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## POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

At approximately 4.15pm on Friday 27/04/12 a light brown short haired dog described as a pit bull or mastiff terrier viciously attacked another dog in the Whinlatter Place area. The offending dog was not on a lead and after the attack ran off towards the Burn adjacent to Linden Place leaving the other dog with serious injuries. Police are investigating this as a dangerous dog incident and attempts are on-going to trace the owner of the pit bull. An appeal is made for any witnesses or anyone with further information to contact Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team on the Non Emergency Number: 101

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## Hairy Bikers Visit Village Restaurant



The Hairy Bikers, Si and Dave, called in for lunch at The County last month filming part of their new series "Hairy Dieters", which is broadcasted in September on BBC 2. The Bikers are taking on a huge challenge - How do you love food and lose weight? On their journey the boys will join forces with men and women of Britain to find ways of creating food that

satisfies their lust for tasty cooking and answers the demands of the doctors and nutritionists. They are shown in the photo with the County's Head Chef Stuart. They loved the style of the restaurant and the village location. They each enjoyed a steak, one had the fillet and the other a sirloin. To fit in with the theme of the programme both added large fresh house salads to their meal.

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# GREENFIELD & WOODHAM COLLEGES LEAD RESEARCH

Both Secondary Colleges in Aycliffe are leading on some important and influential action research about independent learning. We have been working with Professor Sugata Mitra from Newcastle University, who has worked internationally, exploring a method called "Self Organised Learning Environments". Co-ordinated by Katy Milne, Greenfield's Extended Learning Leader for Creativity and Community Arts, the two schools have set up a 10 week piece of action research to explore Professor Sugata Mitra's methods in practice.

His methods involve students in groups of four who are given an interesting and provoking question to explore. The groups of students are given a computer to help them investigate the question and they are able to discuss and share their ideas with each other and the other groups before presenting back to everyone what they have learnt and found out. This work has been explored extensively in India and results have shown that students gain a great deal of learning from this method and are able to think creatively, problem solve and work together to achieve great

understanding. This method does not mean that teachers are not needed in the classroom or that computers are the only way to explore information, it is however an effective method to engage students with topics and to develop independent enquiry skills that are needed for life. We are very excited to see how the ideas manifest in our own school environments and look forward to publishing our findings. For more information contact us at Greenfield Community and Arts Centre info@greenfield-arts.co.uk, Greenfield Community College info@greenfieldschool.net, or Woodham Community Technology College info@woodham.org.uk

# SPRING CLEAN & HELP FURNITURE SCHEME



County Durham Furniture Forum is making it easy for residents in the region to have the perfect spring clean. The forum, which is made up of six charities across County Durham, takes good quality, unwanted items, including still usable furniture, electrical goods and bric-a-brac, and makes them available to others at

a low cost. In addition to this, the Furniture Forum also reduces waste and provides a wide range of training and volunteering opportunities to local people. Ruth Smith, from strategic waste management at Durham County Council, said: "We're always looking for new ways to protect the environment and save money, and County Durham Furniture Forum is perfect for that. We really want to encourage people to recycle their household items, rather than just throwing them away." Last year, more than 500 tonnes of furniture was reused by the members of the forum, a figure that it is hoping to beat this year. The County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, Chilton: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm, Saturday 10am-2pm (Winter) Monday to Thursday 10am-3pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm (Summer). Tel: 01388 721 509.

# MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION GETS GOOD SUPPORT



County Council Chairman judged the entries



Mayor Mary wins a prize



Best Exhibitor wins a bottle

The Model Railway exhibition held on 21st April by the Rotary Club turned out to be a great day for the enthusiasts who came from a wide area of the country to see model railways of many scale and gauges. The numbers were up by 25% on the previous year's

event due in part to the efforts made to advertise in model shops, magazines, posters, the internet and flyers at other exhibitions throughout the North of England and into Scotland. Financially the event raised some £550 for the Smile Train Charity which with the £2250 already donated by the Rotary Club this year brings the total to £2800 to help facial reconstruction for young people with facial deformities. The President of the Rotary Club, Alan Crawshaw, said "This was a joint effort by many people, not least those who brought layouts over long distances and then refused to accept any expenses." Next year's event is to be held on 20 April 2013 at the Youth Centre but in a larger room allowing more layouts and traders.

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**Saturday 12th May - Elenbak**

We do covers by the likes of Bad company, Free, Sabbath, Poison, Brian Adams, Eurythmics and many more. Review: 'Elenbak: What a bunch of fighters these guys are! Back again after previously strong showings in past BOTEs, Elenbak return with yet more melody driven and insanely catchy soft rock. More new material in their excellently delivered set, but still it's the wonderful 'Samantha' that gets under your skin and refuses to be ignored - a summertime hit single if ever I heard one. Partnered to familiar favourite 'In This World' these are two great songs that really show the quality running through this band. Closing with a triumphant 'Someday' you have to believe that there is a cracking AOR album in this band just begging to be unleashed.'

**Saturday 19th May - "BULLET"**

Riffs Magazine Review: Turbiniia 2007 'The progress from tonight's performance is definitely a thumbs-up: passion, energy and excitement are what BULLET deliver, and watching the crowd at the Turbiniia 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'

See whole review on: www.zoe75068.zen.co.uk/riffs/mydocuments/bandreviews/bullet

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Please note that you must provide proof of your age and residency, e.g. your birth certificate or passport, and a current utility bill showing your current address, proof of age and residency must accompany your application form.

Please do not send originals, the library in the town centre will photocopy your original documents for a small fee.

Residents aged 60 or over on 1st April 2012, who live in Newton Aycliffe or Aycliffe Village are eligible to choose one excursion. This year's destinations are Scarborough, Dumfries, Skipton, Blackpool, the Lake District or South Shields and will operate on weekdays from 11th June to 19th July.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Robinson on 01325 300700 or via our website: [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

# Sell Out at Choir's First Show



Wow! "The Peace Child" performed by the SHINE choir was a complete sell-out at both performances last weekend.

This new, young choir delighted a packed hall at St. Clare's Hall with their enthusiasm and talent. The 30 youngsters told the story of two opposing tribes with different lifestyles and traditions. The Sotongi and Wannakeekee tribes are separated by a river and also by generations



of animosity. When a TV Crew decide to build a bridge between the two communities, the threat of war escalates. Only the gift of a first born son can bring hope and life to the land and its people.

This was a magical, moving and at times, very funny production, set in the mystical land of Mambica. Fabulous singing, great costumes and scenery, moving and funny narration, all added to the occasion.

This choir is going from strength to strength under the dynamic leadership of Helen McCormick and Kerry Cooper, ably assisted by young leaders, Claire Taylor and Anna McCormick. They wish to express sincere thanks to all who promoted, supported and helped at both performances.

It was lovely to see Mayor Mary Dalton and Deputy Mayor Val Raw, alongside local MP Phil Wilson, and headteachers from local schools, all coming together with the children's family and friends and many church members, highlighting the choir's identity as a Church and Community Children's Choir.

The children, (and leaders!) are taking a two week well deserved rest and will begin practice again, on Monday 14th May, 4-30 - 5.30pm, at St. Clare's, where any new members will be very welcome.

Come on, give it a try!

# NATIONAL AWARD FOR NEWTONIAN

Mark Wheatley grew up in Newton Aycliffe and attended the Avenue Comprehensive before embarking on a very successful Nursing Career as a District Nurse. He is now a Senior Lecturer at Teesside University and has just won the prestigious Student Nursing Times Award for 'Lecturer of the Year' at a ceremony in London on 1st May.

It is the inaugural National Award and Mark was shortlisted as one of only five other Lecturers from across



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### BOKWA – Saturday 12 May 1 – 10.30am

Bokwa is an important dance fitness programme that builds strength and endurance driven by pulsating rhythmic beats of Africa, Latin, popular dance and house music.

### SALSA – Saturday 12 May 10.30 – 11am

Salsa is a lively, fiery Latin American dance which is really easy to get to the basics of. Salsa is normally a partner dance although this form is 'Salsa Suelta' where the dancers dance individually. It is really great fun and does not feel like a workout!

### NIA FITNESS - Thursday 17 May 2.15 – 3pm

Nia is a non-impact workout for people of all ability levels. It's a unique blend of Marshall Arts, like tai chi, healing arts, like yoga and dance. Nia tones muscles, increases energy and positivity.

This is just a taster of the many activities being offered in the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. For further information tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net.

## St. Mary's Join Litter Campaign



A number of children from Year 5 and 6 at St. Mary's RC Primary School recently formed a Wednesday Lunch time Litter Pick Group. They split into 3 teams and meet at 12.30pm every Wednesday to try to keep the grounds of school and church tidy and litter free. On Wednesday 25th April, the whole group went out with Nicola Thompson and Les Turner from the Neighbourhood Wardens to support the Litter Free

Durham campaign. The children went around the whole of the circumference of school and were amazed at the litter they found - some of it right by bins! The children are really proud of their school and it's grounds and would like to encourage parents, Woodham students and Tesco shoppers to respect the school, use the bins provided and keep the school and local community litter free.

## THE CLASS ATE MY HOMEWORK!



The dog, the cat and even the hamster have been accused of eating homework, but last week's homework really did get eaten by Caitlin

Weatherston's, Charlotte Jenner's and Chloe Whitwell's appreciative classmates. When Mrs King, Head of History at Woodham Community Technology College, asked her Year 7 class to make a model for homework to show the features of a medieval castle, little did she expect to be presented with two amazing cakes. With cupcakes for battlements, ice cream cones for turrets and lollipops for soldiers on guard, both cakes scored full marks for historical knowledge, as well as for taste. Mrs King, who has been shortlisted for a national teaching award this year, says, "I was delighted with these cakes and the imagination and hard work the students had put into their homework. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed eating the student's work."

## SIP FOR STROKE COFFEE MORNING

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are supporting the Stroke Association by hosting a "Sip for Stroke" coffee morning in the Mall Coffee Shop within the Pioneering Care Centre.

Next Tuesday, 8 May is Stroke Awareness Day so it seems the ideal time to invite people to the Coffee Morning between 10am-12noon to have a catch up over tea and cake whilst browsing the few craft stalls, all to help raise vital funds for The Stroke Association. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Stroke Association can offer to people in the local area.

Sip for Stroke event in our Mall Coffee Shop to raise money and awareness for a vital charity that supports all those affected by stroke.

May is also 'Action on Stroke Month' and the theme is Life After Stroke. This campaign will serve to highlight the everyday difficulties that stroke survivors and their families face and what needs to change to ensure stroke survivors are supported to make the best possible individual recovery.

Everyone can join in during Action on Stroke Month just by coming along to the Pioneering Care Centre next Tuesday. For further details contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4SF, tel: 01325 321234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net visit: www.pcp.uk.net

## COLLECTION CANCELLED

Dear Sir,

1st of May was supposed to be our normal collection day for landfill rubbish, but the council decided to cancel until Friday the 11th of May without any consultation or notice.

In literature posted through doors recently, it stated that the new collection day would be Friday the 11th of May, but failed to mention this week's collection would not take place.

This means we have to go from the 24th of April until the 11th of May before a collection takes place.

Two questions spring to mind... 1. Why were we not informed that a collection was to be cancelled? 2. What do we pay all our council tax for?

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# AYCLIFFE ROADS ARE A DISGRACE

Dear Sir,  
All the roads in and around Newton Aycliffe are in a sorry state of repair, full of pot holes, cracks and bumps.

I took up cycling to improve my health about 2 months ago and have noticed that the roads and cycle paths are disgraceful, apart from the lack of maintenance the stones, glass, thorns, dead animals, and car parts.

Rubbish adds further obstacles that hinder my ability to ride safely around my town which I have lived in for over 35 years.

A lot of drivers don't give sufficient room when

overtaking so sometimes I end up in a puddle caused by poor drainage and or dropping into a pothole which causes a lot of stress to my lower back and buttocks as well as causing damage to my bicycle.

The side streets have been forgotten about completely. I live in Honister Place and the first 50ft into here is like being on a roller coaster ride for a car or bicycle.

The same applies to the public footpaths. Where does all the money go paid in taxes? All I can say is it certainly doesn't seem to be spent on our town's upkeep.  
A.P. Anderson (Mr)

# "CORRY" CAST SUPPORT LOCAL DISABLED BOY

A unique Coronation Street sign, signed by the entire cast, is about to be auctioned in aid of a terminally ill Kyran Richmond, 8, from Chilton, who has the very rare condition Juvenile Batten Disease (JBD). He is only the third person in the North East to be diagnosed with the disease and is only expected to live into his late teens.

Kyran now has little vision in one eye and this has rapidly decreased in the last year and blindness is inevitable. He is also suffering from night seizures and will develop epilepsy, lose the ability to walk, talk, eat and see, before developing dementia and symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease. Only 150 people across the UK have ever been diagnosed with JBD.

Almost all of the Coronation Street cast have autographed the replica sign, which will be auctioned on Ebay on 10 May 2012. Producers have confirmed this is the first time the cast has made such a gesture and there are no plans to repeat it, making this a truly unique collectors item.

All of the funds will be shared equally between Batten Disease Family Association (as they received no government or NHS funding) and Kyran's personal trust fund.

Kyran's mum, Debbie: "It has been a heartbreaking time for all of the family, but the fundraising campaign has made a difference to the quality of Kyran's life already and, hopefully, to help the Batten's Disease Family Association in its quest to find a cure". The kindness and support shown from the cast and crew of Coronation Street is unbelievable.

Mia Dailey, who is the



Secretary of the Fundraising team: "We are expecting literally thousands and thousands of Coronation Street fans to be desperate to get their hands on such a rare piece of memorabilia. It's never been on offer before and the producers say there are no plans to do

it again."

Mia Dailey (Secretary to the Kyran Richmond Fundraising Team)

For more information about Kyran, the fundraising efforts so far and JBD, please visit <http://www.kyranrichmondfundraising.co.uk>

# DEMAND FORCES EXPANSION OF FURNITURE SCHEME

The Directors and Trustees of the Furniture Help Scheme at Chilton are delighted to confirm they are adding an additional vehicle to their delivery and collection fleet.

This is in response to a serious uplift in demand which has seen our visitor numbers approaching 1500 per month and we have reached donations for the first time of more than £10,000 per month.

Said Ray Brown Deputy Managing Director - "This adds extra capacity to our services which are being increasingly called upon. Record numbers of clients are coming to us and we are pleased to be able to expand our support and help"

Visitor hours have been changed again and anyone needing our services can

call from 9am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Closed for public holidays Monday May 7th and for the Jubilee and Summer Bank Holiday on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June.

# SATURDAY FLICKS

A true life story of a young orphaned dolphin who loses her tail in a trawler net, is the film for Kidz Flicks on Saturday 5th May 2pm - St. Clare's Hall.

Come and see how the local people fall in love with her and how a 'mechanical' tail enables her to survive. Wow - a bionic dolphin! Everyone is welcome, doors open 1.30pm.

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## Tickets for Town's Big Jubilee Event Now On Sale

The 60 prize Jubilee Draw organised by the Rotary Club will take place on Tuesday 5th June at a special Jubilee social event starting at 7.30pm in the British Legion club.

Tickets are now on sale from the Rotary Club members, The British Legion, Newton Press Offices at St. Cuthberts Way and Walkers Butchers, Simpasturegate. They are only £5 and include a Pie & Peas Supper, Bingo Tombola and live entertainment. Tickets are limited.

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# A GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY DESTROYING THE NORTH-EAST

by Town Councillor John D. Clare

On 17th April, local MPs – including our own Phil Wilson MP – secured a debate on the north-east economy; they had lots to criticise the government about:

**1. DRACONIAN CUTS** in benefits – JSA, ESA, LDA, working tax credits, housing benefit etc. – will affect the north-east disproportionately, because we have a high proportion of people on benefits – 37% of the people in Aycliffe are 'workless'. These cuts represent a significant cut in purchasing power which will affect the region's economy.

**2. SAVAGE CUTS** in local government (£125million

cuts over four years) and the proposed restoration of the Business Rate (which in County Durham could cut a further £80million a year from the County Council's budget) will further damage the economy.

**3. A FURTHER BLOW** to the north-east is the government's change in how it allocates NHS funding. Hitherto, regional funding has been based on the level of deprivation; from now on, it will be based upon how long people live. This decision will consciously move money away from the poorer areas (such as the north-east) where people are unhealthier and die younger, and give it

to richer areas where people are healthier and live longer.

**4. THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION** to press ahead for regional pay differentials – which will see public sector workers in the north-east earning much less for the same job than their equivalents in the south – threatens to decimate our region. Falling public sector wages will in their turn drive down private sector wages. Regionally negotiated pay will wreck national negotiating structures, weaken unions, and reinforce the 'bright flight' already tempting our able young away from the region. Most of all, it will take £billions out of a north-east economy already stagnating from lack of demand.

**5. IN THE MEANTIME**, I fear the north-east is set to suffer from the government's housing policies. I certainly don't expect busloads of migrants to start turning up with their suitcases. But I do suspect that the rent differential will gradually encourage a 'housing creep' effect as families are forced to move northwards seeking cheaper housing. The danger is that we end up with a 'Made-In-Chelsea' zone in-and-around the metropolis, with menial and service

workers hidden away in lodging houses, and their families – along with the disabled and unemployed – coping as best they can in the boondocks of the north, out-of-sight-and-out-of-mind.

**6. MEANWHILE**, this Tory government is doing nothing to stimulate business in the north-east. It has abolished One North East, lost £129 million of European funding for the region, and allocated a paltry £10 million to local enterprise partnerships. London and the south-east accounts for 84% of the government's planned infrastructure spending, compared with only 6% for the three northern regions and an unbelievably minuscule 0.04% for the north-east.

Thus, whilst it is taking £billions out of our north-east economy in benefit cuts, reduced Council funding and regional pay arrangements, the government is utterly failing to direct back any funding to stimulating growth.

**7. THIS SITUATION** is exacerbated by the fact that, just to the north, the devolved Scots government is pursuing a vigorous policy to attract business and industry. It has already secured Amazon and Gamesa at the north-east's expense. Given this,

the decision to locate the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh is a body-blow for the region.

Things are especially dire for Newton Aycliffe, which intra-regionally finds itself on the border of the Teesside Enterprise Zone, which includes Darlington and extends right to the edge of our industrial estate. Thus we face an uphill struggle trying to attract industry to come to our Business Park, because you can get a grant if you set up just a few miles away. David Cameron warned us before the 2010 election that he intended to target the north-east, and he has been as good as his word. The south-east has got fed up of what-it-sees-as continually bailing us out, has decided that it wants to keep the money it earns IN the south-east, wants to stop all this 'redistribution' to the poor and the regions ... and has elected a government which stated explicitly that was what it would do if it came to power.

The frightening thing is that barely a fifth of the government's planned cuts have yet been implemented; there is worse to come. [This article is a précis of a longer blog-piece, which you can read online at <http://bit.ly/1pvMRA>]

## Malawi Trust AGM

Dear Sir

Last week a letter appeared giving notice of the AGM of The Malawi Trust of St Elizabeth but the date given was incorrect. The correct date is Monday 14th May at 7.00 pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham Village. Reports will be given by the chairperson, treasurer and secretary. All interested parties are invited to attend to learn of the progress of the charity.

The charity is also hosting a Malawi Evening on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30 pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall. The trustees would like to thank past and present supporters and share some of the experiences and photographs from the incredible trip to Malawi. Please join us to learn more of the charity's achievements to date and the aims for the future. Light refreshments will be available.

D Hallworth, Secretary

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# INVITATION TO AYCLIFFE'S TERRITORIAL ARMY OPEN DAY

124 Recovery Company based in The Armoury, at Northfield Way on the Business Park are opening their doors to the public on Saturday 12th May.

124 Company is home to over 80 Territorial Army soldiers from and around Newton Aycliffe and is the only unit of its type in the North of England.

Visitors will have the chance to see 'close up' the new Recovery Vehicle fleet as well as a range of vehicles, weapons and equipment currently in use on operations in Afghanistan, such as the Husky and Jackal which are the work horses of the Infantry and therefore regular visitors to REME workshops.

The vehicles are on loan from 1 (CS) Battalion REME based in Catterick who are preparing for Operation HERRICK (Afghanistan) later this year. "We are very lucky to have such close links with the regular REME," said Captain Daz Newton, "several of our TA soldiers will be accompanying them to Afghanistan this year and having them so close means that the our TA soldiers get a head start on the equipment they are likely to encounter in theatre." "124 Company specialises in recovering tracked and wheeled vehicles back to a location where they can be repaired. Our soldiers are highly skilled mechanics and drivers - they need to be in order to recover anything that gets ditched, bogged in, overturned or broken down."

Sergeant Major Cooke, the Company's Senior Permanent Staff instructor added, "The REME keeps the Army firing on all cylinders. That includes vehicles, weapons, radios, instruments and machinery - as a REME soldier, it is up to us to keep them working effectively."

Why not come along next Saturday and meet the REME Territorial Army. Visitors will receive free entry into a raffle with prizes donated from businesses across Aycliffe and have the opportunity to tour the TA Centre, talk to the soldiers and visit stands for all the trades that are represented.

124 Company offers unbeatable training, good pay, adventure and the chance to travel and build lasting friendships. TA soldiers get real qualifications, gain new skills and confidence; and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing a worthwhile job.

Interested in finding out about your local Territorial Army unit? See you Saturday 12th May from 10am till 4pm.



# Appeal for New Wheelchair for Josh

Readers will remember the appeal we published to provide 14 year old Newton Aycliffe lad Josh Jackson with a new wheelchair.

He suffers from cerebral palsy and has outgrown his current wheelchair. He needs a specially designed one which costs around £3,500 and his relatives and friends are trying to raise the cash from various events.

Hall Garth Hotel are holding a fundraiser on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm with the support of Ross Turnbull from Aycliffe who is a Goalkeeper for Chelsea. Live band C90 will perform and Theo Fraser is featured as a mindreader and magician.

Tickets are £10 and available from c90theband@live.com or by ringing 0798 2737302



The Rotary Club has pledged £350 to the fund and Josh's Uncle Stephen is doing a sponsored swim at Redworth Hall on 31st May at 2pm. If you want to help Josh you can leave your donation at Newton News Offices, St. Cuthberts Way or contact Stephen on 0773 6114917.

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## Aycliffe Soldier on 500 Mile Rickshaw Ride



Newtonian 'Charlie' Chaplin, currently serving as a Regimental Sergeant Major is undertaking a major physical challenge from the 19th - 26th May. With a support team he will complete a 500 mile cycling challenge with a twist.

He is a member of 'Team Sapper' a group of over enthusiastic former and serving soldiers, who will travel from Chatham in Kent to France via Portsmouth and back again pedalling a rickshaw.

On the trip Charlie will be using the very same rickshaw as Matt Baker (The One Show). He will attempt to pedal the

whole distance, joined at Portsmouth by over 300 cyclists, old, young, injured servicemen, on tandems and hand bikes. On route they will stop at WW1 and 2 battlefields in France, laying wreaths to honour old and recent heroes.

All servicemen taking part have been involved in several conflicts from the Falklands War to the most recent Afghanistan and have a close bond to the Help for Heroes cause. Newton News readers are asked to support Charlie on his mammoth ride by donating to: bmycharity/TeamSapper or text: BBBR70 £5 (or amount of your choice).

## PREMIER LEAGUE CAPTAIN HELPS WOODHAM P.E.

PE students at Woodham Community Technology College were given the opportunity to speak to an ex Premier League Football Captain this week as part of Woodham's highly successful GCSE Physical Education course.

North East born Graeme Murty, ex Reading captain and internationally capped Scotland footballer, chatted to the PE students via live video link on how technology has changed professional sport and the pressures that elite sportsmen and women face throughout their career. Graeme spoke about his experiences of using technology such as

'ProZone', GPS devices and heart rate monitors as a top level professional footballer at Reading. He also described how in his present role as a Uefa A Licensed coach at Southampton Football Academy, technology is used to film, analyse and evaluate all of the young players on a daily basis.

Assistant Head Teacher and member of Woodham's Physical Education Department Jon Tait, commented "This has been a wonderful experience for our students to speak to an elite sportsman and ask him questions that they would normally have had to find out by independent

research. By using our cutting edge digital media, together with our many contacts in professional sport, we are able to provide first class opportunities for our students to find out what it takes to be a top class sporting figure".

Last year Woodham's Physical Education Department achieved a 100% A\*-C pass rate at GCSE and acting head of department, Liam Clough, is confident of further success this year. "It is no secret that by providing high quality learning experiences like this that students are able to enjoy significant examination successes with us".



## Register for Youthy Talent Show

After a successful first year event of Young Aycliffe's Got Talent, registration forms are now available for Year Two's event. These will be available this Saturday night at the Showcase of the first year's event which will take place at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Registration cost is £2.50 per act.

There will be cash prizes for the competition. Shanaya Z Atkinson - Jones who won the event will be singing along with a supporting cast of other youngsters who were brave enough to enter the competition.

Some arm twisting is still going on with some of the heat judges but a number of youngsters from KDANZ who use the Youth Centre will also be involved in the event. KDANZ teachers

expertly assisted in the judging of the heat of the first year's competition.

Ticket for the Showcase which starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday 5th May can be obtained by registering your name and contact details with the youth centre on 01325 307522 prior to the event.

The cost is only £2.00 per person and children under 10 will be admitted free as long as they are attending with a paying adult. You can also turn up on the night and purchase your ticket, subject to availability. Tickets then will be £2.50 per person, the same ruling for under 10's will apply. You can also text Joan Clark on 07730417487 or email her on joanclark2011@live.co.uk

If you are interested in taking part in this year's event, (even if you took part last year) and you have another talent, there is no reason why you can't register again. Please either call at the centre to pick up a registration form, or email joanclark2011@live.co.uk for a copy of the registration form.

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## PARKING CHARGES AT HARDWICK

Parking charges are set to be introduced at Hardwick Park from July.

Like councils throughout the country, Durham County Council has to make substantial savings over the next four years as a result of the reduction in Government funding.

The introduction of parking charges at Hardwick Park is one of many proposals being introduced by the county council in response to new budgets.

The charge paid will directly benefit the park and help staff to maintain it to current high standards while continuing the excellent programme of education and events. For regular visitors to the park, a season ticket is available that equates to a parking charge of just 21 pence a day.

From July 1st:  
Up to two hours £2.00  
More than two hours: £3.00  
Season ticket: £75

## Sponsorship

The North East Humanists have adopted the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme as their adopted charity for the year.

## Newtonian Becomes Spanish Broadcaster



Newtonian Andy Little looking for new challenges went to Spain in 1999 to join Central FM Radio presenting the weekend sports show. After 13 years he is now the programme director and presents the mid morning show Monday to Friday 11.00am - 2pm (UK time 10.00am - 1pm). There is a branch of Central FM in the UK, raising money for charity with many listeners worldwide. Andy attended Vane Road School before going to Woodham Comprehensive and left there in 1987. He was in Sedgefield 75 Swimming club for many

years and Greenfield Badminton club.

Andy began work at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in 1987 while studying at Bishop Auckland Technical College, later moving to work at Hambleton Leisure Centre, before taking a post as Duty Manager at Thirsk Swimming pool.

He left the world of sport and leisure to join Pontins as a Bluecoat and started a new career in entertainment working his way up to Manager at Hemsby in Norfolk.

Central FM is mainly a music based station but they do many celebrity interviews. Andy has interviewed Johnny Herbert, Andy Abraham, Peter Andre and Ruth Lorenzo to name a few.

His hobbies are sports related, playing football in the Spanish football league until injury forced him to retire. Music is a large part of his life. but he likes to watch Malaga play. He is a Liverpool FC and Formula 1 fan and goes to watch test sessions. Andy has coaching awards in Football, Swimming, Basketball and more diverse ones like Trampolining and Netball.

Friends can contact Andy on [andy@centralfm.com](mailto:andy@centralfm.com) and view the radio website on [www.centralfm.com](http://www.centralfm.com)

## TALK ON DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Aycliffe Village Local History Society will meet on Wednesday 9 May at 7pm in Aycliffe Village Hall when Janet Thackray will give an illustrated talk about Durham Cathedral.

We expect this to be a very interesting talk and all are welcome. Members £1 and non members £2. Further details from programme secretary June Palmer 01325 301093.

## Local Hotel Opens New Restaurant

The Hall Garth Hotel has launched a new fine dining restaurant which will serve quality wines from around the world as part of a major refurbishment project.

The restaurant formerly known as Hugo's, will officially become the "WineGlass" on May 3rd, serving Michelin-standard food that is renowned for its intense flavours.

In addition to serving 40 bespoke quality wines by the glass to suit all tastes, and hosting various wine-tasting events, the WineGlass menu will offer a good selection of seasonal dishes and the staff will be able to recommend appropriate wines to compliment the food.

Karl Rochford is to be head chef at Hall Garth's brand new restaurant - having gained experience from working at Hugo's for the last 2 years and other

various restaurants in the North East - alongside pastry chef Judita Mileriene. Karl said: "I'm really pleased to have been appointed as head chef at the WineGlass.

"My main aim will be to set and maintain a Rosette standard for the restaurant, but I'm also hoping that introducing the WineGlass here will provide more of a focus on food at Hall Garth. It would be great for the restaurant to become more of a destination for local people to come for a meal, rather than just a facility for guests and members."

The introduction of the WineGlass is just one of many exciting changes taking place after new general manager Pam Mooney was appointed to help improve the hotel's services for both guests and members.



Karl Rochford and Pam Mooney

She has already stepped into her new role by bringing the beauty rooms in-house and appointing beauty manager Angela Normington to oversee the hotel's spa facilities.

Pam said: "It's really exciting to finally be introducing the WineGlass here at Hall Garth.

"We're hoping this development will also help attract new visitors and diners and offer them a completely new and enjoyable dining experience."

The WineGlass was officially opened this week. Visit: [www.hallgarthdarlington.co.uk](http://www.hallgarthdarlington.co.uk)



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## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our next Free Family Film Show is on Saturday 19th May at 2pm with "Happy Feet". Please use it - or lose it!

On the day we are giving free Picnic Tea Tickets for the Queens Jubilee Celebration Day at the Centre on 5th June. To qualify you must reside in the Ward of Councillors Iveson or Moran. Collect tickets for under 11's on Saturday 19th May between 1 and 4pm.

The Programme for the full day entertainment is published on this page. We are seeking two tall teenagers to wear Mickey Mouse outfits on the day. Please ring to volunteer on 313924.

Are you a Veteran ex-Serviceman or woman? Have you received your badge? If not please contact Peter Beaty on 313924 to receive yours.

## SMALL GROUPS CANNOT ACT ALONE UNDER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Sir,  
I write to correct an error made in a letter recently about 'Neighbourhood Development Orders' (NDOs).

Contrary to the opinion expressed in the letter, groups of residents cannot, by the Localism Act, band together to secure an NDO for their immediate community.

The area recognised in the Localism Act as a 'neighbourhood' is exclusively a parish - in our case the whole Parish of Great Aycliffe. The relevant sections in the Act, if you are interested, are 61E, F and G (particularly clauses 61F4 and 61G3b).

It is wonderful that communities are already coming together to discuss what they would wish the Neighbourhood Plan to include for their area. But

the letter was incorrect in its suggestion that a group of residents will be able to prescribe a specific development in their immediate area.

There will indeed be meetings, in each community, to allow local people to say what they would like to see. However, people need to be realistic that community aspirations must ultimately be encompassed within a whole Parish perspective. The Neighbourhood Development Plan represents the best opportunity in a generation to define the kind of place we wish our town to become. But if we are going to get the most out of the process, we need first to appreciate properly the parameters within which we must work.

John D Clare

## New Student Governor at Woodham



Richie Howe, from Chilton, has become Woodham Community Technology College's third student governor. He will join the Governing Body to make sure that students' views are heard. Richie applied to become a student governor because he wanted to contribute to the continued improvement of the school and the future development of Woodham.

He says "I have been told that your school years are the best years of your life and to take every opportunity that is offered to you. I have done this and I have enjoyed every single minute of my time at Woodham. I want to help the next generation of students achieve what I have achieved."

Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "It is right and proper that students are represented at the highest level at Woodham, because Woodham is their school. I am delighted that Richie has been appointed and know that he will be a worthy successor to our previous student governors Josie Eldridge and Callum Scott, both of whom have been great ambassadors for Woodham."

## Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at Neville Community Centre

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE - PROGRAMME

**8.45am: OFFICIAL OPENING** by our main sponsors Councillor Sarah Iveson and Councillor John Moran followed by the National Anthem.

**9.00am: CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS.** Under 5yrs, 6-8yrs, 9rs & under 14yrs. followed by prize giving 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Children to be accompanied by a parent.

**9:20am: BEST DECORATED BIKE.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd

**10.00am: BEST GROOMED DOG.** 1st, 2nd, 3rd - 2. BEST TAIL WAGGER

**11.00am MAGICIAN** - main hall

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**3.00pm Mr TWISTER**

**4.00pm TEA** in main hall plus picnic if time for overflow. Free tea is by ticket only to be collected on Sat 19th May between 13:00-16:00. To qualify for free tea you must live in Councillor Iveson or Councillor Moran's Ward.

**5.00pm to 7.00pm FAMILY DISCO** Children under 13yrs.

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## NO FAST FOOD AT WOODHAM COLLEGE

Woodham College recently welcomed a new member of staff. Claire Jeffery joined as Assistant Catering Manager after the Easter break to complement the existing catering team at the college.

After 9 years working as Area Support Manager overseeing the catering function in Darlington primary schools, Claire is delighted to have the opportunity to get to know staff and students more closely than she was able to in her previous position.

Woodham has for many years employed its own chef and catering staff. Students can go from first thing in the morning for a bacon sandwich and cup of tea or just to listen to music or to meet friends.

For those who cannot make it through to lunch, break-time offers toast, paninis, scones, fruit and fruit juices. Lunch time sees students choosing between a traditional hot meal, a healthy freshly made sandwich, a 'pasta pot' with a freshly made choice of sauce or a jacket potato with a selection of fillings!



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Claire is already firmly

established, and is now looking forward to becoming involved in the college's Let's Get Cooking Club and Family Learning Events.

## Free History Course at Aycliffe

A course on the History of County Durham will be run for five weeks at Aycliffe Village Primary School, it starts on Tuesday 8th May 2012 from 3.30-5.30pm and continues on 15th May, 22nd May and 29th May. Closed 5th June due to Half Term but will conclude on 12th June.

There is no charge for the course as the 'Awards for All' bid will cover the cost. There are only twelve places available. Registrations will take place at the start of the first session.

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Saturday 21st July 2012 - 8.30am / 6.00pm  
£10.00 Adult - £8.50 Child/Senior

##### Masham Steam Engine Rally

Sunday 22nd July 2012 - 10.00am / 5.00pm  
£10.00 - £8.50 Child/Senior

\* Admission not included:

£8 Adults, Seniors £6, Over 5's £2, Under 5's free

##### Whitby Regatta

Saturday 18th August 2012 - 9.00am / 6.00pm  
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## 'Cutting Loose' Shop Opens In Town Centre



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In preparation for the final event we have recently opened our "Cutting Loose" shop in Newton Aycliffe town centre. The shop is the place to go to find out more about the event and watch the progress of the schools workshops every Tuesday until the event in July. The shop is also selling handmade items created by young people from across the town using their enterprise skills.

The event is being managed by Greenfield Community & Arts Centre and has been funded by GAMP AAP Neighbourhood Councillors budget. Bravura, an experienced production company who have worked on Stockton Riverside Festival, are in charge of the production and artistic direction of the event. Working in our shop and as festival artists are Sarah Churlish and Jilly

Greenwood.

If you would like to find out more about Cutting Loose, visit our shop, open Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm or have a look at our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk).

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## Pot Holes Everywhere



Dear Sir,  
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Vince Crosby.

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- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

## AYCLIFFE VILLAGE EVENTS

**BREAKFAST CLUB.** Come along for a bacon, egg or sausage butty at the next Breakfast Club, which takes place on Saturday, May 12, in Aycliffe Village Hall from 9am-midday. There will be newspapers to read over cups of tea or coffee and second-hand books on sale. It will also be a chance for children to make crowns and flags for the village jubilee event on June 4. All proceeds go to the village hall.

**TABLE TOP SALE.** There is a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale on Saturday, May 19, in the village hall from 10am to help raise funds for QE Sixth Form students, Jonathan Hutton and Callum Lenahan-Gibb, to go to Romania to help with an orphanage, and Andrew Hindle to go to Botswana and Zambia to help build a school. Tables cost £5. For more details, call Sue Hindle on 07775-680804.

**WI MEETING.** The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, May 23, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk by Peter Barron, editor of the Northern Echo, on Dads at Large, which is about his hilarious experiences as a father. The competition is for a Jubilee table decoration. For details, call president Kathy Round on 01325-315732.

**COMMITTEE MEETING.** The committee of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association meets on Monday, May 14, at 7pm in the Village Hall when plans for the Village Jubilee event will be finalised; all welcome.

**JUNIOR DISCO.** It's Disco time for children aged five to 12 years at Aycliffe Village Hall on Friday, May 25, from 6.30-8pm. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and drinks will be available. Children can also have a glitter tattoo for £1. Diane Macadam will be teaching children a dance routine for the Jubilee celebration. Entry is £1.

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**TAYLOR** Reg, aged 70 years, peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on April 25th of Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Husband of Carol, dearly loved Dad of Neil and Angela, proud Grandad and a dear Brother of Eddie and Alan. Funeral took place in St Clare's Church on Thursday, May 3rd. Any donations if desired may be sent for Cancer Research UK c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6EN - Tel: 01325 318600

**MRS CLARA VENUS RIDLEY** on 27th April. Suddenly in hospital, Clara of Newton Aycliffe, aged 83 years. A much loved Mam and Nana. Would friends please meet at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday 9th May at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Butterwick Hospice

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**LINDLEY**, George Arnold (Arnie). Pat and family would like to thank all family and friends for the kindness, sympathy, support, cards and flowers received on the death of Arnie. Our thanks also to the Co-op Funeralcare for all the help and support we received. Amanda at the Legion for the buffet, Dr Bamford at Bewick Crescent Surgery for his support. The amount received for Cancer Research was £565.

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### JODEY SLATER

4th May 1991



#### A note to God!!

I know you needed another Angel up above, Someone kind and brave who understood. So you chose Jodey to love. Ya see God on Friday 4th and 10.30pm, Jodey was born 21 years ago today! Will you wrap your arms around my star and tell her I love her and miss her with all my broken heart. Tell her I'm sending a surprise, I want her to look down from Heaven's high, I'm sending her light up lanterns for her to catch in the sky. Her friends are sending them too, so make sure she catches them all, they are all for her. You're never more than a heart beat away Jodey. Loved and forever missed. Love, your Mam xxxxx - Happy 21st

#### Jodey Slater 4-5-91

To my darling Granddaughter on what would have been your 21st birthday. Jodey, you will never be forgotten till my dying days. Happy 21st. Love, Nanna Hill

### Allan Parry



2nd May 2007

You are in our thoughts and our hearts. Garry and family. Geoff and family and Peggy, always remembered xxx

### Adrian Cairns

1st May 2011

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.  
You fell asleep and left us sad, we will never forget the Son we had.

In our hearts and thoughts forever.

Loved by  
Dad and Mam xxx

**TOM TOLSON** 18/11/1937 to 06/05/2007. Much loved Husband of Margaret and Father of Eileen, Jane and Tom. Grandfather of Leeza, Laura, Harry and Kyle. Sadly missed and in our thoughts every day. May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be always at your back; May the sun shine warm upon your face; The rain fall soft upon your fields until we meet again.

### Ashleigh Cook

**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Loads of Love  
Grandma  
xxx

### Lee Alder



#### Happy 40th Birthday

5th May 2012  
Lots of love, Angela xxx  
**Happy Birthday Dad**  
Happy birthday Dad. Lots of love, Leah and Harry xxx  
**Happy Birthday**  
Lots of love on your 50th. Love, Mam and Dad xxx

**DAISY TAYLOR** 4-5-2012. Happy 10th birthday to our beautiful Daughter, hope you have a great day. Love you loads. Mam, Dad and all your pets xxxxx

**JENNY TARVIT** Happy birthday Mam. Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love from all the family xxx

**JOHN ROGERSON** Ruby Wedding Anniversary. John, thank you for 40 wonderful years. Love always, Heather  
**HEATHER ROGERSON** Ruby Wedding Anniversary. 6th May 2012. Thank you for 40 wonderful years. Love, John  
**ALICE SHELTON**

8th May. To Alice, my darling wife, Happy 60th Birthday. Have a fantastic weekend all my love always Chris. xxxxx  
To the best Mam in the world, Happy 60th Birthday, have an amazing weekend you deserve it. All our love always Kirsty, Stephen, Mark and Nikki. Xxxxx

Happy 60th Birthday to our amazing Gran, we love you all the world. Lots of love, Kisses and Hugs. Libbie, Flynn and Amelia. Xxxxx Enjoy your spa day and chill out!!!!!! Xx  
Happy 60th Birthday dear Sister. Hope you enjoy this milestone in your life. All our love from David, Linda, Scott, Stacey, Emma and Gracie. xxxx

## Birthday Remembrance

### Eleanor (Nelly) Barker

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### Amanda Brewer



**Happy 40th Birthday**  
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### Amanda Brewer



**Happy 40th Birthday**  
So happy that you are in my life. Love you millions, Tony xx  
**Happy Birthday Mam**  
Love you with all my heart. Luke xxx

### Amanda Brewer

(Sarsfield)



**Happy 40th Birthday**  
Love from Dad, Liz, Lily, George, all your Sisters and Brothers, Nieces and Nephews.  
Have a fab day

**SOPHIE EVANS** (3rd May). You are 5 today. Happy birthday Princess. Hope you have a lovely birthday. Lots of love and kisses always from Mammy and Imogen xxxx

**SOPHIE EVANS** Happy 5th birthday darling. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Grandma, Granda, Auntie Kelly and Honey xxx

## Congratulations

### Barbara Kennedy



**Congratulations**  
Barbara on your 50th birthday (in Australia) on 8th May 2012. Love from Mom, Sisters, Brothers and all of the family.  
See you in June!! xxx

### Louise Miller



7th May 2012

**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Hope you enjoy your special birthday. Enjoy your party. Love you loads. Love, Dad, Mam, little Brother Tom and Cousin Kieran xxx  
**Happy 21st Birthday Lou**  
Have a fab day and enjoy your night out with the girls. Love you lots. Love, Warren and Kelly xx  
**Happy 21st Birthday Auntie Lou**  
Hope you have a lovely day! Love you to the moon and back. Love from your little Nephew Oliver and Wowser xxx  
**Happy 21st Birthday Louise**  
Hope you have a lovely birthday. We love you soooo much. Love, Craig and Oscar xxx

**BECCA HODGESON** Happy 16th birthday. Love from Madison and family xxx  
**DANIEL WHALEN** 9-5-2012. Happy 18th birthday, love from Uncle Paul, Auntie Angela, Andrew and Kieran  
**JILL CATCHPOLE** 4th May 2012. Happy 30th birthday. Hope your day is as special as you are. Lots of love, Neil, Ava, Mam, Mark, Susan, Ronnie, Rachel and Gary xxx  
**STEVENS** Dorothy Elizabeth. Happy 65th birthday, officially retired. Lots of love from Husband Cec  
**STEVENS** Dorothy Elizabeth. Happy birthday Mam. 65 years young, Zimmer frame on order! Love you loads, Julie and Michael  
**STEVENS** Dorothy Elizabeth. Happy birthday to the "Bank of Grandma". We love you. Daniel and Kelly - "woofwoof" from the girls

**ASHLEIGH COOK** To a very special daughter, have a lovely 21st Birthday, all my love Mam xxx  
**ASHLEIGH COOK** Happy 21st Birthday Ashleigh, have a fantastic day, all our love, Scott, Auntie Jacky and Laura xxx  
**ASHLEIGH COOK** 05-05-12. Happy 21st birthday. Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love from Auntie Tara, Geoff, Dan, Wendy and Katie xxxx

### Jean Somerset

"80" on 8th May 2012



#### Happy 80th Birthday

To a wonderful Mam, Gran and Great Gran. You would never believe you are 80 Mam. You still look fab!  
Hope you enjoy your big day.  
Lots of love from all the family xxxxx

### Julie and Terry Pollock

(nee Gray)



**Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary - 9th May**  
May your Silver turn to Gold. Love from Mam and Dad

**Julie and Terry**  
Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. Love, Jo, Andy and the bump

**Julie and Terry**  
Happy 25th Anniversary. Love, George, Barabara and Steph

**Mam & Dad Pollock**  
Happy 25th Anniversary. Love from Dad, Adam and Billy

### To Mam & Dad



**Happy Ruby Wedding Anniversary**  
40 years and still going strong!!

Love from John, Hayley, Rob, Paul, Nichola, Liam, Morgan and Grace

### Michael Taylor



**Happy 8th Birthday**  
Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Matthew and all the family xxxxx

### Claire Francis



**30 Years Young**  
2nd May 2012

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## Athletics Results

Athletes from Shildon Running Club are continuing to perform at an exceptionally high standard and Clairville Stadium, Middlesbrough, was the platform to showcase their achievements. 24th April saw U15 Josh McIay gain a massive pb in the long jump with 5.41m. He must have been on fire as he also gained personal bests with 12.9 in 100m and 46.7 in 300m.

U/13 Jade Hepple continues to build on her experience and performed well in the long jump (3.17m) and 100m with 16.00. Georgia Hirst blasted around the track to smash a personal best with 400m in 62.3 beating second place by 1 sec.

The following night saw many middle distance runners battle the worst conditions for many months, with more rain falling that night than in the previous month! The NEAL staged at Jarrow's Monkton Stadium, was home to many seasons best performance with man of the meet being Callum Foster, win by 5 sec in the under 13 1500m, to gain an impressive pb of 5.05.3.

An excellent race by Michael Bleasby who won his under 20 round in 4.09.8, saw him use his brains as well as his brawn, followed by Mathew Couthard in a pb of 4.33.8. Henry Johnson U/15, was narrowly pipped at the post to come home in second

place with 4.32.4 (SB). Zoe Hewitson, back from the VLM mini marathon where she represented the North East, was happy with 5.32.8 in the under 20 1500m (SB). Amy Etherington and Rosie Findlay both ran well with seasons best performances in 4.59.6 and 5.29.0 respectively. Young Lizzie Cramb was delighted with her pb of 5.46.0 in under 13 1500m.

Sunday 29th April was another day of success for Rachel Bennett won the 75M sprint at Gateshead. She also finished second in the howler, 4th in the long jump and 5th in the 600m. The Park Run at Sedgfield attracted many new runners and Amy Etherington broke her pb with 6th place over the line and first lady home with 19.56 over the undulating 5k course around Hardwick Park. Lizzie Wood was just outside her pb with 22.46.

Shildon Running & Athletic Club is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards. If anyone is interested in joining the club please come along for a free try-out session.

For details please check out our website, www.shildonrunning.co.uk for nights & times to suit your age group. If you require any more information please call us on our new number 07592611600 or e-mail; secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk

## Cricket Club Link Up With Woodham CTC

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have forged a link with Woodham CTC which will see the school become the winter training base for the Cricket Club.

Previously the Club have used facilities wherever they could book, for indoor nets, but they have now reached an agreement that will see the school sports hall available one night a week enabling all of the junior teams to train together on the same night. Danny Morgan, Head of PE, at Woodham CTC and an experienced cricketer and cricket coach has also made his services available to run coaching sessions both during the winter and also during the current season when he will supplement and help the Club's own coaches.

Club Chairman Ian Palmer is delighted with the link up saying "the next twelve months are massive for Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club as we prepare to move into the North Yorkshire and South Durham League

in 2013.

Without taking our eye off the ball during the current season, when we have to remain competitive in our final season in the North East Durham League, a lot of our off field activities are aimed at ensuring that we are prepared for the move up. With that in mind this is another step to where we eventually wish to be and we are grateful to Danny for making this possible.

We are also indebted to our 2012 sponsors 'Lift Right Forklift Truck Training' and 'Innovations' who provide much needed financial support to the senior cricket teams".

The 2012 season has got off to a slow start with none of the Clubs teams yet able to play due to the bad weather but, weather permitting, the first team are hoping to get their season under way this Saturday with a home game against East Rainton while the second team travel to Beamish. Both games are scheduled to start at 2.00pm.

## Join Aycliffe's Junior Baseball Team

The Spartans, Aycliffe's Baseball Club, is starting a junior team. Training is open to everyone between the ages of 6 and 16 and will be run by qualified, CRB checked, instructors.

The first session will take place on Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield School, on Monday 7th May, from 4.30-6pm, at a cost of £2 per session with equipment will be provided. All you need is suitable sport/comfortable clothing and a drink.

Baseball is a fun, team sport, which helps to build coordination and fitness and can be enjoyed by all, so why not come down and give it a try?

For any adults who are interested in playing. The Spartans have also started indoor sessions on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 at Woodham Community Technology College. The fee is again £2 per session.

Come and give it a go; remember baseball was invented in this country, we're just bringing it back! If you would like more details, please contact John Johnston at John@newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk or tel. 07593 951879. <http://www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aycliffespartans>



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