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The Gold Award takes at least a year to complete and requires dedication and commitment. Cadet Flight Sergeant Scott Marriott and Cadet Sergeant Alison Dolan both used their ATC duties for the Volunteering section by teaching younger cadets drill and aviation subjects.

They both studied Aeronautical Aviation to Btec intermediate level for their skill with Alison learning to fly a glider at RAF Topcliffe. The two NCOs will continue their involvement in The Award by assisting with training this year's Bronze candidates.

All cadets at 1407 take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme as well as Btecs in Aviation, Public Services and Music, making it possible for them to gain up to the equivalent of 10 GCSEs.

They all have the opportunity to go flying in Grob Tutor trainer aircraft and gliders as well as shooting, fieldcraft, sport and much more.

Anyone aged 13 - 18 can join by coming along to The Barnard Armoury,

Greenwell Road on Monday or Thursday evenings 7.00-9.30pm. For more information contact the Commanding Officer Flt Lt Karin Scott on 01325 318603 during parade times.

Greenfield Makes Links With Sri Lanka

We are delighted to announce that Greenfield has been successful in a bid to the British Council as part of the 'connecting classrooms programme' to become linked with partner schools in Sri Lanka. Our school is one of a 'cluster' of schools, these being Aycliffe Village Primary, Kelloe Primary, Langley Moor Primary and Shincliffe Primary School. Our cluster is one of only a handful of successful clusters across the country. This is a fantastic achievement.

The theme of the partnership will be the seven Olympic values of Friendship, Respect, Determination, Courage, Equality, Inspiration & Excellence. The Sri Lankan Olympic team will be based in County Durham for the 2012 games and our links with this country could result in Sri Lankan athletes and officials carrying out work in our school.

It is intended that we, as a school, will work on collaborative projects with our partners in Sri Lanka including dance, competitive sport, arts, creative writing and ICT.

We plan to share our experiences with our partner schools in many exciting ways including: video conferencing, letter writing, email and face to face meetings. We hope that participation in this programme will enable our pupils to develop a greater understanding of the world's current global issues.

As well as working with our partner schools overseas, pupils at our schools will have extended opportunities to create partnerships with our primary schools. Pupils will be able to share experiences, develop collaborative work and use their leadership and mentoring skills to help others.

On the 1st February Mr Butterworth is attending a national conference at the end of the month to meet our overseas partners and to bring them back to Greenfield for a visit. We look forward to showing them our school and all of the exciting learning that is taking place.

Family History Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th January. The AGM that was cancelled in November will take place, followed by a research night. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are payable on the night.

The Society meets on the last Wednesday of each month in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Shafto Way at 7.30pm. For further information on NAFHS please visit our website at WWW.NAFHS.com or contact Keith Bell on 307905.



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Abbie - 5th Best in National Competition



Newtonian Abbie Kennedy was unfortunately missed off the last article for Caroline Races' Dance Schools Nationwide Freestyle Competition Results in Blackpool.

Abbie did incredibly well and came 5th in the 6-8yrs Rosettes category. The competition with entries from throughout England was extremely tough for all those that were fortunate enough to qualify. Abbie is extremely passionate about dancing and is now preparing for Lee Green's next competition in March.

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IF YOUR New Year's Resolution was to get into shape, you can KICK start your campaign by taking up Korean martial art Taekwondo.

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Beginners lessons have started at Haughton

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His parents moved to the town when his Father was employed to build roads here. Tony who enjoys gardening and music is working in the kitchen from 9.30 - 2pm. Call in sometime to try his tasty meals. you will receive a warm welcome.

80th Birthday Raised Over £300 for Charity

Margaret Bewley who has lived in Newton Aycliffe for nearly 60 years celebrated her 80th birthday on 11th January 2011. Instead of gifts Margaret requested donations to the Alzheimer's Society and the sum of £270 was raised on the night. Once gift aid is taken into account this means an amount of £324 will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society on Margaret's behalf and she would like to say thank you to all her many family and friend's who came to the party and contributed not only to this wonderful amount but also to the great party which was enjoyed by everyone.

Special thanks must also go to John and Doreen Short and the bar staff from the Scout's Centre who came to the rescue at very short notice (i.e. 4.30p.m. on the day of the party !!) when the original venue booked let everyone down very badly. John and Doreen and the bar staff were magnificent in making sure the party was a success and ensuring that a great night was had by all. The Scout's Centre was a brilliant place for a party and can't be recommended highly enough for any celebration you may be having and everyone who works there deserves the highest praise and thanks.



Margaret dancing with her two Grandsons

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Any Passport Photo Size

Dear Sir,
An article in Saturday's Northern Echo pointed out that people travelling to India need a different size photograph for an Indian visa than is often available in most shops and photo booths.
I would like to point out that we offer this service at Aycliffe Framers and can print a 50mm x 50mm photograph while the customers wait.
The price for this size picture is the same as a normal passport photograph, £5.
I hope this will be of some help to anyone on the town who is travelling to India.
Regards
Stephen Holmes
Telephone 321280

Why We Must Vote for PR, Proportional Representation

Dear Editor,
PR has become the predominant voting system among advanced western democracies. For instance, in Western Europe, 21 of 28 countries use PR, including Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. While England continues to use the outdated and undemocratic system of First Past the Post, which means that all of the voters in an election are not being represented in Parliament.
In preparation for the forthcoming referendum on PRo Labour MP's are not telling you the truth about PRo in fact they are misleading you. Consider the following: if two candidates stand at an election, the one who gets more than 50% of the vote is naturally the clear winner because the

majority of voters said so. But if three (or more) candidates stand at an election, as is normal in England, and A) gets 40% of the vote, B) gets 31% of the vote, and C) gets 29% of the vote, is there a clear Winner? No there is not! Since 60% voted against A), it means that these 60% are not being represented in Parliament because the First Past the Post system declares A) the winner. Now with PRo a second vote will be held but candidate C) would drop out and there would be a clear race between A) and B) such that a clear winner would emerge. This would be fair and democratic as all votes would now count.
In County Durham, because of the First Past the Post, Labour generally wins but normally with less than 45% of the Vote. That's why Labour MP's want to keep this system as it secures their income despite the majority of voters not wanting them in power. However there are also many areas where the Tories win with less than 50% of the Vote, the Ribbles Valley, Lancs, is one example. Here Tory MP's secure their income because of the First Past the Post system. There are areas where Lib Dems win accordingly. But neither practice is acceptable.
There is the added problem of the many 'non voters' who have long given up voting because there is no point in voting in a First Past the Post system where the candidate with the minority of votes, wins.
So the question you have to ask yourself is: do you believe in fairness and democracy where all votes, deserve representation in Parliament, as in 21 of our neighbouring countries? Obviously you do, so please vote for PR at the referendum.
Henry Ballantyne

You Can "Get Shirty" with Sharon



Sharon Tebbit of Newton Aycliffe has started her own business "Get Shirty" providing personalised T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hoodies and Hoodie Jackets. She can also print onto people's own tops just charging for the printing.
She started the business last October supplying a few small businesses with tops to promote their business. She had a good trade selling printed T-Shirts for Christmas presents and birthdays.
Sharon previously worked in the childcare sector and is a qualified nursery nurse but she wanted to do something new and totally different!
She plans on selling her shirts at Chester-le-Street Market from March when the weather improves. She has a group on Facebook, and a shop on Ebay and is working on a website which will be up and running soon.
Sharon uses vinyl and a

range of colours including fluorescent and sparkles. Photos and pictures on T-Shirts is a speciality.
"My aim is to offer a high quality product at competitive rates with the hope of expanding my range in the future" said Sharon. Watch for Sharon's advert in the Newton News.

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We are in partnership with the town's Rotary Club Community Draw as sellers of tickets, retaining 50% of the money for ourselves.
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Over half are already well on their way to achieving 5 A*-C grades including English and Mathematics. Many of these are also expected to be awarded the new English Baccalaureate, achieving good GCSE passes in English, Mathematics, two Sciences, a Language and History or Geography.
Whereas many schools stopped teaching subjects perceived to be difficult, such as Modern Languages or History, Woodham has always believed that students have a right to a good general education. More than half of the current Year 11 study a Language and many are taking separate examinations in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.
Woodham Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "We welcome the introduction of the English Baccalaureate. Previous government targets have encouraged schools to focus on easy to pass subjects, often limiting students' future chances.
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100 Year Birthday for Ex Aycliffe Worker



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Her working days saw Dora employed in the stores and the laundry at St Margaret's Hospital, Durham and then the stores at Newton Aycliffe, until she retired in 1973. Her love is music and singing and she used to sing at the local Baptist Church and a soloist at Church Rallies. Durham County Council Chairman, Mac Williams JP, was a surprise visitor to Dora's home to present her with a bouquet of flowers.

100 APPRENTICES IN 100 DAYS

Local College Challenge for Employers

College challenges employers to support the 100 apprentices in 100 days campaign. Bishop Auckland College in support of the National Apprenticeship Service 100 apprentices in 100 days North East Campaign is challenging employers in the area to come forward and pledge an apprenticeship for a young person during the 100 days from 19th January to 28th April 2011. The '100 in 100' campaign is encouraging large and small businesses in the region to pledge a place and help young people get started on their career ladder. Recent research has shown that by offering an apprenticeship, employers can avoid skills shortages and reduce staff turnover. Successful apprentice Anthony Wade 19 from Bishop Auckland, who was a Business Administration Apprentice - specialising in IT Technical Support - with Dolphin Computer Access

in Ushaw Moor, Durham has recently been taken on as a full-time employee. Dolphin, a multi-international company, is a leading manufacturer of computer software for the blind and partially sighted. Anthony said "Being kept on full time is great, I am really, really happy. I would like eventually to have a career in IT and intend to study IT qualifications next but I believe my Business Administration apprenticeship has helped my confidence and given me skills that will help me a great deal in the future." Adrian Sach - Technical Director said "We employed an apprentice for the business initially as they are very cost effective and we came to realise that we could train and grow Anthony to become the employee we needed him to be. Anthony is great, he is excellent at talking to our customers who are blind or partially sighted and therefore need someone who is patient and understanding of their needs on the other end of the phone. He is very keen and reliable, something many employers look for and has gained good technical skills too. We are very pleased to be able to offer him full time employment. The support and help we received from Bishop Auckland College Training Service was ideal. They made the whole process effortless and were always available to discuss any issues we had. Because of Anthony and the service we received from the College we are now thinking about employing another apprentice." Any employers interested in taking on an apprentice as part of this campaign please call 01388 825823

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETINGS: WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The first thing considered was the Council's plan to create 43 additional allotments at St Oswald's. Newton Aycliffe is significantly short of allotments, and there is a waiting list of some 70 people, so the Town Council needs to investigate ways to increase provision. The plan is opposed by the residents of Hylton Close, mainly on the grounds that it will increase traffic, but also on a range of other grounds, including the cost to the Council. Readers may not know that members of the public can ask questions or make statements at any Council meeting in respect of any item on the agenda, and we were delighted when the residents of Hylton Close came to the meeting, and a spokesperson summarised their case. The Deputy Leader assured them that the Committee took their points seriously. County planners are currently considering the traffic issue, and - if they give planning permission - the Committee will take account of the residents' other points before proceeding. Next, we heard a presentation by the County Council Energy Efficiency Officer. Mostly, his talk seemed to be about initiatives, available under the former Labour government, which the new government is now withdrawing, but he did give us a leaflet which states that home owners aged 70+ are eligible for free cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, draught-proofing and hot water cylinder jackets (call 0191 527 0501). When I phoned the number, I was told that this free scheme also extends to people on benefits or disability benefit, and that any other householder (in a normal house) can have the work done for £99. (The man I spoke to feared that this scheme too may be going to be withdrawn, but people have till March to apply.) Another issue concerned a litter bin in Aycliffe Village, where dog-owners are throwing dog-waste bags, despite a sign asking them to put them in a dog waste bin only 20 metres away. Part of the problem is a County Council campaign encouraging dog owners to: 'bin that poo, any bin will do'. Residents close to the smell and mess that this creates do not agree, and have asked for the bin to be removed. Members sympathised with the residents, but feared the removal of the bin would lead simply to a different, litter problem - they asked the officers to canvass local opinion. Speaking bluntly, if local people would use the bins correctly, there wouldn't be a problem - perhaps the Town Council needs to run a counter-campaign: 'use the right bin for the right thing'!

Finally, the Town Clerk outlined a new procedure which will allow the Council to provide much more detailed comments on planning applications. The government is proposing to give local authorities a greater involvement in the planning process, and the Town Council wishes to increase its expertise in this area. The new process will help Councillors study each application in much more detail, and to make a considered response on valid planning grounds. **RECREATION COMMITTEE** The Committee heard that, in the recent freezing weather, takings at both the golf course and the Oak Leaf Complex were significantly reduced. This is an important matter for all Council Tax payers, since it affects the Council's income (and ultimately therefore its ability to keep its promise to freeze Council

tax). The Committee awarded the bus contract (from three quotations obtained) for this year's Senior Citizens excursions to York, South Shields, Windermere, Scarborough and Blackpool. It is anticipated that there will be 29 trips this year, of which 5 will use a wheelchair accessible coach. The Town Council is very proud of these excursions, and all residents over the age of 60 are entitled to go free. Wow! Finally, the Committee turned down an application to hold a fun fair for 7-10 days on Horndale playing fields. Members felt that the site requested was too close to houses, for which the fair would constitute a nuisance. Members wondered whether there were other sites more suitable, but were told by officers that the applicant had turned down sites outside town. John D Clare

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LETTER

Thank You!

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank the people who helped me in the Town Centre on 22nd of December when I had an accident and most of all the gentlemen who brought me home. I am sorry I never got round with cards, but hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy new year
Thank you once again
Tony Freer

SHOP AT PCP CLOSES

The County Council is closing the Home Independence Shop at the PCP Centre. They are having a closing down sale with 50% off everything and open to negotiation. The shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am-12.30pm & 1-3.30pm. Come and get your bargains now whilst stocks last. All branch Shops will be closed and future supplies will be obtainable from a central source.

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PREMIER LEAGUE REFEREE GUEST SPEAKER AT LOCAL EVENT



Premier League Referee, Chris Foy will be the guest speaker at Bishop Auckland Referees' Association (RA) later this month. Chris, from Merseyside will be speaking at the society's meeting on Thursday 20 January at Bishop Auckland Cricket Club. Chris has been a Premier League referee since 2001 and refereed last year's FA Cup Final between Chelsea and Portsmouth at Wembley Stadium. He has been actively involved in the 'Don't X The Line' campaign to eradicate abusive or aggressive behaviour from players and spectators at junior and youth matches. Terry Farley, Secretary of Bishop Auckland RA said: "We're delighted that Chris has managed to find time from his busy schedule to visit us in Bishop

Auckland. "I'm sure he will keep us entertained with stories from his experiences refereeing in the top flight. I would urge anyone with a keen interest in football, whether you're a referee or not, to come along and enjoy the evening's entertainment and our hospitality at Bishop Auckland RA." Bishop Auckland RA has attracted a number of high profile guest speakers in the last two years, with 2010 World Cup Final referee Howard Webb, Premier League referee Martin Atkinson and Mike Riley among previous guest speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which is due to commence at 7.30pm. Entry is free. Contact Terry Farley on 01325 313647 or email terry.farley71@uwclub.net

LETTER to the EDITOR

Should Councillors Receive Allowances?

Dear Sir,
I agree with some of the views expressed in John Clare's letter, with particular regard to the apparent "apathy" and ignorance of local politics demonstrated by a vast number of people, myself included. However, I would like to see a continued debate including explanation and maybe answers to the following statement made by Mr. Clare that will help inform the public. Quote "Being a councillor is not a 'job'". He goes on to give a brief outline of a councillor's role". I consider a 'job' as being a role a person fulfils for an employer in exchange for suitable remuneration and conditions of service. I seem to recall that in the past, only expenses were paid to local councillors but I may be wrong of course and times have changed. This raises some questions i.e.
1) How many councillors are of retirement age?
2) How many use their bus passes to attend meetings thereby reducing costs incurred and claimed?
3) How much is paid in attendance allowance for meetings? Local and County level.

4) How much is paid for subsistence allowance - meals, snacks while attending said meetings?
5) How much is paid (if anything) to councillors attending local functions?
6) How many councillors are also employed?
7) How many of these are paid by employer to take time off to attend meetings? If these posts are not 'jobs', a person is retired and in receipt of a pension and free bus pass, the additional income would be of considerable value. I don't know who decides what rates/allowances councillors should have or indeed Council officials who earn more than the Prime Minister. Justification can not be based on the respective Job Descriptions. A final question, if these allowances were reduced overall, how many real JOBS could be saved or essential services kept going? I did say reduced not cut out altogether. As a retired person myself I know how rewarding voluntary work can be. Perhaps the time has come for a rethink whether Councillors should be paid or be volunteers! P.C. Name & address supplied.

ZUMBA DANCING IS LATEST CRAZE

ZUMBA is in great demand at Aycliffe Dance Academy and our ZUMBA January sale has got off to a brilliant start with over 150 people attending classes last week. Both new and existing members who want to make a fresh start in 2011 are doing so by getting fit and having lots of fun in the process. Nikki Brodhurst, a Zumba Member at Aycliffe Dance Academy, says: "I have been a member of various gyms, and I have taken part in exercise classes but I have never enjoyed a fitness class as much as I enjoy Zumba. When you hear the music you cannot help but start to move. I have been doing Zumba with Aycliffe Dance Academy since they started in June. I have lots of fun, whilst keeping fit and I have even made lots of new friends. I recommend Zumba to everyone!" With such high demand for Zumba we have decided to hold an extra class on a Monday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Bethany Centre, Woodham Way, DL5 4UD. Classes are £3.50 per session and you can just turn up on the night. The new class will start on Monday 24th January. If you would like more information on our other Zumba classes, please contact Emma Cox on 07908 162 868 or email her at aycliffdanceacademy@gmail.com or alternatively visit our website www.aycliffdance.co.uk



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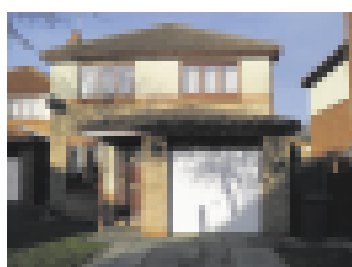
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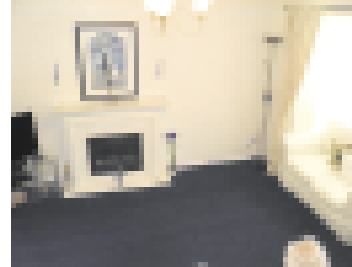


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Cheltenham Way
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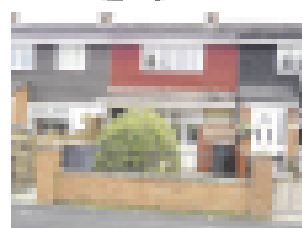
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Richardson Walk
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£95,000



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and terrace home, fitted
kitchen, d/plyed, modern
bedroom, gardens, well placed

Skelton Road
Newton Aycliffe
£87,000



3 bedroom mid terrace,
modern fitted kitchen, d/plyed,
GCH, garden,
reluctantly priced

Burnynghill Close
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£215,000



Extended 3 bedroom detached
home, spacious lounge
area, fitted kitchen, modern
bedroom, open aspect rear

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Double congratulations to Mrs Robinson as it is her birthday today (Friday 21st) and she is looking forward to buying something nice with the money.

ADULT CLASSES AT WOODHAM COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

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WOODHAM STUDENTS DELIVER HAMPERS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS



The weeks leading up to Christmas are busy in any school. At Woodham Community Technology College part of the Christmas preparations included the making up and delivering of hampers to nominated local residents, particularly senior citizens and families in difficult circumstances. The process involved every student – and their families. Decorating the boxes with festive wrapping and tinsel not only made them look more attractive; it was good fun too. A prize was awarded to the tutor group in each year group creating the best-decorated hamper. Some classes put together not one but several superbly decorated Christmas hampers.

Students donated a grocery item, the boxes were packed with goodies and then the school mini bus was drafted into operation for the task of delivering the hampers around the area. One student from each tutor group helped with the deliveries.

The recipients of the hampers were delighted and registered their appreciation by sending letters, cards and notes into the college saying how grateful they were.

Assistant Headteacher, Danny Morgans, who co-ordinated the endeavour explained, "This was a very heart-warming project, the local residents really appreciated the hampers and the tutors and students put in a tremendous effort. The venture was not only of benefit to those receiving the hampers but engendered a feeling of pride within the college at having made a real contribution to the Christmas of those within their community. This was very much a part of the spirit of Christmas, and in keeping with the ethos of Woodham." Students were entitled to come

to the college in non-uniform on the last day of term as a thank you for all their hard work.

Supporting the Draw



Award winning Indian Takeaway, Eastern Spice of Greenwell Road have donated meals to the value of £30 in the Rotary Club Community Draw.

Tickets are now on sale from over 35 local organisations including the four Charity Shops in the Town Centre. The main recipients of proceeds from the draw are Great North Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Care. But those town groups including schools selling tickets also benefit by retaining half the money they raise in sales for their own funds.

They only have to sell tickets as everything else is done by Rotary including obtaining the prizes and running the draw.

Project leader Syd Howarth said: "It is a win-win situation for sellers of tickets in this Bumper Draw. There are some super prizes to be won totalling over £3,000 in value donated by local businesses. We are delighted with the support we are getting for this new venture and thank all those involved". If you wish to take part get in touch with Syd on 320901/300212 e-mail: syd@newtonpress.net

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Sugar Hill School



St. Francis and Greenfield College involved the whole school

Bring & Buy Stall Helps Cubby Funds



The Cubby runs a permanent Bric-a-Brac Stall which helps fund the Drop-In and welcomes donations from Newtonians. Secretary Sheila Bell (in picture) would also like to hear from volunteers to help the Cubby. A Scot, she moved to Aycliffe when her Husband left the RAF in 1992 to work at Eatons. She enjoys helping out herself and recommends it to others. If you are interested please call in to see her.



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'Not a bad night crowd wise, a lot of regulars missing, but a few new faces which is always good to see. Band cracked off with T-Rex, '20th Century Boy', followed by a bit of Bad Company. Fratellis had them all boppin in their seats. 'Paranoid' next followed by a rocket up version of 'Spin Me Right Round' and Gilly missed it they played PRIEST, Free n Therapy were followed by 'Billie Jean', Green Day and Motorhead finished a cracking first set. Second half kicked off with 'Saturday Nights Alright for Fighting' belting out, 'Whiskey in the Jar', then Cult, Purple, Lizzy, did an excellent drum solo on bass guitar, new one on me! By now the dance floor was chocka. For encores we were treated to Zepelin, Sex Pistols and Metallica. Great band, great mix of music, classics to get them singing and dancing and a few unusual tracks they did in their own impressive style. They will be returning' Gig-Pit Review of a previous gig at THE TURBINIA

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Exorbitant Bonuses for Bankers

A few people have come out in support of Bankers bonuses, asking us to stop "Banker Bashing". They say the money bankers are rasing in financial dealings, in some cases, is helping our economy. Are they not getting paid well enough for doing their job without demanding huge and outlandish payouts in bonuses?

These arrogant money grabbers live in a different world to us and can easily stand paying extra VAT and ever increasing petrol prices. They shamelessly take annual payments from £250,000 to a £million or two in addition to their annual salary - one Banker is about to take 7 million this year!

It is nothing short of obscene for bonuses to be paid when the country is in such a state - caused by bankers. The money they receive is supporting a life-style we can't even imagine and it has to be curtailed.

A bonus for workers outside the banking industry usually amount to a few hundred pounds, but these greedy people are receiving amounts over and above their annual salary which is more than most people make in a lifetime!

The Government seem to be fudging the issue after promising to clamp down on excessive bonuses. We must continue to show disgust and insist action is taken against these exorbitant pay outs.

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It was accessed by local schools, young people and families and throughout the week the number of attendances steadily rose. Feedback from children, young people and families was great and many of these were repeat visitors throughout the week. Families and extended families attending meant that there was a huge age range of people attending the event from 3 to 60 years old, totalling 970 over the period. Schools included Aycliffe Village Primary, Heighington Primary, Horndale Primary, Greenfield and Woodham College (visited twice).

Comments: 'Lovely to have a disabled session so the kids can enjoy themselves at their own pace'; 'I enjoyed being

able to experience skating in my local area'; 'Kids really enjoyed themselves. Should be on more'. 'Fantastic to see the disabled children, relaxing and enjoying their hour on the ice!' 'THANK YOU AAP for funding this event! It is mint.; 'Great idea!' 'Fabulous idea, and a great opportunity for the little ones to try out ice skating' 'Funny when people fall over.'; 'Alright but very painful'. 'The rink is good for people to learn to skate'. 'Really good fun to do'. 'Hard at first but later on easy'. 'Great to do it with other people'. 'It was funny cos I fell over 5 times'.

Clearly the event has been a success and has given another skating opportunity to the people of Newton Aycliffe. This is something that has served a very wide range of people from the community and has been a really good free event in the run up to Christmas when families are under the most pressure to spend money.

Litza, Youth Centre Leader

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COUNCILLOR GUILTY OF SWEARING

TRIBUNAL IMPOSE ONE MONTH SUSPENSION

A Public Tribunal was convened last week to hear Cllr Bill Blenkinsop's appeal against the Standards Panel Decision to suspend him for swearing at another councillor in a meeting. The Tribunal found he was guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct in that he did swear at Councillor Bowman and did so in his capacity as a Councillor. The Tribunal suspended him for 1 month and said that in their view the 3 months usually imposed was at the severe end of the scale so one month was enough. This means Counc Blenkinsopp cannot attend

meetings as a Councillor or receive allowances, agendas or minutes etc for one whole month. His attempt to introduce new material to discredit the Councillor who made the complaint was disallowed as not being relevant to the issue. Cllr Bowman was cross examined by the Tribunal and Cllr Blenkinsop, as was Cllr I Hewitson who testified first hand to the swearing by Counc Blenkinsopp. Readers have been alarmed at the suggestion that this case cost £50,000. Newton News

COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED

Woodham Village Community Centre are holding a Computer Class with a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 26th January 10-30am. Are you terrified at the prospect of learning how to use a computer, go onto the Internet, learn about Email or do some basic digital photography? If so why not come along to our Coffee Morning to meet us, and find out about our new courses starting soon. We have run these very popular user friendly courses for the last two years, and they are aimed at people with little or no experience of computers.

Birthday Remembrance

GEORGE SMITH 24th January 1932. We think of you every day George, we love and miss you so much. Your birthday was always special and filled with love. You are always in our hearts. With all our love, Madge, Sue, Roly, Christopher and Fiona xxx. Hugs and kisses from Charlie xxxx
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MARILYN BAKER Lonely is my home without you, life to me is not the same. All this world would be like Heaven, just to have you back again. Love, Ken xxx
MARILYN BAKER Two years ago you went away, to take a well earned rest. And of all the Nanna's in the world, we were lucky to get the best. Happy birthday Nan from all your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx

is reliably informed this is false and no public money was expended and that the

issue was dealt with under the normal proceedings of the Standards Committee.

In Memoriam

JEAN BOYES You are with the angels now, it was time to say goodbye. Yet still it's hard to hide the pain, no matter how we try. For you were such a special Mam, with lots of love to share. And knowing you are no longer there, is very hard to bear. And though the grief will pass, and time will help heal the pain. Somehow life without you Mam, will never be the same. Loving you always Mam. Ken and Jackie
JENNY WILLIAMSON Died 21st January 2000. At twilight when the day is gone and sunset flames the sky, we think of you dear Mother and the happy days gone by. Thoughts of you come drifting back, within our dreams to stay, to know that you are resting, when the twilight ends the day. Des, Val and Trev
TOM HURST 26th January. To us you were amazing, we will love you forever xxxxxxx
JOHN TOMLIN LAMBERT 22nd January 2010. One year has gone by Dad since you were taken from us. It seems so long ago. You are always in our thoughts and will be in our hearts forever. Missed so much. Stephen and Diane
JOHN LAMBERT Our Grandad, 22-1-2010. To the one who loved and raised us and cared for us as your own, who helped us be who we are today and gave us a loving home. You have gone to a better place, where you will be at rest and to sum up our love, you were the very best Grandad, our guardian and best friend. Rest with the angels. Love, Mary, Michael and all your Grandchildren
JOHN LAMBERT 22-1-2010. A lifetime of memories and love, sail away sailor, enjoy the wind in your sails, miss you loads. Duches
KEV DINSLEY 17th January 1992. Loved and sadly missed. Teresa, Kevin, Michelle, Ian, Louise, Mark and Grandchildren
TONY WARBURTON 24th January 2002. Much loved Husband, Father, Father-in-Law and Grandfather. We miss and love you more each day. Loving Wife Felicity, Daughter Gail, Son-in-Law Graeme, Grandchildren Jack, Winston and Oliver
MARY ELLIOTT 27th January 2010. Treasured memories of a wonderful Mam and Mother-in-Law. Always ready to do her best with a heart so true and tender, she devoted her life to those she loved and those she loved remember. Love and miss you, Barbara and Rob xx
MARY ELLIOTT 27th January 2010. To my precious Wife, always in my heart and thoughts. Love and miss you. Devoted Husband, Hilton
NANNIE (Mary Elliott). You gave us many things in life, gifts both great and small. But most of all you gave us love, the greatest gift of all. Missing you. Love, Michael and Stephen xxx
MARY ELLIOTT (Molly). 27th January 2010. My heart still aches in sadness, my silent tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you Mam, no one will ever know. Loved always, Pauline and Bruce xxx

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Happy 1st Birthday
25th January 2011

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Hallie



26th January 2011

Happy 1st Birthday to my "little ginja ninja"
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Craig Duggan



Happy 21st Birthday
26th January 2011

Happy 21st birthday to my wonderful Son. Have a great time on all your nights out. Love you, Mam xxxx

Karen Colley



Happy 40th Birthday Sweetheart

Have a wonderful day, God bless you. Lots of love and kisses, Mam, Dad, Nicola, Nicholas and Shaun xxxx

Lucas ACUNA OCANA



Happy 3rd Birthday
23rd January 2011

Happy 3rd Birthday to our special little 'Chunky Boy', enjoy your tea party and trip to see Mickey Mouse. All our love Mammy and Daddy xxx

Happy Birthday to a special little Brother, Lots of Love, Nathan and Macy Moo.

Happy Birthday to a special Grandson on his 3rd birthday have a great holiday. Love, Grandad Peter and Nanny in Heaven xx

Best wishes also from Gran Kennedy, Nanny and Geoff, Grandad and Nanny Nicole, Nan and Grandad 'thats the ticket' Nanny in Ireland and all your Aunties, Uncles, Cousins and friends xx

Births

Paul and Sarah Travis



Paul and Sarah Travis would like to announce the birth of their baby "Brandon" on Saturday 15th January 2011. Thanks to all family and friends for gifts and good wishes.

Emma Louise Zalick-Catherall



Born 11th January 2011

Congratulations to her proud parents, Corrine and Dave. Love Mum, Mark, Lewis, Nanna, Gancha, Margaret and Michael

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Jenny and Dave Barraclough

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Craig Duggan



Happy 21st Birthday
26th January 1990

Happy 21st birthday to my wonderful Grandson Craig. Hope all your dreams come true, as mine have for you. Love you, Grandma xx

Robyn Wade



Happy 8th Birthday
23rd January 2011

Lots and lots of love from Nana and Da Merv - Enjoy your party xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Danny Robinson



Happy 18th Birthday
20th January 2011

Have a great weekend! Love from Dad and Emma (Evil Stepmother)

Paul Oliver



Happy 55th Birthday
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GARY ALLEN 22nd January 2011. Can you believe it, Gary Allen is 50? Have a great birthday. Love always, Mandy xx

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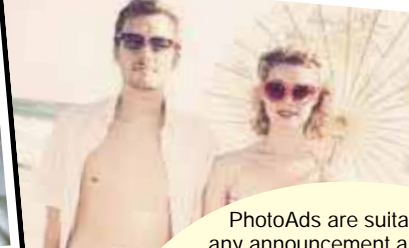
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Greenfield Help Aycliffe FC

Newton Aycliffe recorded back-to-back away wins in the last 10 days – but enjoyed a training session at Greenfield's all-weather football pitch when there was no game last Saturday.

After their 1-1 draw at home to North Shields, the Newtonians hammered Birtley Town 6-1 away a week gone Tuesday. They followed that up with a hard-working 2-0 win at Gillford Park this Tuesday night.

But due to the way the Northern League fixtures have panned out, Aycliffe had no game last Saturday, and took up an offer to train on Greenfield's £200,000 state-of-the-art pitch.

Chairman and Assistant Manager Gary Farley said: "The Greenfield pitch is a valuable option to us when we don't have a game for training, as we don't want to damage our pitch or training pitch in the bad weather, so we're grateful for them letting us use it – it helps to keep the players ticking over when there's no game."

Greenfield Community Sports Manager Michael Rippon, pictured with star players Dan Mellanby (right) and Elliot Gardner, is encouraging Newtonians to take advantage of the 3G pitch at a reduced rate on weekends. It's available between 9am and 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone interested can contact Michael on 01325 379041, 07879 117224 or email: michaelrippon@aol.co.uk

Aycliffe had to work hard for their 2-0 win at Gillford on Tuesday after making the 110-mile trek to Whitehaven. There was very little to write home about during a scrappy first half in which both sides were indecisive and lacking in creativity. Warren Byrne and Ben Wood both went close with headers before Byrne rattled Gillford's crossbar with a thunderous effort from just inside the box.

Gardner shot just wide six minutes into the second half, and Paul Broom's clever lob was tipped on to the crossbar and away by Gillford 'keeper



Ryan Smith.

Aycliffe pressured and it was only a matter of time before Aycliffe took the lead and the opener came 16 minutes from time with a superbly-worked goal. Sean Tarling played Gardner in to the left side of Gillford's box with a measured ball, and the striker-turned-midfielder squarred across the goalmouth for young Wood to tap into an empty net.

The visitors doubled their advantage three minutes later when Mellanby slipped Byrne in and Gillford centre-back David Lynn bundled the striker over inside the box, before he coolly slotted his 20th goal of the season to make sure of maximum points.

FIXTURES

Saturday 22nd January: Marske United (H), 3pm
Saturday 29th January: Washington (H), 3pm
Saturday 5th February: Hebburn Town (A), 3pm
Tuesday 8th February: Spennymoor (A), 7.30pm, League Cup
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Heighington AFC Boys Under 8's hosted North Ormsby in their first home game of the season. The team turned up early for a warm up before kick off, all raring to go while waiting for the whistle to be blown. They attacked from the off and were rewarded with a goal in the opening minute from Cameron Brassell. Adam Hicks warranted his 1st team starting position by scoring 2 goals with two amazing strikes.

Spencer Soakell slotted home before leaving the pitch with an injury, but was replaced by an in-form Euan Simpson who bagged himself a hat-trick, a goal from Jacob Richardson finished off North Ormsby in the first match of the day finishing 8-0 to Heighington. Man of the Match was awarded to Adam Hicks for his effort and hard work in midfield.

The second game of the day and more goals followed, fully recovered from his injury Spencer Soakell returned to the pitch and scored 4 goals, another from Cameron Brassell and another 4 from Euan Simpson saw Heighington Boys finish 9-0 Winners. Man of the Match was awarded to Euan Simpson for all his goals.

That is now 4 matches and 4 wins for Heighington AFC Boys Under 8's with lots of goals being scored but what is equally important is that as a

new team the boys are yet to concede a goal and this is down to all the hard work from our solid defence Adam Ord and Kieran Shingler and Goalkeeper McKenna Longstaff. The hard work in training is paying off and this can be seen by all with the goals the team have scored, the clean sheets they have kept and the games that they have won. Well done lads and keep up the good work!

LOCAL KEEP FIT BASE

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This will restart at the Agnew Community Centre on Tuesday 25th January at 4-30pm to 6-30pm and is open to all 9 to 14 year olds regardless of your sporting ability. It is also on Wednesday 4-30pm to 6-30pm & Friday 4-45pm to 6-45pm each week during School Term Time until the School Summer Holidays start. Times in the School Holidays will be published in next week's Newton News. Please contact the Centre Secretary on 01325-321504 or 301033 for any other information.

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