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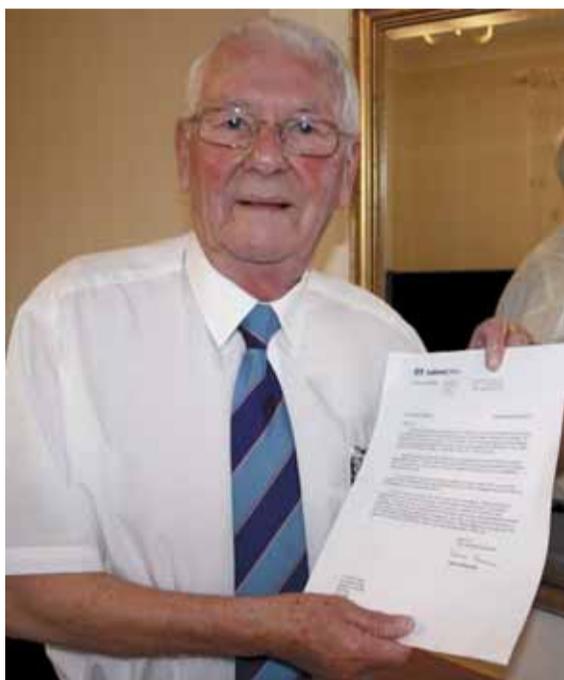
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MBE for Newtonian Terry



Terry Farley has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List recognising his services to football refereeing after almost 60 years in the game.

Terry admits he was in shock when he learnt of the honour. "It's been a fantastic few days," says Terry, who's also well known in Aycliffe as a driving instructor.

"I received the letter from the cabinet office a few weeks ago and we just had to sit on it. I realise what an honour and a privilege this is not just for me but also for all referees, especially those in County Durham.

"It was a huge relief to be able to tell everyone but the media did that for us and the phone calls and emails haven't stopped since."

Terry appeared on Sky Sports News and spoke to BBC Radio Tees and TFM, as well as being featured in the Northern Echo.

Terry moved to the town in 1960, and is one of County Durham's longest-serving football referees. He became a referee in 1952 and enjoyed 15 years as a top-flight official, officiating at some of Europe's top stadiums, including Old Trafford, Anfield, Barcelona, Milan and Wembley, with matches involving stars including Maradona and the Charlton Brothers.

In 1962, he was appointed secretary of the Bishop Auckland Referees Society, a position he still holds today, and has been a coach for up-and-coming referees since retiring from the Football League circuit in 1981.

He is currently involved in the FA's initiative to recruit, retain and develop the referees of the future and was appointed a member of the coaching team of this national venture. In 1980, he received a long service award from the National Referees Association and in 1999 was made a life member of the group.

In 2002 he celebrated his 50th year as part of the FA and in 2006 he received the Unsung Hero Award in The Northern Echo's annual Local Heroes ceremony.

Terry, who plans to collect his MBE from Buckingham Palace with his wife, Marina, and sons, Nigel and Gary, continues to follow Aycliffe FC closely.

"I'm delighted to see the club doing so well," he says. "We've seen so many new towns getting clubs over the years and it was fantastic to see Newton Aycliffe finally get a football club in the league pyramid. I think it's helped to put the town a bit more on the map and long may the success continue."

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SLIM GROUP LEADER MEETS CELEB COMIC

Jeanette Thompson got some TLC from JLC when she cuddled up to the comedian at Slimming World's annual awards ceremony to celebrate its most successful slimmers.

Jeanette, who manages Slimming World groups in Newton Aycliffe, was thrilled to meet the funny man and TV presenter at the glitzy event in Birmingham.

He said: "The whole experience blew me away! What's great is it's about ordinary people who've achieved something truly extraordinary. I met some really inspirational people. Not only the slimmers who collected awards for losing

weight and changing their lives, but also the amazing people like Jeanette who run and manage the groups and support them along their journey.

Having met Jeanette I think people in Newton are incredibly lucky to have so many great Slimming World groups on their doorstep." Jeanette said: "Meeting Justin Lee Collins was the perfect ending to what's been another amazing year for Slimming World.

This year has seen us open our 7,000th group and welcome over a million members, both of which are huge milestones. And with the highest levels of obesity in Europe here in the UK there's still a lot of work to be done and in 2011 we want to help even more people improve their health – and their families' health too. And so many of our members tell us that's exactly what happens when they discover new healthy habits at Slimming World – they share them at home and everyone benefits.

"At this time of year lots of people will be pledging to slim down and shape up, and we'd love anyone who wants to make their New Year's resolution a reality to come join us at any of the Slimming World groups in Newton Aycliffe.



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Carols on the Village Green



A grand evening was had by Aycliffe Villagers – thanks to the hard work and stamina of those who helped make it happen. ie; our stalwart musicians, those who plug things into the right sockets for our microphones, printing

of carol sheets and the ladies who make copious amounts of ginger wine served to all after the carols.

A big thank you to Collette and Stuart of the County for giving their support every year and handing out mince pies and drinks for the children – nothing is a trouble to them.

But chiefly the people of the village who turned out in large numbers in sub-zero temperatures and a grand array of hats and sang heartily, and last, but not least the Head Man himself took time out of a very busy schedule to visit the children and hand out lollies and sweets.

U3A MEETING CANCELLED

The U3A/Third Age Trust is an International Organisation for bringing people over 50 together. for social and educational interaction.

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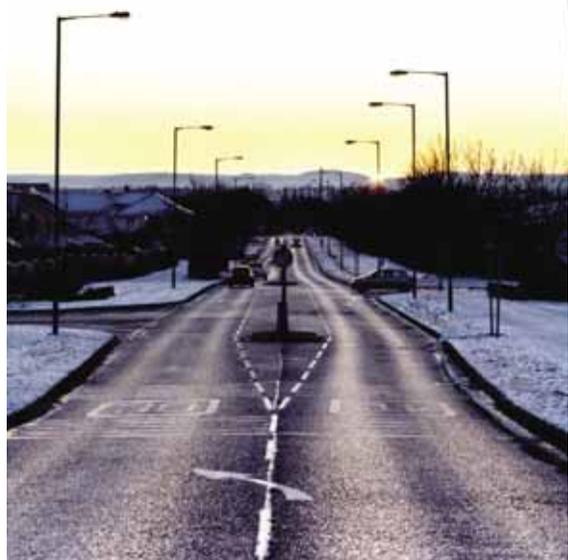
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READER'S PHOTO



Gavin Lanata was walking past Cobblers Hall and took this early morning picture of the sunrise showing a beautiful horizon. Thanks for the photo Gavin. Readers are invited to send in their shots of Aycliffe to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

XMAS LUNCH AT THE BAY HORSE



Residents and staff from Defoe Court, Rose Lodge and Aycliffe Care Home would like to thank Mandy and her staff at the Bay Horse in Midldridge for a lovely Christmas lunch last week. Everyone had a great afternoon out. The homes would also like to wish everyone, who supports them throughout the year, a Happy New Year.



SATURDAY CINEMA

St. Clares Film Club are showing the latest in the trilogy of films, featuring WOODY and BUZZ! This is a highly acclaimed family film and all are most welcome, doors open 1:45 on Saturday 8th January in St. Clare's Cinema Hall. Popcorn, ices, sweets, crisps and drinks are available. Hope to see you there.

PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

Shafto/St Mary's Ward PACT Meeting is on Thursday 13th January 2011 commencing 6pm at Defoe Crescent Nursing Home. Anyone with any policing in the community concerns are welcome. PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson Newton Aycliffe Beat Team.

Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness classes

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Boot Camp will begin on 10th January 2010 and run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, 6.30am until 7.30am and costs £55 for the full 6 weeks or £3.50 per session. For more information or to book a place please call the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234.

EDITORIAL You Can Now Build Your Own House

The Government have announced they want local authorities to encourage people to buy public land and build their own homes. This will be welcome news to a lot of people in Newton Aycliffe who have wanted to do this for a number of years, but found the former Sedgfield Borough Council unwilling to allocate the acres of land available in the town for this purpose.

They preferred to sell off large parcels of land to housing developers and whether this produced more revenue is questionable as no one got to see the accounts. It was probably easier and less work to sell to one of the large builders than deal with individual sales.

The former Aycliffe Development Corporation were the last to allow private building in Woodham and School Aycliffe. This and Thatcher's policy allowing tenants to buy their homes helped stabilise our town which up until that point was used as a transit camp.

There are some nice areas where private homes could be built and no doubt people will take advantage of this new policy and hopefully, build some stylish, modern properties in Newton Aycliffe.

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Facial Blot	5 weeks	Greenfield Community & Arts Centre
Level History	10 weeks	Marlow Aycliffe Library

For advice on learning and work please contact your local workshop service on 0800 027 7544

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If you are interested in any of the courses listed above, further information including details of course fees can be obtained by contacting the venue direct

Please note all courses will run subject to sufficient numbers enrolling on an individual course

Peru Trek in Aid of Butterwick Hospice

Last year, Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland announced it's new and exciting trek challenge to Machu Picchu, Peru which will be taking place between 24th September and 3rd October this year. 12 people are currently signed up to Butterwick Hospice's trek team, and we only have 8 places remaining. The group will have the opportunity to engage in a community development

project as part of the trip, which actively helps support the local villagers. Trekkers are required to pay £300 registration fee, and raise a further £2975 sponsorship money. Butterwick Hospice now has limited places available, so for an information pack, which includes full details of the trip, please contact Julie Nisbet on 01388 603003 or email julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk

CARER & VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION AT PCP



It gave the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe great pleasure to host a lunchtime Christmas 'get together' for its many volunteers on Friday 17 December 2010. A Christmas Carol concert performed by the Options Group in the Mall preceded a buffet lunch in the prestigious new section of the Centre. Each volunteer was given a present and after lunch there was fun and hilarity with a Christmas Quiz. The Pioneering Care Centre relies heavily on its many volunteers who perform a variety of duties including supporting projects, including Options and Pass it On, walking groups, cycling groups, photography, administration and marketing. Bev Gent the Volunteering Manager said 'We are so grateful to the many volunteers who give their

time willingly to the Centre and show huge dedication and commitment to PCP. We wish them all the best for the festive season and look forward to their continued support in 2011'.

AYCLIFFE AIR CADETS HELP NEEDY FAMILIES



The Rotary Club wish to acknowledge help received from Newton Aycliffe Air Cadets on the annual Christmas collection around the streets with Santa's Sleigh. The youngsters accompanied Rotarians

on a number of evenings knocking on doors and greeting residents. "The cadets were fantastic and are a very nice group of young people who were keen to help bring happiness to

needy families in the town this Christmas. They are a credit to the Air Training Corps and their parents" said Barry Hutchinson, President of the Rotary Club.

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Xmas Eve Santa



Town Council staff who organised the Santa's tour on Christmas Eve thank everyone who made a donation to Santa. It is a free service, but some generous people contributed and £89.28 has been donated to the Mayor's Charities: Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer Trust

and Women's Aid based in Bishop Auckland. Each year the Town Council provide this valuable traditional service mostly relying on volunteers. Everyone looks forward to the tour and it brings great pleasure and helps children settle down for the night. Numerous volunteers help Santa get around and they are to be commended for their community spirit. Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to thank the 21 volunteers who helped Santa complete his tour of the Town.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friends of Senior Citizens at Neville Community Centre are appealing for unwanted Xmas gifts to help their fund raising to support the Centre. Contact 313924 to arrange collection. Book your place with us on Wednesday 6th April for a trip to Middlesbrough Theatre to see a sensational show "Down Memory Lane" with songs by old favourites. Cost £15 inclusive of Bus Fare. Deposit of £10 required, departs Centre at 1pm, St. Clares 1.10pm. Ring number to book. Bingo Monday 7pm, Wednesdays at 1pm and Friday at 7pm. Everyone welcome - just turn up! Large Hall available for hire for any special event. Ring for appointment to view our excellent facilities. You may also hire it for regular long term activities including a new club. We will consider any suggestions. We wish all our supporters a very healthy and happy New Year.

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Town Centre Grotto



Dorothy & Ray Bowman opened a Santas Grotto next to Greggs leading up to Christmas on behalf of the Junior Neighbourhood Watch group. Kiddies could talk to Santa for a small admission fee and everyone received a gift. Newton news received the

following letter of appreciation from a resident:

"My appreciation for the Santa's Grotto set up in the town centre by Dorothy and Raymond Bowman and their little helpers. It was an absolute pleasure to see such a venture in the town, the only one believe, and all for a good cause! The grotto was well attended and proved very popular to the children of the town, making Christmas that bit more special for them.

At £2.00 per child including a chat with santa and a present, it proved good value for money with all profits being used towards funding other beneficial activities for the young people of the town. I commend Dorothy, the Town's Mayor, and those who support her, on yet another successful event.

Mrs A. Simpson

1000th SBH HOME IMPROVEMENT MILESTONE



Lilly Carmen received a hamper from Kevin Walker, and Wayne Harris

A Newton Aycliffe resident celebrated Christmas in style in her newly refurbished home.

Mrs Lilly Carmen of Guthrum Place is the 1000th tenant of sbh to benefit from major improvement works as part of a programme which has seen £36 million invested so far.

Landlord sbh is working with contractors Bullock Construction Ltd to make significant improvements to the quality of homes.

The work meets the sbh standard which goes well beyond the decency standard set by the Government. Bringing homes up to this standard was a commitment sbh made to tenants when it was formed in 2008 and the company is

committed to improving all its 8,500 homes in this way by 2013.

Mrs Carmen said: "Its beautiful. They have done all the electric and the kitchen and doors as well. I have lived here for 26 years and I always though it was a nice place to live."

Wayne Harris, executive director of homes and assets for sbh, said: "Thanks to the investment made by sbh, our residents are now enjoying a really good standard of accommodation. It's not been an easy task but this milestone demonstrates just how far we've come.

"It's great to visit tenants and see the positive change the investment and refurbishment

have made to their lives." Kevin Walker, regional director of Bullock added: "We are delighted to have completed 1000 properties for sbh and look forward to continuing the partnership."

PHONE CHAIN MESSAGES

LETTER

Dear Sir,
On arriving home I found a rather menacing text message left on my landline. It instructed me to send on a chain message to nine other people otherwise I would receive 5 months of bad luck!
Anyone elderly or vulnerable might feel threatened by this

new electronic method of distributing a chain letter. Please encourage everyone to disregard these phone messages.
M A Mason

FUN ON THE ICE FOR HORNDALE STUDENTS



As Horndale Infants School prepared to break-up for the Christmas holidays, we were invited to Newton

Aycliffe Youth Centre for an opportunity to practice ice-skating. As the children excitedly

made their way onto the ice, some taking to it like Torville and Dean - others were holding on for dear life!

Despite all the falls and bumps everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were extremely grateful to the organisers who arranged the free event. An added surprise was an appearance from Dancing on Ice star Andrei Lipanov who supported the event and helped those children that were a little nervous.

The children and staff had a photograph taken with the star. A great big thankyou goes to the organisers and we look forward to taking part next year.

The photo includes Mr Stevens, Andrei Lipanov, Miss Stevenson and children Maisie, Kayleigh, Millie and Ben.

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Colourful Caela



A proud moment for Clare Reilly of Lilburn Crescent when the local Library telephoned to say her daughter Caela-Louise had won their colouring competition.

COULD YOU SUPPORT A VULNERABLE YOUNG PERSON?

Homeless young people across the county are being offered support and accommodation through the Supported Lodgings Service.

The scheme was set up by Durham County Council in 2003, jointly funded by the Children and Young People's Service and Supporting People to provide a room and support for 16 to 25-year-olds within family homes.

The length of stay can vary from short stays to longer periods of up to two years. The young people are either vulnerable children, above the age of sixteen, or care leavers not yet ready to live on their own and who would benefit from developing their independent living

skills whilst living with a responsible adult in the safety and security of their home.

Over 21s who rent or own their own home, from varying backgrounds can apply to become Supported Lodgings providers.

Those who take part receive payment for the support offered as well as rent for the room and full, professional training and Durham County Council is urging more people to get involved.

Information sessions are taking place for members of the public interested in opening up their home to vulnerable 16 to 25-year-olds. More information is available by contacting: supportedlodgings@durham.gov.uk

LETTER to the EDITOR

Why Don't People Care About Politics?

Dear Sir,
I was delighted by Ken Stubbs's letter to Newton News just before Christmas, when he accepted my offer to debate sensibly the issues of Aycliffe politics. And I am very pleased to take him up on his suggestion that the first issue to address should be the general current apathy about political issues.

This surely is the greatest failure of Aycliffe politics. The full sordid horror of that apathy was evidenced in a letter from Captain Tarling. He argued: 'We've elected them, why won't they shut up and get on with the job.' It is an argument akin to that of the motorist who, having steered his car onto the motorway, demands the right to fall asleep at the wheel.

It also demonstrates a woeful ignorance of how local government works. Being a Councillor is not a 'job'; it is the officers who administer Council services. The Councillors' role is to formulate – on the electors' behalf – those policies which guide the officers.

In a healthy democracy, people would monitor their Councillors and seek a say in decision-making. Even people too busy to get actively involved would show an interest in what their Councillors were doing with the millions of pounds collected in taxes. And I would suggest that this involvement is not just in the interests of every citizen, but is a civic DUTY.

Not so Captain Tarling, who claims to have met his obligations by being a good son and father. Wrong. We are part of a wider society than clan, and we have a duty to contribute to it. His distinction between 'politics'

(which he despises) and 'community' is utterly fatuous. The word 'politics' links back to the Greek word 'polloi' ('the public'); the word 'community' comes from the Roman word meaning 'the public'. They are the same thing! 'Politics' is simply the disposition of community affairs, and I fear that the current apathy about politics is part of a wider social malaise which regards everything as 'the government's job' and merely demands a scapegoat after something has gone wrong.

It is the offspring of a Thatcherite ideology which declared society dead and celebrated individualism – an ethos where people go home from work to a house behind high fences, and shut the door on the world outside.

It is part of a lifestyle where a 'friend' is a pseudonym you accept onto your facebook account, where you exercise in your front room with a Wii Fit ... and where all the clubs and pubs are closing down.

What struck me most about Captain Tarling's letter was its aggression. The 'apathy with politics' to which Ken Stubbs correctly draws attention is not a bored or broken apathy. It is hostile and assertive. It is not embarrassed at its lack of engagement – on the contrary, it holds in contempt the very politicians with whom it fails to engage.

To a degree, I suppose, we get the politicians we deserve. When I was young, people debated the niceties of Anarcho-syndicalism, and could tell you what a Fabian stood for.

Today, many people cannot be bothered even to read the dumbed-down, bulleted pap that goes for manifestos nowadays, and they resent leaving the television to speak to the canvasser. 'We only ever see you at election time', they sneer, and use the question 'What does the Council do for me?' as an accusation, not as the most shameful display of ignorance.

I am genuinely interested to hear Ken Stubbs's suggestions as to what we can do to turn about this public apathy towards politics. And I hope people will be spurred to contribute to a polite debate.

John D Clare
Editor:

John D Clare is Deputy Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, but he writes here in a personal capacity

NEWTONIAN GEARING UP FOR "L" OF A CAREER

A Newton Aycliffe man is getting into gear for one L of a new career as a driving instructor in 2011.

Dad of two Dave Mason, 42, set up the Sureway driving school after being made redundant from his full-time job of making microchips for well-known companies, such as Fujitsu. Following his redundancy Dave considered the benefits of self employment and received support and advice from Be Enterprising the Government's package to help companies start and grow.

He approached enterprise coach Dawn Huntrod at a Be Enterprising community seminar after seeing an advert in the paper.

Driving had always been something Dave had enjoyed so investigated the qualifications needed to become an instructor. After 18 months of training, including exams for specialised theory, advanced driving and his instruction exam, Dave was ready to hit the road.

"It's been going really well, but I couldn't have managed this without Be Enterprising and the practical support I received. The most valuable help I had was with marketing, and getting my website www.sureway-driver-training.co.uk set



up. Be Enterprising also sent me on a book keeping course and that has been a massive help in the day-to-day running of the business" said Dave.

Dave is making plans for the future too. He has added the driving school to Facebook to help it grow and hopes that one day he will expand with more Sureway cars on the road. Be Enterprising is part financed by the European Union's ERDF Competitiveness Programme 2007-13, securing £4.1m ERDF investment through regional development agency One North East.

Be Enterprising coach Dawn Huntrod added: "It's been a great pleasure working with Dave, he was determined from the start that he wanted his future secured with self employment. "Dave has gone

the extra mile in ensuring that he will be successful not just at instructing, but also in looking after the health of the business. He's been enthusiastic in learning about book keeping all with the help of the Be Enterprising team.

So far the Be Enterprising programme has helped more than 3,200 people to start new businesses, with 1,845 of these supported in moving from benefit dependency to economic activity; a success that has happened within just three years of the programme's existence.

If you live in County Durham and you have an idea for a business you may be eligible for support from Be Enterprising. For more information call 0800 030 4134 or visit www.be-enterprising.biz

PUBLIC CONFUSED BY COUNCILS' ICE AND SNOW PRIORITIES

New research from older people's charity, Independent Age, shows that the public has hugely unrealistic expectations of their councils to clear pavements this winter, which are, as a result, left untouched during these severe weather conditions. Thousands of older people subsequently find themselves at risk of injury or unable to leave their homes for days or weeks at a time as ungritted pavements are left covered in treacherous ice and snow.

According to the survey, half of us expect either local or national government to clear this winter's ice and snow from the pavements outside our homes, despite the fact that councils rarely grit more than a few of their main pedestrian areas. In reality, looking at a sample of 20 councils across England, gritting pavements is invariably considered a low priority as councils concentrate on keeping main roads moving.

Icy conditions present a very real problem to older people, many of whom struggle with their mobility. About a third of all people over 65 fall each year.

Independent Age is calling for councils to be clearer about what people can

expect during the winter weather and for them to issue advice encouraging, rather than discouraging, people to lend a helping hand. It is vital that families and neighbours can understand the problems faced by older people, allowing them to step in and take action if necessary.

That may mean helping to clear snow and ice themselves, offering a lift in a car, or offering to do the shopping for an older neighbour who may be

struggling to get out.

"Our research shows that it's time for a grown-up debate between residents and councils about what is really going to happen during spells of snow and ice," says Independent Age Director of Policy, Simon Bottery. "With councils facing 27% cuts in funding over the next few years, we may all have to accept that their services are unlikely to expand and that we need to pull together as communities to help."

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Winter Wedding



Lisa Emily White and Alan Thom celebrated their wedding on the 10th December 2010 at Matfen Hall. They both grew up in Newton Aycliffe and attended Woodham Comprehensive School. Lisa works at Mowden Hall and Alan works for Northumbrian Water.

The couple will carry on married life on the town with their 2 young daughters, Daisy 4 and Megan 2, who were Flower Girls. Sister Allison was the Chief Bridesmaid and Paul Stoker was Best Man. It was a wonderful and special day and their family wish them all the best for the future.

Knock Next Door – be a Good Neighbour this Winter

People in County Durham are being encouraged to ‘knock next door’ and help out friends and neighbours during the bad weather. Durham County Council is issuing the call to action as the snow and freezing temperatures return.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Be a good neighbour by calling on those living near by to check if they need anything.
- Look after the vulnerable by getting in touch with people who are ill, older or on their own and may need a helping hand.
- Keep drives and footpaths clear by

shovelling snow for friends and neighbours if they struggle to do it and need to go out.

Lesley Jeavons, Durham County Council’s head of adult care, said: “The cold weather can significantly increase the risks to those who are already vulnerable, so it’s particularly important that we look after one another. “We’re asking residents to spare a thought – and perhaps a little of their time – for friends, relatives and neighbours who may struggle in the worst of the winter.

“Whether it’s phoning an older person to check they are keeping warm or clearing the snow from the drive next door if your neighbour can’t manage, a small act can make a big difference to someone else.”

When checking on the vulnerable, residents should ensure they are warm, especially at night, and have food and medicines so they don’t need to leave the house. Residents are advised to call the following numbers for help or advice: Highways Action Line (HAL): 0191 370 6000 or email HAL@durham.gov.uk for enquiries about the salting of roads and footpaths.

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National Hat-Trick of Awards for Aycliffe Training Company

Communicators Training Associates are celebrating winning in three categories at the Regional Learndirect Awards held in Newcastle.

They were very proud to represent the North East Region where winners from the 10 regional finals went forward to represent their region at the National Learndirect Awards in London. Communicators followed up their Regional hat-trick with a National hat-trick.

Isobel Currie (Director) said when she heard Communicators had won the National Award for Working with Employers, which recognizes learning centres who work with local businesses supporting learners in the workplace to achieve recognised qualifications in Maths, English, ITQ/ECDL and NVQ Programmes in the region, she was overjoyed.

Times are hard for employers working to survive the recession although many do offer opportunities for training to individuals who may be and are facing redundancy. It is really important that employers take into consideration their employees’ future and being able to help them take up opportunities to gain recognized qualifications to take to a new employer is credible.

Kate McLean won the National Award for Tutor Support which recognised outstanding customer care and exceptional support given to learners who took up learning programmes with Communicators. Isobel was very pleased Communicators had been recognized for a second award and said “Our learners work in a variety of ways - from home (enjoying the flexibility of learning in their own time and at the same time working towards recognized qualifications),



at work or directly in our Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Good tutor support is essential to motivate, support and encourage learners to believe in themselves and reach their full potential”.

Communicators hat trick win was for the ‘Large Employer National Award’ which recognised the work they do together with Communicators to develop their staff and business. Isobel said she was speechless and quite overwhelmed by such recognition – a perfect boost to a very challenging year.

All three winners and their guests went to London to the National winner’s reception to collect their award, celebrate their achievement and promote the outstanding work that goes on in the North East Region. Communicators Training Associates offers a wide range of training and development opportunities leading to qualifications such as NVQ in Customer Service, Business

Administration, Advice and Guidance and Prepare to teach in Life Long Learning (PTLLS). They also offer the ITQ (ECDL), a highly recognized qualification which covers word processing, spreadsheets and power point.

Foundation skills are an essential ingredient in learning programmes and individuals can update and brush up on their Maths and English with Communicators. The company is based on the Business Park and has a mobile team working with businesses giving greater flexibility with training and development needs. Assistance with funding such as Train to Gain is also a great help. Contact Communicators on 01325 308840 or visit their website www.communicatorsltd.co.uk

Durham Scoop Energy Efficiency Award

Durham County Council has just scooped a major energy efficiency lighting award in the Lighting Industry Federation’s award scheme.

The award is for an energy efficient lighting system which has been installed on the A167 from Chester le Street to Coatham Mundeville.

Deteriorating lighting columns were replaced on the 20 mile stretch of the A167 with a new lighting monitoring control system and 1136 lanterns were either replaced or reused and fitted with intelligent electronic ballasts and centrally managed systems.

Lighting levels on this section are now reduced by up to 30 per cent between midnight and 5am when traffic volumes are low. These hours can be extended when required or restored to full power at the touch of a button. The new system also monitors the status of the lighting units to enable early identification of defective street lights and eliminating the need for night

time patrols to identify faults. Portfolio holder for strategic environment and leisure, Cllr Bob Young said, “I’m delighted that the Lighting Industry Federation has recognised our efforts around energy efficient lighting.

“We are firmly committed to reducing CO2 emissions from our operations and this centrally managed system allows us to reduce our energy use by dimming lights are specific times during the night rather than switching them off.”

Steve Keetley, Head of Technical Services said, “With over 80,000 street lights and we have over 5,000 lit signs in the county this is one of our biggest energy costs so there are of course the cost benefits but the reductions in CO2 are just as important.

“It’s important that we continue to develop and implement energy efficient schemes such as this to manage our lighting network effectively and efficiently.”

NEWTONIANS RECEIVE D of E AWARD FROM THE DUKE HIMSELF!



Congratulations to Anna Watson and Rebecca Bage both aged 20, who received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh himself at a Gold presentation at St James Palace, London

Anna and Rebecca both worked through their Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE Awards at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, where they have been attending since they were 14.

Anna still volunteers at the Youth Centre when she can in between her studies at Northumbria University and her teaching in America. She is a Basic Expedition Leader and is a great help with the expedition training with the young people

The Youth Centre is holding an open evening for any young person aged 14 - 24 who would like to do their DofE. The Open evening is at 6.30pm on the 16th January 2011 everyone is

welcome including parents. The Youth Centre staff and Volunteers support young people with their expedition training on Sunday evenings and plan a series of weekends when young people can get out into the countryside to practice their expedition skills in preparation for their qualifying expeditions

The key dates for expeditions in 2011 are:

BRONZE training 8 - 10 April, practice expedition 14 & 15 May and Qualifying expedition 18 & 19 June.

SILVER training 25 - 27 March, Silver practice 29 April - 1 May and Silver qualifying 22 - 24 July.

GOLD training 25 - 27 March, Gold practice 1 - 3 July and Gold qualifying 26 - 30 August.

If you would like to find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award please come down to the Youth Centre DofE Open Evening on Sunday 16 Jan at 6.30pm.

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THURSDAY: 8pm-8.45pm (Kids 8 years +) and 7pm-8pm (Adults)
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Please contact Emma Cox on 07908 162 868 or email aycliffedanceacademy@gmail.com if you have any queries or you would like to register your place. Alternatively you can just come along on the night.

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Eastern Spice of Newton Aycliffe (part of the Spice Island Group) is continuing to add to its awards cabinet after being the first Indian Takeaway in Aycliffe to be awarded a 5 star by Durham County Council. It has now won "Best Local Indian Takeaway in County Durham". The full Eastern Spice and Spice Island management team went down for the awards event held in Romford, where over 1000 guests and dignitaries attended

including the Bangladeshi High Commissioner to the UK, Rt. Hon Rushanara Ali, Shadow Education Minister Sharon Hodgson and Deputy Mayor of Havering Cllr Melvin Wallace. The entertainment featured performances from 'Signature' of Britains Got Talent fame, and the award winning Flex FX dance troupe. Superb singing was on offer from Ameen Raja, while the guests enjoyed the meal prepared by Pride of Asia catering.

The hosts, Daybreak's Tasmin Lucia Khan and Syed Ahmed of The Apprentice, bounced off each other expertly, their banter maintaining a warm atmosphere throughout the evening. Eastern Spice is the latest donor to the Rotary Community Draw with a meals voucher worth £30. Tickets will be available soon with prizes totalling over £3000. Watch for the Rotary club selling tickets in Tesco's.

TALK ON INVESTITURE

Recently MBE Awardee, Peter Beaty, invited his friends to his Birthday Party to see a video of the Investiture by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. It was very interesting to see how the event is organised and how the recipients

are treated on this special occasion. The pomp behind the ceremony and the grandeur of the Palace was awe inspiring. It was interesting to see what happens behind the scenes and a joy to see the pride in Peter's face as he received

his well deserved award from HRH Prince Charles. He has been invited to show the cd recording at meetings of various town organisations and he is willing to share his experience with others who may be interested. Call him on 313924.

TOWN DANCE SCHOOL EXCELS IN NATIONWIDE FREESTYLE COMPETITION

Below are the results of the competition held at Blackpool Winter Gardens on 13th and 14th November, 2010

3-5 years Rosette - Solo
 Amy Dolan - 2nd Place
 Romie Cowens - 7th Place
 Amber Fenwick - 7th Place

6-8 years Rosette - Solo
 Abbie Kennedy - 5th Place
 Kira Watson - 7th Place

Under 13 years - Solo
 Annis Race - 1st Place

Under 13 years - Pairs
 Chloe Farley and Annis Race - 1st Place

3-5 years Rosette RnR Syllabus
 Amber Fenwick - 2nd Place

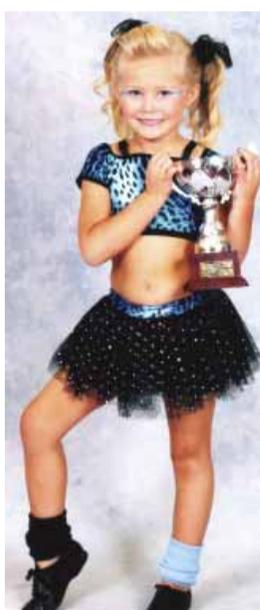
Under 9 years - RnR Pairs
 Summer Fenwick and Reece Atherton - 6th Place

Under 13 years - RnR Pairs
 Kalya Shaw and Annis Race - 2nd Place

Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part. You all danced fantastically. Thank you to the parents for their continued support.

Anyone who has an interest in joining Lee Green Dance Centre, please contact Caroline Race on Tel. No. 07949 911642. Our classes include Freestyle Disco, Street, Lyrical Slow, Rock n Roll, Acro, Ballet and Tap. Adult classes are also available including Salsa, Hip Hop and Aerobics.

Bryan and Brenda Thomson of Lee Green Dance Centre and Caroline Race, Dance Teacher and Choreographer.



Amber Fenwick



Amy Dolan



Annis Race



Summer Fenwick and Reece Atherton



Chloe Farley and Annis Race



Annis Race and Kalya Shaw

Update your Free entry in the Newton Aycliffe Town Guide

Newton Press is revising the official Town Guide produced in co-operation with the Great Aycliffe Town Council. As in past issues, the publication will give comprehensive information relating to Newton Aycliffe and the immediate district, including the Business Park. It will also provide an up-to-date street map.

In an effort to help Town Organisations recruit more members, they may include details of their club, group or service free of charge.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

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Contact Email

Website Address

Contact Address

Meeting Day

Meeting Time

Meeting Venue

Brief description of Activities

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COMPREHENSION

As schoolchildren see the world:

SOMETIMES IN THE WAR THEY TAKE PRISONERS AND KEEP THEM AS OSTRIGES UNTIL THE WAR IS OVER. SOME PRISONERS END UP IN CONSTERPATION CAMPS.

Annis Race and Kalya Shaw

LETTER to the EDITOR

Where Have You Bin?

Dear Sir,
I would like to ask people around the Langdale Place area if they knew they were having their bins emptied two days early? We were given no warning and had to run down the street with our bins trying to catch the wagon.
I see no reason why the local council, who didn't get chance to place stickers on the bins because of the winter snows, couldn't place a letter with Newton News or at least try to inform us.
Many have not had the bins taken away because they are at work and this is poor communication and organisation on the council's part.
Although this is bad enough the worst is yet to come. As I opened my gate I am greeted with torn bags of cat faeces and litter all over the paths, I don't own a cat, and it's disgusting.

I asked the binmen to come back and clean away the mess they've caused and they just walked away, didn't care at all and never have.
I had to make several complaints to the Council about the way refuse is collected here, and have seen recycling bins just tipped into a pile on the floor to blow around the street, and this just takes the biscuit. In any other profession the person responsible would have been sacked for such behaviour.
I keep my house clean, my gardens are immaculate, and I think it is time that the council took more care in this area and bring the hammer down on those who don't. This area is disgusting and I didn't think that the Council would make it worse but they have.
Paul Dent
Langdale PLace
Ed: The County Council will reply in the next issue.

SUCCESSFUL GROTTO



Santa's Grotto was opened by Mayor Dorothy Bowman on Saturday 18th December. During the following week 256 children visited.
The Grotto that was organized by Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch and their Volunteers led by Dorothy and Raymond Bowman and Kerry Wooton. Thanks to Brian Haldane, Town Centre manager for use of an empty shop. A very big thank you to the parents who took the time to bring

their young children to the Grotto. Although Santa and his helpers were at times very cold it was worth every minute just to see the look of delight on the young children's faces. Santa did not realize that there were so many different toys for children to ask for, but hopefully no one was disappointed on Christmas Day.

COUNTY COUNCIL FINE LITTERING & DOG FOULING OFFENDERS

Durham County Council has successfully prosecuted local residents for littering and dog fouling offences.
The Council's Neighbourhood Wardens issued the Fixed Penalty Notices while on routine patrols throughout the county. Failure to pay the penalties resulted in the cases being heard in court this month, with magistrates issuing fines totalling more than £1500. Richard Brown, Neighbourhood Warden Coordinator (South) said, "The fines imposed demonstrate how seriously magistrates' courts view offences of this nature. "We are committed to providing cleaner, safer and greener communities for all our residents and

our enforcement work is a powerful tool to try and eradicate this behaviour." Residents were prosecuted for discarding cigarettes in whilst fines were given for dog fouling and littering. Neighbourhood Wardens are keen to hear from residents who have witnessed dog fouling or littering and will target problem areas brought to their attention 0300 123 7070

HONEST PEOPLE

Dear Sir,
May I thank the lady who found and returned my parcel and Christmas Cards I was about to post. She came to my door walking through dreadful weather from Reeth Place, having found my address on the parcel.
It's nice to know there are honest people about.
Sheila Thompson.

NEW YEAR, NEW TIMES FOR XCEL PARENT & TODDLERS!

Get 2011 off to a great start by bringing your babies and toddlers along to PlanetKids sessions, now running every Thursday & Friday starting on January 13th, from 10am to 11.30am at the Xcel Centre.
With lots of toys, games and activities to suit a range of ages and tasty refreshments available in Jacksons coffeehouse, it is a great way to spend a morning.
It also is a great opportunity to meet with other parents and introduce your child to a whole new social scene! Only £1.50 per session and your first session free, it is open to all, with no need to prebook, just turn up.
For more information call 0845 450 5871.

STUDENT'S CHRISTMAS WISHING TREE



Pupils from Sugar Hill Key Stage 1 Department made their Christmas Tree 'A Tree of Wishes' this year. Children were encouraged to think about the world and other people at this special time and produced some wonderful thoughtful wishes for the tree. Children wished for peace in the whole world; every child to have a home; for everyone to feel God's love at Christmas; for people to share and make the world a fairer place and for all soldiers to come home safe.

Witness Helps Police Find Moped Thieves

On New Years Eve Officers from Newton Aycliffe's Neighbourhood Police and Response Teams executed a Magistrates Search Warrant at an address on Henderson Road in the town searching for suspected stolen items. During the raid a Peugeot 'Speedfight' Moped was recovered along with the body parts which had been stripped off it and which were found at different areas within the house. Checks were carried out and it was confirmed that the moped had been stolen from a property in the town earlier in the week during the evening of 28th into 29th December.

Two males were present at the address at the time Police struck and both were arrested on suspicion of theft of the moped - one, an 18 year old and the other a 14 year old. Both were detained at Spennymoor Police Station as other enquiries were progressed and following questioning the 18 year old was charged with Handling Stolen Goods and has been released on bail to attend Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court later this month.
Mark Edwards, the Neighbourhood Police Team Sergeant, wished to

acknowledge the valuable assistance provided by local residents who had reported incidents of suspicious activity to them.
"This result would not have been achieved had it not been for the help we received from members of the local community that allowed us to link it with other intelligence that the Police had come into possession of. Thanks to their support the moped that we recovered will be returned to its rightful owner and those responsible will now face their day in court. Vehicle crime will not be tolerated."

TAKE CARE WITH BONES

Dear Sir,
May I appeal to your readers never to throw out bones especially chicken and turkey!
Animals will try to eat them and they get stuck in their throats and can choke to death. Please wrap bones up and put them in the bin.
Mrs D. Moore

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Saturday 8th January - "Russ Tippins"
"His first set was done with an acoustic guitar, and it has to be said it was just like an intimate unplugged session you see on MTV, the atmosphere was amazing (as was his guitar playing) all the songs he covered were ideally suited for an acoustic set, Russ just oozed confidence. The second set was back to the electric guitar and back to rock, all the classic rock bands were covered: Floyd, Zep, AC/DC, Purple, Stones, Santana. In summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub." - DAVYSROCKPAGE review

Saturday 15th January - "DESILVA"
The first of some planned 'Showcase Gigs'. This band is HUGE on the national bike rally circuit and rarely plays smaller venues, so catch them while you have the chance.
Featured on RADIO 1 LIVE LOUNGE 'ONE' & BBC RADIO LEEDS 'LIVE SESSION' downloads available on website.
Bio: Desilva are a Leeds based band originally formed in 2000, playing original material and covering bands like The Killers, Kaiser Chiefs, Snow Patrol, U2, INXS, Arctic Monkeys, AC/DC, Stereophonics, Radiohead, Kings of Leon with a few classics thrown in for good measure. - www.myspace.com/desilvaeu
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HOW TO AVOID GETTING SOAKED BY THE COLD SNAP

The recent cold snap which left many households high and dry with frozen water pipes could have the opposite effect as the temperature begins to rise. The Consumer Council for Water wants homeowners to know who to call if a leak, or worse, a burst pipe occurs on their property.

Water expands as it gets colder, and if it freezes it can put enough pressure on household pipes to cause them to burst at the seams. Only as the weather warms up and the water starts to flow again does the damage become clear.

The homeowner is usually responsible for repairing any leaks on the supply pipe running to their property under their garden and for the plumbing inside the house. Check your building insurance policy to see if it includes damage to these pipes.

If there is a major leak on your property which needs immediate attention turn the water off at the stop tap and call a certified plumber. 1, 2 Most water companies, as an extra service, will offer to help find a small leak in your front or back garden. They may also be able to give advice or assistance to repair it, but they are not obligated to offer an emergency repair service.

Those customers who have a water meter may be eligible for a reduction in their bill so that they do not pay for water lost through the leak. However, the leak must be underground and repaired quickly. Dame Yve Buckland, Chair of the Consumer Council for Water, said: "As the weather is beginning to warm up it may be worth taking a couple of minutes to do a simple check for

small leaks around your home. The earlier a leak is caught, the less damage it's able to do.

"If you have a water meter, the easiest way to check for a leak is to turn off appliances, the washing machine or dishwasher and make sure that no water is being used, and then check that the dial on the meter has stopped turning. If it is registering water usage, you may have a leak."

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DEMI HESLOP. To our special Sister up above, we send you lots and lots of love. We love you all the world and back again. Love, Shannon, Daniel and Megan xxxxx

DEMI HESLOP 1-9-06 - 8-1-07. So cruelly taken from her loving family. Just one little peek into heaven Lord, is all we are asking today. We just want to know what she's doing, because heaven seems so far away. Love you Demi, Grandma and Granda xxxxxx

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DEMI HESLOP Loved and missed by all Sweetheart. Auntie Yvonne, Tony and family xxx

DEMI HESLOP In our hearts you will always stay. Love, Auntie Annette and Uncle John

SAMANTHA MADDISON 12-1-94. We hide our tears when we speak your name, but the pain in our hearts is always the same. Although we smile and make no fuss, no-one misses you more than us. Love and miss you always, Mam and Dad

SAMANTHA MADDISON Remembering you today, a much loved and dearly missed Sister and Auntie. Love, Robert, Nicola, Alexander and Lauren

JOHN COOK (Jack). 26th December 2007. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one can ever fill. A dearly loved Husband to Margaret and a dearly loved Dad, Dad-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace.

ELLIS THOMAS 5-1-2005. Deep in our hearts your memories are kept, to love and treasure and never forget. "Sadly missed". All our love, June, Ian, Linda, Dale and Scott xxx

MONKMAN, JEAN 8-1-10. You never asked for much in life. Your heart was true and tender. You simply lived for those you loved. And those you loved remember. Loved and remembered by all your family

O'BRIEN, GORDON 04/01/2008. A sadly missed friend now having a perfect pint in heaven. Davey & Phil

SAMANTHA MADDISON A loving Granddaughter and Niece. Your memory lives with us now and forever and always will. Love, Grandad, Nana and Uncle John

SAMANTHA MADDISON Forever in our hearts. Love, Auntie Eleanor and family

BURRELL, EDDIE. Treasured memories of my dear Brother Eddie, reunited with his dear Wife Eva. God Bless you both. Sister Mena and Brother-in-Law Joe and families xx

DAVID FRANKLAND 5-1-45. Always in our thoughts, remembered forever. Love, Sandra, Paul, Darren, Melissa, James, Holly, family and friends

HARRY SCOTT 9-12-10. Dad, I know we didn't see you as much as we would have liked, because of the circumstances, but it did not stop us loving you. Your Sons, Christopher, Terry and Paul

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"The recent snow and plummeting temperatures have taken a further toll on the roads, especially those affected by last winter's weather. Further deterioration has left some roads in quite dangerous conditions leaving bikers to ride on very hazardous road surfaces," says William Hughes, Managing Director of Devitt Insurance Services.

Potholes are particularly dangerous - not only can bikers lose control of their bikes, but they can cause a lot of damage, some that may go

unnoticed. Devitt is therefore providing some useful tips on wheel and tyre maintenance for bikers.

Make sure that your tyre has been fitted the right way round by checking the directional arrows on the sidewall

Check your tyre pressures from cold at least once a week using an accurate gauge

If you have hit a pothole check tyres for bulges as it is illegal to ride on a bike with faulty tyres

Check that your tread depth is not below the legal minimum of 1mm (for bikes over 50cc) Bikers should check their bike for scratches and dents after every ride and get any faults fixed or damaged parts replaced immediately

checked Hughes concludes, "Apart from being a distraction for bikers, potholes increase the level of wear and tear on your bike, so checking tyre pressure is a quick and easy way to minimise the risk of damage before you even leave home."

For advice on how to check your tyre pressure, bikers can log on to KeepBritainBiking.com. Bikers can also review informative forums to find out which are the worst roads affected - helping everyone avoid coming a cropper on the UK's potholes.

Thank You

MARGARET TAYLOR, again wants to say thank you for a fantastic surprise party. Thanks to Barbara for her cake and Marion and Claire for the buffet and cake, shows I'm old when I need two cakes for my candles! Thanks to Gary for the disco, Micky Rich and BBC North presenters for the group. Thanks to friends for coming from as far away as Southern Ireland, Devon and Whitley Bay. Thanks again to family and friends and yes Mick, I do love you. Once again thanks.

THE FAMILY OF the late Dennis Archer would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards, flowers and kind donations. All monies collected will be given to the M.A.R.A. Unit at Bishop Auckland Hospital, this is the ward where cancer patients receive their treatment. £390 was collected at the Crematorium. A big thank you to Gary from the Turbinia for raising a further £200 on New Year's Day night by holding a raffle. Thank you to Uncle Gilbert for pulling the crowds in. We would also like to say a big thank you to District Nurses Julie and Margaret Flynn, also Carer Anita. Dennis will be sadly missed by us all, but he will never be forgotten.

HALL. The family of the late John (Jack) would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their kindness, cards of condolence and for all donations received, in lieu of flowers, during their recent sad bereavement. Grateful thanks to all at Darlington and Bishop Hospitals Stroke Units and Bethany House Nursing Home and to Co-operative Funeral Care.

MACADAM SCHOOL of Dance. Mary and Diane would like to say thank you to all at dance class for a successful 2010, with excellent exam and competition results. We would like to thank all the children for their hard work and all the parents for their support. Here's to another successful year in 2011.

Congratulations

Daniel Guthrie



Happy 16th Birthday
12-1-11
Love from Mum, Dad and Laurie

Daniel Guthrie



Happy 16th Birthday
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Callum Hutchison



Happy 5th Birthday
10 January 2011
To a special little boy. Have a great day and party. Lots of love, Mammy, Daddy and Morgan xxx
To a special Grandson, have a fab day. Lots of love, Nanna Ellie, Grandad, Vickie and kids xx
To our special Grandson, hope you have a great 5th birthday. Lots of love, and kisses from Nan and Grandad xx
Happy 5th birthday Callum. Lots of love, Aunty Michelle, Uncle Chris, Jack and Joe xxx

Happy 16th Birthday Emma-Jo!



Hope you have a fantastic day! We are so proud of you for being so fabulous! Love you all the world! Anna Chris & Sid xx

James Adam Brownless



Happy 1st Birthday
4th January 2011
Love from Mammy, Daddy and all the Family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. Happy 9th birthday to our special Grandson, who was with us for just a while, he'll live in our hearts forever with a sweet remembered smile. All our love, Nan and Grandad xx

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. To our precious Nephew, you are forever in our hearts and thoughts, not just today but every day. Uncle Mark, Mally, Auntie Rach, Tracey, Ashley, Ellie and Evie xx

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. We think of the baby you were and what a special little boy you would be now, and the precious Son you will always be. Happy birthday to our cherished little BamBam. Mam and Dad xx

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. Happy 9th birthday to the best Brother in the whole world. Miss you loads. All our love, Jordan, Tia and Ethan xx

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. Our cherished and treasured Godson, miss you every day. Auntie Pauline, Uncle Paul, Andy and James xx

FOSTER-FARRELL, Bryce Peter. 21st December. Happy 9th birthday to my treasured Great Grandson. I hope the angels make your birthday extra special. All my love, Great Gran xxx

ELAINE CHRISTINE COWELL birthday greetings to a beloved Daughter who is loved and missed very much. Hard to understand why you up and left us! Rest in peace Sweetheart, love, Mam xxx

NOAH HARRY WHARTON PEART 12th January 2007. Happy birthday Noah love and miss you every day. Love from Nana and Grandad xx

WHARTON-PEART, NOAH HARRY 12-1-07. happy 4th birthday Noah, a special Grandson that I love and miss. Granma xxxxx

NOAH HARRY WHARTON PEART 12-1-07. Our beautiful baby boy. There's not a day goes by that we don't think of you. We love and miss you more every day. Happy 4th birthday, have fun with the angels. Love, Mammy and Daddy. Another year over... another closer to you xx

NOAH HARRY I love you right up to the stars! Happy birthday, your little Sister Megan Harrie x

McLUCKIE, ANN. 13th January. A Biggy this year Babe, see you in my dreams. Love, Mam, Tony and family

KELL, EDITH. You are with the angels now, it was time to say goodbye, yet it's hard to hide the pain, no matter how we try. For you were so special, with lots of love to share and knowing you're no longer here is very hard to bear. And though the grief will pass and time will help heal the pain, somehow life without you will never be the same. Love and miss you so much, your Loving Husband Bob and devoted family

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Craig
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Happy 40th Birthday Dad Lots of Love from Kieran, Ethan and Lily xxx

Happy 30th Rebecca



Enjoy your birthday celebrations. So very proud of you! Love, Mam x
Rebecca Turner
Happy birthday to the best Mam in the world. Lots of love, Jacob x
Happy 30th Rebecca
Time to party!
From your favourite Sister Sophie x

Max Byles



Happy 5th Birthday
6th January 2006
All our love from Mummy, Daddy, Shelly, Nana and Grandad xxxxx

NADINE SMITH Congratulations on your 21st birthday, January 3rd. Love from Grandma, Grandad, Ronnie, Karen and family.

CONGRATULATIONS Nadine from David on your 21st birthday, lots of love.

LAURA RELTON 11th January. Happy 21st birthday Laura. Lots of love and best wishes, Mam and Dad x

LAURA RELTON 11th January. To my Fab Sister, happy 21st. Lots of love, Beth

KAYLEIGH HUNT. Teenager at last Babe, happy birthday, Thelma and Dave

VALERIE PALMER. Happy 50th birthday, 2-1-11. Love from all the family xx

WILL (WILF) MCKENZIE. Happy 60th birthday, 11th January. All the very best, Margaret and Mike. Have a great birthday, Sue and Tony. Happy birthday Uncle Will, Trisha, Michael and family & Allan and Sarah

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KAYLEIGH HUNT. Thirteen going on thirty! Happy birthday. Lots of love, Mam and Tom

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NEWTON PRESS ON BOARD!

Newton Press officially launched its new deal with Newton Aycliffe FC this weekend by printing their first matchday programme.

The family run-company, publishers of Newton News, is the first firm to support Aycliffe FC's campaign for a second stand with a fantastic new sponsorship deal, by printing the club's award-winning publication free of charge.

Their first programme is out for this weekend's home game against North Shields at Moore Lane Park. Chairman Gary Farley, pictured with Newton Press director Paul Howarth on the front cover of the Shields issue, is hoping the deal might kick-start a momentum with other firms and individuals on the town.

He said: "Sponsorship is vital but we appreciate the climate we're in and it is difficult for some companies to justify the expenditure. But firms and individuals can help us in many different ways. By pooling the resources on the town we could get there with one big team effort, just like with the Newton Press deal.

"We'd love to hear from any firms or tradesmen out there who'd be willing

to chip in and help out by either doing some work for us or offering cost-price materials."

Aycliffe need to erect a new stand before the end of March if they're to be eligible for promotion to the Northern League first division.

Their cheapest quote is currently £10,000, hence the need for sponsorship, but they're also exploring other avenues.

The need to comply with the FA ground grading regulations became all the more evident this week when Aycliffe opened up a seven-point lead at the top of the second division with a thumping win at home to Morpeth Town on Bank Holiday Monday.

With both Guisborough and Marske dropping points, Aycliffe were able to stretch their advantage at the top with a 5-0 win at Moore Lane Park - the second time the division's top scorers have bagged five in a game.

Aycliffe took the lead after just 16 seconds when Elliot Gardner robbed Morpeth skipper Michael Hall on the edge of the area and squared for strike partner Warren Byrne who expertly turned the ball into the bottom corner with a delicate back-heeled flick.



Aycliffe then struggled to find their way on a difficult playing surface, but a four-goal haul in the second half made sure of maximum points, with Gardner (58 minutes), Fred Woodhouse (62 mins), Dan Mellanby (82 mins) and Paul Broom (90) completing the rout. Anyone who'd like to help Aycliffe, or to make a donation, can contact Secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501 or email stecunliffe@aol.com

FIXTURES
Saturday 8th January: North Shields (H), 3pm
Tuesday 11th January: Birtley (A), 7.30pm
Tuesday 18th January: Gillford (A), 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd January: Marske United (H), 3pm
Saturday 29th January: Washington (H), 3pm

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TWO GREAT WINS FOR AYCLIFFE IN INTERNATIONAL FIGHT



Just before Christmas local Thai boxers Reece McAllister and Lauren Humphrey fought for England. Reece was against Samsamut, the No 1 in Southern Thailand, but like all his recent fights it ended early with a victory. There was a quick exchange between both fighters, then Reece moved forward with a strong left upper cut ending the fight with a Knockout. Lauren then took on Nonglex

who is renowned for her knee and clinch work. In the first Round Nonglex closed Lauren down and went straight in to what she does best. Lauren held her own till the ref broke the clinch. Both girls exchanged kicks and punches till the end of the round. Round 2 saw Nonglex come in strong for the clinch again but Lauren was prepared, took

control and started to get the better of her opponent, bringing the fight to an end by stopping Nonglex with a knee to the head. Both Phoenix fighters did the Club, Country and Newton Aycliffe really proud. Reece dedicated this fight to the memory of Lee Smith.

COOKING AT AGNEW

Agnew Community Centre are offering a FREE 4 week "Cook 4 Life" course from the NHS. It commences Thursday 13th January 2011 from 10am to 12 noon and runs for the next 3 weeks ending on Thursday 3rd February 2011. All welcome, any age, any gender, any standard, come and enjoy this course and meet old and new friends.

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