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# Parish Priest Urges Newtonians to Stand Firm on Demand for **Town Centre Police Station** Show Determination at Public Meeting

Since the closure of the Police Station on Central Police in Avenue. the Newton Aycliffe have been serving the community from 'temporary' premises on the Business Park. As people are discovering, this 'temporary a considerable Station is distance from where most people live and is in a very inaccessible location. As far as I can gather, an

overwhelming number of people want a visible Police presence somewhere in the centre of the town, within reasonably easy access of where they live e.g. on a bus route. This is not an outlandish request – as some Councillors maintain – but is the fundamental right of those whose taxes pay for this vital service to the community.

We are told that no decision has been made vet about the future of the closed Police Station on Central Avenue. expectation is that will be demolished and the site sold to a developer – all contrary to the undertaking first given, when the Station closure was announced, that a new Station would be built on the site.

The fear now – and it is not an unreasonable one - is that the 'temporary' Station on the Business Park will become the permanent location for the Police.

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Consolidation of pension funds

In my experience, we have been blessed with a good police service in Aycliffe. Officers are always obliging and helpful. But I suspect that they, as well as residents, must be unhappy at being so far removed from the community they serve.

There may be compelling financial reasons why a fully equipped new Station in the town centre would be too costly to build. In the present economic climate this would be understandable. However, this should not prevent the Police from establishing a strong visible presence in one of the empty retail units in the town (with holding cells located elsewhere) to which the public would have easy access.

One of the empty units between Argos and Tesco would be ideal and much better than an 'office' in the Fire Station which is being proposed by the Police authority. It could be staffed during shopping hours when residents would have easy access to report or discuss their concerns, and seek reassurance where needed. Critically, it would place the Police Service at the heart of the Aycliffe community,

allow it to promote its activities and gain even better contact with the public. At the recent public meeting

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Council officials listened to the complaints of residents over wheelie bins and subsequently changed their

effect again at the next Public Meeting at St Mary's on Thursday 20th September at 7pm when Policing in Our Community will be discussed. The Police Authority opportunity express their views and voice their concerns. I urge Newton News readers and all those concerned about the future of our community to take part. Fr Michael Campion

Residents Great in Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets later this month.

The GAMP board will meet on Tuesday, 25th September, 2012, between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, at Agnew Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe, and local people are invited to attend.

be will а presentation the on County Durham Plan, sets out the policies to guide where

development is located and to plan for change in County Durham over the next 20 years.

Week Ending 7th September, 2012

Have a Say on Local Issues

There will also be an update on New Aycliffe Fire Station. update Newton

People can also raise any local issues they would like the board to address. These need to be put in writing and sent in by Friday, 14th September, 2012.

Anyone who would like to attend the Board Meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by email: gampaap@ durham.gov.uk



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policy. Residents can have the same Chairman will attend and residents will have the

St Mary's Church



Appeal to identify two white females (one described as wearing bright pink pyjamas) who assisted a male and his 5 year old son in the Booth Walk area on Friday 31st August at approximately 14:45 hours. This relates to the help that they gave to a male who was assaulted after two dogs

had been fighting with one another. We are grateful for their assistance and could anyone with information contact the POLICE on 101 and ask for PC 2467 Stasiak.

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# Dear Sir

Many thanks to all who participated in the Name the Teddy Bear at the Great Aycliffe Show. You helped to raise  $\pounds70$  for Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club who help local charities. The Teddy Bear's name was "Bertie" and the winner was Lauren Harrison from Chilton. Brian Winwood, Digiprint





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(L – R) Andy Rogers/IEP Project Manager HRE, Jamie Foster/Procurement Director HRE, Phil Wilson MP for Sedgefield, Darren Cumner/HRE Newton Aycliffe Plant Manger, Michael Chicken/Chief Executive Merchant Place Developments and Cllr Simon Henig/Leader Durham County Council

hosted by Sedgefield MP Phil

Wilson which was designed

to celebrate the signing of the Department for Transport

deal with Hitachi Rail Europe

MPs learned this week how the official signing of the transport deal which will bring a next generation train assembly plant to County Durham has already led to significant interest from potential suppliers also interested in locating in the county. The announcement was made at a reception at the House

(HRE). In attendance were delegates from Merchant Place Developments, which owns the site the assembly plant and UK Research and Development base will be built on, as well as HRE's Newton Aycliffe plant manager, Darren Cumner. of Commons backed by Durham County Council and

Members of Parliament heard that construction will start on the Newton Aycliffe site in the New Year with the site fully operational by 2015.

However, they also heard that the announcement this summer that the Intercity Express Programme contract had been signed has already lead to interest from supply companies considering setting up in Newton Aycliffe Industrial Estate, which is the second largest business park in the region.

The plant itself will result in 200 construction jobs and 730 posts once complete, thousands more are predicted to be created as part of the supply chain.

Speaking after last night's reception Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "This event has been a celebration of three years of hard work by all the partners involved in the project. I am delighted to see so much interest from Members of Parliament here and I look forward to the project becoming reality." Hitachi Rail Europe's Newton Aycliffe Plant Manager, Darren Cumner, said: "It's fantastic to be able to participate in an event like this with the project live. The next stage of the journey begins now." Phil Wilson MP said:"It's

great to be able to promote County Durham at an event like this as a place to live, work and do business.

# **LEARN SOMETHING** NEW AT THE P.C.P.

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has added a variety of community learning courses to the long list of activities delivered in the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. The courses are an ideal way to learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or improve confidence and self-esteem. Plus it's a great start in longer-term learning opportunities or employment.

Wordsense NOCN Level 1. Explore all aspects of creative writing and release your inner author. Starts Tuesday 4th September 2 - 4pm for 5 weeks. Cost £2.50 per session Free Maths and English support up to Level 2, provided by

Bishop Auckland College. Starts Thursday 13th September, 1.30 – 4.30pm Chill Time OCN Level 1. A holistic approach to relaxation

using Indian Head Massage, Reflexology and Aromatherapy. Starts Friday 14th September 10am – 12noon for 5 weeks. Cost £4 per session

Cook 4 Life. Learn to cook simple healthy foods and have fun! Discover tasty ways to have a healthy and balanced diet. Lessons are free and informal. Starts Monday 1st October, 1-3pm for 4 weeks

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PCP are also keen to hear from people who would like to try something new that isn't on offer. Please get in touch and they will do their best to provide, depending on numbers (a minimum of 10 people is required).

All courses run subject to sufficient demand and it is recommended that places are booked as soon as possible either by telephone 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or in person at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Avcliffe, DL5 4SF.

Dear Sir,

Arun Chandran should hang his head in shame for trying to make political gain from the misfortune of a person just trying to do his bit for his community via being a town councillor. Would he treat other towns folk possibly down on there luck or finding it difficult to make ends meet with the same demeanour. What ever happened to the Labour party that once looked after the interests of the poor and working class. Possible they all moved too far up in the world to recognize those people. Mr McKenna







#### The Very Best of Rock - Normally NO Cover Charge

"The band took to the stage and from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance. Vocalist Gregg took centre point on stage and really went for it. Not just vocally but physically too! They had that charisma about them. The rock style of the band continued on with a commercial AOR feel on such songs as Def Leppard's 'Animal', and even though the group did generally go down the path of recognisable rock anthems, it never became too cheesy or entirely predictable. I think they hit a marvellous balance of choosing songs that would have a larger appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next" - Colin Smoult REVIEW.

appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next" - Colin Smoult REVIEW. Tracks covered by: Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Def Leppard, Guns, Roses, Linkin Park, Metallica, Ozzy, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and more - www.thekill.co.uk

Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and more - www.thekil.co.uk **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 3 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 anthem after anthem, 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 Jaka's guitar tone cut through the mix like a broadsword. This was big step forward from their typical pub gig using their own small vocal PA. system. Stadium rock had finally arrived for 1977 after 15 years of slogging their backsides off around the north east, and boy didn't they suit 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 /OOMPH. The atmosphere was open as was the music, a support hight. What is particularly placing is that Et the

same WOW /OOMPH. 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 its nice to hear a year and on this performance many a year to come different GnR 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.effemm.co.uk

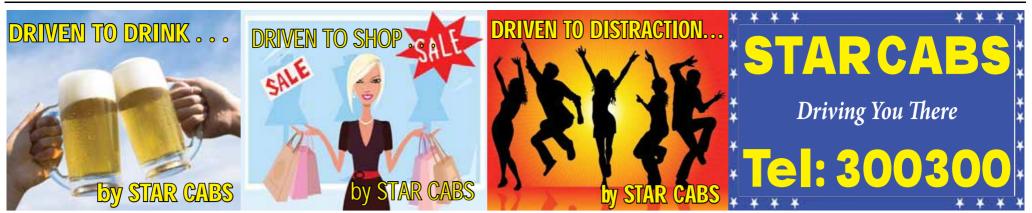
#### "SHOW OF THE MONTH"

#### Friday 28th September - "SKA BOOM"

Saturday 29th September - "AGAINST THE GRAIN" This Saturday, at The Turbinia in Aycliffe, we have the wonderful Against The Grain featuring the brilliant vocals and presence of Mr Nick Jennison (not forgetting his astounding fretwork too), the amazing guitarwork of Micky Crystal and the astounding bass work of Aaron The Rev Johnson. Could even be Ritchie Blackmore's drummer backing them up. Great beer, great place, great people - bound to be a good night. Get there early. Band on stage 9pm.

For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034 Free Function Room - Free Disco/Karaoke

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#### Marriage of Woodham Couple Weekend for Wecan Group at Centre Parks The Wecan Parents Group (a Self Funding Organisation) worked well and

from Greenfield Community

home, from a free, fun filled

activity weekend at Centre

involved children from the

group spending valuable time together in beautiful

surroundings with fresh air and lots of wildlife, partaking

in activities that would not

normally be done at home. Goals were set and achieved;

parent and child relationships

recently returned

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Deborah Coates and Geoff Poole celebrated their wedding at The George Hotel in Piercebridge on Friday 3rd August 2012. Friends and family from as far away as London,

Dorset. Singapore and Australia joined the happy couple on their special day. bridesmaids, The Samantha Coates, Lindsey Eltringham, Kelly Jordan, Katherine Hallam and

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Andrea

John Poole and David Vassilunis looked equally handsome. Best Man Dan Walker and Father of the Bride Phil Coates gave fantastic speeches before everyone enjoyed a fun filled evening of dancing, drinking and parma violet scented fun. Deborah is a maths teacher in Durham and Geoff works as a welder at Darchem Engineering. The couple who live in Woodham, honeymooned in New York, Vegas and Miami.

Ridehalgh all looked stunning in hot pink. The Ushers. Dan Poole. problem.

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direction and look at ways that we can help ourselves

new friendships were formed. The weekend was enjoyed by all and the group can't wait to repeat their weekend trip next vear.

The Group have worked very hard to raise the money to fund this trip and would like to thank Newton Aycliffe AAP who gave them funding towards it. They have been running for ten years and was set up as a supportive network parents. The Group has helped many parents, grandparents and carers over the years

# Loss of the Number 16 **Bus - Volunteers Wanted**

and one simple but effective Dear Sir Most people in the area will be solution is to organise a fleet aware that as from December of voluntary drivers to help sort out the problem once and for all. I anticipate that 2012 the Number 16 bus service will stop running drivers will give their time free of charge but a mileage from Darlington to Newton Avcliffe. This will affect many people, young and old, living in Heighington, School Aycliffe, the Chestnuts and Newton Aycliffe. From my own local perspective, ople living in the Parish of Heighington and nearby School Aycliffe will have difficulty accessing medical treatment from Bewick volunteer. Crescent surgery, visiting the local supermarket or simply meeting up with friends. Despite many meetings with consultants, Council Officers, Head Teachers and bus companies there seems to be no support to help identify a sustainable solution to the their willingness to help.

telephone me on 314622 or email on gerald.lee@ darlington.gov.uk So it is time to change

Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington and Coniscliffe Ward



and continues to grow from strength to strength and would welcome members old and new.

are currently organising their

The Wecan Parents group sessions run from 12:15 – 3:15 every Wednesday. They

second Christmas Favre/Fun Day on 10th November at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club and are looking for donations for raffle prizes and have some spaces for stalls. (Stalls cost £10 please contact Yvonne on 07535 279320)

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# **Unfinished Business**

Readers may remember that there were a number of issues affecting Great Aycliffe which we campaigned about last year. Three of them are raising their head again, and we will find out shortly how successful we were, and how much we still need to do. The Durham County Plan. which provoked a significant

response, has now been



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# **Agnew Centre NEWS & VIEWS**

revised, and you will be able to see the new proposals at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday 25th September, from 10am to 2pm. The Town Council has also written to the County Council asking them to make an additional presentation to the Town Council. This consultation runs until 2 November, so we have adequate time to consider what we think about the new Plan and to make our

further responses. A second issue, as correspondent noted a few weeks ago, was the County Council Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), where the initial consultation period lasted only a fortnight and was over by the time the Editor had opportunity to include it in the Newton News. I immediately contacted the JHWS team, but it was impossible to extend the consultation. However, the JHWS team did email me that the draft strategy 'will, in its entirety, be subject to a public consultation for four

weeks in September/October 2012'. This consultation has not yet been flagged on the DCC Consultations webpage (http://bit.ly/DCConsult), but I am watching out for it and will try to alert residents through the Newton News. The third issue we

campaigned about, readers will remember, was the suggested **Parliamentary** boundary changes to the Sedgefield Constituency, where we campaigned very hard to prevent Great Aycliffe being split between Sedgefield and Bishop Auckland constituencies boundary changes, The readers will be aware, are the subject of a political row at Westminster, with the Lib-Dems threatening to defeat the proposals because the Tories did not support Lords reform. Nevertheless. the Boundary Commission is still proceeding for the moment, and I read in the press that it reports on 16th October; if the new proposals still divide Great Aycliffe between two constituencies, we may need to renew our protests. Again, I will watch out for this and try to alert residents through the Newton News. John D Clare

At our recent Olympic themed Family Fun Day in which we beat the weather, a good day was had by the steady stream of young people over the four hours the event ran.

We were honoured to have our Mayor, Councillor Val Raw declare the event open and then stayed for a long time supporting the day in which we give our thanks Our two County Councillors. Joan Gray and Paul Gittins, who supported this event by covering the cost of the two Bouncy Castles at £250 and supported us throughout the

day. The Children's race events were well received and ably run my Mother and Son team of Leanne and Calvin Beaton who helped with our Disability Sports Club, the winners received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals which were provided by livin, and saw Estates Manager Robbie McCormack support us before and on the day, they also covered the costs of advertising, leaflets and flags/ bunting.

It was a good community event and much appreciated by the Agnew Committee, Members and Community. The sound system was supplied and run by Xcel Church members who are also one of our partners and run our Youth Club which is to be rebranded as PK Allstars and reopens on Friday 14th September, 6pm to 7.30pm

The helpers were James Ross - Event Organizer; Jamie Farrell - Singer; Andrea Farrell Aspel - Face Painter; Vicky Hewith - Crafts; Barbara Martin - Kitchen; Alec Kitchen; Alec Bouncy Castle; Martin Martin Darren, Rachael, Andrea and Caleb - general duties. were Committee helpers

James as above, Audrey

Armitage -Raffle: Jane Taylor - Kitchen; Cllr. Paul Gittins - Vote of thanks and looking after our Guests, the Mayor Councillor Val Raw and County Councillor Joan Gray; Ron Mitchie - Gopher! The community theme showed that it is not dead as we had Newton Aycliffe Sports Club supply the line marker and materials and Chris Palmer the grounds man gave up his own time to come and mark out a 4 lane x 30m running track and an area for throwing events, our grateful thanks go to both parties.

At the end of a very enjoyable day by our visitors and helpers we achieved a profit of £118. If I have left anyone out who helped and/or supported us in this event then please accept my personal thanks and at the same time apologies for the oversight.

#### PK ALLSTARS

Please note that this will be replacing the Elevate Youth Club which ran on a Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12noon. This will now run on a

Friday night from the 14th September, 6pm to 7.30pm with the first week being FREE and then a charge of  $\pounds 1$ per session will be in place. This will allow prizes to be given each session and to add or replace equipment when needed. VOLUNTEERS

We are keen to have more volunteers at this time to cover a wide range of skills and duties: Fundraising, Gardening, Office Work (covering from the mundane to grant applications), Repairs and Maintenance, Working with Young People (in which we pay for the CRB checks). Any contacts can be made

# Another Order for Hitachi

Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd. has received an order for a prototype traffic management system from Income Infrastructure Lin twork Rail") Network Rail Limited in England, Scotland and Wales.

Network Rail will test and evaluate prototypes ordered from Hitachi and two other companies, and based on the outcome, will make a decision regarding the future roll-out of traffic management

across the entire rail network in Great Britain. This is a remarkable achievement for Hitachi rail system business in the UK, following the successful introduction of the Class 395 high speed trains in 2009 and the Intercity Express Programme contract signed in July 2012. With this new order for railway system products, Hitachi will continue to strengthen its railway-related business on a global scale.



School Aycliffe Community Hall has two new groups using the facilities. A new Slimming World daytime group is opening on Wednesday, 12th September at 9.30am. For children the Rockets Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club formally based in Stephenson Way School is now offering services from Monday to Friday.

Existing groups include a Pilates class every Wednesday evening at 6pm; Zumba on a Saturday at 10am and Thursday at 6.30pm.

The School Aycliffe Hall is at the bottom of Eastfields Road and provides a great venue for events.

For further details of any of these events please contact: Slimming World - Diane Morris, Tel: 07876 133509 Rockets - Lesley Dickons, Tel: 07749 844774 Pilates - Barbara Hemingway, Tel: 07716 997844 Zumba - Helen Smith, Tel: 07506 984556



in the first instance to the Manager on 01325 321504 or his answering facility, 07749 236 853, email agnewcommunitycentre@ btconnect.com HALLMARK SCHEME

After a long haul we have achieved the 1 accreditation, recently Hallmark which is awarded for a that of Helen Brown.

quality standard scheme for Village Halls and Community Centres and after a bit of a rest will decide if we want to go for the level 2 award. In the meantime well done to all the Committee Members and to Durham Rural Community Council for all of their help and in particular

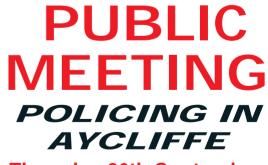


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Great Aycliffe Residents' Association



# **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** IT IS IMPORTANT YOU ATTEND



# Local Girl's Business **Venture in Shildon**

Melanie Davies aged 29 will be opening a dress agency on Shildon Mainstreet mid September selling discounted designer and premium High Street branded clothing at heavily discounted prices.

The nature of the business will be designer label clothing, bags and accessories offered at a much lower price than they cost new. Customers are invited to bring their



The shop is to be named 'Jean Eleanor's Dress Agency' after Melanie's 93 vear old Grandmother who is resident at Rose Lodge Care Home in Newton



Aycliffe. She was a nurse during the Second World War nursing shell-shocked soldiers back to health. Melanie began her working life in an office and then a Market Trader holding stalls at fairs and party planning selling iewellerv. She has always been interested in fashion, design, art and culture and lives in Aycliffe with her

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family.

Is Millie's Sunflower

the Tallest in Town?

Seven year old Millie of Crosby Road may have grown the tallest Sunflower in the town at 9 feet high - unless someone out there has done better?

encouraged his two granddaughters to garden. Millie's sister

diagnosed with Diabetes and will need to have a permanent Insulin pump fitted to control the disease. She has reacted very bravely to this and we send our love and best wishes to a lovely little girl.





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Ken Farrel, her Grandad who lives in Sharp Road has always Laura is now 20 years old and at Preston University. Unfortunately at the start of the school holidays Millie was

# Labour Party Shoots Itself in the Foot

Dear Sir,

I need to respond to Labour's decision to oust two County Councillors in favour of two unknown candidates. It is shocking news which is being openly discussed all over the town.

The West Ward members have made an idiotic decision and totally miscalculated Enid Paylor's popularity, handing the Independents a badly needed lifeline on a plate.

Many like me are disgusted and feel Labour has shot itself in the foot and our discontent may spread to other wards

What will Labour say at the next elections? Do they not realise the damage done? How does Labour's slogan "getting back to winning ways" work when branch members act against the wishes of the people?

I hope Enid stands as an Independent and wipes the floor with Labour. Mr Anderson.

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September, will be the 15th Anniversary of Stagecoach Arts' Theatre appearance in the greater Tees Valley region. Multi-award winning a show and subsequently enrolling into Stagecoach Stagecoach, the launch pad of Jamie Bell and Zoe Birkett started out in Yarm quickly expanding into Darlington. Northallerton and Hartlepool, followed by Middlesbrough, Guisborough and finally Bishop Auckland.

During that time, thousands of local children including many from Newton Aycliffe have benefited from the improvement in confidence and social skills that a Stagecoach education brings. `That is certainly something

to celebrate` said Trudy Hindmarsh, principal of Stagecoach Yarm and Darlington, and the first person to open a Stagecoach franchise in the region.

Children have had many local performance opportunities, so it is fitting that Stagecoach has chosen to celebrate its 15th Anniversary by staging its own 'Anniversary Showcase' productions in its own wellloved local theatre Darlington Civic, on Sat 8th and Sun 9th September.

Two matinee and two night performances will be staged featuring all 400 students from Stagecoach Yarm, Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Northallerton. The performers are aged from 4 to 19 years, showcasing the best of Musical Theatre, in a variety format. The general public are welcome to join Stagecoach friends and family in the audience. Tickets are on sale from the Civic Theatre box office on 01325 486555, priced £13.

"Seeing a show would be a great opportunity for parents who have been considering a Stagecoach education for their children", said Trudy. "It would allow their child to see what they might be able to achieve if they came to classes and it would demonstrate the range and quality of what

# Thanks from The Scouts

#### Dear Sir.

On behalf of the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Grooup may I thank everyone who donated the fabulous prizes for our Tombola Stall at the Great Aycliffe Show especially acquaintances and friends of my wife Evelyn.

Thanks to the leaders, parent helpers, adult members and the Cubs who came along in uniform to help staff the marquee to raise funds for the group. Without them we coul;d not have managed the stall

Thanks also to the people whyo have helped us financially in the past including CAVOS, various councillors and Honest John who always gives great financial support.

Part of the funds raised enabled us to buy the large Gala Tent we used at the Show Bill Goudie

Group Chairman

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Dear Sir.

I'm not one for writing to a newspaper, but felt I had to say a little something about the great service recieved from Autosafe Garage who advertise in Newton News. I have been taking my car there for the past couple of

years and have to say Andy is a credit to the business. I recently had a service and belts changed along with front brakes, the service was

great but the price even better and the cheapest on the town by far! Just felt I had to say

something and let people know how good they are. R. P.





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# **Councillor Responds**

Sir I would like to inform you that I will be seeking advice of a solicitor regarding the statement from A Chandran made in your newspaper weekending Friday, 31st August, 2012. Maybe Mr Chandran would

like to clarify his statement with some evidence which would go a considerable way to resolving this issue he seems to have with myself. It seems to me that Mr Chandran is doing the same thing as the statement made

by Rita Taylor from the Sedgefield Constituency Labour Party on the 4th July 2008 where she suggested that Independent Councillors had joined forces with the right wing BNP Party.

her statement made in the Newton News.

Would Mr Chandran send me any evidence he has so I can clarify this once and for all. P Ducker

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to claim your allowance until you are thrown off after 6 months for non attendance? My advice to Councillor Ducker on Saturday 28th July, when last we spoke, was to resign cleanly and honourably - it's not too late. See you in Court - I dare you! Arun M Chandran

#### **STOP PRESS**

Newton News has learned that Paul Ducker resigned as Councillor for the Neville Ward on Wednesday, 5th September, 2012. More details next week

Hartlepool? Do you intend to tell your electorate in Neville Ward where you live or how to contact you? The public have a right to know your answers. Is it your intention

# Youngsters Invited to Meeting

ACORN Residents group are holding their first Youth Meeting on Thursday 13th September starting at 5:30pm in the Leisure Centre. It should last no more than 30 minutes and will be held before the main ACORN

We invite the youth from our area to attend to discuss plans for forthcoming events and what they would like to see happen. Please feel free to pop in if you have the time. Keith Lovejoy Youth Co-ordinator

Concert Cancelled

The concert version of "The Merry Widow" which was to have been performed by Aycliffe Musical Theatre at Greenfield Arts & Community Centre, on Thursday 13th & Friday 14th September, has been Anyone who has purchased tickets can obtain a refund by contacting 317813.

I would like to remind Mr Chandran that Rita Taylor made an apology in a letter from the 15th July 2008 over

# **Neville Parade Methodist** Church Autumn Term

As the Autumn term begins you may be thinking of a new activity or group to join. At Neville Parade Methodist Church we have a number of groups to interest people of all ages. FOR CHILDREN

• Mother & Toddler Groups meet on a Mon & Thurs from 9.15am

- Boys Brigade meet on Tuesday from 5pm.
  Jam Club meet on Wednesday from 6pm
- · Rainbows & Brownies meet on Friday from 5pm.
- FOR ADULTS • Wives Club meet on Monday from 7.30pm

- Lunch Club meet on Tuesday from 7.50pm
  Ladies Circle meet on Tuesday from 2.30pm
  Coffee Drop In meet on Wednesday from 10am
  Scrapbooking meet fortnightly on Wednesday from 7pm
- Craft Group meet on Thursday from 2pm & from 7.15pm Zumba Gold meet on Friday from 1pm.
- If any of these groups interest you, telephone: 01325 313397

COMING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH INCLUDE Saturday 29th September - Autumn Craft & Gifts Fayre Sunday October 7th - Harvest Festival

Monday October 8th - Harvest Supper & Quiz Night

Saturday November 10th - Christmas Fayre We extend a warm welcome to you to come along and join us at any of these groups or events.

#### **GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

Wednesday, 19th September, 2012

# COUNCIL MEETING

#### 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. ovuk)

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# PCP - AGM - Open to All CARE HOME'S NEW MINIBUS Macmillan Coffee Morning Bethany House Care Home in Woodham, will be taking part

Pioneering Care The Partnership (PCP) are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th September at 12 noon

The PCP is a local charity whose aim is to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. The charity is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way in Newton Aycliffe which is where the event will be held.

Those attending the meeting will be given an update on activities over the last year and refreshments will be served after the meeting. If you would like to go along

to discover what impacts the charity has had on the lives of local people and hear about some of their key achievements, please contact Kath Ferry on (01325) 321234, Fax (01325) 301129, or email kath.ferry@pcp.uk.net

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Also comes after HC-One Managing Director Pam Finnis appeared on Channel 4's "Undercover Boss" TV programme to highlight some of the great work being done at all levels in the health and

at a number of different

manufacturers and models.

We also viewed a prototype

minibus in early July with

residents, a Home Manager

and Activities Co-ordinators

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social care sector. Pam Finnis, said: "The arrival of the HC-One minibus fleet is a milestone for the company. HC-One's aim is to provide the kindest care in the country and enabling residents to enjoy life in the community around the home is fundamental to achieving this aim.

"It was a lengthy selection process in choosing the minibuses, and we looked

# **Aycliffe Volunteer at** the Paralympics



19 year old Abi Barnett from Newton Aycliffe is halfway through her work as a Paralympic Games Maker after giving up the chance to holiday with friends between her University course. Abi travelled to London earlier in the year for training with the Olympic and Paralympic crews and is busy working at the Olympics as a volunteer. It is anything from taking family group photos, lost spectators, wheelchairs or helping lost sorting ensuring safety on station platforms. She "works" an 11 hour shift

for free as a Games Maker. getting back to her air bed on the floor in a borrowed flat in London at 1am after making sure the stadium is empty. Abi is a Girl Guide leader in Newton Aycliffe, and York where she is studying Psychology. She is a wonderful ambassador for Guiding and young people in general. She had a day off on Monday this week - and took the opportunity to watch the sitting volleyball. As a Games Maker she's not allowed into the stadiums to watch and must stay outside helping people in all weathers.

Watch out for her on Monday 10th as she has been selected to line the athletes parade in the Mall as one of 9000 selected Games Makers well done Abi, Girl Guiding, Mum, Dad, and little sister and all Newtonians are proud of vou.

# **Story Time** and Film

new Story Time will held at Silverdale he House Community Centre followed by film show every Saturday from 11.00am. Ring 308094 for details Arriba Weight Loss & Wellness Challenge Twelve Weeks for £39.00

> Starts Thursday, 13th September, 2012 6.30pm

in this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning again, on 28th September 2012, at 10am.

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# Woodham Academy Opens

Woodham Academy welcomed its first cohort of Year 7 students on Tuesday this week. Formerly Woodham Community Technology College, the school has taken the opportunity to become an academy after having achieved a glowing Ofsted report last year.

Some changes are immediately obvious – the distinctive new logo, smart uniform and interior decoration. However what will really make a difference to students is the investment in the latest digital technology. Wireless technology, a new Apple Mac suite, iPads, the Woodham App and a sophisticated Virtual Learning Environment will all help to support students' learning.

Additional direct funding from the government has also been used to create more opportunities for students. The range of options available has been extended to include GCSE Dance and many more students will now be able to follow GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Sports coaching is also on offer to elite athletes in a range of sports through Woodham Sports Academy.

Some things, however, will not change. Woodham remains committed to its aim of "Achievement for All". The highly successful Learning Centre has been extended to provide individual study support to even more students, with teachers available to help with homework at the end of every school day.

Headteacher Christine Forsyth, says, "This is a very exciting time for Woodham. We had a fantastic year last year, culminating in our best-ever examination results. The changes we have made will help us to continue to improve not just the day-to-day experience for students, but the GCSE results essential to their future success."



# Woodham Sports Academy Trials Begin

Next week, Year 7 students will compete to join Woodham football academy. Professional football coaching will be delivered by former Premier League player, Neil Maddison and Woodham Sports Academy Director, Liam Clough.

All new students are encouraged to try out the range of sports on offer and to commit to membership of one or more of the sports academies. Woodham Sports Academy also offers professional coaching opportunities in dance, swimming, American Football, gymnastics, table-tennis, softball, cricket and basketball. Coaching is delivered by members of Woodham's awardwinning PE department, in partnership with Durham Cricket Board, Durham Wildcats, Newton Aycliffe Spartans and Premier Player Football Academy.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE cor

Woodham seeks to develop students' talents in all subject areas with a curriculum which fully reflects the demands of the National Curriculum and recent developments. It has been designed to be broad, balanced, relevant and responsive to the needs of learners, their community and society.

GCSE options include Art, History, Geography, Drama, Music, Media Studies, PE, Dance and a second Foreign Language. Vocational options include Heath and Social Care, Creative Media, Engineering, Sport, Applied Art and Design, Travel and Tourism and Business Studies. In 2012, over one third of students gained three or more A\*/A grades at GCSE and 57% achieved 5 or more A\* - C grades including English and Mathematics. This represents a 5% improvement on 2011 results against a year when results fell nationally. Deputy Headteacher, Ian Bickerdike says, "We are delighted with the successes of all our students. Our curriculum is widely recognised for its flexible, personalised provision and this allows students to fully engage, thrive and progress to exciting post-16 options".









# House Competitions



All students at Woodham Academy belong to one of three houses, Brancepeth, Raby or Lambton, Each house competes for the Bulman Trophy which is awarded annually in memory of former student, Mark Bulman. Students are awarded house points for good attendance, effort and achievement. There are also regular house competitions held after school when students take part in fun activities with their friends

# First Day at Woodham Academy

Tuesday, 4th September, 2012 was a day that many Aycliffe youngsters will never forget – their first day at secondary school. Some arrived as early as 8 o'clock, too excited to wait any longer. Many admitted to having got up especially early to make sure that they were ready. All looked wonderful in smart new uniforms with shiny shoes and brand new school bags.

John Clough from Stephenson Way Primary said, "I am very excited at being at Woodham. I can't wait to make new friends, meet my new teacher and have lots of fun".

Hannah Bussey from Sugar Hill Primary said, "My mum was taking photos of me this morning as I was so smart in my new uniform. I am excited about doing proper maths in particular".

Broden Forster from Vane Road Primary said, "I am excited about being at an academy and all the sports I am going to do".

Tracy Tait, Head of Year 7/Primary transition, said "it is wonderful to see the first students of Woodham Academy eager to begin their five year journey with us. It is a privilege to be their Head of Year".



# And the Best Thing Was . . . Dinner

There was universal approval for Woodham Academy dinners. Students chose from a selection of hot and cold dishes, including pasta pots, jacket potatoes, freshly made sandwiches and a traditional hot dinner, pudding and custard.

Woodham's chef, Linda Vipond, and her team are committed to using only fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Menus change daily and include items made following popular request.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

This year offers even more opportunities for students to get involved in the life of the school. Woodham Sound, Samba Band, Jazz Band, Instrumental Group and Keyboard Club will all perform in the Christmas Concert on 6th December. Budding actors, singers and dancers will take part in the school show, 'We Will Rock You', which is based on the music of Queen. Performances will take place on 5th, 6th & 7th March 2013. Later in the year there will be a summer concert on 2nd July. Head of Performing Arts, Miss Jackson, says "Woodham offers a fantastic range of opportunities for performing arts. It's great that so many students get involved every year".

For those interested in sports, Woodham Sports Academy offers professional coaching in Football, Cricket, Basketball, Softball, Table Tennis, Dance, Gymnastics and Swimming. There is also the opportunity for some lucky students to spend a month working with American children during the summer holiday at Camp Cody in New Hampshire, USA. Other annual educational visits include: French language visit to Normandy in July, the football academy trip to Barcelona and a History and German trip to Berlin in December. The STEM club runs lots of activities to develop Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. In July 2012 the Woodham team came second in the STEM Challenge 10: The Maths and Science Challenge 2012, winning a cash prize for the school and tickets to the Olympics.

Jonathan Lumb, Deputy Headteacher says "It is fantastic to see such a diverse variety of enriching activities on offer to students at Woodham Academy. All of our departments contribute to a very successful extra-curricular programme which enhances the learning experiences of our students".



# "Hands On" Project SOS at Greenfield

We need men who will get "hands on," give some time and lend a hand to make a new community outdoor area Greenfield Community & Arts Centre. The "Hands On" Project SOS offers the opportunity to work with additional experienced during tradesmen the process, to try new things and develop skills. Most of all it's a chance to get together and have some fun for a great cause

first The session will place at Greenfield take Community and Arts Centre on Monday 10th September at 10.30am and will be the chance to have a coffee and bacon butty and to find out more about the project. If you can't make this first session, don't worry, join us Monday morning from any 10.30am for a butty and find out more.

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**GOLF TOURNAMENT** 

Councillor Val Raw, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oak Leaf Golf Complex on Friday, 31st August 2012. The event was a huge success with an amount of £827.10 being raised for her nominated charities which are, the Butterwick Hospice (Bishop Auckland) Combat Stress and Town Organisations.

The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely: Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Don Walker

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tee was well received, and the Mayor would like to thank fellow Councillors and friends for helping with the organisation of the refreshments. The presentation evening and dinner was held at The Oak Leaf Sports Complex Function Room and the winners of the

competition were Durham County Council. Results of the day: Winners - Durham County Council; Second - Big Club Golf; Third - J.M.D. Associates (UK) Ltd.; Individual Winner

Peter Waters (J.M.D. Associates); Longest Drive (2nd Hole) - Peter Waters (J.M.D. Associates); Nearest the Pin (4th) - T. Weir (Big Club Golf); Nearest the Pin (11th) - Andrew Longstaff (J.M.D. Associates); Nearest the Pin (13th) - A. Trundley (R.F.M.D. (UK) Ltd.)

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# **Despite Fencing Land** is Used for Recreation

deciding how the land is to

3. At the same meeting, DCC

said that the land was now

not classed as recreational as

several occasions explaining

that this land has not been fenced off and has had

regular access for over 20 years. Our neighbours (who

have lived in Defoe Crescent

for many years) have asked SBC and then DCC if they

could buy some of the land to extend their gardens. This

request has always been

refused on the grounds that it

They (SBC and then DCC)

seem to be able to pick

and chose how the land is

designated to suit their own

purposes. I am aware that you have been present at

heard the same information

and have

meetings

Katie Flanagan

Defoe Crescent

these

is 'recreational' land.

be used and/or developed.

it had been fenced off. I have spoken to DCC on

Dear Sir.

With reference to your article in the Newton News dated 31st August 'School Playing Fields Under Threat', would like to highlight several points.

1. The former Avenue field is used regularly by dog walkers as you have stated. However, it is also used by children to play cricket and football, ride their bikes and play as children play. People also walk, jog and run on the field and generally enjoy the open space.

2. At a GATC meeting, both DCC and GATC said the other was responsible for

# Great New **Buffet Menus** at Oak Leaf

above. However, as this is Oak Leaf Sports 'in our back yard', we do have a vested interest but do not seem to be able to get a straight answer on future development of the land from either GATC or DCC. I await the Preferred Options report on the plan and hope this will shed some light on this issue.

So whether you are looking

have meetings to arrange why not try their Breakfast platter at only £1.75 per head. Give them a ring on 01325 300600 or visit the website:

# **Greenfield Sport Gains Gold in Olympic Year**



The success of this year's Olympics has led to calls for increased focus on sport in schools. There has been concern about the sale of playing fields and the loss of competitive sport. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Youth Sport Trust have introduced a new kite mark for schools committed to Competitive Sport and Sport Leadership in the year of the Olympics.

year of the Olympics. Greenfield Community College is delighted to be awarded the Gold standard kite mark, demonstrating a tremendous commitment to school sport by both staff and pupils. Headteacher, David Priestley said "we are delighted, very well done to all involved in Greenfield School's Sporting programme, pupils, staff and coaches, an excellent achievement" achievement

Commitment to sport and PE at Greenfield has always occupied an important place in the broad and balanced curriculum offer at Greenfield. Greenfield gained the Gold kite mark because of the wide range of opportunities we offer to all students. All girls and boys at the school, have the opportunity to represent the school or lead as a Sports leader, in Badminton, Table Tennis, Rowing, Basketball, Wheel chair Basketball, Boccia, Football, Rugby, Athletics, Aquability, New Age Curling, Cricket, Athletics, Tennis, Cross Country, Dance and Golf. In addition girls have the opportunity to represent the school in Netball and Rounders, a fantastic range for students of all abilities. A significant number of students have represented the school at County level. This, along with the range of Out of School Hours clubs, links with community and the commitment of the School to develop sport leaders, volunteers and coaches secured a Gold award for the school.



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TNB will play 'THE HUB DARLINGTON' and donate proceeds from the show to the Fans group on behalf of Darlington FC, to help raise much needed funds for the club.

Cameron from the Joanne

Fans Group said "Darlington 1883 fans fundraising group are delighted that 'LMG Live and Thomas Nicholas Band' have chosen to support us and help us raise funds for our community owned football club. TNB are fantastic and its great that they have chosen to play in Darlington as part of their first UK Tour. Its very generous of Andy and Thomas to donate the profits from TNB's gig at The Hub to us". TNB Play Darlington Hub 25th September 2012 7.00pm and tickets are available from the following:

event/thomas-nicholas-bandstar-of-the-american-pie-/thehub/660251

http://www.seetickets.com/

#### **AYCLIFFE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT** Village News **Restaurant Sponsors Junior Team** offered

Bengal Lounge an Indian Restaurant at Woodham Village kindly contacted Newton Aycliffe Junior FC after reading our website (www.najuniorfc.co.uk). The restaurant offered to sponsor a team strip for 2 years and this very generous offer could not have come at a better time as the Under 14's (2012-2013 season) were in depserate need of a new kit and could not source a

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however their kindness did

not end there. The sponsors

and their staff Masud Rumon

GAI

be keeping him updated of their progress throughout the season

Michelle Acuna Ocana

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NAJFC hosted their football tournament on Sunday 28th August at Woodham Academy. After two previous cancellations due to bad weather this was the only date available and the club were mindful of the clash with the Great Avcliffe Show. Initially the tournament was going to be for 3 age groups and we were hoping to build on this for future years

Unfortunately were a number of late team cancellations so the tournament went ahead for only the Under 14 (2012/13 season). Nevertheless the day was a great success with sunshine, lots of great football and good sportsmanship all round. The teams entered were; NAJFC, NAYC, Ferryhill Town and 21st All Stars who stepped in at the last minute. The format was a round robin and the home team NAJFC finished top of the group with 2nd place NAYC, 3rd place was Ferryhill and 4th 21st Allstars. The format was then for 1st and 2nd place to play in the final which was won 3-0 by NAYC who received the winners cup and the home team NAJFC winning the runners up cup. 3rd and 4th place play off was won by 21st off was won by 21st Allstars who also scored 3-0 and were awarded the tournament plate. All those participating received a medal as a token for their hard work throughout the day. Many thanks to the tournament organiser Nige Slatcher (Slatch) who has rallied to get this played even when it looked like it would

never happen. Thanks to the referees of the day; Jack Slatcher and Ryan Farley who kindly agreed to alternate betwen refereeing and a linesman. A big thank you to all the helpers on the day (too many to mention) for helping set up, line mark, direct parking, printing programmes, working in the kitchen etc etc.. A massive thanks to Newton

News for promoting the event and their continued support of the club. Thanks to Woodspray Wood Finishings who sponsored all of the under 13's tournament trophies and participation medals. Thanks also to the 13's trophy/medal under sponsor J Butterfield and under 15's trophy/medal sponsor Revolution Power. Whilst these age group tournament did not go ahead the trophies/medals will be utilised in the future.

Woodham Academy for allowing us to use their facilities and for all their support and patience due to

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The Breakfast Club mornings restart after the summer break on Saturday, 8th September in the Village Hall from 9am-midday. Come along and enjoy a bacon, egg or sausage bun, as well as a cup of tea or coffee, and catch up on all the news. Thanks go to Joy Marie for sponsoring the event All proceeds to the Village Hall VILLAGE MEETING: There

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love being a part of it'. With a new timetable out and registration night being on Thursday 13th September,

we are hoping that those brave parents come along with their kids and show them just what a good role model is. The break dance class that Dad's are welcome to is every Thursday evening 5.30-6.30pm held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

class by bringing this article with them to the Adult Street Class on Thursdays 8.30-9.30pm.

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anyone else wanted to join in the fun . .

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# ACORN RECONVENE AFTER SUMMER BREAK

Newton Aycliffe Residents group ACORN reconvenes at 6pm on 13th September at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre after

ACORN has been very well supported since its formation in January 2012 and welcomes, as guest speaker, Steve Cooper Environmental Officer from Great Avcliffe Town Council.

Town and County Councillors, who welcome the opportunity to speak with and give advice to the public on local issues. ACORN are a non-political group and welcome residents of all

political persuasions, age, gender and physical ability to join us in debate with fun and games. We are a fun bunch and try to improve our neighbourhood and environment while building up relationships with our friends and neighbours.

We are planning a wide range of activities for the coming year with a variety of activities to entertain and inform our community including a Halloween Party, Panto, Christmas Party for kids and adults, Easter Egg Hunt and Teddy Bears Picnic. ACORN will also continue to help represent our neighbourhood in the wider community by making suggestions and lobbying other organisations. Ken Robson (Chairman) - A.C.O.R.N, Tel 01325 321471

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ties with any candidate. Once through that stage, of which there where 160 candidates this time, it goes

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to a shortlisting process. The shortlist for Aycliffe was 13 candidates for 7 seats available. There are divisions in Newton Aycliffe Aycliffe East, Aycliffe North & Middridge, and Aycliffe West.

The 13 candidates had a choice of where to stand. Members of the Labour Party residing within each particular division are entitled to vote on who they feel is the best candidate(s) to represent their division.

meetings The selection were all held on the same night to give candidates the opportunity to stand in the division of their choice.

Aycliffe East were first and only members from that Division could attend, with a roll call carried out by officers of the Constituency Avcliffe West were next who could not reach a decision on the night. Following a meeting of all members it was resolved that members from Aycliffe North & Middridge should continue with their selection.

A further meeting was convened for Aycliffe West but this meeting produced stalemate even after several

re-votes On their third meeting it was agreed, as is normal practice, that executive officers be called in to assist.

The process was completely fair and above board, and part of the democratic voting process. If any readers are concerned and would like a

say on who they would like to stand as a Labour Party Candidate, they should join the party for just £2.00 per month and they could be part of the democratic process. There is no point coming afterwards because they don't like the result. Some members were present. but could not vote as they

need to be members before the cut off date which allows them to vote. Vince Crosby (Counc)

# *Obituary*

ELLEN KERR MARY Mam. Passed away peacefully in hopsital, aged 88 years on 1st September 2012. Loving Wife of the late William Kerr; loving Mother of Maud, Valerie, Joe, the late Alec Valerie, Joe, the late Alec and Angus; Loving Mother-in-Law; Devoted Nana to Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. A very special mention of Granddaughter Sherry who cared for Nana these last few years. Funeral Service on Monday 10th September at Neville Parade Methodist Church at 1.15pm. Besting Place West Cemetery Resting Place West Cemetery

# Thank You

TO ALL Staff at Playday Nursery: Thank you for your care and support over the past three years and for making my time at Nursery such fun. Love, Stan x

WILLIAM TALBOT WILLIAM IALBOI Valerie and family would like to thank everybody who attended Bill's Service at St Clare's Church, also thank

you to the Rev Potter for the Íovely Service. Many thanks to all the Doctors and Nurses for all the kindness and support when Bill was ill. Thank you to Colin from the Co-operative Funeralcare for his kindness and understanding. Thank you to everybody for all the cards, flowers and kind words. Bill will be missed by a lot of

people JOAN DAVIES and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the cards and kind messages following the death of Barney. A special thank you to the staff of Ward 33 at Darlington Memorial for their exceptional care and

to those who made generous donations to the Great North Air Ambulance in Barney's memory. Thank you very much DAVY & JASMIN - Mr and

Mrs Armstrong would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made their Wedding Day or provide Path Wedding Day so special. Both Mam's and Dad's, family and friends, oh and Aunty Kaz

. Special big thank you to Jeanette Davies for the stunning Wedding Cake, perfect . . . and Yvonne Williams for the food,

it was amazing. You have all made our wedding perfect JULIE ROSSITER - I would like to say a huge thank you to my lovely family and special friends for making my birthday weekend so memorable. My party was fantastic, thanks to you all for making such an effort with your costumes, everyone looked amazing. Thanks for all my gorgeous pressies and cards. Your kind donations raised £315 for Bowel Cancer, Love, Julie xxx

**PICKERING.** Happy 30th birthday Colin. You're one in a million. Love ya and always a minion. Love ya and always will, Aunty Jue xxxx **PICKERING.** Colin 30 today, September 4th. My love for you is a special kind, it never will grow old, it shines and sparkles every day, it's made from solid gold. Happy birthday to a wonderful Grandson, Grandma xxxx PICKERING. Colin, Happy 30th birthday. Lots of love, Uncle Gary xxxx DONNA Happy Anniversary (9th September 1999). 13 years of pure happiness and love. Thanks for always being there. Love, Mark xxx

JAKE DOONAN Happy JAKE DOUVAIN Happy 18th birthday to a precious Grandson. Love and best wishes from Grandma, wishes from G Grandad and Andrew

Grandad and Andrew KIRTLEY, Kyle James. Happy birthday Son. Love from Dad and Grandma Jack KIRTLEY, Kyle James. Happy 16th brithday Kyle. Lots of love, Charley JAMES MILLER Happy

JAINES MILLER Happy 21st birthday Son hope you had a great day. See I didn't forget. Love, Dad WARD - HULL Congratulations Rachel and Rob on your Wedding Day, Saturday 8th September. Love

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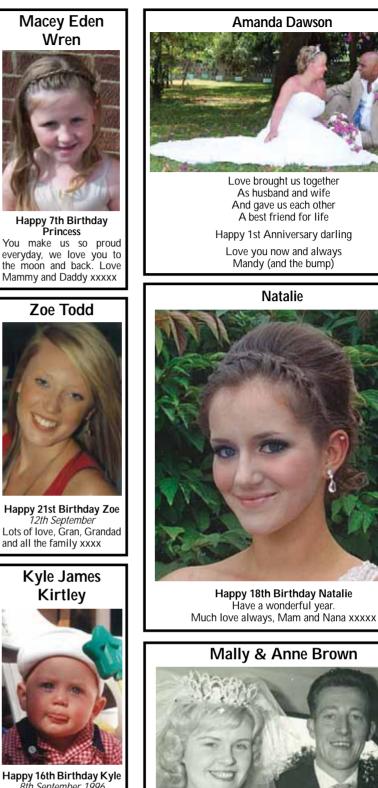
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find. Mike x SHEILA TWOHIG. They say you're in a better place, I hope and pray its true, but . . . today is your birthday, and am missing you, Carol and

Family x ALBERT ANDREW 12-9-1934. On your special day we send you a prayer and blow you a kiss. We love you Dad. Love from your Daughters Julie, Susan and all the family

y, c... / xxx **V YOUNG** Happy Love always, 65th birthday. Love always, Barbara, Julie, Andrew, Debs,

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currently looking for new players for their squad. The under 13's train at Woodham Academy and play competitive football in the TJFA league in division 2 on a Sunday. If your child is going into Year 8 in September and they

are interested in becoming part of a team, learning skills and playing new competitive football then please get in touch with the manager Jonathan Gallager on 07790 618 331.

The down Spartans brought curtain their the on inaugural season in the British Baseball Federation Northern League with their first Annual Awards Night held at the RAFA Club in Newton Aycliffe. The Spartans were formed

in late 2011 becoming the only senior baseball team in the North East. The season was a great learning process and although the Spartans finished bottom of the league, there was a marked improvement in the standard and competitiveness from the Spartans and as testament to this was the team's first win against Oldham last month. The Award Winners (Pictured) were

Player's Player of the Year: Mike Holton Most Improved Player: Liam Oliver

Coaches' Player of the Year: David Atkinson

Runs Batted In Leader: Ricky Scott Home Run Leader: Jason Hill

On Base Leader: Candice Burton

Stolen Base Leader: Estil Peniche

Infield Golden Glove: Candice Burton Outfield Golden Glove:

Jason Hill

Competitive games may have now concluded but the Spartans are keeping busy during the off season as Head Coach, Sean Wellwein explained "Despite being defeated in the majority if games, it has been a positive season for the Spartans. We have a great core of players, where other teams have struggled to recruit and retain players, we seem to



be welcoming new players monthly. We intend to train twice weekly, on Thursday and Sunday, right through the off-season until league games commence again next April and our goal next season is to make the end of season playoffs"

Another satisfied Spartan is Team Manager, John Johnston. "As a club we have come a long way since I started the team 12 since I started the team 12 months ago. We have a number of people to thank who have helped us get established, helped us grow and continue in assisting our development into a Sports Club that Newton Aycliffe and indeed the North East can be proud of. Not least is the Newton News for their excellent coverage. And we would like to thank Great Avcliffe Town Council. Helen Tones from Durham County Council and the

RAFA Club in Newton Aycliffe who have helped us with facilities. Also to local businesses who have been supportive, Eyedream Photography, Bodyextreme Vitamin Shop, Triology Multisport Solutions."

As well as continuing to spread the Spartans message on the senior baseball front, John Johnston is busy establishing the Spartans Junior Academy and working with the newly created Woodham Sports Academy, both of which will ensure that Baseball and Softball in Newton Aycliffe will have a long term legacy by introducing youngsters to

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

team. There are numerous affordable sponsorship packages available. If you are interested in supporting the North East's baseball team please contact John Johnston on 07593 951879, email john@ newtonaycliffespartans. co.uk or visit www. newtonaycliffespartans. co.uk

Anyone interested in joining the Spartans are invited to join them at their weekly training sessions. First 'taster' session is always free. These are held every Thursday evening from 6pm until 8pm and on Sunday from 10am-1pm. Weather permitting, the training is held at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College. Contact John Johnston on 07593 951879 for further information or email john@ newtonaycliffespartans. co.uk

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