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Future of Aycliffe Steel Company Secured with Sale

The future of a Aycliffe-based steel processor is secure after its sale to a €7.5bn turnover multinational.

Steel & Alloy, which has a factory at Aycliffe, has been sold to Spanish-based Gonvarri Steel Industries. Steel & Alloy also has plants in the West Midlands and a joint venture in Istanbul, Turkey. Managing director Mark Cooper said: 'Steel & Alloy is Gonvarri's first acquisition in the UK and they will provide additional strategic direction and financial backing, securing our long term future.'

'Gonvarri is focused on steel processing, primarily for the automotive sector and other industrial markets, and is both successful and highly respected. It is a large organisation and has extensive links with steel makers and OEMs alike. It is the perfect fit.'

The 300,000 tonnes of steel processed by Steel & Alloy is used in the production of vehicles manufactured by the likes of BMW, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Jaguar Land Rover, Nissan and Toyota.

Steel & Alloy was founded by David Ashwell in 1968 to process steel for the UK automotive sector. The four children of David Ashwell, who inherited the business when their father

died, have agreed to sell the entire share capital, in order to see their father's legacy go to a good home.

Gonvarri is a large predominantly family-owned Spanish industrial company and in spite of its size and scale, the business retains its family ethos and roots. Firstly, Gonvarri consolidated its presence in Spain and then became the European leader in steel service centres, processing in excess of 3 million tonnes in 10 countries. Gonvarri has also established itself as a leading player in the design and manufacture of automotive components through its sister company, Gestamp Automoción. It has extended its reach to Latin America, Asia and the USA and is currently expanding into renewable energy.

Managing Director Mark Cooper said: 'The Steel & Alloy Management Team is very excited about the prospect of working with Gonvarri.'

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Need something for the kids to do during the Easter Holidays? Oak Leaf Sports Complex is holding a number of courses in a wide range of activities for kids aged 8-15yrs.

Activity Day's Monday 2nd and Wednesday 11th April 9.30-3.30
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EASTER ACTIVITIES AT GREENFIELD



A fantastic blind decorated by children who attended the craft sessions – well done everyone, it looks amazing!

Our Easter activities are now in full swing and we've had a fantastic response from families, enjoying our sessions. We've had lots of messy creative fun with Arty Clarty and Crazy Crafts, and look forward to face painting and family cookery too! Don't forget we have a full week, next week too. We have Sculpture Making, "Jumbo Jigsaws" Gallery Explorer sessions, family cookery and a Friday film. Ring us 01325 379048, email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk for more information. See you soon!

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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 bonny 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 band's 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 is, 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 "Jungle 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 skillfully done. 'Boys' was great and Dancing in the moonlight with Kenny Sax guesting was sublime as was the Kayleigh inspired Emerald. Awesome guys, made my halibut weekend!! - gig pit review.

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Last Chance to See Show

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Don't miss this opportunity to join in with the memorable songs, such as "White Cliffs of Dover" and "We'll Meet Again", the flag waving, lots of laughs and a few tears. So come along, take your seat and "When The Lights Go On Again" you'll be glad you came.

This is the last opportunity to see this show performed as WVMTC have managed to obtain the last performance license issued by the author for this show. We will also be supporting the "Help for Heroes" charity with donations from the sale of flags and donation collections at each performance.

The performances will be in Shildon Civic Hall from Tuesday 15th May to Saturday 19th May commencing at 7:15pm. Tickets are £9 (or £5 for under 14s) and are available by telephone 01388 604285 or 01388 604457.

Top Impersonator in Local Show

Showcase International bring to Shildon the internationally acclaimed and UK's leading female impersonator, the sensational, highly talented - Ceri Dupree.

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The show is for one night only at Shildon Civic Hall - 7.30 pm 19th APRIL. Tickets £12.00 each - Tel: 316224.

Ceri has been delighting audiences worldwide for almost 25 years; his unique talents have taken him through musical theatre, pantomime, summer season, television and cabaret. There isn't an audience he hasn't played to.

On Television, Ceri has wowed the audiences with his four-part television show for ITV1 called "Ceri Dupree Unfrosted". He has also appeared on numerous chat shows, light entertainment shows as well as hundreds of radio shows and press interviews.

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NEW FACES, NEW PLACES



The Newton Aycliffe social group "New Friends New Places" went on a Country and Western Weekend at Butlins Skegness where they visited one of the original chalets used in the 1960's. They all

had a wonderful time, the accomodation was excellent and the food was top class and some of the best they had all tasted. The group could not fault anything over the whole weekend and finished off by visiting Lincoln.

New Friends, New Places, now in their 4th year meet every Tuesday 2.00pm until 4pm at the Navy Club. The group enjoy Line dancing, quizzes,

singing, talks and Bingo. Visits to Tenby, America and various other places are planned this year. The first Sunday of every month a Mystery Trip is organised. Most of the members had never met until they joined this club and now they are firm friends. New Members are always welcome. Ring 01325 308094 for further details or just come along and join us.

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Despicable Thefts from Cemetery Graves

Dear Sir,
I thought your readers might like to know of the thefts from West Park Cemetery. I've been to today and for the second time Lanterns had been stolen by people I can only describe as low life, disrespectful, small minded, thoughtless and uncompassionate rats.

I was about to complain to someone working there and as I approached him there was already another person reporting the same.

I also spoke to a third person who said lanterns had been stolen from their mother's grave. This is shocking and obviously not an isolated incident; the security there is a disgrace and the perimeter fence is in need of repair. There are gaps all along where these thieves are getting in. The little office at the entry gate is never open, and there is supposed to be a warden there till 8 o'clock at night but I've never seen them yet.

I don't know how many people this is affecting but due to the amount of empty lantern hooks, it

appears a fair few. As you can imagine, I'm quite angry about the whole thing, something needs doing to prevent this from happening.

All people want to do is keep their loved one's graveside nice and neat. Is that too much to expect?

Pete Bailey Jr.

PLEA FROM BIKERS

Dear Sir,
Is there any where in Newton Aycliffe where we can ride our off road motor bikes? Could the Town Council help in any way?

Ours are trial bikes and don't make much noise and it would be ideal if there was waste land we could use as this would stop the irritation to residents of riding in streets.

Biker
Name & address supplied

PCP Nursery Eggstravaganza



As part of their Easter celebrations, the House of Eden Nursery at the Pioneering Care Centre held a decorated egg competition. The children got their creative heads on and produced some very egg-stravagant eggs, from Olympic rowers to Rapunzel in her tower!

The Easter eggs were judged on Friday 30 March by Carol Briggs, Chairperson of the PCP who said "The effort and imagination that has gone into this egg decorating competition is remarkable! It is probably the hardest decision I've ever had to make; I'm just pleased there are 3 winners per category! Thank you very much to Syd Howarth's grandson Joe for helping me choose the winning eggs. All the children, and staff, have truly 'egg-ceeded themselves.'"

The winners are: Ages 0-2: 1st Anthony Willan, 2nd Will Simpson, 3rd Isla Hall
Ages 2-3: 1st Megan Brawn, 2nd Josh Smith, 3rd Millie Greathead

Ages 3-4: 1st Freya Burleigh, 2nd Harvey Bowman, 3rd Rudi and Synnove Latheron
Staff: 1st Jan Hooper, 2nd Emma Bradley, 3rd Donna Hutchison and Joanne Dawson

The House of Eden Nursery moved into the Pioneering Care Centre in May 2011. They provide day care facilities from birth to 4½ years and offer before/after school care and a holiday club for children up to the age of 12 years.

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VOLUNTEER FOR LITTER PICKING

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A regular feature in the Newton News reports on residents from Newton Aycliffe complaining about the amount of litter seen around the town or people complimenting Community Groups or school children who have organised their own litter pick in order to make their community cleaner.

It is a credit to the many people in Newton Aycliffe who take pride in their town and take direct action themselves by either removing litter themselves as part of a Litter Picking group or picking the litter up themselves without support.

As Chair of LitterFreeDurham I thank everyone in Newton Aycliffe who has taken part in a Litter Pick and I am sure that your efforts will have been appreciated by many of your neighbours and your Councillors.

Sadly the litter problem does not go away. We are told that despite the tremendous effort of many the simple message reminding people to take their litter home has not sunk in. It is

reported that MP's still receive more complaints about litter than anything else and with our English Counties alone, spending almost £900 million in 2009 to keep our streets clean and our environmental scientists reporting on the tragic scale of death to our wildlife nationwide, one can understand the reason why our MP's mail boxes are so full of complains about litter.

Over the last four years LitterFreeDurham have been active in raising public awareness on the affects of litter. We have met with Community Groups and Parish Councils to encourage help by organising their own Litter Pick group in their area. We have visited primary schools and spoken to over 2500 children to give them reasons why they should put their litter in the waste bin and we have met with Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Officers to increase their efforts to remove litter. But still the problem persists and will continue to do so for

some time until the penny drops and our attitude changes towards dropping or throwing litter out of car windows. To those people who blame their Local Authority or refuse to get involved because they say it is their councils' responsibility as they pay their council tax for this kind of work to be done – you are correct!

It is the council's responsibility but in reality the amount of litter in our streets creates a problem far greater than that which the council deal with

unless of course they increase our Council Taxes still further. Durham County Council pay out approx £5 million and Darlington £1.2 million to keep our street's clean – money that is wasted - not by the councils themselves, but by having to spend the money on this issue in the first place.

So to LFD and to many others, the options to us all are limited – either we let the litter pile up in our towns and villages or we organise ourselves and do something about it – LFD

have chosen the latter course of action.

Following last year's successful Big Spring Clean when 1300 volunteers turned out and removed over 1500 large black bags of litter from the Highways and byways of the two counties, we have now organised our second Big Spring Clean and invite people from Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas to join us to make 2012 even more successful than last year.

You can pick as a group or as an individual. We have both.

Age is not a barrier – we have people over 80 who take great pride in their locality and turn out to keep their road, street, lay-by, footpath, or play area clean

Time is not an issue – The Big Spring Clean starts on Friday April 16th and runs through to Friday May 11th – choose any day and time that is suitable

No equipment – no problem, we will provide everything to make the job easy and we will organise the removal of the waste the bags after your pick. Not too sure how to organise a litter pick and you are interested and want more information or to book a Litter Pick call 01388 728826 or 'e' mail litterfreedurham@durham.gov.uk

All we need, is for you to fill in our booking form so that we know when you are going to do your litter pick, where we can drop off the equipment you will need and where we have to pick up your waste bags – it's that simple.

So why not rally round and help LFD help you to clean up Newton Aycliffe.

Gerald Lee

A Quieter Life, Please

The Queen has asked everyone in Britain to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee by showing care towards their neighbours. And, according to the UK's Noise Abatement Society, one of the best ways of doing that is to reduce the volume both inside and outside your home.

Their busy helpline is jammed with complaints about neighbours noisy lifestyles and the stress it brings, especially during the summer months.

The NAS launched the Quiet Mark awards this year, treasure-hunting the Quietest Machines in the World from cars to coffee makers, from hedge trimmers to hairdryers for soothing sounds in stressful times. All are now showcased in the world's quietest shop www.quietmark.com

Over 35 leading global brands are on board across 23 design categories from AEG, LG, Lexus, Philips Samsung to Whirlpool in this first of its kind campaign, joining together to make the world a more peaceful place with their

latest low-noise designs.

A percentage of the profits from Quiet Mark go to support all the campaigns of the NAS charity.

WIN A QUIET LIFE 2012 launched last week with a selection of luxury-brand prize give-aways each month to raise awareness of how sound profoundly effects our everyday lives at www.quietmark.com/competition and Facebook www.facebook.com/quietmark and Twitter.

NAS Chief Executive Gloria Elliott says: 'When someone says they have to turn up the telly to overcome the noise of the kettle, or the washing machine sounds like a train coming through the kitchen, then you start to see a picture of deep frustration, the effects of unnecessary noise on your quality of life, every day of your life, and maybe that of your next door neighbour.'

Quiet Mark's other government and industry sponsors and supporters include DEFRA, Swiss Dept. of Environment, Lexus and Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment.

60 Wonderful Prizes in Rotary Jubilee Draw



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The Rotary Club Jubilee Draw has sixty prizes to be won and tickets are on sale now from town organisations who will keep 75% of the sales.

The idea behind the draw is to support schools, groups and charities in Newton Aycliffe. The Rotary Club have obtained the prizes, printed the tickets and will

administer the draw which will take place on 5th June at a special Jubilee event in the British Legion. Tickets are on sale from the Rotary Club and the Legion priced at £5 including a Pie & Peas Supper, Bingo and entertainment.

The Prize List and donors so far are below: (not in order of the draw)

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- £25 Travel Voucher - J & C Coaches
- Plant - Elm Ridge Garden Centre, Darlington
- Wine Tasting for 4 - Vesuvius, Darlington
- Meal Voucher - Burtree Inn
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- Meal Voucher - Elachi Indian Restaurant/Takeaway
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Introduction to Reiki- Starts Saturday 28 April, 10am - 12noon for 5 weeks

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Employability- Starts Friday 11 May, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Jobsearch, interview skills, C.V. building

Introduction to Floristry- Starts Tuesday 24 April

10am - 12noon for 5 weeks
Floristry Kits are available to purchase from the tutor for £12.00, and throughout the course learners will be asked to bring in some flowers.

Carol Wood, Business Development Director for the PCP says: "We feel there is a full range of courses on offer to help people learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or improve their confidence and self-esteem. All courses run subject to sufficient demand and it is recommended that places are booked as soon as possible. We would also like to know if there is something people want to do that isn't on offer. Please get in touch to tell us and we will do our best to provide."

All classes take place in the Pioneering Care Centre, For further information tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net.

NEWTONIAN HELPS REBIRTH OF LOCAL GARDEN CENTRE

The birth of a new garden centre between Kirk Merrington and Middlestone Moor is thanks to the dedication and hard work by one of its long standing volunteers from Newton Aycliffe.

Mike Shaw turned up on the doorstep of our garden centre at Whitworth, LB Plants, two years ago, looking for something productive to keep him active. Sharon Bartle, owner along with Howard Leslie set him to work clipping, cutting, digging and weeding. Mike soon became a regular and it didn't take long for him to not only become an integral cog in the maintenance of the nursery, but also to kindle a spark of romance with another volunteer, Maris, who had stumbled upon the plant centre a year before. They sealed their friendship with a kiss after Christmas Eve mulled wine around a festive volunteer bonfire.

Like all fairy tales, there had to be a bad bit. and between Christmas and New year the nursery lease was unexpectedly ripped from them by their Landlord and they were left with just one month to move every plant, bench and spade from the walled garden.

Everyone was devastated. Sharon and her business partner Howard had built LB Plants up over four years to become very well respected and where you could buy good hardy, northern stock. It was all



taken away overnight, and they were left without a business, and with no form of income.

The volunteers were left hapless and homeless and it was a sad situation all round. Fortunately half way up the hill towards Kirk Merrington stood some forgotten greenhouses. at Misty Blue Farm

Now a horse livery centre, with dog kennels and a cattery it cried out for the nursery to be reinstated. Fortunately the occupants, Dale and Nikki Skinner were up for the new venture. An added bonus was the addition of Brigid Press to the party whose lease had just expired on her Coffee Shop in Durham who was also looking for a new venue.

Nearly three months later and after plenty of blood sweat and tears, a new Plant Centre

is emerging: Lazy Dayz Plant Centre, Coffee Shop & Pantry will open its doors over the Easter weekend.

Mike and Maris have been an important part of the rebirth. Mike has painted and stained any bits of wood that have stood still long enough, and Maris has been developing a demonstration garden. They hope that this is the start of many years of interesting work and horticultural happiness.

Vital Leg Up on Employment Ladder

Durham County Council is encouraging local companies to do their bit to give young people in the care system or leaving care a leg up when it comes to securing a job.

The Teenagers 2 Work scheme works with businesses across the county to offer young people the necessary work experience, vital to give their future careers a boost.

Offering a young person work experience can help them to develop new skills, increase their self confidence and job prospects.

By giving teenagers who are in care an insight into the world of work, companies can raise the profile of their organisation within the community, influence young people coming into the labour market and also benefit from an additional pair of hands.

Teenagers 2 Work will make sure the young person is suitable for the organisation, provide basic induction training as well as making regular visits to the workplace to ensure ongoing

support for both sides.

If you would like to find out more information about the scheme and how your organisation can make a difference to a young person in care you can contact Durham County Council.

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If adults have concerns about a child they should immediately contact social services, police or call the NSPCC Helpline on 0800 800 5000 where trained counsellors are on call 24 hours a day.

Children should contact ChildLine on 0800 1111. Last

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Carrying on the Family Business - 35 Years On

It was in 1662 when the famous diarist Samuel Pepys wrote after a visit to Covent Garden: "Thence to see an Italian puppet play that is within the rayles there, which is very pretty, the best that ever I saw, and great resort of gallants." and Mr Punch as we know him today was born.

Coming from a family of entertainers, and following in his father's footsteps, Brian Llewellyn started performing Punch and Judy shows on 7th June 1977, starting at Middridge Village Hall going on to do street parties around Newton Aycliffe as part of the celebrations marking the Queen's Silver Jubilee. His father "Uncle Billy", a well known entertainer and ex councillor from Darlington, started his show for the Coronation in 1953 and never looked back. He worked for British Rail in North Road shops at Darlington then Shildon Wagon Works and did his shows part time.

In the late 50's early 60's he was the resident Punch and Judy man on Redcar sands and worked permanent night shifts so



he could spend the days at the beach sleeping in the booth between shows. This is where Brian did his apprenticeship helping dad with the props and collecting pennies from the audience.

With his wife Marilyn they are well known locally as "Llewellyn for Fun" and over the past 35 years have entertained thousands - now performing shows for the children of the original children. We have even been to a school where a teacher was pupil at that same school when she first saw us.

At a glittering ceremony on the 23rd March 2012 celebrating the Best of Darlington Brian received an award sponsored by Darlington OS, nominated by Jenny Chapman MP for his "Contribution to the Arts". It was in the late 50's his family moved from Darlington to a new council house in Barrington Road, Newton Aycliffe.

In 1960 there was a visit to the town by The Queen and Prince Philip. The Royal couple visited Simpasture and the Llewellyn's house was chosen for them to



Brian's father Billy - the original Punch and Judy man

call in for a cup of tea before going on to the town centre. (Brian still has the cup the Queen drank from). The Royal party was late for their next appointment as Prince Philip was so interested in Dad's puppets and how they worked.

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COUNTY COUNCIL DISCUSS FUTURE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

The benefits of investing in renewable energy technologies are to be discussed by councillors. Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to consider a report presenting the findings and recommendations of a review which looked at the environmental, economic and social benefits of such investments.

In January 2009, Durham County Council signed the European Mayors Covenant, along with the other eleven councils in the North East. By making this commitment they aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20 per cent CO2 reduction objective by 2020.

In fact the county council is aiming for a reduction of 40 per cent by 2020.

Cllr Dan Myers, chair of the environment and sustainable communities overview and scrutiny committee, said: "We have made considerable progress in County Durham in recent years in generating renewable energy which will have significant

benefits for the county's residents in the future.

"The scrutiny committee has undertaken a review to examine these benefits in detail and assess whether there are any opportunities to maximise these benefits." Cabinet is asked to recommend that the sustainability and climate change team continue to develop their role in order to do the following:

- raise awareness of energy efficiency measures and the opportunities to generate power from renewable energy sources
- provide advice and assistance to residents, businesses, town and parish councils and community groups to enable them to benefit from government initiatives and funding opportunities

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Cabinet is asked to note the recommendations in the report and formulate a response within the six month period identified in the review.

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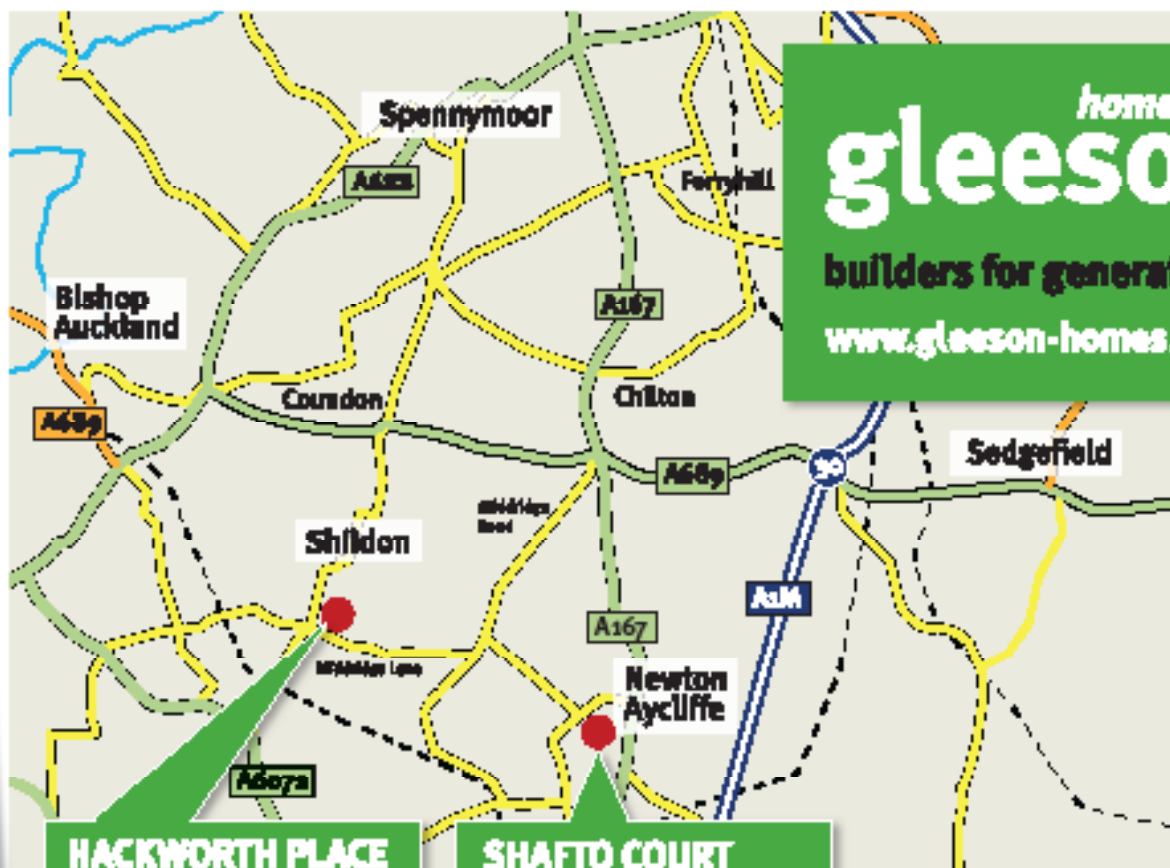
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60 Year Marriage Students Fundraising for Romania



Bill and Joyce Nicholson of Mulgrave Court, Woodham received a visit from Mayor Mary Dalton on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 29th March 2012.

Mary presented a bouquet on behalf of the Town Council to take pride of place in the couple's bungalow next to the greetings card from the Queen.

Bill and Joyce were married in St. Luke's Church, Ferryhill the town where Joyce was born. Bill was born in Windlestone Village. They moved to Newton

Aycliffe in 1952 when Bill took a job as an Inspector for Bakelite (now Ineos) and lived in Cumby Road and Clarence Green. Bill had an allotment and served on the Gardens Guild Committee. He only gave up his allotment two years ago. Bill and Joyce have two daughters four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The family came together to celebrate the Diamond Wedding at the Blacksmiths Arms followed by a short holiday at Ambleside in the Lake District.

Students Fundraising for Romania

A group of Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College students are working with Outlook Expeditions to raise funds to allow them to travel and work on the Better Homes project in Romania.

The project will replace terrible housing for very poor people in the Brasov area of Transylvania. The mission is to improve the lives of the poorest members of local communities by providing safe and reliable shelter where families can live in dignity and their children can grow in good health. The students will provide free labour, whilst providing sporting and English lessons for local children.

Each student has had to raise £950, the majority going towards materials for the project. The students will be living amongst the local community, and learning about the Romanian way of life. It is hoped that the expedition will be rounded off with a trek into the Carpathian mountains, where it is said the students may see wolves and bears.

They are holding a Charity Car Wash, Coffee Morning and Craft Fair at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Saturday 28th April. Please give your support. If anyone would like to have a stall at the craft fair please contact rstannard@qeliz.ac.uk

Did You Film the Royal Visit?

The BBC are looking for old cine footage of the Royal Visit to Newton Aycliffe in 1960. There are black and white photos, but no film record of the Queen coming to Newton Aycliffe. The BBC are hoping a resident with a cine camera may have recorded the event. If any reader did take footage and is willing to share it would they please ring the Editor Syd Howarth on 300212 or e-mail syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Regional Title for Local Funeral Business



Whitehouse Funeral Service Ltd was named Golden Charter's Regional Funeral Planner of the Year for North East England.

Golden Charter, Britain's leading independent funeral plan provider, has awarded the Funeral Service, based in Aycliffe, the title of Funeral Planner of the Year Regional Award for its dedication and commitment in providing an outstanding service to their local community.

John and daughter Becky Whitehouse received the award on behalf of the company from Michael Corish, Commercial Director at Golden Charter. In addition to the silver salver and framed certificate from Golden Charter. The Woodland Trust has dedicated woodland in

Whitehouse Funeral Service Ltd's name at Low Burnhall, Durham in recognition of their achievement.

Whitehouse Funeral Service Ltd was judged as a regional winner from over 2,600 funeral businesses who exclusively offer Golden Charter funeral plans, the largest funeral-planning network in the UK.

On receiving news of the award John said 'I am absolutely delighted to receive this award. The award recognises all the hard work, dedication and professionalism of all my colleagues.'

"Whitehouse Funeral Service Ltd has set a very high standard and we are delighted to recognise this tremendous achievement" said Golden Charter.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

To raise funds for the centre volunteers are selling tickets for the Community Draw organised by the Rotary Club. We are appealing to factory workers to assist us by selling tickets for us in their place of work. Please ring 313924 if you can help. On Sunday 15th April we welcome One Man Band Michael Kelly. Admission is just £3 and the show starts at 2pm with free entry for students and children.

We are in urgent need of people to raise funds for the Centre. This also involves volunteering to help at and organise Concerts, Sales etc. We have heavy expenses and if you can help please get in touch on 313924. This includes teenagers over 17 who may have time on their hands.

Would you like to join an indoor sports morning every Monday from 10am till 12 noon? We have Kurling, Carpet Bowls, Darts, Table Tennis, Snooker and a Wii Machine. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. To join ring Peter on 313924.

Giving Something Back to Your Community

Local Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support, Michelle Muir is encouraging county Durham residents to consider volunteering to give something back to the local community. "We are looking for people to help collect in Supermarkets throughout County Durham in April, May & June, we have been very fortunate that the local supermarkets have allowed us to do so, but we need volunteers to help out, even if it's just a couple of hours Macmillan would be very grateful"

Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed, you need a team of people in your corner supporting you every step of the way. That's who we are. Many people find the benefits of volunteering are threefold; meeting new people and making friends, gaining new skills and most importantly, having fun. For more information on how to get involved please contact Michelle Muir on 07809554967 or email mmuir@macmillan.org.uk - For more information please contact: Michelle Muir, Fundraising Manager mmuir@macmillan.org.uk - Tel 07809554967

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Susanne on 07902 812819

Scooter Ride for Air Ambulance

AN air ambulance crew used to flying a 200mph helicopter got a taste of life in the slow lane when they tested out three customised mobility scooters. The vehicles have been painted in the green and white colours of the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) and will raise money for the charity this summer. They will be at Newby Hall, near Ripon in North Yorkshire, available free of charge for the duration of its summer season. People using them to tour the gardens can make a donation to GNAAS instead of payment. Yesterday, the scooters were taken to GNAAS' base at Durham Tees Valley Airport, where pilot Jay Steward, and doctors Dave Bramley and Mohammed Al Busafi gave them a trial. Jay, from Woodham, said: "It's great to think these scooters



Left to right: Dr Mohammed Al Busafi, Dr Dave Bramley and pilot Jay Steward.

will be out and about this summer, raising money to keep the helicopter in the sky." The scooters have been provided by Northallerton-based mobility retailer Abbey

Health and its sister firm Stockton Mobility Centre. Dan Hillerby of Abbey Health came up with the idea and said: "We stripped them down, rebuilt them and then repainted them in the colours of the Great North Air Ambulance. We just wanted to do something for the charity, while helping people out down at Newby Hall." Kate Bankier, marketing manager at Newby Hall, which is open for visitors said: "The scooters are incredibly popular, so much so that they really need to be booked out in advance. "We are very grateful to Abbey Health for the scooters, and we hope to raise lots of money for the Great North Air Ambulance." For more information about Abbey Health, please call 01609 781333. For Newby Hall enquiries 0845 4504068.

Pupils Consider Value of Wind Turbines

Our Y6 children are engaging well with Philosophy lessons and are debating some of the more controversial issues of life. They welcomed Mrs. Susan Fox, a local resident campaigning against the proposed wind turbines in Bradbury, and discussed the pros and cons in a very interesting lesson. Reiss Kitching reports, "Wind turbines are a renewable way to generate electricity. The problem is, they are not what they seem. Turbines are an extremely bad waste of space and in some ways they affect the wildlife. Birds collide with the sails, causing them severe damage or even death. Bats too can be hurt in this way. Secondly, the turbines are made from a very rare metal. Rivers in China have been polluted because of the use of chemicals to source this metal. As a result, the water becomes poisonous and it

becomes very dangerous. The locals call their lake, "poison lake." Thirdly, there are more general reasons why they are bad. They cause flicker, an annoying feature which happens when the sun comes out and the blades rotate causing a flickering effect. The turbines are also noisy, making the same amount of noise as a family car travelling at 70mph. The turbines leave concrete in the ground to a depth of 25m which means there can be no further plant growth. As a result of all these concerns house prices plummet as no one wants to live next to the turbines. I used to think wind turbines were eco-friendly but now I've changed my mind. What do you think? For further information about the proposals visit; www.theislescommunities.com



Lunch Club Celebrates First Birthday



Father Michael Campion with two of the volunteers celebrating the first anniversary of St Mary's Lunch Club

A Lunch Club run by volunteers in Newton Aycliffe has just celebrated its first year with a special event at St Mary's Church. Dozens of regular guests and volunteers joined parish priest, Father Michael Campion in raising a toast to all the positive benefits the lunch club has brought into the lives of everyone involved. The Lunch Club was set up by St Mary's Catholic Church in partnership with St Cuthberts Care as part of their Parishes and Community Enablement (PACE) project. Although Father Campion and experienced staff from St Cuthberts Care are always on hand to offer help and advice if needed, the day-to-day running of the lunch club is managed entirely by local volunteers. Since opening St Mary's Lunch Club has welcomed around 20 local people every week who are elderly, isolated or lonely and who have become detached from their local community. Volunteers provide a hot meal, refreshments and a range of fun and enjoyable activities, but, most importantly, the lunch club is a place where people

can come together to form new and lasting friendships. Mary Mooring and her husband, Derek, who are both 81 years old, started coming to the Lunch Club last summer and haven't missed a single week since. "We've made lots of new friends here," said Mary. "We both love coming to the Lunch Club, it's such a good idea there should definitely be more of them." Father Campion added his thanks to everyone involved. "I'm thrilled with the success of the Lunch Club," he said "and I'm particularly grateful to all the parishioners who have come together to offer such an outstanding service to the community, especially those who are isolated or lonely. I would like to thank St Cuthberts Care for making it all possible." The Club is open to all members of the local community and is held every Thursday between 11am and 2pm in St Mary's Church on Burn Lane. The cost is just £3 per person and if anyone who would like to know more or wishes to come along should ring 313 611.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT XCEL CENTRE

We would love for you to join us over this Easter weekend

Our Family Fun Day on Saturday 7th April runs from 11am – 3pm. This was a great success last year and this time promises to be just as good – so come and be a part of it. Enjoy the climbing wall, the massive inflatables, a BBQ, crazy golf and much more. Everyone is welcome & it's FREE. Then on Sunday morning at 10.30am Xcel Church we will be hosting their Easter Family Service, including an Easter Egg hunt for all those in the PlanetKids programme. This is followed on the evening with a special night of worship from 6pm. Why not choose to be in church this weekend and take time out to celebrate the true

meaning of Easter. All these events are at the Xcel Centre, Long Tens Way, Newton Aycliffe. For more information please ring the office on 0845 4505871 or check out the website www.xcelchurch.com - We look forward to meeting you.

Catholic Easter Mass

Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 9.30am in St Mary's Catholic Church on Central Avenue / Burn Lane and at 11am in St Joseph's School on Stephenson Way / Garburn Place. From Sunday 15th April, Sunday Mass in St Mary's will be at 10am.

12 mile Sponsored Walk for DISC



The service users at the Independent Living project at Disc in Newton Aycliffe completed a sponsored walk on Monday 19th March to raise money towards helping others on the project with housing support needs. Following consultation with service users a group aged 16-25 decided that they'd like to 'give something back' and help raise some money towards our Independent Living project in Newton Aycliffe following the great support one of them received from DISC in finding and setting up a new home. They walked to the White Horse in Darlington and back again, a total of 12 miles. Once the sponsor money is collected, the amount raised will be roughly £140.00! They all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Car Owners Urged to Use Their Drives

Dear Sir,
Today I was unlucky for the second time while visiting my friend to find Thurlow Grove blocked by an ambulance and a car at the same place as before! It doesn't help the situation when car owners don't use their drive and park on the road! I don't think the Highway Code allows this as room has to be left for emergency vehicles. Most people would love to have a drive and not have to park on the road. It helps the flow of traffic particularly for large vehicles such as refuse wagons. What a nice world it would be if people had more consideration.
M. Coxon

Fuel Theft

Dear Sir,
After waiting in line for what seems hours I managed to fill up with petrol only to find the following morning that some lowlife had cut the petrol pipe on my car and bled the tank dry. This just goes to show that one should not heed the advice of our wonderful Government Ministers, I feel like sending him the bill.
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Council Will Cut Management Costs

As part of Durham County Council's continuing commitment to reduce its management costs, elected members will consider proposals for a revision to the highest tier of management, when they meet next week.

A report outlining how changes to the authority's Corporate Management Team could contribute towards overall savings of £172m, (the savings required during the six year period from April 2011 to April 2017), was presented to Full Council on Wednesday, March 21. These savings are required due to large reductions in Government grant and are being implemented under the authority's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Leader, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "I'm pleased to report that the council is achieving the demanding savings targets we set as part of the MTFP. With the level of savings required clearly all areas are under review and reductions in management spend are being made at a faster rate than overall cuts. "Proportionately, twice as many savings are being made from senior management costs as there are from frontline staff, a fact I am sure will be welcomed in these very difficult financial times. In fact this area of spend has already been reduced by nearly half a million pounds per annum.

"As we continue to deliver on our promise to reduce this area of expenditure by 30 per cent we are now in a position to propose a merger of adult and children's services; a move which will deliver immediate savings of £175,000. Further reductions are expected through detailed restructuring."

Under the proposed merger there would be a month long consultation with the current directors of the two service areas. The implementation of the change would be undertaken over the summer

and it is expected that this will identify further opportunities for efficiencies. The report outlines how, following completion of the appropriate processes, one corporate director would run the new combined service. The other post would then be deleted.

The council's commitment to reducing management costs very much reflects the findings of a widespread public consultation carried out in 2010, which almost 8,000 people took part.

Rose Beds Removed

Dear Sir

Through your newspaper may I inform the residents of the West Ward I have investigated the removal of Rose Beds from along Stephenson Way.

I have been in touch with the Durham County Council officer in charge of this work, and we walked the area together.

He didn't know why they had been removed and said he cannot now put them back. He has however promised me that next year he will make sure we have miniature daffodils and crocuses planted in their place.

Alderman George Gray
West Ward Councillor

Victorian Pit Woman Tale

On 11th April at 7pm in Aycliffe Village Hall Margaret Hedley will give a talk entitled 'My Great Grandmother: a Victorian Pit Woman'. All are welcome Members £1 and non members £2. Further details on 01325 301093 from June Palmer, Programme Secretary

MOTOR TORQUE

By Ramsays of Aycliffe



Electronics Takeover

It might not have escaped your notice how electronics in vehicles has changed dramatically over the past 10 years. The number of key electronic components involved in the daily running of the modern vehicle has increased by over 30% as modern vehicles become even more electrically based.

I can still remember when my dad bought our first car with a radio fitted and how lucky we thought we were. It's true to say modern vehicle electronics have now overtaken mechanical innovation placing electronics at the forefront of modern technology.

My dad's first radio now seems a distant memory considering the recent rapid development of new electric fuel and hybrid vehicles and advance features such as stop/start technology, which show how electronics are set to play an even bigger part in modern vehicles.

Back in 1970, electronics components in most vehicles amounted to just 7%, increasing to 20% by 2005 and as much as 40% in 2010. In the past, most vehicles electronics consisted of simple wires and switches, compared to today's modern day vehicles which incorporate a wide range of advanced sensors and electrical circuits. Most modern cars are fitted with microprocessors, communication networks,

critical safety software, diagnostics and much more.

Electronics are so important in the design and build of new vehicles that even some of the recent improvements are now taken for granted and considered standard on most family vehicles such as, air conditioning, climate control, electric windows and heaters. The change to modern vehicles has also brought changes in the makeup of the local garage after-sales workshop. What we used to refer to as mechanics and mechanical parts has now be replaced with technicians and diagnostic equipment, such is the need for understanding both mechanical and electronic systems.

In the past, a visit to our local garage meant the replacement or fixing of components such as brake pads and oil filters. Now it's far more likely any visit to a garage will include the use of sophisticated vehicle diagnostic equipment while servicing your vehicle.

Vehicle design has definitely changed and will continue to do so. Alternative fuel and new hybrid technologies will contribute more in reducing our carbon footprint and those nasty fuel emissions. So expect to see further improvements with more electronics coming into play over the next few years.

Ian Ramsey

Cricketers Under 11 Wanted

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are still looking to recruit new cricketers to play in their under 11's team for the forthcoming season. Any youngster (boy or girl) who is interested in playing cricket, regardless of ability, who is currently in primary school education, are invited to attend any of our training sessions. The under 11's team are members of the NYACC junior league and the club are keen to continue to build on the improvement made by this team in recent years. Practice sessions for the under 11's team are held at the Club on Saturdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 4pm.

The under 13's practice nights are Wednesday at 6pm and the under 15's practice on Monday evenings at 6pm. The under 18's and seniors have joint practices on the following days, Sundays at 10.30am, Tuesdays at 6pm and Thursdays at 6pm.

Any person who is interested in playing cricket or has any other queries should not hesitate to contact the Club's Community and Youth Development Officer, Malcom Dawes on either 324510 or 07989 093946.

Family Learning Day



Family Learning Day at Woodham Community Technology College on Saturday 24th March proved a hair raising experience for participants!

Family Learning Days are a firmly established part of life at Woodham. At this most recent event, children from primary schools across Newton Aycliffe converged on the college with mums, dads, brothers and sisters.

Based on the theme of "Learning is Fun", the event ran on the lines of a masterclass with workshops in Science, Food Technology and Design Technology.

By 10.45 a.m., the college was buzzing with activity as workshops got under way. Families in the Let's Get Cooking workshops with Resident Chef, Linda Vipond were creating and decorating a fantastic array of Easter Eggs and Easter lollies.

In the science workshops with Mr. Byrne, leaf litter was examined through magnifying glasses to identify the creatures living there. Also in the science workshops, brave volunteers were encouraged to undergo a hair raising experience using the Van Der Graaf Generator, a device



designed to create static electricity.

Meanwhile, in Mr. Walker's Design Technology Workshops, families got to work designing and manufacturing their own personalised mugs.

Each 45 minute workshop ran twice, catering for up to 15 participants, with well-deserved refreshments at changeover time.

The event was voted a huge success by those attending, in the words of one parent "It's been excellent, we are going home with some beautiful presents made by our own hands, what could be better than that?"

Youthy Under 15's March On!



The 2012 season finished with a second championship in 3 years as Youthy under 15's dominated division 3. Under the management of Kevin Cane, a former professional footballer, and his assistant Chris Bellwood, they finished 9 points clear at the top in a truncated season of only 10 league games.

The team, sponsored by Stuart Aldsworth Roofing from Coundon, scored 34 goals and conceded only 9 goals. Wayne Whitfield finished the division top scorer in his first season adding attacking flair to the existing strike force which includes quality players Jake Cane, Macaulay Aldsworth and Rhys Morton.

Midfield signing Mason Steed, from local rivals

Juniors, brought midfield artistry to an area which already boasted the talents of Ben Nicholson, Connor Halford, Andy North and Dan Kenyon. Joe Wilson joined during the season to add further quality in the centre. Former Academy player.

Keeper Jack Maclaren, had another good season playing behind the best defence in the division.

Newcomer Tom Wickins, signed from Fishburn Boys, fitted in alongside skipper Tom Gledhill and James Skerrett with Billy Bradley completing the defensive unit as sweeper. Thanks to the lads, the management and all the parents for their support this season as we look forward to the challenge of Division Two next time round. Well done.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 18th April 2012

Council Meeting
from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, 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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Indoor Bowls Weekend Contest



The weekend of 30th March/1st April saw the Oak Leaf Sports Complex host the 5th Annual Great Aycliffe Mixed Triples Competition. The games took place over the two days with 16 teams taking part.

The winners of this year's competition were: E Helm, S Roberts, K Dunning and P Payne with a score of 10 points +55 shots.

In 2nd place: A Brown, W Duffy and N Roberts with 10 points +39 shots, and in 3rd place: D Howard, M Barron, D Barron and B Attwood with 8 points +21 shots.

All participants and spectators agreed they had enjoyed a good weekend of bowling.

Aycliffe Running Club

It has been a busy time for members of Aycliffe Running Club. The standout performance came from Alex Lineton who won the Stokesley duathlon. Alex, who is training for an Ironman event, won the short duathlon in 53:44. He was fastest in all three activities beating his nearest rival by 40 seconds. Kevin Greenall and Alan Kellett, both competing in their first duathlon, put in good performances in a field of 92 finishers. Kevin was 24th in 1:07:26, second in the vintage class, including an extra lap of the transition zone when he couldn't find his way out! Alan was 35th in 1:09:31, 3rd in the super vet class with a strong cycle stage helping his final position. Martin Sedgwick was 25th in 1:07:39. In the longer version of the event Andrew Sedgwick finished 48th in a time of 1:38:10, Michelle Scott started the long event but failed to finish.

At the Thirsk 10 mile race

5 members of the club ran in glorious Spring sunshine. Floyd Jones was first home in 1:00:52 followed by Ray Johnson, 1:13:52 Penny Johnson, 1:24:14 and John Young, 1:26:12. Trish Kay was disappointed with her time of 1:20:54 after tiring at the 7 mile point.

The Parkrun events are still proving popular with club runners with another good turnout at Sedgfield. Lee Wren was an excellent 4th over the line in 19:09. John Burnside was first in his age group and 15th overall in 21:37.

Everyone else who ran managed a P.B. even though the course is tougher than the many other Parkruns. Finishing times were; Georgette Reid 22:56, Gary Minns 23:41, Penny Johnson 24:11, Tracey Warrior 26:49, David Mackenzie 2:20, Judith Porter 29:46 and Emma Scott 30:06. Richard Campbell and Peter Smith competed in the Albert Parkrun finishing in 19:03 and 20:12 respectively.

Water Polo Club "Players of the Year"



Sedgfield Water Polo Club presented their player of the Year Awards for 2011, belatedly due to numerous other polo commitments.

The best Newcomer award went to Josh Lowther 13 who has made remarkable progress in his goalkeeping position in a relatively short amount of time. The under 12 award went to Kristopher Egginton 11 who continues to show great potential for the future.

The under 14 award went to Jake Plant 12 who has shown great improvement in the last 12 months. The under 16 award was awarded to Richie Howe 14 who was Sedgfield's best player in last year's National championship's and will be carrying the Olympic torch when it comes to this area.

The over all player of the year was Mathias Reichel 17 who has made tremendous progress once again in the last 12 months. Mathias made his debut in goal in the National League division 1 at 15 years old and has continued to play at the highest levels with distinction for Sedgfield and their sister clubs Lancaster and Tydsley from Manchester. Mathias is undecided at this stage whether to play for GB, South Africa or Germany.

STUDENTS SUPPORT SPORTS RELIEF



On Wednesday the 21st March all Year 7 students from Woodham Community Technology College took part in the Sport Relief Mile. They ran, jogged, hopped, skipped and jumped their way around the track in order to raise funds for Sports Relief. Some students proved to be very able athletes and after an impressive performance were encouraged to join our College Athletics team. Other students enjoyed the friendship and fresh air in the knowledge that they were raising money for such a good cause. Last year a total of £4,500 was raised by the students for a variety of causes including Butterwick Hospice, Red Nose Day, Smile for a Child, CLIC Sargent, Help for Heroes and Children in Need. Students are determined more than ever to exceed the amount raised for charity this year.

BYERLEY PARK SECOND IN DURHAM COUNTY SWIMMING GALA FINALS



Well done to Byerley Park Primary School Swimming Team who competed in the County Durham Swimming Gala finals held at Freeman's Quay pool in Durham on Friday 23rd March.

The team raced their way to an incredible haul of 22 gold, silver and bronze medals, finishing in second place overall. The Y5/Y6 Girls Medley and Freestyle Teams competed so well that they broke the County record in both events, adding to the success of the day.

Mrs Gargan, Head Teacher, said 'The team competed outstandingly well. They raced their hearts out and have been rewarded with a number of medals. To break the County record in the Freestyle Relay and the

Medley Relay is exceptional and it added to the success of a fabulous day of swimming. The pupils competed with the seven Olympic and Paralympic values at their core and we are all very proud of them.' (The seven values are: friendship, respect, excellence, equality, courage, determination and inspiration.)

Pictured are the successful team along with their medals. Members of the Team pictured are: Jennifer Banks, Kira Banks, Katie Lovelass, Rachel Lovelass, Connor Elston, Ben Stephenson, Joshua Batey, Ben Maxfield, Niall Coulthard, Jake Mendelsohn, Ellis Warburton, Jessica Webb, Poppy Stephenson, Nicole Wetheridge.

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Friday 13th April - Night Fever at the 70's Disco
 Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet - £11.95 per person

Saturday 14th April - The Brainstormer Murders
 The ultimate in Murder Mystery entertainment, come and enjoy a thrilling evening of fun, intrigue and whodunnit. The evening is titled ALL LOCKED UP AND NOWHERE TO GO. Join the cast of the popular TV prison drama Lock Down. As the evening progresses it's clear that some of the cast have more guilty secrets than the characters they portray and someone is heading for a life sentence. This evening will include a three course dinner and disco to finish. Arrive 7.00pm for dinner 7.30pm - £21.95 per person

Sunday 22nd April - Wedding Open Day
 Come and take this opportunity to view the Coleman Suite and John Burdon Suite set up for Wedding Receptions and a Civil Ceremony. No appointment necessary just come along anytime between 11.00am and 4.00pm

Friday 27th April - North East Annual Lobster Festival
 Line up to be announced - Save the date!!!!!!

Saturday 28th April - Battle of the Bands - You be the Judge!!!
 Come join us for an event packed full of entertainment, local bands competing for your vote to win £1000.00 cash prize. Food stalls available. Doors open 4.00pm with bands commencing 4.45pm, cast your vote after the bands have performed to receive your complimentary Burger or Hot Dog. Disco and Comper included. Evening to finish at 11.00pm - £10.00 per person

Sunday 29th April - Ladies Day
 Featuring Danyl Johnson, The Boyz, Butlers In The Buff and Comper Steve Walls. Exhibition stalls displaying hats, jewellery, Cosmetics, Handbags galore. Arrive 12.00noon for a two course lunch 1.00pm - £25.00 per person

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travelling to or through France by car in the summer holiday season, even just for a day trip. Single-use breathalyser kits will satisfy the requirement. The legal limit in France is 50 mg per 100 ml of blood, lower than in the UK (the UK limit is 80mg). They cost between £1 and £2 and they will be available at ferry and tunnel terminals for crossings to France. It is intended that people will be able to test themselves to check whether or not they are over the French limit. The IAM is advising motorists in France to have at least two

breathalysers at all times, so that if one is used you still have one to produce for the police if you are stopped. Anyone driving in France is already required to carry a warning triangle and a fluorescent safety vest to use in an emergency. Additionally UK motorists must display a GB plate and have their headlights adjusted to the right. IAM director of policy and research Neil Greig said: "The new French rule is a genuine attempt to reduce the number of alcohol related accidents. France's lower limit means it's very easy to be over the limit

the morning after as well. As always, the best advice for motorists is not to drink and drive at all."

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Council Respond to West Cemetery Thefts

Dear Sir,
It is very sad to read of the lack of respect for cemeteries and the recent theft of ornaments and lanterns is despicable. The Council, through the cemetery rules and regulations, allows the placing of flowers, plants and flower vases within the head of the grave. Planting is also allowed, but restricted to annual bedding plants, bulbs or heathers. In the cremated remains section, a flat headstone with vase is allowed, but no permanent planting. Unauthorised memorials, stones, gravel and similar items are not allowed and are usually removed, stored and may be collected. The practice of placing solar lights, lanterns, windmills, toys and other items that were dear to the deceased is looked upon sympathetically by the Council and these items are normally not removed. The Council does not encourage these items as it can and does lead to vandalism and theft. In regard to the security of items, the Council clearly states in the West Cemetery Information booklet, issued to all cemetery users, that the Town Council cannot accept responsibility for the security of any memorial plants,

flowers or other items placed in or on graves. The cemetery has a boundary fence, however, this is not intended as a security fence. At the public/users' request, the pedestrian gates are open at all times, with the vehicle gate being locked on an evening and re-opened on a morning. The cemetery office is used for administration when undertaking the registration of graves and is not staffed at other times. West Cemetery, along with Stephenson Way Cemetery, parks, play areas and other Council property, is visited by the Council's Park Patrol officers on a regular basis during the evening. However, there is no permanent security staff based at the cemetery or indeed at any other location. Extra visits have taken place following the recent spate of thefts. Police have also been advised of the thefts by the individual people concerned and by the Council and have been working with Council staff proactively to deal with this situation. Councillor Vince Crosby Chair, Environment Committee

In Memoriam

McLUCKIE 10th April. Dear Ann, ten long lonely years without you. Much love, Mam, Tony and family. Thanks girls, wonder how far the Lanterns travelled

ANN McLUCKIE 10th April. Dearest "San Fairy". A decade has passed since we said goodbye. Love and miss you. A very special friend. "Sweet Fairy Dreams". Kisses and hugs, Angela xxx

TOMMY HARBOTTLE Died 7th April 2005. Sadly missed since you went from our lives, but happy memories remain in our hearts each day. Your laughter and smiles will live on forever. Gladys, Vera, Lavinia and Andy xxx

JEAN COOK Died 30th March 2009. Much missed neighbour and friend of Jack and Lilian

HAROLD PLEWS 29th April 2011. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. Loved and missed, Hazel and all the family

JACK SMITH Died 15th September 2011. It would have been our 64th Wedding Anniversary on 10th April. But you said I had to be brave and think of all the happy times, but it still breaks my heart you couldn't be saved. Your loving Wife, Doreen

ALEXANDER HUMBLE Died 1992. Unseen, unheard, yet always near, still loved, still missed, still very dear. Audrey and family

WENDY GRAHAM 5-4-2009. Three years since my darling Wife Wendy passed away. I miss you every day and will love you forever. Loving Husband, Charles xxx

WENDY GRAHAM 5-4-2009. Treasured memories of a special Sister. Lots of love, Kay and Mandy xxx

BRIAN FIRTH 3-4-1999. Sadness still comes over me. Tears in silence often flow. Forever in my thoughts, love you always. Loving Wife, Hazel xxx

Birthday Remembrance

ADA HUTSON 4-4-27 to 5-6-07. Birthday remembrance to you I send wrapped in love that will never end. No cards or verse can ever say how much I miss you every day. Love always, Dick xxx

ADA HUTSON 4-4-27 to 5-6-07. No special day is needed for us to think of you, for you are always with us in everything we do. Your smile is in the sunshine, your laughter in the breeze, your love is all around us, it's in the air we breathe. Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way, not only on your birthday, but every single day. Love and miss you Mam. Your loving family xx

KARMEN Birthday memories for the 5th April. Your special day we cannot share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love, Mam, Nadine, David, Daniel, Ronnie, Karen and family

Thank You

MAUREEN SEBBAGE would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to her family, friends and neighbours for all the help they gave her during her recent illness. I love you all xxx

MARGARET WHALEN (Peggy). Tony and Michael wish to thank relatives and friends for the cards and sympathy at this sad time. Thanks to Fr. Campion, Ward 44 and Cancer Care Staff, all at John Meynell and the British Legion. Donations for Lung Cancer Care have raised £303

JAY WILLS To family and friends, just to thank you all for your concern and kind thoughts during my stay in hospital. Love, Baby Jay xx

MP Talks to Residents' Association

Fledgling Residents' association ACORN incorporating Neighbourhood Watch is going from strength to strength. MP Phil Wilson is visiting the group on 12th of April to give a short talk. The meeting is at the Leisure Centre at 6.00p.m. and everyone is welcome. Ken Robson (Chairman) A.C.O.R.N 01325 321471

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TRACY BARKER Happy 40th birthday Mam. Lots of love, Becka, Bryce and Granddaughter Layla xxx

BELTON BOYS Here again, my lovely boy's birthday. Russell 45 and Duncan 44 on 7th April. Both doing well (at this hard time). Hard work puts you both in good stead!! All my love forever, Best Mam and Ernie. (No we are not going into that nursing home yet!! Not ready!!)

ROSS BELLINGHAM 7th April. Happy sixteenth birthday. Love you loads and loads, Grandma and Bob xxx

LOTTIE RAE COATES 11th April. Happy 1st birthday Princess. Lots of love and kisses. Nana, Grandad and all the family xxxxx

ELLE-JEAN TAYLOR 10th April. Happy 7th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, John and Brandon xxx

ELLIE-JEAN TAYLOR 10th April. Happy 7th birthday. Love, Chelsie and Luke xx

ABBI KELLY 9th April. Happy 16th birthday. Love, Auntie Karen, Jonny and all the family xx

National Awards for Durham County Council

Durham County Council has been honoured in a prestigious national awards competition. The council, which was established just three years ago, was highly commended in the Council of the Year category at the Local Government Chronicle Awards 2012. The unitary authority was also named joint winner in the Management Team of the Year category, for Neighbourhood Services, and was highly commended in the Low Carbon Council category, for work on carbon management and energy efficiency.

Members of Durham County Council were told of the achievements – which also included being shortlisted in seven categories, the most of any council in this year's awards – at a meeting of the full council on March 22nd. Judges for the awards noted that Durham County Council had made "an impressive start as a unitary" and added: "Their focus on growth, engagement and on safeguarding services while making savings is really paying off." They commented that they were particularly impressed by



a number of the council's key achievements, including: **THE strong foundations the council has laid down and its clear plans for the future;** **THE strong engagement with communities;** and **THE WAY the council is delivering on its vision for a new economic future.** Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "It is a major achievement to be named runner-up in the Council of the Year category, particularly as this is only our third year as a unitary council. "The LGC awards are the most important awards in local government and I am delighted that our achievements have received such a high profile recognition. "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and members who work hard to provide outstanding services to the people of County Durham."

Swimmers in 13 Finals



The Northumberland and Durham Age Group Championships were held at Sunderland Aquatic Centre recently. Local swimmers who competed were Mathew Bradley, Sam Dixon, Ben Taylor, Hannah Featherstone, Kyra Banks, Haydon Craggs and Damion Lawson. They made a total of thirteen finals with Mathew taking gold in the 100 & 200 Breast Stroke and silver in the 100 & 200 FS. Sam took the bronze medal in the 4x100 IM and Hannah was silver medalist in the 100 Fly. It was a special day for Kyra, Damion and Haydon as this was their first County Championships in the ten year age group. Kyra competed in the 200 IM and the 50 Breast Stroke, Damion competed in the 50 and 200 FS and Haydon competed in the 50 FS. This was the first time the ten year olds had competed in a 50 meter pool and all of their swims were personal best times. It was a really heavy programme, but every one swam really well.

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A year on, the Newton Aycliffe firm has won a number of contracts to supply enclosures and bath screens for projects in the Middle East, following a successful partnership being forged with a leading bathroom retailer based in Dubai. David Osborne, Managing Director at Roman said: “Export has very much become a key focus for us as a manufacturer over the past few years, so to get the opportunity to access funding that would enable us to further promote ourselves overseas was fantastic. “When we exhibited at the ISH exhibition we were unsure what to expect with it being our first time at the show – however the reaction to our stand was fantastic and we have seen the Export department really develop as a direct result of the exhibition. “The exhibition generated over 150 leads in over 20 countries worldwide and it also gave us a platform to meet existing customers from over 10 countries worldwide and showcase our new products.” Following the exhibition Roman has also set up a trade showroom in Kuala Lumpur, to showcase their products to the Asian market. This will be the company’s gateway to supplying to the Asian and Australasia market, and it has already helped the company secure several new contracts including one to supply a luxury development of holiday homes on an exclusive island resort. “We once again utilised UKTI when setting up our showroom in Kuala Lumpur, to fly our Roman Technical Installers over to ensure all the showroom displays were correctly installed and to give product training. At the same time, the UKTI funding has helped us build our relationship with our retail partner in the Middle East, to facilitate meetings and product training. “Recently we have seen a big increase in demand overseas for British made products, which are now being seen as a better quality purchase. More and more of our export partners are requesting we include a “Made in Britain” logo on all our marketing material as this has become a key selling point for them. “Alongside this many of the export projects we have been

involved with are looking for something very specific, so an ‘off the shelf’ enclosure or bath screen won’t always fit the brief. This is particularly prevalent in the Middle East, where we have quoted for and worked on fantastic hotel projects that the region is so well known for. Because we have an in-house design team and can offer a totally bespoke solution, we are a perfect fit for these types of contracts. This is all having a positive effect on Roman

and driving our export division from strength to strength.” Jeff Bean, UKTI’s International Trade Adviser, who worked with Roman to support them while they developed their export plan, said: “Clearly Roman have identified target regions such as the Middle and Far East and with the support of UKTI funding available here in the North East have now secured some very meaningful business. The company are proud to support “Britishness” overseas and are starting to

see the benefits from doing this. Entering new markets and targeting your entry routes can open up a range of new opportunities, as Roman have found. Whether a company already has some overseas customers or is only just considering exporting, there will be a way that we at UKTI can assist them and I hope the success of Roman will inspire other firms across the North East to contact us to find out how we can help them grow globally.”

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