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PCP SCOOP TWO HEALTH AWARDS



The Pioneering Care Partnership attended the North East Better Health at Work award ceremony on 29th March and picked up two impressive awards, the Voluntary Sector Business Award and the Longevity Award. PCP were amongst businesses across County Durham and Darlington who were recognised for their commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of their employees as well as contributing towards healthier workplaces. The local charity, which runs the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton

Aycliffe, also picked up an 'Achieving Continuing Excellence' plaque. Jane Hartley PCP Chief Executive says "I am thrilled we received these prestigious awards, it recognises our commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of all our staff, increasing productivity and improving employee morale. A big thank you to the staff involved in contributing to this work, in particular Becky Gustard, without whom we would not have achieved this. Well done." County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust hosted the awards evening to celebrate the hard work and commitment of local employers in achieving the 'Better Health at Work Award' for the second year. Dame Carol Black, National Director for Health and Work, Department of Health presented the awards. Some of the benefits of good workplace health are to: Reduce ill health caused, or made worse, by work. Help people who have been ill, whether caused by work or not, to return to work. Improve work opportunities for people currently not in employment due to ill health or disability. Use the work environment to help people maintain or improve their health. To find out more about the PCP visit www.pcp.uk.net, or telephone 321234.

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NEWTONIAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT



Helen 9centre) with her University Certificate

Helen Smith from Newton Aycliffe has been elected Chairperson of the "People's Parliament" representing the northern region, attend regular meetings to discuss the needs of people with disabilities.

Helen lives with friends in Beechfield and she has a boyfriend, Kenneth Hope, who lives at Oswald House. She recently received an award on a Leadership Training Course held at Teesside University, the highest education course she has attempted, along with her friends from the People's Parliament, helped by eight local M.P.'s.

Helen also leads the 'Push Group' from the Oaks Day Centre Football Squad. "We only have a few players and need more to learn soccer skills. Dale Anderson from Darlington FC coaches people with learning disability each Friday from 1pm - 2.15pm in the Leisure Centre. "If you would like to join the squad please come along" said Helen a keen Liverpool supporter who has met Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard.

Helen, aged 52 next month, is a real go-getter and has achieved a lot including

having a book of her life story published and is currently writing another book.

She is a volunteer worker tidying shelves twice a week at the Sue Ryder Shop in the town centre and a member of the Options Club at the PCP Centre.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And
Community Together



PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT Meeting at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 24th March from 6-30pm to 7-30pm.

Representatives from Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Councillors & Livin have been invited to attend.

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Colour Your Life Art Exhibition at PCP



Please join the Pioneering Care Partnership to celebrate the first year of their East Durham Hub's delivery of 'Colour Your Life' with Arts on Prescription.

The exhibition takes place at the Pioneering Care Centre on Friday 27 April, from 1pm - 3pm showcasing some of the amazing art work that has been produced. Take a tour around the Centre to view the brilliant displays and enjoy the drinks and canapés in the Conservatory.

Art sessions with local artist Suzy Galbraith will be in the Stephens Room from 12-2pm so feel free to pop along to see what's involved in the project and have a go yourself.

Carol Wood, PCP Business Development Director explained, "Colour Your Life is funded by NHS County Durham and aims to provide free access to arts activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The exhibition includes many of the crafts participants have produced with guidance from professional artists who are working in the marketplace today."

The Arts Hub is on Fridays

10am - 12noon, 12.30 - 2.30pm and a family session 3.30 - 5.30pm. There is also an additional session on a Saturday morning 10 - 12noon.

All classes take place in pleasant surroundings and give everyone the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and relax in a friendly atmosphere.

For more information about 'Colour Your Life' or to book your attendance at the exhibition contact Daniel Fletcher on 321234 or email colouyourlife@pcp.uk.net find them on: facebook.com/ColourYourLife.AoP

Sale in Beer Garden

Busy Bees is an organisation supporting charities including Butterwick Hospice, Air Ambulance, Cancer Research, Freeman's Hospital, Alzheimers Society and many more! They hold a **BEER GARDEN SALE** at the **THREE TUNS, SHILDON** (opposite Morrisons) from 9.00am to 3.00pm on **SATURDAY 28th APRIL**. All welcome!

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Saturday 28th April - to be confirmed

Saturday 5th May - "F.M."

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Saturday 12th May - to be confirmed

Saturday 19th May - "BULLET"

RIFFS MAGAZINE review: TURBINIA 07 "The prognosis from tonight's performance is definitely a thumbs-up: passion, energy and excitement are what BULLET deliver, and watching the crowd at the TURBINIA go crazy for them, then it's obvious they are on the way up very quickly. BULLET seem to have got it right and given the odd break or two could seriously be set to worry some of the more established bands. Watch out for BULLET, they could just have your name on them"

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The Showcase will take place on Saturday 5th May at 4.p.m. at the Youth Centre. To order your tickets please ring 307522 or email: newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@live.co.uk

On the night tickets will be £2.50. Tickets reserved before 5th May will be £2.00. Children under 10 admitted free. Money raised will be shared between MAD



Productions who are currently working on a production of "Greece" a musical comedy, and the Youth Centre.

Registration forms will be available on the day for Aycliffe's got Talent 2013. If you think you have talent why not pick up a registration form. Heats are planned to take place between October and December with the final early in 2013.

Greenfield Race Night

On Friday the 27th April a small group of Greenfield Students will be holding a race night at Heighington Village Hall. There will be betting and a licensed bar with drinks available to purchase.

All monies raised will be split between the group of Greenfield Community College Students who are currently fundraising to go to Morocco in July of this year. The purpose of the trip is to let the students experience life in a third world country. They will help with project work that the Moroccan Community will benefit from. They are all working exceptionally hard to raise their money and would be more than grateful for your support. Tickets are priced at £5.00 and the event is from 7pm onwards. All the students will be there working hard to help with the night.

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Literacy Week at Horndale Infant & Nursery School

The 3M manufacturing plant at Aycliffe has won a fifth President's Award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). The accolade comes through the Heighington Lane site achieving a total of 14 consecutive RoSPA gold awards in the organisation's annual occupational health and safety scheme. RoSPA award manager David Rawlins con-gratulated 3M on its outstanding success. "The RoSPA Awards programme provides well-deserved recognition for the winners and spurs on other organisations to raise their standards of accident and ill health prevention," he said. Adrian Hughes is the site's safety, health and environmental manager. He added: "We're really proud of our safety record here at Aycliffe and gaining this award for the fifth time highlights the efforts that all of our employees have put in during the past year."



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Bertolt Brecht

This week at Horndale County Infant & Nursery School we had a 'Literacy Week' with author Liz Million, who came into school to work with the children on exciting themes for stories and showed them how to create illustrations. We also had 'Seven Stories' visit the children. The Early Years enjoyed a 'story party' whilst Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a 'Poetry Roadshow', the

children had a brilliant day. We asked the children to come into school one day dressed as their favourite book character and the response was amazing. Even the staff donned costumes for the day! Top left to right: Mrs Seaman, Miss Stevenson, Mrs Jasper, Mrs Copeland, Mrs Hayton, Mrs Nelson. Bottom left to right: Miss Anderson, Miss Grant, Miss Dodds, Mrs Anderson, Mr Walker.



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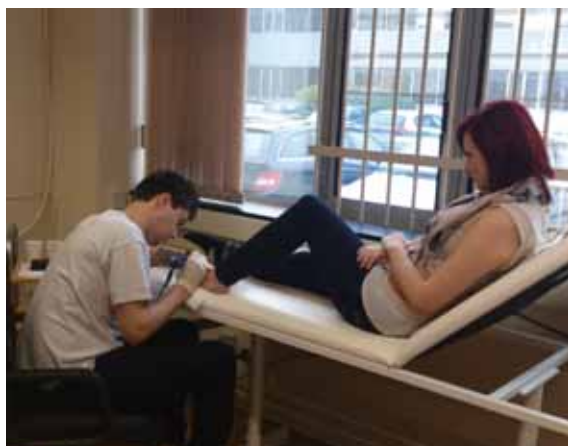
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Martin, a former Greenfield student learnt his profession in the Coventry area where he was first offered an apprenticeship. He was quite successful and decided to open his own studio in Northallerton, but unfortunately it burnt down last year.

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Agnew Community Centre Goes Solar

A well-used, eco-friendly community building is being installed with solar panels thanks to funding from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). Agnew Community Association in Newton Aycliffe aims to be as environmentally friendly as possible and tries to practice low carbon usage so solar panels via Cllr Joan Gray and Paul Gittins' neighbourhood budgets have proven to be just the ticket in heating the building.

The installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the community run centre will reduce the centre's energy usage. This will allow the centre to pass on savings to its users, keeping room rental charges as low as possible. The building was built in 2009 and is now an extremely well-used facility. The community centre relies on income generated by the hiring of rooms.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "Supporting the town's voluntary organisations is a priority for GAMP and assisting the Agnew Community Centre with funding has allowed them to progress their plans. "By installing modern

solar technology this will support government and council targets to reduce co2 emissions." Ron Mitchie, Centre Secretary, said: "The trustees of the centre appreciate the support they have received from the GAMP team and the councillors."

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Deputy head teacher Jonathan Lumb said: "The Year 11 students are given a range of tasks to complete over a six week period, which are demonstrated to the judges from Tallent and the school. The student who impresses the judges the most will be given an apprenticeship at Tallent, which is a fantastic opportunity for their futures and a brilliant learning experience."

Students were given tasks to challenge their skills around design, maintenance, materials, cost awareness and marketing. Student Joshua Scott, 15, said: "The scheme is brilliant as

it relates to realities in the work place and it gives us a real taste of the future. It's a great opportunity for us to be working with such a big company in the area. To win would be amazing and it would be the start of my career as a design engineer which would be fantastic."

Student Gareth Clarkson, 15, added: "It is nerve wracking doing the presentations but it is a good way for the judges to get to know us. It would mean everything to me to win; it would set me up for life."

Winner of last year's apprentice scheme, Josh Barber, had the chance to experience work in all departments at Tallent before specialising in his chosen area.

Josh, 17, said: "The scheme has been fantastic for me and a real chance to get a job. But not only that, it has been an opportunity to discover what I really want to do in my career with Tallent."

"I am currently studying business administration Level 3 with them and they will eventually support me through my degree too. I'm really excited for my future and joining the apprentice scheme was the best thing I ever did."

Tallent's training controller David Pearson said: "This scheme is a real investment in our future and, for the students, an apprenticeship



Gareth Clarkson (left) with Joshua Scott in Woodham's Design & Technology Department.

gives them a chance to get the shop floor experience and further education at the same time, with the possibility of sponsorship for a degree.

"Having this strong link with the school helps us to select someone who really can grow with us, which is a huge opportunity for them."

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL

Not every Town Council meeting authorises ground-breaking new initiatives! As you might expect, most of the Councillors' work is fairly humdrum scrutiny work – being kept abreast

of the latest developments, and making sure that the Council is running as efficiently and fairly as the public would wish.

Wednesday's Policy and Resources Committee was one such meeting. The meeting opened with a presentation from Mr Ramsey of the Technology Services Group, which holds the service contract for the Council's IT equipment.

Councillors were given a report on how the contract had fared last year, and of the updates which they are advised to make for next year (which will be considered at a future meeting).

Members received the end-of-year report on the Parish Performance Plan (which measures the council's performance against the targets set after consultation with the Customer Panel).

This year, only two targets were not achieved – the planned town-wide questionnaire has been deferred until the Council consults also about the Neighbourhood Plan, and the project to adopt Newton Aycliffe station has ground to a halt because

the Council's partners have failed as yet to complete their part of the preparatory work.

The Committee also received the end-of-year Business Risk Management report (which measures the various risks which the Council might face) and also a number of updated policies (for example, the Council's Capability and Disciplinary Policy).

A number of requests for donations were considered, most of them from groups asking for help with their Jubilee celebrations.

Members tried to award grants proportionate to the size of the event, as far as they could gauge from the letters of request.

Finally, the Committee received information from the Citizens Advice Bureau, prior to a presentation CAB will be making to the Full Council on Wednesday 18th April. Council Leader Bob Fleming stressed that no decision will be made regarding CAB at that meeting, and that the issue would be discussed at the next P&R meeting on 23rd May. All decisions were made unanimously, without any challenge.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Enjoy Folk singing this Sunday 22nd April performed by Aycliffe Folk Group at 3pm in the Centre. Admission £3, Seniors £2 and children free.

On Tuesday 5th June the Centre celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a full day of activity for children from 9am - 7pm.

We are looking for parents to assist on the day and also two teenage volunteers to dress up in a Mickey Mouse costume. To volunteer for these jobs please ring Peter on 313924.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY 2012
at 7.15 p.m.**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards and by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) or our Website: (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) from the 20th April 2012.



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

TUESDAY 1st MAY 2012

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on **TUESDAY, 1st MAY, 2012** commencing at 6.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting Neighbourhood Planning will be discussed'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting - we look forward to seeing and meeting new members. Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

WIND OF CHANGE?



David Cameron last week criticised onshore wind farms as "over-subsidised and wasteful of public money". He should know, since his father-in-law makes £1,000 a day from one on his Lincolnshire estate. But of course this was only a hollow gesture to appease those 100 MPs who recently wrote to him in similar vein, carefully referring only to "onshore" turbines - when the subsidies for those offshore are twice as high and twice as indefensible.

The fact is that, thanks to that unrealisable commitment agreed with the EU, the Government will do nothing meaningful to remedy this grotesque waste of public money. The destruction of Britain's countryside - against the wishes of communities - will therefore continue at an ever greater rate.

We have to rely on Tory strongholds (where protests will affect votes) to change Government direction. The proposed wind farm near Aycliffe, the biggest in the country, could still go ahead unless we keep up the pressure. A.C.

POSITIVE PROPOSALS FOR ELMFIELD SITE

Dear Sir,

We note the letter from G Gray re the Elmfield School site. A group have been looking at the possibilities for this site for some years. We are producing proposals which would meet the needs of all sections of the community and which would be sustainable.

Developing any plans which would meet need and sustainability cannot be plucked out of the air. To that end we will be consulting the community to look at need and possibility and see what the people want, not what one or two individuals think the people want or need.

There could be various options for the site: Housing, mixed housing, housing plus community facility, community garden plus community facility etc.

It is important we consider the needs of ALL sections of our community - young people, old, young mothers and the need for affordable nursery, and child care, affordable homes, social housing. We are listening to what people would like to see, and if we can produce something on this site for ALL.

Deliverability of course is another factor and having a wish list (including housing) doesn't mean that it will happen without robust business planning.

The Localism Bill also provides new opportunities, including 'Neighbourhood Development Orders'.

This allows a local community group (not just a parish or town council) to bring forward a small development (i.e. small in comparison to the size of the settlement) which might include proposals for new homes, business premises and or community facilities. Such developments don't take place without careful evidence based proposals. As of yet none of the DCC Councillors' money has been spent, but if we succeed in achieving a sustainable robust development for the good of all the community then it will be money well

spent.

We will soon be giving details about how the community's opinions can be expressed and we always welcome anyone to the group who comes with a positive open and helpful attitude.

Elmfield Action Group 0191 3725808

PS: DCC Councillors have spent thousands of pounds on lay-bys, parking spaces and road improvements across the West Ward and will continue to do so in the future.

AN EASTER TREAT



Well done to Sugar Hill Reception class, little chef's! Eight boys and girls, aged 4 and 5 completed a six week 'Let's Get Cooking' course and served up a delicious Easter tea for family and friends. They invited the After-School Club children to join them and everyone had a great time!

GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY TOWN PHARMACISTS

Great Aycliffe Town Council is pleased to announce that this year's Great Aycliffe Show Golf Tournament will be sponsored by Neville Pharmacy and Bewick Pharmacy of Newton Aycliffe.

The Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday 25 August 2012 at the Oak Leaf Golf Complex and forms part of the annual Great Aycliffe Show weekend.

Entry to the Tournament is free and is open to all residents of Great Aycliffe, plus all members of the Oak Leaf Golf Club, regardless of where they live.

The Tournament is organised in conjunction with the Oakleaf Golf Club and prize money for first, second and third places will be allocated in four categories, Adults, Seniors, Ladies and Juniors.

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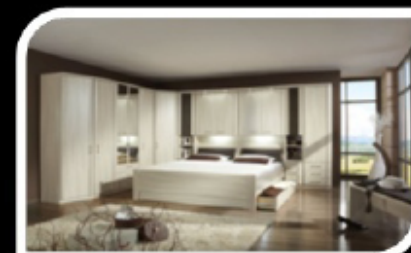
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Dads Get Into Nursery Fitness Project



A fun new group to keep dads healthy has proven popular.

The 'My Dad is Well Fit' project has been running in Newton Aycliffe as part of the Dads into Nursery scheme and has seen dads, granddads and male carers spend time with their little ones joining in fun activities also aimed at keeping them healthy. Sessions have been running at St Joseph's Way Nursery in Newton Aycliffe following on from previous successful programmes at Stephenson's Way Nursery. Dads, granddads and their children were encouraged to learn more about healthy eating, dental health and

exercise.

Konrad Hayes is father to Chloe and Bobby. He said: "I've really enjoyed the project, especially the activities with the children I wouldn't normally do at home."

"I would definitely encourage other dads to get involved and have a go, we now do more exercise as a family at home and the children get more involved in preparing healthy meals." Konrad and his children are pictured enjoying one of the sessions.

For more information on other Dads into Nursery projects call Newton Aycliffe Children's Centre on: 01325 319 753.

VEHICLE EDUCATION PROJECT AT YOUTH CENTRE

Newton Aycliffe Youth Development Team has gained Home Office Funding from Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund, to develop and deliver a two year vehicle education project for young people, aged 14-25 years.

The Project is called "First Gear and On Two wheels" and was designed to address a local need, which was supported by evidence from different agencies, of high levels of anti-social and risk taking behaviours being demonstrated around the town, in car parks and residential areas.

The programme aims to educate young people about responsible car and motorbike use and ownership. The project encourages young

people to develop a positive attitude towards the use of motor vehicles.

Young people are challenged to examine their attitudes to owning and driving vehicles and are provided with the skills to become safe and responsible drivers, riders, passengers and owners of vehicles.

The course includes basic practical skills in vehicle use and an opportunity to explore a range of other issues using motor vehicles as a focus.

We understand that there has been issues surrounding young people and their vehicle use, which have been the same as identified by the Youth Centre, and the local community.

The project aims to address these issues from

a community involvement perspective, and will work with the local police, the fire service, a local driving instructor, prison officers and youth workers to educate young people, and also to highlight the dangers and consequences of their actions. We are hoping to be supported by local businesses, and will appreciate any support given. All supporting businesses and organisations will be included within the media campaigning and promotional material.

We are hoping to gain the support of local businesses to help promote the project. As a way of promoting the project we are looking to gain sponsors to fund items such as t-shirts, printing, key rings, wrist bands and post cards to give to all participants, to remind them of their educational journey and some of the vital key messages received from front line emergency services.

If this is something that your business/organisation would be interested in, or if you would like to offer your support in another way, I would be extremely grateful if you could contact Jenny Walton on 01325 307522 or call into the Youth Centre.

Easter Competition



1st Four Kidz had an excellent time at Sugarhill in the Easter Holidays. Some of the children who decorated boiled eggs entered them into the competition at the Cubby, and those who did all won a prize. Oliver Parks came 1st with his Dinosaur Egg, Amy Chat came 2nd with her Ladybird egg and Isabelle Mason came 3rd with her flower egg.

1st Four Kidz would like to thank Billy Blenkinsopp from the Cubby for allowing the children to take part. Liz Jones and Sharon Lynch

SCOUTS RE-UNION

A Reunion is being arranged for Heighington

Baden Powell Scout Group who are celebrating 40 years of scouting in the village (and 100 years since the first scout group was formed in Heighington).

The reunion is for former Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Senior Scouts, Rovers and Leaders. It will be held on Saturday 14th July, 5.30pm till 8.30pm at Heighington Village Hall. Any one attending who has any old photos of the group are asked to bring them along with the intention of copying them and returning the originals.

Please contact any leader for further details or you can ring Vicki Lumb (Craggill) on 07837 981959

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Institute of Advanced Motoring Chief Executive and member of the pothole review committee Simon Best said: "With a new four-year budget, Councils should be able to plan their maintenance to prevent potholes occurring rather than playing catch-up with Britain's crumbling roads."

Simple solutions such as more joint working, councils sharing resources and better managed utility road works will save money and make our roads safer.

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A Newtonian Pioneer Remembers the Old Days



Dear Sir,
I hope you find the photographs taken in the 50's of interest - it would be wonderful to find out the names of the people and children - and to hear where they are now.

One is a picture of Newton Aycliffe Junior St John's Ambulance Brigade, taken outside Clarence Hall, now demolished. The brigade met in the upstairs room. The leader of our group (far right back row) was Mrs Foulger who lived in Greathead Crescent.

She had a daughter, Brenda and son, David who were also in the brigade but are not shown in this photograph. Some of the people in the photograph are Jennifer Lishman, Pat Ingram (me), Sheila Clubby Pam Cain, and Sandra. I wish I could remember more names, and of course most are family names and will have changed due to marriage.

The second picture was taken around 1954 at a sports event held in Newton Aycliffe, attended by Lord

and Lady Beveridge seen here with the children of the new town. My brother, Philip Ingram is in the front row, third child to the right of Lady Beveridge who lived in Bede Crescent when they visited the Town. I moved here at the age of six in 1952 and I have lived here all my life. My parents were here from 1952 until their deaths in 2000 and 2004.

My mum was an Aycliffe Angel and my dad worked in Chilton and Middridge pits before moving to Dorman Long and later Tolledo Woodhead Springs, both factories on Aycliffe Trading Estate.

My daughter was born and bred on the town but is very disappointed how the town has developed. She sees it now as just a sprawling housing estate with no heart. Like so many early Newtonians we had aspirations that Newton Aycliffe would become a beautiful garden town, with wonderful facilities for young and old alike.

We've seen schools come and go and the state of the town centre is very sad. Except for the fairly new fitness suite the Leisure Centre always has a run-down and rather scruffy look about it compared with the clean, beautiful swimming pools and sports halls in nearby towns.

I live in Washington Crescent nowadays, but I spent my childhood growing up in Surtees Walk, Happy days - green fields, new buildings, new roads, new people - Sugar Hill Farm, Simpasture Farm, Woodham Farm - all to change - to build a new town for the people and families moving here from all over the country, to work in the new factories bringing prosperity to the area. I hope one day the town can have the pride in itself it's people once hoped for.

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Artwork Gifted to Greenfield Community Arts Centre

Greenfield Community & Arts Centre's artist in residence is Steve Sproates and as Greenfield is a Specialist Arts and Science College his ideas and inspirational artwork fits in perfectly.

Through his friendship with Sir Arnold Wolfendale, former Astronomer Royal, Steve's interest in constructive Art explores scientific theories in a creative and visual way.

One of his pieces of art was installed this week in the Arts Centre. 'The Three Dimensions' looks at length, width and depth utilising form and colour to embody the qualities of symmetry, harmony and beauty.

The artist in residence programme expresses an important aim of the Arts Centre to provide an environment that encourages creativity in like-minded people, giving access to specialist arts opportunities and skills – in this case technical knowledge and access to laser cutting facilities.

Greenfield Arts Centre is thrilled to have Steve's artwork on permanent display in their reception area and it was officially unveiled this week in the presence of Sir Arnold who spoke to the students who attended the launch.

Steve has been Artist in residence at Greenfield since September 2011. He uses equipment at the school, works with Arts Centre staff and the technology department at Greenfield to develop his skills and new artwork.

Steve is a member of the East Durham Artists Network, and regularly exhibits his work across the region and internationally.

Sir Arnold Wolfendale is an Emeritus Professor of Durham University, where he was Professor of Physics from 1962-1995. He was Astronomer Royal from 1990 to 1995 and as a friend of Steve Sproates, regularly discuss the scientific theories that inspire and inform Steve's work.



RUBBISH SERVICE!

Dear Sir,
Moving house is a stressful enough time so I thought I would plan ahead to lighten the load.

On Monday 19th March I rang the Refuse Collection Dept at the County Council to arrange the exchange of our wheelie bin from a small size to the standard one and I was advised to leave the bin at the front of the house.

On Wednesday 28th March I rang to tell the Council nothing had been done. The lady then said she would "create an account" and assured me it would be dealt with immediately.

Saturday 31st March was moving day and still nothing had happened, so on Monday 2nd April I rang again and spoke to a different operator who said there was no record of my previous conversations. Due to these failures I was told to leave any extra rubbish in bags and they would be collected.

On Thursday 5th April I watched as the bin men emptied my bin but left the bags, so I go out to speak to them and were told they had no instruction to take the bags. Due to Health & Safety they cannot pick up the bags neither am I allowed to throw the bags in myself! I offered to put

them in the wheelie bin to be emptied, but they would not do that and said it would have to wait until the next collection, so the bags stayed on the pavement.

I ring the council again and get passed to the person dealing with my first two calls to be told the bin exchange is on the system, but will not be swapped until after 9th April.

The bags on the pavement would be removed within the hour by arrangement with the "Street Clean" team. Eight hours later I put the bags in the wheelie bin as they never came!

Annoyed
Defoe Crescent

Vets Donate £3,500 to Butterwick Hospice

A local charity has benefited greatly from the generosity of a local business, after giving the owner a tour of its services. Wilson's Veterinary Group, who have practices in Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor, have donated £3,500 to Butterwick Hospice, who care for a range of patients with life-limiting illnesses from across our region.

Mr Wilson, who has supported Butterwick Hospice since 2007, attended the Hospice's first Business Breakfast Meeting in December and was given the opportunity of a tour in which he was able to see how his donations have helped care for patients. Paul Wilson, owner of the

practice, was happy that his donation would make a big difference to the charity and said, 'I have always believed strongly that everyone should give back to their local community. Having worked with Butterwick Volunteers linked with the Town Centre Forum, my wife Jane and I, decided that we would make Butterwick Hospice one of the charities that we would give to every year as they supply a service in supporting the people of Bishop Auckland that is second to none.'

Lindsey Brown, a community fundraiser for Butterwick Hospice said, "Wilson Veterinary Group have supported us greatly over the last 5 years, having donated more than

£11,100 during that time. Their generosity has been invaluable and we are so very grateful. All care given by the Hospice is free to the patients receiving it but costs the organisation in excess of £800,000 a year, so Wilson Veterinary Groups donation is much appreciated."

Hosting Breakfast Meetings

is just one of the many ways Butterwick Hospice builds positive relationships with the local community. For more information about attending a meeting or to find out about the different ways in which your business could support the Hospice contact Lindsey on 01388 603003



Newton Aycliffe F.C. "We're Built for Success"

Allan Oliver admits Newton Aycliffe's second season in the Northern League will be tough – but insists they'll be ready for it. The curtain comes down on the Newtonians' inaugural top-flight campaign when neighbours Shildon come to Moore Lane Park this Saturday (3pm kick-off).

Currently eighth in the first division after their 2-1 win at Tow Law last weekend, Aycliffe are guaranteed a top-half finish in what has been an unforgettable three seasons in the Northern League. "I know for a certain fact the second season will be harder," admits Oliver. "We've had all the euphoria surrounding the first season and the second season will be a lot more difficult. That is a certainty. But I'm confident most of the players will stay here. The majority are here for football reasons. They like being here. It's a good place for a player to be. They're encouraged to express themselves."

"The set up here is better than a majority of first division clubs. We're built for success. We're happy with our progress and if we take it a little bit further next season we'll be delighted." After a long, hectic season, Oliver is looking forward to a short break before he starts preparing for the 2012-13 campaign. "I'm planning on spending some time with the family," he added. "When you're a Northern League manager the family sometimes gets put on hold because it's not just matchdays and training, you're concerned about everything in between."

"In essence it's a part-time job as it's never off your mind. Are certain players going to be fit? Who deserves to come back in? Who deserves to stay in? It's time-consuming. But if you don't put the time and effort in you don't get anything out of it. I'm looking forward to going to Wembley for the Vase final and I'm looking forward to doing my own thing as well."

Ten-man Aycliffe won their second successive game with a 2-1 victory at second-bottom Tow Law last Saturday. Striker Warren Byrne spent an hour in goal after Scott Pocklington's dubious sending off 30 minutes into the game. But Stephen Arnott's early own goal and Paul Broom's 16th-minute strike put Aycliffe into a comfortable lead, and after a run which saw them record no victories from six outings in March, Aycliffe held on to secure back-to-back wins after their victory at home to Guisborough.

Team: Pocklington, Gibson, Gray, Tarling, Oliver, Craddock, Broom, Wilson, Byrne, Woodhouse, Owen. Subs used: Mellanby, Knox. Unused: Campbell, Black, McMullen.

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Sedgefield train at Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Leisure Centres which are mostly shallow water but this has not stopped Sedgefield putting this area on the map in polo in GB over the last 15 years.

They should have Scott Carpenter, Angela Winstanley Smith and Chloe Wilcox playing for GB in the Olympics in August, more players than any other sports club in the North East. Sedgefield were up against Sunderland University, Sunderland ASC and Belfast University. Sedgefield fielded a very young team in general but

dominated all their games throughout with convincing victories in all 3 games.

They defeated Sunderland University 18-1, Sunderland ASC 15-2 and Belfast 13-4 with their usual brand of a very strong press defence and fast counter attack offensive polo.

Sedgefield's ex top GB women's player Carol Mohan and Mark Gabrielle led the team superbly, while top GB junior player Mathew Calvert was Sedgefield's top attacker.

The other members of the Sedgefield team were Mathias and Sebastian Reichel, Richie Barker, Joe Barker, Adam Courtley, James Pratt, Ben Turnbull, Holly Short, Abbie Turnbull, Rhiannon Foulds, Nick Gowland, Adam Woods, Ashley Boardman. The coach was Rudolf Reichel.

AYCLIFFE JUNIOR FC HOST FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Thanks to Woodham Community Technology College Newton Aycliffe Junior FC finally have a ground they can call their home. For the first time since the club was founded all but one of their 11 teams play at the same ground and have an impressive seven pitches at the College.

Due to this we have been able to organise our first ever football tournament to be held on Saturday May 12th from 9.30am at the school.

The tournament is this year limited to three age groups (under 12's, 13's and 14's with local teams having confirmed their attendance. Each and every participant will receive a trophy with plates and cups for the

winners and runners up in each age group. All these have been kindly sponsored by J Butterfield (under 12s), Woodspray (under 13s) and Revolution Power, (under 14s).

The day however is not just about football and will also include a Fun Day for the community with organised activities next to the football pitches such as face painting, bouncy castle, stocks, speed gun, raffles and refreshments available throughout the day.

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Former England Under 21 midfielder Brian Atkinson is hoping for another international success next week when pupils from County Durham travel to Italy for a friendly sports festival.

The group of under 16s, made up of footballers from Greenfield Community College, in Newton Aycliffe, and dancers from The Academy at Shotton Hall, Peterlee will travel to the Piedmont region, in the Provincia di Asti, next Tuesday (April 17) to take part in the two-day event. The two schools have been invited to take part as a result of European twinning links between the Provincia di Asti and County Durham. The visit has been organised by Durham County Council's International Relations team and is funded by

a European grant and contributions from the pupils and their families. During the festival the boys from Greenfield Community College – who also play for Newton Aycliffe's football academy – will take on an Italian five-a-side team. Ex-youth international footballer Brian, who also played for Sunderland and Darlington, is coaching the young footballers and will be accompanying them on the trip.

The dancers from The Academy at Shotton Hall will choreograph and perform a special routine with young French and Italian dancers at the festival's closing event.

As well as the experience of taking part in an international sporting event, they will get to meet and work with students

Support for John Elliott's Campaign

Dear Sir,
I agree entirely with John Elliott's, 'Stop Gap', campaign for local manufacturing to meet our needs for domestic products. I, like the majority of my age-group, came to Aycliffe as a worker on Aycliffe's Industrial Estate. In those days, not so long ago, we in Aycliffe manufactured products for all the U.K., creating many thousands of jobs. The Industrial Estate was the economic and social engine for the growth, development and prosperity of Great Aycliffe. The thousands of jobs it created gave an enthusiastic sense of purpose and direction to the lives of generations of Newtonians that built Churches, Clubs and Institutes, now taken for granted. Aycliffe was THE place to make for in war-

weary days when people looked to the future to create a better world for their children. Great Aycliffe is the realisation of the dreams and aspirations of men and women who worked long and hard in our factories to build a future from the mud, bricks and scrubland they came to. That creative power was generated by employment provided by the manufacturing in Aycliffe on our Industrial Estate. If John Elliott's campaign is successful, then a new generation of enthusiastic Newtonians may well out-do my generation. That is something everyone would surely give wholehearted support to in his campaign to bring manufacturing back to Aycliffe's Business Park. Don Fraser, Woodham

FABULICIOUS AT HARDWICK HALL

Fabulicious is an afternoon event where guests will have the opportunity to shop, enjoy a fine lunch, a fashion show and more. Fabulicious is on Sunday May 20th, 2012 at Hardwick Hall Hotel in Sedgefield commencing at 12.30pm and is in support of The Endeavour Oncology Unit at The James Cook University Hospital.

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Support for Armed Forces in Durham

A pledge of support for serving and former members of the armed forces in County Durham would help build relationships with the wider community.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked next week to agree the signing of an Armed Forces Community Covenant, a voluntary statement of mutual support between the community and local armed forces.

The covenant would support the National Armed Forces Covenant, launched in May

2011 under the principle that members of the armed forces community should not suffer disadvantage as a result of their service.

A local-level agreement would have the following aims:

ENCOURAGE local communities to support the armed forces community in their area;

NURTURE public understanding and awareness amongst the public of issues affecting the armed forces community;

RECOGNISE and remember the sacrifices faced by the armed forces community;

ENCOURAGE activities which help to integrate the armed forces community into local life;

ENCOURAGE the armed forces community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of the Council, said: "There are thousands of ex-service personnel living in the North East. As a council we already do a lot to support them and show our gratitude. However, there is always scope to do more and the signing of the Community Covenant will reinforce our commitment."

The Association of North East Councils is currently in the process of developing a regional Armed Forces Community Covenant and the adoption of a covenant by Durham Council should help achieve this ambition.

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Partnership with Sri Lanka

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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 upon their stay in Durham, just as Mr Butterworth did in Sri Lanka in January.

In Memoriam

KIM FOWLER-OAKENFULL-NEWMAN Died 25th April 2009. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. You left us quietly, your thoughts unknown, but you left us memories we're proud to own. Age will not dim her loving face, her sparkling eyes, her warmth, her grave. She fell asleep and left us sad. We will never forget the daughter we had. In Heaven now she's gone to rest with her Son, Michael, our Grandson, who died 29th April 2007. Deepest devoted love, never to be forgotten by Mam and Dad (Tessa and Ian) xxxxx

KIM FOWLER-OAKENFULL-NEWMAN Died 25th April 2009. A little prayer Kim, meaningful and tender, just to say we will always remember. Our Sister, loved forever, so sadly missed by Craig and Martin xxx

JOAN NICHOLSON It's been 5 years since you were suddenly taken from us, not a day goes by when you are not thought of. We thought of you today with love, but that is nothing new, we thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have is memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part. God has you in his keeping, but we have you in our heart. Also birthday wishes for 22nd April. Derek, June, Pat, Ronnie, Linda, Ann, Susan, Brenda and Irene. All Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and In-Laws

FLORENCE DUNN (Flo). 22nd April 2010. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain. Life has gone on without you, but it has never been the same. Still miss you so much Flo. Love, Les xxx

FLORENCE DUNN (Flo). 22nd April 2010. If tears could wash away our pain. We would not feel such hurt again. The heartbreak felt since you've been gone. We wouldn't wish on anyone. But all that I can give you Mum, is the promise that you will be in my heart and mind today and for all eternity. Love and miss you. Wendy xxx

EVA RODGERS Died 22nd April 2011. If tears could wash away my pain, I would not feel such hurt again. The heartbreak felt since you've been gone, I wouldn't wish on anyone. Your loving Sister Freda, Fred and all the family. Till we meet again xxx

DENNIS POSKETT Died 22nd April 2007. Treasured memories of a special Dad and Grandad. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

DENNIS POSKETT Died 22nd April 2007. There will always be heartache and often a silent tear, but always beautiful memories of a Dad I loved so dear. Love from Susan xxx

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MILLY CURRAN 15th April 2002. Ten years have gone by since you said "goodbye" and left us for a better place. Not a day goes by without a thought of you and often shed a tear. The love and joy and happiness that we shared with you will never go away and will always be in our hearts every day. Your loving Husband Jim, Son David, Daughter-in-Law Susan, Grandchildren Rachel, Leem Samantha, Tony, duncan, Great Grandchildren Luke, Lauren, Brydie, Henley, Lily and Amelia xxx

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Birthday Remembrance

34 Medals for Aycliffe Gymnasts



Newton Aycliffe based gymnastics club Athena Sports Academy recently attended their first regional competition at Deerness Valley Gymnastics Club on Sunday 1st April 2012 and came out with an amazing 17 gold, 10 silver and 7 bronze medals which were an amazing achievement for the club. Coaches Samantha Robson, Jeff Wade, Gerry Fuller, Brittainy Fuller and Rob Hunter would like to express their congratulations to all gymnasts who took part in the competition. For many of them this was their first competition and for those who have competed before at the annual event, some achieved their personal best.

Gymnasts who competed were from a range of

the various groups that Athena offer from fun, recreational, mainstream through to GMPD (Gymnastics and Movement for People with a Disability)

Gymnast Kieran Maxwell was among Athena's medal winners, and was the first wheelchair competitor for the club. Kieran who lives in Heighington, underwent an amputation at the knee of his left leg in March 2011 after doctors discovered he was suffering from Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer which attacks bone and muscle tissues. Kieran is one of the newest members to club and only had minimal time to practice his pairs routine with gymnast Charlotte Dent and was literally thrown in at the deep end. But being the strong willed character Kieran is he certainly did the club proud and his parents Alistair, Nicola and little sister Lissie were there to support him as always.

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