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Aycliffe Junior Golfer's Success



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happening under canvas including exhibitions and musical entertainment from the town's talented youngsters. In time for this year's show the Town Council have resurfaced the circular walking and running track with tarmac which will cut out a lot of muddy pathways should we have any rain. All efforts have been made to give the residents a good Show so turn up and enjoy yourself.

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'Active Aycliffe' at The Weekend Show

If you are heading to the Great Aycliffe Show this weekend make sure you call by the 'Active Aycliffe' tent as it will be brimming with fun activities and demonstrations for all the family.

There will be an 'Active Aycliffe' partnership marquee at the Great Aycliffe Show at Oakleaf Sports Complex, which will showcase the activities of local organisations such as the PCP, Lifestyle Fitness, Livin, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and Woodham Community College/Academy as well as clubs and associations who will be demonstrating their sports and activities.

Within the tent you will find: Get Active, Get Cycling static Coast 2 Coast, Spartans baseball, Kdanz, Sedgfield 75 swimming,

Kayaking, Health Trainers giving mini MOTs, Athena gymnastics, Rock Antics rock climbing and Run England running.

Jane Hartley, PCP Chief Executive says: "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 and demonstrations as well as special offers and freebies. 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."

For further information pop into the Pioneering Care Centre, call 01325 321234, email enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net

INDEPENDENTS CAN ONLY DESTROY AND DENIGRATE

Dear Sir,

It is sad but predictable, that rather than expressing the elation that other townspeople feel at the coming of Hitachi and the jobs that this will create, Alan Warburton and 'anonymous' find it easier to attack Phil Wilson MP, for the leading role that he played in bringing this long-term investment to our area.

If they have any doubts about the pivotal role that Phil Wilson played, all they need to do is to read archived Newton News editorials, contact Simon Henig (Durham County Council Leader), or the Editor of the Northern Echo, to get the facts.

No, they do what they do best, denigrate and destroy, rather than support and build. Great Aycliffe Town Council, under the stewardship of Bob Fleming and the governing Labour Group has been widely praised – including by the Audit Commission – for maintaining services, during a period of swingeing government financial cut backs.

As they cannot criticise that success - they now have Phil Wilson in their sights. Meanwhile, he is fighting the corner for Newton Aycliffe,

by keeping it in the news; passionately speaking up in Parliament in support of such as Hitachi coming here. He involved the people in producing a petition to keep the pressure on a dithering government, to grant the money needed for Hitachi to go ahead.

It was 'WE' did it, not I did it! A true independent (no political affiliation) would have backed Mr Wilson's stand on Hitachi and understood the reason for it. Just as they would have understood why he continues to campaign on the town centre. This so-called Independent group do not back anything he does.

Look back at the number of half-baked, critical letters the Independents have sent to Newton News and ask yourself if you have ever read one of them that attacked the Coalition government and the damage they are doing to families in Newton Aycliffe? Not a single one!

The reason is that they are opportunists, opposed to Labour and that is the beginning and end of their political motivation. They hide their true political beliefs behind the badge of Independent, tritely stating that they represent the people, but attack a man who is supporting the fight for jobs in Newton Aycliffe and striving to improve and protect the environment. They have achieved and done nothing to bring about either of these things, yet perversely claim to be on the side of Newton Aycliffe people. They are political fakes who deceive people into thinking they care about them.

If they did care they would be attacking Mr Cameron and his millionaires for what they are doing to Newton Aycliffe families. That is the very last thing on their minds, only cheap shots and ya-boo politics occupy them.

Derek G Atkinson
Labour Party member

HITACHI NEEDED AYCLIFFE TO SUPPORT THEIR BID

Dear Editor,

The anonymous letter in last week's Newton News 'Bandwagon MP' completely misses the point of Phil Wilson's role in ensuring the Hitachi deal went ahead. Although Hitachi had picked Newton Aycliffe for its train building factory, the factory would not have been given the go-ahead by the company if the Government hadn't signed the contract for the rolling stock to replace the intercity trains using the East Coast Mainline. That's where the campaign led by Phil Wilson came in and was successful by ensuring the Government signed the contract so that the factory could receive the go-ahead.

Phil Wilson is also the first to praise those who were involved in the campaign, including Durham County Council, North East Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Echo, the Northern TUC, UNITE the Union and the thousands of Newtonians who signed the petition Phil Wilson personally delivered to the door of 10 Downing Street calling on the Government to give the project the green light.

So when a leaflet is delivered around the town by Phil Wilson which states: "We Did

It!" he is right, we did.

I now believe we should celebrate our success and stop sniping from the sidelines.

Finally, if the author of last week's letter wants to be taken seriously, perhaps he or she can put their name to any letter they want to have published in the future. Or why not just go and see the MP in his office to discuss any concerns you may have, it would be a lot more constructive.

I respond to this in my capacity as Branch Secretary of UNITE who played an important role in securing this deal as one for jobs and applying pressure to get the government to sign the deal.

Vince Crosby
Unite Branch Secretary



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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 freeman 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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Saturday 1st September - "BEER MONKEYS"

Recent review - "I had the pleasure of first of all meeting the lads from The Beer Monkeys, all Top lads. The Beer Monkeys kicked off with Bamcocker and the Thief played very tight with fantastic vocals, next came the classics 'Time Like These', 'Sexy Little Thing' and 'Journeys' 'Separate Ways' again very tight with fantastic vocals.
The locals loved it and wanted more. The next tune was a Genesis number 'Land of Confusion' which blew me and the rest of the lads away - a great tune and a fantastic crowd pleaser.
Next came the high light of the whole gig (for me), The Beer Monkeys version of Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep' if you get the chance to see this band please do so as you will not be disappointed, this is one hell of a cover and played to the highest standard. The first set ended with a bit of White Snake, U2 and Stereophonics - all top draw.
The 2nd set kicked off with 'Wicked Games' then came a flourish of tunes from 'UFO', 'Thin Lizzy', 'Billy Idol', 'U2', 'KOL' and 'Free'.
This band is a must see for any music fan, The Beer Monkeys are one of the best live bands on the circuit and I will definitely make a point of catching them again.
Cheers for making my day. John"

Saturday 6th September - "KEENAN"
Saturday 15th September - "1977"

ROCKERMOUTH REVIEW FROM "STORMIN' THE CASTLE" - "For me probably the band I was looking forward to seeing the most at Stormin'. Simply because I knew that the punk covers that they play would be such a great alternative musical taste, and that the typical assembled Stormin' audience would absolutely lap this lot up. Sure enough 1977 did the job splendidly! Lots of classic late 70's punk anthems from the Sex Pistols, Clash, Jam, SLF, D'mned, plus many more. Again it was just a brief one-hour slot in which to deliver a show, but with some of their songs clocking in at 2 minutes or less then they managed to bang in a multitude of tunes with plenty of variety. This crowd just grew and grew as the group continued to belt out anthems after anthems, and obviously the audience were becoming a lot more animated & lairy too, ha-ha. I was just as happy watching the crowd having a great time as I was watching the band play. There was a fantastic atmosphere building up in the main tent, and 1977 were milking it to the max. The sound mix for them was even better than the previous band, and now I could say that the quality of the rig was easily as good as any prior years of this rally. Bill's bass guitar sound was huge, Cass' drum kit had never sounded bigger nor better, and Jukka's guitar tone out through the mix like a broadsword. This was big step forward from their typical pub gigs using their own small vocal P.A. system. Stadium rock had finally arrived for 1977 after 15 years of slopping their backside off around the north east, and boy didn't they salt it so well! This 2-piece band came alive on this bigger stage, and the crowd absolutely loved them."

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Woodham Student Gets a Piece of the Pi



Woodham Community Technology student Andrew Cumming has become one of only a few thousand people globally to get hold of an innovative new computer, the Raspberry Pi.

The Raspberry Pi is a small, affordable device designed to reboot the UK computing industry. The device is the size of a credit card with the top model costing a little over £20. Students can use the device to run educational programs such as Scratch or learn programming with Squeak or Python.

"I really like it. It is helping me learn how to program and is teaching me about how computers work," said Andrew, year 7

"Mine still hasn't arrived yet!" said a disappointed Mr Smith, associate assistant

headteacher at Woodham. "Original projections were to sell a few thousand of the devices but demand has been so high they are now producing 4,000 a day and there is still a backlog of a about 12 weeks.

Andrew was really lucky to get hold of one. Students at Woodham already learn how to program things such as computer games. Now they will be able to dig deep in to the operating system, learn more about how computers work and do amazing things at very little cost."



Aycliffe Village PACT Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Sat 1/9/2012 from 11am to 12noon.

Please come along and get updates on local concerns and have your say on any issues that you may have.

Councillors and Livin Representatives have been invited.

PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers please come and meet them.

Soup-a-Lunch

St. Elizabeth's Church Woodham are pleased to announce that the monthly Soup-a-Lunch starts again on Wednesday the 5th of September at the new time of 12:30pm.

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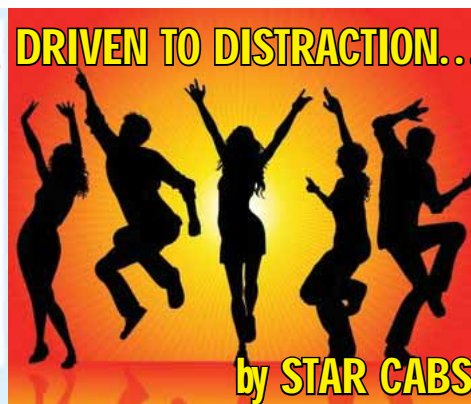
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Contact Council From Your Couch

A revamped service enabling people to contact the County Council from the comfort of their couch is being showcased next week. Looking Local can bring access to Durham County Council services into people's living rooms through their television sets – and people are being given the chance to find out more.

An event is being held at the Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland, Monday Aug 20th between 10.15am and 4pm to give people the chance to see how they can use Looking Local to access a range of council services, report issues and contact their local councillor.

It works via Sky and Virgin television or through a Nintendo Wii console and is aimed at households with no computer. People can also access the service on the move via i-Phone or android mobile phone downloading the required app.

Lynne and Alan Lloyd are among a growing number of residents who are taking advantage of the service.

The couple, from Shildon,



used their television set to access the Durham Key Options housing allocation service to successfully apply for rented accommodation. Lynne said: "We just followed the instructions on the screen. I didn't have any problems using the Sky remote to complete the application, our bid was successful and now we're here in our new home."

Jerry Miller, customer services development manager at Durham County Council, said: "Looking

Local offers a new and convenient way to contact the council from the comfort of your own home.

"It's easy to use and enables you to get in touch with the council to report local issues, renew library books, find out about job opportunities and even find a new home."

"We hope people will come along to the Newgate Centre on Monday to find out more about how they can benefit."

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Woodham headteacher,

Christine Forsyth said, "School sport is about so much more than just physical activity. It is about developing the whole person: character, leadership and self-esteem as well as health and well-being. It is also about achievement. Those who take part in competitive sports do better academically. Sport gives a structure to learning that can help in any subject. Our aim is for athletes to aspire and achieve, not just in their sport, but in all aspects of their lives at Woodham and beyond."

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Van Owners Need to Make a Living

Dear Sir,
I write regarding the letter on van parking. I have vans as I run my own courier service. I employ a number of staff who are on 24hr call out, which means that both myself and my staff keep vans nearby at home.

Under the present economy more and more people are turning to self employment. Also people who work in the service industry i.e. electricity, British Gas, plumbers, Water Board, etc, all have to park vans at home as they are on call out.

The majority do park their vans sensibly where possible, however, with narrow streets, this may mean a tight squeeze, proving to be a problem which cannot be helped and people have to park awkwardly. Not everyone has the luxury of a driveway.

People get mixed up with

the type of operator licences required for different vehicles, for instance you are only required to have an "O" licence if you run HGV over 3500kg.

As most vans parked at drivers' homes are usually not HGV, they are allowed to park in most places as long as it is safe to do so, and does not block another persons' driveway.

After all they pay road tax as well as other people. I have had many issues over this with the police and council, even though I always park my vehicles legally. I understand people tend to get a bit tired of vans, but you have to remember these people have a right to make a living, and they may be providing jobs for others. So instead of moaning and complaining and giving van drivers a hard time, get on with your own life and let us do the same.

Mr P Parsley

Art Show Raises Funds for New Autism Centre at Aycliffe

The Great North Arts and Culture Show was held at the Wynyard Rooms Billingham early August to raise money for Veterans At Ease and the North East Autism Society's appeal to raise £2m for a centre in Newton Aycliffe for children and adults with autism.

The weekend festival of arts, crafts and family entertainment raised £1,600 which will also be match funded by Barclays Bank.

Organiser John Palliser, is an English Military professional and painter of patriotic art. His work captures Military Medieval and Regimental Art scenes from all historical eras, and founded patriotart.co.uk. Having an autistic 5 year old son he has worked tirelessly with his wife Melanie to make the Great North Arts & Culture Show a success to support this venture, along with the Spennymoor based Veteran At Ease who shared the money raised.

The vision behind the centre is to improve the range of specialist services available across the region, including care, education, short breaks and residential accommodation, whilst improving the scope of family support and outreach services. Pupils from NEAS Thornhill Park School in Sunderland attended the festival and exhibited work from their art programme, which saw some of the pupils receive GCSE level qualifications.

Teacher from NEAS, Ian Burke said: "Over the past year art has been a major focus in our curriculum, ranging from the introduction of a short G.C.S.E programme to



John Palliser's presentation to Lisa Taylor at the new Centre

'drawing and talking' as a form of art therapy. This is proving to be incredibly successful in helping pupils with their communication skills. The art programme is all-inclusive and has been designed to enable all pupils, regardless of ability to excel in and enjoy art."

Marketing Officer for NEAS, Lisa Taylor said: "Our pupils have all worked extremely hard over the last term and the exhibition was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their achievements. Events like this make such a

difference to our fundraising and I'd like to thank everyone who attended the event to make it a great success." For more information how you can support NEAS with their appeal please visit www.ne-as.org.uk or call 0191 410 9974.

NO CHANGES TO HOLIDAY BIN COLLECTIONS

There will be no changes to rubbish and recycling collections in County Durham over the August Bank Holiday. Collections will take place on the usual day during week commencing the 27th August.

Residents are reminded to check their calendar to find out whether to put out their rubbish bin or recycling bin and box for collection.

Garden waste collections will take place as usual. Bins should be put out for collection by 7am on the allocated day.

Residents can also find out their collection details by entering their postcode into My Durham on the Durham County Council website: www.durham.gov.uk

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association

PUBLIC MEETING

POLICING IN AYCLIFFE

Thursday 20th September
St. Mary's Church - 7 pm

Attended by Police Authority Chairman Peter Thompson

Among the questions to be asked:

New Town Centre Police Station

Demolition of Old Police Station

Future of Police Station on Business Park

Response Times of Police

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On Saturday 1st September Yackley Clay Target Club are holding a Charity Shoot at White Quarry, Middridge in aid of a local charity "takeadayout" who offer short break experiences for carers of children and adults who need a short break or a few days away. Sometimes a break doesn't mean going anywhere it could be having

space and time at home to relax.

Chairman of Yackley Clay Target Club Tony Hackett says "our club has been established 32 years, and we wish to give something back to the community."

The event starts at 11 o'clock and parking is provided along with transfer into the grounds. You will be introduced to gun safety by our CPSA safety officer Gavin Perry before beginning to shoot 25 Clay Targets (use of guns and cartridges included). Afterwards participants return to Cobblers Hall Pub for lunch and live entertainment with 3 bands commencing at 4pm until late - all for £22.

If Clay Target shooting is not your thing, then we have live entertainment only tickets priced at £5. All tickets can be purchased at Cobblers Hall or by contacting tonyhackett@btconnect.com. Open to all people of all ages including children from 9 years old.

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Dear Sir,
As one of millions who went into Industry from school, assuming a life-time of work, I support the call of John Elliott MBE DL, to have manufacturing skills regenerated in Great Britain. I believe Hitachi's supply chain will begin that process here, as will other employers attracted to share in an industrial upturn. As a retired teacher I can vouch for the beneficial effect local manufacturing has on the expectations of pupils in schools, and it's stimulation of the skilled jobs needed in supporting trades. Let's hope a positive aura glowing from Aycliffe stimulates the provision of Affordable Homes for Let & Buy, First Buy and New Buy, instead of Social Housing so many of our young folk

will never qualify for under any Council's County-Wide Letting Criterion. A population of plus 40,000 was intended for Great Aycliffe, along with the main Industrial Estate in South Durham to provide work for upwardly mobile expectations in a 'Northern Light' of a New Town manufactured in a War-Depressed, Austerity Hit, Hard-Up Area. I believe John Elliott's manufacturing vision has to be realised, self-survival demands it and I hope Aycliffe nurtures the green cultural shoots springing up within us. They are lifting youthful self-esteem and instilling a laudable life-style intent. And who knows? Through them, Great Aycliffe might become 'GREAT!'.
Don Fraser, Woodham

GREENFIELD PUPILS GET READY FOR SEPTEMBER



Children preparing to transfer from their Primary School to Greenfield in September participated in a Summer School to help them gain confidence, make new friends and experience lots of fun educational activities. The main focus has been literacy and numeracy and supports the Government Transition Programme to secure a good start for the next stage in their education. The first week began with a trip to Whitby where Learning

Outside of the Classroom took on new dimensions. Imaginations ran wild with the theme of Dracula and numeracy took on an active approach as the steps up to the Abbey took centre stage to encourage interesting ways to grasp mathematical concepts. A visit to Newcastle Football Stadium was very popular with the boys. Other activities included organising their own mini Olympics, building

an Olympic stadium and overcoming problems through Team Work. Melanie Stubbs Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Care, Support and Guidance commented upon the scheme and said "it is excellent to see children from different Primary Schools getting on so well together, sharing their ideas and gaining confidence in the skills they need to secure positive futures. I'm sure any fears they had about the move to Secondary school will have disappeared and they are all raring to go".

Labour Candidates Properly Selected

Dear Sir,
In response to Cllr. Warburton's letter in the 17/08/2012 edition of the Newton News. Neither Ms. Paylor nor Ms. Bowman were dropped like rubbish. They both stood in a democratic selection process of which I was part. If Cllr. Warburton understood anything about democracy he would recognise this. As to his criticism of Phil Wilson and the Hitachi campaign may I remind him that at the Northern Echo photo shoot no one could get near Phil for him and his Independent colleagues. In fact it was the last time I saw Cllr. Warburton in any capacity as a parish councillor.
John Clark, Simpature Resident

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M.P. Led the Hitachi Campaign

Dear Sir,
Cllr Warburton's attack on our MP is most unworthy. Whether you are for or against Labour there is no denying that Phil Wilson excelled himself as a Constituency MP to bring Hitachi to Aycliffe. He wasn't the only one but he led every step of the way as we in Aycliffe would expect. Most of the public aren't daft they know those jobs could so easily have gone to Bombardier in Derby. Alan Warburton on the other hand continues to be a dying breed of Great Aycliffe Independents most of whom have decided not to stand for re election, so watch this space to see which group he joins for the next elections in 2013. Alan was one of the 3 Great Aycliffe Independents who visited the MP's office some time ago to "see what was in it for them if they joined Labour." A councillor who rubbishes everything done for this Town, never a positive word to say, let alone very few words indeed in the Council Chamber itself .. No! He won't be standing for Labour we wouldn't have him.
Arun Chandran

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Oakfield, Newton Aycliffe - £100,000

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Bates Close, Newton Aycliffe - £78,000

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Bowes Road, Newton Aycliffe - £80,000

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Guthrum Place, Newton Aycliffe - £81,000

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Kestrel Court, Newton Aycliffe - £139,999

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McKenzie Place, Newton Aycliffe - £75,000

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Sampson Place, Newton Aycliffe - £69,950

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AYCLIFFE DANCERS HELP TEAM ENGLAND TO VICTORY



Dance School "Stepping Out with Clare Walton" set off to the IFDC (International Freestyle Dance Challenge) Freestyle Olympics to compete as part of Team England in Blackpool last weekend.

One of their dancers Georgia Thelwell aged 9 qualified in fast and slow dance to represent Team England in their Elite Squad, as one of 12 dancers countrywide selected in her age group.

She flew the England flag well as she danced herself into both of the Finals earning valuable points for the team. The whole of Stepping Out did amazing bringing home: 12 Gold Wins - 3 x Georgia Thelwell, 1 x Hollie Mellanby, 4 x Sydney Etherington, 2 x Jessica Parsonage, 2 x Melodie McCourt.

2 Silver Runner Up - Lauren Moran x 1, Sydney Etherington x 1.

3 Bronze - Charlie Lough, Holly Sanderson, Jasmine Falconer plus 23 other Trophies in varying categories all earning valuable points for Team England

Electrifying moment when it was announced that Team England had won overall!

What a fabulous weekend had by all, and great achievements by talented children from the town whose success should be recognised and shared with all.



Shafto/St Mary's PACT meeting is on Thursday 30th August 2012 at 6pm to be held at Newton Aycliffe Library, Central Avenue.

All residents from the area welcome to come along and speak to local beat officers and ward councillor.

PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson

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HOLIDAY FLICKS DOUBLE BILL

It's a double bill next week for all movie fans. Tuesday 28th July sees the last of the holiday flicks at St. Clare's, and the film to be shown is all about five adorable Labrador puppies holidaying in Egypt!

There will also be a film on Saturday 1st September (this being the first Saturday in the month) where you will be able to watch the new Snow White film starring Julia Roberts - 'Mirror, Mirror'. Both films begin at 2pm prompt (doors are open from 1:30). Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy these movies, indulge in the well stocked tuck shop and meet up with friends. Come along!

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 5th September 2012

Environment Committee followed by the Recreation Committee from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council and its Committees.

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

Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

Greenfield Alternative Olympics



Greenfield have been embracing the fantastic spectacle that is the Olympics; by hosting their own games, named the 'Alternative Olympics.'

They have worked with a group of very talented and enthusiastic children from the local community. In this time, the group has productively made 'Olympic torches', 'shoes from smart materials', posies of flowers. They have also designed and created their own medals. Each of the children gained recognition from their efforts and hard work by being awarded a certificate and a medal.

The activities that the children were involved in were such as: Speed stacking, relay races, flag making and an Olympic time trial.

The children managed to effectively communicate and work together to ensure all of the activities were completed whilst having a great time.

As well as having a great time and gaining an experience in the 'alternative Olympics' it has given the children an introduction into the true spirit and value of Olympic scene and may inspire them greatly to get involved with sporting activities in the future to come.

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athletes including runners from Newton Aycliffe were inspired by distance runner Mo Farah, as seen by their Mobot poses on the steps of High Row! Zoe Hewitson, enjoyed her debut event and paced herself around the 2 lap course. She was delighted with her position over the line and her time of 42.41 made her the fastest Under 17 girl on the day. Continuing to make good progress in the senior

section, Liz Wood ran well and crossed the line in 46.53. Andrew Griffiths was the fastest Shildon male runner on the day and his coaching skills were put to good use as he maintained a steady pace and finished in 45.58. Other members included Kev Thornton with 54.28 and Gary Bainbridge with 54.59. Shildon Running & Athletic Club is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards. If anyone is interested in



Trail Race at Hamsterley Forest

The final in a series of 5k trail races is taking place in County Durham later this month. The event, being organised by Durham County Council's sport and leisure service, will take place at Hamsterley Forest, on Wednesday, August 29th. It costs £3 to enter and there is also a £3 parking charge, payable at registration. Runners are invited to turn up and register on the night from 6pm, with the race starting at 6.45pm. Entrants must be aged 16 or over and those under 18 will need a parent or guardian to sign their registration form. Prizes will be awarded at the

end of the race, as well as for the overall series, which included previous races at Chester-le-Street and Hardwick Park. The trail race at Hamsterley Forest starts from The Grove car park, signposted off the A68, north of West Auckland (OS grid reference NZ 09 13 12). The series has been organised by Durham County Council with support from A1 Multisport and Run England. For further information people can contact Andrew Brown, in Durham County Council's sport and leisure services, on 0191 372 9159 or email Andrew.brown@durham.gov.uk

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Wednesday: 1-3pm Adults arts and crafts at Number 15 Spennymoor.

Friday: 10am -12noon Adults

arts and crafts at Aycliffe Town Centre Shop, next to Boyes (September/ October only)

12.30- 2.30pm Adults arts and crafts at the Pioneering Care Centre

3.30- 5.30pm Adults arts and crafts at the Pioneering Care Centre

Saturday: 10-12noon Family arts and crafts at the Pioneering Care Centre

Classes are free for the first 8 weeks and thereafter a donation towards materials which are all provided will be invited.

Colour Your Life is funded by NHS County Durham and managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in Newton Aycliffe. It aims to provide access to the arts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing amongst participants.

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Neville Parade Makeover



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the scheme included increasing the number of parking spaces, replacing the existing footpaths with high quality paving flags, more litter bins and cycle stands and the re-cladding of the shop canopy.

Durham County Council managed the scheme with local housing provider livin. Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) supported the project with £30,715 from councillors John Moran and Sarah Iveson's neighbourhood budgets.

Additional funding of £20,000 came from the council's Urban and Rural Renaissance Initiative with a further £20,000 coming from the Highways Local Area Programme and £2,600 from livin.

The work has been carried out after local residents and businesses raised concerns that the shops could attract more trade and a revamp may help.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic example of different organisations coming together in response to local needs."

"The Great Aycliffe and

Middridge Partnership, colleagues within Durham County Council and livin, have funded this project as a direct response to issues identified by the community and local businesses."

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training had an exciting 3 wicket win at home to Simonside in the top division of the North East Durham League.

The visitors were asked to bat first and scored a respectable 155 for 8 in their allotted 45 overs with Dan Craggs again the pick of the Aycliffe bowling attack, taking 4 wickets for 50 runs from his 11 overs.

In reply, Aycliffe opener Luke Telford held the innings together with a superb knock of 66, which included 8 boundaries and a huge six. Other useful contributions came from Dave Richardson (27 runs) and Chris Palmer (17 runs) as Aycliffe edged to a hard earned victory with just 6 balls and 3 wickets in hand.

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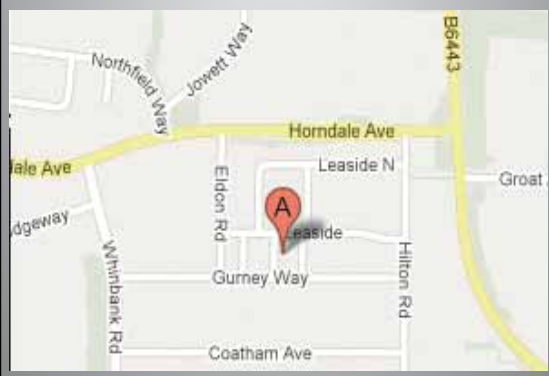
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The expedition proved to be a once in a lifetime experience for all who were involved and certainly lived up to and beyond expectations. It was split into three stages; a trek across the slopes of the high Atlas Mountains, a project phase where they renovated a run-down classroom and also a rest and relaxation day in Marrakech.

The title 'World Challenge' couldn't be more appropriate as it most definitely proved one of the toughest challenges of their lives to date. The extreme heat, with a peak of 56 degrees Celsius, proved very energy-sapping for the challengers whilst trekking over 45km during four days. Furthermore, a high proportion of this distance was travelling up

steep inclines making it much harder and time consuming. The second phase of the expedition saw the group facilitate their own individual and team skills to renovate an old classroom in a village 2000m high amongst the Atlas Mountains. It was a race against the clock to complete before the deadline before the end of the sixth day.

The students worked tirelessly to ensure that they didn't disappoint even combatting a group sickness bug throughout the second week. Particular attention was paid to managing the budget of what they could and couldn't afford, organising specific skills of people into certain areas and ultimately creating a learning environment that will be truly special for the 6-14 year olds upon their return to the classroom.

During the two weeks all the students developed invaluable life skills that will help them develop into mature young adults and this expedition seemed the perfect way to round off their time at Greenfield Community College. The students were presented with opportunity to learn for themselves and as a team, making mistakes and learning from their experiences.

Each student was given the freedom and guidance to assume the roles needed on an expedition (leader, budget holder, map reader etc) and whilst assuming these roles they learnt more about their own strengths and weaknesses within teams. The challengers certainly took ownership for their own expedition and whilst staff were their at every step to advise and support, they showed superb self-reliance and responsibility for themselves and their team. The life skills learnt on expedition will prove very helpful in future college or job interviews.

Many special memories were shared during the visit that will last a lifetime. For instance, it's not every day you meet Olympic teams at the airport, walk up mountains 2500m high to see a local village football match, experience 56 degrees Celsius heat, teach fun games to young Moroccan students, paint animals on the classroom walls, sleep on a rooftop under the stars, camp and have a huge bonfire to toast marshmallows, jump into what seems like the worlds coldest river, shampoo your hair under a waterfall, experience a Moroccan Hammam sauna style spa, barter with

Marrakech stall owners to get the cheapest price possible, eat an evening meal in the hustle and bustle of Marrakech square with thousands of people surrounding you, see animals such as a cobra, camel, mule and monkey, see circus acts, not forgetting the fantastic treks over the first week and the feeling obtained knowing that you have played your part in making what was previously an old, run-down classroom into a creative learning environment that that will help develop and educate young Moroccan pupils. This brief account can only highlight a few stories with many more in the memory of those challengers who can share experiences and tales of

their time in Morocco for years to come.

The challengers did their school, their families and most importantly themselves proud during this visit to Morocco. Well done to all challengers; Charlotte Allan, Samuel-Neil Bainbridge-Johnson, Laurny Bennett, Caitlin Briggs, Alice Brown, Lucy Clark, Georgina Clifford, Holly Dargue, Emily Farrer, Kara Ward, Callum Francis, Tom Hunter, Adam O'Connor, Natalie Parkin, Eve Redhead, Amiee Reed, Dan Shaw, Frances Wade and Chloe Wise Stubbs.

The school is planning on running another expedition to an unconfirmed destination in the summer of 2014 for the current year 9s through World Challenge. More details and an assembly will follow during the autumn term where you can register an interest

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On the basis of the above, the Council has decided to prohibit and to restrict parking, loading and unloading of vehicles in certain areas of Newton Aycliffe.

The details of the proposals will be available for inspection at the Council Offices, 21, High Street, Newton Aycliffe, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, on the following dates: Monday 24th August 2015 and Tuesday 25th August 2015.

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Birthday Remembrance

MARY (MOLLY) ELLIOTT August 20th. Sendi **STEWART, STEVE.** Your special day we cannot share, but in my heart you're always there. Love you, Mum **JOHN GASKARTH** 23.08.33 Birthday memories of a loving Dad on his 79th birthday. With love from all your family

Ashleigh Jones



Happy 18th Birthday for 28th August Have a great day. Love, Mum, Dad, Carly, Inky Dog and all your family and friends xx

JOE HURST Congratulations on your A level results and being accepted into Chester University to study English Language. We're all really proud of you. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Sam and Louis xxxxx

CONGRATULATIONS JOE We are so proud of you. Good luck at University. Love from Grandma Bryan

CONGRATULATIONS ANDREW Great exam results. Tons of love from Grandma Bryan

LIAM SPENCER MccAVANAGH Well done on your A level results, 4 grade A's and gaining a place at Newcastle University. We are very proud of you. Mam and Dad

FINLEY JOSE 24.08.10. Happy 2nd birthday to my gorgeous little boy. Lots of love, Mammy and your big Brother Jack xx

GEOFF AND LINDA TOMLINSON (Suffield) Congratulations on your beautiful Wedding in Zante. Lots of love from all the family

Births

Gray - Taylor



Congratulations Jo and Andy on the birth of your beautiful baby Son Harrison Gray Taylor. Born 3 weeks early on August 13th. You both are brilliant parents. Lots of love, Mam and Dad, Julie, Terry and boys, George, Barbara and girls

Congratulations Jo and Andy on the birth of our first Grandson, Harrison Gray Taylor. Love, Mam, Dad and Peter

Thank you to my gorgeous Wife Joanne on the birth of our beautiful Son. Born 13th August. Love now and always, Andrew

Jim Cheeseman



24th August 2012
Happy 80th Birthday Love and best wishes from Olive xx

Happy 80th Birthday Dad Have a great day. Love from Paul and Christine, Stuart and Annette xx

Hip, Hip, Hooray Grandad is 80 today. Lots of love from Jack xx

Debra Miller



'Still Nifty at 50' Love from The Marshalls xxxxx

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of Kath Wheatley



27th August 2011
Always in our thoughts. Always will be missed Safe in God's care. George Wheatley & Family

MARJORIE AITKEN 21/08/10. Loving memories of a much loved Mother and Grandmother. Sadly missed. Love, Stuart, Linda, Daniel, Amber and Geoff xx

CROXON, JOHN CHARLES (AKA The Vicar) In loving memory of my Dear Husband and very best friend. Died 20th August 2011, will always be missed by his loving Wife, Margaret xxx

JACQUELINE McNAMARA nee Thain, 21.08.07. 5 years since you left us. Always in our hearts and minds, forever missed and loved. Angela, Mum, Dad, Alex, Matthew, Laura, Riley and Ava xxx

KENNETH INNES Loving memories of a Dear Husband, Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad who passed away on 28.08.06. Remember you always, forget you never. your loving Wife, Brenda and family

Congratulations

Curtis Harrison



25.08.91
Happy 21st Birthday Hope you have a great day at York Races and a good day out Sunday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Brad, Megan and Charlie xxx

CURTIS HARRISON Congratulations on your 21st. Lots of love, Nana and Auntie Lynne xx

CURTIS HARRISON Happy 21st. Love from Uncle Peter, Yolanda and Ricky x

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY Curt. Lots of love from Auntie Anita, Uncle Micky, Ross, Robyn and Reed xxx

CURTIS HARRISON Happy 21st birthday Curt. Lots of love, Auntie Ally and Uncle Andrew x

HAPPY 21st CURT Have a great day on Saturday. Love you loads from Nana and Grandad xxx

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY CURT Lots of love from Auntie Gail, Uncle Ken, Gary, Kelly, Neil, Kim, Matthew, Lincoln, Issac and Ella xxx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CURT Hope you have a lovely day. Love, Uncle Paul and Auntie Leann xx

JERMAINE BRUCE Congratulations Jay on your exam results. We are very proud of you. Hope you will be very happy at 'Teesside Uni'. Lots of love, Gran and Grandad xx

MICHAEL HOWE Congratulations on your excellent A level results. Now the hard work starts, studying BioMedical Science at Leeds Met. University. Well done, Mam, Dad, Georgia and Patrick x

MARGARET PARRY Happy birthday Mam / Gran. 80 years young on 27th August. All our love, Gary, Mandy, Geoff, Marie, Darren, Danny, Becky, Kirsty, Chez and Jenna xxx

JORDAN MCKERR happy 18th birthday. Love always, Mam, Paul, Kurtis, Niall and Evan xxx

Jordan would also like to say thank you to everyone who came to his Surprise Get-together, it was a great night, thank you.

LANGSLEY - MELVIN, Nicola and Gary. Congratulations on your Wedding Day 25.08.12. All our love from both families xxx

Birthday Remembrance

MICHAEL DAWSON It would have been your birthday 25th August, you would have been 44 years old. You died far too early, September 2006. Much loved and sadly missed, Mam, Dad and all the family

Rachel Aspey



Congratulations on your 18th Birthday Love and best wishes Mam and Dad, Katherine & Gran and Bar

Annette - Big 50



My Darling Wife Happy birthday, have a great day. All my love, Ian xxx
Lots of love on your birthday Mam Love, Lisa, Daz, Cameron and Jack
Happy birthday Mum Love, Stacey, Bobby, Brooke and Rhiannan
Have a good birthday Love from Wayne

D.M. 23rd AUGUST 1941.

My birthday wish: 'Lonely Man'. I'm a lonely man, who wanders all around. I'm a lonely man, drifting from town to town. I'm searching, always searching, for someone I can't find. I'm hoping, always hoping, one day, love will be kind. I'm a lonely man, travelling alone, as I have no-one, to even call my own. I'm always so unhappy, finding shelter where I can. Here I am completely lonely, a lonely man. D.M., 2, DL5 5HR

SUSAN PODMORE Happy 40th Birthday! Lots of love Sandra x

SUE PODMORE Happy 40th birthday to a fantastic Sister and Auntie from your much younger Sister (ha), Helen and Kevin, Anna, Lucy, Harvey and Lola xxx

LOTS OF LOVE to our Dear Daughter Sue Podmore for her 40th birthday, August 27th. Enjoy your day. Dad and Mam xxxxx

Obituary

TALBOT. August 4, 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. Funeral Wednesday August 29th, will friends please meet at 11am for Service in St. Clare's Church, followed by Interment in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

Angela Wren



24th August
Happy 40th Birthday Lots of love to a Wonderful Wife and Mother from Lee and Caleb

ANGELA WREN Happy 40th birthday, have a great day. Lots of love, Mum and Dad xxxxx
ANGELA WREN Happy 40th birthday to a great Sister and Sister in Law. Love, Julie, Kevin, John, Michael and Sam, Nephews and Niece xxxxx

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Bank Holiday Derby for Aycliffe



Newton Aycliffe will take on local rivals Bishop Auckland in a mouthwatering Bank Holiday Derby on Monday. The Newtonians suffered a frustrating 1-0 defeat on the opening day of the league season last Saturday, with ex-Boro winger Nathan Porritt scoring the only goal for Marske United.

Aycliffe go to Team Northumbria on Saturday 25th August, followed by a big home clash with Bishop at Moore Lane Park on Monday 27th August, which kicks off at 1pm.

Boss Allan Oliver said: "It's a big game for us, not least because it's a local Derby, but we really need the points. It promises to be

a big crowd on the day and a decent atmosphere, and a lot of fans getting behind the lads really does make a big difference, so we'd appreciate everyone's support."

Aycliffe probably edged their game at Marske last weekend, but were outdone by Porritt's flash of brilliance in the 75th minute, when he displaced Tom Hinchley on half-way before turning Paul Broom inside the box to rifle past Scott Pocklington with his right foot.

Before that, Aycliffe had several first-half chances to score, with Hinchley going close and Gavin Barton hitting the post with a header. Broom and skipper Sean Tarling also had promising half-chances, with everyone failing to beat Marske 'keeper Scott Allison, and the visitors' first-half dominance fizzled out after the break.

Aycliffe's game at Norton this weekend was postponed due to Norton's involvement in the FA Cup - Aycliffe will instead go to newly-promoted Team Northumbria in Newcastle (3pm).

Tickets are selling fast for Aycliffe's evening with Ray Parlour at the Big Club on Friday 14th September, including comedian Gary Skyner and hosted by David Craig from Sky Sports News.

Tickets cost just £25 each and can be purchased from Dan Lewis on 07581 784726, Barry Waters on 07864 718243, Paul McGeary on 07703 732342 or Martin Walker on 07826 525907.

Team photo back row: Anth Campbell, Josh Knox, Nathan Wilson, Kris Hughes, Scott Pocklington, Paul Broom, Stuart Owen, Luke Black, Gavin Barton.

Front row: Gary Farley (Chairman and Assistant Manager), James Oliver, Tom Hinchley, Paul Robinson, Sean Tarling (captain), Allan Oliver (manager), Darren Craddock, John Close, Mark Peck, Fred Woodhouse, David Hopwood (physio).

FIXTURES

Sat 1st Sept: Spennymoor (A), 3pm
Tues 4th Sept: Durham City (A), 7.30pm
Sat 8th Sept: Dunston (H), 3pm

Honest John Donates £2,500 to Community

Honest John's Fundraising Stall held on Market Day has donated £800 to the Boxing Club, £500 to the Acorn Players, £500 to the Youth Centre Under 12's Team, £400 to Stephenson Way School and £300 to Aycliffe Nature Park. John would like to thank Town Centre Manager, Bryan Haldane, for his co-operation, Les Gibson, ABA Taxis and the hundreds of Newtonians who kindly donate goods for him to sell to generate cash to help community organisations.

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