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There will also be a chance to see local schools and groups performing song and dance through the ages and to listen to the Lanchester Brass Band and Salvation Army Band. Also performing will be Pantastic Steel Band and the Bishop Auckland and District Pipes and Drums.

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Don't Miss the Chance to be Consulted

Dear Editor

Since I wrote last week about the various consultations which are in the pipeline, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) team at County Hall have now opened the second stage of their consultation.

It is currently hiding on a back page on the County Council website, but you can access it at <http://bit.ly/DCCJHWS2012>.

On that page you will find a link to the full draft strategy, the six strategic objectives which underpin the proposed strategy, and a link to an online response form (at the bottom of the

page).

Alternatively, you can send a written response to JHWS Consultation, Children and Adults Service, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UG.

This policy will determine the key performance objectives of our NHS services for the coming year, and will be the measure by which the County Council Health and Wellbeing Board will hold the Clinical Commissioning Group to account – so I am sure that many people will be interested to see what they have in mind for us. The deadline for responses in 19th October.

John D Clare

Couple Receive Garden Award



The winner of this years' Community Enhancement Award was Mr. & Mrs. Bewley of No. 1 Stanfield Road. The Mayor, Councillor Val Raw, visited the couple to present them with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl' and congratulate them on their achievement.

Councillor Val Raw said "it was a delight to make this award to such a lovely couple and the quality of their entry was outstanding".

COUNCILLORS URGED TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS

Dear Sir,

How refreshing it was to read in last week's edition, Father Michael Campion's article supporting the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the residents of Newton Aycliffe who wish the return of the Police Station to the centre of town, as was promised when the temporary Police Station was sited on the Business Park.

If only our M.P., County and Town Councillors were so committed in their support of the residents they serve. All we read week after week is political point scoring and childish verbal abuse.

These people have been elected to serve the people of

Newton Aycliffe and yet how often does that happen when important decisions affecting our Town are being taken?

I read recently about the increase in population of Darlington, some of which was being attributed to the success of Aycliffe Business Park in providing employment.

How strange it is that Darlington is benefitting in part from that success. Could that be because Darlington has a decent Town Centre, Public Toilets and yes an accessible Police Station in the centre of town?

One of the arguments extolling the success of the temporary police presence on the Business Park was the decrease in crime - again it shows what is considered to be most important, property, not the safety, wellbeing and accessibility for the residents. Are we to be short-changed once again with a telephone

contact point in the Fire Station? We deserve and demand better than this. It is now time for the elected representatives to put party politics aside and work together for the people of Newton Aycliffe.

Kath Allen

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Their aim for next year is to organise a 2 day summer festival at a location in the North East, currently under discussion. This festival will be planned for an audience

of over 3,000, including camping, and by forging links with local companies for food, drink and sponsorship, they aim to promote tourism in the area, by bringing concert-goers from much further afield to visit the region. Hopefully the festival will establish itself as an annual event and grow in size and popularity, whilst retaining strong northern links, by featuring world-class, well known artists, alongside support acts from this region who are up and coming. This allows them to support new north-east bands and offer them the exposure, alongside established artists, that may not otherwise be available to them.

Shildon Civic Hall are featuring Aynsley Lister on Friday 5th October, Shildon Rock-Blues all-day Festival (Larry Miller headline) on Sunday 18th November and Letz Zep on Saturday 24th November. Details on Shades of Rock Facebook. Tickets available in person from Shildon Civic or at www.ticketweb.co.uk and 08444 771000.

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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 Jakka's guitar tone cut 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 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."

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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 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.ffmpeg.co.uk

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Parish Priest's Farewell Letter

Dear Parishioners

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It has been a very real privilege to serve Great Aycliffe as the Rector and to share in the lives of many people in those years. The contact with every school who have also all visited St Clare's Church for various occasions has enabled me to meet very many children and young people - I love the 'Hello Revd Linda' that greets me around the town from them. Sharing in the events of your lives has been joyful through the Services of marriage and Blessing of marriages: it has been thankful through the very many Baptisms Services I have conducted: it has been moving to share in the times of sorrow that many of you have experienced over the years as we also tried to give thanks for what has been and in the hope of what will be.

It has been a privilege to be involved in the development of the new War Memorial which although not what everyone looked for, is fulfilling its purpose through the visits and the gatherings on Remembrance Sunday which I have also been privileged to share and develop with you. When we remember that we have members of the Armed Forces serving in places of conflict, then the words of that Memorial must surely help us to focus on what is needed for the future: the Memorial stands as a focus for people

of all faiths and people of no faith. I am also proud to have walked alongside the British Legion on many occasions as We Remember the fallen.

It has been challenging to be Rector of the parish because I've ruffled a few feathers too and felt the consequential heat! But truth is more important than popularity, service more important than benefit, reality more important than hypothesis: development of ministry is costly too but the benefits are without measure.

I leave at a time of hope for the parish, with the coming of Hitachi which we hope will provide jobs and apprenticeships, will bring in new supporting businesses and have an impact on what we offer to those who come to us. That is hope and I shall pray for that hope to be realised in a new shape for the future.

Thankyou for the many good wishes and thanks I have



received from folks in the town and village - that has been encouraging and heart warming both now and through the years.

I look forward to this new chapter in our lives - retirement and time with husband Norman, studying, gardening and travelling - and yes, looking after our grandchildren! Alleluia!
Revd Linda Potter

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Wind Turbines: Poor Return on Energy & Investment

By Arun Chandran

Anyone impressed by the efficient way in which Britain has organised the Olympic Games might consider the stark contrast provided by the shambles of our national energy policy – wholly focused as it is on the belief that we can somehow keep our lights on by building tens of thousands more wind turbines within eight years. At one point 2 weeks ago, Britain's 3,500 turbines were contributing 12 megawatts (MW) to the 38,000(MW) of electricity we were using.

(The Neta website, which carries official electricity statistics, registered this as "0.0 per cent"). Since I first pointed out here how crazy it is to centre our energy policy on wind. It was pure wishful thinking then and is even more obviously so now, when the Government in its latest energy statement talks of providing, on average, 12,300MW of power from "renewables" by 2020. Everything about this is delusional. There is no way we could hope to build more than a fraction of the

30,000 turbines required. As the windless days last week showed, we would have to build dozens of gas-fired power stations just to provide back-up for all the times when the wind is not blowing at the right speed. But, as more and more informed observers have been pointing out, the ministers and officials of the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) seem to live in a bubble of unreality, without any practical grasp of how electricity is made, impervious to rational argument and driven by an obsession that can only end in our computer-dependent economy grinding to a halt.

The latest attempt to get them to face reality is by Prof Gordon Hughes, a former senior adviser on energy to the World Bank, now a professor of economics at Edinburgh, whose evidence to the Commons committee on energy and climate change has now been published on the website of the Global Warming Policy Foundation. His most shocking finding is that the pursuit of our Climate Change Act target – to reduce Britain's CO2 emissions by 80 per cent by 2050 – would cost us all £124 billion by 2020, or £5,000 for every household in the land: not just to build tens of thousands of absurdly subsidised wind turbines, but also for the open-cycle gas-fired power stations needed to provide back-up.

To guarantee the same amount of power from combined-cycle gas-fired plants would cost £13 billion, barely a tenth as much. Furthermore, as Prof Hughes explains, ramping the back-up gas plants up and down would mean running them very inefficiently, and give off so much CO2 that we could end up increasing our overall emissions rather than reducing them. And who is expected to build them or pay for them?

The likelihood that any of this will be understood by those in charge of our national policy can be measured by the fact that the chairman of that Commons committee is Tim Yeo, whose business interests (see 'They Work For You' website) show that last year he earned, on top of his MP's wages, more than £100,000 by working – at up to £800 an hour – for firms which make money out of renewables.

When Peter Lilley MP raised Prof Hughes's figures in the Commons, he was contemptuously put down by the DECC minister Charles Hendry, saying that he did not agree with Prof Hughes (on grounds which showed he hadn't understood the points at issue at all) – and, he added, "Neither does the Committee on Climate Change".

The new chairman of this committee, set up under the Climate Change Act, is Lord Deben (formerly John Gummer), whose various lucrative activities relating to the environment include his chairmanship of Forewind, an international consortium

planning the world's largest offshore wind farm, with thousands of turbines, on the Dogger Bank.

The promoters of the wind industry have managed to occupy all the commanding heights of our energy policy, and the only way it might conceivably be brought back into any contact with reality would be through a massive and well-informed counter-attack by a large number of those elected to represent us in Parliament. But they seem to be just as firmly locked into the bubble of make-believe as those who framed these delusional policies in the first place.

FAMILY BLOCK VOTE LED TO COUNCILLOR'S DESELECTION

Dear Sir,
I cannot understand the letter from Cllr. Crosby over the Labour Party selection process for County Councillor elections next year.

To select someone you have to be a Party member. but surely the members know what the electorate want and is he saying they really picked the BEST candidates for West Ward, knowing the sitting candidate had won three previous elections? Enid has done nothing but good for Aycliffe and has been cast aside by dodgy voting. I believe this type of block voting should be disallowed and the general public's view should be considered somewhere in the rules.

I understand there were comparatively few people at the meeting and the vote was swayed by a family of six supporting their relative. Is that the right way to select a Councillor to represent the public who formerly voted in their choice of candidate?

This small branch of Labour Party members have overturned the people's choice and a family should not dictate the way a Ward is represented. There should be no surprise if the electors place their vote elsewhere at the election. The process is undemocratic and fundamentally wrong.

Mrs S. Smith,
Mrs Kelly,
Mr. Howe.

New Kids Club at The Scout Centre



For almost three years, 'PK Allstars' has enjoyed great success running their kids club every Saturday morning at the Agnew Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

Formally known as, 'Elevate,' the club is now expanding and will now operate in two separate locations under its new name.

PK Allstars is for all children aged between 7 years old and 11 years old. The Agnew Centre club runs every Friday evening from 6pm – 7.30pm and the new Scout Centre venue will open every Saturday morning from 10am – 11.30am.

Mathew Bayne an experienced youth and children's worker says, "I am really excited to be part of PK Allstars. Each week we are going to have lots of fun and games as well as prizes." James Ross says, "The response we've had during our time in the Agnew Centre has been very positive, with many people in the area commenting on the reduction in anti-social behaviour since the kids club arrived."

Come along and see what we have to offer, first time is free, then only £1 per session. This venture is made possible by recent funding from GAMP small grants fund.

Free Family Fun Day

A Free Family Fun Day takes place at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Beveridge Way Arcade and Active Aycliffe Town Centre shop, 17 Beveridge Way on Saturday 22nd September.

Go along to Aycliffe Town Centre between 10am-3pm and watch demo's, get information and have a go on the many activities on offer in the town.

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After the Cheering in the Stadium Ended . . .

Dear Sir,
So the Paralympics end with warm words from Mr Cameron about memories of a Golden Year of Sport and onwards to Rio 2016. The reality to those disabled, unable to whizz around the track - the vast majority of us - is somewhat different. What with the arbitrary abolition of Incapacity Benefit, under a flawed, unfair medical (where basically if you could smile you were classed as

being fit for work), to the prospect of thousands of us losing Disability Benefit and Mobility Allowance, to another laughable, deeply flawed, re-assessment of need, means that the many categories of disabled in our society are being shamefully persecuted.
I only have one leg, with three claw-like usually bleeding toes on the other foot, one eye and other afflictions, yet I regard myself as being physically better off than others who have been so shabbily treated and told that they are fit to work. I do try to keep fit in ways that will not cause me further harm. Some like myself appealed against the decision of Atos that we were basically NOT disabled, have waited over eight months for a Tribunal date - and still we wait! It really is time that the disabled, sent a message to this Government. "We are suffering enough without being penalised for being disabled."
The cheering in the stadiums has died away, for many of us it had a hollow ring. Derek Atkinson, Denham Place

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Hawkshead Court, Newton Aycliffe are taking part in the McMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on Thursday 27th September from 10.30am – 12pm. Tea, coffee, homemade cakes and jam on sale, and a raffle with various prizes. All proceeds to McMillan Cancer Support. If you can help in any way please contact the Manager Christine Adam Tel: 01325 315462

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Warm Welcome at the Fire Station



Young Robert Horner won the competition run by the Fire Service at the Great Aycliffe Show and his parents Des and Donna we would like to thank Newton Aycliffe Fire Service and especially Red Watch for the hospitality extended to the family when they went to collect the prize. "They simply expected to collect a George Forman Grill, but were offered the opportunity to tour of the station, the appliances and equipment used in incidents and saw how technology plays an integral part of the service. Robert got to use the hose and be part of a mock incident on the command bus. "Every single officer on duty that morning went out of their way to make us feel welcome and patiently answered all questions we asked. We came away with our son gaining knowledge and understanding of the role of the fire service, some lovely photos, memories and a potential new recruit in a few years' time. A HUGE thank you to all who made this possible, and we look forward to seeing them again next year."

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

On the evening of Saturday 8th September, a male from Shildon was arrested whilst burgling a house in the town. He is also responsible for over 10 offences relating to the theft of fuel over recent weeks from Heavy Goods Vehicles parked overnight in the Newton Aycliffe area. He was held in custody over the weekend and appeared at court this week.

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potential. Greenfield values all students and provides a wide curriculum equipped to meet the needs of all children. Opportunities are vast: students gain confidence and skills from the experiences we offer outside of the classroom. The school makes effective use of its specialist status to spread good practice and learning is enriched through the many opportunities and experiences it has introduced. OFSTED July 2011 said "Learning is increasingly good and sometimes outstanding. Teachers use a variety of interesting activities which capture students' imagination" they also said "Students continue to have good relationships with their teachers and this contributes to students' good behaviour and attitudes to learning".



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It is not difficult to grasp opportunities at Greenfield because we offer so much. Staff who believe in developing the whole child go the extra mile to help every student fulfil their potential. With a huge range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom there is something for everyone. No wonder then that in a recent survey our students gave the school their highest score for 'looking after students well'. Positive relationships develop between all age groups through Time 4 Success, our Vertical Tutor System. A structured programme helps all students develop important life skills and become independent enquirers, a skill essential as they move through the education system and make future choices. We want you to find out for yourselves the many opportunities we have to offer and look forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their families to our school to see us in action. In the meantime have a look at the quotes



below of a few of our Year 7s then check out our website to get a feel for our school, we are certain you will like what you see. Willow from Stephenson Way said "Loved dance and the smile never left my face because it was fun" Ryan from St. Francis said "Didn't expect so many different and challenging lessons they were outstanding" Matthew from Aycliffe Village said "Maths is the best - our teacher makes us work hard and I think I've done well in my test".

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Our stated educational purpose of 'raising aspirations and transforming lives in a successful learning community' certainly came to fruition for the class of 2012 and we are delighted to present their results. Once again our students, supported by an outstanding team of teachers, achieved record results. We are particularly proud that improved results in Modern Foreign languages and Humanities subjects led to an 18% increase in students achieving the EBacc (English Baccalaureate); made up of English, Maths, 2 Sciences, a Modern Foreign Language and either History or Geography all at grade A*-C. In both French and German more than 70% of students entered achieved high grades and in History an impressive 55% achieved A*/A grades. Our triple scientists all achieved A*-C grades and we are delighted that 88% of the cohort will leave Greenfield with 2 high passes in Science. Results in Performing Arts and PE sustained their outstanding success with 100% of the department cohort achieving A*-C grades in Music, Dance, Drama and PE/Sport. The government's key performance indicator continues to be 5A*-C grades including English and Maths. We are proud to announce an increase of 4% to 54%, at a time when many schools nationally have suffered a drop in results. In English, the percentage of pupils achieving A*-C grades increased. However we share the national frustration that so many pupils had their results downgraded as a result of the changes to grade boundaries. In Maths we saw a 7% rise in A*-C grades for the second consecutive year. High quality teaching combined with high aspirations led to 32% of the cohort achieving 3+ A*/A, and 95% achieving 5 or more high grades, an increase of 13%. These stunning results reflect our commitment to provide opportunities for all pupils to achieve at the highest level. There were some outstanding individual results. 14 of the cohort gained 8 or more A*/A grades and 8 students achieved more than 10 A*/A grades each. Special recognition goes to Sam and Emma who gained a staggering 27 A/A* grades between them. At Greenfield we celebrate the achievement of all our young people and we are proud that they leave us as mature and caring young citizens, equipped with the skills and knowledge to move successfully into the next phase of their lives.

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Woodham Teacher Exhibits at Baltic



Charlotte Tomlinson, Art teacher at Woodham Academy, is taking part in a major exhibition in Newcastle this week. Charlotte's work, Paper Cut, is part of the Visual Arts 12 show at Baltic 39.

Charlotte sees herself as an "Artist Teacher" as the two roles equally inspire and influence each other. Paper Cut has its origins in drawings thrown away by Charlotte's students. Charlotte has taken the discarded work and has transformed it into a piece of extraordinary beauty using a Stanley knife to create intricate 3D patterns.

She says, "One of the best things about being an artist is that moment of magic when suddenly you have created something beautiful from nothing".

Woodham Academy Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "Charlotte's work is gorgeous. Woodham is extremely fortunate to have an Art department staffed by teachers who are all successful artists in their own right". The exhibition finishes on 15th September at The Baltic 39, High Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne.

DANCE MAT TRAINING

Are you a volunteer group or community project in Newton Aycliffe looking for something new and exciting to do with your group? Then why not send one of your helpers on a training course on the use of the Dance Mats which were purchased by Aycliffe Area Partnership for use by the volunteer organisations of Newton Aycliffe.

The Dance Mats are located at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex - which is where you would have your training for only £9.00 per person. After training you could 'hire' the Dance Mats free of charge and take them to your venue by booking at the Oak Leaf Reception (deposit is required).

The training session will take place on Saturday 13th October 12.30 till 15.30. Please call in at Reception to book your place (payment is required at time of booking) or telephone 300600 for more information.

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Woodham Staff Thanked

Dear Sir,

It is our pleasure to praise the staff at Woodham Technology College (now an Academy) for helping our Son, Oliver, achieve outstanding GCSE results (9 x A*s and 3 A grades) and all of his friends who also achieved similar amazing results!

We would like to thank all the teachers who helped and guided him through the past five years - and we would also like to thank Oli for putting in so much effort and making it appear so easy! The thanks do not end there, the Year 11 Prom was certainly a night to remember with all the prizes being handed out. Congratulations again to Oliver for his 100% attendance, and we look forward to the evening at St James' Park for his presentation!

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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

The main item on the Environment Committee was a consideration of E.On's The Isles windfarm consultation. Speaking on the issue, Cllr Clare acknowledged that many Councillors and members of the public were, in general, in favour of 'green energy'. However, on the specific issue of placing a windfarm on The Isles, the Council should oppose the proposal. The Local Plan of the former Sedgfield District Council had identified The Isles Carrs as a unique and delicate area which needed protecting, and had resisted not only the construction of new buildings, but even the introduction of trees and hedges. It was an inappropriate development, therefore, that sought to site on this unique and delicate area, 24 huge turbines, each five times the height of the town centre clock, each bedded on a block of concrete 40 metres deep, serviced by 14.7km of new tracks, two substations, and with buried cabling from

Linden AGM

Linden Place Residents Association Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 25th September, 6pm at Sure Start, Stephenson Way School. Nomination forms for committee can be obtained from Barbara at 107 or Linda at 134 Linden Place. All residents welcome.

every turbine. By anybody's reckoning, the carrs environment is going to be hugely damaged, probably irreparably. Meanwhile, even many who support renewable energy appreciate that County Durham is doing more than 'its bit'. The consultant engineering firm Arup has indicated that the area already has sufficient windfarms. Indeed, data we have been given, supplied from Renewables UK, indicates that, if all the turbines already operating, consented and submitted are taken into account, County Durham would have a density of one turbine to every 6 sq.miles, and of 1MW of wind power every 3 sq.miles. For comparison, Sussex would have a density of one turbine every 1,458 sq.miles, and Surrey would have none at all. No Councillor spoke or voted for the windfarm, so the proposal to oppose it was carried without opposition. In another item, the Town Council has sought and been granted a licence to look after the entrance area to the railway station, so hopefully that will soon begin to look smarter and more attractive. There were four items of interest on the Recreation Committee. The Council is in contact with Newton Aycliffe FC to try to increase the amount of parking available on match days; the Council is offering the use of an area of land to the south of the park ... provided the County

Council improves the southern end of Moore Lane to allow safe access. The Council refused to extend the opening hours of the Town Centre Park (it had been suggested that this would reduce anti-social behaviour in the Tesco car park and surrounding area); children from the park are not responsible for the wild driving that takes place in Tesco's car park, which was properly a police matter. Meanwhile, however, the Council did support a scheme by some Durham County Councillors and GAMP to provide additional skateboarding equipment in the Town Centre Park. The Committee was unable to discuss the provision of a Multi-Use Games Area in the Horndale area because a formal approach had not yet been received; the Council, however, is supportive in principle and hopes to be able to progress the matter.

Harvest Time

St. Andrew's Church hold their Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 23rd September starting with Harvest Praise at 6pm. The Harvest Supper and Auction is on Monday 24th September in the Village Hall at 7pm. The cost is £4. Children under 11 yrs. - 50p. Proceeds to Farm Africa.

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When St John's was awarded "outstanding" by Ofsted in May 2010 students and staff were justifiably proud of the accolade but were determined to continue to improve standards and achievements year on year. In 2011 St John's met this ambitious target and enjoyed its best ever results in both A Levels and GCSEs, but those targets were surpassed in August 2012 as St John's now celebrates record-breaking grades, reinforcing its position as an "outstanding" school.

This year one in three of all A Levels taken were awarded A* or A grades and over half of the students who sat A Levels achieved at least one or more A*/A.

At GCSE level St John's has made a significant improvement on last year's figures with the important benchmark of 5+ A* - C

including English and Maths increasing by an amazing 14% to an impressive 82%. Despite the recent national controversy regarding the grade threshold in English, 90% of St John's Year 11 students achieved an A* - C grade in English Language GCSE. In addition, 87% of the cohort gained an A* - C in GCSE Maths, whilst 94% were awarded with two or more A* - C grades in the Sciences.

Other subjects enjoyed similar successes at both GCSE and vocational level. Overall this has been a remarkable year for the school with a fifth of the

Year 11 cohort achieving 5+ A*/A grades whilst 20 students are celebrating the benefits of their hard work by securing 9 or more A*/A grades at GCSE.

As St John's celebrates these outstanding results, the school recognises that such success can only be achieved through the hard work and dedication of students and staff with the continual support of parents, carers and governors never underestimated. All have worked tirelessly to achieve these goals and now the school can celebrate and hopefully work towards greater success in the future.

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Wedding at Aycliffe Village Church



The wedding took place on Saturday 25th August between Gary Melvin and Nycola Langsley. The couple have lived in Newton Aycliffe all their lives - Gary attended Woodham Comprehensive and Nycola, Greenfield Arts College.

Nycola's Grandparents Lorraine & Derrick Cole own local company E.C. Cabinets and Gary's Dad is very well-known locally as John Melvin.

Gary works as a Team Leader at Everything Everywhere in Darlington and Nycola is employed by Coral Bookmakers.

Every December the couple go to Barcelona for a short break and it was here in 2010 that Gary proposed! The wedding at St. Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village was followed by a reception at the Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington. Family and friends had travelled from as far-a-field as Berkshire, Scotland and even France!

The bridesmaids were Nycola's cousin Gemma, her sister Hollie, and best friend Kathryn Metcalfe for whom Nycola had been bridesmaid just 9 weeks ago! The youngest bridesmaid was the couple's daughter Emily Grace. They all looked stunning dressed in Cabury Purple and Ivory.

Gary's Best Man was his brother Shaun, the ushers were Carl Little and John Wardle.

The best kept secret of the day was a surprise appearance at the evening reception by Acapella singing group 'Out of the Blue' who have appeared on Britain's Got Talent and are in demand throughout the country. Gary's brother Shaun was a member of the group when at Oxford University. Nycola was told it would be impossible for them to sing at the wedding as they would be too busy! Their appearance was Shaun's wedding present to the couple, but only came about with complicated planning and considerable expense.

The groom was in on the secret and the bride promptly burst into tears when they were announced by Gary's Dad. It was a fantastic ending to a magical day and after the

celebrations, Nycola and Gary set off for their honeymoon in Egypt, after which they will continue their married life in Newton Aycliffe!

Mobile Phone Taken From Surgery

Dear Sir,
Last Friday, September the 7th, I left my White Samsung Galaxy SII in Bewick Crescent surgery. I realised once I returned home and tried ringing my phone, it rang numerous times and then was switched off.

There was no trace of it when I contacted the surgery within the hour of me leaving the doctor. This is an expensive phone and contains numerous photographs and videos of my children. Some are of my twins who were born prematurely last year, my children at Christmas opening their presents, my son's first day at school (taken last week).

I cannot get any of these precious photographs or videos back, so whoever took my phone would have immediately realised it had great sentimental value.

I am asking whoever took my phone to please please hand it in to Bewick Crescent Surgery or to the local police station or into the Newton News. Please do the right

thing.

My phone also has a hair line diagonal crack from the top right of the screen to the bottom left. If anyone has recently bought or been given a second hand phone with this description please hand it in so I can have my children's pictures and videos back.

Thank you.
Mrs C Galloway,
29 Hamilton Close

Meeting of History Society

The next meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Family History Society will take place in the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 7.30 pm. The theme of the evening will be general research.

Further details may be obtained from Keith Bell, Chairman, on 01325 307905."

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this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters who helped to raise £827.10 on the day, namely: Sabre Rail Services Ltd., Newton Press, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Don Walker Butchers, Aslan Golf

Ltd., Knapton (Insurance) Ltd., Rapid Security Services, Oak Leaf Golf Club, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, The Village Pharmacy, Heineken UK., R.F.M.D. (UK) Ltd., Great Aycliffe Town Council, Ellies Pies, G. Little Testing.



Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training played their final match in the North East

Durham League and were disappointed to lose a tight game at home to Belmont by just 3 wickets.

Electing to bat first Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings and only four players managed to reach double figures. Joe Haines top scored with an unbeaten 29 and other contributions came from Chris Palmer (26 runs), Sean Morgan (14 runs) and Dan Weldon who scored 10 runs as Aycliffe were dismissed for just 120 after 36 of their allotted 45 overs.

In reply, the visitors were pegged back after a superb spell of bowling from Sean Morgan, who took 4 for 28 from 12 overs, briefly gave Aycliffe hope. However Belmont eventually edged to victory after 37.3 overs as Aycliffe finished their league season in 8th place in division one with 146 points. The next day Aycliffe's first team travelled to Aldbrough St John CC to play Barton in the final of the Fenwick cup and were beaten by a much superior team by 92 runs.

The club's under 11's team finished their season with a defeat away at Norton despite another excellent bowling performance from Ali Abbasi, who took 3 wickets for just 4 runs from his three overs.

Summer in the Arts Centre!



This summer has been a very busy one for us at the Arts Centre - we've had many free activities for children and young people throughout the six weeks. Sessions included Crazy Crafts and Arty Clarty where we created a variety of arts and crafts products - including some fantastic sculptures on display at the moment, which

were inspired by a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Some current and new Greenfield students were involved in a week of film making. Working with a professional film maker and a drama teacher to make two films; these films will be shown as part of our AAP Film Festival in October Half term.

We also hosted our very own Alternative Olympics, involving activities such as speed stacking cups, flag making and relay races. Over three days the young people involved got the chance to be creative, messy and work as a team. This was a great collaboration between the Arts Centre and the Community Sports Team!

In all over 300 children, young people and their families were involved in our busy summer programme, and every one had a great time, gaining confidence, learning new skills and being inspired.

At the Arts Centre we have a whole programme of activities you can get involved in after school, during Family Learning Month in October and during the holidays - if you want to know more come and see us. Or, you can contact us on 01325 379048 or visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

New Toddler Group Opens

The new Bright Sparks Jubilee Toddler Group opens on Tuesday 18th September at 9.30 am at St Clare's Church.

This opening session is FREE with refreshments for adults and children.

Children and parents, Grandparents and Carers are welcome to come and play and socialise with a variety of toys. In good weather, the garden will be available too.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

In the office of Councillor

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the resignation of Paul Ducker, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

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FORMER WARRIORS CAPTAIN REPRESENTS EUROPEAN ALL STAR TEAM

Former Woodham Warriors defensive captain and Woodham student, Dale Somers has been selected to play for the European All Star team as they prepare to play in the International Series games in Texas in January 2013. The under 19 team was selected via FBU – Football University, an American based skills organisation run by former and current NFL coaches.



Trials for the team took place all over Europe in Holland, Belgium, Germany and the UK with over 200 players trying out for the chance to represent Team Europe against teams from Canada and the USA in San Antonio, Texas.

Dale was an instrumental figure in the Warriors run to the 2010 BritBowl final leading the defense as captain. Dale was then offered a place at Bristol's Filton College and moved to Bristol in August 2010. Since then, and under the guidance of Coach Herod of the Filton Pride, Dale has developed into a leading player for Filton, culminating

in his selection for Team Europe last week.

Speaking about his achievements since he moved to Bristol, Dale said "I am unbelievably happy to be given this opportunity to represent Europe over in the States next year and can't wait to get over there and compete. The move to Bristol made all of this possible for me, as playing for Coach Herod at Bristol has opened so many doors for me academically and has enabled me to further develop the skills that I had learned playing for the Woodham Warriors".

Coach Tait commented "This

is fantastic news for Dale. It is great reward for all the hard work and effort that he has put in down at Bristol. Leaving home at 16 is not easy, but Dale always knew what he wanted.

He kept telling me that his dream was to be offered a scholarship in America and that he was determined to get there. He knew what it would take to get there and he was prepared to put the hard work in.

This selection is a big step towards that goal and I hope that he grasps it with two hands. Everyone at Woodham Academy is very proud of his achievements and he has become a role model for lots of our younger players'.

Team Europe's games in Texas in January are due to be streamed live on the internet. More details will follow nearer the time here at woodhamwarriors.com.

9 Mile Walk for BHF

Walkers in County Durham have one week left to sign up to the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) Hadrian's Wall Hike.

The nine mile hike across the World famous heritage site takes place on Sunday 23rd September and the BHF hopes to raise more than £30,000.

Register online or to find out how to register on the day, visit bhf.org.uk/hadrians or call free phone 0800 169 3672, email events@bhf.org.uk for entry forms.

Swimming Their Way to Good Health

Elizabeth Reeve from Lilburne Crescent and Darren Wilkinson from Woodham meet in the Leisure Centre Pool using swimming to improve their health. They both took up the Leisure Centre Big Swim Challenge last Saturday and came joint 1st, swimming 90 lengths.

Liz swims every day and has lost five stone in weight increasing her fitness and self confidence. "I am very proud of myself and my friend Darren. My 10 year old son took part and completed 59 lengths" said Liz.

In the last two years Darren has undergone two major operations having been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. "My surgeon encouraged me to swim and since going to the pool on a regular basis my fitness has improved tremendously. Swimming has been a great tool to aid my recovery" said Darren.



UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club still have 2 unclaimed prizes for their summer draw; the winning tickets are 208 Karen Simpson and 304 Charlie.

These raffle tickets were sold at matches and also on the Presentaion Evening held in June at Woodham Academy (formerly WCTC).

If you have this ticket please contact Tina on 07917 694055. If the prizes remain unclaimed by 30th September they will be utilised in further raffles.

Superfan Donates £2k to Aycliffe F.C.

A diehard Newton Aycliffe supporter has thrown £2,000 of his own cash into his club's coffers – and is urging companies on the town to follow suit. Superfan Mick Thompson, who works as a safety advisor, wants to do his bit for the club after watching them scale the leagues in recent years.

Aycliffe powered from the parks of the Durham Alliance League to the Ebac Northern League first division in just four seasons.

But after a comfortable debut top-flight campaign last season, they're currently struggling near the bottom of the table and strapped for cash. Mick, who hopes his donation will encourage companies to get behind the club said: "I want to help out as much as I can and I'm surprised the club doesn't get as much support as it should from local companies," said the father-of-two.

"You can see from adverts around the pitch at Moore Lane that a lot of the small firms and one-man-bands do their bit, but there are a lot of big firms in Aycliffe, turning over millions of pounds on our doorstep, who give nothing.

"I know football isn't for everyone, but surely these firms can do more for the town's only football club?"

"It's run by a dedicated, hard-working team of volunteers who are all trying to raise the money that's needed to



service a Northern League first division team, and they're fighting with their hands tied behind their backs because their competitors enjoy huge support from local companies." Aycliffe general manager Dan Lewis, pictured handing Mick his "complimentary" season ticket, added: "Backing like this is fundamental, and we could do with another nine of Mick doing the same! "Support from the local business community isn't good. We appreciate it's a difficult climate right now, but if our smaller firms can help out, and individuals like Mick, then you would think the multi-million-pound corporates could help out in some way." Any firms or individuals who'd like to sponsor Aycliffe

can contact Martin Walker on 07826 525907.

Aycliffe ended a miserable losing streak with their first win of the season last Saturday, with Paul Broom's 55th-minute goal giving them victory over Marske United. Returning hero Dan Mellanby excited fans with a thrilling 20-minute second-half performance at Moore Lane Park. Aycliffe go to Wearside League side Willington in the FA Vase this Saturday, (3pm) followed by a trip to Newcastle Benfield next weekend.

FIXTURES

Saturday 22nd Sept:
Newcastle Benfield (A), 3pm
Wednesday 26th Sept:
Penrith (H), 7.30pm
Saturday 29th Sept:
Billingham Town (H), 3pm

5th Dan Masters Award



Local Karate Instructor Dave Noble (2nd right), was recently awarded his 5th Dan Masters certificate by colleagues and fellow black belts Andy Dawson, Marc Harrison and Mathew Emmerson from Zanshin-Kai Karate.

The award was presented on behalf of Cobra Martial Arts Association for time served and services to Karate and the Martial Arts within the community for over 20 years. Zanshin-Kai Karate Club holds classes at Woodham Community Centre on Thursday and Sunday and anyone interested can call in for more information or telephone 07917 203421."

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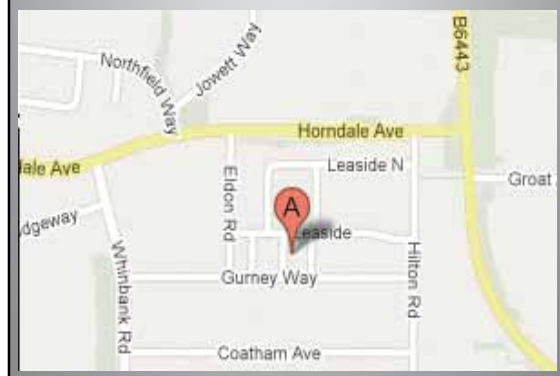
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Aycliffe Well Represented



The past two weekends has seen Aycliffe well represented at two of the region's biggest events. On September 2nd the 8th Tees Pride 10K took place in a sunny and warm Middlesbrough. Colin Wooster led the club home in an excellent 37:36 followed by Peter Milburn in 39:37, Tom Porter 41:14 and Richard Campbell 41:51. Other finishers from the club were John Burnside 45:08, Robert Young 47:42, Trish Kay 49:51 and 2nd female over 50, Daniel Sanham 50:04, Gary Minns 50:42, Dave McKenzie 53:17, Shelley McCormack 53:19, Naomi Kellett 53:22, Rob Nicholson 53:47, Tracey Warrior 56:34, Ray Todd 58:11, Ronnie Pluck 58:32, Elaine Morgan 1:01:42, Megan Rockett 1:02:25 and Yvonne Williams 1:05:05. A week later another good turnout at the 6.5 mile multi-

terrain Sedgefield Serpentine. Dez Fielden finished 4th overall in 39:14. Many other runners put in good performances in the race which is part of the club championship; Peter Milburn finished in 43:04, Tom Porter

45:26, Richard Campbell 45:33, Matt Heron 46:25, Kevin Greenall 49:55, Gary Minns 54:15, Trish Kay 54:49, Simon Robinson 55:17, Penny Johnson 56:46, Chris Forster 1:02:01 and Judith Porter 1:04:28.

FREE SEVEN-DAY FITNESS OFFER

A group of Leisure Centres in County Durham are offering people the chance to enjoy seven days of free fitness this month. Anyone can take advantage of the offer but it is specifically aimed at encouraging parents to take the opportunity to take time out for themselves now that the kids are back at school. Durham County Leisure venues, which are operated by Durham County Council, have friendly and professional staff who can advise people on how to achieve their fitness goals and demonstrate the facilities which are available. The free seven-day fitness offer includes unlimited use of the fitness suites and exercise classes, a one-to-one appointment and induction, a body composition evaluation and written programme, use of sauna/steam rooms where available and swimming at selected leisure centres. The seven free days must be taken consecutively. Further information is

available at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Tel 300500

Running for Leukaemia Charity

Jeremy Pattison lives in Karles Close, Newton Aycliffe and travels to Leyburn for work. His brother would have been 40 this year, so he has managed to convince nine colleagues with various sporting abilities, to run the Great North Run with him in aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, a charity which is very close to his heart. Jeremy lost his brother Nicholas to Leukaemia, at the age of 13 who died only 11 days after being diagnosed. Any reader who would like to help the fundraising please donate to <http://www.justgiving.com/TennantsAuctioneers>

Young Boys Claim Title

The Greenfield Summer League came to a close on Tuesday night with Young Boys claiming top spot after a 3-1 victory over CFC with goals from Smith, Wing and Farley. Having played 22 games over the season, it came down to the final after Aycliffe FC defeated Young Boys in the penultimate week 1-0 leaving only two points between first and second. Aycliffe FC were beaten 2-0 by the Huntsman on the final night which then handed the title to Young Boys having played earlier in the night. Young Boys played consistently well every week by winning 16 of their 22 games with only two losses, the Young Boys squad:

Jack Slatcher, Ryan Farley, Joe Young, Tom Young, Adam Smith, Liam Collier and Lewis Wing. Organiser Michael Rippon spoke about another successful season: "The league is exciting, as anyone can beat anyone." He also congratulated Young Boys on their triumph: "Credit to Young Boys, they only conceded 10 goals all season which made them a tough side to beat and they took their chances well every week." Winter league will start Tuesday 25th September, to register interest in playing in league contact Michael on 07879 117224. Why not keep in touch with how the league is going on facebook under "greenfield football league".



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He was reported to the governing body concerned with behaviour of Councillor under "Code of Conduct" at County Hall in 2011 but no action was taken! I believe Counc Ducker's landlords turned a blind eye as they were given at least six statements of complaint. In July 2012 the Police, in my opinion, finally took notice of three statements from neighbours and some action was taken.
I am not connected with any political organisation, but I believe Mr. McKenna, should check all the facts before he insults anyone. I also believe he owes Arun Chandran an apology for his remarks about him last week in a letter titled, "SHAME ON YOU".
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The popular Newton Aycliffe community pub is scaling new heights with its programme of fundraising events. Cobblers Hall on Burnhill Way is building on the success of manager Ian Gore's 9,600 ft climb up Kilimanjaro in 2011 with a raft of new charity activities. Ian is now planning a trek up to Mount Everest base camp in April 2013 as part of a larger campaign to donate £10,000 to local charity 'Take A Day Out' which provides respite for carers of special needs children. While he prepares Ian and the Cobblers Hall team have not been taking life easy. Five regular customers along with keyholder Scott Adams recently enjoyed a sponsored parachute jump, raising £2,100. Over the next few months, this will be followed a dramatic zip wire over the River Tyne in Newcastle during October and a Barefoot Glass Walk. Another highlight will be the Drag Queen evening

featuring vocal and comedy performances from Tess Tickle and Emma Roid in December. Ian and his wife Collette arrived at the pub in 2009 and have been swift to get behind 'Take A Day Out'. Collette said, "one of our regular customers runs the charity and will also be taking on the Everest challenge. We just want to help them and know our regular customers will join in. We are lucky to have such a generous and supportive local community." The Cobblers Hall is a spacious, open plan layout, with an extensive food menu available from noon to 9pm, Monday to Saturday and until 8pm on Sunday. There is room for 100 diners and the pub is known for its Sunday quiz night and poker every Tuesday. For more information about the Cobblers Hall, call 01325 315899, or visit the website http://www.cobblershallpub.co.uk

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Darlington's Sunday People's Market is Back

A New market run by volunteers was back last weekend for its second month with an expanded number of stalls. Darlington's Sunday Peoples Market is held on the first Sunday of the month, and proved to be a great success when they launched on 5th August with a rise in footfall of 67%. Word of the market's success has spread among traders and shoppers throughout the region, with the number of stalls for the second event on Sunday 2nd September increasing from 32 to around 55. Traders from as far afield as Leeds and Dalton-in-Furness have registered and organisers know of one stall travelling from Colne, in Lancashire, staying overnight in a Hotel. Some of the wares on sale include Darlington's famous Savoury, jewellery, home made fudge, jams, crafts and much much more. The Market is held in Blackwellgate from 11am to 3pm. and the organisers invite Newtonians to come have a look at what is on offer.

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In Memoriam

Nell Barker



Died 15th September 2011

Missed so much by Ann, Chris, San, Peter, Owen, Jeanette, Owen and Girls. Julie and David

JACK SMITH It's been a year on the 15th September, since we lost you. Missing you more as time goes on. From your loving Wife, Doreen. Daughters, Catherine, Jean and all the family
PAUL RAINE (Bishop Auckland). 16th September 2010. Miss and love you loads Brother. Peter, Kenneth, Tony, Sister Pamela. R.I.P. xxx
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Obituary

Ronald Mayoh



1935 - 2012

Ronny died at home, with his family on 25th August, following an unexpected short illness. This was a shock to everyone, as since his retirement from Hydro Polymers in 1999, Ronny was full of energy with his woodwork, gardening, many holidays abroad and as a family taxi, energy which belied his 77 years. Rose and family would like to thank Doctors Bamford and Stephenson; the Newton Aycliffe District Nursing Team; the wonderful girls at Unique Homecare; the night sitters from Butterwick Hospice and Marie Curie; who all cared for and showed such respect and dignity for Ronny during his last days at home and made this terrible time less painful for everyone. We would also like to thank our friends and neighbours especially the Young family who supported our family during this short but difficult time.

Thanks also to Rev Bill Sims for the service and the Cooperative Funeralcare for all arrangements and to everyone who attended the service and refreshments afterwards. The donations received amounted to £250, to go to Cancer Research and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The family were overwhelmed by the cards received which shows how much everyone liked this quiet, friendly 'gentleman'. He will be missed by many.

LAND. September 8th. Peacefully at Redworth House Care Home Shildon (Formerly of Warburton Close Newton Aycliffe). Ben aged 86 years beloved Husband of the late Ann, dearly loved Father of Stuart, Geoffrey and Pauline, much loved Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Great Great Grandfather. Funeral Friday September 14th. Will friends please meet at 12.30pm for service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please donation to the Alzheimer's Society.

Simon Munshi

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Simon passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on 10th September. Devoted husband of Lesley and a much loved Dad to Daniel and Yasmin. Also a beloved son-in-law, brother in law, uncle and a friend to many. A private burial took place for the immediate family members on 12th September. Family and Friends are invited to a celebration of Simon's life at the Huntsman, Woodham Village on Sunday, 16th September at 10.30am. With tears I saw you suffer, As I watched you fade away. My heart was almost broken, As you fought so hard to stay. I know you had to leave us, But you never went alone. For part of me went with you, the day you left our home. Goodnight, Sleep tight Your loving wife Lesley. **We sat** beside your bedside, Our hearts were crushed and sore. We did our duty to the end, Until we could do no more. In fear we watched you sinking, We watched you fade away. And although our hearts were breaking, We knew you could not stay. You left behind some aching hearts, That loved you most sincere. We never shall and never will forget you father dear. Love always Danny & Yazi. **What you** suffered you told but few, You did not deserve what you went through. Tired and weary you made no fuss, But tried so hard to stay for us. You were the best Son-in-Law anybody could wish for. Love, Margery & family.

Birthday Remembrance

JOHN McNAMEE 15th September. I opened my eyes this morning, and looked to the heavens above, I said happy birthday baby and sent you all my love. Love you always, Jill xxx

MAXINE COUSINS Instead of a card we send our love. Miss you loads. Love, Diane, Stuart, Kety and Adam xxx

Congratulations

Laura Garnett

To our wonderful Daughter Laura on your 21st birthday. All our love, Mam and Dad

Laura. Happy 21st birthday. Love, Nanna

Laura. With all our love to our lovely Granddaughter on your 21st birthday. Grandma and Granda xx

To Laura. My wonderful Fiance on your 21st. Thank you for all your love and support. Love you now and forever. Luke xxx

Happy 21st Laura. Lots of love, Anthony and Deborah

Laura. Hope you have a fab 21st. Love you loads, Kathryn and Saul xx

JOHN YOUNG Happy 60th birthday. Love always, Barbara, Julie, Andrew, Debs, Grandchildren Poppy and Otis, love you Grandad xx
HAPPY 7TH birthday Charlotte. Love you lots, Mummy and Katie xxx
OWEN WHEELER 21st Birthday on 15th September. To a special Grandson, Nephew and Cousin. Have a lovely day. Lots of love, Nanna, Grandad, Uncle Gary, Auntie Julie, Jade and a woof from Teddy xxx
DANIEL SUMMERS, Happy 18th Birthday to a wonderful Son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew and Cousin lots of love from Mam, Dad, Aaron, Amie, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Karen, Uncle Phil, Katie and James xxx

JOSEPH THOMPSON Congratulations on passing your Exams. Love, Nana xx
SARAH JOBES 15th September 2012. Happy birthday Sarah. Hope you have a great day. Love, Mam, Dad, Sonya, Derek, Simon and Anny xxx

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Lots of love on your special day. Deborah and Alan xxx

All our love on your Golden Wedding, Lesley and Gary xx

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary. Love you loads, Lynne, John, Stacey and Jordyn xx

Nana and Grandad Hip Hip Hooray, 50 years today. Love, Adam, Martin and Lynsey xx

All our love to you both from Scotland. Katherine, Jennifer, Brian, Nathan and Olivia xxx

Jane and Neil Quigley



17th September

Congratulations and best wishes on your first wedding anniversary. With love from Mam, Dad, Luke, Philip, Ashleigh, Dougie and all your relatives and friends.

Thank You

JUST A few words to say thank you to the person who found my glass case in Tesco car park and handed it in
SCRAFTON (Jean) would like to thank friends, neighbours, Doctors and Nurses for kindness shown to her whilst in hospital and at home after her operation
PORRITT Eddy and Janet would like to thank all family and friends for cards and donations received in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance and for making their Golden Wedding Anniversary party such a memorable occasion. Thanks also to Alex, our Grandson, who did a great job with his band "The Tenants"

Connor Blakey



Happy 21st! Son
14th September

We are so proud of you. Love today and always, Mam and Dad

Daniel James Gregory



Happy 1st Birthday
Lots of love, Mammy, Daddy and Grandma xxxxx

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Honest John's Support Appreciated



Aycliffe Junior Football Club, Under 16's team would like to thank the general public of Newton Aycliffe who support Honest John's market stall. John has kindly donated proceeds from the stall to purchase a new strip for the 2012/2013 season. Honest John's fundraising

efforts have become a welcome asset to the town helping clubs and organizations with much needed finance. Team manager Mr Colin Coulthard said: "The lads were proud to wear the new strip which features a great caricature of Honest John during their opening game of the season against visitors Darlington RA.

John was there to watch the game and was treated to a feast of goals from the U16's new look team. The final result was 13 - 0 in Aycliffe's favour which was a tremendous start to the new season.

A huge thanks to the people of Newton Aycliffe once again and of course to our new sponsor Honest John."



Football Season Starts for Youth Centre Teams

The new season for the football club started with the girls on Saturday, first up the under 11 girls at their central venue starting their first season of competitive football playing local rivals Bishop Auckland St Marys and Lumley Girls.

Both these teams have played for a couple of seasons, but the girls battled for every ball and a resolute defence and excellent goal keeping give us 2 excellent 0-0 draws. Our under 13 girls had no fixture this week but our under 16 travelled North to play Lumley a close first half saw the hosts leading 1-0, our girls carried on battling but with no subs to call on it was Lumley who finished the strongest winning the game 5-0.

It was over to the boys on Sunday for their opening league games, the Under 7's at home to Darlington Spraire and Under 8 away to the same club. Both our teams played some excellent football in a positive manner and continue to improve in this non competitive competition with no results being published. The emphasis is on learning the game without being driven by results, which is totally embraced by the football club.

Competition started for under 9s but our Eagles had a week off so it was over to our Falcons v Darlington TSC and took a little while for the boys to get a grip of the game but with a marked improvement in the second half the lads ran out winners 3-1, goals from Scott 2 and Edwards 1. The under 10 Falcons also have to wait till next week to start their season

so it was centre stage for our under 10 Eagles at home to a very strong Darlington TSC. The lads worked hard and had several good efforts but it wasn't their day with TSC eventually running out winners. The under 11's travelled to Billingham Synthonia for the first ever 11 a side game. The sun was blazing down but the boys got off to a flier with a goal from Shaw. The pressure continued from Aycliffe but outstanding work from the host keeper kept the lads at bay. Billingham then built up the pressure scoring 2 quick goals. The lads were now chasing for an equaliser but conceded a third on the counter attack final score 3-1. Our under 12's were in County Cup action and had the long travel to Ryton & Crawcrook playing on a pitch the size of wembley on a red hot day the lads started brightly but a penalty to the hosts made it 1-0 at half time. The lads now needed to start playing football and they obliged matching their opponents in every department. 2

goals from Bird, one a well struck penalty and one from Breckon saw the lads secure a great 3-1 win.

No games for either our Under 13 Eagles or Falcons so over to our under 14's who were promoted last season, travelled to Teesside to play Brinkburn. The lads had a perfect start with a convincing 7-1 win. A hat trick from Gash, was backed up by Barras, McWaters, Dawson and Samuels.

The under 15 were at home v Boro Rangers and they kicked off the season in style with goals from Mitchell 5, Nicholls 4, Dobinson, Fitzgerald and Banner to run out winners 12-3

The Under 16's, another of our promoted sides took on a strong North Ormesby. The lads had several chances to take the lead but eventually scored just before half time. This was followed early in the second half. The game and the points were secured with a 3rd goal. Whitfield 2, Wilson 1, final score 3-0. For more information about the football club visit <http://www.naycafc.co.uk>

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