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Great Aycliffe Show fulfilled its promise as a good annual family event and although the weather wasn't perfect for the two days it didn't spoil the occasion.
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produced the Show and completed the tarmac work on the circular walkway/running track. It was much appreciated by mums pushing prams and especially by those in wheelchairs and electric scooters who for years have been prevented from attending the show due to bad ground conditions.

Admittedly the ground was still bad in places due to heavy rainfall prior to the start of the show, but generally people were able to get around and see the attractions. The demonstrators and stallholders put in a lot of time and effort and it is hoped they all found it worthwhile. The arena activities provided interesting free entertainment and the usual fundraisers around the perimeter seemed to enjoy good support although there appeared to be fewer stalls this year. The Council Show Committee are always interested in receiving new ideas or suggestions to make the event more successful. ring 300 700 and talk to Marie Robinson.

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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 Bantender and the Thiel 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', 'Bitty 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 8th 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 know 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'mined, 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 & lively 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 tore 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 3-piece band came alive on this bigger stage, and the crowd absolutely loved them."

Saturday 22nd September - "F.M."

Was this our best mid-week pub gig ever?? Probably!
What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock and roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese. Ok they did Whisky in the Jar, but hey!!
FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid-week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW/BOOMPH.
The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, i.e. instead of sticking to Sweet Child of Mine, they did Welcome to The Jungle, so it's nice to hear a year and on this performance many a year to come different G&R cover and one that takes a little more effort vocally.
How long have FM been around now? Many a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome. www.offorms.co.uk

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Aycliffe Village Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding

The Mayor Val Raw and her Deputy Barbara Clare visted former Aycliffe Village Shop owners, Jane and Eddie Porritt, to join in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 18th August. The couple who now live in the Old Vicarage, bought the shop in 1989 and retired from the business due to illness some years ago.

The shop was leased out for a while, but eventually closed to the disappointment of customers. The premises will soon be used for domestic purposes.

Eddie and Jane first met in a ballroom in Southsea where Jane's parents had moved to from South Wales. Eddie was a Petty Officer in the Fleet Air Arm and served on HMS Hermes.

He was born in Aycliffe Village and joined as a Boy Sailor at 16 years old. Before then he trained as an electrician and also worked for the Village Co-op Store on the High Street.

Jane was a shorthand typist working for British Rail and was fortunate to be transferred wherever Eddie was stationed. Before they were married, at St. Andrew's Church, she was given a job in Darlington. Eddie left the Navy after



13 years taking a job with Uponor Pipe Manufacturers at Aycliffe. He suffered a stroke 10 years ago just before the couple's Ruby Anniversary. Bad fortune struck again just before this anniversary when Eddie had a severe heart attack while travelling in a car. He owes his life to The Great North Air Ambulance who got him to James Cook Hospital in time to save him. He had a heart by-pass

operation and is recovering well.

The family Anniversary Celebration is in September and the couple have requested no presents, but donations can be made, if desired, to the Air Ambulance. Eddie and Jane have two sons and three grandchildren - all living quite close to each other. Eddie enjoys playing the Electric Organ and both have a keen interest in gardening.

School Playing Fields Under Threat



Former Avenue School playing field

Many are signing the '38 Degrees' petition to protect school playing fields, worried this could mean children will lose the space where they need to play.

Without their playing fields it's hard to imagine the children of today - the Team GB of tomorrow ever matching this year's record Olympic medal haul.

If playing fields are sold off and built on, there'll be no way to get them back.

Please sign the petition: <https://secure.38degrees.org.uk/playing-fields>

Editor: Many times this newspaper has queried the future of the former Avenue School playing field near

Defoe Crescent, which has stood unused for 20 years.

Durham County Council wanted this massive site sold for housing development, but the former Sedgfield Borough Council held them at bay as the Planning Authority.

That responsibility has now passed to the County Council and we wonder if they will now give themselves permission to develop this land.

It isn't strictly a school playing field now, but it is designated as "recreational" land in the last local plan.

The plot has been fenced off and maintained all these years for no purpose except perhaps dog walking!

LABOUR PARTY INFIGHTING

Dear Sir,

What is going on in the Labour Party over the decision to deselect a candidate who has won three elections in the West Ward, twice with the highest vote? Explanations need to be given to Labour voters why a favourite has been discarded in favour of two unknown candidates with no experience at County level.

Readers will remember how our MP and high ranking constituency members were overjoyed when Enid Paylor joined the Party. They stated she was an asset to Labour. There appears to be two factions in the Party and I wonder whose view is more important - branch members who have their own agenda or the Constituency Labour Party who know how to win elections.

A. Thompson.

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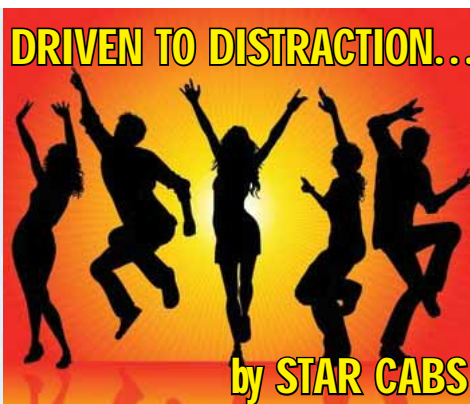
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Desperately Seeking Susan

Lilian Coultart is on holiday in our area next week and is wanting to contact her niece Susan Heilbron who lives in Newton Aycliffe. Susan was her bridesmaid 58 years ago. Lilian's surname before marriage was Nutt as was Susan's father, her brother. If Susan is out there please contact Newton Press on 30212 or e-mail lilian.coultart1@btinternet.com

Councillor Evicted

Sir,
With the eviction of Cllr Paul Ducker from his flat, can his fellow Independents shed any light on his whereabouts? Can they advise if their Leader of the Great Aycliffe Independents has resigned from the Council or is he still claiming his allowance from the Council, whilst living outside the area?

If he has not resigned how do his electorate contact him? Who is the Leader of the Great Aycliffe Independents now? Where do they stand on this issue? We've heard of conviction politics, but Eviction politics that's a new one.

Arun Chandran

GIFTED LINGUIST AT WOODHAM



Adam Nicholas, a Year 10 student at Woodham celebrated a pair of A* GCSE results in both

French and German, taken a year ahead of his classmates.

Adam will be given the opportunity to take GCSE Latin in September with a view to studying Modern Languages at Oxford or Cambridge.

Adam is also a talented musician and hopes eventually to work in radio broadcasting.

Woodham Head of Modern Languages, Mrs Panesar, says "This is a tremendous achievement, particularly as Adam has studied both languages for a relatively short time".

Closing Ceremony Spoilt Olympic Ideal

Dear Sir,
I don't want to appear petty, but who was responsible for that closing ceremony?

The t.v. programme "2012" poked fun at the Olympic organisers but even that understated the case. I don't mean the G4S security debacle, but who thought it was a good idea to wheel out pop stars needing a boost to their careers as an example of the Olympic ideal?

After 2 weeks of competitive sport 99% free from drugs a new generation of role models for young people seemed to be emerging, Mo, Bradley, Jessica, Rebecca and others. Then came the closing ceremony including the likes of Kate Moss, best known for falling out of nightclubs drunk or worse. George Michael (yes I know he's been ill) best known for doing everything we warn our kids against. Naomi Campbell in the news for mixing with African tyrants and attacking anyone she doesn't like. Russell

Brand well known for making obscene phone calls.

If all the "stars" that appeared at the closing ceremony had been tested for drugs, how many of them would have been positive? If that had prevented them from appearing then the closing ceremony would have been a whole lot shorter, but much more meaningful!

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Dear Editor,
I would like to express my thanks to everyone involved in the 'Active Aycliffe' partnership tent at the Great Aycliffe Show.

'Active Aycliffe' involves organisations such as Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Durham County Council's Sport and Physical Activity Team, Woodham Community College and local Beavers/Scout groups and sports clubs who have got together to run events and raise the profile of what's going on in Aycliffe.

The hire of the marquee was kindly paid for by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). It showcased the activities of local organisations as well as clubs and associations who were demonstrating their sports.

The Rotary Club funded the hire of tables and chairs and publicity and Livin and Lifestyle Fitness sponsored goodie bags that were handed

out to visitors.

We had a total of 1936 people visit the marquee which is excellent. Evaluation forms are currently being reviewed and the winners of the prize draws will be announced shortly.

Thanks also to the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts Groups who loaned us their generator and PCP staff, volunteers and therapists who supported the event.

Various activities are being planned under the 'Active Aycliffe' umbrella to enable local groups, clubs and organisations to showcase and promote their activities and encourage local children, young people and their families to join in and adopt healthier lifestyles.

The next Active Aycliffe event is a Free Family Fun Day at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and town centre shop (next to Boyes) on Saturday 22 September starting at 10am.

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Woodham Gymnastics Academy is coached by Angela Minervini, a member of Woodham's award-winning PE department. Angela began competing in both school and club settings at the age of 7. She held the title of Schools County Champion for 7 years and went on to compete at National Schools Floor and Vault finals twice. At the age of 15 she gained her first coaching qualification

and began volunteering at her local gymnastics club and also volunteered as a coach at her school. When in sixth form, Angela coached the school gymnastics team to the National Finals.

At the age of 18 Angela gained a Level 2 qualification in artistic gymnastics. During her last year of university she undertook the course to become a Level 3 coach.

Since working at Woodham she has set up a gymnastics club. Woodham has now started competing in regional competitions. The under 13s gymnastics team qualified for the National Floor and Vault competition on their first time of entering. Membership of Woodham Gymnastics Academy is open to all new students in September and is selective in Year 8 - 11.

BLOOD DONORS WANTED IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

A Blood Donor session will be held on Monday 10th September at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church Hall, Neville Parade from 2.30pm - 3.45pm & 4.30pm - 7pm.

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Great Aycliffe Residents' Association

PUBLIC MEETING

POLICING IN AYCLIFFE

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New Town Centre Police Station

Demolition of Old Police Station

Future of Police Station on Business Park

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Help Group Receives Award

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Newton Aycliffe, based at St Mary's Church, were recently awarded a Cornerstone of the Community Award by Newcastle Building Society for their work in the local community.

They were nominated for the award by Michael Johnson, whom the members regularly visit at his home in Clarence Green.

Gerardine Stubbs, President of the Conference, told Newton News: "It is usually



Michael Johnson (centre) with parish priest, Fr Michael Campion, and members of the Society.

older people we visit, but it can be the young; whoever needs us for practical or emotional support, we try to help. There are around 30 people we regularly visit and we fundraise to pay for our work. Sometimes it is just about being a listening ear and a bit of company to those people who don't

see anyone for days on end and get lonely. They look forward to us coming. Most are parishioners but some have just turned to the church for help. We don't do this for recognition but it was lovely when Michael nominated us and we couldn't quite believe it when we won, but were proud and happy.

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Polam Celebrate 100% A-level Pass Rate

Polam Hall School's commitment to "Excellence for All" is illustrated by their A-level results with 100 percent pass rate.

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Among the Sixth Form pupils at Polam Hall is Yasmin, who hopes to read History, Politics and Philosophy at University. She had to battle family heartache while studying for her A-levels as her father has terminal cancer.

The 18-year-old, who lives at Woodham, Aycliffe, said: "I have worked as hard as I can and hope that I have achieved exam results that will make my dad proud."

"Polam Hall, which has been very supportive during my father's illness, also has helped give me the ability,



drive and determination to pursue a career in either law, journalism or teaching."

John Moreland, Polam Hall Headmaster, said: "Students and staff alike can be very proud of what has been achieved in the 2012 A-level results."

"Polam Hall is a non-selective school, catering for both boys and girls, and today we are celebrating the success of our A-level students."

"They all deserve congratulations for the effort they have put into their exams and we wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their lives."

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Claire Dunbar

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Lingard Walk, Newton Aycliffe - £115,000

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Oakfield, Newton Aycliffe - £100,000

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Bates Close, Newton Aycliffe - £78,000

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Chillingham Grove, Woodham Village - £115,000

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McKenzie Place, Newton Aycliffe - £75,000

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



Sampson Place, Newton Aycliffe - £69,950

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

WOODHAM STUDENTS FLY HIGH



Left to right: Oliver Bainbridge, Aaron Hetherington, Heather Archer, Ethan Lunn & Leanne Smith

Seven Woodham students amassed a staggering 86 A*/A grades between them at GCSE. Heather Archer and Aaron Hetherington both achieved 14 A*/A grades. Oliver Dobson and Josie Eldridge achieved A*/A grades in each of the 13 subjects they took. Leanne Smith, Ethan Lunn and Oliver Bainbridge all achieved double figures. All of the students are planning to continue their academic studies at A Level in September. Aaron, Oliver and Josie plan a career in Law. Heather aims to be a psychologist, Leanne a historian and Ethan wants to

teach English.

Overall results at Woodham



Josie Eldridge

Our Trip to Beamish!

by Emma Smith



The children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club visited Beamish Museum for the first time. Emma Smith, age 10 wrote this article on behalf of all of the children.

When we arrived at Beamish we went to the pit village first and walked through the houses. In one of the houses we saw a man who was making a 'clippy' mat and were told that the material he was using was old clothes. He also told us about the different tools that were used in the kitchen and showed us the tool used to clean the clippy mat.

Next we went to the school, with a girls' and boys' entrance, also a girls playground and a boys playground. The teacher told us about different punishments the spot of shame and dunce's hat which we acted out, we also looked at the cane. We were allowed to play with the toys in the playground called boolers.

Next we went to the farm and

saw pigs, chickens, cows and horses followed by lunch in front of the fairground. After lunch we went to the dentist and we were told that 3 in every 100 patients died in the Victorian times when visiting the dentist. Afterwards we went to the sweet shop, clothes shop, local food shop, the bank, and the print shop. In the print shop they were demonstrating how posters were made in 1825 - 1913.

We were given a poster that said "We have been to Beamish" to take back to the club. In the local food shop we were told that the money was put in a ball and sent into a little room, where a man checked customers had paid the right amount.

We met Suffragettes, who were wanting Votes for Women, and then met some people saying No Votes for Women. After that we all got an ice lollie and went on the top of the tram back to the bus to go home.

have improved again for the fourth consecutive year, compared with a decline at national level. Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says

"I am delighted with the achievement of all of our students and wish them every success in the next stage of their careers"

New Course Guide!

Greenfield's new course guide for September - December is finally ready! We have a jam packed programme for adults, children and fun for all the family. October is Family Learning Month and we have many activities to entertain you and sharpen your skills including: family cooking, AAP Family Film Festival, learn to knit and get arty with The Big Draw. This is of course in addition to our regular courses running for adults, including our specialist arts courses, yoga, ballroom dance and more. We have great after school activities including free Steel Pan sessions and free Dance Mats.

If all that isn't enough, we have all our regular weekly slots including, children's dance, Zumba, Bootcamp, Bokwa and Street Fit. We also have our Community Pottery Group and Knit & Stitch social.

So if you feel like learning something new and meeting new people in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, we'd love to see you. Enrolment week is Monday 3rd - Friday 7th September so get in touch!

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Neighbourhood Wardens Now Work Nights and Weekends

Changes to the neighbourhood wardens service in County Durham are proving successful. A new shift pattern introduced, means wardens are now on duty during evenings and on weekends across the county.

Changes to working arrangements also mean neighbourhood wardens have taken on responsibility for collecting stray dogs.

Since the changes were brought in, the initial results show that they are having a positive impact on communities.

As well as improvements to the collection of stray dogs reported out of hours, the wardens have also been better able to tackle low level anti-social behaviour – including underage alcohol seizures – during evenings.

Oliver Sherratt, head of Direct Services at Durham County

Council, said: “The wardens service is there to tackle local issues and provide reassurance to communities. “By changing the working arrangements in this way we have made it possible for wardens to be on duty at the times they are most needed, particularly evenings. These changes have also meant that the level of service is consistent across the county.”

The new shift pattern follows an earlier move to extend the wardens service. The new teams will focus specifically on issues which are important to local communities, including keeping areas clean and green, tackling low-level anti-social behaviour in partnership with the police and taking tough action against those who damage the environment through littering and dog fouling.

AYCLIFFE MANAGER CALLS ON TEAM TO “STAND UP AND BE COUNTED”

On a day when a small group of Newton Aycliffe supporters trek nine miles to watch their team play, boss Allan Oliver is calling on his players to “stand

up and be counted”. Around 15 fans will walk from Moore Lane Park to Brewery Field, the home of Spennymoor Town, on

Saturday (1st September) to watch their side take on the three-times champions. The sponsored walk, dubbed ‘Marching On Together’, is

hoped to raise much-needed funds. Aycliffe have endured a difficult start to the season so far, with a crushing 5-1 derby defeat at home to Bishop Auckland on Monday dragging them to the bottom of the Ebac Northern League first division.

And Oliver says, after enjoying more ups than downs during their meteoric rise through the leagues in the last four years, it's time for a new test of character. Aycliffe have had it pretty much all their own way since promotion to the Northern League three years ago.

But now, with four consecutive defeats rounding off their worst start to a campaign since Oliver and Gary Farley's bandwagon took over five years ago, the club needs to show togetherness – from the players, to the management and supporters.

Oliver said: “It doesn't get any easier, Spennymoor away this weekend, one of the best teams in the country at this level of football and the current champions. We'll have to lift ourselves, galvanise each other and be harder to beat.

“We've enjoyed some good times at Newton Aycliffe – we're where we always wanted to be, in the first division – but now we'll see who'll stand up and be counted. There are 42 games left, and still an awful long way to go. I won't be feeling sorry for myself, and

neither will Gary. We'll keep going, and I think eventually we'll get it right.”

Having managed Crook Town and West Auckland in the Northern League previously, Oliver knows what's required to get Aycliffe out of their current slump. He added: “Confidence is on the floor, and the only thing that will lift us is a goal or two and a win, then the self-belief comes flooding back. They don't become bad players overnight. The secret in any league is having a settled side, and for various reasons we've been unable to do that.”

Tickets are still available for Aycliffe's evening with Ray Parlour at the Big Club on Friday 14th September, including comedian Gary Skynner and hosted by David Craig from Sky Sports News. Tickets cost just £25 each and can be purchased by contacting Dan Lewis on 07581 784726, Barry Waters on 07864 718243, Paul McGeary on 07703 732342 or Martin Walker on 07826 525907.

FIXTURES

Sat 1st Sept:
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Sat 8th Sept:
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Sat 22nd Sept:
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RECORD A/A* EXAM RESULTS AT GREENFIELD



Sam Crick, Connor Lowe, Emma Colbourne, Eve Redhead, Daniel Shaw, Tom Hunter

Greenfield staff and students are celebrating as a record breaking 32% of pupils achieve 3 or more A/A* grades at GCSE, representing an 8% increase. 14 Greenfield pupils achieved 8 or more A/A* grades including English and Maths with 8 of them achieving a staggering 10 or more. There were some exceptional individual successes

including Sam Crick who achieved 14 of the highest grades with 10 A grades and 2 A*s and Emma Colbourne who achieved 7A* grades and 6As. David Priestley, Headteacher, is delighted with the results for all pupils and with 95.4% of the cohort achieving 5 or more high grades – an increase of over 13%. He commented, “These are exceptional

results which will allow our leavers to take up their college and training places as the start of a successful future. The results reflect both the dedication and hard work of staff and students at Greenfield and the determination to fulfil our aims of raising aspirations and transforming lives in our learning community.”

Cycle for Cyril Raises £2,700



A family from Newton Aycliffe has raised £2,700 for two local hospices. Around twenty family members of the late Cyril Tinkler and their friends cycled 50 miles from Bishop Auckland to Newcastle in his memory. The cyclists, who were sponsored, included four generations of the family, ranging from six-year-old Dylan Goddard, a pupil at St Mary's RC Primary School, to his 86 year - old great - great aunt Audrey Humble from

Bewick Crescent. 82 year-old Cyril, who died last September, battled hard against cancer. He and his family are grateful for the help and support they received from St Theresa's Hospice in Darlington and the Butterwick in Bishop Auckland. Some of the cycling group, along with Cyril's widow, Freda, visited both hospices to hand over cheques, splitting the proceeds between the two.

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M.P. AT DISC "STEPS4SUCCESS" LEARNERS CELEBRATION



On the 22nd August DISC's Steps4Success education programme celebrated the achievements of their learners. The event was attended by the learners' families and friends

along with special guest Mr Phil Wilson, M.P. The event was held to recognise the achievement of qualifications and the personal development of

those who attended the programme. Learners shared their experience of the course and the support received from DISC. Phil Wilson presented 18

young people with Certificates; recognising their success. The MP said: 'DISC offer an excellent service and provide young people with the confidence many may not otherwise have been able to use. The young people awarded certificates today well deserve them and I wish them all the very best in the future.'

A parent whose child was graduating at this months celebration said, 'What you do here is amazing, thank you for everything that you have done for my daughter.'

One of the learners said, 'I didn't like school because it was boring and the same stuff every day. When I left I went to college but it only lasted 4 months as I found it too big, too busy and there were too many people.'

I started with DISC's Steps for Success programme in January, doing a BTEC in Construction, specialising in Painting and Decorating. I have got my certificate and am now working towards functional skills in Maths, English and ICT.

The reason I have stayed with S4S is because; its got smaller classes, I know everyone, I can get one-one support to help me finish tasks, the staff are ore helpful and patience here and I have been given more chances. I will be staying on with S4S as I'm going to do my personal social development course as well as my functional skills exams.'

How can Steps4Success support you in taking the right steps for your future?

If you are a young person aged 16-18 years old and area looking to develop your skills and gain qualifications in as little as 4 weeks to open up further education and employment opportunities the please get in touch.

As well as improving your basic skills and employment potential Steps4Success course gives you the opportunity to get involved with lots of practical and fun activities including fundraising for the local community, developing money making enterprise schemes, and experiencing vocational placements.

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Autumn is a time for new beginnings, new school year, new season etc. and as such it's the perfect time to vamp up your fitness routine.

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The £2 classes are part funded by CPAL (Changing the Physical Activity Landscape). All classes take place in the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

This is just taster of the many activities being offered in the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. For further information tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net.

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Kettlebells, 1 - 2pm, £2.00

Cardio Box, 5.15 - 6pm, £3.50

Bodyblitz, 6 - 6.45pm, £3.50

THURSDAY: Nia Dance Fitness, 3 - 4pm, £2.00

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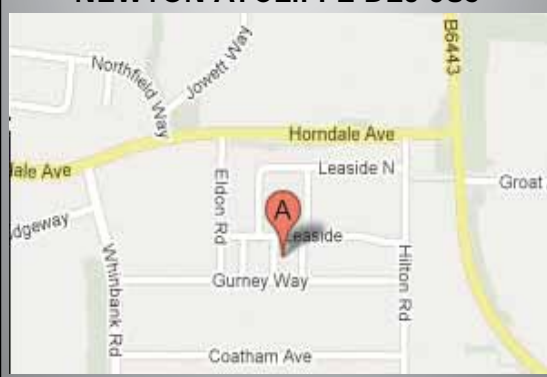
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Show Brings Community Together



The really Great Aycliffe Show lived up to its name again this year with spectacular stunts from Stannage International and the dexterity of the K9 Freestyle Dog Dancing Displays in the main outdoor arena.

The community really came together this year with over 1100 entries into the handcraft and horticulture exhibition of intricate crochet and embroidery, home produce to make your mouth water and long leeks, carrots and beautiful flowers that were a credit to the gardeners despite a very wet growing season. Deco Trophies and Engraving and G. Little Testing Centre continued their sponsorship of the Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition.

Aycliffe Dance Academy and KDANZ were two of the dance troupes who performed in the playhouse marquee along with professional artistes Gary Dunn and Reflex 80s a

tribute band who attracted good audiences.

The football tournament sponsored by Cooperative Funeralcare was fully supported with Bishop Auckland St Marys Kings and Marton FC winning the under 9 and under 10 age groups.

The Golf Tournament was sponsored by Bewick and Neville Pharmacies. Linda Clay thanked the Council for staging the Tournament and the Show when she was presented with her trophy for winning the Ladies Section of the Golf Tournament for the fifth year running.

The rabbit and pigeon show was very well supported and created lots of interest for the visitors who came to see them.

The Vintage Vehicles were also a big attraction with HGVs displaying this year as well as the beautiful old saloons.

The Town Council would like to thank all those who took part in the Show,



Running to Help Autistic Children



Ian Gedling from Newton Aycliffe, is hoping to raise £2,000 for the North East Autistic Society in this year's Great North Run.

The Society, which is a registered charity, offers outreach support to many families of children with autism, giving them a much needed break, even for a few hours week.

Ian said: "They have been a fantastic support to my son and family over the last few years and it is my way of giving something back". Anyone wishing to sponsor Ian can go to his 'just giving page' www.justgiving.com/ian-gedling1

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Dear Sir,
What on earth is the Labour Party thinking about? They are taking away Enid Paylor, one of the best Councillors we have ever had and I am so angry! From what I have heard they are replacing her with a woman from School Aycliffe and someone else I have never heard of. No doubt West Ward will now go down the pan again. I voted Labour last time, but will not next time.
Mrs Saunders

DREAMS COME TRUE AT KDANZ SLEEPOVER

The children and families of Newton Aycliffe certainly took on a challenge when they signed up for the FIRST KDANZ sleepover. This was an event that only the toughest most committed dancers could complete.

On the 14th and 15th August, the dancers had a 24hour period in which to create routines for a full hour-long show for an audience full of their family and friends. The boys, girls men and women who were involved, worked their socks off to produce 12 fantastic dance routines that would take other dance schools weeks and months to perfect. All dances for the show had a sleepover theme with song titles such as 'wide awake' and 'dream'. There all styles of dance included as well as fantastic lifts and stunts by the elite crew. All of the dancers were also set a personal challenge linked to the events name - dreams become reality....

For a dream to become reality, whether its in dancing or not, it takes hard work dedication and aspiration to achieve, qualities we all hope our children grow up to recognise and use. Kay and the KDANZ team arent there to JUST teach dancing but they want to help

shape positive thinking in the younger community so they talked to the children to help them each set a personal goal to achieve within the next year. Everyone who took part in the dancing completed a slip and many have said its given them motivation to achieve their dream. These were written down by each participant and some were read out to the audience during the show. The dreams were then placed in a special box and tied with a ribbon and sealed until next year.

The KDANZ school which offers dance classes at the Youth Centre opposite Tesco have decided to put another of

these sleepovers on due to the success of this one. The dates for this were 29th - 30th August 2012. Anyone interested who would like more information or to book a place should ring Kay on 07900 365 892.

KDANZ principal, Kay Thompson's dream to put on this event came true with the help of the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, providing the venue to hold this great challenge.

Thank you to Joan Clark and the team for their support. Our registration night is Thursday 13th September 6pm - 7.30pm. For our new term timetable check out KDANZ on facebook.



whether it was to staff a stand or enter one of the many competitions, and particularly the sponsors, Aycliffe Caravans, Digiprint, Cooperative Funeralcare, Deco Trophies & Engraving, Newton Press, Neville and Bewick Pharmacies and G. Little Testing Centre. The show would not be possible if it was not for you.

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 - Art: Angie Showerby
 - Children's Section: Christopher Jones
- HORTICULTURE WINNERS:**
- The horticultural show was kindly sponsored by the Gregg Little Testing Centre and a portable television was presented to the winner of the Leek Section by Emma Douthwaite and Cameron Bulmer representing the company.
- Leek Overall Winner: Jim Howard
 - Overall Best Vegetable Winner: Gary Parsons
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Why does Minor Road Take Right of Way at Tesco's?

Dear Sir,

Can anyone please tell me why the exit to Tesco just near the petrol station still has a give way sign? The road that comes from the roundabout on Burn Lane has a flow of traffic for Tesco and another lane for what was supposed to be the bus lane for the proposed new town centre which was cancelled in favour of a new scheme.

The road to the rear of Argos clearly has a sign saying no motor vehicles except for access, you can't tell me that so many cars, parked there every day, need access, and if these vehicles do need access to the rear then I think the more safe way of doing this is by making traffic coming down the planned bus lane give way to the 100's of cars exiting Tesco.

I have nearly had a few bumps at this point and witnessed many more incidents. I'm sure someone may be able to answer why, if the bus lane is not being used by buses, why the traffic using the bus lane has precedence over the more busier traffic coming from Tescos? *Richard Pearson*



In Memoriam

UNA WRIGHT Died 2nd September 2010. Thoughts of you are with us each day. Love from Jacqueline and family

WRIGHT, UNA September 2nd. Remembered always. Julie, David, Bev, Shaun, Kenzie, Anth, Shell, Joe, Tilly. In our hearts always. Also love on your birthday xxxx

ROBERT WAITES 8th September 2001. Years roll by, memories live on. All my love, Ruth

KARMEN 30th August 2005. We miss you more than words can say, in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered always. Mam, Nadine, David, Daniel, Ronnie, Karen and family

STEPHEN RILEY 2nd September 2002. Forever in our thoughts and hearts xxx Mum and Dad Jones, Julie and Stephen, Cheryl and Stephen, Lisa and Michael and families

STEVE RILEY 02.09.02. You went away so suddenly, we did not say goodbye, but Brothers can never be parted, precious memories never die. Love always, Brian, Christine and Luke xxx

STEPHEN RILEY 02.09.02. Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. Vicky, Megan and Alex xxx

JOANNA FRANCIS 4/9/2002. It's been ten years since you were taken from us. You are always loved and missed and always in our hearts. Love always, Mam, Dad and Grandma, Callum and Marrick, Annmarie and Will xxx

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DEMI HESLOP 01.09.06 - 08.01.07 As I opened my eyes this morning and looked at the heavens above, I whispered Happy Birthday Demi and sent you all my love. Love and miss you so much Baby Girl, love you all the world, Mummy xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 01.09.06 - 08.01.07 Wish we could hug and kiss our Special Little Sister who is 6 today. Happy birthday Demi, we miss you and love you all the world and back again. Lots of love, Shannon, Daniel and Megan xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 01.09.06 - 08.01.07 Instead of a card we send out love, instead of a gift, a prayer to a Granddaughter we thought the world of and miss beyond compare. Lots of love and kisses, Grandma and Granda, love you Demi xxxx

DEMI HESLOP Thinking of you Demi on your 6th birthday. Love and kisses, Uncle John, Auntie Glennis and Uncle Bill xxx

DEMI HESLOP Remembering your 6th birthday Demi. Love you always, Great Gran xxx

DEMI HESLOP Thinking of you today and always Demi. Love and kisses, Auntie Annette and Uncle John xxx

TOM SMITH 1/9/31 Miss you always. Love, Norah, Cornel, Jenny, Sue, Carol and family xxxx

Congratulations

Katherine Buckley



30
23rd August 2012
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Amanda Dawson



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JAMES MILLER. Happy 21st birthday Son. Lots of love, Mam and Samantha xxx

JAMES MILLER. Happy 21st birthday. Love 'n' stuff, Auntie Mandy, Uncle Gary, Darren, Danny and Jenna xx

JAMES MILLER. Happy 21st. Have a good one James. Lots of love from Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Annie, Uncle John and Chloe xx

REK. Happy 18th birthday to my Son Matthew. All my love, Dad xx

REK. Happy 18th birthday, September 2nd, to my very special Son Matthew. All my love always, Mam xx

MATTHEW REK. 02.09.12. Happy 18th birthday. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Melanie, Jessica and Fraser xxx

PICKERING. Happy 30th birthday Colin. You're one in a million. Love ya and always will, Auntie Jue xxxx

PICKERING. Colin 30 today, September 4th. My love for you is a special kind, it never will grown old, it shines and sparkles every day, it's made from solid gold. Happy birthday to a wonderful Grandson, Grandma xxxx

RYAN HUGHES 1st Sept. Happy 13th birthday, don't forget, love you always, Granda and Nana Hughes

RYAN JAMES HUGHES 1st Sept. Happy 13th birthday. Miss you and always love you, Dad

Daniel Hymas



Happy 21st Birthday Son
Have a fab party and don't get too drunk, lol!
Love from
Mam, Dad and Anth
xxx

Nicole Avery



Happy 18th Birthday
So proud of the person you've turned out to be. Love always, Mam and Dad xx

Happy 18th Birthday Nicole
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ChildLine Supports Young People as Exam Results Arrive

As teenagers across the North East wait patiently for their exam results, a leading helpline service for young people is offering support to those who are feeling anxious or worried.

ChildLine is encouraging young people to contact the service by phone or online with any anxieties or worries about exam results, either before or after they receive them.

Sue Minto, Head of the ChildLine service, said: "Although many young people will be enjoying the break from school, we understand that for many, their minds will be on their upcoming exam results."

She added: "We hear from lots of young people each year who are anxious, worried or panicking about their results. We want to let them know that they are not alone and that ChildLine is here to listen to them."

Parents, family and trusted adults can help young people who may be worrying by making space and time to ask them how they are feeling about their exam results and talking to them about their concerns.

If young people are feeling stressed about their results, or if they don't get the results they had hoped for, then ChildLine has the following top tips:

- Tell someone how you are feeling – a parent, carer, friend or teacher. Or if you want to speak to someone anonymously you can contact ChildLine in confidence.

- Look at the options that are available to you such as re-sitting, going to another university or college or changing to a similar course.

- If you are able to re-sit think about what you would do differently – you may need more help with revision or

there might be one area that you need to concentrate more on.

- Don't think that your whole future will be determined by your exam results - it's not. There are lots of things out there for you to do and gain experience in. Speak to your guidance councillor or even a career advisor about the options available to you.

There is also lots of help, advice and fun things to do on the ChildLine website www.childline.org.uk.

Young people can write on message boards where they can talk to peers also waiting for results and offer support to each other. They can use the creative tools to express their feelings, watch videos and talk to a counsellor via private messaging.

The helpline is also available to anyone who wants to speak to a counsellor about their results on 0800 1111.

Durham Wildcats Coach Academy Team



Woodham Academy students Haydn MacLean & Tom Morley

In partnership with Durham Wildcats, Woodham Academy offers high-quality coaching to elite basketball players. Woodham Basketball academy is coached by Durham Wildcats coach and Woodham Academy Assistant Headteacher, Danny Morgans.

Having coached successful school teams, with 13 Woodham players representing the North East Region at English trials at Lilleshall in 8 years, Danny was approached by Durham Wildcats Head Coach, Dave Elderkin, to work on their junior national league programme.

Spending time with Coach Elderkin allowed him to gain the necessary expertise and he has coached Wildcats National League teams since 2005. During that time he has coached the Wildcats under 16 team to the league

championships as well as coaching five Woodham school teams that reached at least the last 32 of the national schools tournament.

Danny has also coached two players, who he first encountered as novices, who have been selected in a 20 player England squad, one of whom has played for England. Woodham Sports Academy offers coaching in a range of sports in partnership with Premier Player Football Academy, Durham County Cricket Board, Newton Aycliffe Spartans, the British American Football Association and Camp Cody, USA. Former Woodham students, Jason Steele (Middlesbrough FC and England U21s) and Ross Turnbull (Chelsea FC and England U20s) represent Woodham Sports Academy as ambassadors.

M.P. HOSTS COMMONS RECEPTION ON HITACHI

MPs are to get the chance to learn more about the importance of the deal which will bring a state-of-the-art rail assembly plant to Newton Aycliffe.

Durham County Council is behind an information reception at The House of Commons on September 4th which will be hosted by our MP, Phil Wilson.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council will join Mr Wilson to welcome representatives from Parliament, Hitachi Rail Europe (HRE) and Merchant Place Developments (MPD), the company which owns the industrial area where the plant will be constructed.

The purpose of the event is to offer all MPs the opportunity to learn more about the contract and the chance to speak with the parties involved in its successful delivery.

Cllr Henig said: "The presence of Hitachi Rail Europe in Newton Aycliffe offers very significant economic benefits to the county and the region but it is also important to set it

in a national context.

"The fact that the company's research and development facility will sit alongside the assembly plant puts the site and the county firmly on the world stage as an engineering centre."

"This is a very important moment for County Durham and we must ensure we make the most of it and the economic opportunities it offers."

Phil Wilson MP, who is to host the event in Parliament said: "It is always a pleasure to welcome the County Council to Westminster, especially when Hitachi Rail Europe will be in attendance. Hitachi's new factory, to be opened in Newton Aycliffe will create hundreds of jobs and will bring train building back to the birthplace of the railways."

"I do not believe we should forget the campaign the North East launched to bring Hitachi to the region and the central role played by Durham County Council. The council's foresight, under Councillor Simon Henig's leadership, helped to secure the deal for County Durham."

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