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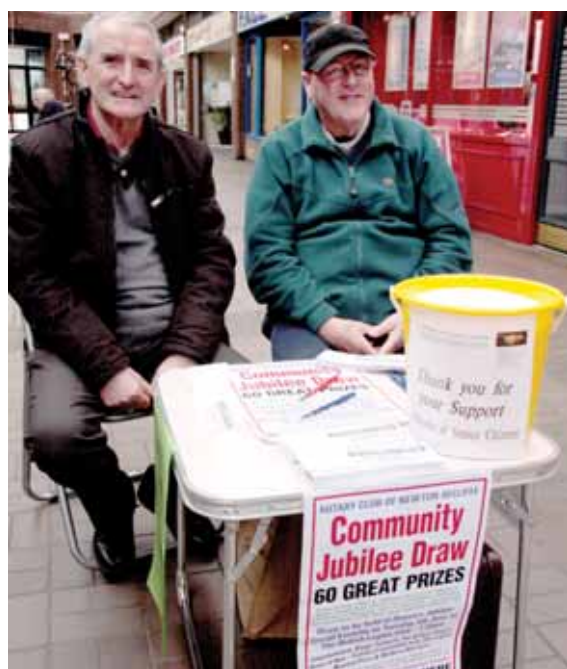
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TOWN organisations have started selling tickets for the Jubilee Community Draw arranged by the Rotary Club. Ticket sellers retain 75% of the proceeds for their own

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Greenfield Student Carries Olympic Torch

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Staff at Greenfield nominated Sam as he shows fantastic attitude, effort and is an all-round inspirational young person. He was fortunate to be chosen by the GetSet network the official London 2012 education programme.

Sam shows determination and always tries to achieve his best. He is determined to succeed whatever the situation. As a keen sports



person he shows excellence in PE and has represented Greenfield in sports such as

football, cross country and athletics.

Sam achieved 2nd place in the Area Cross Country Race and the chance to represent our area at County standard.

Sam also gained a unique place on the Martin Gray Football Academy where only 40 pupils were selected. Sam wholeheartedly believes friendship is extremely important and has offered support to his peers at difficult times. He treats everyone the same in and out of school and offers help wherever possible. Overall Sam is a mature, well-mannered young person

with lots of potential, Sam is a pleasure to teach. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that truly makes Greenfield proud of Sam Dawson!

Christian Bible Meetings
Newton Aycliffe
Leisure Centre
Beveridge Arcade, DL5 4EH
Thursday's 7:30 pm
20th March
5th & 12th April
ALL WELCOME

OLYMPIC TORCH TO PASS THROUGH AYCLIFFE

The Olympic Torch Relay will light up communities right across County Durham during three inspirational days in June. Passing through towns and villages from Barnard Castle in the west to Peterlee in the east and Consett to

the north, moving down through Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe in the south; thousands of people will get the chance to see the Olympic Flame pass through their community and feel part of a once in a lifetime moment.

For County Durham the excitement begins when the Flame is carried into Consett on Saturday June 16 just after 4pm. The spectacle then visits Tow Law, Esh and Langley Park on its way to the Durham County Council hosted free evening

celebration event in Durham City that evening.

On Sunday June 17th the Flame will be carried through communities including Sherburn, Sherburn Hill, Haswell Plough, Peterlee and Blackhall Colliery. Later the same day Sedgefield, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Middridge and Newton Aycliffe welcome the Flame. The County then gets a further chance to host the Relay as it comes to Barnard Castle just after 3pm on Wednesday June 20th.



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Saturday 31st March - "TONY LITTLE BAND"
Bio - Tony has fronted many bands and has undertaken world tours with legendary musicians including: 60's super group 'The Animals', 'Oliver Dawson's Saxon', 'The Tygers of Pan Tang', 'Strangeways' and American rock band 'Liddle/Rush and Thrall'. He has also been produced by Kevin Elson, record producer for the legendary American band 'Journey'.
Reviews: 'The room was full, and the sound was deafening with a mixed bag of people in, being entertained with the likes of Toto, Rainbow, The Cult, Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams, Judas Priest, Led Zep, Stereophonics, Whitesnake, AC/DC and Boston; my favourite 'More than a Feeling', Jon on bass/keyboards seems to be having a good time in the now settled line up, Ade looking ice cool out front with the shades on; Tony being his cheeky self cracking on to the crowd.' - 'Tony and Co always deliver the goods and he has a cracking sense of humour. They sound even better now there set list has been re-vamped'. One of the most talked about bands on the circuit

Saturday 7th April - "THIS MACHINE"
"Well, I don't even know what to say, apart from.....THIS MACHINE were absolutely amazing last night, one of the best.....especially when the guitarists were on the tables and bar, haha. Every song was awesome, perfect sound, and just all round excellence. And also it was the best atmosphere I've ever seen, everyone was having fun." - GIG PIT REVIEW. One of the most entertaining bands on the circuit, music by MOTORHEAD - VAN HALEN - METALLICA - PEARL JAM - BON JOVI - GUNS N ROSES - DEEP PURPLE - AC/DC - BILLY IDOL - THIN LIZZY. www.alanweb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

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County Durham residents are being encouraged to spring into the gym and get fit next weekend.

All of Durham County Council's leisure centres will be opening their doors to people free of charge between Saturday (March 24) and Monday (March 26). The open weekend is aimed at giving people the chance to see what is on offer and try out the fitness facilities and classes which are available.

During the three days people can enjoy unlimited use of the fitness suites and exercise classes.

It is one of a number of events and activities being held as part of Durham County Council's 'Join In...' campaign, which is inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Steve Lister, strategic manager for indoor leisure at Durham County Council, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to spring into summer fitness to try out the great facilities, equipment and classes on offer in our leisure centres.

"With our fully qualified consultants in the gym available for free advice and fitness programmes plus a choice of free classes, we have everything you need to get fit, stay active and feel

great."

All of Durham County Council's leisure centres are taking part. People can visit www.durham.gov.uk/leisureoffers or call in or contact their local leisure centre for further information.

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Healthy Mind Healthy Body Course

A FREE 4 week course for the over 40s starts Tuesday 3rd April, 1-3pm at the Pioneering Care Centre. The course is offered by the Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCP's) Health Trainers who can help with goal setting, general health, physical activity, diet and nutrition, stopping smoking and much more. Angie Quinn, PCP Health Trainer says, "As we get older it is harder to stay fit and healthy and good health includes both physical and mental wellbeing. During the course people can have a go at gentle exercises, relaxation techniques, making pamper potions, introducing more physical activity into their lives, improving emotional wellbeing and how to achieve their health goals. This is your opportunity to affect amazing change in your health!" Book your place today on 321234 and meet your local, friendly Health Trainer, trained to offer information and support to help you make the right choices to keep your body & mind healthy. The Health Trainer service is just one of the many on offer at the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, to help people improve their health and wellbeing. Find out more at www.pcp.uk.net. Details are also available on the PCP Facebook page: [facebook.com/PioneeringCare](https://www.facebook.com/PioneeringCare)

ANOTHER CHANCE TO COMMENT ON 2nd STAGE OF BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

Dear Sir,
Readers will remember that, a while ago, there was alarm that the Boundaries Commission (which was redrawing the Parliamentary constituency boundaries) might split Great Aycliffe between two constituencies. The Boundaries Commission has now reached the second stage of its consultation, which is to publish all submissions received, and to invite comments on those submissions. To be fair, this is a bit of a 'nothing' stage. The Commission has not yet published any revised proposals, and I cannot see many people being bothered to trawl through the thousands of responses merely to make comments on other people's comments. The next REAL stage of the review will come later this year when the Commission publishes its revised proposals, and gives us eight weeks to respond. For the moment, however, if you were one of those people who intended to respond but never got round to it, this current stage does give you another chance to have your say after all. If you visit the Boundaries Commission website at <http://bit.ly/GCTLVh> you will be able to access the Great Aycliffe Town Council submission sent by Town Clerk Andrew Bailey (URN 025266) and submit your comment online. To paraphrase, the Town Council asked that:
1. Great Aycliffe should be maintained as a single electoral unit within one constituency.
2. The new constituency boundary should follow the existing constituency boundary between East Shildon and Greenfield-Middridge.

3. 'Great Aycliffe' should be in the new constituency name.
If you agree with this, even something as simple as 'I agree with Great Aycliffe Town Council' will give our submission greater weight. This stage of the consultation closes on 3rd April.
John D Clare

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GREAT AYCLIFFE BY-ELECTION Election Address KENNETH STUBBS

Dear Readers,
I have handed in my nomination papers to stand as a candidate for the GAI Party in the By Election in the Shafto/St Marys Ward of Newton Aycliffe on April 5th 2012. This has come about because of the recent and tragic loss of Councillor Terry Hogan who was also a close personal friend of mine and the inspiration behind the formation of the Great Aycliffe Independents Party.

Not because he had some political axe to grind, but because he was wanting Newton Aycliffe to have more influence and improvements. He was not enamoured with the way Party policies sometimes appeared to override the interests of Great Aycliffe and the people he represented.

He literally lived to serve the people of Newton Aycliffe and he felt the best way of doing this was to create an effective and organised opposition party in Newton Aycliffe, free of any National Party agendas or influences. The Great Aycliffe Independents Party was formed and I was elected to bring my many skills and talents developed, as a Senior Trade Union rep in Remploi, to help build and take their new party forward.

Having lived in Biscop Crescent in Newton Aycliffe since 1985, I am now privileged and immensely proud to stand as a candidate in this By Election and if elected, to represent all the people who live in this ward. I am not just a Union rep, I am a trained Health and Safety Manager, and an elected Pension Trustee as well.

Can I handle being a Town Councillor? More than likely as I am well used to responding



to political situations by delivering actions and total commitment, whatever the issue or how forlorn it may seem

Currently in Remploi the coalition government has announced 36 factory closures including the Spennymoor site. I am not sitting around wondering what is the best deal for myself, but how I can best help fight the battle to keep Remploi alive for disabled people.

The people of Shafto St Marys will get similar commitment from me on their behalf, not words and half-hearted commitment which frustrates the hell out of people. Nor am I a nodding dog, which was part of some totally biased criticism of the GAI Party from Labour in the Newton News.

I will appear on the voting sheet as Kenneth Stubbs (Great Aycliffe Independents). It is not I who will decide if the Great Aycliffe Independents is a success or not, it is you the voters in Newton Aycliffe.

Kenneth Stubbs
(Secretary) Great Aycliffe Independents

Greenfield Easter Holiday Activities

We've got lots of fantastic – and free! – activities for the upcoming Easter holidays. We have four great Craft Sessions: Monday 4th April 1-3pm, Tuesday 3rd 1-3pm, Wednesday 4th 1-3pm and Tuesday 10th 1-3pm. They are all different and will bring out your creative side! We also have Face Painting (free) on Thursday 5th April 1-2.30pm. We have our usual Make & Munch cookery sessions (Thursday 5th and Wed 11th, both 10.30am-12.30pm, £8 per family) and a lovely “Jumbo Jigsaw” session: Thursday 12th, 10.30am - 12noon

(free), where you can create your own gallery inspired jigsaw. This is great for ages 4+. And if all that makes you feel a little tired, why not finish the fortnight with our free Friday Film: it's on Friday 13th but don't let that stop you! We're showing a family friendly animation, starting at 1pm – we'll throw in some popcorn for you too! If you would like more information, please email us: info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or ring us: 01325 379048.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

At approximately 2:30pm on Monday 19th March 2012 a suspicious male wearing a black woollen hat approached two females on Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

Police officers are attempting to trace this male and request anyone with information contact Newton Aycliffe Police on 0345 60 60 365.

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Woodham Celebrates Careers Week



Monday 6th March marked the start of National Careers week and students at Woodham College participated in a variety of careers based events. Visitors came in to school to deliver workshops on a variety of topics, from the work of the armed forces in war torn countries to making well informed option choices leading to post 16 qualifications. Making use of our digital technology, students researched option choices and how different

qualifications might equip them for future careers. “With youth unemployment being at a high, it is vital that we ensure our students are well informed about how the decisions they make now will affect their future. The events held this week have helped them to understand this” said Mrs McGinnety, coordinator of the events. The week was enjoyed by both students and staff at the school. There will be a similar programme of events next year.

BYERLEY PARK SPRING CLEAN

Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve are inviting local residents to help them give the reserve a Spring Clean this Sunday 25th March by cutting back vegetation and litterpicking the site.

They will be meeting at the information board behind Ranulf Court at 10.30am. All equipment will be provided.

CUBBY SAYS THANK YOU

Thank you to Paul Davies at Tesco for helping sort out the problem with Indesit and Tesco's refund for the Cubby's cooker.

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Wednesday 4th April 2012

Environment Committee
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QUESTION TIME

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

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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

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

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TWO MP's VISIT MOORE LANE FOOTBALL CLUB

At least two local MPs will visit Newton Aycliffe FC for a special corporate Open Day being held at the club in two weeks time.

Aycliffe FC are hosting the event at the Sports Club as a no-obligation event open to local businesses, when Aycliffe play Guisborough Town at Moore Lane Park.

Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson will be joined by Middlesbrough South MP Tom Blenkinsop at the function, and Darlington MP Jenny Chapman has been invited.

Aycliffe Chairman Gary Farley said: "This is just a 'come and have a look at us' event, a no-obligation opportunity for local firms to come and see what we're all about. Phil Willson is a big and proud supporter of the club, while his counterpart for Middlesbrough, Mr Blenkinsop, is Guisborough's President and a passionate football fan.

"We saw this is an ideal chance to bring them together, invite local firms along for a bite to eat and a few drinks and just have a look at us."

Firms interested in attending the event can contact Aycliffe's sponsorship and advertising manager Barry Waters on 07864 718243, or email barywaters212@msn.com.

Aycliffe are expecting a

bumper crowd for their visit of Spennymoor Town this weekend, when former coach Brian Atkinson will return to the club for the first time. Atkinson, who is now Spennymoor's assistant manager, left Aycliffe last November, and will no doubt be looking forward to a warm reception at MLP.

Aycliffe slipped to eighth in the Northern League first division with a third successive defeat at Penrith last weekend. After back-to-back defeats against South Shields and Dunston, Allan Oliver's side slumped to another disappointing loss across the Pennines.

Steven Ainsworth's 87th-minute free-kick clinched three precious points for the third-bottom Blues - and Bedlington Terriers leapfrogged the Newtonians with an impressive 2-1 win at Whitley Bay.

Aycliffe's last game of the season will now be another home debut, after their fixture with local rivals Shildon was re-arranged to Saturday April 21. The game gives Aycliffe the opportunity to avenge cup defeats, having been knocked out of both the FA Vase (replay) and the Durham Challenge Cup earlier in the campaign. Aycliffe demolished Shildon 4-1 in the corresponding league fixture at Dean Street, back in October.



Saturday 24th March: Spennymoor (H), 3pm
Saturday 31st March: Whitley Bay (A), 3pm
Saturday 7th April: Guisborough Town (H), 3pm
Saturday 14th April: Tow Law (A), 3pm
Saturday 21st April: Shildon (H), 3pm
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

HELP FOR C.A.B. RECONSIDERED

Dear Sir,

In response to the recent letter published on Friday 9th March 2012, regarding CAB funding and the reference to Great Aycliffe Town Council, may I clarify the Town Council's position.

Great Aycliffe Town Council, together with a number of Town and Parish Councils, met with representatives of CAB on Thursday 8th March at Great Aycliffe Town Council offices to listen to their problems in regard to funding their services, due to changes in funding allocation and the resultant funding shortfall.

It was explained by a number of Councils present, including Great Aycliffe that the timing of the request for financial

assistance was very unfortunate as Councils' budgets and precepts had already been set, precepts having been notified to the collecting body, Durham County Council, at the end of January 2012.

However, Great Aycliffe Town Council will be considering the request for funding assistance at a meeting of its Policy and Resources Committee, to be held on the 11th April 2012.

CAB will also address the full Council on the 18th April 2012, which will give all Great Aycliffe Town Council Members an opportunity to listen to and ask appropriate questions of representatives of Sedgefield & District CAB.

Andrew Bailey
Town Clerk

Reply to Criticism

Dear Sir,

In reply to Councillor Paylor's criticism of my actions it is interesting that she requests working together yet as I recall when co-operation was given to help elect her as an Independent among her first actions when elected was to jump ship and join Labour.

She stated I have never attended estate inspections, but as far as I know there has only been one in West Ward which I attended and spoke to County Councillor Paylor on that occasion.

Sedgefield Borough Homes (now Livin) took the lead for this event and no Town Councillors were informed in their official capacity; the only way I was informed was through a circular from SBH to all residents of the Agnew Estate. In spite of this the

then newly elected Labour Town Councillor from School Aycliffe was present. This led to an official complaint to SBH of possible political bias. If there has been further inspections in West Ward are they subject of bias as I, as an Independent, have not been informed or invited to any further inspections.

As regards the Pact meetings I have attended meetings at which Councillor Paylor was present but I found them a waste of time and gave up attending them.

Concerning residents meetings, since the neighbourhood association disbanded there has not been notice of any residents meetings advertised although I believe there may be some unadvertised meetings. Bill Curtis, Great Aycliffe Independent.

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COMPOST TO BUY?

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Woodham who naturally participates in the recycling of our garden rubbish, I can remember when the scheme was first initiated, and we were able to purchase the compost we made the following year at The Huntsman Pub car park.

Can anyone please tell me whatever happened to that facility? If my memory is correct it was pretty good compost, and very reasonably priced. Surely this would give a bit more encouragement to the whole scheme, and put a little cash back into the coffers. Alan Elders.

MAYOR'S CHARITY NIGHT

THURSDAY,
19th APRIL 2012

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, is to hold a Charity Night with Cabaret Artistes, Pie and Peas, Bingo and Raffle at the Royal British Legion Club, Newton Aycliffe in aid of her nominated charities:- The Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations. Tickets are £5 each and are on sale from the Council Offices or the Royal British Legion.

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Students at ADA are now working extremely hard on their annual show taking place at Greenfield School later this year. Fundraising events will be taking place over the next few months to raise money for the student's costumes such as a Family Fun Day on Saturday 21st April (10am to 2pm) at The Bethany Centre, Woodham. Any local businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring the show are asked to call Emma on 07908 162 868.

Zumba On

Helen Smith has taken over teaching Zumba classes on a Monday and Wednesday morning 10am at the Leisure Centre and there has been a few crossed wires and a lot of the participants think the class is cancelled!!

The classes are still on as Helen took over from Barbara Mooney-Dent who had to leave for other work commitments.

The class follows a similar format and costs £3.50 for one class or £6.00 for the two classes.

Contact Helen Smith on 07506 984556 or Facebook 'Helen Smith Zumba'



On the 11th February 2012, Aycliffe Dance Academy entered 71 of their students for their 1st ever IDTA Exam Session. All students passed

with flying colours, with many receiving incredible results and feedback. An impressive 69% received over 85/100 marks achieving honours (the highest mark possible), 29% achieving over 80/100 marks (highly commended) and 2% achieving over 75/100 marks (commended).

Emma Cox, Dance Principal, said: 'Amazing results guys! Words cannot express how proud I am of each and every one of you! You have all worked so hard and my, it has paid off! Look what you have achieved! Bring on the next exam session where we can show another IDTA examiner what ADA is made of. We are ADA!!! I say We are ADA!!!'

India Roddam, a student at ADA, said: 'I'm so happy

APPEAL TO REPLACE TEENAGER'S WHEELCHAIR



great personality and a joy to meet. He is a keen Chelsea supporter and has met Captain John Terry. Newtonian Ross Turnbull, a Chelsea goalkeeper, is a regular caller and Joshua has a signed shirt hanging in his bedroom.

He tells of an exciting day in his life when with his Dad, Martin, they attended the Cup Final which Chelsea won. "We had the best seats in Wembley Stadium and it was a fantastic day" said Joshua

A charity fundraising event for Joshua is to be held at The Hall Garth Hotel on Friday 8th June. A night of entertainment with a live band, raffle and possibly a comedian or magician.

Ross Turnbull will be involved and if anyone wants a ticket or is interested in helping Joshua please contact Martin Wilson on: heat1386@yahoo.com or Newton News on 300212

Parents and friends of Joshua Jackson, a victim of Cerebral Palsy, are trying to raise cash to buy him a new specialist wheelchair. 14 year old Joshua lives in Woodham with his Mum Sarah and Stepdad Ian. He attends Greenfield College and desperately needs a new wheelchair costing £3,500 as he has outgrown his current one.

Over the years Joshua has undergone numerous operations on his lower body to help his mobility. Operations on his legs

and feet including forced fractures have helped and he is able to lead as normal a life as possible. He plays wheelchair basketball and from a love of music

is learning to play the keyboard, taught by ex Greenfield Head of Music Peter Simpson. He is a highly intelligent brave young man with a

Family Business Sponsors Bowls Club



Gordon Fletcher & Sons, local family funeral directors who recently opened a new

office and Chapels of Rest at Cobblers Hall Village Centre, have sponsored Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club, who play at the Oak Leaf Complex

Gordon Fletcher was brought out of retirement to present the cheque to Michael Spencer, who received it on behalf of the Bowls Club. Also in the picture are Colin and Peter Fletcher, who now run the family business, which was founded in 1938. Colin said: "It is a pleasure to support the club, as we have sponsored Ferryhill Indoor Bowls Club for many years and it seemed like a natural progression to sponsor Aycliffe Bowls Club. Now we have expanded our family business in Newton Aycliffe it is good to help local organisations and give a little back to the community. We hope our involvement lasts for many years to come".

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DAFFODIL COFFEE MORNING

The annual Mothers Union Daffodil Coffee Morning will be on Saturday March 31st from 10-00 till 12 noon at St. Clare's Church. We will be having a Raffle as well as Tombola, books and a jewellery stall and it would not be complete without our fantastic Cake Stall full of goodies for you to buy. Please come along and have a Bacon buttie, rest your feet and listen to our Church and Community Children's Choir who will delight you with their singing. All are welcome entrance is free and proceeds are for the upkeep of your town centre church. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

SPRING AT SUE RYDER

National charity Sue Ryder is celebrating the arrival of Spring. Visit the Newton Aycliffe branch where you will find a fabulous selection of new season clothing, colourful accessories, garden ornaments and a very funky homeware range. At this time of year thoughts turn to decorating and spring-cleaning. If you're de-cluttering drawers and cupboards or changing a colour scheme why not donate your once loved items and help us to continue raising much needed funds. If you can gift aid your donation it will raise a further 25%, this really does make a difference to people suffering from end of life conditions.

HELP SCHEME IS AT HAND FOR YOU TO SWITCH TO DIGITAL TV

NEWTON NEWS READERS URGED TO WATCH OUT FOR INFORMATION PACKS



Older and disabled people in Newton are being urged to look out for Switchover Help Scheme information packs which are landing on their doorsteps this week.

The Switchover Help Scheme is writing directly to people that are eligible for help and most eligible people in Newton will receive their first letter and information pack through the post any day now.

The pack, which is also available in a range of alternative formats, explains all the options available to eligible people and contains important information on how they can get help to convert one TV to digital in time for switchover which begins 12 September.

Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help which includes:

- Easy to use equipment to convert one set
- An approved installer to supply and install the necessary equipment, and
- A 12 month aftercare service including a free helpline

The service is free for people who are eligible and who also receive pension credit income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance or income-related employment and support allowance. Other options and equipment are also available at an extra cost and are

outlined in the information pack.

People are eligible for the Help Scheme if they are:

- Aged 75 or over, or
- Have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- Get (or could get):
 - o Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
 - Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
 - Mobility supplement, or are registered blind or partially sighted

On 12 September, the Tyne Tees region will begin to switch to digital. Everyone will need to convert their TV to digital by that time if they are to continue watching their favourite programmes. Emma Speed, Help Scheme Manager for the Tyne Tees TV region said: "The message we want to give eligible people is that there is no need to worry because help is available. If you or someone you know is entitled to help from the Help Scheme, then all you have to do is watch out for information pack which will be sent any day now and either give us a call free on 0800 408 7654 or return your completed form by post to get the help you are entitled to".

The BBC run Switchover Help Scheme has been designed around the needs of older and disabled people. Equipment has been chosen to be easy to use, and contact centre, delivery staff and installers have all been trained to understand and respect older and disabled people. All installers are vetted, carry identification and will never call without having made an appointment. People can find out more information about the Switchover Help Scheme from their packs or by visiting helpscheme.co.uk. To check their switchover date and options for getting digital TV, they can use the Digital UK postcode checker at digitaluk.co.uk.

Analogue signals will be switched off in two stages. The dates for switchover in this area are:
Stage 1 switch off will take place on 12th September.
Stage 2 complete switch off will take place on 26th September

WINSTON CHURCHILL AWARD FOR LOCAL THERAPIST

Local man, Garreth Murrell, has been awarded a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship. Travelling Fellowships are awarded to British citizens from all walks of life to travel overseas and bring back knowledge and best practice to benefit others in their UK professions and communities.

Gareth will travel to the USA and Canada to research the use of Neuro Linguistic Programming or NLP with Veterans who are suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other combat related issues.

The enhanced knowledge and renewed enthusiasm will directly benefit his colleagues, friends and family and he will be able to train others skills to develop further new skills through his example.

To quote one of the Fellows: "There really is no other learning opportunity like it and it has revitalised my creativity and enthusiasm."

NLP looks at the way we think and process our thoughts (Neuro), the language patterns we use (Linguistic) and our behaviours (Programming) and how these interact to

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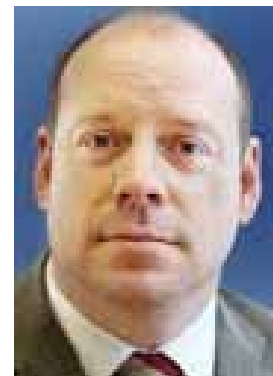
NLP was developed in the USA in the early seventies. Around this time the Vietnam war was at its peak and it was found that some of the techniques being developed in NLP therapy was useful for veterans returning and suffering from PTSD.

The purpose of Gareth's trip is to research the best uses of NLP techniques currently being used with veterans from conflicts such as Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. It is also to share experiences with working with veterans.

Gareth set up and now runs the UK charity Veterans at Ease after suffering from PTSD serving in the British Army for ten years. He was involved in operations in Northern Ireland and was one of the first soldiers into Bosnia in 1992 with the Cheshire Regiment.

Since the charity was founded in 2010 eighteen veterans and 4 of their wives have been helped to deal with the devastating effects of PTSD and other combat stress related issues.

This is a great opportunity, not only to increase my



knowledge around this very emotive subject but is also a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, make friends and build international relationships.

Gareth will be writing a blog when travelling and you can follow him and add your comments on our website at www.veteransatease.org or email him direct at info@veteransatease.org

Veterans at Ease has its office in Spennymoor but works with veterans from all over the county offering an outreach service. Patrons include Sir Paul Nicholson, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Bob Stewart DSO and MP for Beckenham, Roger Uttley OBE

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Woodham Year 7's Cruise Past Local Rivals



Woodham's Year 7 football team eased past local rivals Greenfield 4:2 in the quarter finals of the BASFA District Cup; a competition where Woodham have enjoyed particular success during recent years.

Woodham started quickly and had soon had a 2 goal cushion following goals from Ryan Harris and Harry Duggan. The 2:0 halftime score line reflected Woodham's first half dominance. Although

Greenfield pulled a goal back early in the second half, it wasn't long before Woodham extended their lead and goals from Daniel Ryans and Harry Condon increased the margin to 4:1. Greenfield reduced the deficit late in the game but Woodham finished worthy winners and progress to the semi finals. Head of PE and former Hartlepool United player, Liam Clough, explained "this goes to

reinforce the quality of football provision provided by college PE staff at Woodham that has seen players such as Jason Steele, Ross Turnbull and Ben Wood progress into the professional game in recent years." The quality of all round PE provision was also recognised by Durham Sport who voted Woodham's PE department the winners of the contribution to PE and school sport award.

Woodham Teacher & Student Chosen to Carry Olympic Torch



AN INSPIRATIONAL duo are all smiles as they wait to take part in a shining moment in history. Woodham College is celebrating as one of its teachers and Year 10 students have been called to carry the Olympic torch when it passes through the region on 17th June.

Assistant Head Teacher Jon Tait, said: "It was actually my mam who nominated me; and I was so touched that she had done that, but then to find out I had been chosen to carry it was just unbelievable. I don't think it has sunk in yet that I am doing it; to be part of one of the biggest sporting events in the world is just incredible and I am over the moon."

Jon has been chosen for his commitment and dedication to helping young people with American Football. In the past ten years he has helped around 300 young athletes enjoy the sport.

Jon said: "Being asked to carry the Olympic torch is a dream come true. I am delighted to be doing this with one of my students. I think we are both still in shock."

Richie Howe 15 has been selected for his commitment to raising funds for Diabetes UK. Richie said: "Last year my brother was diagnosed with diabetes which was a big change for him and the family and I helped him as much as I could. "Both of us are keen swimmers and we decided to do the equivalent distance of the English Channel but in our swimming pool; we did 1,464 lengths and raised £500."

"My mum's friend heard about the fundraising and nominated me to carry the Olympic Torch. I am very excited about it. I really can't believe it and I will always be able to say I carried it; I just

hope I don't drop it, that's all I'm worried about."

Richie will be carrying the torch through Darlington after Jon has carried it through the streets of Billingham.

Jon said: "When I have done my turn I am going to try and get over to Darlington in time to see Richie. "It is fantastic this is happening on Father's Day; it is just the best gift I could ever have."

Head teacher Christine Forsyth added: "We are very proud of both Jon and Richie and think it is fantastic they have this historic opportunity, but we are equally pleased that people are being recognised for the work they do both inside and out of school, and what a brilliant way to reward them."

Aycliffe Family Celebrate 100th Birthday

Niall and Saskia Bennison of Newton Aycliffe, enjoyed celebrating with their Great Gran, Matilda Burns formerly Honeyball (known as Hilda) on her 100th birthday.

Hilda born 14th March 1912 grew up with parents Samuel and Martha Edith Honeyball (nee Smith) in Blackhill, Consett. She was the eldest of 4 children with sisters Maureen, Iris and brother Eric.

Hilda later met and married Thomas Burns and together they had 3 children Thomas, Pamela and Valerie. Now Hilda celebrates 5 generations of family enjoying 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Niall and Saskia would like to help Hilda thank everyone for the many floral bouquets, gifts, cards, telephone calls, including telegram and a card from the Queen.

Hilda's 100th birthday cake took pride of place on the table - Hilda, best known for her sense of style and wonderful wealth of stories, sharing the armchair with loyal companion over the years, Brandy the dog.'



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Cross Country Run

Athletes from Shildon R & AC represented the area's top runners to compete at the weekend in Somerset. NSA Merryfield hosted the English Schools Cross Country, on 17th March, with weather being almost ideal for runners. Representing Cleveland, Henry Johnson from Aycliffe (Junior Boy) stayed up with the top 10 runners for over half the course, but ran out of steam when he hit the mud and came in at a disappointing 14.30 for 4k.

Senior Boys had better luck with Cameron Boyek achieving 10th place with 23.52 and Michael Bleasby with confidence after Birmingham Inter counties seemed comfortable as he ran well to be second back for Durham with 24.41.

He looked to be enjoying himself as he past many local lads to reach 39th place, an excellent achievement at his first time in this age category. Junior girls had some tough competition and Rosie Findlay battled her way through the hundreds of Year 8 & 9 girls to reach 121st place with 12.50. Inter girls saw Amy Etherington run true to form to achieve a predicted top place of 36th in an outstanding 15.15. Zoe Hewitson and Lizzie Wood were delighted to be selected to represent Durham for the



senior girls' category. Zoe fought hard to keep up her pace and showed her determined streak to move through the pack. Placed inside the top 100 in the country she crossed the finish with 17.43 and a place of 91st. Lizzie Wood ran well to achieve 19.02 over the challenging course.

Shildon Running & Athletic Club is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards.

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livin FREE TRAINING COURSE BOOSTS TENANTS' JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Tenants of homes and communities organisation, livin, have been given the chance to boost their employment opportunities this week as part a free training course.

Eight tenants took part in the five day course in which they worked towards certificates in slinging and signalling and first aid. They were also able to improve their employment skills through a series of

coaching sessions to sharpen up interview techniques and successful job application writing. The course which was organised by livin, in partnership with Bishop Auckland College and supported by funding from Durham County Council's Personal and Community Learning Fund, and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Employability Skills Fund, is part of the livin Futures partnership which aims to boost employment and training opportunities locally and tackle unemployment amongst tenants. Participant, Billy Moir, 22 from Newton Aycliffe, said: "The skills I have learnt this week will help to improve my CV and open up new job prospects for me for the future."

The budding trainees were put to the test at the end of the week when they undertook Construction Skills Certification Scheme training to prepare them for exam required when applying for a CSCS card, a nationally recognised scheme to prove occupational competency in the construction sector. All participants have also been guaranteed a job interview with partner organisation Southdale Homes as a site operative as a result of taking part in the course. Helen Johnson, employability coordinator for livin said: "This course has been a valuable opportunity for tenants to gain real qualifications as well as boost confidence in their journey towards finding employment. "As an organisation we are offering real opportunities and real experience that make a real difference and this course is the start of many new initiatives we plan to run."

Garden Waste Collection Restart From 17th April

Durham County Council will resume collections of garden waste from Tuesday, 17 April. Householders who are part of the collection scheme will receive a calendar during the coming weeks showing their specific collection dates. Collections may not match rubbish or recycling collection days, so residents are asked to check the calendar carefully before leaving their garden waste out for collection. The following items can all be placed in the garden waste bin:

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HEDGE CLIPPINGS Oliver Sherratt, Durham County Council's head of direct services, said: "Last year, we collected more than 22,000 tonnes of garden waste from our kerbside collections, showing what a valuable service this is to residents." The county council collects garden waste from homes in the Durham City, East Durham, Derwentside, Wear Valley, Chester-le-Street and Sedgefield areas. Collections in the Teesdale area, which are carried out by Rotters, are due to restart on 26 March. For more information about Durham County Council's garden waste collections call 03000 26 1000. **Bins should be left out by 7am on the specified collection day.**

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Gail Longstaff of Stephenson Way realised Spring had sprung when mallards returned to her garden pool last week. The ducks remembered their call last year and returned to stay for a day en-route to their final destination.

Cycling For Cyril



AROUND dozen members of an Aycliffe family are in training for a 50-miles cycle ride in memory of a much-loved and respected father, granddather and great-grandfather. 81-year-old Cyril Tinkler died last year after a long and bravely-fought battle against cancer. During his illness he was helped by the Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland and St Theresa's Hospice in Darlington. His family, led by eldest son, Jeff Tinkler, is to use the cycle ride to raise money for both in

memory of Cyril. Jeff, along with other members of the family, including some of Cyril's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will be seen off at Bishop Auckland by Cyril's widow, Freda. The cycle ride, which takes place on May 13th, the nearest Sunday to what would have been Cyril's birthday, will end in Newcastle after a route that will include Brandon, Consett and the Waskerley Way. The family is requesting sponsors and any money raised will be doubled by Jeff's employers at 3M.

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Woodham Students Want a Piece of the Pi

The computing and educational worlds are buzzing with the release of the new computer system, Raspberry Pi. The Raspberry Pi is a computer the size of a credit card with the network model costing a little over £20. The initial 10,000 units came as a circuit board without a case and sold out almost immediately but the boxed version, which will be released for September, will come with lots of free educational applications installed ready for students to use in school and at home. The Pi uses Linux which is a free operating system which allows users to access and change whatever they wish within the system. Mr Smith, Head of ICT at Woodham CTC, was disappointed not to get his hands on the initial version. "I was too slow! They sold out almost immediately. I know some of my GCSE Computer Science students set their alarms for 6am in an attempt to secure a device but you had to be very lucky to get one". All is not lost. The Raspberry Pi Foundation recently announced new devices are currently being manufactured and should be able to meet all demand within a few weeks. "This is going to be a revolution for using computers in education. Students at Woodham already know how to code their own computer games and mobile apps. Now they will be able to dig deep in to the operating system and do amazing things at very little cost" said Mr Smith.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Marske Fisherman's Choir appeared in Concert at Neville Community Centre last Friday and gave a wonderful performance of singing mixed with comedy. It was one of the best nights at the Centre thanks to them and our members who helped in the kitchen and did a splendid job. Please help us at the centre by donating all your unwanted books raffle prizes and Bric-a-brac. We can collect by ringing Peter on 313924. The fourth Veteran's Badge presentation is to be held very soon and applications from ex-Service personnel including those who did National Service can be obtained from Peter on 313924.

Exhibition in Pace Shop

There is an Art Exhibition of work by local artist Bill Lowery in the Pace Shop in the Thames Centre. The work on display is in oil, pen and ink and everyone is invited to view.

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Diabetes affects around 3 million people in the UK and no doubt many of your readers will have the condition. Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes are different, but both are serious conditions, which are not always easy to manage ro to live with. Sometimes it can be helpful for people with diabetes and their families to talk about their worries and fears with someone who listens with some understanding. Some people feel they need more information to help them to have a better understanding of their diabetes. Our charity has a helpline to offer people with diabetes and their families emotional support and a listening ear. We do not offer medical advice, but we can provide information over the phone

or free written information on many aspects of diabetes. We also have free quarterly Newsletters, a booklet "Understanding Your Diabetes" which provides information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and how they are treated and a very popular booklet "Diabetes - Everyday Eating", with 28 days of meal plans. These are especially useful for people who have been recently diagnosed. I hope that your readers will call our helpline on 01604 622837, it is available between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or email kevin@iddinternational.org As the welfare of people with Diabetes is important to us, we are here to help where we can. Jenny Hirst
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A LESSON IN RECYCLING

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Using various stories such as, 'Charlie and Lola Save the Planet,' and 'Michael Recycle,' along with CBeebies resources the 4 and 5 year olds quickly grasped the concept. Children used recyclable materials to make models, both inside and outside the classroom. Some children used favourite stories as their inspiration.

On Tuesday children planted potatoes with Mr Foster the caretaker at school using recycled bottles as plant pots and manure collected by class teacher 'fresh that morning.'

On Wednesday some children visited the recycle area at Tesco. They noticed that other materials could be recycled too and wanted to help. So we collected shoes and clothes and another group took the items into Barnardo's.

The children commented on the many things they saw to buy at the Recycle Centre and asked if they could go back and buy something. They knew that the money created would go to help children less fortunate than themselves.

'I have lots of clothes that don't fit me anymore,' said one of the girls. 'I have toys that I don't play with anymore.'

The children decided to have a recycle toy day. A swap-shop kind of day, where they brought along one toy from home that they no longer used and swapped with a friend

Finally, after watching a Cbeebies clip about recycling to protect our



planet, the children noticed the characters collecting rain water to recycle. Some of the boys decided to set up an area within the garden to collect water to water our cress and potatoes.



recycling super hero, inspired the children to create their own Super Hero costumes.

We learned so much this week about how to save our planet. 'Mum, if you recycle one jar, I can play on my Wii for 5 hours,' said Robert.



DURHAM COUNCIL SUBMIT BID FOR BINS CASH

The County Council has announced it is to apply for Government cash to further boost recycling rates. It is to formally express an interest in receiving funding through the Government's Weekly Collection Support Scheme. The authority is currently in the process of harmonising collection arrangements across the seven former district council areas and introducing alternate weekly collections throughout the county.

The system, which sees waste collected one week and recycling the next, has been operation in the Derwentside area for some time, where it has helped increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

A waste and recycling survey carried out in December 2010 showed that 74 per cent of residents in the Derwentside area felt the service had improved since alternate weekly collections were introduced.

The changes are expected to save the authority in excess of £9m and potentially up to £12m over the five-year period to 2017.

The council is expressing an interest in Government

funding to provide a weekly collection of segregated food waste on a trial basis. The money available would only fund collections in part of the county.

The food collected would be recycled at an anaerobic digestion plant in the county to provide electricity.

If the bid is successful, the food collection service would be provided on a trial basis in part of the county

Terry Collins, Durham County Council's director of neighbourhood services,

said: "The move to alternate weekly collections will have significant benefits for both residents and the public, through major financial savings, an increase in recycling and a reduction in waste sent to landfill."

"However, a separate collection of food waste would further increase our recycling performance, would remove biowaste from the waste stream and reduce treatment costs as well as providing a clean source of electricity generation in the county."

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Sunday 8th April - Easter Sunday
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Congratulations

AIDEN JOE ANDERSON 25.3.12 Our baby boy, hope you have a lovely day angel, a whole 1 year old! Love you millions, Mummy and Daddy xxx

TO MY BABY BUBBA AIDEN. We are best friends and I love you sweetie boy! From Ashton xxx

AIDEN JOE ANDERSON Happy 1st birthday, our little sweetheart. You are such a joy and always smiling. With all our love from Nanna and Grandad xxx

Births

Alexander John Everson

20th March 2012
1.44pm - 7lbs 6oz

Karen & Jamie would like to announce the safe and long awaited arrival of their beautiful Son 'Alexander John', a little brother for Gracie! Many thanks to all the staff at DMH Labour Ward, and friends & family for their love & support x

Congratulations to Karen and Jamie, also to Grace on becoming a 'big sister' and a very big welcome to our adorable Grandson Alex John! Love Mum & Dad xx

Welcome to the world little nephew!
All our love, Uncle Andrew & Auntie Beci xxx

A baby nephew!
Can't wait for cuddles!
All our love, Uncle Dan & Auntie Lou xx



Congratulations Karen, Jamie and Grace on the newest member of our family Alexander John. All our love Mum, Ian, Yasmin and Sophie

Congratulations Lee and Jodie xx

Congratulations and best wishes. Love from Grandma xx

Welcome to the family 'Baby Alex'. Looking forward to seeing you soon, Grandad Jim & Nan Linda xx

AIDEN JOE ANDERSON Happy 1st birthday Aiden Joe. Love from Grandma Jessie xxx

Congratulations Lee Kennedy



Happy 40th Birthday
16th March 2012

Have a good one. Love from Gran, Mam, Dad and all your family x

Demi Topping



21st March 1994
Happy 18th Birthday GOTCHA!

Have a lovely birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Nanna, Grandad, Shaun and Ashleigh xxx

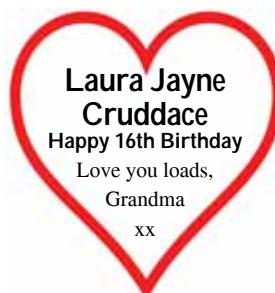


Marley

So proud of you Son on Passing Out as a Royal Marine Commando. Love you, Mam x

Well done Marley on becoming a Royal Marine Commando. Grandad

Well done Marley Love you, Emma x



Laura Jayne Cruddace



Happy 16th Birthday All our love always, Mam, Scott, Toby & Smudge & all the family xxx

Demi Topping



Kisses and cuddles on your 18th birthday, Auntie Demi Lots of love, Reece xoxox

Craig Burke



Happy 16th Birthday
22nd March 2012

Happy birthday Craig! Lots of love, Mam, Gran, Granda, Andrea, David and Granda Jackson x

Birthday Remembrance

CHLOE HUGHES 23-3-07. Happy 5th birthday. Love and miss you always, Granda and Nanna Hughes

CHLOE HUGHES Happy 5th birthday. Miss and love you always, Daddy

Baby Bush



Congratulations Kate and David

on the birth of Jack. Lots of love, Mam, David and the family xx

CONGRATULATIONS GARY & KELLY on the birth of your Son Isaac 02/03/12 a beautiful brother for Matthew and Lincoln. Love and kisses always, Mam, Dad, Neil, Kim, Ella, Nana, Grandad Pebbles and all the family xxxxx

In Memoriam

MARGARET KELLY 24th March 2009. Forever in my thoughts. Love you always, Paddy xxx

JOHN REDHEAD It's one year since you left us, you have not travelled far, you have gone to heaven and left the door ajar. Remembrance is a golden chain that links us till we meet again. Loving thoughts of Mam, Dad, Sisters and Brothers. Never do I forget you all. Sister Laura

JOHN REDHEAD 25.03.2011. Dad, sadness still comes over me, tears in silence often flow, memories keep you ever near, though you died one year ago. Love, Joan x

Stephanie Shiel



Happy 18th Birthday
25th March 2012

Love from Mum and Ian xxx

Happy 18th Birthday Love from Josh and Luke

Happy 18th Birthday Love from Nan, Alan, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

STEPHANIE SHIEL.

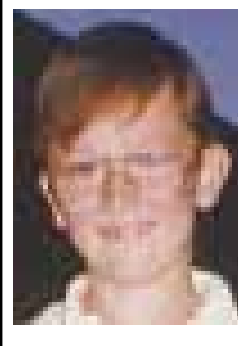
Happy 18th Steph. Hope you have a great day. Love from S-J, Craig, Maddi and Mac x

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 2nd birthday to a lovely Daughter. Lots of love, Mam and Chris xxx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 2nd birthday big Sis. Love from little Bro, Jam xx

DAVID WHARTON Happy 30th birthday. Love, June, Gordon and Mark xxx

David Wharton



Happy 30th Birthday Lots of love, Susan xxx

Happy Birthday Daddy We love you. Jessica and Layla xxx

Becky Vevers



Happy 18th Birthday We hope you have a really great day.

Lots of love, Jonny, Dee, Callum, Emily and Sox xxx

Happy Birthday Andrew

Happy Birthday Andrew from the Barnesy lot, We've got your walking stick, the pile cream for your bot!

Your hair trimmers are waiting, plugged in to buzz, To get rid of all your nose and ear fuzz!

You're only 50, don't shed a tear, Love and hugs from us, we are thrilled you're here!

Love, Vicki, Kevin, Jason, Dianne, Dominic, Sarah, Harry and Millie xx



Andrew Kelly



WOW, LOOK WHO'S FIFTY!

So much to look forward to, glasses, hearing aid, false teeth and walking stick.

We still love you though Andrew. Mum and Simon, Vicki, Kevin, Jason, Dianne, Dom, Sarah, Harry and Millie

CONNOR BLAKEY Happy 10th birthday bestest boy No. 4. The years have flown past so very fast, here you are in double figures at last. It's been such a joy watching you grow, wondering what your next craze would be, and the answer is doing stunts on your Nitro MGP. Please be careful! Love you billions, Grandma xx P.S. Hope you enjoy your party at Planet Leisure

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Children will enjoy football sessions with qualified and CRB-checked coaches between 10am and 3pm, Monday-Wednesday 2nd to 4th April. They'll then go to Manchester for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Theatre of Dreams on the Thursday (April 5) to complete the four-day course.

"It's something we've never done before so we're confident it'll be really popular," said former Sunderland and Darlington midfielder Gray. "Youngsters will get to see areas of the ground that you'd never normally see - such as the changing rooms, trophy cabinets, media suite and directors' box - with a full stadium and museum tour. Before that the courses are a great way for children to enjoy their school holiday in a safe and fun environment. The emphasis of the courses is on fun, so regardless of ability the children are encouraged to enjoy them and hopefully make new friends. Or the courses might simply offer a solution for busy parents looking for baby-

sitters during the half-term holiday!" Gray, who holds the Pro Licence coaching diploma, set up MGFA in summer 2010, and with members of the coaching staff all fully CRB-checked and with the relevant coaching badges, it now delivers the most comprehensive


soccer coaching courses in the area.

The four-day course, which costs £70 per child, is being held at Greenfield Community College in Newton Aycliffe from Monday April 2 to Thursday April 5 inclusive (10am-3pm).

The same course is also

being held at Sedgefield Community College from Tuesday-Friday 10th to 13th April inclusive (10am-3pm).

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