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## NEW MAYOR FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE



Councillor Val Raw is the new Mayor of Great Aycliffe after being elected to office for the second time at the Town Council AGM last Wednesday. She is shown here receiving her chain of office from retiring Mayor Mary Dalton. She said she was honoured to be chosen and would be prepared to visit Street Parties and other events over the Jubilee period and be available for special occasions in the community such as Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries, School and local organisation visits etc. Residents just need to contact Christine Ryder at the Town Council Offices, Tel: 300700. The Mayor will attempt to attend everything, diary engagements permitting. The Deputy Mayor is Counc. Barbara Clare who along with Mrs Pat Johnson will act as Consort. The Mayor has chosen to support Butterwick Hospice and local good causes during her year of office. John Clare proposed the vote of thanks to the past Mayor Mary Dalton who had given outstanding service to the town carrying out her duties with great

diplomacy and poise. He talked about the austerity we face now, but reminded those present that Mary and her late husband were survivors of much worse times after they met



Deputy Mayor Barbara Clare

during the 2nd World War when Reg, a Tank Driver, liberated her Dutch village. They came from the "finest hour" generation, fighting off Hitler and recovering from a devastating war. "It was an absolute honour to have you as Mayor" said John. The AGM voted for new committees and elected Bob Fleming as Leader and John Clare as his Deputy.

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## Family History Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Family History Society will take place on Wednesday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Church of The Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe. Everyone welcome.

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Our "Cutting Loose" shop in town is going fantastically well. It is run every week by a group of year 9 Greenfield students and our Cutting Loose artists, Sarah and Jilly. Enterprising items are being created in schools by young people in Aycliffe and craft items by local artists are also for sale in the shop. We are open every Tuesday, so feel free to come in and browse – you never know, you may just find that perfect gift!

Every week one of our local primary schools is taking part in a creative workshop to make props which they will perform with at the Cutting Loose event at the boating lake, West Park, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 12th July. This carnival celebration of live music, costume and dance will begin at 6pm and is FREE. The project is managed by Greenfield Community and Arts Centre and funded by GAMP AAP neighbourhood councillor's budget.

To find out more about our Cutting Loose event that takes place on Thursday 12th July, please visit our website for more details: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

## Rotary Club Raise Stroke Awareness



Rotary Club President, Alan Crawshaw, takes the test

The Rotary Club held a successful Stroke Awareness Day at Tesco last Saturday as part of a nationwide

campaign to alert people to have regular blood pressure tests.

Over 70 people took the test taken by Dan Thurwell from Bewick Crescent Pharmacy who kindly volunteered their services. For a few it was fortunate Dan was there to refer them to their doctor for treatment as further delay might have been serious.

Rotarian Geoff Batchelor, organiser of the event, thanked Tesco and Bewick Crescent Pharmacy for their co-operation in bringing the service to the townspeople and hope people who didn't take the opportunity will now be more aware of the need for regular testing. "Prevention is better than cure" said Geoff.

## Aycliffe Village Jubilee

The planting of a Jubilee Oak Tree will kickstart the weekend celebrations at Aycliffe Village on Friday 1st June.

Songs of Praise on The Green led by Rev. Julie Wing is on Sunday 3rd June at 6.30pm. The main event is on the Monday 4th June from 10am until 8.30pm with a full programme of events including a Jubilee Breakfast, Dancing, lunch, stalls, games, entertainment, sports, Cream Teas, and a Duck Race on the River. The day concludes at 6pm with 2½ hours of "Music on the Green"

Oak trees were planted on the Village Green to commemorate King George VI Coronation, some by Billy Blenkinsopp's father who was a Councillor. It was thought appropriate to invite the village's current Councillor Billy to plant an Oak Tree for the Queen's Jubilee. He accepted and thanked the villagers for the honour.

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# WOODHAM STUDENTS WIN APPRENTICESHIP WITH TALLENTS

A DOUBLE celebration was held at Woodham College after two dedicated students were awarded engineering apprenticeships. Woodham has been working closely with Tallent Automotive Ltd, of Aycliffe, to offer a vital first step onto the career ladder. Tallent specialise in world class design, development and manufacture of leading edge chassis, structural and suspension products for the global automotive industry. Student Joshua Scott won the recent Apprentice challenge, staged by the college for the fourth year. The competition challenges students along the lines of the popular BBC television series. Students were given tasks involving design ideas, maintenance, materials, cost awareness and marketing. A special assembly was held to announce the winner of the competition attended by the engineering



Young apprentices at an award assembly at Woodham College, (left), David Land, of Tallent, with students Joshua Scott, Gareth Clarkson and Head Teacher Christine Forsyth.

and Operations Director of Tallent, David Land. But in a surprise move David announced that runner up Gareth Clarkson would also be offered an apprenticeship with Tallent. Joshua, 15, of Newton Aycliffe, said: "I am over the moon. This is fantastic news. I am really happy. "It also means that I am sorted with a career before I have even left school which takes a lot of the worry

away about what I am going to do. I just can't wait to get started now." Both students have been offered contracts of employment to start work in September where they will begin a four year apprenticeship working in the different departments at Tallent. They will also be supported if they want to take a degree. David said: "We need young people to come into the world of engineering and working closely with the school gives us this opportunity. This is now eight apprentices we have had from the school and we are delighted with the quality of their work." Head Teacher Christine Forsyth said: "We are really proud of Josh and Gareth securing work with Tallent. It's well deserved, given their academic success together with a strong work ethic. It is fantastic that a prestigious company such as Tallent has found a place for not one but two students. "Employers need to be looking at ways to get young people into industry and we are delighted that Tallent supports our students in this way."

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

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## Heighington Fundraiser

The Christian Aid group in Heighington will hold a Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th May from 10am till 12 noon at the Vicarage, East Green (indoors if wet.). There will be a Raffle, Cake & Book Stall plus other attractions. Admission £2 to include Coffee or Tea and a scone.

## Free Family Film Show

Everyone is invited to a FREE showing at the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership Community Cinema. "SURF'S UP" will be showing on Saturday the 19th of May at Neville Parade Community Centre. Film starts at 2pm doors will open at 1:45pm. All members of the family are welcome, feel free to bring your own popcorn and refreshments! We look forward to seeing you there!!

## Youthy Showcase Event Well Supported

Despite being Cup Final day, a good number of people supported the acts in the Showcase of Aycliffe's Got Talent. Unfortunately, ill health, dance competitions, birthday parties and gigs prevented a number of acts taking part but there was still enough entertainment to make an excellent event. Kdanz, who provided judges delighted the audience with a non-stop 15 minute routine. The 20 strong group were first on the bill as they were heading off for another event. Sisters Alice and Emma Jordan were next on the bill. They had entered the competition separately but decided to join together to sing in the showcase. Chelsea Longstaff delighted the audience with her beautiful voice. She had been the "Best of the Rest" during the competition. The first half was concluded by Shanaya Z. Atkinson-Jones who was the worthy winner of the competition. The second half started with David Brittle, Head Judge, an excellent vocalist who entertained the audience and set the tone for the second half. Unfortunately nerves prevented Maia Dickson taking part but she had, during the intervals thrilled those who had stayed in the hall whilst she did her sound check. Maia is only 7 year old, and who knows, we may have a future winner in our midst. Another song from Chelsea and two more powerful songs from Shanaya drew the afternoon to a close. Joan Clark, Secretary of the Youth Centre thanked everyone for turning out. "There were 29 entrants in year one of the competition and I am thrilled so many youngsters wanted to take part.

## Councillor Calls for Action Following House Fire Tragedy

Dear Sir  
It is with great sadness I write, concerned by the death of Ann Bradshaw, killed in the house fire at Honister Place last Monday. I knew her for 30 years and she was a quiet, sensitive person who devoted her life to looking after her son Ian. I am sure everyone's thoughts and prayers will be for Ian and we must make sure a tragedy like this never happens again. To this end I am working with the Fire Service, Police, Residents' Associations and Neighbourhood Watch groups to focus on keeping our homes safe and ensuring everyone has a smoke alarm. I am sure there are still homes who do not have a smoke alarm fitted, yet these are free and easy to fit. Ring Fire Service HQ on 0191 3324 222

Please keep you and your children safe get a smoke alarm and attend meetings which keep you informed on how to keep yourselves safe in your home to prevent further tragedies. Councillor Enid Paylor

## Jubilee Party

Dear Sir,  
I will be holding a Diamond Jubilee Royal Garden Party at my home, 2 Thurlow Grove on Wednesday 6th June from 1 - 4pm. Light refreshments and afternoon tea will be served in a specially decorated garden. Admission is £2 for adults and 50p for children - all in aid of St. Clare's Church funds. Mrs. M. Duffin.

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From the years that were available to do St. Mary's chose 1967, the birth year of one their sewing group members. Events from that year were decided upon then each sewer set about completing a 'square'. Events depicted are Elvis' wedding, the birth of Radio 1 and the first colour broadcast on BBC 2. The 2.3m x 1.5m panel includes a cameo showing fashions of the year, the names of all sewers involved and a wren somewhere in each panel.

Sewers could work in either tapestry, embroidery, collage or a sewing of their choice. Everything must be sewed - no glue allowed. Each year was also given a colour theme of which 40% of fabric and thread had to be used and colour for 1967 was turquoise.

Once all sewing groups have completed their panel, they will be sent to Lavinia who will sew all panels together and hopefully the completed tapestry will tour the country so the work can be admired by sewers and non-sewers alike.

It will definitely be a sight to see and St Mary's RC Church Sewing Group wait with great anticipation to see the final tapestry in all its glory. They wish to thank Boyes in Newton Aycliffe for sponsoring them with thread and fabric.

# Nursery Fancy Dress Toddler



The staff and children at Playday Nursery held a sponsored fancy dress week which included a toddler around the local area of the nursery on Thursday 3rd of

May.

The sponsored event was part of our fundraising scheme to raise money to put patio doors into each of the baby units thus allowing direct access to their newly acquired garden.

This is part of our continuous commitment to improve quality and provision for the setting.

The nursery has already received heavy investment and undergone a huge refurbishment and upgrade of resources, including up to date ICT equipment for the toddler room and pre-school children as well as much more other equipment.

The nursery's secure outdoor play area has recently been extended and many high quality resources purchased

specifically for the toddler and pre-school children. The installation of patio doors will enable us to develop the outdoor play area further for the under 2's, creating a secure and stimulating

environment the babies can access directly.

For more information regarding the nursery contact Linda 01325 312050 or e.mail play.days@btconnect.com

## Students to Coach in America



This summer will truly be an exciting one for a group of Woodham College students. Four successful students are looking forward to a once in a lifetime opportunity to volunteer on a traditional American log cabin style summer camp, in New Hampshire, USA.

The programme, which has been developed by Woodham, enables 16 year olds to travel to, and coach at Camp Cody, a summer camp with almost 80 years of history. Situated on Lake Ossipee, students will live and work with campers from all over America, an opportunity usually only available to students aged 18 plus. The programme is the first of its kind in the UK.

The four lucky students, Hannah Johnson, Abigail Avery, Tyler Wales and Tom Bussey had to go through a strict application and interview process before they were selected to take part in the scheme.

They will spend their time coaching American children aged 7-15 in a multitude of activities including water skiing, wind surfing and kayaking, alongside the traditional sports of baseball, basketball and American Football. Not only will the students have the summer of a lifetime, but they will also develop essential leadership skills which will undoubtedly

see them continue to develop into successful, mature and dynamic individuals ready to realise their dreams and ambitions as young adults.

Students will be partaking in an advanced training programme in preparation for their departure in July, developing their coaching and leadership skills.

Jon Tait, Assistant Head Teacher and leader of the Coach USA programme, commented, "This is a wonderful and truly unique opportunity for our students. The benefit that this will have to them as young people cannot be underestimated. The summer will now be a great way to utilise their energy and enthusiasm for sport and helping young people".

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# WOODHAM STUDENTS BUILD HOVERCRAFT AT Q.E. COLLEGE

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington works closely with partner schools and with local industry and supports the Foundation for Jobs initiative.

As part of the College's on-going commitment to schools, industry and the town, an innovative project at QE has been set up to promote engineering, develop skills in maths and science and enthuse young people in their quest for knowledge.

Steve Hunnisett, Vice Principal at QE is leading the project and explains:

'We are working with Year 10 pupils from Woodham Technology College to design and build hovercrafts using sheets of insulation foam and fans from vacuum cleaners. Young graduate engineers from Mech-Tool and Cummins are helping and everyone is very excited by the progress being made. The Year 10's have combined their science, maths and practical skills with their imagination and the finished products are remarkable. We are hoping to do more in the future to highlight the profession of engineering and the career opportunities that are available. Creating hovercrafts has really linked the classroom with the world of work.'

Chetan Kotur, a former QE student, (now at Loughborough University) and undergraduate placement engineer at Cummins has helped with the project. He comments:

'It's been great coming back to QE and helping. I've enjoyed supporting the pupils from DSMS and Woodham and think that they have learned a lot. I really hope that more people consider engineering as a career - there are some fantastic, exciting opportunities out there!'



14 year old James Beal from Woodham sums up: 'We've learned how to work together as a team. Building a hovercraft has been an enjoyable educational experience - even the physics has been fun!' For further information please contact Anita Blackburn at College on 01325 461315.

## Peacocks Store Remains Open

Dear Sir,  
I write on behalf of Peacocks Stores in the Town Centre to personally thank all of our loyal customers for their support over the past few months when the company passed through difficult times.

We are delighted that Peacocks has been bought by The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Group and will remain open in Newton Aycliffe.

A big thnak you again and we look forward to welcoming you very soon.

Clare Burn  
Store Manager

## Support for YMCA Shop

Newton Aycliffe YMCA Shop would like to thank all our donating customers throughout National Donations Week by giving something back. For every sack of donations given we will give a £1 voucher for you to spend instore.

Why not have a clear out for the upcoming Bank Holiday, and treat yourself to something from our summer range of clothing, or a book for your holiday starting from just 99p! The offer runs until 26th of May, don't delay donate today.

## Classic Vehicles Display in Aycliffe

THERE'S a great day out in store for all the family in Newton Aycliffe on Sunday 27th May when classic and vintage vehicles go on display. The show will take place in the car park of the Scouts Club from 10am to 4pm and will feature vehicles from around the region.

The event is organised by "The Northern Bygones Society" (TNBS) - a club which was set up last year, and which is open to anyone who is interested in vintage or classic vehicles or indeed any vintage collectables. It's free to see the show or to enter a vehicle in it. Entries are welcomed from TNBS members and non-members alike.

Paul Jackson, TNBS Founder, said: 'We're delighted to be coming to Newton Aycliffe's Scouts Club. This is a great opportunity for older people to take a trip down memory lane and for younger one's it's a wonderful chance to see some pieces of living history. It's a great event for all the family - why not make a day of it and visit Newton Aycliffe Scouts Club.

The Scouts are selling hotdogs, bacon and sausage butties, curries, spaghetti Bolognese, cakes, scones, tea, coffee and juice. There will also be a table top sale, and a tombola. For more information about the show contact Paul Jackson on 31283 or 07968 367438, or visit www.northernbygones.org.uk



## COUNCILLOR LEADS PLANS FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN WESTERN AREA

A planning meeting for Jubilee Celebrations (Tuesday 5th June) is to be held Monday 21st May at 6pm at Silverdale House. Please come and volunteer your help. The Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place is signposted off Burnhill/Williamfield Way. The celebrations will starting at 10am going on until 4pm or perhaps later, depending on the weather.

KDO Disco will entertain you, plus Bouncy Castle, Face Painter, Community Games with lots of fun. Hot food will be served until 3pm at reasonable prices. There will be a FREE tea served from 3.30pm. Tickets will be given out throughout the day.

All residents from Silverdale, Langdale, Eskdale, Honister, Kirkstone, and Whinlatter are all invited along with their friends. Bring your own table and chairs as we have a limited supply.

We need Volunteers to carry out and help with this community event - many hands make light work, so please come forward to help. Contact Cllr Dorothy Bowman on 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

## Another Successful Swimathon



The town's Boys Brigade team before they swam in the annual Swimathon organised by Rotary and Lions clubs in the area. The event usually raises around £10,000 from sponsorship raised by the many organisations entering teams. It was held at Spennymor Leisure Centre last Sunday 13th May and ran throughout the day.

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## Councillor Complains About Bus Service

### Open Letter to Bus Company

Dear Sir,  
I am a "Great Aycliffe Independent" Councillor on Great Aycliffe Town Council representing the constituents of the West Ward of the Council. The West Ward covers the area of Newton Aycliffe bordered by Burnhill Way, Williamfield Way and School Aycliffe.

I was very concerned when boarding the No. 16 bus at Burnhill Way on my way to Stanhope Park, Darlington to find the service may end at the end of the year, and that a petition was being passed round the bus for passengers to sign.

I was very concerned to see the number of my constituents who had signed this petition.

My concern centres round the fact that we in Aycliffe feel powerless as Great Aycliffe Town Council has not been informed by either Unitary Councils, so any concerns Aycliffe residents may have are not heard.

When the route was revised to no longer serve Darlington Memorial Hospital I was concerned for my constituents as this was the only bus from Aycliffe to the hospital but representations to the relevant Councils had

no effect.

As withdrawal of this service would be detrimental to many people in Newton Aycliffe I would welcome your comments and any suggestions you may have as to how we can become involved. Many of those I know prefer the comfort and cleanliness of your busses and the courteousness of your drivers to that of the primary bus provider in this area.

Councillor W. Curtis  
Great Aycliffe  
Town Council

## SHOP WEEK

Next week from 10:30am till 12 noon each morning Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall will hold shopping events:

Monday 21st May : Body Shop & Craft Stall  
Tuesday 22nd May : Home Care Clothing  
Thursday 24th May : Avon Products

Friday 25th May: Coffee Morning / Book Sale

Please come along and grab yourself a bargain EVERYONE WELCOME All proceeds to the residents' funds.

## SUN SHINES ON OPTIONS CLUB ACTIVITY TRIP

A group of local adults with learning and physical disabilities recently enjoyed a trip to Keppleway Activity Centre at the Lake District.

11 members and 4 support staff from the Options project, based within the Pioneering Care Centre, had a great time in glorious sunshine while Aycliffe suffered a weekend of torrential rain.

The Options project is managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) and aims to provide a range of social and educational activities whilst promoting independence, integration and personal development.

The Options project also enables carers to have some short-term respite and longer-term when members have developed daily living

and independence skills, thus reducing carers tasks.

Carol Wood, PCP Business Development Director says "We offer support and opportunities to disabled individuals to enable them to achieve their personal goals. All of our members are encouraged to get involved in sport and fitness activities and we provide opportunities for them to take part in healthy lifestyle activities and courses throughout the year.

It is with thanks to local fundraising and donations that Options members get to enjoy at least one weekend break and several social/educational visits per year. Also our thanks go to volunteers Tara Gardiner and John Mason for giving up



their weekend to support this trip. The activity weekends enable our members to experience new challenges." Options are open to members 4 days a week, sessions usually run from 10 am until 3pm.

There is also a social club on a Thursday evening every fortnight at the Pioneering Care Centre for Options members and non-members.

For further information about Options please contact the PCP at Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF or call 321234, email enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit pcp.uk.net.

## Running Club News

Keswick Half Marathon on 6th May 2012 was the chosen race for three Aycliffe Running Club members.

This race is often described as one of the most scenic half marathons in the country and is considered by some to be a 'trail race on the roads'. It is a circular route starting in the village of Portinscale, takes in a loop around Littleton in the Newlands Valley, skirts the foot of Catbells, over the bridge at Grange and then follows the lake back to the Rugby club at Keswick.

After a downpour just before the start of the race the running conditions were quite good. First back for Aycliffe was Peter Milburn in 1:34:06, followed by Sue Milburn in 1:52:47 then Trish Kay 1:53:36.

Excellent times for all on a very challenging course.

## SEND YOUR MOBILE PHOTO TO NEWTON NEWS

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# Mayor's Charity Raised £6,365



Newton Aycliffe Air Training Corps

In her final speech Mary Dalton said it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor. It had been an absolute pleasure to represent Great Aycliffe Council on many occasion on and off the town. The highlights included the Freedom of the Town ceremony bestowed on 124 REME Recovery (TA) Unit and the Remembrance Parade and Service. Mary thanked Councillors and staff for their support with special thanks to her son Michael who acted as consort, and also those who deputised for him while he was ill. Before handing over the chain of office Mary presented cheques to charities she chose to support during her year. A.B.F. Soldiers Charity £4,865 (this included £2,250 match funding given by Barclays from the Civic Ball fundraising) Friends of Senior Citizens £300, Newton Aycliffe MIND £300, New Friends, New Places Club £300, Church & Community Childrens Choir £300, 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Sqn. A.T.C. £300.



Peter Beaty from Friends of Senior Citizens



George Crozier from the 124 REME Company



Newton Aycliffe MIND



Newton Aycliffe Children's Community Choir



Newton Aycliffe New Faces, New Places Club



The new Mayor presented Mary with a memento of her year.

# QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY TO RAISE FUNDS

A local group of ladies, who are set to run the Darlington Race for Life in June, are giving their fundraising a kick start by organising a Queen's Garden Party event to be held at Heighington Village Hall, on Saturday 26th May, from 7.30pm onwards.

Taking the theme of the Diamond Jubilee, the event will include live entertainment from local band "Corridor Pass", which will be followed by a disco. All proceeds from the evening will go towards Cancer Research.

You are invited to bring your own drinks and should you wish to get really into the theme, your own picnic food to enjoy on the evening.

All are welcome to come along, so get dressed up in your Garden Party glad rags for an evening of fundraising fun. Entry is £5 on the door, or tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Shelley on

07816838423.

The Race for Life is due to take place on Sunday 10th June at Darlington South

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 <b>Harebell Meadows</b> Woodham Village 3 bedroomed detached house, unfurnished with carpets, curtains, appliances & furniture. Hall, kitchen/diner, lounge, French doors to garden, WC, 1st floor: 1 double & 1 single bedroom, family bathroom/WC; 2nd floor: master bedroom with en suite shower/WC. Gas CH, garden, parking. Rent £625 pcm	 <b>Hawkshead Place</b> Newton Aycliffe Modern 3 bedroomed terraced house, unfurnished with carpets, curtains, appliances & furniture. Hall, kitchen/diner, lounge, French doors to garden, WC, 1st floor: 1 double & 1 single bedroom, family bathroom/WC; 2nd floor: master bedroom with en suite shower/WC. Gas CH, garden, parking. Rent £660 pcm	 <b>Pemberton Road</b> Newton Aycliffe Refurbished 2 bedroomed detached house, unfurnished with carpets, curtains/blinds, gas CH, entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, breakfast kitchen, 1 double & 1 single bedroom, upstairs bathroom/WC with overhead shower. Gas CH, garden & parking. Rent £475 pcm.

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## Old Skool Dance Fitness

A new 'Old Skool Dance Fitness' session has started on a Thursday night at 7.30pm at St. Clare's Hall for those people who want a good old fashioned keep fit style dance class with hula hoops and skipping ropes using music through the decades.

The ladies who come say they enjoy singing along to the tunes while having a giggle using the skipping ropes and hula hoops.

The session is £3.50 but as a special offer if they join both the Zumba and Old Skool it's just £5.

Contact details 0786 1747681 email dance crazykidz@hotmail.co.uk

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE'S MAYOR 2012/2013

Councillor Val Raw was elected as Mayor of Great Aycliffe at the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on the 9th May 2012.

Val has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 40 years and has been a Councillor since 1999. Now retired she enjoys spending time with her family and friends and helping with her younger grandchildren.

The Mayor's chosen charities for her year in office are the Butterwick Hospice, Local Town Organisations and a donation to help Soldiers to cope with psychological problems when returning from war zones.

Photo: by S.J. Allison



## 65yr OLD WOMAN DIES IN HOUSE FIRE

A joint investigation by County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service and Durham Constabulary is under way after a 65 year old Ann Bradshaw died following a fire at her home in Honister Place.

The Fire & Rescue Service received a 999 call at 12.47pm on Monday 14th May reporting a fire in the terraced house with Ann and her Son Ian trapped in the premises.

Four fire appliances attended, the first of which arrived within four minutes of the initial call. Firefighters found the property ablaze but quickly rescued 37 year old Ian via ladder from an upstairs window. Firefighters forced their way in to the house and rescued Ann from an upstairs room.

Both were taken to Darlington Memorial Hospital by North East Ambulance Service where Ian remained under observation. Sadly his Mother died in hospital.

Area Manager Andy Hopkinson stated: "This tragic loss of life is deeply

saddening and our thoughts are with the family and friends at this time. This is the second fatal house fire in County Durham in as many months and I strongly urge people to ensure they have a working smoke alarm fitted on every level of their home.

Please don't forget your friends, relatives or neighbours, particularly those who are vulnerable such as the elderly or who live alone - do they have a working smoke alarm?"

To arrange a Home Fire Safety Visit (includes fitting a free smoke alarm) for a vulnerable person you know, please call us on 0191 3324222 or visit our

website [www.ddfire.gov.uk](http://www.ddfire.gov.uk)

Remember the following fire safety advice:

- You are twice as likely to die in a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm
- Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home
- Test your smoke alarm regularly and never leave it without batteries
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances, unless designed to be left on - like freezers, before bed
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### NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are hoping to start a Kurling Club for disabled people who will be able to enjoy the sport sitting in a chair. This is scheduled to commence 2nd July from 9.30 - 11.30 am. To show interest ring Peter on 313924. The cost is only £2 per session.

Free Family Film Show, Sat 19th May at 2pm. "Surf Up".

On Jubilee Day 5th June we have a full day's programme of events. To help we need two people to dress up as Mickey Mouse. To cater for 150 children we need volunteers to make butterfly cakes. If you can help please ring 313924.

If you live in Councillor Iveson or Counc Moran's wards you can collect FREE Afternoon Tea Tickets for your family, courtesy of the Councillors. On Sunday 3rd June we are showing the Queen's Flotilla down the Tahmes on a large screen TV from 2-6pm. Admission is £2 with Tea and cake. Ring to book.

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## Charity Rock Night

A Charity Rock Night to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance Service on Friday 25th at Shildon Civic. Doors open at 6.30pm with the first band starting at 7.30pm. Three local bands will be playing - "My Downfall", "The Hangmen" and "Transplant Research". There will be a charge of £2.50 per person with all proceeds donated to the GNAAS. The Civic are not charging for room hire and the bands are playing for free.

In addition we are going to have a raffle so I would please ask that if you have any contact details for any local companies who may be able to donate a prize, to contact the undersigned.

We would like to raise as much money as possible. The GNAAS was chosen as the charity because as a motorcycle instructor Phil has met many bikers and knows how valuable the service is, and how many of his friends' lives it has saved. All information about the event can be found on my

blogpost: <http://smilernpb.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/charity-event-rock-night.html> or ring Phil on 07976 538958.

## Community Safety Meeting

Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale House Silverdale Place will hold a Community Safety meeting on Thursday 24th May at 6pm.

Members of the Fire Service, Police and Livin will be attending. Residents from Silverdale, Langdale, Eskdale Honister, Kirkstone, Eskdale and Whinlatter Place and surrounding areas are invited. Councillor Dorothy Bowman and Councillor Enid Paylor welcome you to this meeting.

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## Woodham CAD/CAM Education Centre



Woodham has been extremely fortunate to obtain a range of Computer Aided Manufacturing Equipment from Gateshead City Learning Centre to further develop our manufacturing provision.

This includes a large format CNC router, large format 3D milling machine, 3D scanner and a 3D printer. We are developing our provision at the school to equip students with the skills to compete for high tech jobs within our local industrial park and beyond.

The new equipment will enable students to develop their design methodology, fully incorporating industrial practices within their designs and final product. The Design and Technology department at Woodham actively encourages all students to use 2D and 2D Computer Aided Design software.

This expertise is developed from an early age, when they enter the college in year 7. The expansion of Digital Design and Technology work will allow Woodham to expand its provision and

support other schools.

Dave Spensley, Director of Aycliffe Fabrications, says, "The new manufacturing facility at Woodham will enable students to have a greater understanding of modern manufacturing. This will have a massive advantage from an employer's point of view, especially with the likes of Hitachi around the corner".

The college is also a North East Support Centre for Digital Design and Technology which helps develop the curriculum and gives support for secondary schools across the North of England.

In collaboration with Sunderland University, we have previously developed teacher training, combining electronics in Textiles and electronics within Product Design. Manufacturing and engineering are key factors in determining our country's future economic growth. At Woodham, students will develop the transferable skills to allow them to shape our future for years to come.

## Some Pot Holes Filled - Resurfacing 1 - 2 Years!



Dear Sir,

Thank you for publishing our letter highlighting our concerns about Langdale Place and other low usage roads in our town.

On the day of publication of your newspaper - 27th April some work was done in Langdale Place, but as you can see from this new set of photographs it is only a temporary measure, and the road will continue to deteriorate.

We continue to travel Oakfield, and see that no work has been done, and the road remains in a

deplorable condition, as shown by the resident who responded to our original letter, the same as Honister Place as pointed out by another resident.

Could we ask our Ward Councillors to inspect these roads, and bring this matter to a meeting at their earliest opportunity?

We have been in contact with the Highways Action Line, and have received a response from the Highways Superintendent with a promise of a resurface in 2013/14.

Is this soon enough!  
J W Hogg (Mr)

## JOIN KAREN, SHEILA, MICK . . .

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We are also proud to be one of the few organisations nationwide to have achieved Investors in People Gold standard. Our assessor said: "Leadership and management is a key strength of Reach Out Care . . . people are dedicated, enthusiastic, passionate and totally committed to the agency and its carers and children, evidenced by the willingness of people to go the extra mile and how the core values are at the centre of everything they do." "

To us, that was one of the best things he could have said!

The other evening our fostering manager Lynne Brown left our offices late after a fostering panel meeting. "I headed home with a smile on my face," she said. "Three small children

had been placed with us earlier in the evening, and our social workers and the teenage children of our carers did a quick shop for pyjamas, clothes, and toothbrushes. These three children were safe, clean, fed and settled ... now, that's job satisfaction!"

*"I can't imagine doing anything else but fostering - I love it!"*  
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## JUNIOR TOURNAMENT CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Unfortunately NAJFC had to cancel the scheduled football tournament at Woodham CTC at short notice due to the persistent rainfall. Despite the organiser/manager/helpers being armed with pitch forks and brushes on the Friday afternoon the rain and hail continued.

The safety of the children was paramount in the late decision at 5pm Friday to postpone the tournament. Woodham CTC were very understanding and accommodating in allowing the tournament to now take place on Saturday 16th June from 10am.

Apologies and thank you also to Walkers Butchers/Tesco in their understanding of the need to cancel the sandwich & buns order at the last minute at no cost to the club. Further details will be posted nearer the date. Lastly a big thank you to all those who have helped out and attended various meeting in the run up to the tournament, all done voluntarily for the young football players.

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Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.  
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## BIKE WINNER



Our Easter Super Sports Skills Bike Draw winner was Jessica aged 5 from School Aycliffe. Outgoing Mayor Mary Dalton presented Jessica with her new bike on Tuesday 8th May. For your chance to win a new bike get involved in our Summer Half Term Super Sports Skills programme. For further information visit our website [www.great-aycliffe.gov.co.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.co.uk) to book your place please contact our Reception on 01325 300600.

## STUDENTS SUPPORT PE TEACHER AT NEWCASTLE ARENA

Students from Woodham Community Technology College enjoyed a night at Newcastle United's Sports Direct Arena watching their PE teacher, Mr Clough, in a match featuring Team Northumbria and Newcastle United Reserves in the final of the Northumberland Senior Cup Final.

Mr Clough plays for Team Northumbria who have had an extremely successful season in the STL Northern League 2nd division finishing as Champions. Team North have also been involved in the Ernest Armstrong Memorial 2nd Division Cup final and have the potential of reaching the league cup final if they beat Spennymoor in the upcoming semi final on Saturday 18th.

The game itself was an absolute thriller from start to finish; Newcastle United first team players such as James Tavernier, Tamas Kadar and Mehdi Abeid were included in Newcastle's starting 11 demonstrating how seriously they were taking the occasion.

The score after normal time finished at 4-4 with Team North's goals coming from Peter Watling, Daniel Riley and 2 for Tom Davies, which resulted in extra time being played. During extra time it was evident that both teams had tired legs.

Team North in particular were running on empty, having used all 3 subs, but they held strong



for penalties. This is an astonishing achievement for a side that is primarily made up of University students and semi professional footballers and as it stands currently, nine leagues below Newcastle United. Such was the way Mr Clough and his team mates played, reserve team coach of Newcastle Peter Beardsley came into the changing rooms at the end of the tie to heap praise upon Team Northumbria.

## FITNESS AFTER 50

Starting at Woodham Community Centre on Wednesday 23rd May from 10-11am. A one hour session for over 50's with gentle exercise to promote fitness and wellbeing. Call David to book your place on 316144 - Cost of session £1.50p

## AYCLIFFE SECURE FRIENDLY AGAINST SUNDERLAND

Town MP Phil Wilson says he's relishing the pre-season friendly match between Newton Aycliffe and Premier League giants Sunderland - calling it a "major coup for the town".

Aycliffe will welcome a Black Cats XI to Moore Lane Park on Friday 20th July (kick-off 7.30pm) in what is expected to be the biggest game ever played at their ground.

The Newtonians, who finished ninth in their first Northern League campaign last season have previously entertained Darlington in high-profile pre-season fixtures.

Although they hope to continue with a third successive friendly with their near-neighbours this summer, the attraction of Sunderland provides a major event for the club.

Phil Wilson, Aycliffe's President, said: "It's fantastic news, not just for the football club, but also for the town. As I've said before, the football club has helped to put Newton Aycliffe on the map, and this high-profile friendly will only increase that".

Aycliffe officials are now busy preparing for this large-scale event and plan to meet with Aycliffe Town Council,

local councillors and the local police to make sure adequate parking provisions are made to accommodate an anticipated large crowd.

Manager Allan Oliver added: "Yet again, this game shows just how far this club has come in the last few years. We were playing against the Dog and Duck four years ago, now we have a magnificent new ground, we're holding our own in the Northern League first division, we've welcomed FA Cup and FA Vase football to Moore Lane Park in the last 12 months and we have some of the biggest average attendances for this level of football in the country.

"We're notching things up a level again with a pre-season friendly against Sunderland, one of our two North-East Premier League neighbours, and it promises to be a huge game for the club and a special occasion for the town."

Aycliffe's biggest games previously have been pre-season friendlies with Darlington, which attracted 1,307 two years ago and 822 last summer.

A second division tie against Darlington RA in March last year fetched 567, while 379 watched an FA Vase

tie at home to Shildon last September.

Aycliffe will announce more details about the Sunderland friendly, such as admission prices and parking provisions, in due course.

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 further.

But they need more hands-on help on matchdays - anyone interested in getting involved can contact secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501, or email [stecuncliffe@aol.com](mailto:stecuncliffe@aol.com) [www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk)

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Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training had their game washed out away at Beamish and the club's 2nd team were unable to host Kibblesworth as the ground at Moore Lane was flooded. The under 13's home cup match versus Darlington was also a victim to the weather. However, Newton Aycliffe's under 18's team did manage to play their first game of the

season and were unluckily defeated away at Evenwood in a game that went right to the last over and a result that could have gone either way. Batting first on a very soft wicket, Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings and finished their allotted 20 overs at 66 for 9, with captain Michael Howe scoring 27 and Sam Telford hitting 12. In reply Aycliffe bowled and field superbly

to try to defend such a small total and deserved full credit for taking the game into the final over. James Layfield-Carroll had the excellent bowling figures of 1 for 4 from his 4 overs and was given good support from Dan Weldon, who finished with 1 for 11 and Thomas Gledhill (1 for 17) as the home side reached their winning target for the loss of four wickets.

Take part in a variety of football activities which are kicking off across County Durham this summer. On the Ball features football leagues, coaching camps and fitness sessions for all ages and abilities and the activities are taking place at Durham County Council's leisure centres. The On the Ball 5 A-Side Football Leagues offer weekly fixtures for adult men's and women's teams - there's also

a special over 35's men's league. There is a choice of sessions, both indoors and out and the matches will be professionally refereed. Each league will have fantastic weekly and seasonal championship prizes. Kids can get in on the action too. School and local clubs can join the On the Ball Junior Leagues for ages 11 to 16 years. At the weekly indoor football sessions, qualified staff will be on hand to support the talents of young players, encouraging healthy competition as well as the development of new skills. For even more in-depth tutoring, a budding star, school or youth group can take part in the On the Ball Junior Skills Coaching and Camps. These tailor made football sessions will help build confidence in even the newest and youngest players. The holiday camps will also create a fun and exciting learning experience for children between six and nine years. Football fans who want to improve their fitness levels can take part in the On the Ball Football Fitness sessions. The classes are football-themed circuit training sessions which are suitable for both beginners and intermediate levels. Led by fully qualified football coaches, the classes will be great for both personal and team training. Durham County Council's strategic manager for sport and leisure, Julie Russell said: "With professionally managed and refereed matches, our fully inclusive On the Ball leagues will offer an exciting and challenging environment to play competitive football with excellent weekly and seasonal prizes." Registration for the leagues starts on Thursday, 10 May. The action will kick off on Monday, 18 June across the county in Aycliffe Leisure Centre. For more information about the On the Ball Football Leagues, Junior Skills Coaching and Camps or Football Fitness call 03000 266 442 visit [www.durham.gov.uk/ontheball](http://www.durham.gov.uk/ontheball) or ask a member of staff at the leisure centre.

## J&C COACHES

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**South Shields**  
 Thursday 26th July 2012 - 9.00am / 5.00pm  
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**Bury's 'World Famous' Market**  
 Saturday 28th July 2012 - 8.00am / 5.00pm  
 £15.00 Adult - £13.00 Child/Senior  
**Redcar**  
 Tuesday 31st July 2012 - 9.00am / 4.00pm  
 £7.50 Adult - £6.50 Child/Senior - Family of 4 £20.00  
**Whitby Regatta**  
 Saturday 18th August 2012 - 9.00am / 6.00pm  
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## TOWN JUNIOR BOXERS MAKE THE GRADE



On Tuesday the 4th of May the Mayor Mary Dalton and Editor of the Newton News Mr Syd Howarth visited Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club to present awards to students from the junior section. Scarlott Fairhurst, Jasmine Fulton, Holly Cockerill, Callum Bell, Jack McVay, Harry Cockerill, James Lepoidevin, Joseph Kellett, Josh Lupton, Josh Bell, Connor Bamber, Luke Kellett, Mathew Sutherland and Nathan Precious all received awards for stance and mechanics of boxing. Damon Glendinning, Connor Bamber and James Lepoidevin received awards for reaching the standard of sparring and Competition. Three boxers, Harry Condren, Kieran Jewett and Luke Bell were awarded their final certificates

for reaching National Championship Standard which Kieran was narrowly beaten in the Final. Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club train at Acorn House, Durham Way North, Aycliffe Business Park, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Evening from 6pm for juniors and 7pm for 16 and over, and Saturday morning from 10am to 12noon. Aycliffe Boxers will be performing in the ring on Friday 25th May at the Newton Aycliffe WMC, if you would like to come along and support your local boxing club in a fantastic atmosphere you can purchase a ticket for £10 or take a risk on the night for £12. Ring Les Gibson 01325 313 855 or A.B.A. TAXIS 01325 308 830 for tickets or information.

## Parked Cars Vandalised

On Wednesday 9th May between and 8.00am and 2.00pm a number of cars parked in the Cobblers Hall shopping precinct were deliberately keyed, leaving deep scratches in the paintwork which will cost £100's to repair. One of the victims was a Care Worker from Rose Lodge who now faces a large bill and as she is on minimum wage falls very hard on her. If you know who was responsible please contact the Police on 0345 6060365 or 101

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## EX GREENFIELD STUDENT STARTS NEW BUSINESS



Andrew (left) with Wayne Richardson

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The supply chain is key to providing the capability of offering a complete supply package of products and services to the Construction, Building Trades, DIY, Industrial and Commercial sectors. Andrew said: "We have worked hard to establish a blue chip supply chain and we are now in a position to provide our customers with material supplies, plant and tool hire as well as outsourced purchasing support."

Renewable energy company, Revolution Power of Newton Aycliffe, became Andrew's first customer with the supply of Kingspan Kooltherm K3 Floorboard Insulation for a School contract. MD Wayne Richardson said: "We are pleased to have Single Source Supply on board as a supplier. If we have problems finding products, we know a call to Single Source Supply will speed up the process. They have become an extension of our own procurement function." From their base in Shildon, Single Source Supply aim to become the single source of supply to their chosen market

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# Emergency General Meeting of Carers

Sedgefield Locality Carers Centre is hosting an EGM on Friday 15th June 2012, to be held at the Youth

Centre, starting at 2pm. This is an open meeting to which any interested parties are invited to attend.

On 28.9.11 the decision was made to merge with the four other carers charities in County Durham and this EGM is part of the formal procedures needed to complete the merger.

The Steering Group have recommended that the charities merge together using the existing charity number of the Sedgefield Locality Carers Centre. This EGM is to formally receive the assets and liabilities of Durham Dales Action for Cares, Durham & Chester le Street Carers Support, Easington District Carers Support, and Derwentside Carers Centre. The meeting will also formally agree the change of name to Durham County Carers Support and the area of benefit

Following the formal business meeting there will be a celebration of the work that all involved, trustees, staff and volunteers, have done in getting the charity to where it is today and to toast the future success of the new organisation.

Please ring Jacqui Coulson on 01325 313123 if you would like to come along. Thank you.

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### Thank You

**VICKY WILLIAMSON** would like to say a huge thank you to all my family and friends for making my 40th birthday party a truly memorable night and for all the cards and gifts received. Also a very special thanks to Sue, Darren, Nic, Craig, Ann and my parents for all their help. Lastly thank you to the staff at the Navy Club and a massive thanks to Saffron of "Love Thy Cupcake" for the PacMan cake, 'Genius' xxx  
**AYCLIFFE** Dance Academy family and friends would like to thank Honest John and the public for kindly raising £500 for this year's show costume fund. Your help and support is much appreciated.

**PAULINE & BRUCE** 12th May 2012. Would like to thank family and friends for the lovely gifts and cards received on their Wedding Day. Thank you to all for sharing our lovely day with us xxx

#### Paige Spensley



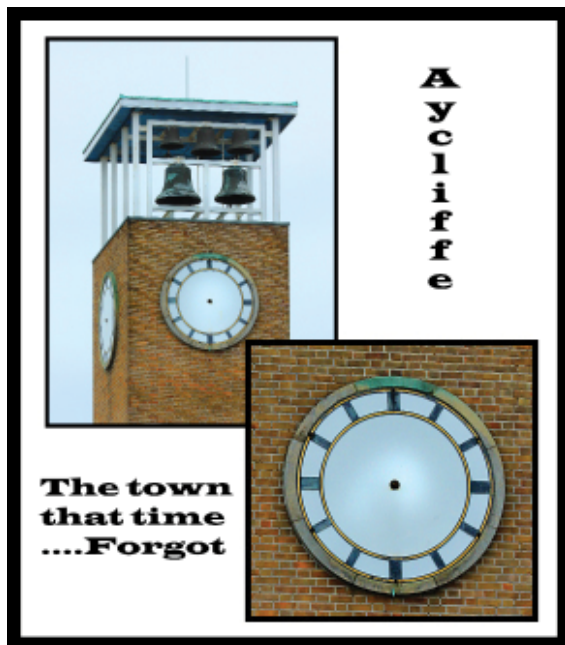
Would like to thank everyone who made her 10th birthday party the best and to all her family and friends for all the lovely cards, gifts and money

## Town Council Accept Normandy Veteran's Banner

The Normandy Veterans are nearly all deceased and those remaining are finding it difficult to attend meetings. As dissolution of the Association approaches they have asked the Town Council if they can lay up their banner in the Council Chamber as a gesture of thanks for the support they gave to the Veterans.

The Council gratefully accepted and saw it as a great honour.

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



This photo was sent in by Chris Race summing up his feelings about the town centre and our broken clock. The good news is we have assurances the iconic timepiece will be repaired very soon!

### Congratulations

#### Abby Swainston



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
18th May 2012

**Happy 18th** birthday to our gorgeous Daughter Abby. Hope you have a great weekend. Love always, Mam and Dad xx

**Happy 18th** birthday Sis. Have a great day. Love, Holly xx

**Happy 18th** birthday to my Granddaughter. Lots of love, Gran and Pippy xx

**To Abby** Have a great 18th birthday. Love, Auntie Annie and Uncle Bob xx

#### Andy Burnham



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Andy

22nd May 2012  
You haven't changed one bit!!! Have a fantastic birthday, love you loads, Mam, Dad and Becca xxx

#### Debbie McMullen



**Happy Birthday**  
Sweetheart

25th May 2012  
**Happy Birthday**, sorry you will be in hospital for it, but celebrate once you feel better. Love from Mam xxx

#### Geordie Watkins



**Happy 65th Birthday** to the best Husband, Dad and Grandad. Have a great day. Love from Linda, Darren, Beverley, Leigh-Ann, Millie and Poppy Dog xxxx

### Wanted

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### Birthday Remembrance

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**TOM WILSON** 22nd May 1930. No cards or presents to give, just our love always. From your Daughters and families

**TREVOR PLASKITT** 22nd May 1941. Always in our hearts. Love, Wife Valerie; Daughters Shirley and Julia; Sons Adam and Jayson; Grandchildren Jonathan, Maxine, Louis, Mia, Family and Friends. God bless xxx

### In Memoriam

**DOREEN ROGERSON** 10th August 1941 to 19th May 2011. It is now a year since you passed away. You are missed so much every day. You will be my soul mate forever. Loved you so much, Ron. Also from Diane, David, Tim, Stella, Zara and Scarlet - miss you so much

**LOUISE CUNNINGHAM** 23rd May, 2010. Another year has passed without you in our lives. Treasured memories of you are always with us every day. Sadly missed and loved always. Dave and Steven

**TOM WILSON** 19th May 2001. Remembering a loving Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, who we miss and love every day. Love always from your Daughters and families

**DENNIS CHENTRENS** 1924-2005. Dad. We miss you more than words can say, still loved and remembered every day. Love from your daughters, Margaret, Doreen and Denise x  
**SPENCER CLARKE** Sadly taken from us on 14th May 2008. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, someone too special to ever forget. Years pass by but you are truly missed and thought of each day. Love from Grace and all the family x

**JESSICA SMITH** 21st May. Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Lots of love from Mam, Gemma, Mick and Max xxx

**CHARLOTTE ALLEN** (18th May 2012). Happy 16th birthday Charlotte. All our love, Grandma and Grandad xxx

**DEBBIE McMULLEN** 24th May 2012. Happy 50th Mam. Love ya lots. Chase and Linzi xxx

**DEBBIE McMULLEN** 24th May 2012. Happy birthday to the best Nana. Lots of love, Ocean-Tia and Colby xxx

**CHESTER SOUTH** Happy 21st birthday. May all your dreams come true. With all our love, Mum, Dad and Regen xxx



## NEW FUN COURSES FOR ALL AGES

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Thursday 4-5pm our Mini Dance Mat Fun with parents, for 4-7 year olds bring Mum, Dad, Grandparents or Aunties and Uncles and see who can do the best moves on the Dance mats.

On Wednesday's 5-6pm we have something for all you teenagers aged 12-15 years come and see how fit you are at our Teen Dance Mat Circuit class, keep fit on the Dance mats as well as doing various circuit training exercises around the room. All the above are only £1.00 per session and are taken by our In house coaches Kirri and Stephen. What else can you do for only £1.00? So come along and join in the fun.

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The McCain 2012 UK Young Athletes League is held over many regions in England and Wales, and athletes from Shildon R & AC travelled to Hexham for the first round of their division matches. The 6th May saw many young competitors trying their hand at events within and well beyond their comfort zone.

Under 15 Henry Johnson tried his luck for the first time with the unusual distance of 300m, and found that he had the necessary speed in his legs to win with 39.6sec, a time which ranks him just outside the top 10 in the country. Having more experience with middle distance, he confirmed his excellent ability with a clear 11 second lead to win in 2.07.7 over the 800m, Grade 2 standard.

Emily Gledhill ran well in under 15 200m, to finish 3rd in 28.8 and a more pleasing position in 100m with 2nd in 14.0.

Emily jumped well in the long jump and managed 3.91. Courtney Mills continues to improve and finished 1st in her heats for 200m in 29.5 and a noble 4th in 100m with 14.6. Her long jump of 3.84m gave her first place. Under 13 Ciara Hughes is settling in to competition life and was delighted with her performance of 10.8sec and first position in 75m, giving her a Grade 3 standard. Her



first place in the 150m gained her a Grade 4 standard with 21.6sec. U13 Jade Hepple ran the 75m in 11.8 and was first in her heat with 24.0 in 150m. Her second place in long jump was deserved with 3.58. Georgia Hirst was one of only a few Under 17 women to compete on the day, but her guts and determination did not dampen her stride as she flew around the track in 2.23.2 to win the 800m. Her 300m performance of 46.3 was amazing as she raced all alone!

Under 13 Lizzie Cramb, tried the long jump for a change and came first in her heat with 3.56. She was happy with her 3rd place in the 800m with 3.00.2. Her fellow under 13, Gabrielle Suffield was over the moon with slicing 6 seconds of her pb in 800m, crossing the line in 2.58.7. She narrowly missed out on second place as she was jostled down the home straight.

Rosie Findlay took part in under 15 800m and was pleased with her Grade 4 standard of 2.31.4. Josh Mclay showed his true colours in the long jump with a great jump of 4.26m, gaining first place, and a steady 28.3sec in the 200m placed him 3rd. Joseph Bell seemed quite comfortable in the under 17 men's 800m, and finished in 2.23.4.

The following day, Liz Wood, ventured to the Tees Barrage 10k, where she took chunks out her pb. She was 100th out of 370 and finished in a respectable 45min 48 sec. More information on 0759 2611600 or e-mail: secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk

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*Left to right back: Chloe Simpson, Rebecca Carr, Victoria Archer Front row: Savannah Hounsom, Courtney Fawcett*

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