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The Rotary Club were delighted with the support received for the Community Jubilee Draw involving 29 town organisation all selling tickets for their own charity or funds. Heighington Village got on board to raise cash to provide facilities at the Village Sports Field and raised nearly £2,000. Smaller groups benefitted from this welcome injection of cash to help their finances

and this was the object of the exercise. The Rotary Club wanted to support local groups who are facing difficult times. They organised everything including obtaining the prizes and organising the tickets and draw. All the groups needed to do was sell tickets and retain 75% of the sales.

The draw took place at the British Legion on 5th June and our Mayor Val Raw drew the winning tickets. This was a very successful social occasion with Bingo, Tombola, live entertainment by Jenna Highfield and Scott Munro who gave their services free for this event.

The full Prize List is shown on page 14 and all the winners have been notified and will either collect their prize or have it delivered. The President of the Rotary Club, Alan Crawshaw said: "This has been a most successful project and I wish to thank all those who gave support, both donors and ticket buyers".



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Olympic Torch Procession Through Newton Aycliffe



The Olympic Torch arrives in Newton Aycliffe on Sunday, 17th June (after Middridge) at 3.30pm. It will start from the roundabout adjacent to the Youth Centre at 3.36pm. Our Town Mayor, Cllr. Val Raw will be among the onlookers to welcome the torch to Newton Aycliffe.

The torch entourage will travel along Burn Lane, passing by Tesco, turning right to move down Central Avenue and left along St. Cuthbert's Way towards Aycliffe Business Park where it will stop to be handed over outside Newton Press print works to the organisers who will take the torch for its next tour of Darlington.

Residents of Newton Aycliffe who are carrying the torch (and the town they are carrying it through) are Kieran Maxwell (Bishop Auckland), John McGuckin (Shildon), Chris Kerr (Billingham), Jonathan Tait (Stockton) and Sam Dawson (Billingham).

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Alana Rawe is holding the Investing in Children Award - Awarded for the third Year running.

WOODHAM ART EXHIBITION

This year, Woodham Technology College's Art Exhibition of GCSE and BTEC work will see the renowned North East artist Sarah Jane Szikora visit the college. Woodham's students have often drawn inspiration from Szikora's



work which is a humorous take on challenging subjects such as eating disorders, our obsession with appearance and cosmetic surgery.

Although students at Woodham study a huge array of diverse artists, both traditional and contemporary, the students have been especially taken with Szikora's work and they, along with their teachers are buzzing with the excitement of meeting her!

The exhibition will take place on Tuesday, 26th June from 3.30 to 6.30 and will showcase the work of students leaving the college this year. There will be a

huge variety of work on display with media ranging from drawing and painting to paper-cuts, sellotape sculpture and mirror mosaic.

The themes running through the students' work are mostly self-directed and as such, demonstrate a delightful reflection of the students themselves. Themes range from cars and fashion to Mexico's Day of the Dead, invisimals and one student's entire family tree.

The exhibition is an open event and there will be refreshments and nibbles available.

Hope to see you there!

W.H. WILLIAMS RE-UNION

Dear Sir,

Were you ever employed by W. H. Williams Removal and Storage Spennymoor: a half dozen ex-employees got together on Tuesday 10th April 2012, 26 years since the company went into liquidation and we had a good evening out with many tales and a million miles covered in a couple of hours.

It was thought by those present that they would like to hold a reunion of as many as possible of ex-employees, I have a list of ex-employees but this of course has been substantially reduced over the years through nature and as a large portion of those left are in their late sixties or early to mid seventies, the opportunity to have such an occasion has a possible limited time scale.

We have been offered the use of the facilities of Ferryhill Workingmen's Club for the afternoon of Saturday 27th October 2012 from 12.30pm onwards, if you are interested please contact preferable by Email: colinwatson412@btinternet.com or on mobile: 07796 908347.

Rotary Club Tribute to British Legion Club

The Rotary Club President Alan Crawshaw shown with his wife Vivien, paid tribute to the Royal British Legion Club at the Jubilee Draw held there on the 5th June.

He told the packed audience how indebted many charities, including the Rotary Club, were to the Club who generously offer their Concert Hall free for fundraising events.

"They are so co-operative and kind to charities and even help with the programme in obtaining entertainment from local artistes who give their performances free.

We are so grateful and thank Entertainment Secretary Sue Land for her invaluable assistance", said President Alan. "They also help with



Sue Land

providing a tasty Pie & Peas Supper specially cooked on the premises" he added. The Rotary Club presented a special Certificate to the British Legion for their support for the Aycliffe community.



Secretary Ray Henderson and Keith Sams Treasurer with Alan and Vivien Crawshaw.

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Saturday 30th June - "CAPTAIN ROCK"

Gig Pit review from the Tub "Decided to take it easy and drive to the Turbinia in Newton Aycliffe last night to watch Steve, Lewthy, Al and Marky aka Captain Rock. Anyway, I missed most of the first half ... what I did see I'll come back to 'cos it's the best bit.

The second half was a typical CR performance. Steve's a good sound engineer and he had the mix pretty much spot on with it not being too loud and everything cutting through well. The pub was pretty full and the crowd up for some Christmas shennanigans ... shennanigans are a Captain Rock thing as well. Lots of wandering into the crowd, guest appearances galore, standing on chairs, playing the other guitarists guitar with your own baldy head.

And at last, with the crowd all demanding it and every camera in the house poised, Wrighty revealed what is under that kill !!! It was proper daft stuff but, and this is where we get back to the first set, despite all the carry on and showmanship that gets the crowd going, Captain Rock are four very good musicians, playing some very good music. Al and Mikey are solid as a rock at the back, Steve's got a great voice and Lewthy's playing is getting better all the time.

To prove the point, I'd have to describe 'astronomy' by Blue Oyser Cult which is always the last song of the first set. It has everything in it. It's a long song but it keeps your interest from start to finish with its highs and lows. Brilliantly executed by the band and undoubtedly the best song of the night"

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Middridge Olympic Torch Day Events

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Hooligans. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army and Paul Gittins. There will also be a variety of fundraising stalls and refreshments.

We are also holding a Coffee Morning and Olympic art display

(from local schools, possibly Byerley Park and Horndale) in the Village Hall on Saturday morning, 10am - 12.30pm, followed by a visit from the Community Cinema at 1.00pm, showing Cool Runnings (but this is yet to be confirmed).

Acorn Celebrate the Visit of the Olympic Torch

Aycliffe Residents Association, Acorn, will be holding a fun and games picnic session to celebrate the historic visit of the Olympic Torch to Newton Aycliffe following on from Acorn's fun filled "Picnic in the Park" event held on

5th June to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Acorn are determined not to be beaten by the weather and will be recreating their own games of shot put, with a football, discus with Frisbees, 200ft sprint, javelin with sponge spears, skipping races, 3 legged races and all manner of other silly games to get kids and parents moving and laughing. Bring your own sandwiches, pop and humour to the Town Park next to the 'youthy' around noon on the 17th of June. Weather permitting.



The Mayor, Cllr Mrs. Val Raw, Councillors and Staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council welcome the Olympic Torch to Newton Aycliffe on the Sunday, 17th June, 2012.



Rotary Club Helps Kieran Become Para Olympic Gymnast



Part of the Jubilee Draw night at the Legion was a Presentation of £2,000 by the Rotary Club to 12 year old Kieran Maxwell of Heighington. Kieran is a victim of cancer which took one of his legs and money is being raised to buy him a special prosthetic limb to enable him to compete in Disabled Sporting events. Kieran is already proving to be a talented gymnast and he has a long term ambition and determination to be a Para Olympian.



One person in the audience was so impressed by the young lad he donated his bingo winnings to the £15,000 fund which will pay for the artificial limbs Kieran will need as he grows to maturity. A fundraising evening, "Torchbearer Rock Night" at the Countryman, Bolam is on Sunday 17th June from 7pm to 12am. Kieran, who has been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch through Bishop Auckland,

ARMED FORCES WEEK

To mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week' the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw, will be raising the Armed Forces Flag at St. Clare's Church on Monday, 25th June 2012 at 11.00am. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 102 Battalion (REME) together with Standards from both the REME Association and the Royal British Legion. Armed Forces week was first held in 2009 when it was an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families and from recruits and veterans.

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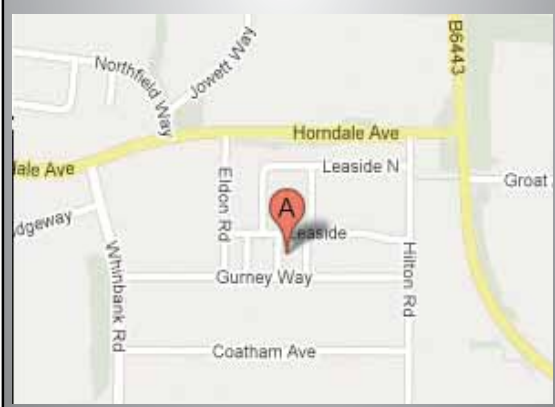
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Aycliffe Comes First

Dear Sir,
Readers of the Newton News will know that, for the past eighteen months, I have been trying to raise the standard and scope of local political debate. A few weeks ago, they may remember, I submitted a letter alerting people to the damage Coalition policies are doing to the north-east economy. (Actually, since that letter, similar comments have been made in the Northern Echo and, today, on the local TV news.)

Following my letter, a gentleman named Mr Welsh wrote to challenge my assertions. I did not agree with his points, but what he said was cogent, relevant and polite.

Not so, however, the letter in last week's Newton News, which returned the standard of contribution to its demagogic baseline.

I would like please to make the following comments about that letter.

Firstly, it claimed to despise 'party politics', and attacked me for taking a party political line. Not only is this an untenable standpoint (politics is organised along party lines in every country in the world – it is a fact of political life), the author then proceeded to attack the Labour Party in every paragraph. Thus, whilst piously eschewing 'party politics', he was then viciously party-political! Did he think we wouldn't notice? What makes this particularly ironic is that – at Town Council level – 'party' never plays any part in decisions. Newton News readers will know that I write a report of almost every Town Council meeting. I challenge anyone to find a single decision where 'party dogma' has played a part – I am unaware of a Labour 'line' on flowerbeds, or whether we give a grant to a local garden party.

So the truth about the 'blinkered, hard line Labour' tag is that it's a case of any stick to beat me with, and no matter that it's not true.

The second thing that distressed me about the letter, therefore, was the ad hominem nature of its criticism – I came in for as much execration as the Labour Party.

'Local politicians would do better to spend their time dealing with local problems', the correspondent opined. What does he think I have been doing for the past 17 years? Can he not see – even in the past few months – that I have been fighting Aycliffe's corner ... sometimes even (as in the cases, for instance, of the County Plan and the Boundary Commission) against the 'line' adopted by my own Party. If people are not able to see that, for me, Aycliffe comes first, I am desperately disappointed.

Finally, I will say one more thing. I am all-for-Aycliffe, but I am also proud to be Labour. As an historian, I am as aware of Labour's failings as much as anyone but (turning from the past to the future) I am sure of one thing: that the only hope for the people of Aycliffe, and particularly for its vulnerable and disadvantaged, lies in the Labour Party, and not in this Tory government, which is deliberately wrecking the north-east as you read (see <http://bit.ly/IpvMRA> for details).

John D. Clare

THREE CATS DIE OF POISONING

Dear Sir,

I woke up to a sunny morning, feeling happy as we had just celebrated my Daughters Wedding . . . However someone in our locality had a more sinister frame of mind.

I had let my cats out for an hour, whilst I went shopping (I do have a cat litter tray, but they needed to stretch their legs). I came back to find one of my cats in the garden, wailing in distress. I thought he had fallen off the shed roof as he could not get up, but once I had carried him inside the house my other cat tried to walk toward me as if paralysed.

I then realised they had both been poisoned.

By the time we drove them to Wilsons Emergency Vets at Bishop Auckland, Daisy (12) was nearly unconscious and Vinnie (14) was wailing in agony.

I had to have them put to sleep.

I got back home and searched for my other cat, Poppy (3), we found her in a neighbours garden in the same condition and we had to go back to the Vets to have her put to sleep also.

The Vets and my family, are under the impression that three cats in the space of a few hours, meant someone had deliberately enticed them, to feed them poison, as cats do not normally follow the same path.

I would like to take this opportunity to warn people to keep their cats in until this culprit is caught. And to say to the person responsible, that they have no idea how much my cats suffered and how distressing it was to all of my family, and close neighbours.

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For more information about the Emergency First Aid at Work Course or to register an interest in any other courses, why not call in to the Youth Centre on Burn Lane, (opposite Tesco), and fill in a questionnaire, or contact the centre on 01325 307522. Alternatively you can email us at: newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@live.co.uk

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Wednesdays 5.00-6.00pm
we have a something for those 12-15 years, come and see how fit you are at our Teen Dance Mat Circuit Class. Keep fit on the Dance Mats as well as taking part in various age appropriate circuit training exercises in the Function Room.

All the above activities are only £1.00 per session and are taken by our In-House coaches Kirri and/or Stephen. What else can you do for only £1.00? So come along and join in the fun.

"CUTTING LOOSE"



Work on the fantastic community event "Cutting Loose" is going very well leading up to the carnival celebration on Thursday 12th July. Over the past month adults from the PACE shop in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre have been working with local artist Anna Cole to create screen printed wallpaper to decorate the Cutting Loose shop. The five adults worked very hard over 4 sessions, and now the shop looks great, thank you to those involved! The Cutting Loose shop is open every Tuesday from 10am to 4pm.

This week saw the launch of our QR quiz contest to be in with the chance of winning an iPad as part of Cutting Loose. If you see a mysterious poster in and around Newton Aycliffe, or pick up one of our leaflets from the Cutting Loose shop, scan the QR code with your smart phone to be taken to our website and find the first of 6 questions. The questions are also available on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk - Collect the answers to all 6 questions over the next 6 weeks and hand them in at the "Cutting Loose" event on Thursday 12th July 2012, West Park, Boating Lake, Newton Aycliffe from 5:30pm to be in with a chance of winning an iPad.

"Cutting Loose" is a carnival celebration of live music, dance and costume, a true community celebration which is being managed and developed by Greenfield Community & Arts Centre and funded by GAMP AAP Neighbourhood Councillors Budget. For more information please contact Greenfield Community & Arts Centre on 01325 379048 or Email: info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Poor Services in Cobblers Hall Area

Dear Sir,
I am writing to comment on the recent grasscutting work carried out in and around Cobblers Hall.

I cannot believe the disgraceful state and general condition these grassed areas and adjacent paths and roads have been left in. Is this poor workmanship a typical example of the attitude demonstrated by our County Council?

Who would imagine that a simple task of cutting our grassed areas could be so difficult? A complete lack of care and consideration in my opinion for both residents and the surrounding areas.

We live in one of the highest Council Tax Rate Paying areas in the Town, we do not expect any preferential treatment but we don't even have Bus Services, a Post Box or even a Recreational Play Area for our children. There are approximately 500+ houses and soon to be increased!

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FANTASTIC HALF TERM AT GREENFIELD COMMUNITY AND ARTS CENTRE!

Greenfield Community and Arts Centre had a successful, if not a bit of a soggy, half term! Children worked in and outside to create a creative arts aquarium. They worked with artist Paul Belcher, to imagine and create fish like animals that were displayed outside on site, to make a beautiful and tropical fish aquarium! Well done to all those involved for battling through the rain to make this amazing piece of temporary public art. The week also involved a family cooking workshop where families got to make and taste seasonal foods inspired by the red white and blue Jubilee. Clare Walton and Stepping Out were rehearsing hard for forthcoming shows. The AAP mobile police movies provided Friday afternoon entertainment with Toy Story 3 and we also had a very creative Performance Poetry day working with two professional performers to create new poetry to be heard and seen. These were just some of the activities on offer at the Arts Centre this holiday time and now the Arts Centre team are beaver away to plan an exciting and fun summer holiday programme. To find out more about what will be on offer contact us on 01325 379 048 or visit our website at www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

New artwork in the Cabinets at Greenfield Arts Centre
This week we had new artwork installed in our cabinets-textile pieces by Catherine Howard. There are scarves and other accessories as well as cards, all unique and handmade by this talented local artist. All the work in the cabinets is for sale, so if you are looking for a unique gift, or a treat for yourself come in and see the exhibition – we are open Monday to Thursday 10am-9pm, and Friday 10am-4pm.



Who Killed Mr. Clough?



If you thought Hogwarts was the only school where weird events take place, think again. A terrible scream could be heard around Woodham Technology College on Wednesday afternoon as a scandalous murder took place! Mr Clough, a popular PE teacher, was murdered. Students and staff were shocked at this news and wanted the culprit found immediately. The College enlisted the help of the Woodham Year 7 and Year 8 students. In small teams, allocated through the House system, the students proceeded to investigate the possible murder weapons. Having carefully examined the crime scene, students had to solve various riddles in order to decipher which weapon had killed Mr Clough. Next, the students were given choices as to which room the murder had taken place in: was it an English room, the Sports Hall, a Geography room? Once the students had solved this puzzle they had the difficult task of deciding who the murderer was. Suspects were lined up, photographs were taken and again key information was provided. The suspects, who included an innocent looking Geography teacher; a shocked Mathematics teacher; a sheepish IT technician; an Art teacher and a petrified English teacher, seemed like unusual suspects in a murder enquiry. But all is not as it seems. After working through the evidence and the crime scene in detail the students had to create an imaginative presentation explaining their choices. Some students designed Go Animate cartoons illustrating the weapon, place and murderer. This exciting English House Competition proved to be an energetic and exciting after school activity. Oh, I bet you are wondering who did it, where and with which weapon. Well, it was Mr Hargreaves, the Head of English, in a Geography classroom with poison!

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Honister Place
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Newton Aycliffe



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Karles Close
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Lingard Walk
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Newton Aycliffe



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Aycliffe Parking Problems

Dear Sir,
The original New Towns Act (1946) brought into being, like the NHS, by a reforming Labour Government, gave birth to Newton Aycliffe; the oldest New Town in the North of England. Our town offered a vision for future living, with its modern, spacious housing, that must have seemed a world away, to those brought up in overcrowded, back-to-back pre-Great War dwellings. Baths, gardens



and indoor toilets all came as standard. Had there ever been such luxury?

Yet those architects and draughtsmen, many of whose drawings and plans were brought to fruition, when King George VI, still ruled our Empire, were not to know that their tree-lined, neat little streets - acceptable for the traffic volumes in the 1950s - would sixty years later be creaking, in fact breaking, under the strain.

The motor car is a real boon. It is a necessity for most of us and opens up many opportunities for employment and leisure. However that said, the infrastructure of much of the Old Town of Newton Aycliffe is creaking and groaning, under the stresses and strains imposed on it in part, by the relentless rise of the motor car.

Our love affair with the motor car, is like a stormy relationship; we can't live with it, we can't live without it. The problem is that streets designed for, one vehicle for every third or fourth house, now often have two or three vehicles for every house. There is no parking space. People have to park either partly on the pavement (often completely blocking the pavement), or something that was once a complete 'no-no', on the grass verges or grassy areas away from the roads.

I do not blame people for this. What are they to do? However, once pleasant popular streets are now glorified car parks, with vehicles strewn about like scatter cushions. What are we to do about this? Well, there is no money in the kitty for major upgrading, that is for sure.

I contacted the Highways Department at Durham County Hall, about two years ago, asking if they were aware of the state of the road surface in Stanfield Road. They told me that they were. All roads were

inspected yearly (more often if there was a complaint). I was told that this road would eventually receive attention. The Deputy, in charge of Highways, told me with refreshing honesty that it could be one year, five years or ten years before the surface was seen to. It was all a matter of priorities. But things cannot go on like this for ever. At some stage, minds more fitted to solving such problems than mine, are going to have to find a way of easing the pressure on communities.

This may entail stripping out one of the parallel footpaths and tarmacking slanted parking bays (with some of the grass verge sacrificed). But even that is fraught and expensive, as many of the service cables are housed under the grass verges. As a member of GARA, I can assure you that we are aware of these problems and are gathering evidence. Perhaps then, we will be able to facilitate some sort of resolution or at least air the subject. In conclusion and from a personal perspective, the thing that worries me most about traffic in our town is not necessarily the volume of it, rather the sheer speed of many cars.

I believe that in a recent survey, it was shown that 90% of the vehicles travelling through the Business Park's main arterial road were speeding. All over the town, I see instances of vehicles travelling at 50 mph in 30 mph zones. As a former teacher, who in Darlington, in the 1980s, watched powerless, the life blood draining from the face of a child struck by a car, outside of school, I certainly would not wish that sight or scene on anyone else.

This is a personal perspective, though I am a committee member of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association. Derek G Atkinson, Denham Place,



CABINET TO CONSIDER PARKING CHANGES

Durham County Council is hoping to take over responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions in the south of the county later this year.

Members of the authority's Cabinet will be asked to approve a business case for civil parking enforcement in the Spennymoor, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Newton Aycliffe and Barnard Castle areas when they meet next week.

The council is already responsible for on-street parking enforcement in the rest of the county and wants to ensure consistent arrangements across its area. If approved by Cabinet, the business case will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for final approval.

Cllr. Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "The business case demonstrates how we can afford to take on this additional responsibility without incurring any financial burden. It also shows how introducing civil parking enforcement should not only improve compliance with parking regulations and vastly reduce inconsiderate parking but also bring in money which the authority will be able to use on other transport-related projects."

As part of its work to prepare for the proposed change

to civil enforcement in the south of the county, the council has been consulting with residents, businesses and other authorities. It has also been working to bring all signs and lines up to an acceptable standard.

The council's commitment to civil parking enforcement was outlined in the Local Transport Plan 2, with Cabinet approving a three stage approach to its introduction in November 2007.

The first stage saw Durham City switch over in October 2008, with Consett, Stanley, Chester-le-Street, Easington, Peterlee and Seaham following as the second stage in November 2011. The council already has responsibility for enforcing restrictions in off-street car parks in Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle.

Do You Know This Dog?

On Tuesday 29th May a light coloured Staffordshire Bull Terrier wearing a harness entered the front garden of a house in Foxton Close and savaged the owner's 13 year old cat.

It caused serious injury resulting in amputation and the family are deeply upset. Anyone with information on this stray dog should contact Newton News or the police.

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COUPLE ON 2,650 MILE ANNIVERSARY TREK FOR CHARITY



On 23rd April Alasdair and Sarah Fowler (Alasdair a former student of Greenfield and Sarah originally from Darlington) set out from Campo on the Mexican border on their first wedding anniversary to walk 2650 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail to the Canadian border. They lived and worked in Newcastle and have now given up their home and put careers on hold for their incredible journey through desert, over the Sierra Nevada mountains and the length of California, then through Oregon and Washington State. The walk will take about

6 months and not only will they have to cope with the heat of the desert but snow and ice, wading rivers, volcanic craters, storms and possibly forest fires.

They have already encountered rattlesnakes, fire ants, bobcat, coyotes, vultures and much more. They carry everything they need for their adventure, tent, food, clothes and much needed water etc. and will soon have the added weight of bear canisters as they arrive in the areas where black bears are much in evidence. These canisters must hold all their food and anything which smells, such as toiletries.

They are now reaching the 700 mile mark as they enter the Sierra Nevada. Although the official mile count is 2650, with detours for various reasons, this will add up considerably and by the end 360,000 feet of ascent will have been climbed (over 12 times Everest!).

Ali and Sarah hope to raise funds for The People's Kitchen in Newcastle (a charity where people provide food and clothing for the homeless). Please help by donating via <http://www.justgiving.com/Bearandboy>

READER'S POEM

THINKING OF YOU!

*Someone is missing
the chair is empty,
but in my heart
the wishes are plenty.*

*Look closer
and think of me
I'm sitting right beside YOU
for all eternity.*

*I'll watch over YOU
when you're sleeping
more so as YOU wake.
I share Your pain
when Your weeping
but beside YOU
when You quake!*

*I share Your joy
when your thoughts
create such laughter,
I chuckle with glee
YOU'RE a part of me!*

*I may have been,
NEVER GONE!
So you see
the chair is not empty
'nor will ever be,
I'm with YOU at all times
for all eternity!*

Julie Thorne

Aycliffe Need a 6th Form Centre

Dear Sir,

An issue costing some Aycliffe parents many hundreds of pounds needs an urgent airing.

Despite years of bombastic propaganda from our political pundits prattling on about a Shangri-la of 6th form centre provision in Aycliffe, predictably, it never materialised.

So now, depending on student choice of college, some parents face forking out two hundred and twenty pounds in bus fares, along with cash for food or packed lunches every term for two years due to an absence of educational provision "in-house" here in Aycliffe.

It seems that students attending the Queen Elizabeth College in Darlington qualify for a bus pass? But the parents of students of Darlington College must pay for their bus fares, and in advance.

As a retired teacher I believe that Durham educational Authority should provide that education IN Newton Aycliffe. If not, THEY should pay for access to it in centres that do, without exceptions to venue.

With families hard-pressed for every penny, explanations are due to parents penalised because of a failure to deliver, leaving our children to travel elsewhere to gain necessary qualifications. Bishop Auckland, Darlington, Durham, Framwellgate Moor, anywhere but Aycliffe! Again? With crippling financial penalties imposed as well?

So much for the once called "Jewel in the Crown of South Durham", Aycliffe parents are paying the price, as always, for civic failures.

Don Fraser
Woodham

FLOWER THIEF

Dear Sir,

As my Wife and I travelled down Central Avenue into the town on Sunday afternoon, 10th June, around 1.30pm, we could hardly believe what we saw as we approached the roundabout near Tesco.

On the left, was a person bending down and picking plants from the newly planted display.

People may think this was a child or a young person, but they would be wrong! This was a lady, possibly late 50's or early 60's, who should be ashamed of herself.

Name & address supplied

Half Term Activities at the Oak Leaf



Apart from all the Jubilee celebrations the June school holidays gave children the opportunity to come along to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and have fun on various sports and activity sessions.

AYCLIFFE & MIDDIDGE GROUPS CAN BID FOR A GRANT UP TO £1,000

Groups in Newton Aycliffe and Middridge are set to benefit from a new pot of funding dedicated to small community minded organisations.

The fund, which has been developed by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and the local community and voluntary organisations support group CAVOS, will provide a valuable source of funding to all non profit making organisations in that area.

The overall aim of the project is to provide support for groups to organise the projects they would not normally be able to finance.

Groups can apply for up to £1,000 and applications are sought from charities, community groups and any non profit organisation for projects that will directly benefit the area and improve the lives of local people.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "A key priority for GAMP is to help support the local community and voluntary sector."

"Building on the success of previous rounds of small grant funding, it is anticipated that a significant number of local community groups will be able to develop projects that benefit all members of the community."

Laura Agar Wilson, CAVOS development manager, said: "CAVOS is delighted to be working in partnership with GAMP to support them in administering this excellent source of funding to local community and voluntary organisations for yet another year."

All applications will be considered, especially those which meet GAMP's priorities which are: activities for young people; support to the voluntary and community sector; and employment, enterprise, education and training.

Funding is limited to those groups who haven't previously benefited from funding and will be available until July 27. The small grants fund allows groups to apply for funding up to £1,000.

If funding permits, a second round will be launched for groups who have previously benefited.

Application packs are available from CAVOS by calling 01388 811 115 or by emailing: enquiries@cavos.org.uk.

GAMP has allocated £10,000 to the project with councillors John Moran, Sarah Iveson, Joan Gray, Paul Gittins, Mike Dixon and Enid Paylor also giving £2,000 each from their Neighbourhood Budget allocation.

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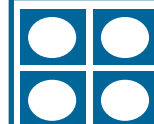
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Jubilee Celebrations

YOUTH CENTRE JUBILEE EVENTS

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Young people at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre have been busy for many weeks prior to the Jubilee celebration, preparing hand-made posters to celebrate the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II which was held at the Youth Centre on Thursday 7th June.

The face painting was, of course, as always, a great success. Three generations of one family, mother, children and toddlers, along with several groups who use the centre on a regular basis also came along to join in the celebrations and feasted on home-made pies, and an abundance of sandwiches and of course Scones, Cream and Strawberries.

MESSY JUBILEE AND FAYRE AT ST CLARES



Messy Jubilee ended the week long Jubilee celebrations with 29 families coming together for an afternoon of craft, worship, prayer and tea. Children had fun in foam, designed some very glittery crowns, created some thoughtful prayer bunting, made some wonderful queen biscuits and talked about how special ALL families are, not just royal ones! They ended the afternoon with a very jazzy - 'He's got the whole world in his hands' and a tea fit for the Queen! Each child was presented with a certificate and a chocolate medal to remind them of a great afternoon.

Saturday 9th June was Jubilee Day at St. Clare's with a Fayre on the morning and Messy Jubilee on the afternoon. The Fayre raised over £700 for church funds and was enjoyed by many townspeople. The morning ended with a crown princess procession with prizes given to all who took part. All raffle prizes were claimed on the day and the social and fundraising group thank you for your support.



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On the 3rd June the Dinsley family and other families in Kirkstone Place organised a Jubilee Party. Bouncy Castles and a Slide were provided for children and there was a BBQ and a Laser Light Disco. A raffle received donations from Coulthards Motor Factors, The Worx, Lakeside, Katie Lunn, Dorothy Bowman, The British Legion and the Iron Horse. Dave ran the disco for free, and we raised £166 for charity. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to all that helped raise the money and made the day really enjoyable.




Money raised from the event at Kirkstone Place was to be shared between Conner Radcliffe (Bubble Trust) and The Carr family (for the Intensive Care Unit at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle). Conner decided to give his share of the donation to the Carr family after raising £500 at St. Marys School for the Bubble Trust.

The Carr family would like to record their thanks to the Freeman Hospital for the help which was given to their Daughter, Jasmine Ruth Ellen Carr, who was born with hypoplastic heart and sadly passed away on 21st February this year.

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Town Council Celebrate Jubilee

Dear Sir,
In reply to the issue raised by Mr Johns in last week's Newton News, may I as Deputy Mayor report the tremendous amount done by the Town Council to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

As part of a national initiative, at royal request, the Town Council planted a Jubilee Wood next to Woodham Burn, covering almost three hectares, consisting of some 20,000 trees, and costing £24,000. As Mr Johns will have seen from the front page of last week's Newton News, this included a commemorative stone which was unveiled by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mrs Val Raw. At the same ceremony, Bob Fleming, Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, planted an English Oak sapling from the Royal Household estate, so we had a direct link in our town with Her Majesty on the occasion. This event was advertised in the Newton News, although as it happened few people were able to attend.

As Mr Johns will have seen from the Town Council reports in the Newton News, the Town Council had also offered to help any residents who wished to celebrate the Jubilee, by giving financial assistance from its grants budget, and by offering advice and support with the provision of street celebrations and garden parties. The Council was therefore delighted to have been able to help with a number of events – some of which Mr Johns will have been able to see in the impressive pull-out section of last week's Newton News. The Mayor and I were honoured to have been invited to several of these events, and it made a busy week, as there were so many engagements! Many of these groups have thanked the Town Council for their help – including Aycliffe Village Hall Association, explicitly, in last week's Newton News.

On Sunday morning, 3rd June, a joint Jubilee and Community Civic Service was held at St Clare's Church in honour of the Jubilee, which was attended by the Mayor, myself, and members of the Town Council. The Town Council provided exterior flags and bunting, and paid for the church decorations and the refreshments, which were organised by the church. Everyone was invited, both to the service and to the buffet lunch, so it was a whole-community event.

Then, at 10:15pm on Monday 4th June, the Town Council also lit a Jubilee Beacon, as part of a country-wide Jubilee Beacon project, and followed this with a royal salute of 21 firework rockets (as Mr Johns probably heard for himself!). This event too was advertised in the Newton News, and was attended by a very respectable crowd of people, including the Mayor and myself. The Town Council's Oak Leaf Sports Complex also celebrated the Jubilee, with a number of activities organised for both children and adults, all at a minimum charge, and the Mayor and I were happy to attend two of these events and to present the prizes.

It would also be appropriate to mention the tremendous amount of hard work put in by the Town Council officers to help the people of Great Aycliffe celebrate the Jubilee.

The Town Council, of course, represents all the people of Great Aycliffe, and we were conscious that some residents did not wish to celebrate the Jubilee. However, I hope that Mr Johns appreciates the extensive efforts of the Town Council to mark the Jubilee in a way which we hope all the residents of Great Aycliffe will feel was appropriate.

I appreciate that Mr Johns's reservations related mainly to the absence of flags and bunting. I hope that this letter has reassured him, not only that we did 'put on a show', letting off fireworks and holding a Civic Church ceremony with a piper instead of a peal of bells, but that the provisions of the Town Council for a Jubilee wood, garden parties and sporting events will have contributed something of lasting worth to the town's environment and community.

Barbara A Clare

Deputy Mayor of Great Aycliffe

Heighington Celebrate Queen's Jubilee



A great number turned out to celebrate the Jubilee on Heighington Village Green.

The village always supports big occasions and the green was packed with stalls, entertainment and people, some of them enjoying a family picnic on the grass.

The Womens Institute served superb food in the Village Hall and the local public houses also did a roaring trade.

Neville Community Centre Jubilee Day

It was a full day of activities at Neville Parade Community Centre starting just before 9am with the official opening by Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran.

It included a Fancy Dress Contest, Dog & Bike Competition, a Magician, Karaoke, Bingo and Balloon Artist, with Face Painting, Bouncy Castle etc. It concluded with Afternoon Tea and a Family Disco.

Congratulations to Peter Beaty and his volunteers for organising this fun-filled community event, not forgetting all the sponsors for their generous assistance.



Neville Community Centre Thank You to Everyone

Re Jubilee Party held on Tuesday 5th June, we would like to thank all those who attended this fantastic family fun day - it was brilliant.

The exceptional feedback via cards and phone calls is greatly appreciated, thank you.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us with fund raising including collections in Tesco. To volunteer ring Peter on 313924 and I will invite you to join me for a coffee to have a friendly chat and a look around the building when available.

We have rooms for private hire for you to organise an event or party. Ring to view.

We are also looking for your ideas for new clubs, ring the number above to discuss your ideas.

If you read last weeks letter by Henry Ballantyne, I would invite you to write a letter to the Equality & Human Rights Commission, 3 More London Riverside, Tooley Street, London, SE1 2RG with your adverse comments ASAP - we need your support please, our current pensioners paid their stamp, some for 50 years or more to get the existing poultry pension compared to other countries.



Jubilee Royal Garden Party



The Mayor, Val Raw and her Deputy Barbara Clare opened a Royal Garden Party at the home of Mrs Duffin of Thurlow Grove Friends and neighbours enjoyed Strawberrries and Cream and a cup of Tea served in Bone China cups.

Proceeds from the event were in aid of St. Clare's Church funds.



PCP Plant Jubilee Tree



To celebrate The Queen's historic 2012 Diamond Jubilee, Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) planted 3 fruit trees in the Community Garden.

The trees will provide a lasting and meaningful tribute for many years to come. The PCP will also feature in the Royal Record of Tree Planting for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, which will be presented to The Queen as well as be preserved in the British Library for generations to come. Jane Hartley PCP Chief Executive said "PCP has warmly welcomed many Royal visitors throughout the years, so we wanted to mark the occasion with something for future generations to enjoy and that gives pleasure, just as the Queen has done for the past 60 years."

PCP staff and Board members also celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by having a 'Come Diamond with Us' team building event on Thursday 31 May. The Pioneering Care Centre closed its doors at 5pm and tables



were set for a sit down meal along the Mall, which was decorated in union jack bunting and balloons. The Jubilee is a brilliant time to reflect on all of the things that puts the Great into Britain, street parties, bunting, family games and

music but most importantly Community Spirit! To find out more about the PCP visit www.pcp.uk.net, telephone: 01325 321234 or pop down to the Pioneering Care Centre Carers Way Newton Aycliffe

Vane Road Celebrates the Jubilee

On Friday 1st June children and staff at Vane Road Primary School celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style! Everybody came to school dressed either in 1950s style costume (following the fashionable trends from when the Queen was crowned in 1952) or in red, white and blue (in reflection of the Union Flag), and the curriculum for the whole day was based on our long-reigning monarch. As part of this special day rock 'n' roll dance lessons were held, which provided good practice for the Elvis tribute act and afternoon picnic! Furthermore, representatives from the local council came to our



school to kindly donate a specially designed mug for each child, displaying the official jubilee symbol. We would therefore like to say

a huge 'thank you' to the councillors, in addition to everyone else who contributed to this highly successful celebration.

HEIGHINGTON PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATES QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The weather forecast was not promising, changeable as we have heard many times before, were we to be lucky nobody knew.

I turned the corner around 9.45am and already helpers, stallholders, funfair people and all other participating local organizations were creating the fantastic spectacle we all saw throughout the day. Hundreds of local people, families, children and visitors milled around the greens enjoying all the activities and stalls that were available on the day. No problems, no issues or dramas just everybody pulling together to a mutual cause which was ultimately to be proved as a fantastic day.

A massive thanks to all involved on the day firstly to the organisers, my committee and their families, my staff and our compere all of which are to be commended for all the hard work, time and effort they have given so freely to ensure the success of the day. Further thanks go to all the stall holders and institutions, parish councillors and their council whose presences made it the day it was and a day to remember.

It is really encouraging to see such a national spirit and pride in our GREAT country; where else in the world would we see such a thing? We are the envy of the world.

Throughout the Village as was commented on by a guy delivering groceries to my door "I wish everywhere else looked like your village" with regard to all the excellent national decorating that had been undertaken. A huge effort had been made throughout the Village and with everybody participating again it was a spectacle to be proud of. Around the Village green



there was a massive effort with the decoration culminating in a judged winner of best decorated house which was won by Mrs Tracey Doran, 13 West Green. A massive thanks and well done to her and further thanks to everyone else participating in the competition.

I hope everybody enjoyed the day as much as I did it was a great lift for me to see so many happy smiling faces and makes me very proud to be a member of this community.

One of the highlights of my day was watching the tug of war organised by the local Scout group which was enjoyed by all with a varied assortment of teams competing and was eventually won by the George and Dragon team, well done to them.

Let us not forget the reason for the festivities our Queens Diamond Jubilee good luck to her and long may she reign as successfully as she has for these last 60 years.

Helen Lyon
Pre-School Manager

PS: Watch out for further enjoyable days to come.



Jubilee Sing Along at Simpasture Court



The Monday Club which meets at Simpasture Court held an exciting Jubilee Day with lots of singing to the music of Marji on the keyboard. The members thank all those who helped make the day so enjoyable.



WELL DONE VILLAGERS

Dear Sir,

Special thanks should go to Aycliffe Village Hall Committee, History Society, and Acl Scouts who worked tirelessly throughout the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. Special thanks to the large number of residents who put on a spectacular show of decoration throughout the village. A big thank you to everybody who took part. It made me very proud.

Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp

Lindisfarne Care Home Celebrate Jubilee



Lindisfarne Care Home held their own celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They had Molly the Pony in the morning, followed by a party for all the residents and their families. We had a fantastic day ending with the residents all being presented with a commemorative mug.

Posh Jubilee Meal



Smythsons Close residents at School Aycliffe sat down to a posh meal to celebrate the Jubilee. A good time was had by all with everyone contributing to a wide range of activities including quizzes, fine dining, guess that tune, culminating in a rousing patriotic sing along!

Arriva to "Reconsider" Brafferton Bus Service

Bus company Arriva have promised to "reconsider" a service after isolating hundreds of village residents near Newton Aycliffe.

MP Phil Wilson submitted a petition, signed by around a hundred residents of Brafferton, to Parliament on Tuesday this week, calling for the 5A service to be reinstated. And Arriva have since promised to reconsider axing the service, which cost the firm just £4,000 a year to run. The regular bus would run between Aycliffe and Darlington, taking a two-minute, one-mile detour through Brafferton and back on to the A167 near Coatham Mundeville.

Arriva dropped the service in January this year after the subsidy provided by Darlington Borough Council was withdrawn due to budget cuts.

Mr Wilson said: "I have spoken to Arriva who have assured me, having heard my representations, they will look again at the bus services for Brafferton. In an email reply from the company's head of operations, it said "In light of your comments I have asked our planning team if our view of providing a service to Brafferton can be reconsidered". Resident Alison Firby added: "It's removed the independence of several elderly residents completely, to the point they get really quite distressed. We have to walk up and down steep hills with no footpath and no street lighting now. Some of the residents have small children while others are very old and cannot physically make the journey. One elderly resident walked to the bus stop by holding onto trees and fence posts. When she finally reached Darlington she broke down into tears and said she couldn't carry on making the journey anymore."

Arriva have defended the move, saying financial pressures had left it no choice.

Nick Knox, area managing director for Arriva North East, said: "The number of passengers making the journey was very low which meant that continuation of the service has not been viable without continuing financial support."



Free Taster Courses at the Pioneering Care Centre

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are offering a range of free taster courses to help people try something new or do something they've always thought about doing.

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- Employability
- Arts and crafts
- Healthy cooking

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Carol Wood, Business Development Director for the PCP says: "We feel there is a full range of courses on offer to help people learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or improve their confidence and self-esteem."

All courses run subject to sufficient demand and it is recommended that places are booked as soon as possible".

To express your interest or to find out more call 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or pop in to the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

A DANCE WITH FRANCE



Greenfield Community College were successful in another bid to the British Council's international Comenius

Programme, this time to build links with a school in the Picardie region in France- College 'La Rose des Vents.'

The programme runs over two years and includes a visit from the French school to Greenfield this June and a return visit by Greenfield to Friville Escabartin, to create inspiring, innovative new pieces of dance. Subject Leader for Performing Arts, Ali Dixon, is leading a 10 day programme that allows 24 French students and 24 Greenfield students to spend a week together creating and choreographing a brand new piece of dance, inspired by the Olympics and Olympic values. Greenfield Community & Arts Centre are joining in the

fun with a day of arts activities including a group music session and creative sessions in the Greenfield Gallery.


The students have been working hard together to create and rehearse their new dance which they will perform at the Middridge Olympic torch celebrations on Sunday 17th June from 2pm. We would like to thank a number of people from the community that have helped support this exciting international project including Middridge Parish Council, Woodham Community Association, Neville Parade Community Centre, the Agnew Community Centre and staff, students and families of Greenfield. We hope you will be able to join us to see the dance as part of the once in a life time opportunity to see the Olympic torch pass through the area!

P.A.C.T. Meeting
Police And Community Together



PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT Meeting at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday, 21st June, 2012 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Representatives from Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Councillors and livin have been invited to attend. Everyone welcome. Please come along and meet your Community Police and Civic Representatives to voice any concerns you may have and get updates on current issues.

Tony Jary
(Police Volunteer)



Great Aycliffe Town Council

Notice of an

EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that:
An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on

WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE 2012 at 7.15pm

Item on the agenda:

1. To receive the Annual Governance Report 2011/12 from the Audit Commission
2. To consider and approve the Council's Statement of Accounts 2011/12
3. To consider and approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2011/12
4. To consider and approve the Letter of Representation as required by the Audit Commission.

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
(www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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beautiful church. Take time to read some of the tombstones in the Churchyard and steep yourself in the history of the parish. Stewards will be available to answer questions or give a guided tour. Group visits can also be arranged at other times. For more information contact Revd. Julie Wing on 320278 or Dawn Herbert on 300040.

Agnew Centre NEWS & VIEWS

Thanks to David Peat and his team, from Bullocks Construction, for supplying and fitting a new larder unit in our kitchen, thanks also to Robbie McCormack from livin for his help in this matter. The Trustees of the Centre are very grateful to all concerned for this generous help to our small but very busy association. Thanks to the Rotary Club for their magnificent effort for the running of the Jubilee Raffle and let us not forget the generosity of the people who donated the 60 prizes, we salute you all. We are sure that we speak for all of the organisations who benefited from this success story.

Volunteers: The Agnew are always looking to increase our pool of volunteers, you can be any age from 18 onwards, able bodied or with a disability, we will welcome you to join us to have the opportunity to work with Young people, Young people with disabilities, Gardening work, Office work, Fundraising and/or general duties. We will pay for any training you might need or benefit from and this will include a CRB check and for those who have any questions whatever then ring the Secretary on 01325 321504 and if not in the office leave a message and he will get back to you. So why not join us at the friendly Centre.

Disability Sports Club: At this time we run a weekly session on most Tuesday nights from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and which is Free due to the funding we receive from the Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Area Partnership and run by our partners, Anderson Sports Development. The young people using this club really look forward to coming each week which is making a difference, so if you are a parent or carer of a young person aged from 5 to 16 years of age then please come along and see for yourself the work being done by Dale and Darren Anderson along with their helpers.

Visitors: Are always welcome to our Community Centre to have a look around and should you need to chat to the Centre Manager and he is not around please ring 07749 236853 to arrange a meeting.

Youth Club: This popular and well run Club is on most Saturday mornings in School term at 10.30am to 12noon for the 6 to 11 age group. First visit is free then only 50p per week. If you as a Parent/Carer want to visit first then pop in and see James or you can contact him on 07966 266642 or by email on jamesross245@gmail.com

Community Nursery: Caters for all day care, half day care or even for odd hours to suit you the parent/carer. For information concerning this Ofsted registered and run by the proprietor, Jane Taylor in a highly personal and friendly way just give her a ring at any time on 07761 818514 for your child care requirements.

Agnew Bingo: Runs each Thursday, doors open at 6.30 for eyes down at 7pm and ends around 8.30pm. All welcome, just ask for Margaret or you can ring her on 01325 319857 should you require to ask any questions prior to attending.

Tai Chi: Open to all, runs each Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8pm and run by the gentleman Brett Lambert.

Aycliffe Spiritualists: Services are held each Monday, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7pm to 9pm and you are all welcome. Should you need to talk before attending then please phone Gladys Brown on 01325 324660.

Art Class: Open to all standards from beginners to advanced. Held each Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm with Andy Taylor as Tutor. Andy welcomes all to come along or you can ring him on 0191 373 24485.

Birthday Parties: For children and we reserve the right under our hire conditions to decline any bookings we feel might not meet our conditions. At this time in the last 4 years we have only had to implement this condition once.

We have a set charge of only £24 for a 3 hour booking in which you would have the use of the whole centre.

For this and any other bookings or to have a copy of our Hiring Policy, please contact the Centre Manager on 01325 321504 office, 07749 236853 mobile or email: agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

"Heigh Ho it's off to the Panto we Go"

Have you a young person in your family aged 11-15 years old, who likes to either sing, dance or act?

Or is that youngster talented in all three?

Or maybe they just want to improve on their present skills? Then Youth Theatre Group 'The Tearaways' would love them to join us in our annual pantomime, which this year is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs... Oh Yes It Is!

The group which meets on Monday evenings and is now coming into it's 15th year staging musical productions as well as one pantomime each year.

For more information ring 01325 313363 or 01388 774838 or visit website: www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk

A Year's Honeymoon Travelling the World



Gemma Rodgers and Andrew Bowtell were married on the 19th May at Whitworth Church, followed by reception at the Bay Horse, Middlesbrough with an Evening Reception at Woodham Golf Club.

In August the couple are travelling the world for a year for their Honeymoon.

Gemma has just qualified as a teacher from Sunderland University and Groom is a personal trainer at Bannatyne's, Durham

The Maid of Honour was Laura Rodgers, Bridesmaids were Cassandra Bowtell, Sam Toner, Sisters Katy and Xena Taylor,. The Best Man was Mark Walton and Usher was Josh Stones

Gemma and Andrew now live at Byers Green but after they return from travelling hope to move back to Aycliffe.

The Bride & Groom wish to thank Gemma's Nanna for paying for a lot of the wedding and buying her amazing wedding dress.

Getting Married?

We remind those who are planning to get married they can have their wedding recorded in Newton News at no charge.

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SCOUTS A.G.M.

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the NASSA Hut in Bluebell Way on the 30th June from 1pm till 4pm.

There will be a Barbecue, Refreshments, Side Shows, A Tombola, Face Painting, Circus Skills, and lots more. The bar will be open, and all are welcome to come and support us and see what we do, and talk to the Leaders about joining our group. We have an active group of Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts, and should your child wish to join, they will be made most welcome.

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DROP-IN DEBT ADVICE DAYS

Due to the significant success of our previous Debt Day, Sedgefield and District Citizens Advice Bureau are to offer further special Drop-in Debt Advice Days for people seeking help to resolve their financial problems. The Newton Aycliffe Bureau at the Pioneering Care Centre will be open on Wednesday 20th June 10am-3pm to help any new client with debt problems whether you have one single debt or multiple debts. The Spennymoor Bureau will also offer a Debt Advice Day the following week on Wednesday 27th June. The debt advice days

are in addition to the current weekly drop in sessions held at both the Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe offices. Should you not be able to attend either of these special days, the CAB also offer a telephone gateway assessment line which is available 10am-3pm Monday to Thursday and 10am-1pm on a Friday. The gateway assessment line number is 01388 825429 (charged at local rate). The debt drop in session service is for new clients only and current clients should continue to contact their debt worker direct.

New Garage Services For Newton Aycliffe

John Howlett and Mathew Koch are proud to announce the opening of there new garage Aycliffe Autos, Aycliffe Autos are based at: Unit E460F Woodham Road Aycliffe Business Park Newton Aycliffe DL5 6HT and are open for business. John, 36, who lives with his partner and three children in Newton Aycliffe has worked in various garages around the town over the years and has built up an excellent customer clietelle. Mathew, 22, is from Bishop Auckland and is expecting his first child later this year. Mathew has also worked in various garages and tyre fitting centres and between them they have nearly 25

years experience. The garage has always been a life long ambition for the pair and after months of research, decided it was time for the change. They have both put all their time and effort into this new venture. “We are a small family run company, with a huge passion for the job, our aim is to provide the customer with a quality, no hassle service, which we pride ourselves on very much. “The response we have received so far has been overwhelming and we would like to thank those who helped out for their support in getting our dream up and running. “We look forward to seeing new and old customers” said John



Aycliffe Running Club



There was a big turn out from the club at Kirkby Malzeard on June 2nd. The small village near Ripon was in the Jubilee spirit with bunting and Union Jacks aplenty. The course was a challenging undulating one but with conditions perfect for running, personal bests were posted by a number of runners. Peter Milburn continued his good form leading home the 16 strong contingent of ARC runners in 38:58. He was followed by Lee Wren, 40:41 and the ever improving Martin Knox in 41:27. Other times were: Tom Porter 41:33, Peter Smith 44:18, John Burnside 45:02, Robert Young 45:27, Gary Minns 48:34, John Young 49:52, Mick Brunskill 50:04, Trish Kay 50:56, Dave Mackenzie 54:25, Tracey Warrior 54:30, Alan Kellett 54:38, Ray Todd 55:52 and Anne



Kellett 56:07. Special mention to Mick Brunskill who gave up around 20 seconds moving a stricken rabbit from the middle of the road. On the same day Andrew Robertson completed the Allendale 8 in 1 hour and 23 seconds.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE Jubilee Draw Winners

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4 Ball Woodham Golf	Woodham Golf	10977
4 Ball Oakleaf Golf	Oakleaf Golf	8119
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This year we had Chris Griffith run 2 events, he competed in the 10k on the Saturday in a time of 48.17, and then on the Sunday along with Gary Bainbridge, Phil Crowe and John Gray, they completed the Marathon relay in 3.54.24. Also competing in the relay were Jean-Pierre Hupin, Kevin Thornton and Darren Ross, who completed their relay in 3.49.41, and a female team consisting of Donna Dunbar, Vivienne Rudge, Jen Lawson and Christine Burlison they completed their time in 3.55.29. The team had fantastic support from members unable to compete. A special mention goes to Peter Lawson, Myra McManiman and Julie Griffith.

Shildon's sprint athletes made a foray into York for the first meeting of York's summer league program, where they shone despite the atrocious weather. As usual the clubs junior women sprinters led the way with Laura Walker running a season's best performance of 25.8s over 200m, closely followed by Rachel McHugh in a new personal best time of 26.5. Emily Gledhill (u15 girls) continued her unrelenting progression up the north east rankings over 200m with an impressive new pb of 27.7s. Meanwhile in the U13 girls 150m Caira Hughes and Jade Hepple both burned up the track to reduce their pb's by 0.3s in respective times of 21.3s and 23.3s. Unfortunately monsoon like conditions caused the meet to be abandoned before the athletes could repeat their feats in the 100m and jump events.

The middle distance group enjoyed a romp around Sedgefield's 5k park run on 9th June. The runners gathered with other athletes from Aycliffe Running Club and Aycliffe Tri Club, to raise money towards the British Heart Foundation. The charity is especially close to young Henry Johnson's heart and he was delighted with his win on the day in 18.36. A sterling performance went to Callum Foster who was 4th over the line in 19.07, an amazing result for an under 14 and his debut event. Amy Etherington was first lady home, and just outside her course record (19.31) set the previous week.

TOP AWARD FOR YOUTHFUL FOOTBALL TEAM

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club are very pleased to announce that they have been awarded the Teesside Junior Football Alliance League, Club of the Year for 2012. The magnificent trophy was presented by Alastair Brownlee at the recent awards night at The Tall Trees in Yarm.

League secretary Chris Ord informed the packed audience that this award was one of the most fiercely contested awards that the league gives out. He went on to say that the Club had made giant strides over the last couple of seasons to improve all aspects of the football club. They have been on the shortlist for a number of recent seasons and have been getting better and better, but they have now got to the top by sheer hard work and



a willingness never to give up. Whilst some Clubs have had great seasons in terms of their administration and lack of sanctions, they couldn't get anywhere near this Club in terms of continual improvement" This success off the pitch was matched on the field with a

championship for the Under 15 Boys and promotions for the Under 13 & Under 12 boys. The under 13 girls finished runner up in the league cup final and the under 18 boys in their final season finished runner up in a very closely run championship. Finally the under 8's under FA rules play in a non competitive format but were awarded the Fair Play trophy for an outstanding season of progress for all the boys. Football at the club starts with our highly successful development section for boys and girls aged 4-6 years old. The sessions are for all abilities and offers coaching that is fun and enjoyable for our young budding footballers.

Girls football continues to grow in Newton Aycliffe and the club has 3 teams competing in the Russell Foster Youth League and have started a new girls development section for Year 4&5.

After our development sections, this season we had 14 boys teams competing in the Teesside Junior Alliance and a further team competing in the Russell Foster Youth League. This ensures we offered team football from

7-17 years old.

The football club is not only about coaching and competing as we actively encourage and promote the social values of being

involved in a team sport with end of season Go Karting, Camping Trips and BBQ's as well as fund raising bike rides. For more information visit www.naycafc.co.uk

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Ineos Opens it 's Doors to Chestnuts Residents

All residents from the Chestnuts Housing Estate are invited to an Open Evening on July 18th 2012 at either 6pm or 7pm. This invitation is the result of discussions between Ineos and the Chestnut's Resilience Group following concerns expressed over incidents that have occurred on the Plant over the last few years. The visit should last for approximately one hour. During this time residents will hear about the site history, and the company's manufacturing processes followed by a tour of the site. Ample time will be afforded to allow you to question our hosts which is an important part of the visit. If you have doubts or uncertainties about any safety aspect of the Plant, now is the time to ask people who will be able to answer them. The Chestnut's Resilience Group have delivered a letter of invitation from Ineos to all houses on the Chestnut's Estate. If you are going to attend the Open Evening, please complete the form at the bottom of the delivered letter and then inform one of the contacts listed below

June 24th. This is important because Ineos needs to know how many people are going to attend the Open Evening so that they can bring in sufficient staff to deal with the numbers of people attending. So if you have been worried about the Plant or simply interested in what goes on in the chemical plant 'over the fields' now is the ideal opportunity to find out. Councillor Gerald G. Lee (Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward)

WITNESS APPEAL

DLI Association Display Cabinet Stolen

Police in Bishop Auckland are investigating the theft of a display case belonging to the Durham Light Infantry Association. The wood and glass display cabinet, which measures approx 5ft x 1.5ft, contains 48 military cap badges and was in the foyer of Bishop Auckland Town Hall. At around 3pm on Monday, June 11, two men entered the foyer and unscrewed the display cabinet from the wall. They ran off carrying the display case between them, despite staff shouting that they had been seen. They continued across the Market Place towards North Bondgate. The men were both white, in their early 20s and 5ft 6in tall. One was of slim-medium build, wearing a red hooded fleece with the hood up and the other was of slim build, with short dark hair and wearing greyish coloured jogging bottoms. PC Sue Bainbridge said: "These men have gone to extreme lengths to steal this cabinet as it was screwed to the wall and situated in the main library foyer of the Town Hall, which is a public area and busy thoroughfare. They also tried to unscrew the hinges from the campaign medal cabinet, without success. "They will have been very noticeable in the town centre carrying a wooden display cabinet between them. We're keen to speak to anyone who can identify these men or has information about this offence." Anyone with information should ring 101 and ask for police at Bishop Auckland or ring the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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EBAC Launch New Product

EBAC of Aycliffe, Europe's leading manufacturer of water coolers, launched its latest plumbed-in water cooler - 'Fleet', a product which combines simplicity and reliability with contemporary style and quality. Easy-to-install, Fleet provides a continuous water supply, without the need for refill bottles. Its revolutionary 'direct dispense' system reduces the chance of microbiological contamination by 98%, while a range of other features give



Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac

ease of use, with minimal service requirements and disruption. These features and options, which will meet most users' requirements, include:

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MICK HOWEY Happy Fathers Day Daddy. I have the best Daddy in the world. Love, Kya May xx

JOHN HOWEY Happy Fathers Day Dad. Hope you have a lovely day. Love from Mick, Ste and Paul xx

TREVOR SHAW A Dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off and lets you try again. A Dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes, but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A Dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scalds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed and has faith in you even when you fail. We love you Dad. Lots of love, Abby, Luke and Monty xxx

BOB WHEATLEY Happy Fathers Day Dad. "you are the best". Love, Vicky, Kev, Neil, Sylvia, Elisha, Emily and Lola

KEV HAIGH To the best Dad in the world. Love, Elisha and Emily

Fathers Day Remembrance

Beloved Dad
4/4/1950 - 19/12/2010

Memories of a Dad I long to hold, Life was for living, I always got told. Each day spent living life to the full, from the bad days to the good, they never seemed dull. Life seems short when you lose someone dear, as each day passes one thing seems clear. Never to miss opportunities that come near, to fulfill your dreams year after year.
To my Dad, that always made it understood; be happy, live strong and do as you should. So that you can look back, have no regrets, and keep making memories you'll never forget. From your loving Daughter Helen, Son-in-Law Stephen and Natahsa xxxxx

JACK SMITH Missing you Dad on our first Fathers Day without you. Sadly missed, we think of you every day and always will. From your Daughters, Catherine and Jean

DOUGLAS WHITE There's a gentleman in Heaven Lord, precious and rare. That gentleman is my Dad, the best beyond compare. Tell him we love him Lord and when he turns to smile, place a kiss upon his cheek and hold it for a while. Love you Dad. From Gill, Geoff, Michael, Becka and the Bump xxxxx

JOSEPH HEDLEY Missing you on Fathers Day and every day. Lo, Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxxxx

BRIAN DUNN (8-7-2010). To the "best" little Dad and Grandpa in all the world!!! There's a place in our hearts that no one can fill. We love and miss you every day and we always will. Deeply loved and forever in our thoughts. Love from all your Bairns and Grand Bairns xxxxxxxxxxxxx

In Memoriam

FRANK McCAFFERTY Died 14th June 1999. As each day dawns and starts anew, we never fail to think of you. Loved always, Nancy, Frank, Kevin and Tracy

GILBERT WILSON Died 19th June 1997. Dad. Since you've been gone there's something life just seems to lack. For nothing is the same now and I wish you could come back. Now your anniversary is here I'm feeling really sad, because I know there'll never be a time when I won't miss my precious Dad. 15 years on Dad, miss you more than ever. Love always, Daughter Pamela xxx

DOUGLAS DENHAM Born 12th November 1932, died 15th June 2009. The heartache of losing you never goes away. I love and miss you every day. R.I.P. my love. Your loving Wife Pat and all the family

DOUGLAS DENHAM you left a place no one can fill, we miss you now and always will. Love, Keith, Jill, Sean, Sarah, Alison, Alfie and Emily xx

DENNIS HESLOP It has been 4 years since you have gone. I miss you every day, until we meet again. Love you loads, Eileen and family

PAT GALLACHER No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Loved and remembered always from Sue, Don and family xxx

PAT GALLACHER I have lost my souls companion, a life linked to my own. And day by day I'll miss him as I walk through life alone. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God called you home. All my love Chrissy xxx

PAT GALLACHER A wonderful Dad and Grandad. We will love and miss you forever. Love, David, Joanne, Mark, Ryan, Charlie and Leigh xxx

Obituary

Alan Capell

Suddenly in hospital on 8th June, Alan of Newton Aycliffe, aged 79 years. Beloved Husband of Vi, loving Dad of Janice and Helen, wonderful Grandad to Clare, Louise, Holly and Katie, a special Pops to Great Grandson Heath and respected by his Son-in-Law Stewart and Andy. He will be sadly missed by all his relatives and friends. Will family and friends please meet for the Service at Darlington Crematorium at 3.15pm on Monday 18th June.
Close family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.
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BERTIE BELLWOOD On 6th June, in the care of Defoe Court, Newton Aycliffe. Bertie, aged 70 years, much loved Husband of Vivien, Dad of Kevin, Darrin and Leslie, also a much loved Grandad. The funeral Service took place in St Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 14th June.

Thank You

Anne Molyneux


THANK YOU to my Daughter, Jane, and Son Philip, for arranging the surprise party for my 70th birthday.
Thank you also to my guests who donated so generously to St. Cuthbert's Care for the Alan Shearer Sensory Unit.
And last, but not least, thank you to the 'Heartbeat' bus and driver, Ian Wiggett, for driving us 'golden oldies' down memory lane - it was very nostalgic!!
Anne Molyneux

RICHARD LOGAN The family of the late Richard Logan would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the funeral at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church on Friday 8th June 2012. Also thanks to: Rev Graham Morgan, Co-op Funeral Services, Dr. Pounder, The District Nurses, The Macmillan Nursing Team. Nell Logan, on behalf of all the family.

THE FAMILY of the late Neil Ward would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who joined us in the celebration of Neil's life on 1st June 2012. A special thank you to Wayne and Myra Fairhurst for producing something so special at such short notice. A total of £441.90 was raised for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. A heart warming occasion that will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY of the late Patrick Gallacher wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends, neighbours for the kindness shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the many cards, letters of condolence, flowers, floral tributes and kind thoughts received. Thanks to Rev. Emma Morgan for a comforting Service and to the Co-Operative Funeral Service, in particular Andrea and all the staff at Newton Aycliffe for funeral arrangements and going the extra mile to make us feel special.

Birthday Remembrance

KENNETH INNES Birthday wishes to a loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who would have been 76 on 13th June. Also we will be thinking of you on Fathers Day. Your loving Wife Brenda and all the family

BARBARA BENNETT (nee Mullier). 18th June. Happy 60th birthday. Although we cannot be with you on your birthday you are always with us in our hearts. Love you always, from all the family

Congratulations

Karen Lowes


Still looking fab and really quite nifty, please don't despair even though you've turned fifty.
There's still fun to be had and nights on the razz. Happy birthday sweet friend, the one and only Kaz.
Love from the Girls and Alli xxx

Doreen Glasper


Happy 70th Birthday
16th June 2012
Have a great day Mam. Love you loads. Viv, Sharron, Son-in-Law Colin. Chris, Angela, Jessica, Cheryl, Natalie and Sean. Big kisses from your Great Grandchildren Maisie, Tyler and Thomas xxx

Amanda Dawson


Happy 21st Birthday
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Andrew Maughan


Happy 18th birthday
To my amazing Son, Happy 18th birthday. I could not be more proud of the man you have become. Love you loads, Mam, Richard and all the family xxx
Wishing our wonderful Nephew and Cousin a happy 18th birthday. You've grown into a wonderful young man. Love, Rhiannon, Stu and Matthew xxx

Emily Ovenden


Happy 1st Birthday
Happy birthday to our beautiful Princess Emily. Lots of love, Mammy, Daddy, Jordan and Brandon xxxxx

Laura Graham


Happy 21st Birthday Darling
17th June 2012
Have a great weekend, lots of love from Dad, Lisa, Jess and your little Prince Mason. We all love you lots xxx

CRAIG PALMER Happy 40th birthday on 14th June. Craig, it does not seem 40 years since I had my 5lb 10oz bundle of joy. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and all the family

CRAIG PALMER Have a great 40th and enjoy your weekend with the lads. Lots of love, Julie xxx

CRAIG PALMER Hope you have a good 40th Craig. Love always, Charley xxx

CRAIG PALMER Happy 40th Daddy. Lotsa love, Lexi-Mae xxx

CRAIG PALMER Enjoy your 40th birthday Craig. Love from Jackie, John, Gav, Lauren, John, Tara, Neve and Flynn xxx

FENWICK To our lovely Daughter Tracy, congratulations on your 40th birthday. All our love always, Mam and Dad xxx

CRICKET NEWS

The weather again caused havoc at the weekend with all of Newton Aycliffe Crickets Club's fixtures being cancelled due to saturated grounds making an unprecedented total of 27 matches being cancelled so far this season.

However in mid week, the 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training reached the semi-finals of the Fenwick cup with a tough nine run win away at Spennymoor.

Asked to bat first, opening batsmen Graham Telford hit a fluent 33 to get the Aycliffe innings off to a good start. Some hefty late order hitting from Michael Howe, who was out last ball of the innings for a superb 42, helped push his sides total to 125 all out from 20 overs. Howe hit one huge six during his innings, which sailed into the car park and managed to damage his own car! Much to the amusement and relief of his car driving team mates. In reply Aycliffe's Sean Morgan (3 for 53) and Luke Telford (3 for 52) bowled unchanged throughout Spennymoor's innings and helped restrict them to 115 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs.

Under 7's 'Fair Play Award'



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club Under 7's have been awarded the 'Fair Play' award from the TJFA for the 2011/2012 Season. On Thursday 7th June 2012 the Under 7's travelled to Tall Trees in Yarm to receive their award. The team looked very smart and all behaved impeccably throughout the evening. Every team member was awarded a medal and Craig Turnbull (Manager) and Tina Greaves (Team Official) accepted the Trophy. Manager Craig Turnbull stated "I am very proud of the team and they are a credit to the Club. This award gives

us a perfect end to a fantastic first Season."

The Under 7's have played throughout the season in the Green Division of the TJFA, playing some excellent football and in total have scored 100 goals. They have played some very tough games and in some very tough weather conditions, but as a team they always show determination and kept on scoring goals.

The team will continue to train in preparation for the new Season. At training the coaches ensure the team spirit and attitude toward the game and each other is emphasised. This reflects in the way in

which they all play as a team and in the results they have achieved.

NAJFC Under 7's will continue in the TJFA League next season. You can find the Under 7's on the web at www.najuniorfc.co.uk.

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Sedgefield 75 ASC had four swimmers competing, Mattie Walker-Smith, Hannah Featherstone, Sam Dixon and Mathew Bradley and between them they made a total of fourteen finals.

On Saturday at Sheffield, Hannah took silver in the 100 Backstroke and 5th in the 200 Freestyle. Sam won bronze in the 200 Butterfly and Mathew was fourth in the 100 Breaststroke. Sunday saw Mathew take the bronze

in both the 100 Backstroke and the 200 Freestyle. Sam was placed fourth in the 400 IM.

Saturday at Leeds produced four finals, Mathew taking silver in the 100 Freestyle and fifth in the 200 IM and seventh in the 200 Backstroke. Hannah won the silver medal in the 100 Butterfly. Sunday was a

good day with Hannah taking the gold medal in the 100 Freestyle and silver in the 200 Backstroke and Sam winning the bronze medal in the 100 Butterfly and being first reserve for the 400 Freestyle.

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