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Aimed at demonstrating the wealth of great activities and personal stories in our community.

Together with local film maker Capture Films the group has produced a new website [communityscenes.org](http://communityscenes.org). Six individual stories show what your involvement in your community can produce. Whether it is friendship, personal development, adult education or just fun, people can gain so much by joining in. Alongside another GAMP AAP backed project at Greenfield School pupils are producing podcasts to give their ideas about their



community. The website and project is being seen as a way to show, and encourage groups to use new media and work closer together to increase community activities.

On Saturday 9th June visit the following centres from 10am to 12 noon (tea and biscuits) to view what they have to offer, and learn more about the "community scenes" project. Agnew Community Centre, Burnhill Way Church, Neville Parade Com Centre, Neville Parade Church, Woodham Com. Centre

## NEW PELICAN CROSSING IMPROVES ROAD SAFETY

A crossing in Newton Aycliffe has undergone a revamp to improve safety for local schools, and anyone wanting to travel into Newton Aycliffe on foot.

The previous zebra crossing, on Central Avenue linked a number of footways in the area and thanks to Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) funding, was turned into a more user friendly pelican crossing.

Cllrs John Moran, Sarah Iveson, Joan Gray and Paul Gittins have donated £20,000 from their neighbourhood budgets to enable the crossing work to go ahead. In addition further funding of £15,000 was secured from Durham County Council's Neighbourhood Services Local Area Programme and an extra £5,000 from the elected members' area allowance. Brian Riley, GAMP co-ordinator, said: "These

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home environment for elderly people, and those with physical disabilities. The home strives to give peace of mind to resident's families that their loved ones are in a safe place with people who care. The home itself has changed in many ways, it has been enlarged, sideways, upward, rooms remoulded, always for the comfort of the residents. It has increased from 24 rooms to 31 rooms many now with en-suite.

Over the years there have been many changes both in staff and residents, costs and funding. These challenges have been met and all are happy to be there 20 years on, along with the new facilities. There are 2 members of staff who have seen all these changes happen Jean Cairns Domestic Manager and Susan Foster the Manager, who have both been at Bethany House from day one.

"We wouldn't be here today if it had not been for the loyalty of all the staff who always go that extra mile, and the management would like to express their thanks to all" said Susan. Thanks are also expressed to local churches for their continuing involvement in Bethany House, providing social and spiritual support to staff and residents.

Over the years Bethany House has cared for many residents who have been pillars in their community, like ex Councillor Rosemary Boynton, Heighington Chip Shop owner (shown in the photo cutting the cake). Kath Nicklin still knits daily to support local charities. The Home has a fine record of residents who have celebrated their 100th birthday.

## STUDENT STARTS LAW DEGREE COURSE

Darlington College student Danielle Birkett has been accepted to read law at university, a major accomplishment as she aspires to join the bar.

A keen Army cadet, she will start her degree course at Manchester Metropolitan University in 2013 and is planning to spend a gap year gaining instructor qualifications in outdoor pursuits, such as rock climbing, kayaking and mountain biking. The 18-year-old from Newton Aycliffe originally planned to join the army but her recruitment was deferred for a year because she was suffering from migraines.

Now her life seems destined to be involved in the criminal justice system.

"I have always been an outdoor type," said Danielle "I was always falling out of trees as a child, but recently I have become really interested in law, the courts system and helping victims of crime. I was thrilled to be accepted on to the law course and can't wait to get started."

Assistant Director John Kenny said: "Danielle has done extremely well to secure a place on a law degree. She is committed and determined and I am sure she will use these traits well in her study of the law."



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**Saturday 2nd June - "BEER MONKEYS"**

Recent review: 'I had the pleasure of first of all meeting the lads from The Beer Monkeys, all top lads and The Beer Monkeys kicked off with Bananarama and the third played very tight with fantastic vocals, next came the classics 'Time Like These', 'Sexy Little Thing' and Jerrards 'Separate Ways' again very tight with fantastic vocals. The locals loved it and wanted more. The next tune was a Genesis number 'Land of Confusion' which blew me and the rest of the lads away - a great tune and a fantastic crowd pleaser. Next came the highlight of the whole gig (for me), The Beer Monkeys version of Adair's 'Rolling in the Deep', if you got the chance to see this band please do so as you will not be disappointed, this is one hell of a cover and played to the highest standard. The first extended with a bit of White Snake, U2 and Stereophonics - all top draw.

The second set kicked off with 'Wicked Games' then came a flourish of tunes from UFO, Thin Lizzy, Billy Idol, U2, KOL and Free. This band is a must see for any music fan, The Beer Monkeys are one of the best live bands on the circuit and I will definitely make a point of catching them again. Cheers for making my day, John.

**Saturday 9th June - "1 0 1"**

We are pleased to welcome back one of the Tabs favourite bands, who play a great mix of modern and classic rock. Tracks covered by: Led Zepplin, Killers, AC/DC, Kings of Leon, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kiss, Nirvana, Razerlight, Pink Floyd, Green Day. Davys Rock Page Review: 'All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to hear newer covers with a good mix of older rock 1 0 1 deliver.'

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Josh Gets His Wheels

Dear Sir  
Earlier this year Newton News featured fundraising activities taking place for Joshua Jackson a 14 year old Aycliffe teenager with Cerebral Palsy who was in need of a new wheelchair. We aptly called the fundraising 'Josh's Wheels' and set ourselves a totally aspirational fundraising target of £3500. As well as the main fundraising event scheduled on the 8th June at the Hallgarth Hotel, there was also a Swimathon taking place on the 31st May 2012.

Since the article, we have been overwhelmed by the response and have been very touched by examples of extreme generosity from local charities and residents. I believe that the publicity and awareness that the Newton News has created has been a catalyst in the success of this appeal and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Now is the unexpected news, taking into account the amounts due to be raised by the forthcoming Swimathon we are confident that we have already raised the £3500 target!

In view of this, it would



not be appropriate to continue raising further funds and whilst we are still continuing with the Swimathon, the fundraising event on the 8th June will no longer be going ahead. All of the raffle prizes which were going to be drawn on the 8th June will be moved to the Swimathon event and the raffle will therefore take place on the 31st May 2012. We will of course notify all the lucky people who win a prize.

On behalf of Joshua, may I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported the appeal. We will shortly be ordering the new wheelchair and we are delighted that this will start to make a very positive impact in Joshua's life.

Sarah Jackson

# Aycliffe T.A. Open Day

On Saturday 12th May 2012, 124 Recovery Company of 102 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Volunteers) held their Open Day at the Northfield Way TA Centre on the Aycliffe Industrial Estate.

Visitors to the Open Day had the opportunity to see at first hand some of the military equipments used by the British Army on operations. These equipments included the new Support Vehicle (Recovery) as well as a range of weapons and vehicles currently deployed in Afghanistan such as the Husky and Jackal which are the work horses of the Infantry and consequently require a lot of maintenance and repair by the REME Vehicle Mechanics.

The Husky and Jackal vehicles were on loan from 102 Battalions "sister" regular Battalion 1 Close Support Battalion REME who are at present readying for operations in Afghanistan. Several soldiers from the Newton Aycliffe REME TA Battalion will deploy with their regular counterparts and the training and experience the TA soldiers gain on these operational vehicles now will stand them in good stead when they are in Afghanistan.

The Open Day proved a great success with a lot of visitors taking advantage of the opportunity to see modern military up close and there were a lot of enquiries by younger visitors about an Army career and the TA in particular.

124 Company offers unbeatable training, good pay, adventure and travel as well as an opportunity to work a close knit team; all this in addition to gaining worthwhile skills and qualifications.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the TA and requiring further information please ring Captain D Newton on 01325 375000 or email: 102reme-124-psao@mod.uk



# AYCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE DETERIORATES

Dear Sir,

I took my 7 month old son swimming to Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Friday 4th May.

I went into the family changing room and used the plastic fold down child seat provided on the wall.

Cautious by nature, I strapped him in and stood by him as I got ready, and before I knew it the seat collapsed, causing my baby to fall, hit his head on the tiles behind and hit the bench below.

Thankfully I was close enough to grab him to prevent further injury and he came away with a mark on his head and crying. I reported this to the staff who filled out an accident form and put "out of order" signs above the three seats. One of the general managers came over to see if we were ok and

proceeded to inform me that the bolts securing the seats had worn away and provided no support for the chair, hence the reason they just give way.

I was completely shocked at what I was told. Why on earth had these three chairs not been checked on inspections, reported and fixed? This is not something that just happens overnight, it's months and years of wear and tear! I don't think they realised how lucky my son was. If I hadn't caught him he would have gone face first onto the tiled floor, causing serious hospital injuries, or worst case, death from that height.

A week on and still no written apology explaining what happened that day and a reassurance when the problem will be fixed. They have my

details on the accident form so I guess this is another case of putting paper in a file and forgetting about it until a child is hospitalised and they are forced to spend the money on repairs.

I can certainly say I won't be swimming there again until this problem is fixed. I'll happily make the journey to Spennymoor to use their much better facilities.

A very upset and extremely lucky Mum.

Leyanne Pennington-Foster  
Ed: We get regular complaints on the state of the Leisure Centre and comparing it with Spennymoor the standard is poor and the building does need attention. We have asked the Officer responsible at County Hall to comment, but there is no reply to date.

# JUBILEE WOOD

## UNVEILING OF COMMEMORATIVE STONE AND PLANTING OF THE 'JUBILEE OAK'

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw, will be unveiling the commemorative stone and Councillor R.S. Fleming will plant the 'Jubilee Oak' at a ceremony to be held on Friday, 1st June 2012 at 11.00 a.m.

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## Woodham Student's Film Takes 2nd Prize



"Discover your film-making talent and share your science knowledge while you entertain the world" This was a challenge that Ryan Metcalfe, a Year 10 student at Woodham Community Technology College, rose to.

Ryan was runner up in the National Planet SciCast competition. This was a multi-media project where students were tasked to create a short film explaining some element of Physics. The competition was set by the Science Learning Centre as part of the Higher Education Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programme.

Ryan chose to make a film about the topical subject of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. At the time of production this was a scientific hot potato due to recent findings from CERN. This inspired Ryan to make his film entitled E=mc<sup>2</sup> Can we still trust this? Entries were of a very high standard. Ryan secured second place and won £50 worth of vouchers.

## The Queen Responds

Aycliffe Village History Society sent a letter to the Queen advising her of the celebrations being held on her 60th Anniversary. Her Majesty was informed that the Village School (now a community Hall) had the distinction of being named after Queen Victoria's

Diamond Jubilee. The hall will feature in many of the village Jubilee activities and the Society wondered if there were any other schools or halls in the UK with a double Diamond Jubilee connection. The following is the reply from the Queen.

*Dear Mr. Lewis,  
The Queen has asked me to thank you and the Members of the Aycliffe Village Local History Society for your kind letter containing a message of congratulations to Her Majesty, sent on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne.*

*Her Majesty was interested to learn the Aycliffe Village Diamond Jubilee School was opened in celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and that you will be holding a series of events on 4th June. The Queen has asked me to send her best wishes to all concerned for a most memorable and enjoyable day.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Christopher Sandamas  
The Chief Clerk to The Queen*

## MAGICAL NIGHT OF MUSICALS

Wicked, Sister Act, Blood Brothers, Annie, Les Miserables, Jersey Boys, are just a few of the 16 West End Musicals that the Tearaways Youth Theatre Group will be performing excerpts from in their latest production, "A Magical Night Of Musicals" at the Civic Hall, Shildon in June. A spokesperson said "The young people will be performing 24 pieces of music in their 2 hour show, something for all the family to enjoy".

Amongst the cast of 11 to 16 year olds are Charlotte McAdam who plays Princess Fiona from the musical Shrek, Gaynor Lambert takes on the part of Galileo from Queen, We will Rock You. Megan Lothian is the young orphan Annie, whilst Howard Affleck and Jordan Sandford are amongst the singers in the group. Imogen French, Jade Townsley and Katie Baldwin are non stop in the production's dance troupe.

Tickets for Thursday 7th June performance at 7.30pm are ALL priced at £3. Friday 8th, and Saturday 9th June 7.30pm,

and Sunday 10th June 2pm performances tickets are £4.50 Adults, £2.50 Children & Concessions. ALL tickets can be pre-booked by ringing 01325 313363 or 01388 774838. For more information www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk

## TALENTED TATTOOIST

Dear Sir,  
As a lover of tattoos may I commend the artist at the new Tatoo Shop at St. Cuthberts House on the Business Park. Martin, a 20 year old former student of Greenfield is a really talented tattooist offering an excellent service at a very reasonable price. Lifeline Ink should succeed and I hope he gets the support a great artist deserves. I would highly recommend this young man and thank him for the after service he also offers.  
Andrew Blackhorn

## SHAKE THE DUST



Greenfield School are part of an exciting national literacy and spoken work programme called "Shake the Dust". All of Year 9 at the school has been involved, working with performance poets Kate Fox and Steve Urwin to develop their skills.

The students performed in a battle in school last Friday, where they performed the incredible poems they had created. The poems contained visual images, were emotionally charged

and showed a great deal of confidence. Eight young people have been chosen to represent the school in the North East final on Saturday 16th June and if they win they will then spend the weekend battling in London.

The following students were selected: Bradley Rodgers, Josh Paramor, Joel Wraith, Chelsea Corbett, Megan Cross, Sam Hansom, Emily Rollo and Sophie Lenton. Good luck to those students involved!

## Colour Your Life at the PCP!



June Palmer

Free 8 week Arts and Crafts sessions every Friday and Saturday at the Pioneering Care Centre. The sessions are organised through the 'Colour Your Life' Arts on Prescription service and offer people the opportunity to learn all types of Arts and Crafts.

The classes take place in pleasant surroundings and offer people the opportunity to learn new skills whilst making new friends. So far participants have enjoyed painting with water colours, acrylics and oils, mosaic making, textile work, card making, drawing, collage work and much more.

June Palmer a regular attendee of the class gave the following favourable comments: "I look forward to Friday mornings which has

given me the opportunity to learn new skills under expert instruction from professional artists, whilst forming new friendships.

I find the whole experience friendly, enjoyable and relaxing and would encourage anyone to come along and try it for themselves. You never know what new talents you may have."

Classes are on every Friday

10am - 12noon, 12.30 - 2.30pm and 3.30 - 5.30 for families and Saturday mornings 10am-12noon. They are free for the first 8 weeks and thereafter a donation towards materials which are all provided will be invited.

Colour Your Life is funded by NHS County Durham and managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in Newton Aycliffe. It aims to provide access to the arts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing amongst participants.

To book your place contact the Colour your Life team at the Pioneering Care Centre on tel: 01325 321234 email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net or for further information visit Facebook: www.facebook.com/ColourYourLife.AoP

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**10k Race**

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**Fun Run**

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(accurately measured with kilometres marked)

Entry Fees: 10k Run - £10.00 Club Runners/£12.00 Non Club Runners

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3k Run - £4.00 All entries

Enter online at [ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk)

Cheques to be made payable to 'Aycliffe Running Club'

Entries (enclosing 9 x 6 S.A.E.) to: Colin Gibson, 12 Ainsty Hunt, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7PH

Closing Date for Entries Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Surname.....
 Forename(s).....

Address.....
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e-mail address.....
 Telephone No. ....

Date of Birth.....
 Age on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012.....
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10k or Fun Run please tick
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 (For 10K runners must be over 15-years on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012)

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Declaration: I wish to enter the 3M 10k or fun run and I declare that I am an amateur as defined by England Athletics Laws and certify that I am medically fit to run. Furthermore, I agree that the organisers will not be held responsible for any injury or illness as result of my participation in the events. I understand that my details will be stored on the entry computer, but will not be distributed to any other organisation or running club.

Signature.....
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## Chris Devotes a Year to Help African Children

Christopher Armstrong from Heighington, plans to take a year out from education and help young people in Ghana to learn English, Maths, Science and ICT. Chris was selected by 'Project Trust' (<http://www.projecttrust.org.uk>) to spend a year doing volunteer work.



## Tallent Charity Fundraisers

After a previous successful year of raising money for the Great North Air Ambulance, Tallent Automotive Limited are again fundraising for charity. This year their chosen charity is Macmillan Cancer Support. On Sunday June 24th 2012 Tallent will be holding a Summer Fayre at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club (DL14 7PA), starting at 10am. There will be lots of fundraising activities and games such as Pitch 'n' Put, Tug 'o' War, Tag Rugby, Coconut Stall, Raffles, Tombola and many many more activities which are fun for all the family! There will also be Tag Rugby games and a professional Tai-kwon-do exhibition. We also have a Car Boot Sale; sellers can pay on arrival at a cost of £5 and need to be there and set up for 10am. Your help and support would be much appreciated and all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer support.

**P.A.C.T. Meeting**

Police And Community Together



Durham Constabulary are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. This is an informal discussion with the police and local partners to resolve the issues where you live. The next **Woodham Ward** Pact meeting will be held on 28th May at Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close at 6pm. The next **West Ward** Pact meeting will be held on 7th June at Burnhill Way Methodist Church, Scott Place, Newton Aycliffe at 6pm. PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock & 6849 Amy Jorgeon

## Reader's Photos of 1977 Jubilee



David Catleugh of Honister Place was looking through old photos of the 1977 Jubilee celebrations and came across these two photos which will bring back fond memories for those who remember the occasion. Councillor at that time, Joe Conlon, is shown attending a Newton Aycliffe Street Party.

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# Roman's "Best of British"

Newton Aycliffe based, Roman a national online homewares retailer is celebrating all things British by launching a 'Best of British' range, and are tapping into local resources for some original ideas, including a series of very British photographic prints and carefully crafted handmade Memo boards.

Roman at Home, has enlisted Newcastle photographer, Sarah Deane and a crafty Darlington resident, Janet Shaw, to create a totally unique collection of British Products.

The company put out a call on their website, inviting companies and people to put their products forward to be considered as part of their Best of British range.

Commercial Director Julian Pearson commented: "The aim of the range is to celebrate all things British in line with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the forthcoming sporting events of the summer. We were keen to create a series of unique products that are either made in Britain or British inspired."

"We offered the opportunity to a variety of people – including those who perhaps design and create things more as a hobby, or those who haven't sold their products commercially before, as opposed to simply the traditional businesses and suppliers we usually work with."

Sarah Deane, was one of the first to get in touch and comments: "One of my friends saw the call and suggested I

put my prints forward for the range. I usually exhibit at Open Studios at the Quayside or at my own Studio near the Ouseburn in Newcastle. I was certainly interested in the proposition of making my work available on a well-established website such as Roman at Home."

Deane contacted Roman showing her work: "I thought my photos taken at a seaside and local fairground really encapsulate the British theme – these are traditional British family days out."

The fine art prints were an instant hit with the retailer. Pearson comments “We were very impressed with Sarah’s photographs and invited her in to talk in more detail. Her works are totally different to other products available on Roman at Home and being British inspired and shot in Britain by a British photographer, were a perfect fit for the Best of British range.”

Janet Shaw from Darlington also approached Roman. "I recently retired from teaching in a local primary school and felt it was time for a change.

I have always enjoyed being creative and creating memo boards began as a request from a friend and by word of mouth, things just snowballed. I wanted to create a board that was lightweight and an accessible price for everyone.” Pearson said: “The memo boards, ticked many boxes; they are made in Britain; are handcrafted and look fantastic – they are a perfect fit for our customers.



*Sarah Deane*

"We asked Janet to produce an exclusive series that are British inspired, incorporating the Union Jack colour scheme and are extremely pleased with the finished products." The Best of British range has now launched on the Roman at Home website ([www.romanathome.com](http://www.romanathome.com)) and incorporates well-known brands, such as Cath Kidston, Wax Lyrical and Melt Candles, along with a collection of Diamond Jubilee memorabilia and these unique products from Janet Shaw and Sarah Deane.

## Growth on Aycliffe Business Park

Dear Sir.

As part of Great Aycliffe Town Council's attempts to keep informed about what is happening in the local economy, we are pleased to be welcoming an officer from Durham County Council's Regional Economic Development (RED) team to our Policy and Resources meeting on Wednesday 30th May.

I have asked him to focus on businesses, particularly on the Business Park, but I am sure that he will also address unemployment, vacancies and skills.

I have also asked him to explain what the RED team is doing to encourage growth on the Business Park, and how GATC might help.

## The Policy and Resources

meeting is open to the public so, if you are interested, you are welcome to attend for a 7:15pm start at the Town Council Offices in School Aycliffe Lane, DL5 6QF.

Members of the public cannot, of course, contribute to Council debates. However – if you have a question about the town's economic development – you can ask it during the public participation session at the start of the meeting, so it can be addressed during the presentation.

I am hoping that this report will help to bring us up to date with developments on the Business Park, as our town negotiates this very difficult period of economic recession and government cuts.








John D Clare,  
Deputy Leader, GATC

## GREENFIELD CENTRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We might only have 3 days this half term but we've crammed a lot of activities in for you!

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th June 1pm-3pm, we have two FREE Crazy Craft sessions. Over the two afternoons, artist Paul Belcher will work with you to create fantastic sculptures – you'll be making on the Wednesday and decorating on the Thursday so booking for both is advisable! On Thursday morning 10.30am-12.30pm, we have our regular

Make & Munch family cookery session (£8 per family) and then why not join us at 1pm Friday for our very popular Free Friday Film – it's Toy Story 3 this time! To book a place or for more information – please call us: 01325 379048, email us: [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or visit our website: [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you soon! Please note we are closed on the Monday & Tuesday for the double bank holiday.



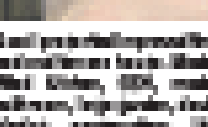
<p><b>Beechfield Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Four bedroom detached family development, WC, kitchen, 2 living rooms, lounge, garage, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, DS and DCH, Newton.</p>	<p><b>Gerrick Close Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Superb detached three bedroom and bathroom house, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, WC, full detached home.</p> <p><b>£17,500 or less £10,000</b></p>	<p><b>Olsen Road Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Impressive and spacious garden, modern kitchen, (bought) in a quiet area and ready to be developed intensively for a fully equipped hotel for a really big profit.</p>	<p><b>Emerson Way Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>2 bedroom house, double glazed, DCH, modern garden in row, upgrade WC. Fully refurbished.</p>	<p><b>Cuthbert Place Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>2 bedroom and full house in a modern development in Newton Aycliffe. Fitted kitchen, DS, DCH and rear garden, ideal to invest.</p>	<p><b>Wentley Place Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Three bedroom and house, lower secondary school, modern fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, garage, DS, ideal family home.</p>	<p><b>Iola Place Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>2 well presented 2 bedroom 2 bath and shower house. Close to shops, doctors and gym school. Modern fitted kitchen, central heating, modern bathroom, DS, ideal family home.</p>
<p><b>Karles Close Woodham Village</b></p>  <p><b>UNDER OFFER</b></p> <p>Detached 2 bedroom detached, left reception, luxury kitchen, fitted kitchen, central heating, garage room.</p>	<p><b>Ungard Way Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Three bedroom house, fitted kitchen, DS, DCH, rear garden, well maintained home - ready to move!</p>	<p><b>Outfield Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>2 bedroom house, property, garage, modern fitted kitchen, 2 storey, garage, DS, ready to move home.</p>	<p><b>Stirling Road Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>2 well presented 3 bedroom house, modern fitted kitchen, DCH, modern bathroom, large garden, double garage, ready to move, ideal family home.</p>	<p><b>Sunrydale Shildon</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>4 2 bed semi, extensive full, large, kitchen, WC, 2 beds, a fully bathroom, front and rear garden, parking, flower border and garage front.</p>	<p><b>Fletcher Rd Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Three bedroom detached family home. Front driveway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility, separate garden, garage.</p>	<p><b>Rowan Road Newton Aycliffe</b></p>  <p><b>£100K</b></p> <p>Two bedroom semi detached property, offering DS, secondary, modern kitchen, internal flooring, strongly recommended.</p>

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## STEPHENSON WAY NURSERY VISIT BIG SHEEP & LITTLE COW



On Wednesday 9th May the nursery children went to Big Sheep & Little Cow in Bedale.

They had lots of fun. They saw lots of different animals that live on the farm – some big and some small!

They groomed the pony, fed the goats, stroked the pig and bottle fed the lambs. It was just like being a farmer for the day!

They had time to play too! They rode on the tractors, go-karts and balance bikes. They played on a climbing frame that looked like a combine harvester. They dug in the sand and filled the wheelbarrows – they were very hard to push!

They had fun in the play barn too, especially on the slides!

They went on a barrel ride pulled by the farmer in his tractor. It was very, very bumpy!

On returning to nursery they talked about where they had been and their favourite part of the day. They painted and drew pictures of their busy day.

Stephenson

Way Community Primary School Nursery offers fifteen hours free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds. We offer morning, afternoon or 2 and a half days sessions. Please contact the school for more information.

## Charity Zumba Session Raises £80

The photo below is from the Charity Zumba Class that took place on Saturday 19th May 2012 at School Aycliffe Community Centre in aid of Darlington Women's Refuge.

Over £80 was collected on the day and I would like to thank all the ladies who took part as well as the Community Centre for allowing us the use of the room free of charge.

The Darlington Women's Refuge supports women and children in the north east and are a vital lifeline for those in need, they appreciate every penny.

Zumba classes continue this Saturday, 10am at School Aycliffe; Monday and Wednesdays, 10am at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

We hold regular charity class (quarterly) and have raised money for Cancer Research and Help the Heroes. Please call Helen Smith on 07506 984556 or facebook Helen Smith Zumba.



## TV TALENT STAR AT BIG CLUB

Heighington AFC Boys would like to invite the residents of Aycliffe and surrounding area's to a huge night with special guest Les Gibson, Star of Britain's Got Talent, supported by Mickey Richards and Grapevine

Comedy Impressionist Les Gibson who is often called 'The Man of a Thousand Voices' because of the accuracy and sheer number of characters that he can impersonate. Les is an unbelievable sports speaker and impersonator with the likes of Beckham, Shearer, Keegan,



Hansen, Fabio Capello, and Sir Alex Ferguson to name a few together with a multitude of soap characters including Corrie stars Kevin Webster, Roy & Hayley.

Television favourites include Gordon Ramsay, Ant & Dec, Louis Walsh, Jedward, Lord Sugar and Sky One's hard man Ross Kemp, all tied together with link gags and observations add up to an hilarious night of comedy.

The Event is at Newton Aycliffe's Big Club on Saturday 30th June, 19.00 Start. Tickets are available now at £10, this is a ticket only event and is on a first come, first serve basis. For tickets please get in touch with David Brassell (07870 777779) or Jim Barr (07899 862079)

## FLIGHT NIGHT AT WOODHAM



On Friday 15th June, 6pm to 9pm at Woodham Village Community Centre members of Newton Aycliffe Model Flying Club invite you along for a fun evening on how to build and fly model aircraft. They all belong to the British Flying Club, and are qualified to teach new starters on how to build and fly.

The Flight Night will be an exciting night for boys, girls, and Mams and Dads too. There will be demonstration flights, lots of models on display, and a chance to try a radio controlled model flight simulator.

Children will be able to build, under supervision, simple model kits which they can take home to keep free of charge.

The picture is of club

## AYCLIFFE MEDIEVAL GROUP



Acle Re-enactment group attended Sedgefield Medieval Fair on Saturday 19th May, demonstrating living history and crafts to the many people who attended in spite of the rain!

Activities included butter churning, and many of the local children had a chance to try their hand and learn about different aspects of the 10th Century.

The group are based in Newton Aycliffe and take part in historical re-enactments and combat displays throughout the country. For more information contact Wendy or Stuart Findlay on 01325 320514 or visit them on Facebook 'Acle early medieval re-enactment group'

## COLLEGE COOKERY COURSE

Cookery from Around the World at Woodham College. Do you want to cook dishes from different countries, discover new flavours and techniques?

If so, this is the course for you! Starts Tuesday 12th June 2012 for 5 weeks: 6pm to 8pm What will you achieve by undertaking this course?

*An understanding of herbs and spices used in different dishes.*

*Origins of dishes.*

*Cookery skills used in dishes from China, India, Italy and Spain.*

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# JUBILEE DAY AT NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Street Party will be held at the centre on Tuesday 5th June from 8.45am until 7.00pm

**EVENTS WILL INCLUDE**

8.45 Official Opening by our main sponsors Cllrs Sarah Iveson and John Moran followed by the National Anthem.

9.00 Children's Fancy Dress, Under 5 years, 6-8 years, 9.13 years, Children to be accompanied by a parent

9.20 Best Decorated Bike. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes

10.00 Best Groomed Dog. 1st, 2nd & 3rd + Dog with Waggiest Tail. 1st, 2nd & 3rd

11.00 Magician (main hall)

12.00 noon Karaoke (main hall)

13.00 Family DVD

14.30 Free Stand Up Bingo - A) Children - B) Adult

15.00 Mr Twister Balloon Magician

16.00 Tea in main hall plus picnic if time for overflow. Free tea is by ticket only to be collected - ring 313924. To qualify for free tea you must live in Councillor Iveson's or Councillor Moran's Ward.

17.00-19.00 Family Disco for Children under 13 years. Everything is FREE thanks to our sponsors, Councillor Sarah Iveson, Councillor John Moran, Town Council, Tesco, Flymo, Walworth Castle, Warburtons, Lidl, Aldi, Newton Press and Newton News.

There is an all day Bouncy Castle with Face Painting and Tattoos. Bring your flag and camera! Keep this for future reference.

## COFFEE & BINGO MORNING

Sedgefield Locality Carers Centre are holding a fundraising Bingo and Coffee Morning. This will form part of the official "Carers Week" 18-24th June 2012. Friday 22nd, June 10am at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane. Everyone is welcome.

We will be playing for Prize money which will depend on the amount of people who turn up on the day so invite your friends and neighbours and let's raise some money for our beloved Charity.

# ACORN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A.C.O.R.N. Residents Association would like to announce celebration plans for the upcoming Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. On Sunday 3rd of June we are having a party in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, with entertainment from the amazing Professor Nincompoop including music, magic, balloons, comedy, face painting and much more. The Bar is open for those in need, but tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available. A great chance to meet your neighbours for a right royal chinwag! Free raffle. Is there anyone interested in becoming the A.C.O.R.N. Jubilee Princess, to win a real plastic tiara and a £10 cash prize and have your photograph displayed on the A.C.O.R.N. website for the whole world to see. There are 3 categories age 5 to 12; 13 to

40; and 40 to maturity. Due to restricted numbers in the Leisure Centre it is possible to cater for 180. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis priced £2 from Ken on 321471 A.C.O.R.N. residents are also planning a Picnic in the Park on Tuesday 5th of June in the town park adjacent to the Youth Centre where we will be having an afternoon of fun and games open to all. All games will be designed for all ages and abilities, discover if you can throw a plastic football into a hoola hoop for a small prize. Take part in team games. Any other groups are welcome to join us for a fun filled afternoon. Grateful thanks to all those persons and public spirited organisations who have contributed to making these celebrations possible: Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Councillors Gittins, Gray, Dixon and Paylor from our AAP, Great Aycliffe Town Council, livin housing, Warburtons Bakery, Tesco, Poundstretcher, Wilkinsons, and Taylors Newsforce Tickets may also be collected from 35 Priestman Road

# Olympic Cushions



Pupils in Year 5 at Sugar Hill have taken part in the Woolsack Cultural Olympiad Project [www.woolsack.org](http://www.woolsack.org) - Class 11 worked on a collaborative piece with the school's textiles artist in residence Miss Syms. Felting wool fibres from Falkland and Shetland wool to create flowers inspired by English gardens, embroidered to create an eye catching cushion. "We are very excited about the project and eager to hear which lucky Olympian will receive our handmade cushion. We all feel proud to be involved in the Olympics" Each cushion will be given as a personal welcome gift from the people of Britain to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

# 86 Year Old Audrey on 50 Mile Bike Ride



AROUND twenty members of the same family covering four generations completed a marathon cycle ride recently in memory of Aycliffe man, Cyril Tinkler. Cyril died last September aged 81 years old after he lost a brave battle against cancer. His eldest son, Jeff, organised the 'Cycle for Cyril' 50-mile ride from Newton Aycliffe to Newcastle on the Sunday nearest to what would have been Cyril's birthday on May 10th. The youngest cyclist was Cyril's Great-Grandson, Dylan Goddard, a six-year-old pupil at St Mary's RC Primary school in the town. The oldest was 86-years young, Audrey Humble, of Bewick Crescent. They were sponsored to raise money for the Butterwick and St Theresa's Hospices in Bishop Auckland and Darlington respectively - both helped Cyril and his family during his illness. The event was officially started by Cyril's widow, Freda, and family members also included Sons, Grandsons, Granddaughter-in-Law, Great-Nephews and Great-Granddaughter, Hannah, aged 10 years.

## Beacon Lit for Jubilee

On Monday, 4th June 2012 over 2,012 Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and marking this historic moment in The Queen's reign. The Beacons will be lit between 10pm. and 10.30pm. with the Queen lighting the National Beacon in London at around 10.30 p.m. Great Aycliffe Town Council will be one of the Councils to light such a Beacon at our allotted time of 10.15pm. Our Beacon will be lit on the hill at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex fields and will be followed by a 21 firework 'salute'.



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## Fun at YMCA Shop



Last Saturday's promotion at the YMCA Shop went well as staff dressed up as the "Village People" to hand out leaflets around the town. It increased donations of goods for which Emma the Manageress is grateful. The shop is entering the national charity shop awards for 'the Wow Factor Window Display' to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. "We think it's the best on the town and invite Newtonians to come and see" said Emma.

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## Summer Fitness Fun at the Pioneering Care Centre



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) runs a variety of lifestyle and exercise classes to encourage people to live a healthier lifestyle. Classes are open to anyone of any age and ability.

New summer fitness classes have been added to the many activities taking place at the Pioneering Care Centre that help improve people's health and wellbeing.

**Keep Fit**, an exercise to music program for women and men of all fitness levels. Keep Fit classes are different to the normal exercise to music classes as they do not use the traditional 32 count repetition. Often referred to as 'aerobic dance', routines consist of movements associated with the verses and chorus. Wednesdays 1-2pm, cost £2 per session (as part of the CPAL Programme)

**Bokwa**, a unique dance fitness program that builds strength and endurance driven by the pulsating rhythmic beats of African, Latin, popular dance and house music. Saturdays 9.30 - 10.30am, cost £2 per session (as part of the CPAL Programme)

**Salsa** A lively, fiery Latin American dance that's easy to learn, fun for all ages and a great way of keeping fit! Saturdays 10.45 - 11.45am, cost £2 per session (as part of the CPAL Programme)  
**Kettlebells** are cast iron weights; a Kettlebell workout can burn more calories more quickly than a lengthy cardio session because the constant movement naturally combines weight work with cardio. Mondays and Wednesdays 5.15-5.45pm, cost £2.50

**Boxercise** combines boxing moves and stances with aerobic choreography to improve people's total body conditioning. Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45-6.45pm, cost £3.50

Or if you really have a spring in your step, take advantage of the special 'Fit for 2' offer - Kettlebells and Boxercise for just £5! To book your place or for a full programme of activities on offer at the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF, tel: 01325 321234, email [enquiries@pcp.uk.net](mailto:enquiries@pcp.uk.net) or visit [www.pcp.uk.net](http://www.pcp.uk.net). Details are also available on the PCP Facebook page: [facebook.com/PioneeringCare](https://www.facebook.com/PioneeringCare)

## Service for Jubilee

The Mayor Val Raw, will be holding her Civic Service to incorporate a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthberts Way on Sunday, 3rd June 2012 at 10.00am.

## Byerley Park Primary School Children to Form Guard of Honour at Start of Athletes' Parade

School children from Byerley Park Primary School in Newton Aycliffe, a Get Set network school, will form a Guard of Honour to line the route as athletes make their way through the Olympic Park into the Olympic Stadium, for the London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony. At the start of the Athletes' Parade, during the athletes' procession from the Olympic Village to the Olympic Stadium, the students who will join 249 other schools from across the UK and make up the 2,000 student Guard of Honour which will line the route, holding lanterns and banners they have created to support one of the 204 competing teams. For many of the 10,500 athletes the Guard of Honour will be their first experience of the London 2012 Games.

The school children have been preparing to provide a vibrant and diverse welcome for athletes competing at the Games. The students are already learning about the cultures and athletes of the Andorran team as part of their celebrations for London 2012 World Sport Day taking place next month on 25 June. World Sport Day, presented by Lloyds TSB, will see schools across the UK join together in celebrating how sport can bring the cultures of the world together. They will support the athletes of the Andorran team.

Byerley Park Primary School have been selected through the reward and recognition programme of the Get Set network, the official London 2012 education programme. They have demonstrated a commitment to living the Olympic and Paralympic Values and incorporating them into their school lives and curriculum.

Our school representatives will be giving the rest of the school a short presentation about Andorra followed by a Question and Answer session about the Guard of Honour role.

Our school ambassadors say, "We are delighted to have been selected to participate in the Guard of Honour for London 2012. It is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity for us all at Byerley Park Primary School. We are very excited to have been given this fantastic chance".

## PCP Staff Go Green!

The Pioneering Care Partnership wanted to see the 'Staff Go Green' as part of National Green Office Week 14th - 18th May.

A week of fun and simple activities was arranged to help staff fit environment saving ideas into the working week. Staff were given tips on how to be more energy efficient, save money and save the planet!

**Focus on Transport:** In an attempt to help staff be more energy efficient when it comes to transport, PCP organised free Vehicle Health Checks for staff at Rapid Fit in Newton Aycliffe. Staff were also encouraged to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share to and from work.

**Focus on Waste:** staff were encouraged to think about the 3Rs Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. This included using scrap paper instead of post it notes, not printing emails, printing documents on both sides and learning the advantages of using 'tasks' in Outlook instead of writing 'to do' lists on paper.

**Focus on Energy:** To encourage measures to reduce energy consumption employees turned off monitor screens and lights when leaving the office, turned off battery charges and turned down radiators.

**Focus on Innovation:** Staff were encouraged to further discuss, action and think about the environment well beyond Green Office Week! Here's just a few of the great ideas suggested • List 5 things you can change by the end of June; Put an extra layer on instead of turning up heat; turning lights off on bright days.

By implementing these simple methods we can all work together to protect our planet and 'go green'.  
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## SPONSORSHIP FOR UNDER 12's TEAM



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 12's Eagles have secured a new sponsorship deal for the coming season. TT Elec Mech Ltd have kindly purchased football nets for the team as we move onto a larger pitch with larger goals this coming season. This is greatly appreciated by all the lads in the team which is an excellent group of youngsters turning up every week for matches, training and improving all the time. Terry Greenstreet (pictured) and his business partner Tony Henderson said "It's a privilege to help out a local youth team and we wish them every success this coming season".

Team Manager John Stephenson said "To benefit from the support of

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## Funding Boost for Youthy Football Players

Local children in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area will be putting on their boots following a £5,000 Grow the Game grant, from the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity.

The grant will allow Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club to coach young boys' and girls' from ages four-seven, helping them to progress over the next three years into league football.

An additional six new FA qualified coaches will also be developed as a result of the award, as well as helping existing coaches progress up the coaching ladder.

The core objective of the Football Foundation's Grow the Game's programme is to increase participation and enable more people to play our national game through supporting the development of grassroots clubs. The programme is delivered in partnership with all of the 46 County FAs and funded by The FA and Government.

The key strength of Grow the Game is that its participation increases are sustainable rather than transient. Its grants create a solid infrastructure of teams and newly-trained coaches in which new people can start playing the sport, rather than simply providing temporary activity sessions, which are then vulnerable to drops in participation once the programme ends. Club Secretary, Berni Borsberry said: "This funding will allow the football club to continue as one of the top junior Football clubs in County Durham, providing quality coaching in a safe environment for boys' and girls' from across Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area."

For more information about the work the Football Foundation is doing all over the country visit [www.footballfoundation.org.uk](http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk) or follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FootballFoundtn>



## Presentation Night Treat



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club development squad had a great presentation day at Planet Leisure this week. The squad of 15 are due to start the Russell Foster Summer League which is on a Saturday which meant they could not join the rest of the club for the main presentation day. Instead the club took the children bowling, then

trophies were given out in the upstairs function room. There were trophies for all the children and individual trophies for 'Golden Boot': Charlie Dawson, 'Player of the Year': Arran Jervis, 'Best Attitude': Thomas Aspinall and Manager's 'Player of the Year': Chloe West. It was a fantastic day out and they are all now looking forward to the coming season. We train on a

Thursday at Woodham CTC. If your child is in Year 1 and interested in football, call manager Adrian Dawson 07970 455139. We would like to thank our sponsor BEANIES for our new strips and jackets.

## WI Celebrates Jubilee

On Tuesday 5th June, Heighington WI will be taking part in the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As part of Heighington Village celebrations they will be serving 1950's style Afternoon Tea in Heighington Village Hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Afternoon Tea will consist of a selection of dainty sandwiches, home-made scones with cream and jam and a selection of homemade cakes with tea or coffee. All this for only £3. Children can have a sandwich, an iced biscuit and orange squash for a £1. Earlier in the day they will offer hot drinks and toasted teacakes.

## Warriors Unbeaten!



Last weekend saw the Woodham Warriors American Football team from Woodham Community Technology College continue their unbeaten season. The Warriors were at home playing against opposition from Durham, Doncaster and Sheffield.

The Warriors started off with a local derby against the Durham Presidents and recorded a comprehensive 62-18 victory. Game 2 provided a re-match against last season's main challengers, Doncaster Mustangs. This year they looked a shadow of their former selves with the Warriors dominating the game from start to finish with a crushing 64-0 win. Finally in game 3 the Warriors took the field against the Sheffield Tomahawks giving opportunities to some of the younger players in the squad and ended the day in superb fashion with a comprehensive 44-0 scoreline.

That now puts the Warriors top of the Northern Conference within the British League with a 6 and 0 record and a 37 and 2 record over the last 3 seasons.

Head Coach and assistant head teacher at Woodham, Jon Tait, commented "We produced 3 fantastic performances today and the results speak for themselves in terms of how much we dominated the games. However, we do not want to get carried away. Our focus is on our end of season goal and that is to win the British Championship. Having only lost 2 games in the last 3 years and with those 2 games being the last 2 British Finals

leaves us with unfinished business. We are determined to make this year our year".

## More Aycliffe Footballing Talent



Newton Aycliffe has a history of nurturing football talent. Matthew Allison and Andrew White are well placed to continue the tradition. Students of Woodham College and Greenfield respectively, the boys were united last week when they represented Durham County Under 16's in the final of the ESFA National under 16's trophy at the City Ground, home of Championship side

Nottingham Forest. Both youngsters have been integral members of the BASFA district side for the last 3 years and were nominated for the County trials by district manager and Woodham's Head of PE, Liam Clough. No strangers to football success, they have both spent time with professional clubs Matthew at Newcastle and Andrew at Middlesbrough.

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training made the long journey to Wearmouth in the first division of the North East Durham Cricket League and were disappointed to lose easily by eight wickets. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were bowled out for a below par 124 after 39.3 overs. Captain Chris Palmer top scored with an excellent innings of 51, during which he became only the fourth player in Aycliffe's history to pass the notable landmark of six

thousand runs for the club. Palmer smashed two sixes and three boundaries in his half century and the only other players who reached double figures were Luke Telford and Nathan Blackburn, who both scored 17. In reply, opening bowlers Carl Little and Sean Morgan both took a wicket, but could not stop the home side romping to victory after 33.3 overs.

The club's 2nd team, under 18's team and the under 11's team all had their games postponed due to the inclement weather.

Newton Aycliffe's under 15's team had a memorable first ever win against Willington in their home tie in the Durham County Junior League. Batting first the visitors were held to 96 for 6 from their 20 overs, with Aycliffe bowlers Tom Gledhill and Tom Wickins each taking two wickets. In reply opener Wickins got Aycliffe off to a good start scoring 19 runs. Ben Nicholson then took charge smashing a superb unbeaten 45 to take the homeside to a well earned victory with 5 wickets and an over in hand.

The under 13's team travelled to Darlington RA and put in a great performance and were unlucky to lose a tight game by just 3 wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored a respectable 76 for 5 in their 20 overs with captain Josh Pearson scoring a career best 35 not out. In reply the homeside struggled against some tight Aycliffe bowling led by Sam Dobinson who took 4 wickets for 11 runs and Elliot McKenna with 1 wicket for 2 runs, but the RA edged to victory with just one over remaining.

## Going for Black Belt



Jake Mendelsohn age 9 from Byerley Park Primary School in Newton Aycliffe successfully achieved his 2nd brown belt in mixed martial arts at Evolution Martial Arts Academy in Darlington last Saturday. Jake has been training at the academy since he was 4 years old and only has one more level to complete before attempting the coveted black belt.

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## NEW ZEBRA CROSSING

As members who were at the Council meeting are aware I gave a briefing in regard to the timing of the construction of the proposed crossing. The crossing is to be put in place following a Legal Agreement and the developers of the Aldi Site. Cllrs W. Curtis and P. Ducker asked for this update following a previous motion to the Council. Town and County Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman, following the Council Meeting, has looked into the matter and has been assured the Legal Agreement is proceeding. She has also confirmed with Durham County Council Direct Services that the new proposed date for installation will be July 2012. Effectively the installation has been brought forward from the original date of December 2012 to July 2012. Mr. A. Bailey, Town Clerk.

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It gave me great pleasure to accept the cheque for the Soldiers Charity (ABF) on behalf of Major Eric Ingram (Chair of The Soldiers Charity NE) I would like also like to add the gratitude and sincere thank you from the charity for your hard work and dedication during your time in office. Now that you have left office I would take this opportunity thank you on behalf of my Commanding Officer, Lt Col Ian Adkins and Brigadier Bibby, Commander 15(NE) Brigade for all your support; you are a great friend of 102 Bn REME and the wider military community in County Durham and it has given us, your local Battalion, a great deal of pleasure to

host you at the various events during your time as Mayor; most notably the Freedom Parade on Armed Forces Day last year. I personally would like to add my sincere thank you to you for all your support and I am always impressed by your energy, enthusiasm and dedication you have shown during your term in office. George Crozier

Invitation to Police Event

Durham Police Authority is inviting members of the public to its second Police and Crime Commissioner Event on Wednesday 20th June 2012. The event is free to attend at Durham Town Hall and starts at 9am. The morning session will include speakers from the Home Office, Durham Police Authority, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council and will outline the Government's vision for Police and Crime Commissioners and the local delivery plans for County Durham and Darlington. The afternoon session will consist of interactive workshops focusing on the local transition projects. Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in attending please contact the Police Authority on telephone 0191 383 6529 or email durham.pa@durham.gov.uk to book a place. Residents of County Durham and Darlington can vote for their preferred Police and Crime Commissioner on 15 November 2012.

In Memoriam

Mum



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**JIMMY CUNNINGHAM** 27th May 2011. A year has passed since that sad day, you closed your eyes and slipped away. You will always be loved, missed and remembered every day and forever. Anon

**JIMMY CUNNINGHAM** (27-5-2011). A year ago they took you away, my heart and soul went with you too. I miss and love you every day. Sleep tight my darling Son. Love, Mam xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** 26-5-2007 In Heaven you rest, in my heart you will always live through me. Love you Mam. Scott and Emma xxxxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** I never walk alone Mam, you are always by my side. Miss you and love you forever, Victoria xxxxxxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** My precious Daughter. I am nearly at your resting place and just as I get near, I swear I hear your voice cry out look Mam, I'm over here. They say that everyone that wishes, comes to those that wait, I wish I could gather you in my arms and run out of that gate. Your Mam xxxxx Also thinking of my dear Ray xxxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** 26-5-2007 If flowers grow in Heaven Lord, then pick a bunch for me and place them in my Sisters arms and tell her they are from me. Love you Sis. From Leigh and Roger xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** Our dearest Sister, the years we shared together, the days that we once knew, are lived again very often in our treasured memories of you. Brothers Phil, Glenn and Earle xxx

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** 26-5-2007 When the ties of life are broken and loved ones have to part, it leaves a wound that never heals in our forever aching hearts. Auntie Marion, Uncle Allen and Family

**ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS.** 26-5-2007. Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. Love from Mandy, Gary and family xxx

**NOEL NEEDHAM** 26-5-2009. No farewell we spoke, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Love always, forget you never. Love, Sheila and families

**LOUISE CUNNINGHAM** 23rd May 2010. Years can fade away, but memories of you will never. Beloved Niece of Jack and Lilian. Deeply missed

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Congratulations

Loren Holly



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Kimberley



Happy 30th Birthday  
Hope you have a fab time.  
Lots of love from all the girlies xxxxxx

Olivia



Happy 13th Birthday  
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Catherine Reeve




TEENAGER  
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Kacper Ochman



Happy 8th Birthday  
Kacperek  
Time goes so fast and you are eight now. We are very proud of you. Lots of love and kisses, Mom, Dad and Karol

Imogen



Happy 1st Birthday  
27th May 2012  
Happy birthday to our gorgeous Princess. Lots of hugs and kisses from Mummy, Daddy, Livvie and Hannah xxxx

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**JACK MADDISON** Happy birthday to my cheeky little Nephew, Hope you have an awesome party mate! Love you loads from your Auntie Jade xxx

Jessica Smith



Happy 18th Birthday  
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**BRIANNA ATKINS** 28/5/2002. "Double Digits"! Happy 10th birthday. Love from Mam, Dad, Brogan, Jade, Cody and Zack

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# Spartans 'Improving' But Still Seeking First Win



Baseball:  
Game 1 Newton Aycliffe Spartans 0 v Manchester Torrent 10  
Game 2 Newton Aycliffe Spartans 2 v Manchester Torrent 18

Newton Aycliffe Spartans put in a much improved performance last weekend as they travelled to the North West to take on Manchester Torrent, but are still looking for their first win in the British Baseball Federation North League AA Division. The Manchester Torrent had been the visitors at the first ever home game for the Spartans in mid-April so it seemed fitting that the Spartans returned the favour for the Torrent's home opener at their new facility at Wythenshawe Park and credit goes to the Manchester

sides' efforts in producing an excellent field to play baseball on. Manchester took both games from the Spartans 10-0 and 18-2, but improvements in the Spartan's play were noticeable as Head Coach, Sean Wallwein explained "Manchester gave us a huge reality check when we played them in April. They scored 47 runs over those two games but this time, thanks to improved defensive play, we limited their scoring. As a team we are confident that if we can start to put runners on the bases we can get closer

to these established and experienced teams". This weekend the Spartans are on the road again, travelling to South Yorkshire to play the league leading Sheffield Bladerunners who boast a perfect 6 wins and 0 losses record. Last week, Spartans were privileged to have the highly respected and experienced Great Britain National Team Baseball Coach, Sam Dempster take their training session. Coach Dempster, 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 Puente 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 again next week to their training session on June 7th. The Spartans once again, would welcome anyone interested in learning more about baseball to join them at their weekly training sessions. First 'taster' session is always free. These are held every Thursday evening from 6pm until dusk at Horndale Field, opposite Greenfield College, Newton Aycliffe. For further details, contact John Johnston, Team Manager on john@newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk or visit the team's website at www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk



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## Woodham Students in Athletics Championship



Last week students from Woodham College had the opportunity to represent Newton Aycliffe at the North East Legacy Games. Students had previously qualified as part of the regional Junior Disability Athletics Championships.

The event was held on a lovely sunny day at Monkton Stadium, Jarrow. Students competed against other athletes from schools throughout the North East, for a position in the National Championships. Jake Bramley in Year 7, Jake Perry and Rebecca Arrowsmith in Year 9 all competed in the Shot Putt. Rebecca also took part in the Discus event.

The students participated in the events with great enthusiasm and received certificates for taking part. A great day was had by all.

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