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The creation of 15 new jobs on the Town is more than welcome."

The new store is to be built at Greenwell Road and is the latest phase in Freshwater's plans to regenerate the Aycliffe Shopping Centre. Construction of the store will take approximately 8 months. The development incorporates additional parking for 74 cars and will

Andrew Thomson at Freshwater said "The £1.5M development marks another milestone in the regeneration of the town centre following the recent opening of a Wilkinsons store and the relocation of the Library.
The new development will also provide the impetus for the subsequent regeneration of Beveridge Way in 2013

following grant of planning consent for the £2.0M public realm improvement scheme.
Bowmer & Kirkland will carry out the development which is being project managed for Freshwater by GVA.
Smith Price and Bisham Asset Management advised Freshwater whilst Latham Proctor advised Aldi.

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WHAT'S ON AT GREENFIELD?

"The Possibilities of Paint"
Thursday 3rd – Wednesday 23rd May.

The Possibilities of Paint explores the two artists approach to the territory between the materiality of paint and image making. Even though the artists have

different approaches to their subject matter, their concerns with the physicality of paint is where their similarities lie. This colourful and fascinating exhibition features the work of artists Debbie Bell and Rachel Sharp.

The Gallery is open 10am to

9pm, Monday to Thursday and 10am to 4pm on Fridays and is free. For more information on the current and upcoming exhibitions visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

If you would like to explore this exhibition, and be creative yourself we have our next Family Gallery Explorer Session on Thursday 10th May, from 10:15 – 11:30am, the session is free and suitable for children aged 4 and up, children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to book a place for this activity, or find out more, please contact the Arts centre on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk.

Shake the Dust Performance Poets at Greenfield

Kate Fox and Steve Urwin are working with Greenfield on a national programme called "Shake the Dust" that helps improve literacy and the spoken word. Kate Fox is a poet who regularly features on radio 4's "Saturday Live" and has featured on TV programmes such as BBC2's Daily Politics.

Steve Urwin is from Consett and has many of his poems published in magazines such as Fire and Open Wide and has also broadcast on BBC Radio. Both artists worked with year 9 at Greenfield when the two poets performances inspired a slam off of improvised poetry from year 9.

Year 9 Students were given an hour to explore their ideas and create an improvised piece which they performed to the rest of the year group, the students were responsive and supported their peers with a really encouraging attitude.

Over the next two months we are fortunate to be working with Steve and Kate and the ARC Stockton, every week, to develop these performance poetry skills in order to compete at the regional Shake the Dust poetry slam finals and if we are lucky enough, then at the National slam final event in London. Good luck Greenfield!

Adult Singing Course

If you fancy improving your singing and having fun in a relaxed session, why not join us for adult singing on a Wednesday night? Starting at 7.30pm-8.30pm, it's a five week course (£16), the first session was last week but it's not too late to join! All abilities are welcome. To find out more, please ring us: 01325 379048, email us: info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or visit our website: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

JUBILEE FAIR AT HEIGHINGTON

Heighington Pre-School are organising a Village Fair to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and admission is free! The Fair is on Heighington Village Green on Tuesday 5th June and will run from 11am – 4pm.

Homes throughout the village will be decorated for the Diamond Jubilee and you are welcome to come in fancy dress! There will be something for all the family with activities including, crazy golf, fairground rides, bouncy castle and a free soft play area for smaller visitors with craft activities including a decorate your own cupcakes store and the opportunity to make and decorate your own crown. Older children can try their hand on the full size climbing wall.

For those who prefer more sedate activities there will be a free memorabilia exhibition in the church and many stalls which include local businesses and charities such as Durham Wildlife Trust and the Darlington Dogs Trust.

The WI Cake Stalls and Scout tent will also be present.

There will be a packed programme of live events throughout the day including performances by Lee Green Dance Studio, gymnastics displays and dog agility demonstrations.

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Pony Visits Aycliffe Care Home



Residents at Aycliffe Care Home enjoyed an afternoon with a difference on the 1st May. Molly the pony from K&L Pony Parties & Therapy came into the home for residents to stroke, talk, feed and even have a photo taken with her.

Molly lowered her head to let the ladies and gentlemen stroke her if they were sat down in chairs. This was a lovely experience as some of the clients had never been this close to a pony before. Most are unable to walk when on an outing so it is difficult to get close to animals.



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Saturday 19th May - "BULLET"

Riffs Magazine Review: Turbinia 2007 "The prognosis from tonight's performance is definitely a thumbs-up; passion, energy and excitement are what BULLET deliver, and watching the crowd at the Turbinia go crazy for them, then it's obvious they are on the way up very quickly. BULLET seem to have got it right and given the odd break or two could seriously be set to worry some of the more established bands. Watch out for BULLET, they could just have your name on them!" See whole review on: www.zen78908.zen.co.uk/riffs/mydocuments/8andreviews/bullet/bullet Tracks by: Guns 'n' Roses, Pearl Jam, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Iron Maiden, U2, Ozzy, Foo Fighters, Velvet Revolver and more - www.bulletband.co.uk

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Last year they raised over £600 and a fantastic night was had by all. Local Businesses donated prizes for a raffle and there was fantastic response. If you would like to get involved and help this fantastic vital charity please get in touch.

CLUB DEMOLISHED TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW CARE HOME



An eyesore was removed from the town's landscape when the former Southerne Club was demolished over last weekend. Newtonian Mike Baker took this shot of the final chapter in the life of a popular institution which had to close due to financial difficulties.

The site will be used to provide a new Care Home by the same group who built Lindisfarne across the road in Silverdale.

Local County Councillors Mike Dixon and Enid Payor urged the owners to demolish the old club as it was causing safety concerns. The area will be tidied and landscaped while the new build is being planned.

Invitation to Join Labour

Dear Sir,
It was a lovely day last Sunday and like my neighbours I spent it in my garden.

Returning indoors for a cuppa I found on my doormat an invitation to join the Labour Party. The invitation informed that as a pensioner I could possibly lose £300 this year due to the actions of the government trying to reduce the deficit. (left by Labour!). There was no mention in the leaflet of the millions the last Prime Minister and

Chancellor took from our pension funds. Nothing was said of so called "Slush Fund" by Mr. Brown and no mention of selling the gold reserve when gold was at its lowest value for 25 years.

I think I need another cup of tea before I decide on membership of the Labour Party.

Annoyed,
Byerley Park
Name & address supplied

Fashion Show

St. Clare's Church presents a Fashion Show hosted by Bon Marche on Tuesday 15th May at 11am in the Church Hall. Admission is £1 which includes a hot drink and a scone. Please come along and see some of this Summer's new range which will be modelled for you.

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LEARN FOSTERING SKILLS IN AYCLIFFE

Many people in Newton Aycliffe are now foster carers – and Reach Out Care Fostering Services are inviting more to learn how they can offer support to children and young people. The fostering agency, based in Burnhope, Newton Aycliffe, is hosting Skills to Foster courses at its offices over the coming weeks.

“We work alongside local authorities right across the region,” said fostering manager Lynne Brown, “and we have seen many people become excellent foster carers with us.

“You need to have a real interest in helping children and young people and have a spare bedroom. Our Skills to Foster sessions give a realistic overview of fostering and potential foster carers can ask us questions, learn about the qualifications they will achieve and all the personalised training and support we offer.

“All of our foster carers have access to 24/7 support and regular visits from our social

workers but our team are well known for going the extra mile. We even baby sat two very small foster children for a set of our carers on Christmas Eve so they could take their young teenage children to the cinema, one of their family traditions.

“Our foster carers come from all walks of life and have different circumstances – some own their own home, others rent. Some are single, some are married or in long term relationships and they all receive generous allowances. The Government gives foster carers very generous tax concessions, too.

“Children and young people go into care for a wide variety of reasons. Some of them go on to adoption, some are rehabilitated back to their birth families and some stay with us long term. We treat all our foster carers as professionals doing a crucial job which can help a young people lead successful lives.” Reach Out Care is a not-for-profit agency which holds the

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For more information on up and coming Skills to Foster courses, or for an informal chat about fostering, please contact Lynne Brown on 01325 310009 (option 2) or email info@reachoutcare.co.uk. You can read more about the agency and its sister organisations by clicking on to www.reachoutcare.co.uk

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Neil and Carol Peacock of Village Farm Dairy near Sedgfield are a young couple who set up their own home made cheese business just over a year ago.

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The cheeses including Blue, Camembert and Farmhouse White are made from milk provided by 120 Friesian cows all born on the farm - all cheeses have their own distinct taste and some have added herbs and other ingredients to tempt the palate.

Neil milks the cows and the milk is piped direct from the milking parlour to the cheese dairy vat 20 feet away where Carol starts the process helped by their children Joe and Georgia at weekends.

“I was a cookery teacher which stood me in good stead for diversifying into cheese production as a means to add value to the milk and help sustain our existence in the dairy industry” said Carol.

Village Farm was bought in 1957 by James and

Mary (Neil's parents) who started the dairy herd with two cows 'Snowy' and 'Prudence'.

Neil now runs the farm and all the cows are known by name and have their own family history. Their welfare is important to the family and the future of the farm.

“We are extremely pleased with the progress of our cheese venture to date and hope to grow and continue to expand the business with the support of local people and food businesses” said Neil. Contact Carol on 01740 622255. Website www.parlourmade.co.uk

Last Chance to Join the Jubilee Draw

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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Marathon Runner Raised £650

Newtonian Gary Gibson ran his first marathon on the 6th of May, in Sunderland's "Marathon of the North". He was raising money for a charity close to his heart, Huntingtons Disease Association. He should be near £650 and would like thank everyone who supported him during his training and on the day and all his sponsors.

Gary ran the marathon in 4 hours and 52 minutes and came 887th in a race of 2000. He had a great day and afterwards said it was an amazing feeling coming through to the finish. The stories he heard from people on the way round and the charities that were going to benefit from this event really made it all worthwhile.

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Councillor Attendances

Dear Sir,
Wednesday 2nd May was the Annual Town Meeting of the Parish of Great Aycliffe – it is the meeting when the townspeople gather to hear their Mayor review the previous year, and to raise issues regarding their town. One appreciates that not every Councillor can make every meeting. However, two councillors were conspicuous by their absence. One was Independent Cllr Irene Hewitson, who has attended just 7 Town Council meetings in the past year.

She recently wrote in the Newton News that she could be a successful Councillor without attending meetings. The other was Independent Cllr Paul Gittins, who has attended only 9 Town Council meetings in the past year. Both Cllrs Hewitson and Gittins have been paid the same allowance of £1059 as do all town councillors. For comparison, one Labour councillor attended 75 meetings of the Town Council last year. Voters need to know.
Name & address supplied

Local Woman Helps Organise 60's Concert at the Sage

Three fundraisers have come together through shared suffering with Parkinson's disease to organise an ambitious fundraising project – a major concert to raise money to help other sufferers in the North East.

The north east trio have booked the 1,600-seater Sage at Gateshead to host Sixties legends for the "Pop for Parkinson's" event on June 1st. Dave Berry and the Cruisers, The Tremeloes and The Fortunes are among the line-up, all performing at special charity rates to ensure ticket sales go straight towards helping people in the region.

The organisers supported by Parkinson's UK charity staff, chose this week to announce the concert to coincide with national Parkinson's Awareness Week.

Jill Thompson, from Heighington said the volunteers all had a history of raising money for Parkinson's while coping with their illness. The 61-year-old, who was diagnosed eight years ago, has twice taken part in the gruelling sponsored 'Sail the Island' challenge around the Isle of Wight and has organised a number of her own fundraising events.

"I'd previously organised a concert in our village hall but I've never done anything on this scale before," said Jill. "The main thing we wanted was to give people a great night out. We recognise that charities are always asking for money and I think it's important that if you're willing to give, you get something in return."

The concert idea came about



Ready to rock and the donations to roll in,
Jill Thompson and Ken Booth

after The Freemasons of Durham and Northumberland gave £15,000 to Parkinson's UK in the North East to be shared between local support groups.

"We have spent some of the money on delivering cognitive therapy sessions to people with Parkinson's and on providing sports and activity days, where they could try out things they may not have tried before," explained Jill.

"It was then agreed that we should invest some money in something big, a real event, that would not only generate more funds but also raise awareness of Parkinson's among the wider public; kind of speculating to accumulate."

The Sixties concert theme came after Jill met Dave Berry at one of his gigs in the region. "He has helped us pull this group of performers together at charity rates for no other reason than he met me and was appalled and shocked to know

how this disease can affect so many people, young, attractive, spirited people, not just the very old, as most people with Parkinson's are depicted. A cure for Parkinson's does not seem to be too far away. With the generosity of people in the North East we can do a lot towards supporting those who are dealing with the disease every day," said Jill.

Fellow organisers Ken Booth and Lynn Tearse, of Newcastle met at a support group.

Ken, 54, has lived with the condition for 23 years while Lynn was diagnosed three years ago and they think the concert is a fantastic idea and to fill the Sage.

Woodham's Four 'Millionaire' Readers!



This week, Woodham Community Technology College has been celebrating the achievement of four students who have each read over an astonishing 1 million words in the course of a school year. The students have been given the opportunity to read from a choice of books, that are appropriate to their reading age and abilities, as part of the accelerated reading programme.

The scheme, which has been running in the college for the past three years, aims to get readers of all abilities enthused about literature of all genres. As part of the initiative, students are able to take online quizzes on each book to ensure they have understood what they have read and the computer then calculates an exact word count for each student.

The four amazing students, who are still only in Year 7, are

Marty Woodhouse, Charlotte Kirton, Lowri Morley and Owain Newton - who at over 1.7 million words is already closing in on the massive 2 million barrier! Owain, who has always been a keen reader, states he is a fan of action novels and his favourite writers are Anthony Horowitz and Robert Muchamore.



PACT Meeting

Shafto/St Marys PACT meeting is on Thursday 22nd May at 6pm at Newton Aycliffe Library, Central Avenue. PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson Newton Aycliffe Beat Team

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

Dance Academy Fun Day



On Saturday 21st April, Aycliffe Dance Academy held a Family Fun Day to raise funds for the children's costumes for their annual show this summer! Over 200 people attended the day which was held at the Academy's home, the Bethany Centre

in Woodham. Members of the academy and public browsed stalls, enjoyed cakes and refreshments, got their faces painted, played on the bouncy castle and took part in activities such as the football speed cage and ten pin bowling! They also had an extra special visit from Peppa Pig and Buzz Lightyear which were kindly supplied by Party Palz, a local business. The children loved seeing their favourite characters come to life, some of the children even managed to have a go on the bouncy castle with Buzz!

Sarah Templeton, a member of ADA, said: 'I had a fantastic time at the ADA Fun Day! Dylan loved it and was so excited from start to finish! I loved seeing my little boy so happy and having fun!'

Kelsey Boyle, a student from



ADA, said: 'I love my nails that I had done at the Fun Day, it was a great day!' The Fun Day was a HUGE success and exceeded everyone's expectations! They raised a staggering £1619.14 and managed to beat last year's record in a shorter time!

SUE RYDER SHOP'S MAY CAMPAIGN

A month long campaign was launched during May by national charity Sue Ryder in Newton Aycliffe, to generate more stock.

We are appealing to local businesses and the community to continue their generous support. More than 80% of the income raised in our shops comes from voluntary donations. This, and our wonderful team of volunteers who selflessly donate their time and energy, enables us to fund our hospices, day beds and home care.

By shopping with us and

donating unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, dvd's and household items we can continue to provide palliative treatments to patients. We also offer help, advice and support to families of those living with end of life conditions such as cancer, motor-neurone disease, strokes and brain injury. Please take some time to see what you could offer.

Charity Raffle

Margaret Brown (Lady Captain of Woodham Golf & Country Club) would like to thank the following for their kind donations to help raise money for her charity, Cancer Research.

Woodham Golf Club, Creations, Themes Diner, Rough and Tumble, Aqua Bright, Mecca Bingo, N.H.F. Hair, Grosvenor Casino Stockton, Roots Aycliffe. Maggie would also like to thank all the kind people who bought raffle tickets and with their generosity £84 was raised.

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Staff and pupils came together to wish Linda Ramsay, School Secretary and Bursar at Sugar Hill Primary, a long and happy retirement. Mrs Ramsay has worked at the school since 1994 and has been a big contributor to its success over many years. Presenting her with leaving gifts, headteacher Mrs Cumming wished Mrs Ramsay well and told her that she will be missed by everybody, echoing the thoughts of all her colleagues and the children at Sugar Hill.

Street Party in Gilpin Road

Dear Sir,
With regard to the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee, I have arranged a Street Party for residents in the Gilpin Road cul de sac and their family and friends.

I am in the process of a Council road closure application to seal off the road and so far have 74 confirmed attending the party.

In order for this celebration to be a one to remember we have arranged for 2 bouncy castles, children's entertainer/disco, treasure hunt, balloon race, sports day races and a traditional pig roast.

Lisa Peart, 32 Gilpin Road

FULL ON FUTURES



Students from Greenfield Community School have been praised for their involvement in a regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers event. The Greenfield students delivered over 5 creative workshops to their peers that explored new smart materials and how they can be applied to enterprise and business.

The Five students (pictured above), Leah Nicholls, Francesca Moody, Aisha Kraish, Josh Paramor and Mason Plews developed a project that used photochromic paint in children's clothing to help detect when a child may be at risk of sun damage.

We have been involved in many regional events to celebrate the work we have been doing including staff training, Celebrate Science Festival Durham and Pro Energy- our active installation on tour.

If you would like to be involved with our work or find out more about the developments within our Specialism of Arts and Science please get in touch. Katy.milne@greenfieldschool.net

Allocation of Council Committee Places

Dear Sir,
Every AGM, the Town Council appoints members to the various committees of the Council and the Great Aycliffe Independents complain to the Newton News that the Labour Group has unfairly 'frozen them out'.

To pre-empt this nonsense, may I remind readers how selections for committee membership are made. Being the largest group, the Labour Group first announces the Labour Councillors whom it wishes to sit on the various committees.

Next (even though not required by law to do so) we propose that approximately

a third of the seats on the committees be allocated to opposition councillors. This is fair; Labour Councillors outnumber the opposition approximately 2:1.

We do not say who those councillors should be; we leave the selection of names to the opposition councillors. Last year, the Great Aycliffe Independents (the largest opposition group) took all the places we had allocated to the opposition. This meant that there were some opposition councillors who could not get a place on ANY committee.

That was NOT fair. I will let readers know what happens this year.

John D Clare

H&S Used as an Excuse?

Dear Sir,
I read with amusement the article "Rubbish Service!". I sympathise with the writer 'annoyed', particularly with reference to "Due to Health & Safety they cannot pick up the bags" statement.

If this is the case, and it is a ruling implemented by DCC then why does the crew in our area frequently LIFT out bags from half full wheelie bins and place into adjacent wheelie bins prior to the bin cart collection?

It would not be imposed by HSE as they do not put in such rules, merely request employers to ensure they have carried out the appropriate risk assessments and act accordingly, Presumably this is done in order to save the crew time in having to empty wheelie bins using the automatic lift on the end of the bin cart. Seems like they use H&S as a perfect excuse for not offering an efficient service.

Christine Marsh

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What We Really Want

Dear Sir,
The latest offering from John Clare was worthy of a prospective Parliamentary candidate. Is he getting bored with the local scene? He goes to great lengths to point out how bad things are, and what else is to come, whilst carefully avoiding mentioning whose hand was on the tiller when the ship hit the rocks.
His solution appears to be to hand over the purse so we can have another "Balls up". Reading the Newton News, I get the impression that most readers want 3 things from our LOCAL politicians: Better road repairs, an end to the petty squabbles of various councillors, and finally an end to that farce that would give Brian Rix a run for his money, namely THE TOWN CENTRE.
Peter Hardy

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Private Use of Community Centre A Parent's Complaint

In February 2012 I made enquiries to hold my daughter's birthday party at Woodham Community Centre, dates and times had been negotiated, then when asked the age of my daughter, (13), I was informed the committee don't allow teenage parties from a decision taken 8 years ago.
I raised my objections and thought this was unfair that the centre does not promote events as it suggests on its web site for teenage children. The main reason given was that they relied on committee members as key holders to open and lock up the facility, and they also had to take into consideration local residents. After some communication I was finally informed the Woodham Community Centres committee members had discussed my enquiry and had come to the conclusion that they would not permit the party to take place. It was suggested I try the Sports Complex or the Leisure Centre.
My family and I have an affiliation with Woodham having lived in the area for the last 30 years, both my children attended pre school there, and cubs and scouts before the scouts moved to Bluebell Scout Centre. As a family we also attended Ballroom dancing classes.
Woodham Community centre as the name implies should be open to everyone in the community, and is not just a private club for use by committee members as and when it suits. It is all well and

good, those members of the committee suggesting to me to go to another venue but it is an excellent facility to be used by everyone in the community. The local residents there is a pub, restaurant and three take away food shops, so what impact could a three hour party have compared to these permanent businesses? Because the committee dragged their feet on the decision we looked for another venue, and to keep the event in the Woodham area approached the Agnew Community Centre allow teenage parties. The venue was superb - all for a very reasonable hourly fee. My daughter had forty friends at her party all from Greenfield School who had a fantastic night and I am proud to say these young teenagers were very well behaved. I wish to thank Secretary Ron Mitchie for the service Agnew Centre provides.
There are lessons to be learnt by the Committee of Woodham Community Centre who should not tar all teenagers with the same brush, be more open minded and with proper parental supervision, which was never in doubt, give teenagers a chance.
Woodham Resident
Name & Address supplied.

Woodham Students Taste University Life

Year 9 students from Woodham Community Technology College had their first taste of university life at the end of April at Northumbria University. The 60 lucky students spent a day working alongside university students finding out about student life. The students met current undergraduate students, had a tour of the campus and investigated various routes into and through Higher Education, starting with and focusing on their GCSE options.
The aim of the session was to give students a realistic experience of Higher Education. However, it was also an opportunity to take part in different lectures that that really grabbed the students' attention. Afterwards Miss Maria Jackson, who led the trip, said 'No matter how many guest speakers or publications we have in school, first-hand experience is the best. This is what we wanted to give our students and that is exactly what we achieved.'
The visit formed part of a careers education programme which regularly gives access to post 16 experiences and ensures Woodham students are well-equipped to progress in education, training and employment.

The Committee's Answer

We are sorry we were unable to assist this parent with her request, and are pleased she was able to find another venue. We are not anti-teenager, nor do we run as a private club for Committee members only.
A recent poll showed in one week we had over 324 individuals use the centre, with many taking part in several of the regular activities. People from all over the Town and surrounding areas, including many ex Newtonians, and others some from as far away as Wolsingham, Darlington, Shildon, Spennymoor and Durham use our Centre, and all are welcome.
We recently ran a very well attended Dance and Drama 13 week course for teenagers with professional tutors. Currently we are in discussions with both the Youth Centre and Greenfield Art Centre to explore what other activities we could stage with the necessary supervision of parents. The Centre is a 26 year old Charity run by a very small group of volunteers (many elderly) with no paid staff.
We would love to do more but we are severely limited especially for one off events on an evening. The Committee (as part of our Constitution) must consider many factors when coming to policy decisions. In this instance factors we had to consider were as follows:

1. Would we have someone prepared to go out late at night to lock up and secure the building, and have personal safety?
 2. Do we have people who under our safeguarding policy are qualified (we only have two) to be in the building with children who could check that the promised parental supervision was being carried out?
 3. The logistics of making sure that after any event the building is ready for use next day.
 4. The building and neighbourhood are protected.
 5. Every event has its own risk assessment issues.
 6. The legal and insurance implications that if anything did occur, and supervision by parents had not been legally agreed.
- We are not tarring all

teenagers with the same brush. A party for teenagers in the evening has different risk factors to that of 6 year olds having jelly and cake for 2 hours on an afternoon.
The parent was made aware that any policy change would have to be considered by the Committee so that a proper democratic decision took place. Illnesses and holidays meant we did not even have a quorum available. Considering the possible delay and that a decision to change policy may not occur it was suggested she consider other venues.

What is needed by us and many other Centres is not just casual usage, but regular support. If people want things to happen in their communities we need people to volunteer time, be prepared to learn new skills, and get the necessary checks such as CRB.
Our Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6-30pm and would welcome this lady or anyone else who would like to join. Until more people volunteer or someone provides funding to pay for staff, these difficult decisions will still have to be taken to maximise the resources available.
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Woodham Village
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The bureau will be open on Wednesday 16th May 10am - 3pm to help any new client with debt problems whether you have one single debt or multiple debts. The debt session is in addition to the current weekly drop in sessions held at both the Spennymoor and Newton

Aycliffe offices.
Should you not be able to attend this special day, the CAB have also launched a telephone gateway assessment line which is available 10am - 3pm Monday to Thursday and 10am-1pm on a Friday. The gateway assessment line number is 01388 825429 (charged at local rate).
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Charity Stall in Aid of Innovations Club



Former Councillor Maud Gray and helpers had a Tombola Stall on market day this week in aid of Innovations a local charity helping people with learning disabilities. The total amount raised was £150 and Maud wishes to thank all those who helped and contributed to the stall. The money will be used to buy portable picnic tables for when the club visits West Park.

SPARTANS STILL SEEKING FIRST WIN

Game 1 Newton Aycliffe Spartans 1, Hull Scorpions 17
Game 2 Newton Aycliffe Spartans 4 Hull Scorpions 15

Newton Aycliffe Spartans are still looking for that elusive first win in the British Baseball Federation North League AA Division after going down to a double defeat to the league leading Hull Scorpions in Humberside last weekend. After a two week break due to the inclement weather, Spartans were glad to be back in action and started brightly against their hosts, behind some great pitching from David Atkinson. However an inability to get the final out in the bottom of the 2nd inning proved costly as the Scorpions racked up 15 unanswered runs. Candice Burton, scored the lone Spartans run. The second game again saw the Spartans start with purpose and Jason Hill had the honour of scoring the first 'Home Run' in Spartans history with a 3 run shot over the left field fence. That propelled the Spartans into a 4 to 1 lead. Once again however, the Humberside outfit showed why they will be in the mix for the league title by scoring another 14 answered runs and running out comfortable 15 to 4 winners to remain unbeaten with a 4-0 record.

This weekend the Spartans return home the 'The Arena' at Horndale Avenue (opposite Greenfield School) to play two games against Oldham North Stars on Sunday 20th May, in a game supported by lowcostmobiles.co.uk. The North Stars finished at the bottom of the standings in 2011 and have lost their opening four games this season, so the Spartans will be looking to get their first win this weekend. The first pitch is at 12pm with pre-game entertainment provided by the Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band from around 11.30am. The Spartans would welcome as many local people as possible to come down and watch this highly enjoyable spectator sport. The Spartans have pulled off somewhat of a coup in arranging for the highly respected and experienced Great Britain National Team Baseball Coach, Sam Dempster to take two forthcoming training sessions.

Coach Dempster, who has spent the past five summers working as Major League Baseball's (MLB) envoy coach to Great Britain is one of the Head Coaches in the MLB Envoy Coaching Programme. He has coached in Germany, England, Holland, Spain and Kenya, among other countries, as an Envoy Coach. In Canada, as Head Coach of the Durham College Lords, Dempster has compiled an impressive overall record of over 302 wins with five championships. In 2010, Dempster was inducted into the Whitby (Ontario) Sport Hall of Fame. In January of 2007, he was awarded the Julio Puentes Envoy International Coach Award by Major League Baseball at the American Baseball Coaches Association Conference. This prestigious award is presented by MLB for unselfish, dedicated and passionate work in growing the game of baseball. Coach Dempster is also an associate Canadian scout for Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers and was previously a scout for the New York Yankees.

The Spartans will welcome Coach Dempster to their training sessions on May 17th and June 7th. Baseball and Softball are community sports, welcoming both women and men, irrespective of age and anyone interested in learning more about either sport is invited to join us. The Spartans have now commenced their summer outdoor training sessions. First 'taster' session is always free with all future sessions charged at £2. These will be held every Thursday evening from 6pm until dusk at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College, Newton Aycliffe and on Sundays 10am - 1pm (on non game days - check www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk for the team's schedule) For further details, contact John Johnston, Team Manager on john@newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk or visit the team's website at www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk

SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR ST. JOHN'S UNDER 14's TEAM

The 23rd Bishops Cup Final was played at Heritage Park, the home of Bishop Auckland FC, on Wednesday 18th April between St. John's and Whitworth Park Year 9 football teams.

The score at half time was 1-1. St. John's came back in the second half and battled on to beat Whitworth Park 4-3 with goals from Ben Bayles (2), Luke Molyneux (1) and Matthew Raisbeck (1). Luke Molyneux (Captain) was awarded Man of the Match for an outstanding performance. The match referee was George Courtney. St. John's and Whitworth Park came up against each other again on Thursday 26th April playing in the League Cup Final at Ferryhill School. It was a tight game and Whitworth Park were leading 1-0 at half time. However, St. John's came back in full force in the second



Luke Molyneux

half and their hard work paid off resulting in a 4-2 win against Whitworth Park. Goals came from Sam Icton (2), Matthew Raisbeck (1) and Ben Bayles (2). After the presentations for the League Cup, St. John's and Whitworth Park also celebrated being joint winners of the league. Congratulations and well done to both teams.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 23rd May 2012

Environment Committee
Recreation Committee
from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council and its Committees.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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HELP IS AT HAND

Does your organisation, club or charity need assistance?

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Football Club's Annual Family Fun Day

Newton Aycliffe FC are planning their second annual Family Fun Day this summer after last year's success. Hundreds of people turned out for the last event and organisers are expecting an even bigger turn-out this year, on Sunday 8th July at Aycliffe Sports Club. Aycliffe FC's sponsorship manager Barry Waters organised the club's inaugural fun day at short notice last year, so he's planning a bigger and better event this summer, with a range of entertainment and fun on offer for families around the pitch at Moore Lane Park. "It should be a really good day for all the family. It's only the

second time we've organised this, but last year was a tremendous success, given the short timescale in which we put it all together. There'll be loads more on offer for all members of the family this year so, weather permitting, it should be a cracking day for everyone," said Barry. Entertainment on the day will include a bouncy castle, a speed goal, a brass band, a range of American vintage cars, football coaching, an army assault course, an archery demonstration, Tombola, face-painting and a coconut shy, while refreshments will be readily available. There'll also be a table top sale (£5 a table). Anyone

who'd like to get involved can contact Barry on 07864 718243, or email barrywaters212@msn.com Aycliffe FC are still inviting fans and residents to volunteer their services on matchdays for the 2012-13 season. The club are expected to announce a number of major developments this summer which will enable them to push on again after finishing ninth in their inaugural Northern League first division campaign. But they need more hands-on help on matchdays - anyone interested can contact secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501, or email stecunliffe@aol.com www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

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STUDENTS VISIT BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE SHOW

Last Friday a group of Woodham students were lucky enough to travel to Bishop Auckland College in order to visit the department of Music and Performing Arts.

The group of year 9 Drama students, who have all already opted for the subject at GCSE level, arrived at the college in time to see the Performing Arts students' production of the musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Among the cast performing on the day was Stacey Cant,

an ex-Woodham student who is now studying for the Performing Arts course at Bishop Auckland College.

The visit was a valuable experience for Woodham students, as it served to give an insight into the options available post-16. Several of the students who participated in the visit are hoping to pursue the Performing Arts on leaving Woodham.

They were keen to talk to members of the cast afterwards to find out more; as well as have photographs taken with the full-size model of Audrey II, the plant responsible for eating a large number of the characters as the show goes on! The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, particularly as it was reminiscent of Woodham's own successful performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors' which took place in March 2011.

Woodham students were keen to incorporate some of the skills and vibrancy seen on stage into their next musical production, coming up in 2013. Watch this space for more details!

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During this hour long session participants managed to collect an impressive 10 full bags of rubbish which included mainly windblown paper, bags, drinks cans and bottles. Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to extend their thanks to all participants who assisted in the clean up; in particular the members from St Mary’s school who gave up their spare time to assist in tidying up their local environment.

Labour’s Regulation of the Economy Was at Fault

Dear Sir,

I was bemused to read J.D. Clare’s letter headed “A Government Actively Destroying the North East“. Only two years into the Coalition Government’s term of office, does he really think the local electorate have such a short memory?

Can he not remember that when New Labour was elected they announced that, for the first two years in government, they would follow the previous Conservative Government’s spending plans?

Unfortunately, the outgoing Labour Chancellor did not leave the Coalition Government a similar, stable economy. Blame the banks if you want Councillor Clare; but it was the duty of the Labour Government to properly regulate the country’s economy and financial institutions. I blame the previous Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown.

Councillor Clare’s diatribe ignores the cause of the dire economic situation the Coalition Government is attempting to address and appears to suggest that the solution is to replace the current Coalition Government with a government by the party which oversaw the collapse of the banks and our economy.

New Labour had almost 10 years to address the perceived North-South divide, but, despite the fact that most of the north MPs were New Labour and the Prime Minister was Sedgefield’s MP, they made not one iota of difference. Instead they introduced tax credits and benefits to buy northern votes to ensure the continued support of the northern voters, regardless of their failures.

37% of the people in Newton Aycliffe are “workless” as a consequence of 10 years of New Labour Government policies, or lack of effective policies. Life expectancy in the North East is unlikely to have improved in two years of Coalition Government when New Labour DID NOT improve it in ten years.

The introduction of the minimum wage turned the North East into a low wage economy which suited New Labour as they could top-up wages with tax credits thereby buying votes with taxpayer’s money. Better still, instead of providing jobs in the North East, they gave benefits, ensuring that voters would not dare vote for a party that believes that those fit to work would be better served working.

I share Councillor Clare’s fears for the future of the North East given the dire straits New Labour left the economy in. However, I cannot accept his ‘headline’ and his insinuation that it is the Coalition’s policy to destroy the North East. The Coalition Government has allowed the train building project to be located on our trading estate. They would not have lost any votes if they had decided on locating it in a Conservative constituency in the south, as they could so easily have done.

Also, the New Labour Durham County Council has decided to forego the Coalition Government financial support for continuing weekly rubbish collection. That is, when the Coalition offers money New Labour turn it down!

As I was born in Scotland I appreciated Councillor Clare’s reference to the successes of the devolved Scottish Government in attracting new industries.

Prior to the rise of the SNP the majority of Scottish MPs were (Old) Labour and despite being in a majority still went to the ‘Westminster Village’ for handouts. Scotland has shaken off this Labour belief in rights without duty and is now competing on a level playing field.

When I first came to live in the North East I considered asking the SNP to put up candidates in the North East to challenge the Labour stranglehold which has been to the detriment of the North East for decades. I am still of the opinion that the North East has more in common with Scotland than it has with even a Labour London based Government and would be better served by throwing in its lot with Scotland.

Like Councillor Clare I do not offer solutions to the Labour created problems being faced by the North East. However, unlike Councillor Clare I firmly believe that returning to a New, or Old, Labour Government would be a complete disaster for the country as a whole and the North East in particular.

Labour’s stranglehold on North East politics for decades has not benefited the region, even when Labour were in Government and throwing taxpayer’s money around like confetti for circa. eight of almost ten years in Government.

It would appear that Councillor Clare thinks that the local electorate are unaware of the old adage, “once bitten, twice shy”. Perhaps, this is why he only insinuated a solution rather than offering one and ignored the causes. There again, you don’t hear the Fishmonger shouting, “stinking fish! stinking fish!”.

Alastair P. G. Welsh

Birthday Remembrance

TED SAVAGE 15-5-1930. I only wish there was a way that I could see you one more time. To thank you for the joy you brought into this life of mine. From Maureen and family

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ALICE SHELDON would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made her 60th Birthday weekend such a special time and memories never to be forgotten. Words can’t describe how shocked I was at all of the surprises at the weekend. Still in shock now, thank you everybody. Love you all so much. Xxxxx

Obituary

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Happy 50th Birthday
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Well Done Rachel Bennett



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MICHAEL PLASKETT Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Lots of love, Nanna Hazel xx

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Libbie Anderson



Congratulations Babe on coming 4th in your Freestyle Pairs and Rock n Roll with Reece, also qualifying for the Nationwide Comp in November. We are so proud of you and you sparkled on that dance floor. Lots of love and big hugs, Mammy and Stephen. Xxxx

To my big Sis, you are the best. Love you lots Flynn. Xxx

Well done to a dear Granddaughter on coming 4th in both of your Pairs in Blackpool and qualifying for the Nationwide Comp in November. Can’t wait to see you sparkle on that floor. Love always, Gran and Grandad. Xxxx

Well done darling on coming 4th in your Pairs with Reece in Blackpool and qualifying for the Nationwide in November. Wish we could have seen you, so proud of you and loved the costumes. Lots of love, Dad, Lyndsey, Morgan and Lewis. Xxxx

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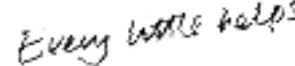
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The 2nd team had their third consecutive league game cancelled because of the recent inclement weather and have still yet to start a game this season. Aycliffe's second team will be hoping for better weather when they entertain Kibblesworth in their home game on Saturday 12th May. The club's under 11's team played their first game of the season, but lost by 36 runs away at Sedgfield. New Aycliffe captain, Dylan Tribley batted well and top scored with an excellent unbeaten 13 and he was given good support from Adam Lamb, who scored 7 runs. Nathan Parry was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 wickets for just 3 runs, including a wicket maiden and special mention must go to rookie wicket keeper Jack Lowery, who did a great job behind the stumps.

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