves smashed the double glazed glassed panels in reception and made off with a collection box containing over £800.

This comes just a week after the Shoreham Charity Shop was also targeted by thieves who ransacked the shop till. Local police are now appealing for witnesses to come forward with any information and members of the public are urged to contact the police on 0345 60

60 365.

Sue Embleton, Dogs Trust Darlington Rehoming Centre Manager comments: "Dogs Trust staff and volunteers have been left extremely shocked and saddened by the break-in. It is a particularly callous act as this money was generously donated by the public to be used to help us care for hundreds of dogs in need at our rehoming centre in Sadberge. We truly hope this is not the start of a trend." Dogs Trust Darlington cares for around 120 abandoned and unwanted dogs at any one time. If you are interested in rehoming a rescue dog call the Rehoming Centre directly on 01325 333 114 or visit at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, Co Durham, DL2 1SL.

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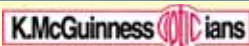
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9th August



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Gillian and Lorraine xoxox

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BRIAN DUNN
9th August - The Best little Dad and Granda in the world!! We never need a special day to bring you to our mind. For days without a thought of you are very hard to find. We will always love and miss you, with every passing day. The longing just to see you again, will never go away. Deeply loved always from all your Bairns and Grandbairns xxxx
BRIAN DUNN

Instead of a card I send my love,
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Obituary

Madge Minnes



On 27th July 2012. Passed away peacefully at home, aged 65 years. Loving Wife of Joe Minnes; Extraordinary Mother of John, Kim, Paul, Sharon, Scott, DonnaMarie and Nathan; Remarkable Gran and Great Gran of many and Foster Mum to many. Always in our hearts. Funeral Service took place at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 7th August at 10am. Followed by resting place at West Cemetery.

Maud Graham



Maud, of Newton Aycliffe, sadly passed away on 4th August, aged 71 years. Beloved Wife of Bob; Treasured Mam to Rob and Gary; Much loved Mother-in-Law to Lisa and Kathleen; Adored Nanna to Jessica and Laura. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 13th August for 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired, to Cancer Research. Plate provided at Crematorium

TALBOT 4th August. Peacefully at home of Newton Aycliffe. Bill, aged 80 years. Dearest Husband of Valerie. Much loved Dad of Gary, David and Deborah. Dearly loved Grandad of Hannah, Ellie, Liam, Millie, James, Sophie and Katie

Helen Murphy



Happy 18th Birthday to a very special daughter. Enjoy your party! Lots of love from Mam, Nanna, Granda and Family.

CARLTON Linda and Michael, happy anniversary, 30 years on 14th August. All our love, Sharon, Gerard and Boys
DAVID "Rave-On" TAYLOR Happy 50th birthday. All the best, Sharon, Gaz and Boys

Births

Congratulations Donna and Mark



on the birth of your baby Boy "Matthew Lee", born on 26th July 2012. A little Brother for Adam and a welcome new addition to the family. Lots of love, Mum and Dad xxx

Donna and Mark Congratulations on the birth of your new baby boy, another Nephew to spoil! Well done to you both. Lots of love, Lee xxx

MICHAEL CATMULL & PAIGE WELSH. Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful daughter Ruby, 3rd August, weighing 7lbs 7oz. Lots of love, Mam and Dad Catmull xxx

JOSHUA GIBSON and Melissa Miller. Congratulations on the birth of "Lexi Mae Gibson" born on 1st August 2012, weighing 8lb 2oz. All our love, Mam (Nana G), Auntie Beth, Auntie Ellie, Great Nana and Grandad Johnson, Auntie Sue, Uncle Anthony and their families xxxxxx

Thomas Cant



Happy 1st Birthday 16th August 2012 To our beautiful baby boy. We love you more than words can ever say. Love from Mammy and Daddy xxxx

Maisie Burn



Happy 21st Birthday Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Love from Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Alison, Uncle Keith, Owen, Anna, Auntie Fiona, Uncle Andrew, Mackenzie and Travis xxxxx

Maisie Burn Have a great birthday. Lots of love, Dad xxx

Maisie Burn Happy 21st birthday. All my love, Alex xxxxx

Maisie Burn Lots of love to you on your 21st Birthday. Mam xxx

Maisie Burn Happy 21st birthday Sis. Love from Sarah, Michael, Kal, Andrew and Hannah xx

Auntie Maisie Lots of love on your 21st birthday. Daisy, Logan and Harry xxx

Maisie Burn Happy 21st birthday. Love from Ian xxx

In Memoriam

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Happy 8th Birthday 10th August 2012

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Big happy birthday to our Princess. We love you all the world. Hope you like your presents. Nana Vera and Granda Trevor xx

Happy birthday blondie, we are so proud of you and we love you so much darling. Have a nice day and be careful. Love Nana Julie and Granda Stevie

Happy birthday babs. To my special Niece (tut up). Love you loads, have a nice day. Auntie Cheryl xx To my bestest Cousin, happy birthday. When you get your present off your Mam and Dad, we will be able to have fun together at the park. Love you millions (honest). Dolci xxx
Romie - Happy birthday babe. To our special girl, hope you have a lovely day. From Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, Nana Edith (the Queen) & Granma Cathy xx

VERA COWENS 9th August 2012. Happy birthday Vera. Love you more than words can say, all my love, Trevor xx

VERA COWENS to the best Mam in the whole world, love you millions, enjoy your day. Cheryl xx

NANA VERA Happy birthday Nana. You are the best Nana ever, you are always there for us and care for us (even thou we fight). We love you so so much and are going to get a lot of kisses. Dolci and Romie xxxxxxxx - the Cowens Girls

VERA COWENS Happy birthday Mam. Love you all the world, hope you have a nice day. All our love, Wayne and Joanne xx

VERA COWENS Happy birthday Vee. You are one in a million, hope you have a nice day. Queen of the family Edith, Garry and Brenda xx

VERA COWENS Happy birthday Vera. Have a nice day. See you when we get back (Friday) and roll on Saturday. All our love as always, Julie, Andrew, Rachel and Jake (big lad) xx

Tommy and Sheila Green



Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary Love from Karen, Bill, Richard and Holly
Angie, Mike, Courtenay and Paige

Geoffrey & Denise Raine



12th August

I love you for looking at life as you do, I love you for sharing my own point of view, I love you for liking the things I like too, But mostly I love you for just being you!! Thank you Geoffrey for 40 wonderful years. All my Love Denise xx

Harry Bain



Happy Birthday Granda Hope you had a good day. Love you lots. Paul, Mags, David, Tracey, Chris, Sarah, Katie, Michael, Nathan and Hannah

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From Aycliffe Town



Happy 30th Birthday

Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Sarah, Lee, Jake, Mia, Gemma and Bump xxx

THOMAS CANT To our beautiful Grandson Thomas on his 1st birthday, 16th August. We love you very much. Lots of love always, Nanna and Grandad and Great Nanna and Grandad Wheeler xx

THOMAS CANT Happy 1st birthday Thomas. Lots of love from Uncle Craig and Carri-Ann xxxxx

YOUNG. Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad. Lots of Love, Caz, David, Stephanie, Ian, Benjamin and Ava xx

JESSICA GIBSON Happy 18th birthday on 12th August 2012. Enjoy your special day. Love from Mam, Dad, Lauren and Ellie xxx

ELLIE GIBSON Happy 17th birthday on 12th August 2012. Love from Mam, Dad, Lauren and Jess xxx

CURTIS KENT Happy 5th birthday on 11th August. Hope you have a great day, we love you to the moon and back. Lots of love from Mam, Katie and Courtney xxx

PARKER - RICHARDSON congratulations Natalie and Andrew on your Wedding on Saturday 11th August at the George Hotel, Pierecebridge. Love from both families xxxxx

HAPPY 50TH Birthday Dad. Love, Kay and Shaun
HAPPY 50TH Grandad. Love, Charlie, Abie and Riley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dad. Love, Paul

JEFF RAINE Happy 50th birthday. Love you loads, Tracey xxx
JEFF RAINE Happy 50th birthday to a special Dad. Love from Josh and Chloe xxx

JEFF RAINE Happy 50th birthday Dad. Love, Nick xxx
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hard fought 11 run win away at Barningham. Aycliffe scored 102 for 9 in their 20 overs with Ross Dixon top scoring with a quickfire 30, but a superb spell of 6 for 34 with the ball from Carl Little helped to restrict the homeside to 91 for 7 in their reply.

The second team made the long trip to Medomsley for their third division match and were beaten by 57 runs. The home side batted first and were restricted to just 107 for 3 in their 40 overs thanks to excellent 10 over spells from both Dan Weldon, who finished with the superb figures of 2 for 14 and Tom Gledhill, who took 1 for 35. In reply Aycliffe batted poorly, with only Dan Weldon (15 runs) reaching double figures as they were bowled out for only 50 after 33.4 overs.

The under 11's team had a

hugely impressive 47 run win away at Billingham Synthonia thanks to good performances from Nathan Parry and C Morley, who shared a 20 run partnership and another excellent 3 wicket haul from bowler Ali Abbasi.

Gymnastics Sessions at Aycliffe

Athena Sports Academy for Freestyle Gymnastics at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre are running a 3 week trial on Tuesdays 14th, 21st, and 28th September from 7.30pm - 9pm. Everyone welcome and the charge is £4 per session.

Spartan's First Strike



It was a long time coming, but after enduring 20 successive losses Newton Aycliffe Spartans final got their first win last Sunday at home as they defeated the play-off bound Oldham North Stars 20 to 10 in the British Baseball Federation Northern League AA Division.

Despite being down 7-0 at the end of the first inning, Spartans sprung into life, producing a great all round team performance with a standout pitching display by Mike Holton and some impressive hitting by Jason Hill, who hit his 2nd home run of the season and drove in 5 runs.

Impressive too was the defence, which has been the Spartan's Achilles heel all season and to limit the North Stars to just 3 runs after the first inning was the basis for this historic win.

Head Coach Sean Wallwein was naturally a proud man. "I can't compliment the team enough. We've had a number of great performances in recent weeks where results have not matched the effort.

But we have had good training sessions in recent weeks and a lot of what we have done right in those sessions we put into practice in the game and this got us our win." Coach Wallwein had another reason to be happy as he refused to shave until the team got their first win.

Another happy man was Team Manager, John Johnston "We've had a number of comments from the teams that we had played earlier in the season on how well we have developed from the start of season and they fully expect us to be in the mix next season. With some good winter training I'm sure we will be able to compete with the very best teams next season. Off the field we really want to let people know about Baseball in the North East and help this club grow"

The Spartans will once again next season be playing in the British Baseball Federation Northern League AA Division and are currently looking to local companies to sponsor the team. There

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