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Byerley Park School Win League Title



Byerley Park Primary School were crowned proud winners of the 'Sedgefield School Sports Partnership Champions League' last week; a seven-a-side tournament played at Greenfield over a 6 week period. Sponsored by Aycliffe-based apprenticeship provider Baltic Training Services, the team consisted of (top left to right) - Jacob Trevor, Daniel Lowe, Ben Stephenson, Mr McAlorum, Niall Blenkinsop, Joshua Batey, (bottom row left to right) - Jack Hobbs, Luis Longstaff, Harri Lynch, Harry Hobbs, Aidan Shepherd. Team Coach/Teacher, Mr McAlorum, said, "After a shaky start to the competition in which we drew both games, it was all to play for. The team came to their fore on the day. The winner was decided on goal difference between Byerley Park and Vane Road, by a 2 goal margin."

"The competition and standard of football from all the teams was fantastic. The spirit the games were played in was a credit to all the children and adults who took part or helped. "A special mention for Harrison Lynch who won our choice of the player who portrayed the team values that are the backbone of the Olympics this year." Head Teacher, Mrs Gargan added, "The team were a credit to themselves and our school. They played with determination and in a sportsman like way. Well done Byerley Park!" Baltic Training's MD Tony Hobbs added, "We are pleased to support Byerley Park's football team and congratulate them on their success."

Family Easter Disco

A Family Easter Disco is on Easter Monday 9th April 1pm until 5pm at the Scouts Hall, Burnhill Way. Age limit for young people is 11yrs. Parents are welcome and admission for all is £2 - Under 1yr. free. There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade for children and adults plus KDO Disco. Tel: 308094.

An Evening of Song

St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village present an "Evening of Song" in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th April at 7.30pm. This features the Synthonia Male Voice Choir conducted by Margaret Pringle. Tickets are £5 available on 320278 or 300040. Light refreshments will be served after the Concert.

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An Expensive Day the Bins Arrived

Dear Sir,
May I offer my thanks to the Refuse and Recycling Supervisor (South Area) and his colleague from Durham Council who helped me replace a damaged rear wheel

on my wife's car.
On Monday 20/2/12 I took my wife's car to my mother's house in Ferryhill to take her for her pension. I parked in the street. It was a clear day, although windy, and NO other

vehicles were in the street.
At 1130 a large IVECO wagon pulled up opposite and proceeded to drop off the new wheelie bins to several guys on the ground from the council, supervised by a lady with the ubiquitous clip board. A moment later, my mother said 'Your car is moving'.

On going outside I found that following the drop off the driver in the wagon had decided to pull away and shunted my car up on the pavement. The rear tyre was burst, rear bumper hanging off, and the entire driver's side of the vehicle paintwork scraped from rear to front, taking the driver's door handle with it.

A number of Council workers were looking at the car, including the lady with the clipboard. When I made a comment she said 'The vehicle is not Council, it's sub contracted.' Photos were taken of the accident and damage, phone numbers exchanged and off they went. After making some calls the 2 gents returned and helped me to fit the spare and limp back to Aycliffe where I parked the car up on the drive. Over the next few weeks the insurance companies got involved with the net result my wife's car was written off and we had to go in search of a replacement.

The reason I bring this to your attention is this: we have a Labour council that rages about Tory cuts. It gave the contract for the bins to Germany at £250,000 more than a UK contract. The vehicle delivering the bins that day came from Cornwall! The driver was East European, as was his co-driver. I don't know how experienced they were, but I do know that

a lamppost was knocked over near Ferryhill Station when bins were being delivered there, but I don't know if it was the same team. So the next time we get the usual shouts of no money, I would appreciate if Aycliffe reps on the Council ask questions about how the money is being spent. I think the answers could be interesting.

Wilf Emmerson

Disability Sports Club

Please note that over the Easter School Holidays we will provide extra sessions of the Disability Sports Club. on Wednesday 4th & 11th from 3pm to 5pm at Agnew Community Centre.

If you have not been before then we look forward to seeing you. For Parents/ Carers wanting further information contact the Manager on 01325-321504 or 301033 or email on agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

We cater for all disabilities including learning. Please join us on Tuesdays at 5-30pm to 7-30pm each week or the above holiday dates.

AWARD FOR TOWN SCOUTS

The Newton Aycliffe 1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Troup are very proud of their latest achievement, having been awarded 'Investors in Children'.

It was awarded because the scouts play a big part in the running of the troupe. When planning activities, events and camps the whole troupe sit around a table and discuss the options, often coming up with good ideas. They are currently trying to set up a film club, but are having difficulties sorting out what kind of license they need (if anyone out there can help please contact Kim (Scoutmaster) on 07971849840.

We are also trying to arrange local camps and activities for the Easter holidays, so if you would like to come along and either help or take part then please let the Scoutmaster know before attending.

If you require any other information regarding the Group then please contact the Scoutmaster, Barbara Cull on 01325 320413.

Many thanks
Sue Beadle, Association Secretary

Youth Group Host Family Supper



Great Aycliffe Parish Youth hosted a Celebration Supper for 60 family and church members. They chose a 'Taste of the Orient' as their theme and delighted the gathering with drama, dance, song and splendid costumes. St. Clare's Hall was suitably decorated as the 10 girls had made lanterns, dragons, origami baskets, and lucky packets.

They had prepared a four course Chinese banquet and showcased their waitressing skills perfectly. The evening ended with a prayer for children all around the world. The girls put a lot of hard work

into the evening and the Parish is very proud of these young ladies.

By Anna McCormick.

A film about a HORRID boy will be the film shown on Saturday April 7th at KidzFlicks at St. Clare's Church. Doors open 1.30 for 2pm start. All welcome.

Messy Church for Easter will follow flicks beginning at 4pm until 5.15pm. Crafts, card making, Easter cake making and a tea to follow. This is for all young children and their parents/carers.

For further details, contact Helen McCormick 319002

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Saturday 14th April - "AMERICAN GIRL"

Some recent reviews - "Punters this on the ground as usual at the Grand on Saturday but despite the lack of atmosphere, American Girl played out as if the place was full. The mark of a Band who love performing! The singer - what a sonny lass!! Great looks, moves and stage presence, and a lovely voice. The second thing you notice - (once you've managed to do something with the lump in your pants) is the quality of the bands' sound and playing ability. Seamless switching between tones and styles in a set bursting with the best of feelgood rock and pop classics". "I can see this band making a reputation for themselves very quickly once word starts to get around". "Had the pleasure of seeing American Girl at The market tavern in Chester last night. They played an excellent solid set of classic rock and pop hits (Pat Benatar, Chills, Adams etc). There were no fillers in this set. All great musicians and Lara's vocals prove that you don't have to sound like Bon to sing 'Dirty Deeds'". "All the songs were performed well and, IMHO, the musicians are of a good standard. The vocalist, in fact, an American girl and it's the first time in a while I've seen a band with a female singer. She is, for me, a natural lead singer and she really put body and soul into her performance. She gave 100% and clearly enjoyed what she did. Some might say she sang some songs better than others but I thought 'Hit me with your best shot' was excellent and 'Jampin' Jack Flash' wasn't far behind."

Saturday 21st April - "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 mins) and then the usual version to finish it off was such a contrast and skilfully 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 half-bart weekend!!" - gig pit review.

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ELECTION ADDRESS

GREAT AYCLIFFE BY-ELECTION
JOHN TURNBULL
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Dear Readers

My name is John Turnbull and I was born in 1967 and brought up in Lightfoot Road until 1987. Other family members have lived in Newton Aycliffe since the early fifties.

I moved to Somerset to work as a manager for Whitbread's where I met my wife Mandy. In 1992 I returned to Newton Aycliffe buying a property in the very street where I was born. We moved in 2005 to live in Swan Walk in the Shafto/St Mary Ward with our 2 daughters Claire & Emma.

I joined Aycliffe Lifestyle Fitness to get fit, doing circuit training with instructors Terry Anderson, Andrew Roe and Sharon Darter who helped and encouraged me to take on a number of challenges including British Tough Guy 3 times, Great North Run twice and the 84 mile Hadrian's Wall Challenge. This enabled me to raise money for a number of charities including Cancer Research, Help for Heroes and a local youth football team.

I currently work full time days, Monday to Friday responsible for the Safety and Security of nearly 800 employees. As a site safety Rep and Manager I am often asked to represent employees and carry out investigations.

I am well known for carrying out thorough, in depth investigations asking the questions that others fear or dare not ask.



Working Monday to Friday gives me ample time to attend meetings on your behalf to voice your concerns.

If elected as your councillor for the Shafto/St Mary's Ward I promise to do what a lot do not, and that is to LISTEN to YOU the residents of the Ward, voicing YOUR concerns to the Town Council and also campaigning for you and the good of our area.

Living in the heart of the Ward you can easily contact me on my land line or mobile or even call round to see me at home, the kettle is always on.

I would be here to represent you and not any Party - my concerns are for the residents of Shafto/St Mary's Ward. so if you want your voice to be heard please vote for me on the 5th of April.

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John told Newton News: "It is appropriate the Queen's Jubilee Draw has a "throne" as a prize".

Tickets for the draw are now



on sale from various town organisations. The night of the draw is Tuesday 5th June at the British Legion Club. Tickets available soon from

Rotary club members and the British Legion for a Social Night including entertainment bingo, tombola and Supper for just £5.

ID'S FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be an ID4U event on Saturday 31st March 2012 time 12:30-15:30 at unit 11 next door to Coffee Pronto in Newton Aycliffe town centre. ID4U is a scheme which is ideal for young people who need a proof of identification but don't want to carry a valuable proof such as a passport or birth certificate.

ID4U is recognised by many retailers which will help younger looking people purchasing products. Application forms are available at Newton Aycliffe Police Station unit 23 Parsons Court. PCSO 7438 SCOTT

PONY COULDN'T GET IN THE LIFT!



It's been a very busy month at Rose Lodge. As well as our bursting activities diary we have welcomed a new manager to the team this month.

Karen Frew-McGill took up the post on Monday 19th March and

has quickly settled in to Rose Lodge life. Karen has a lengthy background in residential care and has the skills and experience required to manage our busy home.

Residents were treated to a Hawaiian themed day last week where they enjoyed fish and chips from newspaper, ice cream cornets and a paddle in the pool. Another typical day saw Molly the Pony visiting the home and the residents thoroughly enjoyed petting and feeding her. However they were disappointed that she couldn't visit upstairs as she wouldn't fit in the lift!

FACTORY NOISE DISTURBS NEARBY RESIDENTS

Dear Sir,

The arrival of British Summer Time heralded a beautiful sunny Sunday, which was for myself, and no doubt other residents of Travellers Clarence Green area, spoilt by the continuous thunderous clash of metal dropping into a skip at the northern end of Tallent's factory.

At a time when we should be able to enjoy the warm weather either sitting outside, or even indoors with the windows open, we are assailed with a totally unnecessary level of noise pollution from this factory. Tallents are currently managing to fund a very large expansion, yet they appear unwilling or unable to design or purchase some type of acoustic enclosure for this part of their production process to significantly reduce the noise level.

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Sri Lankans Visit Greenfield



On 22nd March we welcomed eleven Sri Lankan teachers to Greenfield College. The British Council Connecting Classrooms project has helped to create partnerships between clusters of schools in Durham and other schools from Sri Lanka.

These partnerships have helped to bring an international dimension to young people's learning, to improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures and prepare them for life and work as global citizens.

Without these links with schools through the Connecting Classrooms project it can be very hard for pupils to experience and develop knowledge and understanding of different cultures.

The interaction with pupils from different countries and even different continents, through this project, can help break down the geographical barriers provided by such large distances apart.

Groups of pupils from all years have been involved in different projects, such as writing about the similarities and differences

of what they see on their way to school, producing a collaborative calendar and book of sports and also exchanging Christmas cards and letters with Sri Lankan pupils.

During their short stay in Durham they visited four primary schools and Greenfield alongside a schedule of tourist locations. We welcomed our guests with a series of performances including pupils playing the steel pans, a dance, a musical assembly and the school choir.

The Sri Lankan teachers came into a mixture of Science, English and PE lessons and took part in leading activities for our pupils. They also led Q&A sessions with the pupils which provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience and develop knowledge and understanding of different cultures.

After their visit to Greenfield, Mr Butterworth took our guests to Durham County Cricket Club for a tour of the ground. The Sri Lankan delegates thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the cricket ground which

rounded off a fantastic day for all concerned.

We are proud that we have provided such a rewarding experience for the Sri Lankan teachers so that they too can hold lasting memories of their stay in Durham.

Soup-a-Lunch

St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham hold their popular "Soup-a-Lunch" on Wednesday 4th of April at 12.45 pm.

There will be a choice of 2 soups, 2 Sweets followed by tea or coffee for a price of £3.

For more information phone Angela on 01325 319067

Easter Egg Appeal

Staff and members at Lifestyle Fitness are collecting eggs for sick children in hospital and they are asking the wider public to get involved.

"One of the team thought it might be a good idea to ask our members to collect Easter Eggs for children who are in hospital over Easter" said Terry Anderson, Fitness Co-ordinator "But it has now become apparent that there are a lot more children in hospital than we thought".

This is why the team at Lifestyle Fitness are asking for anyone to pop down with an egg to put a smile on a child's face this Easter. In return Lifestyle Fitness will give everyone who brings an egg a free pass for two people, for the

gym and sauna or for a friend or colleague should they not wish to use it themselves.

Alister Ruddick of Lifestyle Fitness said "You can buy Easter Eggs so cheaply these days and given that it would normally cost £8 to use our facilities we think that swapping an Egg for a pass for two is actually good value for money let alone making you feel good about yourself" Eggs can be left at Lifestyle Fitness in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and will be taken to Local Children's wards in time for Easter. You can call Lifestyle Fitness on 01325 300800 or join them on their facebook page simply search for Lifestyle Fitness - Newton Aycliffe.

Easter Gymnastics Camp

An opportunity for children to give Gymnastics a go over the holidays with Athena Sports Academy. Catering for children aged 8 years and over, the camps are supervised and instructed by qualified coaches within a safe, fun environment. All our coaches are BG qualified, insured and CRB checked. The children will be able to try out all of the

equipment, including our new brand new air track!

Cost: £12 per day Remember to bring a healthy packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink! Dress Code: Leotard or t-shirt & shorts and bare feet.

For safety reasons, we cannot allow any kind of jewellery when participating in gymnastics activities; this includes earrings of any kind, even studs.

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre:
Tuesday 3rd April
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Tuesday 10th April
10am-3pm

CRACK DOWN ON TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

Further to news reports that Education Secretary, Michael Gove, plans to crack down on parents who take children out of school during term-time to go on holiday, as well as issue tougher fines for truancy in a drive to improve attendance rates, Stephen Clarke, Managing Director, Contact Group (www.the-contactgroup.com), comments:

"Parents are breaking the law if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school, so holiday applications need to be closely monitored. Taking children away from school during term-time for whatever reason can disrupt their education, particularly at a crucial stage in their school career. In order to manage term time absences, Local Authorities can systematically track those on holiday during term-time and if they have requested a holiday, that they return on the agreed date. Our Term Time Tracker system, for

example, logs all holiday applications on to the system, then the system checks each day whether each child has returned on the agreed date. Such measures vastly improve Local Authority attendance figures and raise awareness to parents about the importance of getting children back to school on time.

"Furthermore, in order to reduce absenteeism it is imperative that parents of truants are contacted on the first day of absence. All schools need a systematic way of notifying parents when their child is absent from school, irrespective of whether a member of staff is off sick.

Our Truancy Call system is the most comprehensive product on the market to address this. The system can make calls on their behalf, so from the school's point of view, they are alerting parents immediately and catching potentially persistent truants early before it gets serious."

ELECTION ADDRESS

GREAT AYCLIFFE BY-ELECTION

WENDY HILLARY

LABOUR CANDIDATE

A life-long Labour voter, selected as a moderate and progressive candidate, I lead an active role as Treasurer in the Neville/Shafto St Mary Branch of the Labour Party. I am a Civil Servant, and have been a Public and Commercial Services union representative for my work colleagues for the past 5 years. I would be honoured to give the same service to the residents of Aycliffe as I do to the union members who have chosen me to support them.

With your vote, I will ensure that the views and neighbourhood voice of Shafto St. Mary's residents will be heard at Great Aycliffe Town Council meetings. I will also strive to provide prompt and detailed responses to individual concerns.

As a resident, I strongly support measures that enable Great Aycliffe Town Council to continue delivering high-quality, cost-effective and efficient services to the area. While at the same time enhancing the town and community we live in.

Your controlling Labour Group of Councillors on the Town Council are the only ones putting forward positive, creative and imaginative proposals and solutions to the many challenges facing local councils and the community at large. We have provided stable, effective and progressive leadership, whilst at the same time pursuing open and consensus politics to bring out the best ideas from all parts of the community.

Despite the harsh economic



climate of wage freezes and job cuts, the credit crunch and a failing banking system, we have already frozen the Council Tax precept for the coming year, while continuing to improve the facilities and services of the Council and produce savings so that we can continue our commitment to provide the highest quality of services and facilities for you well into the future.

Our objective is to improve the quality of life for the people of Newton Aycliffe, at an affordable cost - continuously monitoring efficiencies, savings and the effectiveness and usefulness of the services the Town Council provides. Only your Labour Councillors offer innovative, clear, forward thinking and team work now for the future.

Labour demands high standards of integrity, ability and attendance from its councillors, unlike the Independents, one of whom in a recent issue of Newton News stated they didn't have to attend meetings to do their job as a councillor (but nonetheless still collect their allowances!).

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
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Wednesday 4th April 2012

**Environment Committee
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from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, 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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WOODHAM EXCEL IN COUNTY GALA



17 students from Woodham College competed in the Durham County swimming gala at Durham's Freeman Quay on 23rd March. The event was well attended with 10 schools taking part with club swimmers and non club swimmers competing in frontcrawl, backstroke, butterfly and breast stroke.

Woodham enjoyed a fantastic day with some great individual and team performances, most notably:

Lyndon Hall – 1st place in the Year 7/8 50m freestyle
Callum Cook – 1st place in the Year 7/8 50m butterfly
Rhiannon Foulds – 1st place in the Year 9/10 100m butterfly and 2nd in the 200m individual medley
Flynn Leybourne – 1st in the Year 7/8 100m freestyle
Jennifer Lerner – 1st in the Year 9/10 100m freestyle
Alex Coatsworth – 2nd in the Year 7/8 50m breaststroke
Richie Howe – 2nd in the Year 9/10 100m butterfly
Jessica Longmire – 2nd in the Year 9/10 100 breaststroke
Woodham Year 7/8 Team – 3rd place in the 200m freestyle team
Woodham Year 9/10 Team – 3rd place in the 200m freestyle team

The results from the Gala are extremely pleasing as both male and female students spend a lot of time swimming in their PE lessons and enjoy using the newly refurbished swimming pool at Woodham. In Key Stage 4 students have the choice of exam subjects in PE and having a swimming pool on site enables students to score highly in GCSE PE, as reflected last year in the Department's 100% pass rate in GCSE for A*-C grades.

Rescue Dogs Pass K.C. Course



Four dogs trained at K9 Pursuits in Newton Aycliffe were amongst those that passed their Kennel Club Bronze Good Citizen Dog Awards and it was lovely for rescue dogs to find new homes and pass this test.

The Kennel Club of Great Britain put together the tests to promote responsible dog ownership and if the dogs and owners pass they receive a Kennel Club rosette and certificate. In the photo Diana with Milo Labrador who is in his fourth and final

home, Mark with Pedro the Lurcher, people tend to pass this breed over in favour of the more popular breeds, Judith with Billy Cross breed, a very loving but assertive young dog and Dawn with Mishah a Collie who is very excitable but with patient and consistent handling has done well.

It's a fantastic result for Dogs Trust and the proud owners of these lovely dogs. Gill Crawford from K9 Pursuits said that the handlers had worked really hard and deserved to pass.

SCOUT CENTRE A.G.M.

Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters and Community Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at the Scouts Centre.

All members are welcome, please ensure that you have your membership cards with you and doors will close at precisely 7pm.

Free Easter Countryside Events

Once again Great Aycliffe Town Council is offering a series of fun free public events over the school half term to keep family groups entertained. There will be no need to book onto the events prior to the activity, just turn up on the day and join in with the fun.

For more information please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer on 07779090842 or e-mail steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

MINI BEASTING - Monday 2nd April, 10am—11.30am

Discover the wonderful and weird creepy creatures that make their home in and around Moore Lane Park during this short guided walk for all the family. Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre.

NATURE DETECTIVES

Wednesday 4th April, 10.30am – 12 noon

Join the Environment Officer for a gentle stroll around Byerley Park Nature Reserve in search of those tell tale signs of the animals that make this fantastic reserve their home.

Meet at: the information panel to the rear of Ranulf Court.

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

Wednesday 11th April, 1.30pm – 3.00 pm

Find out which creatures live in the pond at the Nature Park during this ever popular event. Please bring along your nets, buckets and wellies if you have them.

Meet at: Aycliffe Nature Park, off Travellers Green.

ART ATTACK- Friday 13th April, 10am- 12 noon

Spend a few hours helping the Environment Officer to create a colourful nature display within Moore Lane Eco Centre which all visitors can enjoy during their visit to the centre.

Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre.

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WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service responded to a serious house fire at a property in Nettlesworth. The incident involved a semi-detached dwelling where one person was trapped. The fire at the property on 23rd March was reported to the FRS at 02:01. Two crews from Durham Fire Station were on the scene in less than 9 minutes. The fire in the property

was brought under control and extinguished quickly by crews who entered the premises wearing breathing apparatus. One male adult was asleep upstairs in the property at the time of the fire. However, because the house had working smoke alarms fitted, he was alerted early enough to make his escape from a first floor bedroom window sustaining a broken leg. Paramedics and

firefighters gave immediate casualty care to the victim prior to his transportation to hospital.

A joint fire and police service investigation into the cause of fire is underway. Colin Bage, Area Manager Operations stated: "This incident shows how vital it is for everyone to have working smoke alarms in their homes; without these fitted the consequences of this incident could have been

significantly worse.

As a Service we aim to protect and educate the members of our communities about the dangers of fire; therefore, we urge all residents to take up our offer of free Home Fire Safety Advice including the fitting of smoke alarms.

To receive this free service they can contact us by calling 0191 3324 222 or visiting our website".

WOODHAM KARATE CLUB BOOKENDS



Photo of Julie Nisbet (left) 24 weeks pregnant and Fiona Alton 34 weeks pregnant – the bookends of the club! Zanshin-Kai Karate Club have been very supportive of the two pregnant students, and have amended training schedules slightly to allow them to continue training / keeping fit during pregnancy. There are elements to the sessions they avoid (sparring, sit ups etc), but they have continued training for gradings, thanks to the support of Club members.

AIM HIGHER AT ASPIRE

Newton Aycliffe's new Fitness Studios is off to a great start delivering quality group exercise classes. The first of its kind in Aycliffe, Aspire Fitness and Health opened its doors this month delivering 60 exercise classes every week.

Classes include Zumba®, Modern Pilates®, Young at Heart, Fitball and Bootcamp are all available in addition to the world-wide recognised Les Mills programmes - BodyAttack®, BodyBalance®, BodyCombat® and BodyPump® - there really is a class to suit all fitness levels - open from morning until evening - seven days a week.

Aspire Fitness Studios are on Durham Way North, Aycliffe Business Park. Founded by Sharon Whitehead and Sherri Johnstone, both are fully qualified Fitness Instructors, who recognised Aycliffe lacked a facility that the majority of towns of its size were experiencing.

"We are truly delighted to offer the Fitness Studios to Newton Aycliffe. Both Sherri and I are truly passionate about the fitness industry and are proud to offer such an extensive timetable of classes. "The feedback and interest we have received so far has been phenomenal. Members find the classes very enjoyable as they can go at their own pace, meet new friends and fit the classes around other commitments. There is so much variety they don't get bored and many have dropped a dress size in just two weeks" said Sharon.

Sherri added "Members can choose to pay as you go or pay to save by taking advantage of the monthly membership deals. We don't want a joining fee or a commitment to a contract - you have the choice."

Details can be found at www.aspirefitnessaycliffe.co.uk and on Facebook 'Aspire Fitness and Health.' Tel: 07879 996 728



Advice on Disability Aids and Adaptations

A new service to help people with disabilities maintain their independence was launched on Monday 19 March.

Durham County Council's Equipment Advice Service will provide information on aids and adaptations to people of all ages who have difficulty managing everyday activities.

People will be able to call or email the service or visit its base at the Abbey Day Centre, Pity Me, from Monday to Thursday between 10am and 3pm. A small number of demonstration items will be available at the centre.

The service also has a website, where people can carry out an online self assessment of their needs in order to get recommendations on suitable equipment.

Cllr Morris Nicholls, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adult services, said: "The service can provide information and

support to people with a wide range of needs including, adults and children with a physical or learning disability, mental health problem or sensory support needs.

"As well as helping to identify appropriate products and suppliers over the phone, via email or in person, the service can also take people through the process of completing the web-based self assessment.

"Staff have worked very hard in setting up the service and I am pleased that we able to launch it despite the financial constraints we are currently working under."

To contact the Equipment Advice Service call 0191 384 6726, email equipmentadvice@durham.gov.uk or visit www.durham.gov.uk/equipmentadvice For an online self assessment visit www.equip-yourself-durham.org.uk

livin Staff Learn Sign Language



A deaf awareness course for staff at homes and communities organisation, livin, has proved to be a great success.

14 staff took part in the British Sign Language (BSL) course which took place over 13 weeks in a bid to boost skills and improve communication between the organisation and its tenants who may have hearing difficulties. Participant, Sue Ashton, customer relations

advisor, for livin, said: "Originally I thought the course was about me and learning a new skills but it really helped me understand how deaf and hard of hearing people live.

"Signing is a language just like any other and through it you can show emotion, laugh, dance, and clap. It was really inspirational to not only learn how to sign but understand how important signing is."

Fantastic Talent Show at Woodham Technology College

Last week saw a demonstration of the incredible talent to be found at Woodham Community Technology College. The final of 'Woodham's Got Talent' took place on Thursday 19th March, to a packed audience who were to be entertained by singers, musicians and dancers of particularly high quality. Over forty acts had originally auditioned to take part in the show, and this concert gave the final nineteen the opportunity to perform one more time in a bid to win a cash prize. The competition was presided over by three guest judges: Christine Robinson, Woodham's Chair of Governors; Sue Clements, a former member of Woodham staff, and Syd Howarth, of Newton News. The diversity of the talent in the school was clear to see through the variety of acts taking part, with traditional instrumental performances as well as more current pop songs from solo singers, solo and group dances and

more. This is testament to the provision of extra-curricular activities within the school, ranging from vocal and instrumental ensembles to the well-established Samba Band. Students also have the opportunity to receive additional tuition on several instruments (including strings, brass, drums, woodwind, guitar and voice), something of which many of the students involved in the final have taken advantage. All year groups were well-represented, from year 7 solo singers Tori Hanson and Lucy Ryans with performances of Someone Like You and Make You Feel My Love respectively, to year 11 student Stacey Sherman, who performed I Dreamed a Dream from Les Misérables. Year 8 student Zoë Efthymiadou

performed on the harp, a first in Woodham history, after taking up lessons on the instrument at The Sage, Gateshead. Notable year 9 performances included Gaynor Lambert, Keira Durham and Bethany Clarkson, who all performed solo songs, and Francesca Porritt, who sang while accompanying herself on acoustic guitar. Emily Kavanagh and Daniela Winwood also performed a memorable dance routine, with lifts and jumps which kept the audience on the edge of their seats throughout! Special commendations were also made by the guest judging panel to year 10 students Adam Nicholas for his piano interpretation of the Guns N Roses song Sweet Child of Mine, Rhys Kingston for his performance of



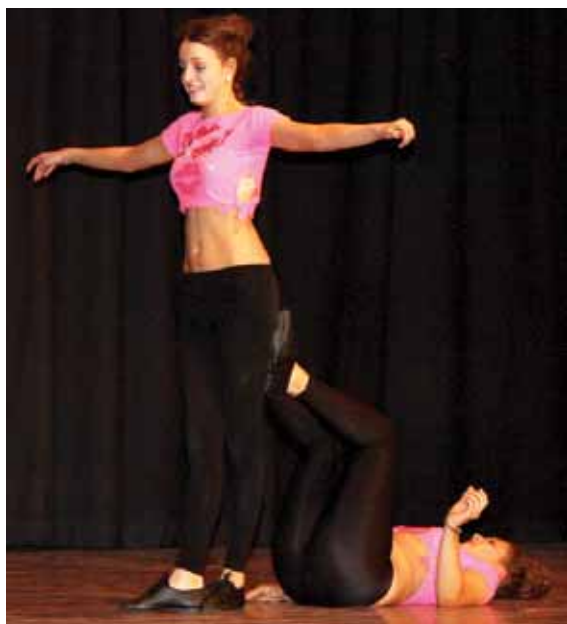
Winner Caitlin Roberts

the Adele track One and Only and Victoria Gerlach and Jake Palliser for their guitar and vocal duet of Wonderwall.

A difficult choice lay ahead for the judges in narrowing down such a competitive field, but after some deliberation, the top three acts were revealed. In third place was a dance performance consisting of students from year 8 and year 10, led and choreographed by Victoria Gerlach. In second place, GCSE music students William Kirton and Tom Bussey (dubbed the Hairy Guitarists!) with their acoustic guitar version of Sir Duke. The coveted first place was awarded to talented year 8 student Caitlin Roberts, who amazed the audience with her skilful solo dance performance.

Students who took part commented on what an experience it was, Gaynor Lambert said "As I'm hoping to study Performing Arts after leaving Woodham, taking part in Woodham's Got Talent has given me a valuable insight into what is involved in the industry" and Stacey Sherman commented "I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Woodham's Got Talent. Performing in school has helped me to develop my confidence, and I am now hoping to pursue courses in Performing Arts in sixth form".

After a thoroughly entertaining evening, enjoyed by performers and audience members alike, there was no doubt in anybody's mind that talent is thriving at Woodham! Fortunately, this year's Summer Concert is just around the corner.



WOODHAM STUDENT SELECTED FOR NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Woodham College student Rebekah Varty has been accepted to join the National Youth Orchestra. The 14-year-old has been chosen to perform with 170 teenagers from all corners of the UK to produce an unforgettable repertoire and learn from inspiring musical professionals.

Rebekah said: "I was so pleased when I was told I had been accepted. I just screamed as I was so excited. It's fantastic and this will give me so much more experience which is just what I want."

Rebekah began playing the flute at the age of nine and has taken her talent to the stage on a regular basis, performing each year in school concerts, on residential trips and at The Sage concert hall in Gateshead as a member of the well-known Symphonic Winds.

Currently studying for grade seven, Rebekah is well on her way to a successful musical career. Head of music Maria Jackson said: "This is a really excellent opportunity for Rebekah. Not many students have achieved this grade at this age and been involved in so many musical events. "But to be part of the National Youth Orchestra is just so exciting for her. Rebekah has her sights set on going to the Royal Academy of Music in London and this opportunity will make her stand out as a brilliant solo player."

Rebekah said: "One day I would love to play in the famous Vienna Concert. To be on that stage would just be a dream come true. I've always



wanted to be a solo player, or principal player in a big orchestra, it's all I want to do.

"I am really pleased that Miss Jackson encouraged me to apply to the National Youth Orchestra. Her support has been brilliant and I owe a lot to her."

Miss Jackson said: "This is the first time one of our students has got through to the national orchestra and the school is very proud of her."

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Exciting Day for Railway Enthusiasts



Saturday 21 April will see the third annual Model Railway Exhibition at The Youth Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6PT, organised by the Rotary Club to raise funds for the Smile Train charity which operates throughout the third world to carry out surgical procedures on young children with facial deformities.

The Model Railway Exhibition will feature 10 working layouts in a variety of scales from "N" to "O" some of which will be travelling from as far away as Skipton and Scarborough to attend the event. Most of layouts are being shown for the first time whilst others are firm favourites on the local exhibition circuit. For the younger enthusiast a special extensive LEGO railway has been arranged.

For modellers in all scales, there are layouts from a variety of periods from the grouping to modern image, based on locations from the North East to Europe and the USA.

Trade stands from four of the

best local traders will be present selling the latest releases from the major manufacturers, kits, die cast models, books and a wide range of second hand models.

The railway preservation movement will be represented by displays from the Weardale Railways, the Weardale Locomotive Preservation Group and the Stainmore Railway.

There will be refreshments all day and a tombola stand. This year's event is being sponsored by Hornby Model Railways who have generously donated a train set of an Hitachi Javelin in special Olympics livery which will be raffled on the day. Parking will be available at St Mary's R C Church, (opposite Tesco). Full disabled access will be available. The exhibition will be open from 10:00 to 17:00hrs. Entry is £3 for adults, £2 for concessions, 50p for children (3-15) under 3's free For further details ring John Burrows on 07870-210269 or email jandeburrows@tiscali.co.uk

COMMUNITY CENTRE PREPARE FOR JUBILEE

Neville Parade Community Centre are preparing to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Tuesday 5th June with a full day of activities. Tesco, Morrisons and Warburtons have donated food and we are appealing for bakers to come forward with offers of Fairy Cakes for this special occasion.

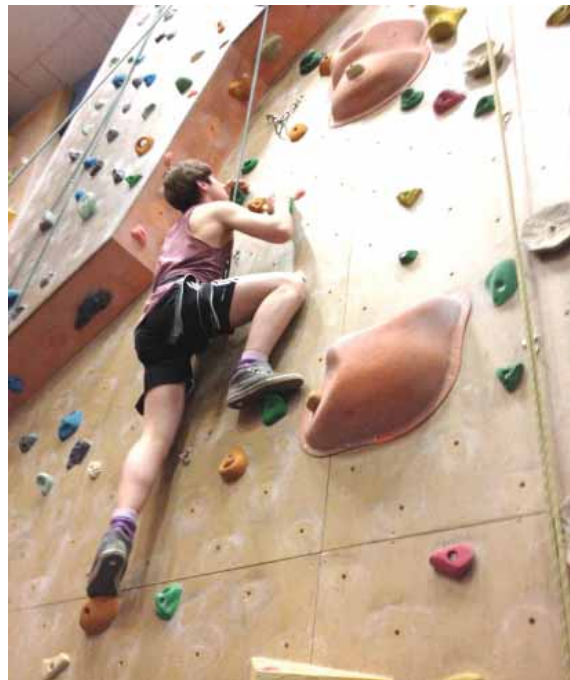
We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day in the kitchen. We want to fill a rota so if you can bake or can spare an hour or two to help please ring Peter Beaty on 313924.

We wish to thank our main sponsors County Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran for providing funds from their community allowance.

We need items for our next fund-raising auction and ongoing bric-a-brac shop open each Tuesday from 10am - 12 noon. Please donate your unwanted books, cd's, fancy goods etc. We can arrange collection if you ring Peter. We thank all those who have donated in the past and as a community centre with no financial support from the County Council or any other body appeal for help.

Coming on Sunday 5th April at 2pm Michael Kelly - a one man band - not to be missed! Bring the whole family- Admission only £2.

Woodham Climb High



Recently a group of year 10 students from Woodham College spent a day at Rock Antics in Aycliffe Leisure Centre as part of their GCSE PE course. The 16 students were instructed and assessed in Rock Climbing throughout the day giving all a fantastic opportunity to develop not only their climbing skills, but also their communication and teamwork.

Students were also given the opportunity to analyse live video film of themselves climbing, something that the PE department at Woodham

now actively uses in all activities to help improve students attainment.

Liam Clough, acting Head of PE at Woodham, commented "It is important that we identify the needs of all our students and provide opportunities like today that help to improve performance and attainment in both boys and girls PE.

Over the past 12 months, the use of video capture and immediate playback in lessons has really inspired our students to improve both personally and as coaches".

WOODHAM STUDENTS PERFORM FOR SUGAR HILL JUNIORS



Sugar Hill School was recently visited by the student Samba Band from Woodham College. The Woodham students entertained Sugar Hill children and staff with their amazing range of music using mainly drums and percussion instruments. Some of the children were invited to join in with the performance and all those taking

part really got into the samba rhythms. Some of the Sugar Hill teachers also recognised former pupils in the Samba Band and were hugely impressed with their musical skills. Everyone at Sugar Hill would like to extend a massive thank you to the Woodham students for a brilliant and engaging morning of entertainment.

Felt Making Project



We are very excited in Greenfield Arts Centre now that the Felt creations made by a year 7 textiles group have been installed in the Cabinets! The project began in January, when the group looked at an exhibition by artist Karen Syms, and created their own felt. The felt has now been embellished and turned into 3-dimensional pieces, which will be on display until the end of April in the Arts Centre.

A big thank you to the year 7 group & Mrs Ward for their help with this project, it has been a great success.

Don't forget - we have a fantastic two week Easter holiday programme happening here at Greenfield Art Centre - we have lots of free craft sessions, a film, face painting

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The Hamsterley trail race is approximately 10k through the undulating off-road terrain

of Co. Durham's magnificent Hamsterley Forest. Aycliffe Running Club played a huge part in helping map out a new route, and will be present on the day to help with marshalling and registration.

Local businesses Driver Hire in Newton Aycliffe and Up and Running in Darlington are sponsoring the 10K race, which takes place on Sunday, 15th July at 10.30am. Places are limited at 400, so entries are being accepted on a first come, first served basis.

To register, or for more information, visit www.butterwick.org.uk/hamsterley or contact Julie on 01388 603003.

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Easter Deadlines

Thursday 5th April - Easter Issue
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Aycliffe Musical Theatre performed "A Night at the Music Hall" over two nights last Saturday and Sunday at St. Clare's Hall. It was a packed house on Saturday, but poorly attended on Sunday night. However both nights were full of fun, laughter and music with great audience participation. joining in the choruses of old time favourites, such as 'Let

me Call You Sweetheart' and 'Down at the Old Bull and Bush'. The members produced some fine singing, suitably dressed in old musical hall style led by Musical Director George Lee, and accompanied by Graham Hewitt on the piano. Star of the show was the irrepressible Bert Draycott a well known northern comedian with a



great reputation and the title of 'World Champion Spoon Player'. His stories of life in northern pit towns were hilarious, akin to the style of Bobby Thompson, though Bet is much more dapper in appearance. His act completed a well rounded programme and congratulations are due to AMT for bringing a live show to the town. Don't miss their next production "The Merry Window" at Greenfield Arts College on 12th, 13th & 14th September. Make a date in your diary to support this talented group and if you want to join them please ring 318968. They are in need of singers, actors, dancers and backstage crew. No experience is needed and you don't have to be able to read music. Rehearsals are held at Greenfield on Wednesdays from 7 - 9pm. Just drop in you will be made most welcome.

Flyball - A Great Sport!



Teesdale Flyball Club have just returned from a successful trip to Crufts, where they competed after qualifying at Broxburn last July. Last Friday in front of a packed crowd in the main arena at the NEC Birmingham they qualified for the semi final by winning not only their heat but coming overall first in that day's competition. Michelle loaded the balls for the dogs, Daniel checked to make sure we didn't cheat, Shelley and Polo, Becca and Fly, Neil and Leo, Claire and Storm, Deb and Dottie did a fabulous job to win each round outright with clean runs just failing to qualify for Saturday night's grand final. The team has members from all over Durham, including two from Newton Aycliffe. Rebecca, a former Woodham student is currently studying at Queen Elizabeth College and has only been taking part in Flyball for ten months with her dog Fly, Michelle has been an active member of Teesdale Flyball Club for many years, is

a veteran at Crufts, both with her dog Bodie and as a ball loader. She calls herself the class clown. Flyball is a great sport for dogs, and what could be more fun than running flat out over jumps, catching a ball and racing back to the handler? The club meet every week to have fun and train with their dogs which range from Border Collies, Pointers, Jack Russells and cross breeds. The club is always looking for new members to come along and try the madness that is flyball. For more information contact Jan on 01388 605803.

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8th Kyu - Diane Simpson, Jayson Durham, Jessica Webb, Darren Webb, Adam Hicks, Hallie Silvester, Joanne Fenton (Merit), Josh Cain (Merit), Dan Blackett (Merit)

7th Kyu - Christine Bennett, Rachel Bennett.
5th Kyu - Chris Nisbet (Merit), Julie Nisbet (Merit)
4th Kyu - Michelle Dowson
2nd Kyu - Fiona Alton (Merit), Mackenzie Alton (Merit)
Zanshin-Kai Karate is based in Woodham Community Centre with classes 6.00pm -7.30pm on Thursdays & 4.00pm - 6.00pm on Sundays. Beginners always welcome from Six years onwards. Drop into the Community Centre between these times for further information.

School Support Sport Relief

To demonstrate their support for Sport Relief, pupils from Sugar Hill Primary school took part in a week-long programme of activities. Each class completed their own 'Sport Relief Mile' during their regular PE lessons and raised some money towards the Sport Relief charity. All the children stuck to the task admirably and enjoyed playing a small part in their event, which mirrored other events across the rest of the country. The staff at Sugar Hill were impressed by the enthusiasm displayed and were very proud of the childrens efforts.

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One year has passed without you and nothing will ever be the same.
Miss you John.
Your loving Wife, Mary xxx

It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside, Of a broken hearted family that has missed you since you died, To us you were so special, What more is there to say, We only wish within our hearts that you were here today.
We love and miss you Dad.
Paula, Brett, David and Christine xxxx

Of all the gifts in life however great or small, To have you as our Grandad was the greatest gift of all. Lots of love, Jack, Jayden, Harry and Oliver xxx

JEAN COOK 30-03-09 In loving memory. We love you, miss you and think of you every day. Love from all the family xxx

JEAN COOK Fondest memories of a special friend. Love, Pat, John and family x
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JUDY COLLEY 27/03/2004 Loved & missed every day. Forever in our thoughts, Mam, Paul, Helen, Christopher and Michelle xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Tina Louise Allan

30th March
Remembering you today and every day is easy. A wonderful Daughter who we love and miss so much. So many birthdays now without you.
But treasured thoughts of you are locked in our hearts forever.
Love, Mum, Jacquie and Christopher xx

Beloved Dad

04.04.50 - 19.12.10
If roses grow in heaven. Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Father's arms and tell him they're from me.
Tell him I love and miss him and when he turns to smile, place a kiss upon his cheek and hold him for a while. Because remembering him is easy, I do it every day. But there's an ache within my heart because I'm missing him today. Sadly missed but not forgotten.
From Helen, Steven and Natasha xxxxxx

Dennis Archer

04.04.50 - 12.12.10
Now you've got to 62 we should be out dancing to some rock tunes. Having a good time like we used to do.
Laughing like a pair of loons. Saying hello to all our friends. You never think those days will end.
The 4th of April will be a great day in heaven, there will be madness for me left on earth without you Dad, and will be a little sadness. Happy birthday Dad!
'Wishing we were fishing'
Love and miss you forever, Sharon, Neil and family xxxx

DES WALKER 29th March. Our birthday wish must be a prayer, this special day we cannot share. But in our hearts you are always there. Love forever, Wife Julia and family xxxx

KEITH WILSON Happy Birthday 01.04.2012 Thinking of you today and always, Pauline, Ian and family

MIRIAM ROSSITER 29/3/42 Thinking of you Mam on your 70th birthday. Love and miss you always, Lesley x

TONY THOMPSON 04.04.28 Happy birthday Darling. Though I lost you, I will never forget you. There is always a tear in my eyes and a break in my heart. Love you always, Wife Grace xx

MARK BULMAN Happy birthday Mark, still sadly missed. Love, Nana xx

DENNIS ARCHER 62, April 4th. Birthday wishes sent above, to you Dennis with all our love. Longed for always and missed every day. From your loving Mam and Dad, Brothers, David and Kenneth, family and friends xxxx

KEITH WILSON 01.04.1950. Birthday wishes we send to you, wrapped in love that will never end. All our love always, Anna, Julie, Louise, Helen, James and all the family

Remembrance

ALF SAXBY 4th April. Always in our hearts. Love you always, Wife Eileen and family xxxx

ALF SAXBY 4th April. Miss and love you loads Dad. With love from Kathleen, Mark, Chester and Regen x

Obituary

BOB SEARLE of The Oasis, Dwygyfylchi, North Wales, originally from Newton Aycliffe, was promoted to Glory on Saturday 24th March. A Service of praise and thanksgiving will be held at The Oasis on Monday 2nd April at 1pm followed by interment at 2.30pm at Penmaenmawr Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers to IGO Missions, to support the work that Bob dedicated his life to. God is good.

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Happy 40th Birthday
29th March 2012
Looks like you were one of the boys!!
Love from your boys, Jack and Joe xx

The Big 40
To a very special Daughter on her 40th birthday. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xx

To a Special Sister
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Today you don't look a day over 40! Tomorrow you will!
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BRADLEY HARRISON Happy 18th birthday Son, so proud of what you have achieved. Have a great weekend. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxxx

BRADLEY HARRISON Happy 18th Brad, enjoy your weekend. Love, Curt, Megan, Karen, Jack, Brogan and Charlie xxx

BRADLEY HARRISON To a special Grandson, happy 18th birthday. Have a great day on Saturday. Loads of love, Nana and Granda xx

BRADLEY HARRISON Happy 18th birthday. Have a great day Saturday. Love, Gail, Ken, Gary, Neil, Kelly, Kim, Matty, Lincoln, Isaac and Ella xx

BRADLEY HARRISON Happy 18th birthday. Have a great day. Love, Paul, Leanne and Spots x

BRADLEY HARRISON Happy 18th. All our love and kisses, Nana, Aunt Lynne, Uncle Peter, Yolanda and Ricky xxxxx

BRAD HARRISON Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love from Aunt Ally and Uncle Andrew x

BRAD HARRISON Happy 18th birthday Brad. All our love always, Aunt Anita, Uncle Mickey, Ross, Robyn, Reed and Lauren, have a great weekend xx

SIENNA-LEIGH BIRKETT Happy 5th birthday on Monday 2nd April to our beautiful Daughter, have a lovely day. Love, Mummy and Daddy xx

HARRY LAVERTY 31.03.99 Hip hip hooray, Harry is a teenager today! Happy 13th birthday. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxxx

HARRY LAVERTY Happy birthday Little Bro! Lots of love, Anth, Paula, Kayleigh, Naomi and Bump xxx

HARRY LAVERTY 31.03.99 Teenager today, hope you have a good day flying. Happy 13th and lots of love, Nan and Grandad xx

BARNES Happy birthday Adam a teenager at last. Love and best wishes always, Grandma and all the family xxx

Courtenay Pearson



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1st April
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Billie-Jean Nicholson



Happy 18th Birthday
31.03.94
Love, Mam and Dad

Paul Kamp



Congratulations on your 40th Birthday Paul
1st April 1972
Love from Mam, Angie, Hayley, Daniel and all the family x x

Happy 50th Birthday - Paul Howarth

Happy 50th Birthday
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Happy 50th Dad
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Looking Good Bro!
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Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary
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Brandon Woodward



1st April 2012
Have a fab 8th Birthday Hunny. Love, hugs and kisses, always, Mam xxx

Happy birthday
little Brother.
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RON MORGAN Hooray my Dad is 65 today, 2/4/12. All our love and best wishes, Michelle and Phil xx

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TO MY SPECIAL Great Grandad 'Ron', happy 65th birthday. Love you from Lexie xx

Rhianna Bonas



Happy 18th Birthday
01/04/94
To our beautiful Daughter on her 18th Birthday, have a fantastic day. Love you the world, Mam and Dad xxxxx

Rhianna Bonas
01/04/2012
Happy 18th Birthday
To a special Granddaughter and Niece, hope you have a fab day. Lots of love, all the family xx

PAUL HOWARTH Happy 50th birthday from The Press Gang!

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 22nd birthday to a lovely Daughter. Lots of love, Mam and Chris xxx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 22nd birthday big Sis. Love from little Bro, Jam xx

MICHELLE HOWARTH Happy 40th birthday from The Press Gang!

AYCLIFFE SPARTANS TOUGH 2012 DEBUT

In glorious early spring sunshine, Newton Aycliffe Spartans made their 2012 competitive debut in the inaugural Leicester Spring League last weekend. It proved to be a tough baptism of fire for the Spartans squad of 16

against two experienced teams in Hull Scorpions and the hosts Leicester Blue Sox.

In the first game against Hull Scorpions, Spartans, who supported Sport Relief by wearing the official T-Shirts,



Newton Aycliffe Spartans 8, Hull Scorpions 15
Newton Aycliffe Spartans 2, Leicester Blue Sox 20

soon found themselves in a hole, going 12-2 down after just three innings as their inexperience, particularly in fielding, allowed the Humberiders to score runs at will.

However, the Spartans soon found their groove and staged a plucky late fight back scoring six runs in the final two innings and limiting the Hull Scorpions, who they will meet in regular season action in the BBF Northern Division, to just three

more runs.

Leicester Blue Sox come out strong against the Spartans, launching themselves into an early 10-0 lead after three innings. The Leicester side, who in the first game of the day rallied to beat Hull Scorpions, 14-13, extended their lead further and eventually ran out winners 20-2.

Despite the score lines, Head Coach Sean Wallwein said there were plenty of positives to come out of the games "We learnt as a team a good early lesson in that if you play a good defensive game, cut out the throwing errors and are aggressive with your hitting, you will win more games than you lose and I was pleased that when we were able to put the ball into play when batting, we scored runs"

The Spartans will return to Leicester on the 8th April for additional preseason games before their first regular season game in their history on the 15th April against Manchester Torrent – first pitch 12pm Baseball and Softball are community sports, welcoming both women and men, irrespective of age. Anyone interested in learning more about either sport is invited to join us. Spartans have now commenced their summer outdoor training sessions. These will be held every Thursday evening from 6pm until 8pm at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College, and on Sundays 10am – 1pm (on non game days – check www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk for the team's schedule).

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Scheduled bin collections in County Durham will take place as normal on Good Friday.

Residents whose rubbish and recycling is due to be collected on Friday, April 6 are reminded to leave their bins out for collection as usual.

During the week commencing Monday, 9 April, collections will be one day later than normal in the Durham City, Sedgefield, Teesdale and Wear Valley areas due to the Bank Holiday Monday. There will be no changes to collections in the former Easington area during the Easter period. Durham County Council is currently in the process of introducing alternate weekly collections of rubbish and recycling and more efficient collection routes across the county. The new system and new collection days will

start in the Chester-le-Street and Derwentside areas and the villages of Esh Winning, Witton Gilbert and Waterhouses from Tuesday, 3 April. Residents in these areas should check their collection calendar for specific collection days for their property.

Bins should be left out for collection by 7am on collection day.

For more information about waste and recycling collections, including Frequently Asked Questions and an A to Z of what can be recycled, visit www.durham.gov.uk/bins

For details of your specific collection days, enter your postcode in the My Durham section of any page on the website. Alternatively, call 03000 26 1000.

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