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Val Raw. In addition, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bob Fleming, planted an English Oak sapling, supplied by the Royal Household Estate and donated by the Woodland Trust as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Speaking at the stone unveiling and official

opening of the Jubilee Wood, Councillor Raw said "the Town Council is delighted to have created this Wood, which not only celebrates the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but also provides a beautiful, natural area which will be enjoyed by future generations".



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 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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 Great local band that's starting to attract a large following, constantly playing to full gigs. A fantastic mix of modern and classic rock.
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HITACHI CONSTRUCTION OPEN DAY AT XCEL CENTRE

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The focus will be specifically on the site development, construction and building fit-out activity for Hitachi Rail Europe's proposed train assembly facility to be developed on the Amazon Park site, at Aycliffe. The event will be targeted to potential suppliers to this first stage activity and those directly involved in the procurement strategy of Hitachi's 450,000 sq ft building work upon which is likely to start late 2012.

Geoff Hunton, director, Merchant Place Developments will be a key speaker, supported by Darren Cumber, Manufacturing Plant Manager, Hitachi Rail Europe, Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet Member, Durham County Council and Phil Wilson MP, Sedgefield. With the full Design Team

now in place and the technical aspects of the project proceeding to programme the event is very much about the construction process from tender action through to site start and building completion over a three year period" says Geoff Hunton. "We anticipate up to 500 construction sector attendees representing major contractors and specialist sub-contractors. The Construction Open Day will be entirely procurement strategy focused." A maximum of two representatives per company is allowed.

The Hitachi project will be controlled through three main contracts, each one having its own sub-contractor element. The First contract is for Archaeological investigations prior to work starting on the Second contract phase, the main Design and Build, turnkey, contract. This will cover on-site works including the main production building together with office and storage accommodation as well

as the on-site rail infrastructure and test track facility.

As part of this Contract we will be identifying specialist supply services required i.e. paint spray booths, staging, and test facilities.

The Third contract is for off-site rail works connecting to the Network Rail infrastructure, creating the rail access to the site and repositioning the existing Shildon branch line track to facilitate the construction of the test track.

"I will explain how the three main contracts will be run together with the component elements of each contract so all contractors can identify the work opportunities," says Mr. Hunton. "It is our aim that where appropriate we will identify regionally-based suppliers for this very important inward investment project."

Pre-registration is essential on the Hitachi Rail Project website www.hitachirailproject.co.uk in order to guarantee a place and to receive car parking passes if travelling by road. Full details of car parking, use of Heighington Station and access to the Xcel Centre will also be placed on the web site. There will be a registration facility on arrival between 9.30am and 10am with the Open Day presentations formally commencing at 10am and finishing at 11.30am. At the end of the presentations, between 11.30 and 12.00 noon, there will be a Q&A opportunity.

Woodham WOW Factor



Last week saw a unique reward opportunity unveiled at Woodham College.

As part of the successful House system which is currently operating at the College, the top achieving students (boys and girls) were surprised with a range of exciting activities incorporating large scale inflatables.

AR Entertainments provided a range of exciting activities. These included Gladiator Jousting where opponents had to be the first to knock one another off their podium. There was a modern version of Subbuteo in the form of Human Table Football; students were attached to a particular position and had to try and score the most goals. Human Demolition was a popular choice with the students and this involved four participants standing on opposing podiums and swinging an enormous ball in order to dismount their opposition. Finally, there was also Bungee Run where students were harnessed to the inflatables and had to run forward whilst the harness pulled them backward. With the Olympic games approaching, Usain Bolt has some stiff competition from the Woodham students. The Woodham students thoroughly enjoyed this event and found themselves queuing behind even the teachers in order to participate!

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Mums and Dads of pupils at Sugar Hill were invited into school to taste food provided by a Healthy Eating Cafe set up specially to promote healthy food. Among the vegetables, and fruit were some treats too and everyone enjoyed the session and hopefully lessons were learnt from those that eat too many convenience meals



Grasscutting Service for Tenants

Dear Sir
When livin took over from Sedgefield Borough Council housing they promised the residents there would be no changes. Would they tell residents why they have stopped cutting the grass for the elderly. I have been inundated by a number of residents in Aycliffe Village with complaints that this service has stopped. Two elderly residents over the age of 90 approached me to say their grass will not be cut in future and other residents in and around the "Whitehouse" have also complained. How can they justify this action and can they please reconsider this action?
Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp
Editor: We contacted livin who reminded us that a review of grasscutting for the elderly was carried out last July and people had to apply and meet new eligibility conditions. It was clear the system was being abused and some elderly residents had previously received the service who were able to keep their grass tidy and others had relatives nearby who could cut the grass for them. livin are happy to talk to tenants who believe they fit the criteria. "The review took place 12 months ago and everyone that applied for the service was informed if they would still receive it. Obviously we need to make sure these tenants are looked after, understand the process and double check they are eligible to apply" said a spokesperson for livin. Contact livin on 0845 505 5500

"Heartbeat" Bus Used for Birthday Celebration



The family of Anne Molyneux arranged a 'surprise' birthday party on 2nd June for her 70th birthday. The guests met at the Navy Club and the Heartbeat bus transported them to the Sports Complex. Anne, complete with jacket, hat and ticket machine, was the conductress and issued a ticket to each guest for the ride. The driver of the bus was Ian Wiggett, secretary of the Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society. The bus was a 1949 single decker ex United restored in 1996 and is the only surviving example of the 30 modified. This bus has appeared on the TV series 'Heartbeat' and Catherine Cookson's drama 'Round Tower'. It is part of a collection of buses which can be viewed at: www.aycliffebus.org.uk
Instead of presents, Anne requested guests make donations to the Alan Shearer Sensory Centre at St. Cuthbert's Care in Newcastle. In 2006 Alan Shearer donated £320,000 from his testimonial match to complete two specialist developments for people with disabilities: an activity centre and a short break centre. Along with Ant and Dec, Alan became a patron of St. Cuthbert's Care and in May this year Alan launched his own Foundation which marks his continuing commitment to children and adults with complex disabilities. The foundation is aiming to raise at least £250,000 every year to benefit thousands of disabled people throughout our region. Go to www.alanshearerfoundation.org.uk for more information.

Furniture Scheme Expands

Dear Sir,
Business at the Furniture Scheme continues to increase in both supply and demand as well as the CDFHS's employability training scheme. In response the CDFHS is expanding and diversifying to meet this demand for its services. The success of the CDFHS's training scheme enables people to move from benefits to employment, especially the 18 to 25 age group. This has been acknowledged by senior members of the hierarchy of JobCentre Plus who came to visit the CDFHS to find out how we are so successful.

They were very impressed to see how our volunteers pass on their trade and practical work skills to trainees. On the down side; it is with sadness I report the theft of our 8" x 6" blue cash tin on Friday 1st of June between 3 and 3.30 pm. When I discovered that it had been stolen I said a prayer for the person who took it and asked St Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases, to help. Everything happens for a reason but sometimes it's extremely hard to see rhyme or reason to some events. Christopher C C R Palmer, Managing Director

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Sugar Hill Re-Union

All Past Students Invited to Tea



To celebrate the school's own Diamond Jubilee, the staff and pupils at Sugar Hill Primary have arranged an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 19th June, where they would like to see former pupils and teachers from the 1950's through to the 1980s. The afternoon includes a Tea Party, held in the school hall between 1.30pm and 3pm. Those attending are also invited to bring any photos or other memorabilia, to help with the school's project to document and celebrate its changing face since it opened in 1952.

SHINING BRILLIANCE

Dear Sir,
As the Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, I attended a number of activities celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Starting with the official opening of the Jubilee Wood and finishing with the lighting of the Jubilee beacon. I also watched many Jubilee celebrations and activities on television. The highlight for me of all the celebrations I witnessed was the performance of the Church and Community Children's Choir at the Civic and Jubilee Service at St Clare's Church. The Choir of young children sang 'Shine' - a tribute to the Queen and her Jubilee. The performance was outstanding and received a spontaneous standing ovation. Such an enthusiastic performance could only be achieved by practice and talent by both the children and their leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned with this performance - you sang Shine and you were brilliant. Councillor Bob Fleming

Town Council Policy & Resources Committee - 30th May 2012

COUNTY OFFICIAL'S REPORT ON AYCLIFFE ECONOMY

This week, I restrict my report solely to the presentation on the Aycliffe economy by Durham County Council Economic Development Manager Graham Wood, which he gave to the Policy and Resources Committee on 30th May 2012.

The Aycliffe Economy - THE NEGATIVES

There are many negatives, admitted Mr Wood. In a local economy in which three quarters of businesses are 'small' (10 or fewer employees), it was small-scale finance which was proving the significant brake on growth. The word he used for the local economy was 'fragile', and even food retailers are experiencing a slowing up of growth.

The 2010 recovery has stalled - unemployment in the area, which fell from 5.8% to 4.2% 2009-10, dropped only a further 0.2% 2010-11. Of these, 24% (195 Job Seekers Allowance claimants) had been unemployed longer than 6 months. There are still many more people seeking employment than there are vacancies across the board. Many jobs, moreover, are part-time not full-time, so the figures hide a significant degree of underemployment.

Youth unemployment remains the biggest worry; at 255 individuals, unemployment amongst under-25s accounts for 32% of the JSA claimant count (and stands at 38% in Aycliffe Central and West wards). Further, 122 (12%) of Aycliffe's 16-18-year-olds are 'NEETS' (not in employment, education or training) - in contrast to which there is a relative shortage of skilled workers (especially welders and fabricators) which threatens some sort of crisis as the existing skilled workers retire in the next few years ... there is an urgent need to 'bring young people through'.

And whilst Mr Wood felt that Aycliffe's geographical position on the edge of the Teesside Enterprise Zone was not particularly harmful to the Business Park, he revealed that we are losing workers to Scotland, and also that there are no projects aimed specifically at Aycliffe in the third round of bids for the Regional Growth Fund - Aycliffe is, truly, 'on its own' when it comes to securing economic growth.

The Aycliffe Economy - THE

POSITIVES

Mr Wood was anxious not to paint a picture of unremitting gloom. The Hitachi project, he told us, would be at least as great a stimulus to the local economy as any enterprise zone - a Hitachi open-day was planned shortly which will investigate construction opportunities. Even this, however, has its worries - the coming of Hitachi will create an employment 'churn' in the local economy, as employees leave their current firms to seek promoted positions with Hitachi, and we will need to make sure that existing firms are able to recruit suitable replacements. He reported that the government's (contro-versial) Work Programme had been enthusiastically taken up in County Durham, and cited the work to renew the appearance of the 'Heart of the Park'. Whilst there were no big

successes to report, there were continuing smaller 'wins' - a few jobs created here, a couple of apprenticeships there - and if every small firm on the Industrial Estate were to employ just one person extra, it would make a significant difference to the local economy.

The County Council and the Aycliffe Economy

I had asked Mr Wood to describe to us what DCC was doing to help the local economy, and he outlined the following:

- DCC is working with the education sector and the 14-19 Partnership to make sure that pupils are leaving education with appropriate (especially vocational) qualifications; he got a nod of approval from Councillors when he commented that university is not the only way to secure your future. J. D. Clare

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19.45-20.30	AF Circuits	2
20.00-20.45	BodyBalance™	1

TUESDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.15	Zumba®	2
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
10.30-11.30	Modern Pilates®	1
10.15-11.15	BodyBalance™	2
12.15-13.00	BodyPump™	2
13.00-13.45	BodyStep™	2
17.15-18.00	Modern Pilates®	1
17.30-18.15	AF Circuits	2
18.00-19.00	BodyAttack™	1
18.30-19.30	BodyPump™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyBalance™	1
19.45-20.30	Boxercise®	2

WEDNESDAY

Time	Class	Studio
6.30-7.15	AF BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyStep™	2
9.30-10.15	AF Basic Aerobics	1
10.30-11.00	CXWORK™	1
12.15-13.00	AF Circuits	1
13.00-13.45	BodyPump™	2
17.15-18.00	AF Fitball	2
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.00-18.45	BodyPump™	2
19.00-19.30	CXWORK™	1
19.00-20.00	BodyStep™	2
19.30-20.15	BodyBalance™	1

THURSDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.30	BodyCombat™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2
10.30-11.30	BodyBalance™	1
12.15-13.00	BodyAttack™	1
13.00-13.30	CXWORK™	1
17.15-18.00	Zumba®	1
18.00-19.00	BodyCombat™	1
18.00-19.00	BodyPump™	2
19.00-20.00	BodyBalance™	1
19.15-20.00	Boxercise®	2

FRIDAY

Time	Class	Studio
6.30-7.15	AF BootCamp	2
9.30-10.30	BodyAttack™	1
9.30-10.30	BodyPump™	2
10.30-11.00	CXWORK™	1
12.15-13.00	BodyCombat™	1
13.00-13.45	AF Fitball	2
17.00-17.45	Modern Pilates®	2
17.45-18.30	BodyPump™	2
18.00-18.45	BodyAttack™	1
18.30-19.15	BodyStep™	2

SATURDAY

Time	Class	Studio
9.30-10.00	CXWORK™	1
10.00-10.45	BodyCombat™	1
11.00-11.45	BodyPump™	2

SUNDAY

Time	Class	Studio
10.00-11.00	BodyPump™	2
11.15-12.15	BodyAttack™	1
16.15-17.15	BodyStep™	2
17.30-18.15	AF Fitball	1

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MOTHER OF THREE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Linda Marshall, JP, has been appointed the new Chairman of Durham County Council. Vice Chairman for the previous 12 months, Cllr Marshall succeeds Cllr Dennis Morgan and becomes the authority's first female chairman following local government reorganisation in 2009.

The former Roseberry Comprehensive School pupil, who represents Pelton Fell and Chester-le-Street West Central, Cllr Marshall runs the family printing business in Craghead, Stanley, which was established in 1919.

Linda is from a family steeped in local politics and both her husband David and son Carl are Durham County Council councillors.



Cllr Marshall, 56, has another son Adam a fitter, and a daughter Sally-Beth, who is a Stanley Town Councillor representing Craghead.

Cllr Marshall's hobbies and interests include looking after hens and geese on the family allotment, social networking, travel and experiencing new cultures and would, in the future like to become a beekeeper.

The chosen charities during her term in office are Cardiac Risk in the Young and the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Marshall presented Cllr Morgan with the former Chairman's medal, and said: "Can I say what a tremendous honour and great privilege it is to be chosen as Chairman.

"I am looking forward to representing the people of County Durham and will strive to enhance the reputation of the County Council."

On leaving school Cllr Marshall attended Durham Technical College where she studied catering before joining the family printing concerns.

The new Chairman has been a Magistrate in North Durham for six years and is a member of Rotary Club of Derwentside.

Cllr Marshall has been a GMB Union member since she was 17 and at 18, became the youngest Branch Secretary of one of the biggest geographical branches, covering Berwick-upon-Tweed to Middlesbrough and to Cumbria in the west. Linda has been a Labour Party member for almost 40 years and a governor of Pelton Roseberry School for 27 years.

The new Vice Chairman is former teacher Cllr Pauline Charlton who represents the Evenwood Ward. During his 12 months in office, outgoing chairman Cllr Dennis Morgan raised £10,000 for his chosen charity the Rainbow Children's Trust.

Gleeson Homes Selling Well in Newton Aycliffe

Gleeson Homes has welcomed two new members of staff to its north east team based in Sunderland. Sales Manager, Gary Anderson and Senior Land Manager, Chris Dodds have recently joined the rapidly expanding house builder to help manage their present and future new homes developments across the region.

Gleeson is currently selling new homes at five locations in the north east including Shaftho Court in Newton Aycliffe and Hackworth Place in Shildon where the company is building 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes from £83,196 when purchased with the government backed FirstBuy scheme. FirstBuy is just one of Gleeson's 'Fantastic Five' range of purchase enabling schemes which are aimed specifically at first time buyers.

Gary Anderson said, "Our new homes at Hackworth Place and Shildon Court are ideally located close to local shops and amenities. All homes feature on site parking and gardens representing fantastic value for money."

Another popular buying scheme is Aspire whereby Gleeson contribute 5% towards a first time buyer's deposit as well as £500 towards legal fees. Schemes are also available for those buyers who want help saving towards their deposit plus 'Leaving Home' which

is aimed at parents who want to help their child purchase a new home.

Over the past 12 months the housebuilder, who pride themselves in building homes at prices local people can afford, has opened five new homes developments across Tyne & Wear and Co Durham with another four due to open in the coming months and a number more at planning stage.

Senior Land Manager, Chris, explains, "When choosing sites to develop we make sure they are near good local amenities and close to excellent transport links. In addition to building new homes we create new employment opportunities for local people and get involved in the local economy through our Community Matters Package".

Gary adds, "Our new homes at Hackworth Place and Shaftho Court have proved really popular and we have even had to speed up construction to keep up with demand. I would urge all those house hunters out there to visit the developments to see the quality of the new homes and have a chat with our Sales Negotiator about how we can help you buy". Sales Offices are open Thursday to Monday 10am to 5pm. For more information please visit www.gleeson-homes.co.uk



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<p>Barley Close Woodham Village</p> <p>Extended 4 bedroom detached, 2 car garage, lounge, dining, fitted kitchen, secondary bathroom.</p>	<p>Lingard Way Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>Three bedroom house, double garage, WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, dining, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Oakfield Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>3 bedroom house, double garage, WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, dining, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Stirling Road Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>4 well presented 3 bedroom house, double garage, WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, dining, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Styngdale Shildon</p> <p>4 1/2 bed semi, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, WC, 3 beds, 2 bath, double garage, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Pyckale Rd Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>Three bedroom detached family home. Fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room, WC, oil, central heating, gas, garage.</p>	<p>Down Road Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>Three bedroom detached property, oil and gas, WC, secondary bathroom, central heating, double garage, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>
<p>Welford Road Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>3 bedroom semi detached property. Close to local amenities, central heating, double garage, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>McGee Place Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>3 bedroom 2 bath house, double garage, WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, dining, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Chillingham Grove Woodham Village</p> <p>4 bedroom 3 bedroom semi detached property, double garage, WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, dining, driveway with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>	<p>Easton Court Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>Three bedroom detached property, lounge, dining room, kitchen, secondary bathroom, garage and garage, WC, oil and gas. Ready to move.</p>			

Jubilee Celebrations

Jubilee Party in Gilpin Road



On Monday 4th June the residents of the cul de sac in Gilpin Road organised a Street Party for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Permission was granted to close off the road for the day and over 100 residents and with family and friends attended. The street and houses were decorated with special thanks to Wilkinsons for their £10 donation and Tesco for the surplus bunting donated. The day started with a lovely buffet provided by livin which was opened by the longest resident Rita Sullivan. The Mayor Val Raw attended and presented Rita with a gift from residents. Children sat together to enjoy fabulous food with thanks for the loan of the tables and chairs from Neville Parade Methodist Church Mother & Toddler Group. Children were entertained by bouncy castles, treasure hunt, dressing up races, sack race, tug of war, penalty shoot thanks to Newton Aycliffe Junior FC. Lauren Peart (16yrs) painted children's faces all day long.



All children received a souvenir mug provided by Livin. A Hog Pig Roast, freshly cooked by Ramside Hotel was served by Andrew Peart and Nick Scott in buns from Walkers who opened especially for us on Monday morning to bake 300 fresh buns. The highlight of the day was Professor Nincompoop who had the children spellbound with his magic show and jokes and he kindly agreed to stay an extra hour. The day ended with everyone doing the Hokey Cokey

and a 70 person Conga for all ages. It finished with a sing song. We were very lucky to have mild and sunny weather throughout the day for this was a great memorable community event. Even the Queen and the Duke made an appearance! A very big thank you to the organisers Lisa Peart and Vanessa Scott. Others who played a big part in the event were Susan Buxton, Michelle Acuna Ocana, Lyndsey Smith, Damian Acuna Ocana, Tommy Francis, Claire Francis and Nick Scott.

CHOIR SHINE AT JUBILEE SERVICE



As part of the celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, St. Clare's Church held a Civic Service of Thanksgiving attended by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mrs Val Raw and other members of Great Aycliffe Town Council. The Church and Community Children's Choir, SHINE sang their own tribute to her Majesty entitled 'God Bless the Queen'. The choir wore their printed shirts for the first time after receiving donations from members of the congregation and council. They received a standing ovation after delighting a full congregation. Each child received their own copy of the Jubilee Bible, published to mark the

Queen's Jubilee. Revd. Linda Potter answered many of the choir's questions from their anthem in her address and spoke of our monarch's faithful service to her country and to the Church. Over 100 people joined together for a Jubilee buffet, as part of the 'Big Lunch', prepared and served by members of St. Clare's Church. The Mayor thanked everyone who had participated in the Service and the refreshments which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The SHINE Choir wish to express their thanks to P.A.C.E staff who made a great job of printing their T-shirts.

250 Attend Jubilee Songs of Praise on the Village Green

Newton Press was delighted to provide the hymn sheets for the Songs of Praise Jubilee event on Aycliffe Village Green last Sunday. The Rev. Julie Wing only asked for 60 to be printed so she was flabbergasted when 250 people turned up for the sing song. It was joyous occasion led by the Church Choir and the Scout Group. The hymns were the top favourite chosen by villagers and the singing ended with Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory and the National Anthem. Everyone enjoyed the informal get together to sing hymns and Rev. Julie took the opportunity to say it happens every Sunday at St. Andrew's Church and all were welcome.





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JUBILEE 'NEWS'

Newton News has covered lots of events over the Jubilee weekend and we also have received information from readers who attended many of the parties held around the town. We will publish more in next week's issue.

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Oak Leaf Jubilee Activities



The Oak Leaf Sports Complex staff ran a Jubilee Bowls Tournament on Saturday 2nd and the winners were Mr Payne and Mr Dunning. On Sunday they held a Children's Fancy Dress Party and a tree was planted for the Jubilee. They also built a time capsule which will be buried next to a tree.

Generous Support for Village Celebrations

Dear Sir,
On Monday, 4th June, Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association held a day of celebration to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and I should publicly like to thank all our sponsors for their extremely generous support - in particular Councillor Sarah Iversen and Councillor John Moran who donated a total of £2,043 from their respective Neighbourhood Funds and officially opened the day with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

We also received generous donations from Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham University Charities Committee (DUCE), 'Irvin' who kindly paid for the printing of banners and programmes and a number of local businesses who supported our ever popular 'dock race'. Special thanks also go to Brian Riley and Adam White (Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership), Andrew Bailey and Marie Robinson (Great Aycliffe Town Council), PC Alan Thompson and Councillor Bill Bleasdale for all their help and advice over the past weeks.

To say the day was a major success would be an understatement - in excess of 200 village residents enjoyed a breakfast morning in the village hall, afternoon cream teas, an Arts & Crafts display, a 'royal' display by Aycliffe Village Local History Society, hilarious fun and games on the village green and an evening of open-air musical entertainment.

Early indications are that an amazing £2,000 was raised for the village hall funds; but, perhaps more importantly, the hard work and enthusiasm shown by a host of helpers and volunteers displayed a level of community spirit that will live long in the memory of everyone who attended the day.

Keith D. Johnson, Chairman,
Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association

Jubilee Party at Foxton Close



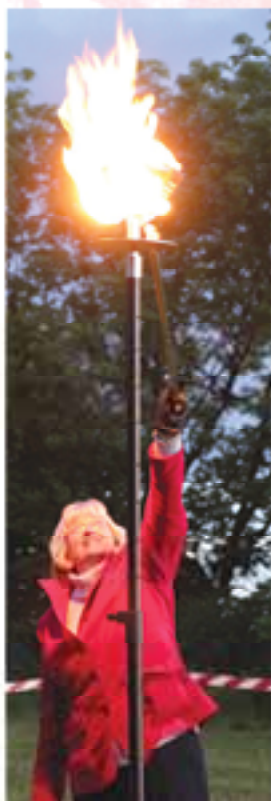
Residents of Foxton Close always take whatever opportunity comes along for a Party and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was no exception last Monday as they gathered to celebrate this important anniversary. We hear one person had a birthday the next day so naturally the party had to go on till past midnight so his birthday could also be celebrated. The children of the Close held a raffle in aid of Cancer Support and raised £80.

Egerton Close Tea Party



A Champagne Tea Party was hosted by Tony and Jan Carr at 12 Egerton Grove on Tuesday 5th June. Residents of this lively cul-de-sac gathered together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with readings of 'Land of Hope and Glory' and other favourites. Revelers partied until after dark, ending with a curry supper and the National Anthem. A wonderful celebration of our wonderful Queen, despite the inclement weather!

MIDDRIDGE BEACON



Chairwoman of Middlesbrough Parish Council, Anne Clarke lighting the Jubilee Beacon in the play area in Middlesbrough at 10pm on Monday 4th June 2012.

Around 40 people turned out to witness this historic moment to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Middlesbrough was lucky to be allocated one of the 4000 special beacons.

On Sunday, a 'Right Royal Garden Party' was held on the green. Everyone brought food for the table and despite the chill in the air and the threat of rain a good time was had by all.

A RIGHT ROYAL WEEK

Along with the rest of the country Greenfield has marked the run up to the special Jubilee Celebrations this weekend with a number of events.

Whilst maintaining a focus on hard work throughout the week, every opportunity has been taken to recognise the significance of Her Majesty's reign. Each day has begun with an assembly exploring achievement and what can be learned from a lifetime of dedication. Even maths lessons have managed to explore lines of symmetry using our national flag and the royal crown!

Greenfield break and dinner time staff have gone the extra mile and presented students with 'Great British' menus each day, served under cheerful swatches of royal bunting.

To finish the week a non-uniform day brought out the school's determination to show its enthusiasm for the country wide celebrations. Everyone dressed in red, white and blue and felt proud, not only to be a part of this historic event, but also to raise money for the World Challenge.

Finally, to end it all, what could be better than a



good British Cuppa', Aycliffe & Middlesbrough served, of course, in one of the celebration mugs generously given to all Year 7 students by Great

Care Home Jubilee Cake



The staff at Broomfield Care Home organized some great events for residents to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee including a special cake designed by the cook in the shape of a crown. Home Manager, Doreen Bonner is shown here cutting the first slice.

Red Cross Jubilee Celebrations



Volunteers at the British Red Cross Charity Shop in the Thames Centre decorated their shop with splashes of red, white and blue for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Alice Bentley who dresses the windows, enjoys displaying all the memorabilia and bric a brac Manager Paula Bruce and Assistant Manager Filipa Desousa could find for her. Among the finds was a 1953 Coronation mug which took pride of place in the window. Alice remembered receiving her mug at a party when she was only five. Now 60 years on her Grandchildren, Megan 4 and Ethan 3 proudly hold their Diamond Jubilee mugs for all to see.

Town Schools Celebrate Queen's Jubilee



County Councillors Enid Paylor and Mike Dixon distributing Jubilee Mugs at Stephenson Way.



Souvenir Jubilee Mugs were presented to Sugar Hill students by Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran. The School Choir entertained the Assembly. They were taught by John Melvin and gave a very accomplished and confident performance.

Coronation at Infants School



Infants at Stephenson Way School re-enacted the Queen's Coronation to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. The Rev Emma Morgan, Newton Aycliffe Methodist Minister, officiated and the children were all dressed for the part including, Guards, Princes, Princesses, Nobles not forgetting a specially chosen Queen and her attendants. Afterwards the children enjoyed a Royal Banquet.



Jubilee Mugs were given to pupils at St. Mary's School by County Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran. Counc Dorothy Bowman carried out this duty at Horndale School.



Students at Sugar Hill dressed for the Jubilee

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PENSIONERS

Dear Editor,
Here is a copy of a letter I've just sent to the Equal Rights Commission. I would be grateful if you would publish it with the added note shown below.

'It is understood that PM Cameron intends to introduce a two tier pension system for pensioners in the near future. If this comes into being it means that existing pensioners will receive £35 per week less than new pensioners. Do you agree that such a distinction would be discriminatory?

Many existing pensioners have contributed for more than 50 years towards their present pension as well as paying National Insurance, SERPs and Graduated Pension. Many also served two years National Service as well as those who were regular soldiers and defended

this Country, something PM Cameron has not done. And meanwhile, many existing pensioners will have to continue to pay Income Tax to provide this £35 increase. This new scheme would mean that the riff raff of the world could come here and plunder our Welfare System without contributing, quite apart from those who live here and go through life without contributing. Would you please give judgement on this matter?"

This matter ought to be of concern to all existing Pensioners and I suggest that everyone affected address their concern to :-
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Henry Ballantyne

Poor Jubilee Effort by Town Council

Dear Sir,

I write about the lack of patriotism in Newton Aycliffe. If you travel around the town you will find that only one or two houses have put up flags or bunting for the Queen's Jubilee. I find this disheartening that a lot of the people of the town as well as the Town Council have not bothered. Even if they bought a £1 flag and hung that from a window it would have been something.

If you go to Shildon, their streets have really got into the spirit of the occasion with houses, as well as

streets displaying flags and other regalia, Their Town Council has taken the lead and hung a flag on every lamp post on the high street which is a great sight driving through. Our Town Council's effort is some bunting around the council offices which you would only see if you went passed that way.

Town Council members should be ashamed at this poor effort. This 60th Jubilee is something that most of us will never see again and Newton Aycliffe has let us down badly.

Michael Johns
Honister Place

Aycliffe Firm Helps Hospice Twilight Walk



Lindsey Brown, fundraiser, with Colin Walker, handing over the buns.

A local family business has helped a regional charity keep their costs to a minimum with a generous donation. Walkers Butchers and Bakers of Simpasturegate, Newton Aycliffe, donated twenty dozen bread buns to Butterwick Hospice's 'Twilight Walk' which took place on Saturday, 26th May.

Fundraiser Julie Nisbet, who organised the event, said "Don Walker, his family and his staff have been very supportive and I'm extremely grateful to them. The donation of bread buns enabled us to give the ladies a sandwich at the end of their sponsored walk, as well as the volunteers that helped out on the night. Mr Walker has shown great community spirit, and we appreciate all his

help." Over 240 ladies participated in the annual walk, raising an incredible £19,000 for Butterwick Hospice, towards the services they provide to patients with life-limiting illnesses.

TESCO STAFF AIM TO RAISE £2,000

Dear Sir,

Tesco's charity of the year is Cancer Research and Phil Topping, one of our security guards, is having his head shaved on the 16th of June at around two o'clock.

His hairdresser Andrea from Razor Edge at Ferryhill is travelling down to cut it as he is donating his hair to the "Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer.

We are hoping to raise £2,000, and half of the money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support who helped look after Phil's Dad who sadly passed away last year.

His Dad always asked him to get a hair cut so he thought this was a good way to raise money for this worthy cause. The Rotary club will also be coming in store to help with the collection.

Shirley
Tesco Community
Charity Champion

Like Father Like Son



Like his Councillor Father before him, Aycliffe Village representative on Great Aycliffe Town Council, Billy Blenkinsopp, was given the honour to plant a tree on the Village Green to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Billy thanked the villagers for the honour and said he was delighted and humbled to be chosen.

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Apology for Accident from County Officer

Daily Checks to be Made

Dear Sir,

In response to the letter from Mrs Pennington-Foster I would like to take this opportunity to once again apologise for this accident and to assure her that our primary concern was for her baby's welfare. This was the single most concern also of the operations manager who responded when the accident occurred on May 4th and who I understand suggested the baby should be seen by a medical professional to ensure all was well.

We are always very sorry when an accident takes place and the duty manager immediately placed the baby seat and others out of order and explained that new seats would be purchased and replaced as a matter of priority. He also issued a sincere apology at the time.

Following the accident Health and Safety were informed and a site visit was carried out to identify whether any improvement

should be made to ensure this does not happen again. The changing areas where the seat is located are checked twice daily by the operation managers and hourly by the leisure attendants who look for defects, cleanliness and general wear.

However, following this incident the baby seating and changing mats will be individually listed and checked on a daily basis.

Again we sincerely apologise for this accident and very much hope to welcome Mrs Pennington-Foster and her son back to our facility at Newton Aycliffe or Spennymoor in the near future.

Best wishes,
Terry Collins

Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services
Ed: Due to a technical problem this e-mail arrived too late to be included in the same issue as the complaint. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Dear Sir,
Congratulations to Mr Alastair Welsh for his excellent letter in response to the diatribe from Councillor John Clare blaming everyone but the Labour Party for the ills of our country. Whilst I do not subscribe to Mr Welsh's suggestion of the north east throwing in its lot with Scotland, I do agree that Councillor Clare seems to have forgotten that it was 10 years of a Labour government that brought us to the financial situation in which we now find ourselves. Labour under Blair and Brown just spent spent and spent and put nothing aside for the rainy days that now befall us. Perhaps if the previous Labour government had acted with a little more responsibility and prudence the economy might now be a little healthier with higher employment and less of a need for handouts from central government. I do not suggest for a minute that this country would not have felt the effects of global financial meltdown but had we been better prepared for a downturn as we should have been, then the pain might not have been so great. Historically, Labour have spent far too much of our money when in power and got

us into difficulties more than once. So, too, have Labour dominated local councils. I have just returned from a weekend away at my son's home in Cambridgeshire. He lives in a similar sized house in a comparable sort of location and yet his Council Tax amounts to LESS THAN HALF of my own. Why should this be? Maybe the council there is a little more frugal than our own. I understand that it is a "hung" council. I am not a member of any political party but I simply cannot allow one of our own Town Councillors to be allowed to get away with blaming the present Coalition government for all of the problems of our region. Perhaps if the Labour Party were to rid itself of typical "died in the wool" blinkered hard line Councillors like Mr Clare it might become more electable nationally. Sadly, I do believe that when it comes to choosing political representatives many people follow the adage "I always vote Labour because my parents did and their parents before them." Nothing necessarily wrong with that but it does result in the election of people who have only a political agenda to local councils rather than people

who will make decisions that are best for and will benefit the local area. No single political party has all the answers to all the problems and the sooner people start voting locally for Councillors who will best represent the needs of the local area instead of serving blindly the wishes of their party political masters, the better quality of Local Council we shall have. I think that for far too long we have had to suffer a Town Council so dominated by the Labour group that it has become tiresome listening to members like Mr Clare whose views always seem to be trying to score political points rather than getting on with local non party issues that affect us all in this town. Local politicians would be far better employed spending their time dealing with local problems. I for one would like to see far more of our Local Councillors having much less of a party political agenda and more of a desire to serve the needs of Newton Aycliffe and all of its residents. VC

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

Dear Sirs
I would like to write to tell you of my disgust at the 'gentleman' - and I use the term very loosely - who started to urinate next to our car last Friday. My husband was waiting for me in a designated parking space in Greenwell Road. He started the engine, and I sincerely hope it scared the person enough for him to wet his trousers. He was a man in his 30's and as this was only 1.50pm it isn't something you expect to happen. If you are reading this, there is no excuse for this behaviour and it is also against the law. There is a public toilet in the Recreation Centre, which was only about 100 yards away. Disgusted
Name & address supplied

Aycliffe Girls Get to Semi Finals

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Girls under 12 football team took part in the annual Blackpool Tournament. Over the weekend the girls played 5 group matches which saw them progress into the quarter finals. The quarter final proved to be a difficult game, but the girls battled hard to score the only goal of the match. This led them to the semi final against Darlington Spraire Lassies. This was the girls best game of the Tournament with some nail biting moments for the spectators. After a 0-0 draw the game was decided on penalties. Unfortunately for the girls it wasn't to be their day, but they all enjoyed a fantastic weekend in Blackpool. Manager, Mike Pearson was extremely proud of all the girls. Team members were, Lucy Postle, Shannon Clay, Nicole Todd, Amber Savage, Leona Race, Sophie Storey, Corra O'Leary and goal keeper Jordan Flynn. Managers Player of the tournament was Shannon Clay.





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Last year, our service helped just under 4,000 individuals with almost 6,000 different enquiries. We held over 10,000 interviews with clients; 81% of them were carried out face to face. We handled £7.84 million of debt which excludes any amounts owed on a mortgage. Financial gains were sourced for our clients of £4 million which is ultimately spent in the local economy.

32% of our workload was in relation to debt and 46% for benefits. We also provided advice across a wide range of other topics including housing, relationships, employment and consumer. Volunteers cover a wide range of roles in our bureau from gateway assessors to full advice work, admin support to social policy co-ordinator, researcher to supervisor.

At a time of high unemployment, increasing economic pressure and cuts to public services, the invaluable contribution made by volunteers is needed more now than ever.

The value of the hours contributed by our volunteers last year amounted to well over £150,000; they make our service what it is and without them we could not function. We still have many

opportunities available for volunteers and would urge you to contact us if you have a particular flair for social media, marketing, fundraising, campaigning or administration. Opportunities are flexible – some volunteers choose to help out for a short period, while others have supported Citizens Advice for many years. Volunteering is an excellent way to develop your skills if you want a change of career or are looking to get back into work after a break. Of the volunteer advisers who left our service over the past three years, 49% went into paid employment in a similar field.

We will soon be recruiting again for further advisers and gateway assessors who will directly help clients but if you are interested in helping out behind the scenes with all the things that add up to making us a great organisation, we need you now! Please contact Sandra Richardson for an application pack on 01388 825403. Volunteer Week is the perfect time to acknowledge the work our team has done and say a big thank you for all their time, commitment and passion in ensuring our residents have access to a high quality advice service. If you want to come and be part of our team, give us a call.

Aycliffe Village News

IT CLINIC: The IT clinic starts again after a short break from Tuesday, 12th June, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm in the Village Hall. Alan Harley will be on hand to offer help and advice to beginners and more advanced users, so come along and improve your computer skills. The cost is £1.

WI MEETING: Aycliffe Village WI meets on Wednesday, 20th June, in

the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk by Howard Leslie on Gardening in the Walled Garden at Whitworth Hall. Members are invited to take along photographs of when they were babies! For details, call President Kathy Round on 01325-315732.

JUNIOR DISCO: It’s disco time for children aged five to 12 years at Aycliffe Village Hall on Friday, 29th June, from 6.30-8pm. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and drinks will be available. Children can also have a glitter tattoo for £1. Entry is £1.

Thank You

Patsy, Sophie and Alexander Scott

would sincerely like to thank all our lovely friends for the beautiful cards, letters and floral tributes. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness. A special thank you to Bev and Gary, Martin and Rosa, Anne and Martin.

Good night.
God bless Peter

Obituary

Joyce Snowball



Joyce, of Newton Aycliffe, died 27th May, aged 83. Adored Wife of John and Mother of John Jnr. Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 14th June, 11.45am. Donations in lieu of flowers to British Heart Foundation.



JOHN LOFTUS 5th June. John of Shildon, aged 80 years. Beloved Husband of Helen Loftus, devoted Father to Mary; proud Grandad to Leanne, Sarah and Angela and loving Great Grandad of Tia. Service to be held at St Mary’s Church on Thursday 14th June. Times to be arranged. Will friends please call 01388 772552 for further information

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Drivers negotiate dangerous bends; roundabouts and junctions, failing to indicate or don’t indicate correctly. I also note illegal parking on Greenwell Road, where drivers stop and/or park just where they feel like, because they are too lazy to walk. Is it not time the Police stepped in, stopped speeders, dangerous drivers and the illegal parking and FINE them all before someone is injured or killed?
Concerned
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In Memoriam

LYNNE EASTON 5-6-2010. In memory of our dearest friend. We will miss you forever. Now George has joined you, have a Heavenly cruise. Love and miss you both. Barry and Mad
SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. It’s been nine years without Sarah, but our tears still fall as we remember times when you were little, that seems so far away, you will always be in our hearts forever Princess. Love always, Mam and Dad xx
SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. You were one in a million and I will always remember and love you. Love always, Michael xxx
SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. Sadly missed along life’s way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love from Nana and Uncle Barry xx
SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. A special person, a special face. Someone I loved and can never replace. Memories of you are mine to treasure, the sadness of losing you is a heartache forever. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I’ll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart. Loving you always, forgetting you never. You were simply the best. All my love, Nana
SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. You are only a heartbeat a way my love. See you one day. Love always, Wendy xxx
JUNE BRUMWELL 12-6-2011. Forever in our thoughts, miss you more and more every day. Phill, Vikki, Harry and Sam xxx
JUNE BRUMWELL 12-6-2011. Loving you is easy, we do it every day. Missing you is a heartache that never goes away. Love, Tom, Helen, Jason and Lewis xx
JUNE BRUMWELL 12-6-2011. Aunty June. Missed so much, there is a place empty in our hearts that can never be filled. Linda, Gary, Amber, Jake, Debra, Geoff, Joel and Stevie xx
MARGARET BAINBRIDGE 07-06-2010. Two years have gone without you here, I think of you with a silent tear. A Mother, a Sister a very good friend, my love to you, I will always send. Thinking of you now and forever. Your very good freind. Sheila
SYLVIA HUBBARD 13-6-2007. It’s been a long five years since you left us. But you will never be forgotten (miss you). See you every day. Love, Derrick xx
ALLAN ‘YORKIE’ SHELTON 7-6-2010. You are always in our thoughts. Never forgotten, always loved. Wife Maureen, Family and Friends
RITA ANN CHAPE (nee Lawson). 18th November 1952 to 12th June 2006. Rita, my ever loving Wife. It’s been 6 years but you are always in my thoughts. All my love, Vaughan, Missed so very much
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RITA CHAPE Happy memories of a dear Auntie. Sadly missed. Love, Julie-Ann, Lee and Zach
RITA CHAPE (nee Lawson). There is a face we will always remember. A smile we will always recall. A memory to cherish forever. Because you were loved by us all. So sadly missed. Mam and family xxx
RITA ANN CHAPE Remembering a fantastic Mam and Grandma. Always thinking of you. Lots of love, Martyn, Nicola, Natalie and Daniel xxx
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OLGA HALL Two years ago Nanna you fell asleep with the angels, and not a day goes by that we don’t think about you. Miss you and love you as much as ever. Barry, Louise, Rhys, Kieran and Logan
OLGA HALL Two years ago our family lost it’s brightest star, our jewel in the crown, whose presence we miss more than words can say. Mam, you are too precious to be forgotten, too priceless to be replaced, you were one in a million and we will always remember you, thiking of you always for nothing loved is ever lost and you were loved so much. Loved and longed for every day. Edith and John xxx
OLGA HALL People say time heals all wounds and some day the pain will subside. But Nana, I can tell you I think they must have lied, two years have passed so quickly and we miss you more than ever. We would give absolutely anything for one more day together. Love always, Tracy, Scott, Cameron and Tia xxxxx
TONY THOMPSON 11-6-2011. Memories are easy to remember but being without you is getting harder my love. Your Wife Grace
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Ellen Franklin



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Sarah Farlow



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CHELSEA KELL Congratulations on passing your driving test first time. So proud of you. Love, Grandma, Granda, Auntie Annie and Auntie Claire xxx

Hannah Johnson



Happy 16th Birthday
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Tom Armstrong



Happy 18th Birthday
Even at an early age, I knew you would be the best “Next Generation” DJ. So proud of you Son. Love you loads, Mam and Trevor xxx
Happy 18th Birthday
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4 hours 53 respectively. Rob is now looking forward to Swaledale and Kielder marathons, whilst Bev and Craig are contemplating their next one, Dublin perhaps?

Penny Johnson from Aycliffe Running Club was delighted to complete 100 miles of racing in 100 days at the Edinburgh marathon, finished in 4 hours 41 minutes and raised £1400 for St John's Ambulance. Ray Johnson chose to compete in the Edinburgh 10K and although the course was hilly and weather very hot he achieved a pb with a time of 46:38.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training beat the weather, but were unable to beat reigning champions Coundon in their home match in the top division of the North East Durham League.

Aycliffe asked the visitors to bat first and they rattled up an impressive 188 for 8 in their 45 overs thanks to an excellent innings of 67 from former Aycliffe player Viswanathan Gnanavelu who hit 10 boundaries and a six in the process.

Sean Morgan was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking a season's best 4 for 46 from

his allotted 12 overs. In reply, Aycliffe lost a couple of early wickets, but captain Chris Palmer then attacked the visiting bowling, smashing 11 boundaries and 2 huge sixes before he was dismissed for a highly entertaining 80. 17 year old Sam Telford batted with maturity to finish unbeaten with 30 runs, but the tail failed to wag as Aycliffe were bowled out 31 runs short of their target in the 43rd over.

The second team incredibly had their sixth game out of seven postponed this season when the ground at Whiteleas was deemed unfit for play due to the rain.

AYCLIFFE FIRM SPONSORS NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Northern Football League, the world's second oldest, is to be sponsored over a five-year period by Ebac Ltd – the Aycliffe-based dehumidifier manufacturer.

The sponsorship, announced at the League's annual meeting on June 2nd, is worth £200,000.

"The deal caps a wonderfully successful season and finds Northern League football on a



real high," said league chairman Mike Amos. "This gives us a fantastic platform on which to build for the benefit of all our clubs."

Ebac chairman John Elliott said that he was "proud and delighted" to be involved. "I was born and raised in South Durham and know how much Northern League football means to communities in the North-East and Cumbria.

Newton Aycliffe-based company, Ebac employing 200 people, announced in April that it would become

a trust, with the aim of promoting and securing manufacturing industry in County Durham. It has current annual sales of £15m, which it plans to increase over the coming years with the introduction of air source heat pumps. The league, formed in 1889, had both teams in this year's FA Vase final at Wembley – Dunston UTS beating West Auckland to ensure that the national trophy stayed in Northern League hands for the fourth successive season. The annual meeting, held

at Northallerton, also heard of a big increase in first division gates for the eighth successive season. An element of the Ebac sponsorship will be used to fund the League's "Secret Shopper" initiative, announced earlier, which from season 2012-13 will monitor offensive language and inappropriate behaviour at grounds. "We want the Northern League

to be a place where the whole family can enjoy its football," said John Elliott. The league expects to have 46 clubs in the new season. Durham City have returned, Ryhope CW are promoted from the Wearside League and the FA has allocated the "new" Darlington club to the Northern League first division – though an appeal against that decision is possible.

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