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The Service of Holy Communion contained music by the Church Choir and "Shine" the newly formed choir made up from members of various youth groups at St. Clares. They sang with great confidence and the interlude included a farewell song specially written for Linda and her husband Norman. Linda was keen to stress that her ministry was shared by her husband and it was a partnership. She spoke of the changes she made and the number of feathers she had ruffled in the process, but insisted her time at St. Clares had been memorable and

she would carry the love and friendship for everyone in her heart.

Part of the Service was the dedication of "Stations of the Cross", plaques donated to the Church and members of the congregation placed them on the walls.

Afterward the congregation of wellwishers moved into the hall for the usual high quality buffet tea provided by Church members. There was an opportunity for more speechmaking and presentations of gifts to Linda and Norman including a memento from the Mayor on behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council. Another chapter has closed in the history of St. Clares and as the Rector leaves everyone will wonder who will replace her and what changes he or she will introduce. A 6 month interregnum is expected.



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# What Whoppers!



The Royal British Legion Leek, Vegetable and Flower Show was held on Saturday 15th September. Despite being a bad year for growing it was still a very successful show. The best leeks was won by Dennis Spooner with 176 c ins. If any reader would like to join the Leek Club please come along to a meeting on Sunday 23rd September at 11.30 am in the concert hall or pop in and see Billy Rowland on Monday 24th at 8.00pm in the Legion Bar.

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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

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.

Saturday 6th October - "THYN LIZZY"

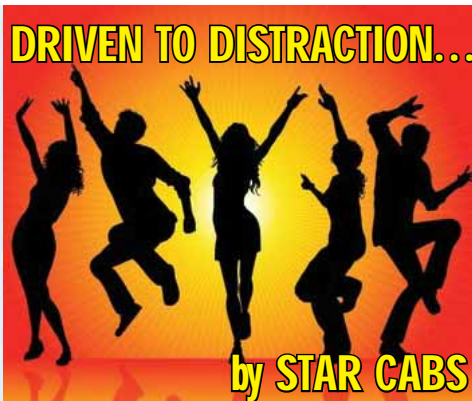
"Just got back from the THYN LIZZY gig at the Sandy Outdoor Tent. All I can say is, Phil Lynott dead? I don't think so . . . Jeezus H Christ, the dual guitars were incredible and the drummer was outstanding and I was totally humbled by Glenn on bass. Don't believe a word was cool as out with a blues intro (5 minutes) and then the usual version to finish it off was such a contrast and skillfully done. 'Boys' was great and 'Dancing in the Moonlight' with Kenny Sax guesting was sublime as was the Kayleigh inspired Emerald. Awesome guys, made my hellbent weekend!" - gig pit review

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research. A member of staff agreed to have all of his hair cut off to have it turned into a wig for children who have unfortunately lost their hair. At the end of the celebration, all of the lucky schools received an ENORMOUS box of goodies! They also received a tin of Celebration chocolates. To finish the amazing event, Newton News took a photo of all the children and staff together. This was truly an event to remember!

By Logan Armstrong and Jessica McKenzie  
Year 6, Vane Road Primary School

## OAKS CLOSURE RUMOUR

Dear Sir,  
I have heard through the grapevine that "The Oaks", who provide Day Care for the most vulnerable people is going to close! Can this be true and if so what will be in its place that is affordable? As a full time carer myself I know what it is like and respite is needed for the health of carers.

Is this going to be like Shafto House where our Councillors say nothing? I know that there are big changes coming to the D.L.A. next year with P.I.P., a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for eligible working age people aged 16 to 64.

The following is on the DWP website: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/>

"The Government is committed to supporting disabled people to lead independent and active lives. It recognises that disabled people can face additional challenges to leading independent lives and is committed to maintaining an extra-cost, non-means-tested disability benefit to support disabled people"

What about the people who cannot think or look after themselves? There is little enough help out there already. It seems that we have to find out for ourselves about The Oaks closure as our Councillors don't want to tell us in case the news will lose them our vote!

Lileen Cuthbertson

## CASH PRIZES FOR WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE AT AGNEW



"Arriba Community Weight Loss Newton Aycliffe" was launched in July 2012 by local mum Jules Baxter. Agnew Community Centre. The wellness and weight loss class has proven very popular and has achieved some great results for ladies who joined for the first 6 week slim down.

The classes take participants through a 12 week course, teaching them about different aspects of nutrition - related to wellness and weight loss. As well as a weekly weigh in and a different topic of learning each week, every participant has a one to one appointment so that their specific nutrition and diet problems can be addressed. As well as measuring weight,

body fat %, muscle mass, hydration, metabolic age and visceral fat are looked at and monitored over the weeks so that participants get to see their statistics improving which really helps in terms of motivation.

Arriba! Club Leader Jules says "The unique mix of education and motivation, with the added incentive of winning a cash prize is providing Newton Aycliffe slimmer's with a solution that works".

People have lost weight, improved their health and made new friends. The classes are informal and friendly and are proving popular with men as well as women. Whether you have a few inches, several stone to lose or just want to learn how to eat healthier this group can help you.

The 12 week Weight Loss Challenge is £39. The finishing prizes of up to £600 are based on percentage body weight lost so every person has a fair chance.

The next challenge started on Thursday 13th September 2012 at 6.30pm at Agnew Community Centre. For more information or to book please call Jules on 07966 968388 or find me on facebook: [www.facebook.com/arribanewtonaycliffe](http://www.facebook.com/arribanewtonaycliffe)

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## Training Leads to Instant Job for Unemployed Martin

A new fund which finances training for unemployed people in Newton Aycliffe and Middridge to enable them to find work is celebrating another success story.

Martin Dunn had been unemployed for six months before taking a three day PCV (passenger carrying vehicles) driving course and test. Within a week he had secured a job as a coach driver.

Martin, from Newton Aycliffe, is the latest to benefit from the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area Employability Skills Fund. The project has been funded via the GAMP Area Budget, Durham County Councillors Gray, Gittins, Bowman, Dixon, Paylor, Moran and Iveson's Neighbourhood Budget and partners including Bishop Auckland

College, living (formerly Sedgefield Borough Homes), South Durham Enterprise Agency and MEARS.

Martin, whose funding application had been supported by his advisor at Newton Aycliffe Job Centre and approved by the GAMP panel, said "The funding is a massive boost to people like me who are actively seeking employment."

"There are far too many people who would like to undertake training but are unable to due to the lack of funding and opportunities available to them. I had already saved up myself and paid for a forklift licence in a bid to enhance my employment opportunities, but this was still to no avail."

"There is no way I could have saved the money yet again to put myself through another course. I would like to extend my thanks and

gratitude to Newton Aycliffe Job Centre and the GAMP panel for giving me this chance."

Claire Todd, Learning & Skills Coordinator based at Bishop Auckland College's Newgate Learning Centre, is appealing for more unemployed people who think they could obtain work through specific training to apply to the fund.

She said: "This is an encouraging example of how training can help people get back into work in what is still a difficult economic climate. We are delighted to hear of this success story, which is not in isolation, and the positive impact the fund has had."

Anyone who is unemployed and would like information on the training fund can contact Claire at claire.todd@bacoll.ac.uk or on 01388 443078.

## Council's Buddy Scheme for Community Centre Asset Transfer

A buddy scheme is set to help local people have more control over community buildings and ensure they are accessible and thriving for people now and in the future. A project to transfer control of these buildings to local people and groups is regarded as one of the biggest and most ambitious asset transfer projects in the country.

By transferring community centres and village halls to community groups and trusts, Durham County Council hopes to safeguard these valuable spaces and ensure these facilities are available for community use both now and for future generations. Cllr Simon Henig, leader of the Council, said: "We are carrying out this work in recognition of the vital service these buildings provide. We want to ensure their future in these difficult times and make sure they continue to be the hub of the community where people want to meet to socialise."

Through consultation with the community the council has recognised the need to provide local people with help and support and the innovative Buddy Scheme was created to provide support to community groups using the halls and centres to take control of their buildings.

As well as the buddies, the County Council has put in place a specialist community buildings support team to assist the project. Officers are currently visiting management groups to provide help, organise training and monitor building works.

Four 'buddies', who are themselves very experienced in managing asset transfer are going to give informal support on promoting new ideas, increasing volunteers, generating further income, encouraging new activities and employing people.

Peter Kay, chief officer and company secretary of

Ouseburn Trust, Simeon Ripley, chief executive for Linskill and North Tyneside Development Trust, Steve Grey, company director with the Activity Den in Tanfield Lea and Yvonne Probert an executive officer with Prudhoe Community Partnership will each buddy up with five community building management groups to offer support during their asset transfer journey. Simeon Ripley said: "I became involved in the buddy scheme because I've completed three community asset transfers of community centres and wanted to share my experiences, knowledge and key contacts with the community groups about to embark on the same thing within County Durham."

The first community building management groups to benefit from working with a Buddy will be from Burnopfield,

Ludworth, Quarrington Hill, Shotton and Stanley and as the scheme is rolled out more management groups will be offered a buddy to work with. Community building management groups going through asset transfer who would like a buddy to work with can contact community building training and information officer: Susan Abson on: 03000 263 599 for more information

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Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful teams who took part in our 3rd It's a Knockout competition, which is one of our biggest fundraising events. What a magnificent day it was! Eleven teams of 10 men and women from

across the local area, not only had a great time but with one goal in mind—to raise as much money as possible for the wonderful work of Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. Well done!! The winning team was the Inbetweeners and the team with the silliest name was “I’m Saksy And I Know It”. Here at the hospice we were delighted that our It’s a Knockout competition captured the imagination of so many. A huge thank you for taking part, and to all the people who have kindly sponsored you. £6,800 was pledged on the day, this is a fantastic sum which will make a large contribution to our annual running costs of £3.7 million.

Wine Tasting

St Elizabeth’s Church at Woodham is holding a Wine Tasting Evening on Tuesday 25th September at 7pm. This is your opportunity to prove you ae a connoisseur and enjoy the evening in good company. Tickets £4, available from Euncie on 317035. Over 18’s only.

Dear Sir  
Arun Chandran’s letter to the Newton News is, sadly, typical of the insular thinking and cherry-picking attitudes to data which so typifies the “skeptc” set.  
Let us establish a framework in which to have this discussion. We live on a finite planet with a finite amount of prehistoric carbon to burn. We also live in a growing human population, with a current global energy demand of 18 Trillion KWH expected to increase to 31 Trillion KWH by 2030. Approximately 85% of total current energy use comes from fossil carbon sources. In order to keep current global carbon fuel use constant, we need to engage in a year on year reduction in our use of carbon-based fuels that far outpaces current growth in renewables. Practically, with all the best intentions in the world, and allowing for environmentally damaging extraction techniques like fracking, demand for and all forms of fossil carbon fuel will continue to rise, while supply will decrease. The simplest economic formula in the world, the law of supply and demand, tells us that the price of carbon fuel will rise. Natural gas is the most variably priced fossil fuel, with prices veering sharply between peaks

and troughs (rather than oil’s generally slow but unstoppable increase). Gas prices recently crashed, following a number of Shale Gas reserves coming into the market, but nobody believes this is a sustainable low and many analysts are cautioning against assuming this is not an artificial underpricing, liable for sudden correction soon. Further, current best projections put us at around 60-90 years of natural gas reserves. This is not as good as it sounds (this is to say, not as good as “all the gas will be long gone by the year 2100”) because cheap reserves will be extracted and burned first, so by 2040-60 we’ll be left with the more difficult, i.e. pricier, gas and oil reserves. Within our lifetimes we are likely to see average gas prices more than triple, with the potential for volatile spikes to a much higher level. This can only be exacerbated by the process of increasingly relying on gas power for grid electricity. Now, Mr Chandran’s article against wind is hard to engage with on the specifics, because he veers so wildly from number to number, picking evidence to support one assertion and then proving himself wrong when he has something else to say. For example, he describes a target of building 30,000

turbines to produce an average of 12,300MW capacity as “delusional,” “pure wishful thinking,” and “driven by an obsession that can only (only!) result in our computer-driven economy grinding to a halt.” Towards the end of the letter, Mr Chandran changes course, bemoaning that Lord Deben stands to make money from the “thousands of turbines” on his Forewind’s Dogger Bank wind farm, which has a target nameplate capacity of 9,000MW by 2020. Together with the other Crown Estate projects, installed wind capacity in the UK is estimated to be 27,800 MW by 2020, more than double the capacity Mr Chandran believed was not just impossible to achieve, but likely to drive us all to the brink of the apocalypse. Of course, wind is not the only “renewable” as Mr Chandran so scare-quotingly puts it. Solar currently only constitutes a fraction of the energy requirements in the UK, but the potential for south-facing residential and commercial rooftop installation to reduce baseline load is a staggering example of the power of arithmetic. Many people are already seeing the advantages of “free” solar installations (really a kind of roof-leasing project) which cut the amount of electricity they

need to pull from the National Grid in half. Demand reduction and efficiency are key to any new energy strategy. Relying solely on any single source of energy is a recipe for high electricity prices, but so is excluding non carbon sources in a century where the carbon is becoming increasingly scarce. Mr Chandran is on slightly firmer, if still very obviously cherry-picked, territory with his overreliance on the conclusions drawn by Prof Hughes and the GWPF (which, for all its attempts to give itself a veneer of objectivity, is a Think Tank founded by a Climate Change Denialist). Switching to a new energy mix, particularly if we want to do so in short order, is likely to be expensive, inefficient, and to create various market distortions with unintended second-order effects along the way. But the necessity to bootstrap a non-carbon energy industry does not go away just because it is difficult and complicated. There will not magically be more natural gas left in the ground in 2050 just because NIMBYs have an aversion to wind energy. The longer we wait, the more expensive, difficult and disruptive the inevitable transition will be. Had we started in the 1970s, we could be sat atop a world-

leading renewables sector, with second or third generation engineering expertise in wind, solar, geothermal and tidal generation. We did not, so we must now attempt to chivvy ourselves along behind other countries. There is no perfect solution, and sulking until we get one is no strategy. I suspect that many of us would rather our local councillors were trying to attract new technologies and industries to the region rather than trying to chase them away. It will cost £124 Billion to bootstrap our wind industry up to target by 2020, will it? Brilliant. How much of that £124 Billion investment can be spent in Co Durham? How can our local municipal authorities ensure a better return to local people from this new industry? Coal miners and their families are still getting free coal, after all. Is it beyond the realms of possibility that local councils and MPs who stopped being pointlessly obstructionist could instead use their power to bargain for lower electricity costs to those whose homes and businesses came within the radius of a wind farm? Is it really in the best interests of the North East for those elected to represent us to consider it their duty to stand athwart history shouting “Stop”? Phil Roberts

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The British Council contacted Greenfield Community College last week to inform them that they have been successful in gaining the Full International School Award and are therefore accredited for three years from 1st September 2012 to 31st August 2015. The British Council adjudicating panel were delighted with the hard work and commitment shown by the college and gave high praise indeed for the international activities that are currently taking place within the school, giving students a greater understanding about the world in which they live. The British Council commented that: “At Greenfield Community College there is a very positive commitment to developing and embedding a whole school commitment to international work. Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work. You are a credit to the wider community.” “We at the British Council hope that the scope of your excellent international activities will continue to develop and benefit the school community”

Both students and staff at Greenfield Community College have benefitted from 19 international projects that have taken place over the last two years. Partnerships with international schools in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, France, South Korea and Papua New Guinea have allowed students to establish an outward looking attitude and make international living become a reality. Teachers have benefitted from working with and visiting colleagues from across the globe, developing strategies for teaching and learning and sharing expertise. The relationships that the school has developed with local schools have also allowed students to establish positive working groups within our own community, working together on exciting international projects. The projects within the curriculum are well supported by the range of many opportunities for international travel and enrichment outside of the normal curriculum including the annual ski residential and several opportunities to be involved in exciting ‘World Challenge’ expeditions. The school also visit Germany and France as part of the linking work

developed to enhance relationships between Greenfield and European partners. The school aims to continue its work within the international dimension, so much so that the teaching has been strengthened with a year’s placement from a native speaking French teacher. Marie Acosta joins the teaching staff to work within the MFL, Performing Arts and PE departments as well as supporting the school’s exciting Comenius project with French partners which is proving to be a fabulous learning experience for all involved. The international dimension at Greenfield Community College has started to show significant improvements on overall attainment and standards. The commitment to internationalism is mirrored by the ever increasing popularity of Modern Foreign Languages at GCSE level which showed a huge improvement in performance this summer. The department achieved 75% A\*-C grades which also had a significant impact on the number of students achieving the EBacc qualification which rose significantly to 27%, [above the national average]

Tara & Katey Celebrate In Style

Upholding the Greenfield tradition of excellent school attendance over five years, Tara Chegwiddden and Katey Waters joined friends, family and teachers in a celebration of this significant achievement. Newcastle football stadium provided the impressive back drop to a wonderfully proud occasion. “It’s a real joy” said Melanie Stubbs, Assistant Headteacher at Greenfield “to see the commitment of our students their parents and carers recognised”. Punctuality and outstanding attendance are valued by colleges, universities and employers. It is good to know that we are preparing our students by equipping them with more than just brilliant academic qualifications. Caroline O’Neal, Head of Education for Durham, praised Tara and Katey’s commitment and their proud parents reflected on the girls’ determination to never miss a valuable day of learning. All our students are expected to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance and we are delighted that the attendance figures of our students beat all government targets. However, we are not complacent Tara and Katey have shown us once again that 100% is possible!



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## P.A.C.T. Meeting

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## COUNCILLOR HIGHLIGHTS DANGERS OF THE BURN



Dear Sir,  
I have received a number of complaints from residents about rats and the general lack of attention being paid to the condition of The Burn. Following a discussion earlier this year with our two County Councillors it was muted this would be put into a scheduled scheme for maintenance. As you can see from the photo nothing has been done and as a result there are a number of dangers including vermin, flooding and danger to children and dogs that play in his area. If attention were paid to this on a quarterly basis this risk would be greatly reduced and as such provide a safer and more pleasant environment for all residents. George C Gray  
Councillor for West Ward

## Try Something New This Autumn!

Greenfield has lots to offer this term, and although some courses are just about to begin there is still time to find out what is on and try something new. Don't be beaten by the weather this autumn, come to Greenfield, you will be provided with a warm welcome. Courses include . . . fused glass, ceramics, art class, guitars, singing, learn to knit and more! Plus if you're looking to get into shape after summer, meet new friends and get fit, then check out what Greenfield has to offer for fitness classes. We have a number of different classes to come along to and have fun, including Zumba (Monday and Thursday), Bokwa on a Wednesday and Street Fit (Tuesdays from 9th October). Don't forget - there is a new artist exhibiting their work in the Craft Cabinets - Christine Bowron creates beautiful knitted accessories and garments - all handmade! The work in the cabinets is for sale and a great place to pick up a unique gift! To find out more information, contact us on 01325 379048, email us [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## JUNIOR ACORNS

The Junior ACORNs met for their first time last week with a good turn out for their inaugural meeting.

Many things were discussed including looking into bowling etc every month and how we could go forward in including the youth in the things we do with ACORN. With that in mind we discussed parties and have now started to organize a Halloween Party on Saturday 27th October at the leisure centre in the Sycamore Suite. Tickets are now on sale for the nominal sum of £1 please contact Ken Robson on 01325 321471 for tickets. It will be a family party with children welcome for the duration (under 16's to be accompanied by a responsible adult) there will be fancy dress and Halloween decoration competitions more news on these to follow next week. The party will start at 5pm and be finished by 10pm to give parents chance to get their children home before the pubs come out and taxi's should be easier to book.

Keith Lovejoy  
Youth Co-ordinator

## MOTOR TORQUE



With most children returning to school in County Durham, September can be prove to be an expensive month for parents. New uniforms, bags, coats and shoes are usually top of the list of expenditure.

Changing schools can also provide another set of challenges. Peer pressure often means children wish to walk or cycle home from school on their own. Even those children yet to make the leap from primary school to secondary school, often ask to make their own way home during the final year of school. It's estimated around 600,000 children will swap primary school to secondary school during September 2012. Of that number 550 will lose their lives on the roads this year alone. Changing school can be a significant factor in this number. A recent report estimates that children between the age of 5 and 14 are five times more likely to die in a road related accident than by assault.

The change of journey, after school clubs and even new friends, can provide distractions for our children. One way we can help, is to practice the school route together. Look out for danger spots and where the safest places are to cross the road. Obstacles such as trees, gaps between parked cars can be invisible to our children and also make our children invisible to us the motorist.

As drivers we too can do our bit to make the journey to and from school safer. Be aware of peak hours when using your car. Early morning in particular can be a time when many of us are tired and slower to react. Always stay within the speed limit and expect the unexpected when driving through the school rush hour.

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# Banker Donates £1 Million

Philanthropist Jonathan Ruffer has today donated £1million towards tackling social deprivation and creating jobs in County Durham.

Investment banker Jonathan and his wife Jane made the decision to give County Durham Community Foundation the money to distribute on their behalf to cement their commitment to the local area.

The couple recently saved the Zurbaran paintings from being bought up and leaving the area with a £15million donation, and are restoring Auckland Castle with plans to develop it into a Christian Heritage Centre and a major tourist attraction.

Both have a love of County Durham and are passionate about supporting regeneration in deprived areas. Jonathan, who was born in Stokesley near Middlesbrough believes the North East needs to sparkle again.

"I am keen to support and build teams that will improve social deprivation and empower people," said Jonathan. "You might say that County Durham Community Foundation is one of those teams and by allowing them - as the local experts - to reach the parts that need help most, that leaves me time to channel my energies into developing my Auckland Castle project."

Although they won't be involved in the day-to-day decisions, the community foundation has developed



programmes that match Jonathan and Jane's charitable aims of helping people back into employment, raising aspirations and fulfilling potential - very much in line with County Durham Community Foundation's core purpose.

The £1m gift is the largest to the Foundation and provides a substantial uplift in their grant-making. It allows the Foundation to look more strategically at how they fill gaps that are currently underfunded and will complement 150 other funds to provide a more 'rounded' range of grants.

They will be engaging with statutory authorities (Durham County Council, Darlington Borough Council, the Health Authority), current providers

and reviewing the needs of local areas to ensure the money is used to best effect.

The Foundation works in collaboration with other agencies like Groundwork, Acumen, the Prince's Trust and National Apprenticeship Association, we can pool resources and make more of an impact on those that need it most.

They have agreed areas of priority and spending guidelines with Jonathan and Jane but all grant decisions will be made by CDCF and all applications must be made directly to them.

Grants will be to community groups and individuals and priority areas will be getting people into work, improving health and supporting opportunity.

# DOES YOUR DISABLED CHILD HAVE THE RIGHT LEVEL OF DLA?

Dear Sir

As the Coalition Government introduces changes to the benefits system, Contact a Family - the only UK charity that supports families with a disabled child whatever their condition or disability - is worried that local families could be missing out on the financial support they are entitled to.

Additional costs in transport, heating, special food and clothing means it costs around three-times more to raise a disabled child. This is on top of the difficulty of combining caring and working.

Research we recently carried out shows that a quarter of families with disabled children are going without food and a third without heating because they cannot afford it. Many are extremely worried about how planned government benefit and welfare changes will impact on their families' income.

Despite changes to many benefits, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children aged 0-15 remains the same. DLA is designed

to help cover some of the additional costs of disability and is often the 'passport' to other sources of financial help.

DLA can make a real difference to your family's income but many don't claim this benefit because they don't know they are entitled.

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For more information about Contact a Family visit [www.cafamil.org.uk](http://www.cafamil.org.uk) Srabani Sen

# Benefit Claims Take Too Long to Process

Dear Sir,  
In reply to the letter from Don Fraser recently, how right he is regarding housing benefit claims. Due to circumstances I had to claim housing benefits this year.

I had to keep phoning them to see how my claim was progressing and everyone you speak to tells you something different.

It is appalling the length of time it takes to be processed. On talking to other people I

think I was one of the lucky ones as mine compared to others took a relative short space of time. Some cases are taking months. This situation really does need looking at as the other thing that slows it all down is you cannot claim housing benefit until you have claimed some other benefit i.e. pension credits. I feel the whole system needs a review.

Jeannie Reid  
Osbert Place

# Can't Buy Pretty Vans

Dear Sir,

In reply to the complaint over vans parking in streets: I don't know where to buy pretty vans, all of my vans over the last 15 years are working vehicles, and not a pretty one in sight.

I have also paid good money for my home, pay my council tax, income tax, but I also have to pay corporation tax (van tax) so I pay quite a lot more than most people.

My vans are driven by different employees who live in different parts of the town, in parking bays or on their own estates.

I used to park on the main road but people complained it was too near the junction so now I park half on the road, half on the verge. I believe that as long as my vans are legal and are parked responsibly I do not need to explain my actions to anyone. I have written to the Council asking for parking bays on the roadside. We pay one of the highest council taxes in the country, and if the council would spend some of our money on parking bays there will be enough room for van drivers to park hassle-free. Phil Parsley

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10.30-11.00	CXWORX™	2

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9.30-10.15	SH'BAM™	1
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17.15-18.00	Zumba®	1
17.30-18.00	CXWORX™	2
18.00-19.00	BodyAttack™	1
18.00-19.00	BodyPump™	2
19.00-19.45	BodyCombat™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyBalance™	1

TUESDAY		
TIME	CLASS	STUDIO
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
9.30-10.15	Zumba®	2
10.30-11.30	Pilates®	1

12.15-13.00	BodyPump™	2
13.00-13.45	BodyStep™	2

17.15-18.00	BodyBalance™	1
17.15-18.00	Circuits	2
18.00-19.00	BodyStep™	2
18.00-18.30	CXWORX™	1
18.30-19.30	BodyAttack™	1
19.00-19.45	BodyPump™	2

FRIDAY		
TIME	CLASS	STUDIO
6.30-7.15	BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2

12.15-12.45	Bokwa®	1
12.45-13.15	Fitball	1

17.15-18.00	Bokwa®	1
17.45-18.30	BodyPump™	2
18.00-18.45	SH'BAM™	1
18.30-19.15	BodyStep™	2
18.45-19.15	CXWORX™	1

WEDNESDAY		
TIME	CLASS	STUDIO
6.30-7.15	BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyStep™	2
9.30-10.15	Basic Aerobics	1

12.15-12.45	BodyPump™	2
12.45-13.15	CXWORX™	2

17.15-18.00	Fitball	1
17.45-18.30	Boxercise®	2
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.30-19.00	CXWORX™	2
19.00-19.45	SH'BAM™	1
19.00-20.00	BodyPump™	2

SATURDAY		
TIME	CLASS	STUDIO
9.30-10.00	CXWORX™	1
10.00-10.45	BodyCombat™	1
11.00-11.45	BodyPump™	2

SUNDAY		
TIME	CLASS	STUDIO
10.00-11.00	BodyPump™	2
11.00-12.00	BodyAttack™	1
16.15-17.15	BodyStep™	2
17.30-18.15	Fitball	1



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## Farewell Service for Rector



## Correct Selection of Councillors for Election

Dear Sir,  
I refer to the totally inaccurate letter in Newton News by Mrs Brown, Kelly & Howe and wish to correct them and then consider the matter closed. There is no block vote and all voting is done by secret ballot. Secondly, no one family could manage to lobby the 38 people present all Aycliffe West member. The 11 executive members present also had a vote. The family in question could only manage 4 votes as a block which normally happens at all elections - families do vote together. It is not the people's choice it is the Labour Party's choice and is governed by the rules of the party. If you are not a member of the club you don't have a voice this is the way it works in all the main party's be it Labour, Lib/Dem, or Conservative - all choose their candidates via a member-only vote. Elected members have 4 years after an election and it is up to them to make sure they

campaign and get support so that they are selected next time round. Elected members should always make sure they don't fall out with their supporters as that is a sure way of failing. Apart from the few executive members present to break the tie, only members from the Aycliffe West Division voted. My area of concentration is Aycliffe North & Middridge. To sum up there was no collusion and it was administered in accordance with the rules of the Party and everybody was given a fair hearing. If people want a say in who their candidate is, then they need to join the club not winge on after the vote. Whether you are Labour, Conservative or Lib/Dem they all select in a similar way and it is the members of that club who decide. Nobody has asked who has been selected in the other areas or complained about their selection, all of which was done the same way. The problem arose because we had too many candidates for too few places and as sometimes happens, an outsider can win the race.  
Vince Crosby

## New Residents Association at Horndale

A number of residents on the Horndale estate and surrounding area are looking to start a Residents Association. A meeting has been organised for Wednesday 26th September at the Evangelical Church, Ladybower. Anyone interested is welcome to come along at 6pm to discuss how we go forward with this proposal. Philip Clark

## Why Did the Scotsman Cross Britain?

Xcel Church are delighted to host Mark Ritchie as he walks across Britain carrying a cross. His event 'Why Did The Scotsman Cross Britain?' will take place this Sunday 23rd September at the Xcel Centre. Mark is a passionate Scotsman who is on what some might describe as a odd sort of journey. In 70 days he will walk 700 miles carrying a cross. He will also host 30 events with the aim of reaching over 7000 people with the message of the cross. This event starts at 6pm and is FREE. Mark will mix his a unique blend of humour and story telling to help present the Gospel message. Everyone is welcome and a full children's programme will be available throughout the performance. For more information please contact Xcel Church on 08454505871 or check out www.crossbritain.co.uk

## Last Barbecue of Summer



When the residents of Aycliffe Care Home were told that it was the end of summer, they laughed, joked and said that we hadn't had a summer! Rebelling we decided to have a Barbeque, a glass of fizzy stuff and hoped that the rain would stay away. It was a bit on the chilly side but we still managed to have a lovely afternoon.

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## Macmillan Coffee Event at Lagoon

'Lagoon' Hair, Nails and Beauty salon in Woodham are inviting everyone in the area to come and support the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning event which will be held every day during the week commencing 24th September 2012. During the whole 5 days there will be tea, coffee, homemade cakes, savouries and biscuits available. Everyone is invited to come along and support the Macmillan charity event held at 'Lagoon' 3 St Elizabeth Close, Woodham.

## GREENFIELD ON TOUR

Greenfield's interactive installation "pro energy" has been on tour this month to Chilton Community Primary School. The whole school have used it to get creative and make their own design ideas.

They have explored the exhibition that uses light, sound and movement to help us think about our lifestyle choices. The installation was originally made by Greenfield Year 9 students in 2009 to explore energy in and energy out. Since then over 10,230 have used it and it has toured to over 12 venues including primary schools in Durham and Sunderland

and festivals including "Celebrate Science". Pro energy is off to Redcar next to be used by Ryehill School and several primary partners. If you are interested in using this installation or finding out more please contact us 01325 379048 or email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Coffee Morning

Bluebell Community Centre are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28th September at 10am. Come and join us for scones and cakes and a raffle with lots of good prizes.

## Aycliffe Couple Wed in Camden Town



Stephen Boyd and Helen Moore were married in Camden Town on August 18th but also had a Wedding Blessing at St. Andrews Church on September 1st at Aycliffe Village. Both are from Newton Aycliffe and attended the Avenue School. "Boyd" is a Health Care Worker and Helen is employed at Newton

Aycliffe Young People's Centre as a residential worker. The couple are fans of Madness Ska music and are honeymooning at a Madness weekend at Butlins in Somerset.

## Specsavers £250 Thrilling Competition

Are you looking for a hair-raising book to curl up with in front of the fire this autumn? Then Specsavers and The Crime Thriller Awards have the perfect answer.

The Specsavers Crime Thriller Awards champion the UK's most wanted in literature, TV and film. This year's ceremony will take place on Thursday 18 October at London's Grosvenor House Hotel and will be televised on ITV3 on Tuesday 23 October, in association with the Crime Writers' Association, Cactus TV and ITV3.

To celebrate, Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe is offering all Newton News readers the chance to win a set of 10 criminally good novels penned by some of this year's shortlisted authors, including Stuart MacBride, Jo Nesbo, Ann Cleeves and Anthony Horowitz.

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The County Council intend to close to vehicular traffic, from Monday 1st October 2012 a 170 metre length of Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe. C39 at its junctions with Preston Road. The closure, which is being effected by means of Notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. The anticipated duration of the closure is 2 days.

An alternative route will be available to traffic from: The western side of the closure southwards along Preston Road to its junction with Whinbank Road and northwards along Windbank Road to its junction with Horndale Avenue and westwards along Horndale Avenue to the eastern side of the closure and vice versa. From the eastern side of the closure eastwards along Horndale Avenue to its junction with Northfield Way and north and westwards along Northfield Way to its junction with Horndale Avenue and the northern side of the closure and vice versa.



### YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

for September 2013 entry

**All prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to attend an evening with information from the Headteacher, Mrs. C. Forsyth, and a guided tour of the school's facilities**

**Open Evening:**  
Thursday 27th September 6.00 pm - 8.00 p.m.  
**Open Day:**  
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## Free LGBT Event at Durham

A joint health initiative LGBT event is on at the Gala Theatre Durham on Friday 28th September.

Out In Durham is a free ticketed initiative by Safe Spaces in partnership with DISC, NHS Foundation Trust and AGE UK for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) friendly community.

It's going to be a fun and exciting evening but it will also help to reach people across County Durham and Darlington to discuss what is needed for the LGBT

community in terms of safe spaces, services and other creative ideas to make County Durham and Darlington a safer and more pleasant place.

With special performances from Gay Pride UK soul singer Sam Dickinson and the Northern Proud Voices Choir the event runs from 7.30pm - 11pm in the Studio (top floor) of the Gala Theatre. To reserve your FREE tickets please contact e-mail:

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## GREENFIELD ROOM HIRE

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## COFFEE MORNING

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning at The Cubby on Wednesday 26th September from 9am - 1pm.

All are welcome to this wonderful event where there will be a special guest selling products to make you relax, there will also be a raffle.

We have lots of items to choose from for sale. Please come to this wonderful event and support our fundraising at The Cubby

## Autumn Craft & Gifts Fayre

On Saturday 29th September we are holding an Autumn Craft & Gifts Fayre at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

There will 20 stalls attending hoping to attract you with their various displays of crafts and gifts. It's not too early too start your Christmas shopping!

Items on sale will include cards, jewellery, woodturning, soaps, photography, needlework, toiletries, craft materials, paintings, cushions, door

plaques, knitting, cakes etc.. Some of the stallholders will be demonstrating their crafts. You can also try your hand at crafting by taking part in card making and painting workshops being held throughout the day.

And don't forget to sample our bacon butties and great value Methodist lunches and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you from 10am - 2pm. Come along and pick up a bargain. A warm welcome awaits you.

## Greenfield College Sculpture Refurbished



The start of the new term not only signified the return of pupils to school feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of another year, it also saw the sculpture 'Building on and Building up' returned to its former glory.

The sculpture, which is a key landmark on Greenfield Way, was refurbished during the summer break thanks to support received from local businesses and organisations. Fundraising for the refurbishment was kick-started by a very generous donation from Trevor Needham, on behalf of Aycliffe Running Club, following the hosting of 'The 3M 10K and Fun Run' at Greenfield on 17th June. The school subsequently sought other sponsorship, but this was unsuccessful and the school thought the project could not proceed.

After discussing our predicament with David Spensley at Aycliffe Fabrications he was able to offer a further discount for the work, as well as securing

further discounts from David Icton at Cornforth Industrial Services who were providing the paint. Due to generous contributions and support from our local community the refurbishment was able to be completed ready for the start of the new term.

Head Teacher David Priestley said "On behalf of the school I thank everyone who has been involved in the refurbishment. This project clearly demonstrates a commitment to partnership working in our local community".

The sculpture originally fabricated by Aycliffe Fabrications in 1999 and designed by artist Paul Lewthwaite, has come to symbolise the ambitious and continued development of Greenfield as part of our community.

Greenfield Community College has seen year on year improvements and the school enjoyed record results this year as well as achieving national recognition for the range of opportunities given to young people.

## Great North Poet at Greenfield

Greenfield Community College are very proud to be working with performance poet Kate Fox this term to explore ways to develop literacy and communication. Kate has performed many times on radio 4, TV shows including daily politics, the Edinburgh Festival and is also the Great North Run poet in residence.

Kate worked with us on a national project last year and has asked to come back to Greenfield again! Kate recently delivered a staff training session to all Greenfield Staff that was humorous, intelligent and engaging, it gave us all a great flavour of how powerful the techniques used

in performance poetry can be. Kate will be working with the English Department at Greenfield and all of our year 8 students to develop a performance poetry project called "slam it!". The project will culminate in an exciting live slam event.

Kate and colleague and professional performance poet, Jeff Price, are also working at Chilton Community Primary school this term and running a performance poetry project with key stage 2.

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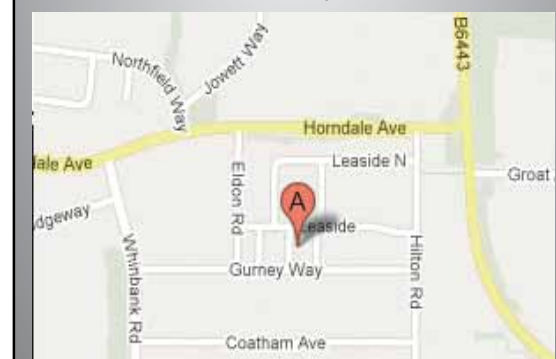
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## New Pastor for Aycliffe Evangelical Church



Tony Simpson has been appointed the new Pastor of Aycliffe Evangelical Church and takes over from John Rubens, who has served for fifteen years.

Tony and his wife Anna have two children and have recently moved into Aycliffe having completed three years of training at the London Theological Seminary. Whilst in London Tony served as Assistant Pastor at Highgate Road Chapel.

Born and raised in York in 1996 Tony moved to Birmingham to take a Sports Science degree at the University.

On his retirement at the end of August, Pastor John Rubens said, "It has been a great privilege to have worked with Aycliffe Evangelical Church, to see it grow and obtain its own building where the church can meet for worship and offer activities for the local community. It is a sign of God's blessing on the church that a younger man has been

willing to move to Aycliffe and take up the work".

John and his wife, Tricia, are planning to stay in Aycliffe for the foreseeable future. Tony commented, "Having spent the last ten years in Birmingham and London it is wonderful to come back up north. We are enjoying life in Aycliffe and are looking forward to getting to know people in the community". Tony will be inducted on Saturday 22nd September at 2.30pm at the church in Ladybower, off Meadowfield Way.

## Coffee Morning

Aycliffe Care Home is supporting MacMillan Cancer by holding a coffee afternoon with a tombola and raffle on the 28th September at 2pm. Please come along and show your support.

## Having a Party for Your Child?

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## New Free Disability Club



AGNEW DISABILITY SPORTS CLUB delivered by Anderson Sports Development each Tuesday from 5-30pm to 7-30pm is at the Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close. Thanks to the funding from the GAMP Area Budget Fund the sessions are FREE and the photo shows some of the eager children along with their siblings, helper, mother and grandmother just before commencing a session.

The club caters for the 5 to 16 age group of all disabilities and covers various sports,

fundamentals and supporting activities delivered by Anderson's experienced staff. There is a wide range of new sportability equipment so please take the opportunity to use this service.

Hopefully in time we can expand the club but only with your help and support. For more information you can contact the Agnew Centre on 01325 321504 office or 07749 236853 or [agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com](mailto:agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com) and Dale or Darren on [andersonsportsdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:andersonsportsdevelopment@gmail.com)

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le-Street is central to our housebuilding operations which now span from Wallsend to Middlesbrough." Gleeson's new homes

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# Warriors Battle the Americans



The Woodham Warriors American Football team from Woodham Academy played their first game in the American High School League of Europe on Saturday. They travelled to Menwith Hill RAF base near Harrogate to take on Menwith Hill High School American students from the military base.

Woodham went into the game from their 3rd British final appearance last month, but playing against American students was always going to be a major step up in class. Before the game the School band performed both national anthems before the cheerleaders did their bit to get the Menwith Hill home support in good voice.

The Warriors ended up losing a highly competitive game 43-14, but showed that they deserved their place in the league alongside the Americans, scoring two great touchdowns from game MVP Chris Armstrong. Head Coach and assistant head teacher at Woodham Academy, Jon Tait said "Today wasn't about the result, it was about giving our students the opportunity

they dreamed about. Being able to play against American High Schools and American students is fantastic and my players have shown today that they do not look out of place at all. We have learned a lot from today and our students will become better players as a result".

The league is organised for all of the American high schools

on American military bases across Europe to compete against each other in multiple sports. The Warriors were invited into the league after their notable successes over the past few years in the British league. Woodham travel to Alconbury this Saturday for their next game, before playing in Sicily in October.



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## YOUTHY FOOTBALL NEWS

The under 11 girls were at their central venue against Hebburn and Spraire Lassies. Both games were evenly matched with the girls beating Hebburn 1-0 with a goal from Mansfield from a corner kick.

The second game was closer with Spraire scoring first but Mansfield equalized before Spraire raced into a 3-1 lead. However Spensley added a second for Aycliffe but it was too late as the final whistle blew.

The under 13 girls started their season at home against

Plains Farm only to find themselves 0-2 down at half time. However they came out fighting in the second half and goals from Clay 2, Wood 2 and Postle 1 saw the girls run out 5-3 winners.

The under 16 girls had a tough trip to Middlesbrough made even tougher with an early injury taking the girls down to 10 players. They never gave up but Middlesbrough ran out winners

It was league cup week for the boys with several of our teams playing opposition from higher divisions, so we were always going to have a mixed bag of results. Under 9 Eagles, Under 10 Eagles, Under 10 Falcons, Under 13 Falcons and Under 14 were all at home but only the Under 9 Eagles march into the second round with a fine 3-0 win against Shildon AFC with goals from Lowe 2 and Howarth 1.

All other teams were away apart from the Under 16 boys who had a bye into the next round. Great wins for the Under 12's at Wynyard and Under 13 Eagles at Stokesley 7-2 and 6-0 respectively.

The Under 9 Falcons had a trip to Leven Athletic and in a game where the lads went 1-0 up and 2-1 down, finally ended 2-2 after extra time and into the dreaded penalty shoot out, but it wasn't their day as Leven went through to the next round.

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## EUROPEAN ADVENTURE FOR WOODHAM AMERICAN FOOTBALLERS

This September marks a new chapter for American Football at Woodham Academy. After months of discussions by Coach Tait with American coaches in what is commonly known as the American High School league of Europe, permission has been granted for the Woodham American Football Academy to compete in the league.

The DoDDs league (Department of Defense Dependents) serves all of

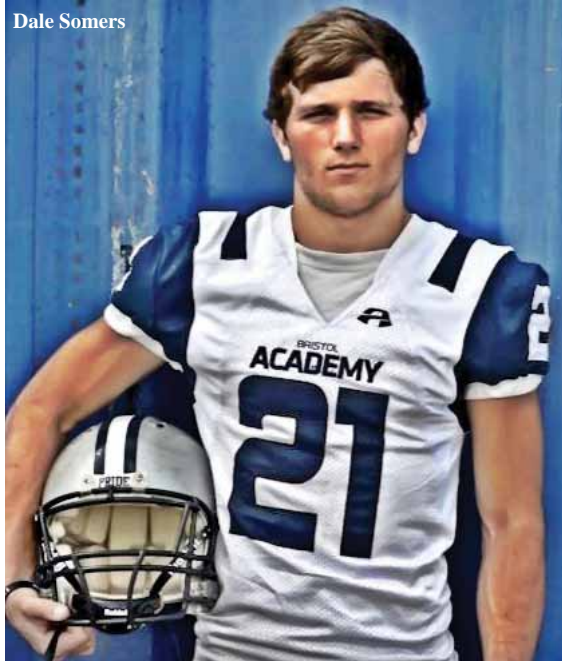
the American military bases around Europe. Each base has its very own American High School serving the American community that live there. As in America, sports are taken very seriously and the league thrives between the military bases all over Europe.

Three years ago, Filton College in Bristol were accepted into the league as the only non American school. This was a huge development for both Filton and the sport

in this country, as it now gave opportunities to British students to play at another level against American students week in, week out. Due to this great opportunity, Filton recruited American Football playing students from all over the UK (including 3 students from Woodham). These students hope that by playing against American students in an American run league, it would enhance their chances of gaining a high school or college scholarship to America.

Woodham Academy's acceptance into the DoDDs league is an amazing opportunity. As only the 2nd UK school to do so, that in itself an incredible achievement. The opportunities that the students will get will be fantastic. Playing against American students, travelling to games all over Europe and having the chance to push their personal boundaries through these experiences will all be part of the experience every autumn. This will no doubt be something that players from other teams and clubs could only dream of. Coach Tait has already fielded several calls and emails from players all over the country wanting to know if they can be part of this academy set up, so that they too can play in Europe. Unless they re-locate to Newton Aycliffe and enrol at Woodham, the answer has sadly been no. The other change that this will see is that Coach Tait and his players will have to step up to 9 a side football. Woodham have been used to playing 5 a side football (as is the under 17s game in this country), so this will be a major change to their tactics, technique and game planning. Not only are they stepping up in terms of the opposition they are facing, but they are now playing a whole new ball game. Interesting times await this autumn as Woodham travel to Menwith Hill and Alconbury in September followed by a mid October trip to Sigonella in Sicily.

Dale Somers



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Members of Aycliffe Running Club travelled to Sedgefield on Sunday for the Serpentine 6.5 mile trail race hosted by Sedgefield Harriers. The race started at Sedgefield Cricket Club. The route was scenic, undulating and mainly over farmers fields towards Bishop Middleham, through Hardwick Park and returned back to the Cricket Club. First back for Aycliffe was Dez Fielden 39:14 4th overall + 1st M40, followed by Peter Milburn 43:04, Tom Porter

45:26, Richard Campbell 45:33, Matt Heron 46:25, Kevin Greenall 49:55, Gary Minns 54:15. First lady home for Aycliffe was Trish Kay 54:49 1st F50, followed by Simon Robinson 55:17, Penny Johnson 56:46, Chris Forster 62:01, and Judith Porter 64:28. Weather conditions were good although a little on the warm side for some. Afterwards there was a barbecue for runners, family and friends.

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# Entrepreneur Launches Business Improvement Programme

AN INTERNATIONALLY renowned entrepreneur has returned to his native North East to re-launch his management programme which has transformed leadership throughout the US, after teaming up with a regional firm.

Robin Byrne has entered a partnership with personal development business High Force Training, to roll out the business improvement programme Measurable Management, which was nominated for the 2011 United Nations NGO Positive Peace Award.

Byrne originally ran operations for Xerox in the North East before he developed the Measurable Management programme and successfully implemented it with regional businesses like Arriva, NSK Bearings, Tarmac and Darlington & Durham Fire and Rescue amongst many others.

An invitation from the University of South Dakota in 2002 took him to the States and, after successfully rolling it across America, the programme is today implemented in the US Air Force which stated it was "the most effective programme for making things happen that they had ever experienced".

Private firms like American Airlines and Toshiba America are also using the programme to help them improve the way they handle various processes within the business.

Having teamed up with Newton Aycliffe-based business High Force Training, Byrne will now help North East firms to reap the benefits of the programme through a series of seminars in the region.

High Force managing director Simon Williamson said: "This is a great opportunity to show business owners, managing directors, general managers, production managers and anyone responsible for training within an organisation how Measurable Management works and how it can increase productivity and efficiency along with reducing costs and therefore increasing profits. It gives the attendees the chance to meet Robin in person, as well as ask questions and hear about his successes with other companies."

Byrne, who is originally from Darlington, said: "A staggering fact about this approach is that the programmes implemented in the USA have consistently delivered more than 10 times return on investment. "Although I've been in the States for the last 10 years, I remain passionate about supporting North East businesses and I hope to help firms in my native region receive the same benefits of the programme that some of America's biggest



organisations have taken advantage of."

High Force Training specialises in improving team and individual performances through the provision of emotional intelligence training and team building and works with a number of large organisations in the North East.

Events are taking place on: Tuesday, September 25 - Newcastle racecourse <http://measurablemanagement4.eventbrite.co.uk/> Thursday, September 27 - Wynyard Hall <http://measurablemanagement5.eventbrite.co.uk/> All start at 8.30am and conclude at 10 am. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please email [simon@highforce.co.uk](mailto:simon@highforce.co.uk)

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# LIVIN RECEIVE AWARD TO HELP VULNERABLE NEW TENANTS

**Money saving expert Martin Lewis is backing a Big Lottery Fund initiative aimed at preventing thousands of the most vulnerable people living in social housing in County Durham from falling into debt.**

Homes and communities organisation, livin, has been awarded £841,415 to lead a partnership which will ensure that young and first-time social housing tenants are given greater access to information and services to improve financial confidence.

Working in partnership with other housing projects it will target first-time tenants and tenants aged between 16 – 24 years old. The partnership expects to support over 20,000 beneficiaries including 5,000 with obtaining bank accounts, savings accounts and insurance, 6,200 with affordable furniture and fuel solutions and 2,500 using affordable credit services.

Colin Steel chief executive for livin said: "Setting up your first home is a daunting task for anyone especially those on low incomes.

"The Big Lottery Fund grant will enable us to support the most vulnerable tenants by helping them get to grips with the costs they face when running a home and importantly letting them know that choice and support is readily available. "By working in partnership with 15 other organisations

the Big Lottery Fund grant will ensure every social housing tenant across County Durham is offered the same level of support and guidance regardless of their location, landlord or background.

Martin Lewis, creator of MoneySavingExpert.com, said: "Disgracefully it costs more to be poor. The poverty premium means, from household goods to energy bills, things are more expensive for those with little cash as they need to borrow to buy or don't get the direct debit discounts others take for granted.

"Sadly we still don't have compulsory financial education on the curriculum, and even then, more will be needed to help the financially excluded. This is even more important as the universal credit means many on benefits will have to take greater control of their own money management.

"The Big Lottery Fund's Improving Financial Confidence programme is a good step towards that and should provide help and information to 150,000 people nationally who find themselves without access to products and services like bank accounts or contents insurance. Hopefully it will reduce the risk of desperation driving people into relying on

costly payday loans or even loan sharks."

James Turner, Big Lottery Fund Head of the North East region, said: "We want to prevent people on very low income from falling into debt or stop their debts from getting worse. Without the right advice people can take out unsuitable loans which can send their debts spiralling.

"Recent changes in legislation, such as the benefits cap and the introduction of Universal Credit - whereby benefits payments go to the head of the household rather than directly to the landlord - mean there is even more pressure on tenants to take responsibility for managing their finances. This means today's investment could not come at a more important time."

Figures released this month by the Insolvency Service show there has been close to a 10% surge in debt relief orders since the same quarter last year.

And the latest Department of Work and Pensions Family Resources Survey\*\* published in June shows that 16 per cent of people on the lowest income (less than £100 a week) still do not have access to a bank account - compared to just three per cent of the general population. Some 14 per cent of young people do not have an account.

## Make Sure You're Registered to Vote

People in County Durham are being urged to make sure they're registered to vote. From July Durham County Council will begin updating the electoral register, which lists everyone in the county entitled to vote.

And residents are being reminded that unless they are included on the register they will not be able to vote in forthcoming elections. Each household in the county will shortly be receiving a form showing the names of people currently registered at that address.

People are asked to check that the details on the form are correct. If the occupiers or any of the details have changed, the form should be amended, signed and returned immediately in the pre-paid envelope provided.

If there are no changes people are asked to let the council know by telephone, internet or text - details on how to do this are included on the form. People can also notify the council that there are no changes by signing and returning the form in the post.

On 15 November voters will be asked to elect the county's first Police and Crime Commissioner - who

will replace the current police authority in holding Durham Constabulary to account - and on 2 May 2013 elections will be held for the county, parish and town councils.

Anyone who will turn 18 before either of those two dates will be able to vote for the first time and should therefore ensure their names are added to the register.

Colette Longbottom, head of legal and democratic services at Durham County Council, said: "People often assume that if they pay council tax they will automatically be registered to vote, which is not the case.

"There are two important elections coming up in the next 12 months and unless people are registered to vote they will not be able to take part.

"We'll be sending people a form through the post and we need them to check that everyone in the household who is entitled to vote is listed on the form and to either confirm the details or notify us of any changes."

The revised electoral register will be published on 16 October and people are asked to make sure they have completed and returned their form by 1 October in order to be included.

## Obituary

**GILIAN WATSON MOORE**, eldest Daughter of George and Joan Moore deceased, died on Wednesday, 12th September after a long illness cheerfully borne at the home of her Sister, Janice in North Bedfordshire. Private Funeral Service at Bedford Crematorium, family flowers only please. Donations for St Johns Hospice, Moggerhanger to Arnolds Funeral Directors, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE. A date for a Memorial Service in Aycliffe for friends and family will be advised shortly.

## In Memoriam

**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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## Congratulations

**Rhiannon Foulds**



**Happy Birthday**  
To our beautiful, funny, wicked sense of humoured wild child.

Please come down to planet Earth some time this year!!

Love you always, Mam, Dad, Frazer and Hannah xxx

**Carrie Howarth**



**Happy Birthday**  
24th September

With lots of love from Mam, Dad, Matthew and all your family xxxxx

**Laura Sygrove Quickmire**



**Happy 40th Birthday**

Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Grandma and Derrick

**Lucas Jake Faulkner**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
22nd September

Happy birthday to our gorgeous cheeky monkey. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy x

**Happy 1st Birthday**  
To my little Brother Lucas. Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Calum xx

**Happy 1st Birthday**  
Lucas

Lots of love, Grandma, Grandad, Nanan, Pops, Uncle Carl, Auntie Jill, Auntie Victoria, Uncle Craig and Cousin Freddie xxx

## Thank You

LOL would like to thank everyone that sponsored him for the Great North Run, current total stands at £680 for Cancer Research. Thanks.

**BROWN** Mally and Anne would like to thank all our family and friends for making our Golden Wedding Anniversary so special

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## Birthday Remembrance

**BRIAN WESTON** 23rd September 1952. We hoped you would have been here for your 60th birthday, but sadly it wasn't meant to be. Always in our hearts, Angela, Kate, Austen, Louis, Oliver, Laura and Alex xxxxx  
**NATHAN SOWERBY** 21-9-1972. Treasured birthday memories of a much loved Son and Brother. In our hearts today and every day. Dad and Joanne

**DARREN ALLEN** and Jenna Graham, Congratulations on your Engagement on 15th September 2012. Thrilled to bits. All our love always, Mam, Dad and Danny xxx

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Happy 21st Birthday, have a great day. With all our love Mam and Rich xxx

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Happy 21st Birthday, little sis. Love Aimee xxx

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Happy 21st, enjoy your day. Love Auntie Carole, Uncle John and Toni xxx

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Have a fabulous 21st. Love Auntie Julie, Uncle Bill and Daniel xxx

**LEE** Happy 2nd birthday Eva. Love you. Great Gran Lily xxx

**LEE** To our little Princess Eva-Marie on her 2nd birthday. Lots of love and kisses, Grandma and Grandad xxxxx

**HAPPY 2nd Birthday** 'Little Miss Eva Pants'. We love you very much, love Mammy and Daddy xxx

**EVA LEE** Happy 2nd birthday Eva Lee. Lots of love, Jayne, Dan, Luke and Jake

**EVA LEE** Happy 2nd birthday to our wonderful Niece. Lots of love, Auntie Karen, Uncle Matt, James and Thomas xxx

**CHARLEY HAIGH** "Sweet 16" (24-9-12). To a very special Daughter, have a good day. Lots of love, Mam and Craig xxx

**CHARLEY HAIGH** Have a nice day. Lots and lots of love, your little Sis, Lexi xxx

**CHARLEY HAIGH** To a special Graddaughter. Lots of love, Grandma and Granda xxx

**CHARLEY HAIGH** Have a good day. To a special Niece and Cousin. Lots of love, Uncle Gav, Uncle John, Auntie Tara, Lauren, Neve and Flynn xxx

**CHARLEY HAIGH** Have a lovely day Charley. Lotsa love, Kyle xxx

**ALISON BURN** Well done and congratulations on your Supervisor Promotion. Very proud. Love you loads, Trevor xxx

**BETHANY WARD** Happy 18th Birthday on 20th September 2012. Lots of love, hugs and kisses from Mam, Trevor, Lauren, Bonnie, Cougar and the Goldfish xxx

**SOPHIE ELLIOTT** Happy 21st birthday Sophie. I am so proud of you. Lots of love, Dad xxx

**TERRY SPELLMAN** Happy 70th birthday on 25th September. Have a great day. Love always, Pat, Ann-Marie, Paul, John, Rebecca, Georgia and Owen xxx

**CHLOE POUTON** 22-09-12. Happy 13th birthday Chloe! All our love from Mam, Dad and Daniel xxx

**CHLOE POUTON** Happy 13th birthday. Lots of love, Nanna and Grandad xxx

**HANNAH EDWARDSON** Happy 21st. Love, Mam, Dad, Luke and Ed

**HANNAH** Happy 21st birthday. Love, Gran, Grandad, Frank and Lucy

**HANNAH** Happy 21st Hannah. Love Grandad, Lesley, Trouty, Ted and Hattie

**ELIZABETH JOHNSON** Happy 65th birthday to a wonderful Wife, Mother, Mam and Great Grandmother. Lots of love from all your family xxxxx

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## Bingo at the Scout Centre

We are going to be holding bingo nights starting Saturday 22nd September 2012, first house will start at 8pm. So come along to the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe, bring your friends and enjoy a great evening playing bingo. For more information about the bingo night please call 01325 318901

We are also hosting a Macmillan Cuppa and a Cake on Friday 28th September 2.30-5.00pm. I am sure that we all know somebody touched by that horrible disease so come along to the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe and support a great organisation. For more information regarding this event please call Sue on 07971 849840

## CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club recently held their Annual Presentation Night at Moore Lane Sports Club. Due to the poor weather during the summer, causing over 70 games to be cancelled, awards were limited with Ben Nicholson winning the Under 15's Performance Award, Michael Howe and

Sam Telford jointly winning the Under 18's Award and Dan Weldon the Second Team Award.

First Team Catching Award went to Sean Morgan, the Bowling Award went to Dan Craggs and the Batting Award was presented to Christopher Palmer with Clubman of the Year being awarded to Ian Palmer. The Player of the Year went to Luke Telford and a special presentation was made to Isobel Henderson who retired after many years making the cricket teas. Club Chairman Ian Palmer also thanked Liftright Fork Lift Training, Innovations Shildon and Lucite for their support during the season

## Things 'Looking Up' for Aycliffe FC!

Newton Aycliffe FC's fortunes took a turn for the better this week after a successful fundraising event was followed by their first-ever FA Vase victory!

Former England, Arsenal and Middlesbrough midfielder Ray Parlour starred at the club's do last Friday night, when our MP Phil Wilson attended a "cracking night" at the Big Club. Then on Saturday, the Newtonians chalked up their very first win in the FA Vase, at the third time of asking, with a 1-0 win at Wearside League-leaders Willington.

Parlour, pictured with the club's president Mr Wilson along with chairman Gary Farley (right), told several interesting and humorous stories about his career, with particularly funny references to Gunners boss Arsene Wenger and former teammate Tony Adams. The event, hosted by Sky Sports News reporter David Craig, raised a little over £2,000 for the Northern League club. "It was a tremendous success," said general manager Dan Lewis, one of the organisers. "Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and went away with a smile on their face, which is ultimately the main thing. We'd like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting us, particularly those who bid so generously during the auction."

Scouse comedian Gary Skyner was also a highlight of the evening, having the 150-plus audience in stitches. Aycliffe then held an auction, with a Lionel Messi-signed Barcelona shirt going for £300 and an old Wembley seat signed



by Sir Geoff Hurst, donated by club sponsors Finley Structures, also selling for £300. Auction items donated by two famous Newtonians - Boro goalkeeper Jason Steele and Chelsea star Ross Turnbull - also helped to chip in to the total. Mr Wilson added: "It was a cracking night and I absolutely enjoyed it - it's great that the club could attract such a big name from the world of football, have a really good night and raise some much-needed money all in one go."

Aycliffe followed up the success with the FA Vase win on Saturday, in a game marred by two harsh red cards. Allan Oliver's side claimed a hard-working but much-needed win to book a first round home tie with second division side Esh Winning. But dismissals for star striker Dan Mellanby and young defender James Oliver dampened the celebrations. Mellanby was given his marching orders early on for foul and abusive language, while Oliver was

sent off for kicking out late on, but new striker Danny Earl scored in the first-half to ensure Aycliffe progressed to the next round.

It's Aycliffe's first triumph in the FA Vase at the third time of asking after last season's replay loss against Shildon, and their debut defeat at West Allotment two years ago.

They will play Esh Winning at Moore Lane Park on Saturday 13th October (3pm) in the next stage.

• Aycliffe could climb out of the bottom three with a win at Newcastle Benfield this weekend - the Tyneside trip is followed by back-to-back home games against Penrith and Billingham Town next week.

### FIXTURES

**Saturday 22nd Sept:** Newcastle Benfield (A), 3pm

**Wednesday 26th Sept:** Penrith (H), 7.30pm

**Saturday 29th Sept:** Billingham Town (H), 3pm

**Tuesday 2nd Oct:** South Shields (A), 7.30pm

**Saturday 6th Oct:** Ashington (A), 3pm

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