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## AYCLIFFE STUDENT LAUNCHES ONLINE RECORD LABEL

Two Leeds Metropolitan University students are ready to take the music world by storm after turning their final year degree project into an independent online record label.

Voodoo Records UK, set up by BSc (Hons) Music Technology undergraduates Tom Howson, 20, from Aycliffe and Kieran Edwards, aged 21, from Wigan - specialises in electro, house and dubstep music.

Graduating this summer, the friends and newly formed business partners have already secured a deal with American music agency Baseware Distribution which will see their label's music available on websites including global download giants iTunes, Beatport and online streaming service Spotify. Their success was marked by the official launch night of their label's first album - 'One', at The Warehouse Nightclub in Leeds on Thursday April 26th.

Kieran said: "For our degree project we wanted to set up a music label, but rather than do it hypothetically we decided to do it for real. So far it's going really well and hopefully after we graduate we can really make a go of it full time."



Tom (right) and Kieran

"As part of the label we are releasing a compilation album featuring various artists that gives an idea of what Voodoo Records UK's sound is and we are constantly on the lookout for new, talented artists to get involved."

Tom added that one of their artists, Jini Cowan, who has worked with international DJ, producer, and composer Paul van Dyk, had been named by national monthly DJ magazine Mixmag, as 'One to watch' for 2012.

"Rather than start up our label with an unknown name, we teamed up with Voodoo Events," commented Kieran. "They are based in Yorkshire and host 19

weekly student club nights in Leeds, Sheffield, Bradford, Liverpool and Newcastle. "We launched the label last month to the public and in a short space of time we have had over 12,500 people view our Facebook page. Our website, [voodoorecordsuk.com](http://voodoorecordsuk.com), which was designed and created by myself and Tom, has also had a huge amount of traffic."

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# Working Together! Horizon's Launch Event

Earlier this month Horizon, an innovative and groundbreaking transitions project for young adult carers across County Durham launched. The partnership of DISC,

Action for Children, Consett YMCA, Teesside University and Cornforth Partnership work together on a shared vision: to ensure young carers are heard, able to access appropriate

services, gain confidence and have choices in life.

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"The launch event was a great success and demonstrated great partnership working" says Project Leader Rachel McCormack. The event was organized as a drop in and information day with many organizations involved including, County Durham

Council, Job Centre Plus, Adult Carers Centre, Families Information Service, Easington Pathfinders Team, Durham & Chester-le-Street Carers Support, Citizen's Advice and many more. "It was great for young adult carers and attendees on the day to see all of these support and advice organisations working together and all under one roof for the day" Rachel adds.

As well as the information stalls the event was a nice opportunity to make new contacts and different discussion groups met together to discuss some of the issues facing young adult carers, some of the barriers involved and how we can best meet their needs.

The project operates an open referral route where any of the above services can be accessed and anyone can refer into the service including self referral, please contact; Horizon DISC Sapphire House Aycliffe Business Park Unit 2, IES Centre Horndale Avenue Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DS Tel: 01325 731160 Email: horizons@disc-vol.org.uk

## Croft Circuit's 2012 Motor Racing Season is Go!

*Bumper line-up of four-wheeled action for North East's premier motor sport venue*

North Yorkshire's Croft Circuit gets its much anticipated 2012 four-wheeled motor sport season under way this weekend (28/29 April) with no fewer than 14 hotly contested races for fans to savour.

The event, being run by the famed British Automobile Racing Club, has a real sportscar theme running through it with the Mazda MaX 5, Crossle 9S, Chevron GR8, Clubmans and Sports & Saloons categories all in action. Joining them will be the ever-popular Kumho BMW Challenge plus the hugely spectacular BSA 125cc Gearbox Kart Championship.

The meeting at the North East's premier motor sport venue just outside Darlington is sure to appeal to enthusiasts from across the region who will be eager for their first motor sport fix of 2012. Admission is just £12 per day (payable on the gate) and FREE all weekend for accompanied children aged 15 and under. Admission includes access to the competitors' paddock meaning visitors will have plenty of opportunities to chat with many of the drivers during the two days.

But the event is also a precursor to what lays ahead in the coming months at Croft Circuit with a further nine top-line fixtures for race and rally cars. Headlining events include the UK's top motor racing series, the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship (Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June), Croft Nostalgia (a celebration of historic/retro motor sport, motoring and lifestyle on the weekend of 4/5th August), Monster Energy British Rallycross Championship (Sunday 28th October) and the Roger Albert Clark Rally (Saturday 24th November). Visit the official [www.croftcircuit.co.uk](http://www.croftcircuit.co.uk) website for details of all motor sport events in 2012.

Also scheduled are several events organised by the Darlington & District Motor Club as well as four appearances from its Northern Saloon & Sportscar Championship - among the best club level race series anywhere in the UK. In June there is even a mid-week visit from the high-profile Tour Britannia - a nationwide race tour for classic cars (Thursday 7th June).

Meanwhile the provisional timetable for this weekend's (28/29 April) BARC event at Croft Circuit reads:

### Saturday 28 April

Qualifying: 9.30am-12.30pm

Racing (7 races): 1.30pm-5.00pm

Categories: 125cc Karts; BARC Clubmans (Classic & Cup divisions); CNC Heads (North West) Sports & Saloons; Kumho BMWs; Max 5s.

### Sunday 29 April

Qualifying: Midday-12.45pm

Racing (7 races): 1.00pm-5.00pm

Categories: Chevron GR8/Crossle 9S/Spirit of the 60s Sportscars; Sports & Saloons; Kumho BMWs; Clubmans (Classic & Cup divisions); MaX 5s.

## FUN RACE NIGHT

A fun race night will take place at Lacey's Bar, Bondgate, Bishop Auckland on Friday 25th May from 7.30pm in aid of the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. Entry is FREE, there will also be a raffle, as well as the races. A great night of entertainment.

## BIG SPRING CLEAN IN THE TOWN

Following concern from members of the public about the volume of litter around the St Marys' and Tesco area of the town Aycliffe Youth Council have organised a public litter pick in partnership with Great Aycliffe Town Council starting from the Youth Centre Car Park at 5.30pm on Monday 30th April.

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Rockermouth Review "Stompin' 2011" - "Saw the Buckets show in the Iris tent and they RULED IT! If ever a band were more suited to a venue, I could not think of another as much as the Buckets playing in the Iris tent at Stompin'. Their third time now, yet this time they are becoming legendary amongst the bikers, hence the reason why the tent was rammed full from the very first number. A brilliant marathon performance from these guys (an hour and three quarters without a break), awesome reaction from the crowd, What a show!"  
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**Saturday 12th May - Elenbak**

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# Two Aycliffe Shops Saved from Closure

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# Going Head to Head



PET carers will go head-to-head with hotel staff at a charity fundraising contest. An array of fun physical challenges await the staff from Petpals, based in Darlington, and their counterparts from luxury resort Rockliffe Hall when they take part in the Great North Air Ambulance Service's It's a Knockout Competition. The event, on Sunday, July 8, will feature a range of games involving inflatable obstacles and outlandish outfits, based on the popular televised game show of the same name. Last year's inaugural competition raised about £5,000, with eleven teams from across North-East business taking part. A team from Teesside's Tata Steel were crowned winners and took home the trophy and medals as reward for their efforts. As well as Petpals and Rockliffe Hall, Orange, Cummins and Spennymoor Royal Mail are all set to be represented at this year's competition, which takes place at Darlington Rugby Club. The club has allowed the use of its Blackwell Meadows facilities free of charge. Rob Colgrave, GNAAS fundraiser, said: "We are looking to build on last year's success by involving even more teams. Participants can expect a lot of fun at the same time as raising lots of money for the charity."

David Gray, who runs Petpals, said: "We are really looking forward to the day when hopefully we will raise a big total for the air ambulance." Managing Director of Rockliffe Hall, Nick Holmes, said: "We're really looking forward to being involved in various fundraising activities with the GNAAS and this will be a lot of fun - our teams are very competitive. Rockliffe Hall is proud to be the GNAAS corporate partner this year and we're hoping to raise lots of money at this and many other events." There will be attractions for the whole family on the day, so members of the public who are not participating are still welcome to attend. Teams of ten cost £500 which can be raised through sponsorship, with a £100 deposit payable to secure a place. To find out more, please call Mr Colgrave on 01325-487263.

## Soup-a-Lunch

A Soup-a-Lunch will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church on Wednesday, 2nd May at 12.45pm. A choice of two soups, two sweets followed by a cup of tea or coffee. Price is £3 (a bargain). To book your place ring Angela on 319067

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Dear Sir

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## MOTORISTS QUESTION PROPOSED FINE INCREASES

Half of motorists disagree with a government proposal\* to increase fixed penalty notices from £60 to £90, according to research by the IAM.

Fixed penalty notices can be given for a range of offences, but are most commonly associated with driving offences including speeding and jumping red lights. Under the plans, the £30 increase will be used to give a £30m cash boost to the fund for victims of crime and witnesses support.

Of the 1129 respondents, fifty one per cent disagreed with the proposal, 28 per cent strongly, 35 per cent agreed with the proposal, and 13 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed.

When asked what they would think if the money went into improving road safety as opposed to victim support in general, 80 per cent were happier with this proposal.

Eighty per cent of

respondents think that this scheme could reduce driver's trust in the purpose of enforcement measures, including safety cameras.

When asked what the biggest deterrent to bad driving was, 68 per cent identified ‘enforcement – the likelihood I will get caught’, with 48 per cent choosing ‘the fear of the consequences in terms of causing death or injury to myself/my passengers or other road users in the result of an accident’, and 42 per cent saying ‘the severity of the punishment if I was caught’.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: “While funding victims of crime is laudable, the real aim of fines for motoring offences should be deterrence. We want to stop people breaking the law. Having an income that relies on dangerous driving won't help reduce crashes. There is a strong case for this money to be spent on road safety.”

## London Wedding for Aycliffe Couple



Helen Moore and partner Stephen Boyd (Boydy) are getting married and would like to share their story with family and friends in Newton Aycliffe.

Helen is a student social worker as well as a part

time residential worker at Newton Aycliffe People's Centre and Stephen is a Mental Health Support Worker.

Their jobs are stressful so for relief they follow Madness and SKA bands and their favourite place is Camden Town, London where Madness began.

They chose Camden and this year to get married because of the London Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee.

They are having a northeast Wedding Blessing in September at St Andrews Church in Aycliffe Village for family and friends who cannot travel to London for their marriage in August. Both occasions will follow a “Madness/SKA” theme.

## Agnew Centre NEWS

**Litter Pick** on Saturday 12th May from 11-30am to 1pm. So why not join us at the Centre when we will be clearing litter from the bushes and trees behind the Agnew Centre in Morrison Close which lies towards Woodham. Some equipment will be supplied but please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Refreshments will be supplied. If you want to join us in this Community Litter Pick then please ring our Centre Manager on 01325-321504 office or 07749 236853

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**Saturdays:** Elevate Youth Club: 10-30am to 12noon Contact: James Ross on 07966 266642 or ring the Centre Manager on 01325 321504 (office), or 07749 236853 for any of the above or to book the Centre including Children's Birthday Parties: £24 for 3 hours which includes the whole Centre and the grounds if suitable.

## TIME TO DIAL 101!

Durham Constabulary's non-emergency phone number - 101 - will be the only number for people in the region to call as from today.

The new national non-emergency number 101 went live in Durham in December 2011. It automatically connects callers to their nearest force, but includes options for four other neighbouring forces.

The aim is to have a single non-emergency number for the police which is easy to remember and make it simpler for the public to contact the police in non-emergency situations. Durham's previous number - 0845 6060365, which dates back to 2003 - will be switched off from today. Any callers will receive a message advising them to hang up and ring 101.

Although the alternative number - 0345 6060365 - will still operate, it is tailored towards people calling from

outside County Durham and Darlington. Local callers using this number will receive a message advising them to use 101.

Chief Superintendent John Bell, head of Durham Constabulary's Response Command, said: “101 is already proving popular for providing people with quick, direct access to their nearest police force. Our response times remain high and we want this to continue, so the more people who use 101 the better. Using 101 will enable us to continue to provide an effective policing service to the people of County Durham and Darlington.”

101 is for non-emergency calls only - people should still dial 999 in an emergency. In addition to 101, a new SMS text service is going live. People can text 86101 for advice, information, to report minor crime and ask to be contacted by an officer. The text will generate an automatic response and the information will be passed to the communications centre for action.

And, for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, an emergency 999 SMS service has been set up which acts as a three way conference call between the caller, the police and a call centre facilitator. This is a much easier system than the Minicom number, although that will stay live. To use this service, people are asked to register their phones firstly. They can access this service via: [www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk)

Durham Constabulary is committed to inspiring confidence in local communities by protecting neighbourhoods, tackling criminals and solving problems - around the clock.



PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT Meeting at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday, 3rd May, 2012 from 6-30pm to 7-30pm.

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

Everyone welcome. Please come along and meet your Community Police and Civic Representatives to voice any concerns you may have and get updates on current issues.

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

## The Audit of the 2011/12 Accounts of Great Aycliffe Town Council

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Audit Commission Act 1998 (Sections 8, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18)

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 (Regulations 9, 10, 22, 23, 24 & 25)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 that the Statement of Accounts and related financial documents of Great Aycliffe Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2012, will be made available for public inspection between Monday 14th May 2012 and Tuesday 12th June 2012.

The accounts and related financial documents will be available for inspection during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Appointments to view the accounts should be made to the Finance Manager at the Council on telephone number 01325 300700.

Any interested persons may inspect, make copies of the accounts and any supporting financial records including books, deeds, contracts, bills, invoices and receipts. Notice is also given that on or after Wednesday 13th June 2012 until the completion of the audit, the Auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the parish of Great Aycliffe, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

The Auditor will be Mr. G. Barker of the Audit Commission (Northern Region) whose address is, 2nd Floor, Nickalls House, Metro Centre, Gateshead, NE11 0NH.

Any such elector or their representative may attend before the Auditor and make objections:

(i) as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 17 or 18 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 (namely an unlawful item of account, failure to bring a sum into account, or a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct).

(ii) as to any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under Section 8 of the Act.

Questions may be received at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council, by prior arrangement with the Auditor, to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the Auditor has received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the Finance Manager at the Council.

Dated this 27th day of April 2012.

Mr Dan Austin  
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# "ELECTION SKULL DUGGERY!"

Dear Sir,  
Two weeks ago, John Turnbull, one of the two losing Independent candidates, in the recent Shafto/St Mary's Great Aycliffe Town Council

by-election, wrote to your newspaper. In this letter he accused the successful Labour Party candidate's supporters of, well, foul play. Whatever the voracity

of his claims, one thing needs to be made clear, Mr Turnbull seems to be suffering from that most dreaded of political maladies; namely, selective memory loss! What he failed to point out, amongst his wringing of hands, was that following a complaint, the Election Monitoring Officer demanded that he remove a vehicle, that he had heavily plastered with his election literature, from the small car park directly in front of the Polling Station entrance, inside Vane Road school grounds. This was against election rules and regulations. His runabout car was actually parked at the end of Eden Road, so the purpose of this vehicle parked up inside Vane Road School, was clear. Yes, the grapes do often taste sourer, when you are defeated. But the little disappointments of life are borne in silence by most of us. Name & Address supplied

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# NEW HYDROTHERAPY POOL SESSIONS AT PIONEERING CARE CENTRE

The Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe has one of the region's only hydrotherapy pools open to the public. It offers an ideal way to relieve pain, improve mobility or just relax with the pools massaging jets. Hydrotherapy pool user Clare Cheverall brings her 5 month old son Hal and says: "We both really enjoy coming to the Pioneering Care Centre to use the pool, it's the perfect temperature for young babies. As well as being more confident in water, I think Hal's become more alert and developed better eating and sleeping patterns since we've started coming. Plus it's nice to have the coffee shop facility for baby feeding afterwards". A new Parent and Toddler and Aquacise session have

been added to the already popular timetable. Please see the hydrotherapy pool days, times and activities below:

**MONDAY:**  
1-2pm  
5.15 - 6.15pm  
7.30 - 8.30pm (Aquacise)  
**TUESDAY:**  
9 - 10am (Aquacise)  
1-2pm  
4.15- 5.15pm  
5.15 - 6.15pm  
6.30 - 7.30pm  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
9 - 10am (Aquacise)  
NEW! 10-11am (Parent and Toddler)  
NEW! 7.45-8.45pm (Aquacise)  
**THURSDAY:**  
9 - 10am (ladies only)  
10 - 11am (ladies only)  
2.45 - 3.45pm  
3.45 - 4.45pm  
7.15 - 8.15pm (Aquacise)  
**SATURDAY:**  
12.15-1.15pm  
1.15-2.15pm

Hydrotherapy pool prices  
1 hour session:  
Adult: £6.25  
(concessionary £4.50)  
Ages 0-3: £2.50  
Ages 3-16: £4.50

It is ideal for people of all ages and abilities and is safe for non swimmers. The pool area and changing rooms are also fully accessible to disabled people with overhead and chair poolside hoists available on request. To book your place at any of the sessions please contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF, tel: 01325 321234 enquiries@pcp.uk.net www.pcp.uk.net



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## Disclosure of Detailed Accounts Refused

Dear Sir,  
In September 2011 Council Bowman at the AGM of the Junior Neighbourhood Watch at Silverdale House stated anyone could make an appointment to see the accounts. At the meeting there were no detailed accounts or minutes available nor were any recorded of that AGM. When questioned on the subject Council Bowman again promised that the accounts could be seen by appointment. To date she still hasn't produced this information and has stated the Charity Commission says she does

not have to. After contacting the Charity Commission she was told to disclose the accounts to any member of the public who requests to see them. The commission also said I should write to the Trustees of the Junior Neighbourhood Watch as they are the body responsible for everything. Two letters have been sent with no response to date. Vast amounts of public money has been spent on buses etc and all we ask is to see the detailed accounts, invoices and receipts for these transactions. M. Tomlin and M. Gray.

## Reply from Council Bowman

At the AGM true accounts were shown i.e. Balance Sheets, Trial Balance and Profit and Loss Accounts. Unfortunately neither Mrs Tomlin or Maud Gray had the ability to understand them. These same accounts have been sent to the Charity Commission and accepted. I will make no further comment or enter into any further discussion. Dorothy Bowman.

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# SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN GETTING JOBS

DISC's young person's training project Steps4Success in Newton Aycliffe are trying to help young people who are out of work and not currently in education to improve their skills to enable them to move on to work or college. We will be offering new courses over the coming months offering young people aged 16-18 the opportunity to gain essential work experience and a qualification in their chosen field. The new courses include Painting and Decorating, Business Administration and Sports and Leisure which are work related qualifications and are suitable for entry level students to level 2. BTEC course can be as short as 8 weeks to gain an award through to a 40 week diploma.

Lindsay a young person who has completed the Steps4Success programme is a great example of how someone can improve their confidence and their skills and go out and get themselves a job. Lindsay came to us with low self confidence and very little educational qualifications. After completing a work

placement locally in Newton Aycliffe she is now working for a local pet care business following her passion for animals.

"I absolutely love my new job and it's great to be earning a wage. Without the support I received from my tutors at Steps4Success I wouldn't have had the confidence to go out and get work. If I can do it, anyone can!"

BTECs give students the skills they need to either move on to further education or go straight into employment or gain apprenticeships.

Steps4Success supporting you in taking the right steps for your future!

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DISC (next to the Blue Bridge in Aycliffe) IES Centre, Newton Aycliffe Business Park has fantastic up to date new facilities enabling us to create a productive and exciting learning environment.

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**Woodham Ward Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting**  
Durham Constabulary are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. This is an informal discussion with the police and local partners to resolve the issues where you live.

The next Woodham Ward Pact meeting will be held on 30th of April at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth Close at 6pm.

PCSO Amy Jorgeson 6849 N.A. Beat Team Woodham Ward

# Is Langdale Place the Worst Road in Co Durham?

We have complained on numerous occasions over several years, and the decline is worsening. Two minor patching exercises have taken place in the last six years with our request for a full resurface rejected - the neglect needs to be reversed. Aycliffe residents pay one of the highest precepts to our county governors. It would appear that we have been put on the back burner. We fear that there is an endemic problem taking place. As we drive back from the boating lake via Oakfield, we see that the same deplorable conditions exist there. There are serious health and safety issues here.

Come on residents . . . Do you suffer from apathy?

Take photos of your road and send them to Newton News to see if you can beat Langdale Place!

I doubt it very much!

J.W. Hogg (Mr)



## SUGAR HILL FUNDRAISE FOR MARIE CURIE



Year 3 and 4 children at Sugar Hill Primary School participated in fundraising activities for the Marie Curie Cancer Care's Mini Pots of Care charity. Each child planted a daffodil in a pot, decorated the sleeve of the pot, and took their creation home so that parents and family friends could make a donation. A grand total of £138.31 was raised towards this worthy cause. Mrs Richardson, teacher at Sugar Hill, said; "I want to say a big thank you to all the children and their families for their wonderful support. We hope the children enjoyed taking part".

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**Chillingham Grove Woodham Village**

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**Rosel Close Newton Aycliffe**

**£200K**

Three bedroom detached property, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, modern driveway, modern garage, DL and GCN.



## Are You Watching 20 Minutes of TV Advertising an Hour?

I wonder how many of us realise how much TV advertising is dominating our leisure hours and influencing what we buy. Have you calculated how much TV advertising you soak up each night? **Twenty minutes of every hour on commercial TV is taken by advertising. Over an average night's viewing that could amount to 1½ hours and you are paying to watch it!**

How many of us are totally cheesed off with the repetition of idiotic adverts and have been forced to switch channels or constantly flick their remote control to avoid the sickening sales chatter?

Are you annoyed also with the timed climax to a programme you are watching being deliberately delayed while you watch five minutes of advertising? The number of ads we watch over an hour has steadily increased over recent years from just a couple of minutes to an ever extending length of time.

Sky TV are making £millions, not only from the extortionate monthly fee, but also from advertising revenue. This enables them to pay the Football Association £millions every year, who in turn pay clubs to spend £millions on transfers and on players' unbelievable salaries.

American TV is worse and we are moving towards the amount of advertising time they allow each hour. Thank goodness for BBC channels and a relief from those adverts which grind out the same message four times an hour.

I have now got to the stage where I deliberately avoid any product advertised on TV as my personal protest. I believe that if the company can afford to pay the high advertising rates on TV, they are charging too much for their product.

Part of the price being paid for their product goes to pay the high TV advertising rate and I don't want to encourage their overuse of this form of marketing.

It would be better if they stopped spending so money on adverts, reduce the price of their product and rely on the quality and value of the goods or service they provide.

# TERRITORIAL ARMY OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC - SATURDAY, 12th MAY, 2012



124 (Recovery) Company based in the Aycliffe Armoury, Northfield Way are opening their doors to the public on Saturday 12th May in an open invitation to the people of Newton Aycliffe to come and see the "TA" at work.

The Company which is made up of young men and women from across the region has a strong link with the town, supporting as it does many of the events organised within the community.

"For many people that is about as much as they know about us", Captain Daz Newton who is the Permanent Staff Administrative Officer of the Company said. "What they don't see or hear about is the work our TA soldiers do for the wider Army."

"The purpose of the open day is to give the people of Newton Aycliffe and local area a better understanding of our role and also to enable them get close up to our new equipment. The arrival of our new vehicle fleet this month has brought us right up to date with the regular army – and our soldiers, quite rightly want to show it off!" 124 Recovery Company has recently received five brand new recovery vehicles, which are in use by the REME on operations today. The

Support Vehicle Recovery or (SVR) is manufactured by MAN trucks and came into service in 2009. It replaces the Company's fleet of Foden Recovery vehicles which many local residents will be familiar with, and which has been in service across the Army since 1986. The Company will retain one Foden and visitors will be able to see for themselves the sheer size and scale of the replacement.

The new fleet of SVRs will almost double the Company's lift recovery capability. With a maximum speed of 56 mph and weighing in at 30,000 kgs these 10½ metre giants are the largest recovery vehicles in service today.

In 1993 124 Recovery Company was deployed in its entirety in support of Operation TELIC 1 in Iraq, more commonly known as Desert Storm, the name given to it by the USA. Since then officers and soldiers from 124 Recovery Company have supported the regular army in Cyprus, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012 five REME TA soldiers from the Company are deploying to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK 17 in support of their regular REME Battalion colleagues from Catterick Garrison.

Thankfully it isn't all about operations, it takes between 3 – 5 years to prepare a TA soldier for that kind of commitment. Happily the Company has an active social programme too with its own bars and clubs to support it! This year the Company are looking forward to their two week annual camp in Germany where they will put their trade skills to the test and qualify for their annual bounty.

The doors of the TA Centre will open to the public from 10 am on Saturday 12th May until 4 pm. Visitors will be able to tour the camp, workshops and TA Centre and, most importantly speak to the soldiers themselves.

124 Recovery Company currently has vacancies for trained or untrained mechanics, chefs, clerks, storemen, medics and drivers. (Full training provided).

If you are aged between 16 and 43, physically fit and are interested in learning more about life as a REME Territorial Army soldier then why not come along to the TA Centre in The Aycliffe Armoury on Saturday 12th May and find out more. Further details can be obtained by telephoning Captain Daz Newton on 01325 375201. Free Entry



## Fly The Flag

Bishop Auckland Town Team are appealing to your patriotic loyalty and are requesting that companies, businesses and organisations support the initiative of sponsoring a pennant on Newgate Street Bishop Auckland.

The PVC pennants will be attached to 17 of the lamp post pillars that adorn Newgate Street. They will fly from May until October.

The pennants will have the name of the sponsor and a Union Jack emblem to embrace the Queens Diamond Jubilee Event (June 4th) and then the celebration of the Olympics 2012, as you are no doubt aware the Olympic Torch will be passing through Bishop Auckland on Sunday 17th June 2012, where a schedule of entertainment and fun is planned. The torch will travel the entire length of Newgate Street, over the Station Bridge to Cockton Hill and will turn at the traffic lights to turn down St Andrews Road and proceed towards South Church. This is indeed a once in a lifetime celebration, when the eyes of the nation will be watching.

If you would like to have more information about this initiative please contact your Town Team Member, Tracey Teasdale on 01388 662987 or batownteam@yahoo.co.uk

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# SCIENCE - HARRY POTTER STYLE

Wizardry, sorcery and science conjured up a school day children will never forget. Woodham Technology College held a special open day for Heighington Primary School hosted in true Harry Potter style. The Year 5 children took part in a science lesson to get a real taste of what is in store for them when they make the move to their next school. Head of transition and Year 7 at Woodham College Tracy Tait said: "We hold several of these visit days and it's all about fostering links with local primary schools to help students find out about

secondary education. "We like to give them a chance to have a real taste of school life here and choose specialist subjects to give them the excitement of practical lessons. This time we decided on a Harry Potter theme which provoked a great response." They used 'magic' to shrink a 'dragon's egg' into a conical glass beaker and were also shown the power of colour change by mixing chemical solutions together. Science teacher Andy Jenkins said: "Today is all about using imagination to introduce the children to science. "We want it to be fun so they have an experience they won't forget but also learn from it at the same time. "We have entered into the spirit by dressing up for them and they all received a science certificate to take home to remember their day here."

Deputy head teacher of Heighington School Michelle Goundrey said: "It is really wonderful for the children to come along and use a laboratory which they don't have the chance to in primary school. It is a great experience for them and a chance to get a taste of their future which is a fantastic idea." Tracy added: "The transition from primary to secondary school can be daunting for many children and it is an area we think is very important.

These activity days are so important to us as it fits in with the ethos of the school regarding care, guidance and support.

"I get to meet all the children from all the primary schools who visit us and also go out to do assemblies at their schools."

Student Niamh Coatsworth, 11, of Heighington, said: "It has been great fun. I really liked working with the Bunsen burners and the eggs and making them shrink. I am really looking forward to coming here in September."



Science teachers Phil Dennis, and Andy Jenkins with Niamh Coatsworth and Thomas Clack

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## EASTER FUN AT STEPHENSON WAY



Lots of the nursery children and their parents had been very busy making some wonderfully creative Easter

hats ready for the "Easter Hat Competition". Miss Hemmings, the Headteacher was invited to judge the competition. All the children modelled their hats beautifully and judging was not easy!

First prizes went to Ryan Griffiths and Jack Gibson. Congratulations! The winners received an Easter Egg and all the children who took part received a certificate.

Later in the week the Easter Bunny was spotted in the nursery garden! The children had great fun taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and enjoyed eating their findings!

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# Big Bugs at Vane Road 'COOK FOR LIFE' AT WOODHAM COLLEGE



Pupils have been very busy constructing a very peculiar new addition to their playground. Students from class 7 rolled up their sleeves and spent two days in the unseasonable heat creating a giant willow structure. With help from Selina Hodgson children worked tirelessly as a team to bend and cut the willow into a huge dome. Standing over 5 feet tall the willow structure sports peep hole windows and is large enough to accommodate a whole class. Pupils had this to say about the experience "The willow structure is our responsibility and we are in charge of watering it and taking care of it. We all feel really lucky that we had the opportunity to create



something that all children will be able to use and enjoy for many years to come!" The experience was thoroughly rewarding and the pupils look forward to using their 'outdoor' classroom in the future.

A group of Woodham students and their parents are cooking up some healthy treats in the recently refurbished Food Technology room. The four week 'Cook for Life' course is run by Emma Boothby from the NHS and supported by Trisha Stewart from the One-Point service based at The Hub. The students and their parents are learning about food and nutrition, how to prepare and cook interesting and healthy meals and then having the fun of eating them! The smells coming from the room were wonderful and there were many people queuing up wanting to taste the food! To start students and parents prepared a deliciously healthy fruit yoghurt layer which was set aside while they prepared a variety of vegetables to go into a chicken stir-fry which was eaten with noodles. Everybody tasted the food and gave it the thumbs up! Everybody is looking forward to next week's session.





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Also on parts of Greenwell Road, there are double yellow lines, with double yellow bars (lines) on the kerb, and signs on posts which state, "No Loading At Any Time" which means you can not stop or park where these lines and signs are displayed, not even to drop someone off, this includes "blue disabled badge holders" who think they can park just where they like.


I believe it is time we had a warden to move these drivers on, or start giving out tickets. Including removing the blue badge from those who abuse its use, as they are not only breaking the law, but also causing an obstruction.

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**NOTICE**

Would you please note that prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 9th May 2012, I will be making presentations of cheques to my nominated charities:-

- Army Benevolent Fund (North East)
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- New Friends, New Places
- Friends of Senior Citizens

The presentation will commence at 6.45 p.m. and the public and press are cordially invited to attend.

**Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton**  
 Mayor of Great Aycliffe

## Athletics News

### Anne Marie Readshaw Shildon Open Track and Field Meeting

Sunday, 22nd April, 2012 - Stadium 2000, Shildon

The sprint group's early season preparations continued to gather pace at Shildon's own meeting: "The Anne Marie Readshaw Memorial".

Once again the group's sprinters recorded a flurry of personal best or season best performances, winning a host of medals in the process. Laura Walker was once again in imperious form recording victories in the U20 women's 100m and 200m, in season's best performances.

Also running in the u20 women's sprints was the club's top ranked triple jump star Rachel McHugh, who finished a respectable 5th for the 100m and 6th in the 200m. Josh Mclay (u15 boys) continued to impress from the bottom end of the age group in both sprints, earning himself a bronze medal in the 200m and coming home 5th in the final of the 100m, taking substantial chunks of time from both his events PB's.

Also taking home a bronze medal from the bottom end of the u15 boys' age group was Conor Barrass in the 400m, despite this being his first outing over the distance. In the u15 girls Emily Gledhill and Courtney Mills ran personal best performances over 100m, with Alicia Walker also competing over the distance for the first time in an event in which she is sure to improve rapidly.

The u13 girls age group once again gave Ciara Hughes the platform to demonstrate her fast improving abilities in the sprint events with Ciara winning the silver medal over the 100m. Jade Hepple continued to demonstrate her potential when she came home 5th in the final of the 60m and 6th in the 150m (u11g) despite only having joined the group in the last three weeks.

## Hospital Garden Club

The next meeting of Bishop Auckland Hospital Gardening Club will take place this coming Tuesday 1st May at 8.15pm at the Hospital Club on Escomb Road, Bishop Auckland.

Over in the jump events Rachel McHugh continued her preparations for the Triple Jump by achieving victory in the u20 women's long jump, while Josh Mclay gained the bronze medal from the u15 boys age group. Competing in the Long Jump for the first time Alicia Walker (u15 girls) gave an excellent performance by finishing just outside of the medal's in 4th position, meanwhile in the same age group Courtney Mills jumped over 4m for the first time to finish 5th. The u11 girls age group saw Jade Hepple finish in a solid 6th place from only her 2nd competition.

The middle distance section had some amazing results and many medal finishers. Under13 Lizzie Cramb took the 800m by storm to gain 4th place with 2.45.59, whilst Gabrielle Suffield ran 3.09.98. Rosie Findlay took 1st place with 2.27.37 in 800m under 15 girls. Georgia Hirst Under 17 ran well in the 800m with 2.23.63. Newtonian Henry Johnson was well placed with 2nd in u15 boys 800m with 2.07.01 and Jordan Lee Howe 2.56.99. Amy Etherington came 1st in the under 17 800m with a time of 10.48.89, whilst Joe Bell saw 2.24.60 in the u17 800m. Senior Ladies 3k was a 4 horse race with Lizzie Wood gaining 12.23.60, whilst the senior men 3k saw a tactically well run race for Michael Bleasby, who came 2nd with 8.56.88, Matthew Couthard ran 9.40.03 and Ryan Etherington with 10.44.82.

## "ANYWHERE BUT AYCLIFFE"

Dear Sir

Having read reams of DCC's policies and it's housing partner County-Wide policies, the Durham Key Options, Choice Based Lettings and Livin's website, I appreciate why our young adults say they have to get accommodation in places outside of Aycliffe.

The need for affordable homes is acute and it's lack of provision in South Durham creates serious social problems. So in Aycliffe the message for many young adults is still

anywhere but Aycliffe. That is unacceptable, and a very serious situation for the second largest town in County Durham, known as the "Jewel in the Crown". We hear uplifting rhetoric about Hitachi and of thousands of jobs they will create, but we are telling our youngsters "anywhere but Aycliffe", then they need accommodation to house our Grandchildren. It's time for Aycliffe to campaign long and hard for what they need. Affordable homes for young families is a priority. We need

to insist our Councillors work for that in the County Council and report on progress. That's where power for change is exercised and we do need to insist it is, on Aycliffe's priorities, not theirs.

And to home owners who may think this is not their concern, it may well concern their children and perhaps their Grandchildren too. Affordable homes are needed in Aycliffe for your young families.

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# Farley Willing to Give Up Chairman Role!

Gary Farley has revealed he's willing to give up his role as Aycliffe's Chairman to concentrate on his football duties at the club. Farley, who is also Aycliffe's Assistant Manager, says he is keen to step aside for a new Chairman

as part of a major recruitment campaign. Aycliffe are currently looking to add more members to their management team as well as matchday volunteers to help bolster their off-field ranks. They are inviting anyone interested in getting involved with the club, in any capacity to get in touch. And in a surprise move, Farley says the club is even looking to appoint a new Chairman. After a hugely-successful debut campaign in the Northern League first division, finishing ninth to comfortably consolidate their top-flight status, Farley is aiming to kick things on again this summer. "The work for the committee starts now, and the first thing we're looking at is increasing our numbers on the management team," said the current chairman. "Phil Wilson has come in as President, we're possibly looking at bringing in a new Chairman, so we're looking to add three or four to the committee to help the other lads, who've all done a fantastic job off the field, but you need numbers in this game, it's tough to run a First Division club. Players-wise, we always try to add to the squad ever since our Durham Alliance League days and we're no different now, to what we have already, and that will hopefully take us forward. We always aim to improve, and we've achieved that in the five years Allan Gray, Tarling, Oliver, Craddock, Broom, Knox, Wilson, Byrne, Owen. Subs used: Black, McMullen, Woodhouse. Unused: Campbell, Mellanby. www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk

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The boys were in a very challenging group with Liverpool Futsal Club, Sheffield Futsal Club and Myerscough College. However, they won against Liverpool (5-0) and Sheffield (5-2) before losing to Myerscough (0-5) who went on to win the Cup.

The boys' effort, hard work and commitment to improve their skills and knowledge have been excellent. We trained hard and prepared well for the competition and this was evident in the results as the only game we lost was against the eventual winners. This experience will hold the team in good stead for future college competitions.

Futsal is backed by the FA as the best way of improving young players and their technical football ability. It is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and our students have really taken to it!"



Ross Latham (back row first left) is from Newton Aycliffe

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## THE HUMPHREY GIRLS STEAL THE SHOW



Local Girls Lauren Humphrey and her cousin Nicole travelled to Manchester to take part in the Celtic Challenge Thai Boxing event. First up to fight was 10 year old Nicole who was fighting for the vacant Celtic title. This was a 5 round fight which Nicole dominated throughout, to which made her the new Celtic champion. Next up was Lauren who was fighting for the vacant British title against seasoned fighter Tracey Richards.

Lauren started the fight at a fast pace showing great effect with her kicks and knees for the first 3 rounds, but it was hard to judge if the fight was in her favour. Entering the 4th round Lauren upped her game and started to land good clean shots, and defended well, which saw her edge closer to the title. Round 5 and Lauren went all out landing heavy shot to her opponent and scoring well. End of the fight and all judges had Lauren as the winner, making her the new British Champion. Phoenix Thai Boxing coach Gary Mcallister who has trained many champions, said this was a very special moment for him and the club to see the 2 local girls shine on the big stage.

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## Birthday Remembrance

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**SUSAN ELLEN HARCUS** 30.4.1963 - 5.4.2010. Susan, we cannot send cards or give a hug, but you are remembered with all our love. You are missed so much. God bless dear Daughter. Loved always, Mam and family xxx

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Cllr. Bill Blenkinsopp

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## In Memoriam

**Barbara Bennett**  
(nee Mullier)  
18.6.1952 - 28.4.2011



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**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

**WYN ATKINSON** 29th April 2010. In all the world we shall not find a heart so wonderfully kind, So soft a voice, so sweet a smile, Inspiration worthwhile; A sympathy so sure, so deep, A love so beautiful to keep. Loving Husband Jack, Sons Alan and Kevin, Daughter Elaine, Daughter-in-Law Lynn and Grandsons Jason and Jordan

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**BARBARA BENNETT** (nee Mullier), died 28-4-11. A year gone by, but in our thoughts every day. Loved and missed by all the family

**MICHAEL BARTLEY** Died 25th April 2011. If tears could build a staircase and memories a lane, I would walk up to Heaven and bring you and your Dad back again. All my love forever, Mam Nancy xxxback

## Welcome Home

**WELCOME HOME** from Afghanistan Captain Landells (nee Angela Thain). Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Matthew, Laura, Riley, Ava, Alex, Callum, Kyron and Erin xxx

## Obituary

**KATHLEEN PARKIN** of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 22nd April. Beloved Wife of the late Melville; dearly loved Mum to Anthony; a loving Sister, Aunt and friend to many. Please meet for Service at St Elizabeths Church (Woodham) on Friday 4th May for 2.45pm. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. "Dearly loved and sadly missed, resting in God's garden".

**KEVIN PEART** loved Son of Peggy and Dad of Paul. Funeral Service at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 30th April at 10.15am and afterwards at the British Legion Club, Newton Aycliffe

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to the staff at Aycliffe Care Home for the excellent care given to my Mother, Ethel Cain, over the last 2½ years. The care given to her was both professional and individualised and of a high quality. All carers and support staff were special and we thank each and every one. Janet (Deputy Manager) is a wonderful dedicated carer who ensures the high level of care is maintained for all residents. I would like to thank Heather individually. Heather is a senior carer who organised, and helped by others, provided such amazing care during Mam's final days. We are overwhelmed by this and by the caring support she and all the staff gave to our family. Thank you also to Dr. M Jones and Partners (Bewick Crescent) and Dr Chandrasekar of the Urgent Care Centre. Our deepest gratitude to everyone. Ethel's family.


**I WOULD** like to thank everyone for their get well cards and messages since coming out of hospital. Also to DaleCare who are continuing to look after me, and to my good friend Julie who has kept my spirits up all the way through. Thank you, Kath Clarke

**BURKITT** Kevin and Kirsty would like to thank everyone that attended our Wedding and Night Do, it was unreal! We would like to thank our parents for everything they have done both for the wedding and through our lives. Also the rest of the family for their help and support. To Chrissy for doing the catering, it was wonderful. Gary our DJ from Mick and Gaz Inaspin Roadshow for a fantastic night and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for making our reception look amazing.

**TO THE SCUM** who stole the lights from my sisters grave "you will be caught and I only hope I am there to see it". I would like to thank the security lads for all their help as they are doing their best to catch who is responsible for this dreadful thing. Brenda and the Nicholson family


## Congratulations

**Joseph Kevin Teasdale**



**Congratulations on your 18th Birthday**  
All our love, Mam, Dad, Paige and Matt

**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Love from all the Fisks and Teasdales



**Nicole Walton**



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
1st May 2012  
Lots of love from Mam and Squiggy xxx

**Happy 16th Birthday**  
1st May 2012  
Hope you have a lovely day darling. Lots of love always, Gemma & Paul xx

**Happy 16th Birthday**  
1st May 2012  
Happy birthday Auntie Nicole. Lots of love and sloppy kisses, Mason xxx

**Jade Leanne Blades**




**Happy 16th Birthday J**  
Hope you have fab day. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Paul and all the family xxx

**Sophie Griffiths**  
*You have the X-Factor*



**Happy 18th Sophie**  
26th April 2012  
Lots of love xxx Dad xxx and all the family xxx

**Maddy**



**Happy 13th Birthday**  
Have a lovely day. Love, Mam, Allan, Cairen, Jade, Harmony, Cadence and Clark xx

**Holly Emmett**



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Have a fabulous time. All our love, Mum, Dad, Katie, Grandma and Grandad xxx

**Madison Cara Jade Jackman**




**Sweet 16**  
30th April  
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**Happy 16th Birthday** to our gorgeous Daughter. Hope you enjoy your special birthday celebration on Sunday. All our love always Mum and Dad xxxx and brother Mackenzie xx

**Madison Jackman**



With love on your 16th birthday from Nan and Davy, Grandie, Grandad and Rose, Grandad and Lesley, Auntie Mireille, Uncle Simon, Bryn and Aron, Uncle Donny, Auntie Bev, Uncle Dougie, Paul, Jane, Katy, Daryl, James and Great Grandad xxx



and all your family and friends xxx

**HILARY STEVENSON** Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love, Colin, Gemma and Sam xxx

**LILY CRISTON** 1st May 2012. Happy 11th birthday to our beautiful bud. Love you more than words can say. Mummy and Poppy xxx

**MARTHA ANNE THOMPSON** 29th April 2012. With lots of love and eternal happiness on your Christening day. Auntie Katie, Poppy and Lily xxx

**ADAM BOYES** Happy 12th Birthday Adam. Have a great day. Lots of Love, Dad & Georgia.



## Hays Travel Fly To The Rescue



Hays Travel flew to the rescue and Sponsored NAFJC for £300. This will enable the team to have their name printed on the under 15's football kit. A big thank you to all the staff and Linda the Manager, and to Katie from Hays Travel for making it happen. From all the lads and manager of NAFJC

## Ladies Celebration Fun Run in the Park

Ladies across the region are being encouraged to take part in next month's Run in the Park. The fun run, organised by Durham County Council, celebrates ladies sport and physical activity and is open to all women aged 16 and over. Competitors can choose

to run 3k or 5k on the course that loops Hardwick Park and a medal will be issued to every runner who completes it.

Helen Tones, sports and physical activity development officer at Durham County Council, said: "This event is just one

of the many activities we co-ordinate to encourage women and girls to take part in regular exercise across the county.

"Not only are there many health benefits to participating in the fun run, but the beautiful surroundings of Hardwick Park make it a highly enjoyable day for the whole family."

The run will take place at Hardwick Park on Sunday, May 20, at 11am, with registration at 9.45am and warm-up at 10.45 am.

Entry is £3.50, discounted to £2.50 if you register early, and all friends and family are welcome to come along to offer support. The deadline for entry is 12pm on Friday, May 18. Further information or to book your place in the run, please contact Marie Urwin on 07834 569 436, Helen Tones on 03000 26279 or 07966 332 882, or Victoria Lee on 07584 141 202.

## Local Man in First Marathon of the North

Gary Gibson, aged 33, is taking part the first ever Marathon of the North which is to be held in Sunderland on Sunday, 6th May, 2012. He is running for his chosen charity "Huntingtons Disease Association" (HDA).

As many people know, this is close to his family and he would like to raise some money and awareness for the charity.

He has always lived in Aycliffe and a lot of his family do too. He works at RFMD and has been a member of his Uncles (Les Gibson) Aycliffe's Amateur Boxing Club, since the age of 11 and has won many fights.

Gary would like to thank all the people that very kindly sponsored him last year when he did the Great North Run for HDA but he would like to beat the amount he got last year which was £700.

So if you would like to sponsor Gary text ggib99 and the amount you would like to give to 70070, or go to [www.justgiving.com/gary-gibson3](http://www.justgiving.com/gary-gibson3) anything you give will be much appreciated.





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## Tickets for Jubilee Draw Social Evening

Tickets for the Rotary Club Jubilee Draw on Tuesday 5th June at the British Legion Club are now on sale. The special social night will include live professional entertainment, Bingo and the Legion's famous, home-made Pie & Peas Supper at the unbelievable price of £5 a ticket.

"The performers are giving their services free for which the Rotary Club are very grateful and the British Legion are also supporting this community venture.

The draw is the big feature with 60 valuable prizes to be won and tickets are still available up until the 1st June. Many town organisations are selling tickets and benefitting from the sales with 75% of the ticket price going to their own funds or a charity of their choice.

Tickets for the Draw Night are available from Rotarians and the British Legion or by reserving them through Syd Howarth at Newton Press, Tel: 300212 and 320901 after hours. But, hurry as they are limited! First come - first served!

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