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Over 15,000 people turned out on Sunday 17th June to welcome the Olympic Torch Parade through Newton Aycliffe. The route from Burn Lane down through Central Avenue and along St. Cuthberts Way was crowded with excited onlookers determined to witness the rare event and record its appearance on digital cameras and mobile phones. It was a happy occasion with good natured policemen on motor bikes stirring up the crowd with sirens and hand waving. Supt Ian Macdonald of Durham Constabulary said: "County Durham and

Darlington gave a huge welcome to the Olympic Flame. The crowds were good natured, everything went well from our point of view and the thousands who turned up to see the torch relay had a great time. Our thanks go to all concerned." There were cheers for the torch carriers and gleeful smiles throughout the fifty minute tour of the town. The flame was transferred outside Newton Press Print Factory ready to be transported to Darlington. Readers have sent their photographs to be printed in the Newton News and we are happy to reproduce them in this issue (on page 9) and on our website.



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A hairdressing salon's free hair and beauty treatment day has raised more than £600 for specialist equipment for a youngster with an incurable degenerative disease. Lecturers and students at Bishop Auckland College held the event on Wednesday at the salon at the Woodhouse Lane campus to help the Kyran Richmond appeal. Kyran, 9, from Chilton, suffers from Juvenile Batten Disease, a rare genetic metabolic neurodegenerative condition which has left him with little vision in one eye and inevitable blindness. He also suffers from night seizures and will develop epilepsy, lose the ability to walk, talk and eat, before developing dementia and symptoms similar to Parkinson's. His life expectancy is late teens/early 20s. Kyran is only the third person in the North East to be diagnosed with the disease and there are only 150 confirmed sufferers

in the whole of the UK. Last September family and friends set up a fundraising team to raise awareness and much needed funds for both the charity and Kyran's ongoing needs. College hairdressing lecturer Maria Tribley had the idea for the event to help the appeal after seeing a television broadcast about Kyran. More than 100 clients on the day donated cash in lieu of the usual charges for everything from shampoo and sets to mini facials, raising £600.43. Kyran's mum Debbie said: "It has been a heartbreaking time for all of the family but the support and kindness of the local community has been overwhelming. A big thank you to Maria Tribley, staff, students and customers from Bishop Auckland College for organising the hair and beauty day and for being so generous with donations". The money raised will be used to purchase specialist equipment for Kyran's new bedroom and will enrich his remaining years. "Anyone who wishes to donate direct to the appeal can do so by visiting www.kyranrichmondfundraising.co.uk

RAIN STOPS PLAY AGAIN!

The football tournament at Woodham School had to be cancelled at the last minute again due to the heavy rain and hail stones which caused the pitches to become waterlogged. Details of a new date sometime in August will be announced in the Newton News.

Jobs Fair & Employment Advice (LEAF) Forum

livin, in conjunction with Mears, will be holding a Jobs Fair and a Local Employment Advice Forum (LEAF) on Thursday, 28th June 2012 at livin at DurhamGate, Spennymoor. It will be open between 9.30am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 2.30pm and the following employers/organisations have confirmed they will be attending: Whitbread, Premier Inn, Berco, Sainsburys, Mears, livin, Bishop Auckland College, National Careers Service, Job Centre Plus, Durham County Council, Asert, Dale Care. The event will enable tenants to talk to employers about vacancies available at the moment, and to seek advice on future vacancies and what employers look for in their future workforce. Please feel free to come along, and if you are an employer and would like to be involved, please contact Helen Johnson on 0845 505 5500 or at helen.johnson@livin.co.uk.

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Saturday 30th June - "CAPTAIN ROCK"
Gig Pit review from the Tab "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 shenanigans... shenanigans 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 kilt!!! It was proper daft stuff but, and this is where we got 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 Oyster 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 it's highs and lows. Brilliantly executed by the band and undoubtedly the best song of the night"

Saturday 7th July - "THIS MACHINE"
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Award for Community Worker



Left to right: Richard Gent, Margaret Gent, Rotary Club President Alan Crawshaw with his wife Vivien



NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our next Film Show is on Saturday 7th July at 3pm. We are looking to start a Disabled Blind Kurling Club - a sport that anyone can do even sitting down. To show interest ring Peter on 313924. We would like also to start a Ladies Club every Monday afternoon with a speaker or presentation on any subject. Please ring above number if you would be interested. The Centre always needs bric-a-brac and DVD's to be included in our sale of goods necessary to keep our finances healthy. A Wednesday film show is planned for Senior Citizens preceded with a light lunch. Let us know if you would support this new venture. Join our Knit & Natter group on Tuesdays from 10-12 noon. Please feel free to bring any of your work to show others. The Centre is open to any suggestions for new clubs. Ring 313924.

Margaret Gent of Belford Way has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary's highest community honour, in recognition of her service to the club and community over many years. The surprise award was made at the annual President's Night held at Hardwick Hall. Margaret was too overwhelmed to make any comment, but afterwards said how honoured she was to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Part of the entertainment was an impromptu performance by "The Rotettes", three lady Rotarians Mary Waine, Jill Thompson and Margaret Fenwick who sang well known numbers with a fire theme, sending up the president who was a Fireman before he retired and moved to Newton Aycliffe.

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GREENFIELD EXCEEDS THE STANDARD

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"saw this as a commitment to create a fairer, more caring and emotionally intelligent school". Another area where the standards were exceeded was in how the children are empowered to become active citizens and learners in a positive and inclusive ethos. David Priestley, Headteacher said "this is a tribute to our students who were interviewed by the inspectors and able to demonstrate their commitment to being a Rights Respecting School". Peter Bergg, Chair of Governors remembered that the school has always had a commitment to speciality and inclusion and this demonstrates our on-going work in this area.

Town Needs a 6th Form

Dear Sir,
With regard to Don Fraser's letter on the subject of Aycliffe's need for a Student's 6th Form Centre. My daughter attends the Queen Elizabeth College in Darlington and does not qualify for a bus pass. We have to pay for it which is difficult for hard-pressed parents where every penny counts.
K. M.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE

The Council was pleased to hear a presentation by Ms Kelly Mason from Livin, who attended to give an update on their Community Plans. Members heard that Aycliffe Village is a 'gold' community, with low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, and good levels of economic activity and educational attainment. The rest of Newton Aycliffe is rated 'silver', with some problems of anti-social behaviour, but good access to health and educational services. Livin outlined its plans for 'partnership working' to address issues such as anti-social behaviour, barriers to work, health and educational attainment.

You can find a copy of the Livin Community Plans online at <http://bit.ly/N7UcLC>

The Council agreed to enter into a licence agreement with Durham County Council to maintain certain plots of environmental land within the township owned by the County Council; GATC has been seeking this for a number of years, as it will allow us to apply a consistent environmental policy – and consistent standards of maintenance – across the whole town.

The Council also agreed to

continue its Market Licence agreement; this currently includes a significant financial reduction, in order to help the Market's viability. The Market is seen as a benefit to the town, and – although the Council is not allowed to subsidise it at all – Councillors wished to continue helping by reducing to the minimum possible the sum the Council takes from the market stallholders.

The government has issued a consultation on plans for the localisation of council tax benefit. The possibility in the proposed legislation that council tax benefit might not be passed on to the Town Council would not reduce people's Council Tax . . . but does threaten to reduce Town Council finances, potentially catastrophically.

Members agreed to respond to the consultation, requesting that any changes in the regulations might be made in such a way that no town or parish council is left financially worse off. Councillors agreed to send the Town Clerk to attend a Great Aycliffe Residents' Association meeting about litter, to be held on Thursday 19th July at 7pm in St Mary's Church. By coincidence, members heard that the Town

Council's energetic Youth Council is undertaking a Town Pride litter-pick week at the town's primary schools on Monday to Friday, 9th-13th July – so congratulations to our young people on leading the way.

Junior Trial at Hartlepool F.C.

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Party Political Dogma

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I do believe he might have expected a response such as this. However, can he not understand that he himself might have upset a few readers by the one sided political views he was putting forward in his original letter? Extreme views will inevitably attract a strong response.

If he cannot stand the heat, perhaps he should get out of the kitchen, especially as the heat was generated by Mr Clare himself when he put forward his controversial views in the

first place.

As for his stated intent of wishing to "raise the standard and scope of local political debate", he obviously feels he has failed in that regard. It is no wonder when the views he originally expressed were so full of Party political dogma. Mr Clare states in his most recent letter that I "despise Party politics". Well, I do not and I did not in fact say that, but I do admit that I utterly despair of Party politics and I repeat what I said then that no single political Party has all the answers to our problems.

Mr Clare goes on to say that he is "all for Aycliffe". I should jolly well hope he is as, after all, he is one of our local councillors, but does that not imply that he thinks other councillors with a different political viewpoint are not "all for Aycliffe"? I sincerely hope not.

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Draw organised by the Rotary Club seems to have been a resounding success! Shelley McCormack is pictured receiving her £50 prize donated by INEOS from Barry Wilkinson. Additional prizes were donated by the INEOS Sports & Social Club Golf and Fell Walking sections.

Nora Brewster of the "The Busy Bees" sold tickets at the firm and elsewhere raising £225 for their funds, which together with other money will be shared out at the end of the year between Butterwick Hospice, Great North Air Ambulance, Freeman Hospital, James Cook Hospital, Alzheimer Society and many more! Barry Wilkinson

Woodham Student Leaders Make Top 8

A group of 5 students from Woodham Community Technology College have made it to the final of the Challenge 10 STEMNET competition, a national Mathematics, Science and Technology Competition. The successful students were rated in the top 8 in the United Kingdom in a competition with over 500 entries. They have been awarded a place in the finals in London on the 6th July.

The competition is a partnership between Cisco, the brains behind the Olympic stadium, and STEMNET (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network). The challenge was to plan a major sporting event that would excite and inspire, transform the local area and showcase local and national talent.

For the Challenge entries, students had to choose a sport and a location, and work out what resources, facilities and equipment would be needed for the event. They also had to provide enough evidence to convince a panel of judges that their event is accessible and sustainable, and that it will leave a lasting legacy for the local area. It also had to promote the three Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect and incorporate their science, maths and technology skills.



Left to right: Ryan Metcalfe, Scott Dawson, Natasha Blackburn, Caitlin Hindle and Brenna Finn.

After having received an impressive 47 out of a possible 50 marks in the local judging heats, the students are now off to the finals on the 6th July 2012 to make their presentation to the judges while overlooking the impressive Olympic village. If the students

reach the top three then they will be rewarded with a donation to the school's STEM club as well as tickets to the Olympic games and a plethora of London 2012 merchandise. Let's wish the students good luck and hope they can bring home the gold medal.

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£200 REWARD OFFERED

A reward of £200 has been offered by John Hilton for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for poisoning three cats reported in last week's Newton News.

If you have the evidence please contact Newton News on 300212 who will pass the information to the owners of the cats who will involve the R.S.P.C.A.

John Hilton, aka "Honest John", wishes it known he is using his personal money and it is not from funds raised for local groups from his Tuesday stall.



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Sharing Knowledge



Greenfield was proud to host a visit from colleagues from the French Education Ministry. The visitors were Deputy Director of Education Services Mme Tanzi and international co-ordinator M Simmonds.

Our visitors had a tour of the school and observed Mrs A. Dixon teaching a dance class. The students will be part of an exchange of students planned this month to coincide with the Olympic Flame in Newton Aycliffe.

The visitors were impressed and are looking to place a French teacher in Greenfield for the next academic year. They have also asked Mr Priestley to meet with Headteachers in France to share his approaches to education through video conferencing. Mr Priestley said "We always value the new insights we get from hosting visitors it helps us to constantly improve what we do".

This is not the only international link around

educational excellence that Greenfield is involved in. Mrs Thompson will be traveling to South Korea later this month to spend time contributing to their Education Ministries drive to improve approaches to the teaching of science.

Disappointing Olympic Parade

Dear Sir,

As a resident, I, like a lot of others who live near Burn Lane, are disgusted we were not able to see the Olympic Torch lit and paraded from Burn Lane to the Youth Centre. A lot of parents, children disabled people, wheelchair bound and pensioners, all from this area, lined Burn Lane only to see a parade of police bike riders and the bus the torch was on! This was disgraceful and feel we were let down.

Angry Resident
Name & address supplied.

Honest John's £2,000 for Town Groups

Honest John's Fundraising Stall for local organisations has contributed another £2000 thanks to donations of goods from Newtonians for him to sell.

Newton Aycliffe Karate Club received £500, Aycliffe Dance Academy £500, Newton Aycliffe Under 15's Football club £500 and £500 went to the town's Junior Cricket Academy.

John said he was delighted to help these town groups, but said he could not do it without the support of those kind people who brought items to his stall to be sold.

RESIDENTS INVITED TO MAYOR'S TEA PARTY

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Wednesday, 27th June 2012 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Mrs. Raw would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.

Portable Picnic Benches Club for Disabled



Everyone at Innovations would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Maud Gray and her friends for the tombola stall they held recently to raise funds for several picnic benches for us to use. Hopefully when the weather improves these will be put to great use by everyone at Innovations.

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Lingard Way Newton Aycliffe



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Sydney Road Newton Aycliffe



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Pyckle Rd Newton Aycliffe



Three bedroom detached family home, full kitchen, lounge, dining room, kitchen, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, modern WC, with garden, with driveway.

Down Road Newton Aycliffe



Three bedroom detached property, with kitchen, lounge, dining room, kitchen, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, modern WC, with garden, with driveway.

Welford Road Newton Aycliffe



3 bedroom well furnished house, with kitchen, living room, dining room, utility room, with 2 off road parking spaces, oil and gas. No agents.

McGowan Place Newton Aycliffe



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Cashing In?

Dear Sir,
On Sunday I was on the route of the Olympic Torch Parade and thought it was a great experience. Everyone was enjoying themselves waving flags and it was well worth turning out to see, but then I noticed Councillors Ray and Dorothy Bowman selling refreshments from their Burger Van on the Youth Centre car park, making money out of the event.
It would appear they were more interested in making a profit than witnessing the torch pass through our town.
Disillusioned Observer
Name & address supplied
Ed: We spoke to Dorothy Bowman who said: "We had the permission of the Youth Centre. If the weather had been wet and cold residents would have welcomed a warm drink which was the service we offered."

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 4th July 2012

**Environment Committee
followed by the
Recreation Committee
from 7.15pm**

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

(www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings."

REVAMP OF CENTRE OFF TO A GOOD START



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is thrilled to kick off the planned revamp of the Centre by receiving 8 computers and speakers. Cllrs Joan Gray and Paul Gittins have also agreed to fund a new smart screen projector from their Members' Initiative Fund. Vince Crosby Chairman of the Youth Centre Management Committee said "I am so happy to see the computer room up and running. The project has been planned for some time but with the receipt of this equipment we can move on to the next stage of our five year plan for the development of the Centre.

We are so excited and can't thank Joan and Paul enough; there will be so many people in Newton Aycliffe who will benefit from their wonderful gesture" Both Joan and Paul said they welcomed the opportunity of helping the Centre to provide a benefit

not only for the youth but all members of the community. Joan Clark, Secretary of the Youth Club Management said "The benefits to the Centre are immense and timely as the chairman and myself have recently held meetings with Bishop Auckland College to bring more adult learning to the Centre. The range of courses is endless and not confined to computers. Anyone who has

a course they are interested in should just pop into the Centre and have a look at the list. If the course isn't on the list, tell us about it and we will see what we can do".

Generous Gift

Dear Sir,
The Management Committee of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre would like to draw attention to the fact that there are still some generous people about.

Last week a gentleman turned up at the Youth Centre and asked if we could use two leather rocker chairs and footstools.

We said yes, and I asked for his name so we could send him a thank you letter. He said it wasn't necessary so I take this opportunity to thank him publicly.

Joan Clark
Secretary

J.A.M. Club Seahouses Trip



On the 8th June J.A.M. Club set off on their annual trip to Seahouses. Our theme this year was the Olympics, the weather was damp but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 26 young people who went for the weekend. We all had a fantastic time finishing with a medal presentation party. Thanks to Sarah Iveson and John Moran for the donation to make this weekend so special.

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

Durham Constabulary is dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. This is an informal discussion with the police and local partners to resolve the issues where you live. The next **Woodham Ward** PACT meeting will be held on Monday 25th of June at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth Close at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

The next **West Ward** PACT meeting will be held on Thursday 5th of July at Burnhill Way Methodist Church, Scott Place, Newton Aycliffe at 6pm. PCSO Amy Jorgeson 6849 PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock Newton Aycliffe Beat Team

Paralympic Mascot Visits Sugar Hill



Sugar Hill Primary School received a surprise visit last week from Mandeville, the Paralympic Mascot. Talking to the children in a specially-arranged assembly in the school hall, Mandeville's helper explained the role the mascot held in promoting the events at the Paralympics.

The whole school attended the assembly and afterwards took part in a question and answer session. At the end of an excellent afternoon, some of the children had the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Mandeville.

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AYCLIFFE WELCOMES THE OLYMPIC TORCH

PRESENT AT 1948 RELAY

Ian Doig of Broomlee Close remembers the Olympic Torch relayed through Great Britain in 1948 when he was just 12 years old. He was a member of the Boys Brigade in Leven, Scotland and was on parade until 11pm in pouring rain when the torchbearer passed through his town. Ian did his National Service at RAF Holton and at Christmas Island where they tested the Atom Bomb. He returned home to marry Christina who unfortunately now resides in a Shildon Care Home. They came to live in Newton Aycliffe after Ian got a job with Wilsons Forge in Bishop Auckland. He later worked for Eatons before retiring due to ill health. He was able to see the Olympic Torch again, 64 years later, at Emerson Way and was quite amazed by the number of people who turned out.



Billingham Greet's Aycliffe Torchbearer



On Sunday 17th June, Sam Dawson a Year 7 student from Greenfield Community College represented the North East as a Torch Bearer in the Olympic Relay. Sam, from Newton Aycliffe, completed a 300m stretch with the torch in Billingham on Sunday afternoon; luckily for him and his family, the rain held off, but the crowds didn't. Hundreds of people turned out to support Sam dressed in his

white Olympic Tracksuit and holding the flaming torch. Sam said "It was brilliant, what a day!" All his family were out to support him, they had a huge banner and sported homemade T-shirts. Greenfield staff made the journey and gave him even more support from the streets. Sam was nominated by Greenfield for many reasons but especially for his commitment to all the Olympic Values through his everyday life, in and out of school. Sam is a true inspiration to young people and with this experience as a Torch Bearer, Sam has made his friends, family and Greenfield extremely proud. Sam's first official engagement as torch bearer is at Sugar Hill Primary School Tuesday 19th June to help celebrate the school's Diamond Jubilee Event.

Care Home Residents Welcome Torchbearer



Many of the residents from Rose Lodge gathered on Burn Lane to watch the Olympic torch relay on Sunday. They were so impressed by the crowds that had gathered and seemed like they thoroughly enjoyed watching the whole show.



POLICEMEN ARE GREAT!

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank Durham Police for a great show they put on for the Olympic Torch Parade. I went to see the torch pass through Aycliffe as did many others. The motor bike police kept everyone's spirits running high with their sirens, and coming over to wave and "high fiving" everyone. It was great to see and to be a part of the fun. Thanks guys, it made a massive difference!
Lynsey Haigh



Woodham's Two Olympic Torch Bearers



Sunday was a momentous occasion not only for two individual torch bearers but for Woodham Community Technology College as well. Two representatives from Woodham were chosen to carry the Olympic Torch as it passed through the region. Year 10 student Richie Howe and assistant head teacher Jon Tait carried the torch sharing a priceless moment in history. Richie, 15, carried the torch through Darlington town centre. He was nominated for his charity work for Diabetes UK where he raised hundreds of pounds swimming the equivalent length of the English Channel in the Leisure Centre Pool. Jon took up the torch in Stockton, having been nominated for work with the Woodham Warriors American Football team and the Coach

USA programme at Woodham. Richie said "The experience was incredible. Having all those people shouting and cheering for me was amazing. I still can't believe that it's happened. It's something that I'll remember for the rest of my life". Jon commented "To get this opportunity is truly fantastic. I will never forget this day. To be also carrying the torch on Father's Day in front of my own children has been very emotional". Jon and Richie are taking the torch into the local community for the next fortnight, trying to spread the happiness amongst children and adults alike in primary schools, youth clubs and community centres. Anyone interested in receiving a visit from Jon and Richie with the torch should contact the main office on 300328.







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Good Support for Residents Jubilee Events



Dear Sir,
May I through your most excellent Newton News, thank all of those residents who gave their time and effort to make our Diamond Jubilee celebration such a success. Newton Aycliffe is a brilliant place to live and work, made even better by the generosity of all of the organisations in the town who have donated and helped make this event one to remember for a whole generation of kids.

A.C.O.R.N as a fairly new group had very little funds to celebrate the jubilee but the generosity of the Leisure Centre, Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Councillors Dixon, Gittins, Paylor and Gray, West Ward Town councillor Kate Hopper, Tesco, Poundstretcher,

Newsforce, Wilkinsons, Warburtons and livin who kindly supplied souvenir mugs, bunting and buffet to lots of parties in the old Sedgefield area. May I also mention the staff and council members of all political persuasions from Great Aycliffe Council for all of their advice and support in encouraging our group. Throughout the year A.C.O.R.N hope to build up community spirit by holding fun events in our parks. Although A.C.O.R.N. is based in the town centre area we welcome interested parties to come along and join us in making Aycliffe a safe, clean, fun and prosperous place to live and bring up our families. Ken Robson, Chairman Acorn Residents' Association

Road Race Closure Hinders Care Workers

Dear Sir,
Could I please send an appeal to the organisers of the Aycliffe 10k Road Race. While arranging for the roads to be closed around Newton Aycliffe could you please try to accommodate the small army of care workers who find it necessary to use these roads during the closure times.

We work from 6am until 10pm, predominantly with the elderly, disabled and terminally ill, and our visits to these people in their homes are of major importance.

Some of the visits are attended by two people and on Sunday two care workers were meant to attend a bungalow in Bluebell Close at 10am. I managed to get to the road junction by 9.45am and was allowed through the bollards blocking the road, however the girl who was working with me didn't arrive at the junction until 9.57am, and was told 'the race had started' and she wasn't allowed through. She had to leave her car at the cemetery and walk to the patient's home making her arrival time late. I thought the race started at Greenfield Comprehensive area? If this is the case it would be

a while until the runners arrived at the Stephenson Way junction, during which time this girl could have been allowed to drive through.

Even if the runners were already at the junction area, why wasn't she given some priority to be allowed through? It's not as if she was trying to get to Tesco for a loaf! The particular lady we were to visit is bedbound and had been in bed since 6pm the previous evening. This is only one incident, I know there will have been others that morning.

I am incensed that these people think they have to right to prioritise the use of the roads around town just so that they can indulge in a hobby!

It is thoughtless, so please attempt consideration for others while planning next year's race.

Mrs B Wild

Diamond Jubilee Competition at Stephenson Way Nursery

As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, all of the nursery children were invited to create a picture of the Queen.

They could paint, draw, colour, collage, sculpture, even ice a cake, in fact be as creative as they like as long as they created a picture of "The Queen".

We had some fabulous entries including the Queen's portrait made out of stamps; and out of red, white and blue dots. We had several cakes iced with pictures of the Queen. Several children made collages of the Queen, one even came dressed as the Queen!

The entries were judged by Miss Hemmings. The winners were Jack and Cadence in morning nursery and Sophie and Evie in afternoon nursery.

All the winners received



a Great Britain colouring book and a box of colouring pencils.

The judging was followed by a Jubilee picnic in the garden. All the children wore red, white and blue.

We would like to say thank you to Jack's Mum and Kenzie's Mum who baked some beautiful cakes for us to enjoy.

We would also like to say a big thankyou to Logan's Grandma for baking an amazing Diamond Jubilee cake for our Royal Banquet.

Aycliffe Swimmer in U.K. Winning Team



Matthew Bradley from Sedgefield 75 Swimming club represented the UK in the Durham International Youth Games held at Freemans Quay in Durham City on 16th June.

Matthew was part of a 12 strong team of youngsters selected from swimming clubs and schools around County Durham. The UK team competed against France, Germany, Italy, Bangladesh, Brazil, Slovakia, Hungary, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Russia. Matthew swam 50M butterfly as part of the mixed UK 'A' Individual Medley team, finishing in second position taking a silver medal. He then swam in the men's 100M breaststroke achieving a personal best time of 67.94 seconds and dominated the opposition by beating the second place competitor by 13 seconds for a gold medal.

He then swam in the men's individual medley event with another personal best time of 2 minutes and 13 seconds taking second place against strong competition from Italy's Tasso Alessandri who won the event by a narrow margin of 0.8 seconds.

Matthew went on to swim in the men's 50M breaststroke, winning gold with a time of 33.54 seconds. His final swim was in the mixed 6 by 50M freestyle UK 'A' team, where he swam the last 50M in a time of 26.08 seconds winning gold for the team.

The UK team won the swimming event overall and across the whole games the UK team won the competition beating Germany into second place by a margin of 40 points.

In all 226 athletes competed from eleven countries as part of the games. Sports included swimming, athletics, fencing, gymnastics and rowing.

John Moore Head Coach at Sedgefield 75 ASC was extremely pleased to have a swimmer chosen for the event and also to have a swimmer in the winning UK team. Sedgefield 75 ASC train at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. They currently have several world, European, National, Regional and county record holders in their squads. Details of training times and how to join the club are available at the centre or from the website at: <http://freeteams.net/sedgefield75/index.html>

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Heighington Under 12's Reach Final

Heighington under 12's played some wonderful football to win through to the Wensleydale Tournament final, at Catterick Village on Fathers' Day. The whole team played some fantastic football and earned many compliments from the opposing team coaches and parents. It was particularly pleasing for the coaches to see the hard work on the training ground beginning to show. There was some great individual football from Cameron Bowcher who in the quarter finals went on a mazy run through the opposition and round the keeper to score. Tom Phillips dominated in midfield and his link up play was of a high standard setting up several goals. Gareth Morgans marshalled the defence and kept the team shape as well as scoring a blistering goal to win the game against Leyburn A. Player of the tournament for Heighington was undoubtedly Ellis Plews who ran and tackled everything. He played with such enthusiasm and his work rate was exceptional. Heighington sadly fell at the last hurdle by conceding a goal 30 seconds from the end which gave Catterick Garrison the win. It was only the second goal the team conceded in the whole tournament and ironically came from their striker miss-hitting the ball. The final was played to a very high standard with both teams competing strongly with attacking football. It was non the less a great day out for the boys and a wonderful way to end the season.



Heighington under 12's will be under 13 next season and are in need of new players. The core of the team is very good however we need to strengthen for next season if we are to continue to progress. The club is FA Chartered with qualified football coaches. This is an exciting time to join the team as we have new sponsors through Martin Healey Disabled Conversions. The club is moving forward with a new structure with new changing facilities being built. The team look to develop players and their social experience and we try to offer non-footballing activities through the year. If your interested in joining this progressive club contact Selwyn on 07774 624341 or attend training sessions on Wed evening 6-7pm or Sat mornings 9.30 -11 at Heighington Sports Field. All are very welcome.

CHARITY NIGHT RAISED £937

The Huntsman Pub at Woodham Village, held it's annual Charity Fundraiser Event on the 9th June in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service, and would like to thank everyone involved. The night was a great success and the grand total raised was a fantastic £937.00, beating last year's total by a massive £326.00! People turned out in fancy dress, and we had Disco, Karaoke, games, and a prize raffle on the night with everyone getting involved. It could not have been such a success without the local business donations we received for the raffle, so the Huntsman would like to thank the following companies for their kindness: Leading Edge Concepts of The Metro Centre, Horndale Taxis, Sweet Creations Durham, Cakes With-A-Twist, Shabby Chic Décor Shop of Stanley, Prince's Valeting Services, Autosafe Autocentre, The Shafto Way Service Centre, Eastern Spice Indian Takeaway, The Olive Garden Takeaway, The Work, Gemz Nailz, Garnetts Travel Of Bishop Auckland and our Drinks suppliers. We would also like to thank Mr A Darbyshire for his very kind large personal donation on the night. All raffle prizes were claimed on the night and we also had an auction for garden furniture which also went very well. Once again a huge thank you for your kindness and assistance with this year's event

OLYMPIC TORCH PARADE COMPLAINT

Dear Sir,
I write to say what a big disappointment the Olympic Torch Parade was in Newton Aycliffe. Like hundreds of others I stood by the railing at St. Clare's Church roundabout. The first major problem was the torch changeover, which took place in front of the Vicarage - why not on the roundabout itself? The view of most people was restricted or non-existing, especially after the police control allowed people onto the road. Where were the announcements of who was carrying the torch or who took it over? If I am to believe what I read in the Newton News, no person from

Aycliffe carried the torch in their own town. How come Newton News did not tell us of the live coverage of the parade on the red button on BBC? Can St. Clare's Church explain why they had the flag of Ghana and two American flags flying? There was a Union Jack and a Welsh flag, but no flag for St. George or St. Andrew. Mr. A. Symington Isherwood Close
Ed: We shared as much information as we were given. We have to agree the communication could have been better and it would have been more appropriate to have local people carrying the torch through their own town.

Fans Invited to "Spruce up" Ground!



Football fans are being asked to help give their team's ground a mini-makeover this summer as they prepare for the new season. Newton Aycliffe, who finished ninth in the Northern League first division last season are busy giving their impressive Moore Lane Park ground the once-over as they get ready for the new season. Saturday 30th June is the official "spruce up day" to get the ground up to scratch. Aycliffe Sports Club have invested almost £2,000 treating the playing surface which is known as one of the best pitches in the league. Aycliffe are now gearing up for their big pre-season friendly with Premier League neighbours Sunderland on Friday 20th July (7.30pm kick-off). They're hoping their "spruce up day" from 9am through to the afternoon, will help get various odd-jobs finished. Fans are asked to report to Moore Lane Park any time

after 9am – complimentary bacon sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. Aycliffe will offer some of the cheapest admission in the Northern League first division next season after freezing their ticket prices for 2012-13. Admission: £5 adults and £3 concessions while most clubs in the league increasing theirs to £6 and £4. Farley said: "You could argue, if we want to compete with the top six of the Northern League first division, then we have to match their ticket prices so we can compete with their budgets. But we don't want to jump too far, too soon, and we're proud of the fact that we have one of the highest average attendances in the league, despite being one of the youngest clubs. Season ticket prices for 2012-13 have been set at £90 adults and £50 concessions. Details of how to get them will be announced as soon as possible. www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

ALUMINIUM FIRM SPONSORS UNDER 11's TEAM



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club Under 11's have a new Sponsor and a new Manager! A C Aluminium Ltd have sponsored the team for the next two seasons. Adam Cayless, owner of A C Aluminium Ltd has also taken on the task of managing the team, giving his own time to coach and work with the boys to ensure they are all ready for 11 a-side football. Adam has recruited a number of new players and would like to welcome both new and existing players and parents to his team and the club. He also has a number of parents helping him at training sessions and would like to thank everyone, not forgetting the parents who support the

team every week. To show off their new kits, Adam arranged a friendly at home against Mount Pleasant who won the TJFA League, Division 3 for 2011/2012. This was the first 11 a-side game with a number of new players added to the squad in preparation for next season. Every member of the squad played their part and did themselves proud by showing grit and determination playing as a team. The forthcoming season looks like it is going to be an exciting one. Well done everyone. Adam has become very involved with Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club, not only has he taken on this season's Under 11's but he also helps Craig Turnbull with the Under 8's as a coach. The Under 8's are currently sponsored by A C Door Systems Ltd, a sister company, also owned by Adam who said "It's nice to be able to help out, as my 2 sons play for the club under 8's and under 11's. It's important the boys feel supported, and the new kits give them a boost. I am very excited about the forthcoming season and the journey ahead for both teams. Good luck boys for next Season." The team will continue to train in preparation for the new season and you can find the Under 11's on the web at www.najuniorfc.co.uk Thank you to all the parents and supporters for your continued support and thank you to A C Aluminium Ltd for their sponsorship. Next Season here we come! Good luck boys.

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of Paint" by Debbie Bell and Rachel Sharp provided some interesting inspiration, and with guidance from Gallery & Programme Assistant Anna Cole the two groups created original needle felted artworks. The colourful and creative pieces the groups made are now on display at Greenfield Community Arts Centre in the reception area. If you would like to see them for yourself we are open

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm, and Friday 10am-4pm, at the moment we also have an exhibition of work by textile artist Catherine Howard in the cabinets. We would like to say a big thank you to Laurence Ward and Barbara Baker for their support of the workshops, and the adults who came and created fantastic artworks! (Pictured: Barbara Baker, Linda Hodgson and Emma Watson).

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ALAN JONES Happy 65th birthday Dad. No cards to send or presents to give, in our hearts you will always live. All our love, Wayne, Sonia and Fiona xxx

ALAN JONES Happy birthday Grandad. Gentle Jesus up above, please give Grandad three big hugs. With all our love xxxx - Chloe, Ewan and Aimee

"Newton News" On-Line Improvement

Newton Press are proud this week to launch a new look website for our online Newton News readers. The site has been revamped after suggestions and comments from our regular readers both local and around the world.

We have taken the opportunity to create a site where not only can you read all the local news, but you are now also able to download a full PDF version of the current issue.

We hope this new layout and design will attract even more readers to our popular newspaper, which currently attracts up to 8,000 on-line hits a week. If you are a regular visitor to the Newton News website and you can see room for even more improvement, please let us know, we are always open to new ideas.

The website can viewed at www.newtonnews.co.uk

Obituary

HOLMES David, aged 67 years, suddenly at home on June 17 of School Aycliffe (formerly of Hartlepool). Dearly loved Husband of Glynis, much loved Dad of Steven and Chris, dear Father-in-Law and loving Grandad of Rebecca, Nicholas, Andrew, Clara and Matthew. Funeral Monday 25 June. Would friends please meet for Service in St. Michael's Church, Heighington at 11:30am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be made for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association C/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

WILLIAMS Suddenly on 15th June, Theresa aged 74 years. Much loved Wife of Jack and Mother to many. Will family and friends please meet for Service in St Marys RC Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 27th June at 12.15pm. To be followed by a private cremation. All welcome to return to the Royal British Legion, Newton Aycliffe following the Service.

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BOB WHEATLEY Happy 65th Birthday Bob. Have a wonderful day. Love you, Liz xx

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SMITH - SHOTTON Congratulations Andrew and Lindsey on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Love, John, Claire, Ollie and Arthur xx

JAMES KNOW Happy 4th birthday to our wonderful little boy. Lots of love and big kisses, Mummy, Daddy and Thomas xx

JAMES KNOW A happy 4th birthday James on Sunday. Love you, Great Gran Lily xxx

JAMES KNOW Happy birthday James. Lots of love, Auntie Jayne, Luke and Jake xx

JAMES KNOW Happy 4th birthday James. Love and kisses, Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Kim, Uncle Adam and Eva xxxx

JOHN POSKETT 22nd June. Happy Birthday pet, bus pass is on its way. Love you always and forever, Edie xxx

JOHN POSKETT Happy birthday Dad and Grandad at least you you can save even more money you tightwad, because you've now got your bus pass! Love always, Barry, Louise, Rhys, Kieran and Logan xxxxx

JOHN POSKETT Happy 60th birthday Dad. You have always been my super hero! 60 years young. All our love, Tracy and Scott xxx

JOHN POSKETT Happy birthday to the bestest Grandad ever, love you all the world and back. Love from Cameron and Tia xxx

KALYA EDEN Happy 15th birthday Angel. My Dad died, then you were born, my little angel of hope. You've grown so fast and to quote Will I Am "I think you are really 'Dope'". Love you loads, Auntie Pamela xxx

In Memoriam

YVONNE SWEENEY. In loving memory of Yvonne, passed away on 26th June 2011. If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. Your loving Husband Jim

YVONNE SWEENEY A loving Mum and Grandma. Loved and missed every day. Always in our thoughts. Love, Kevin, Eileen, Sean, Lorraine and Kids

Births

RAMSDEN Simon and Kirsty, congratulations on the birth of your lovely Daughter. Love, Mam xxx

RAMSDEN Simon and Kirsty, congratulations on the birth of your baby Daughter. Love from Jane, Lee, Sam, George, Harry and Evie

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Woodham Teach Samba Music



Woodham Community Technology College and St Francis' Primary School are working together to introduce the younger students to samba music, and give them the opportunity to perform as part of the well-established Woodham Samba Band.

Staff and students from Woodham are running weekly workshops at St Francis, with children of varying ages. So far Year 3 and Year 6 children have taken part in the workshops, and by the end of the school year this will have been extended to Year 5 as well. The aim is for primary age students to learn about samba music through performing it, with a view

to taking part in Woodham Community Technology College's annual Summer Concert. The project is a great way to involve all children in music-making, irrespective of whether or not they have a musical background or any prior knowledge or experience of music.

What has been particularly encouraging to see is the level of enthusiasm with which children have approached the sessions - all have been keen to be involved and to develop their skills. Y11 Woodham students Gemma Parker and Stacey Sherman, who have been helping with the practical workshops, agree that there are positives for both sides:

"We were impressed with how quickly the children picked up the rhythms and performed them accurately. It made it very easy to get them to work together and listen to each other - which is important in samba music. We've enjoyed the opportunity to work with younger students, and have found this a rewarding experience".

Woodham Samba Band is now looking forward to performing with the newest members in the Summer concert, which will take place on Thursday 5th July at 7pm in the main school hall. Tickets for the concert are available from Woodham Community Technology College on 01325 300328.

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More than 300 competitors finished the 10k with Durham City Harriers runner James Askew leading the field at the winning post in a time of 32:18 minutes, ahead of second placed James Bulman (32:19) and Jack Simpson (33:23) third. The first woman home was Rosie Smith of Durham Harriers in 34:25 minutes,

with Alyson Dixon (34:41) second and Josephine Stone (35:48) in third place.

Organised by Aycliffe Running Club, the event was sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council and Northumbrian Water

"This was our 15th year and we're delighted that it's been going from strength to strength," said race director Trevor Needham.

"It was first started in 1998 as a way of encouraging local people to take exercise and participate in sport, so it's highly opportune that the Olympic torch relay came to the town on the very



Winners James Askew and Rosie Smith with Alan Kellett (centre) of 3M

same day."

The 3M Aycliffe site first became a sponsor in 2002 to mark the diversified technology company's centenary and it has continued to support the event every year since then. A number of employees from the site joined the race with their friends and family members.

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Members receive a reduced charge for coaching and benefit from free use of the facility on an evening and at weekends. Membership starts at £13 for Junior's and £40 for adults. Family Membership is £65.

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