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COUNTY COUNCIL PRAISE HITACHI DEVELOPERS

The Leader of Durham County Council has congratulated the development company behind the campaign to bring Hitachi to Newton Aycliffe, creating hundreds of jobs.

At a meeting at County Hall, Cllr Simon Henig said the approval by Government for the Intercity Express Programme (IEP) to go ahead with Hitachi at its heart and Newton Aycliffe as the chosen location, was the result of public/private sector partnership at its very best. Cllr Henig said: "I want to congratulate Merchant Place Developments on all their hard work. I cannot think of a better example of strong partnership working between the public and private sector than this. Hitachi is the exemplar project for the Council and will showcase what we have to offer on a world stage."



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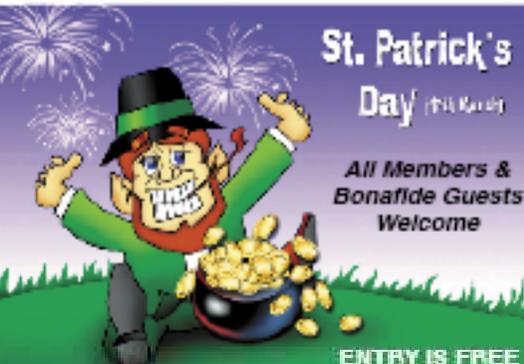
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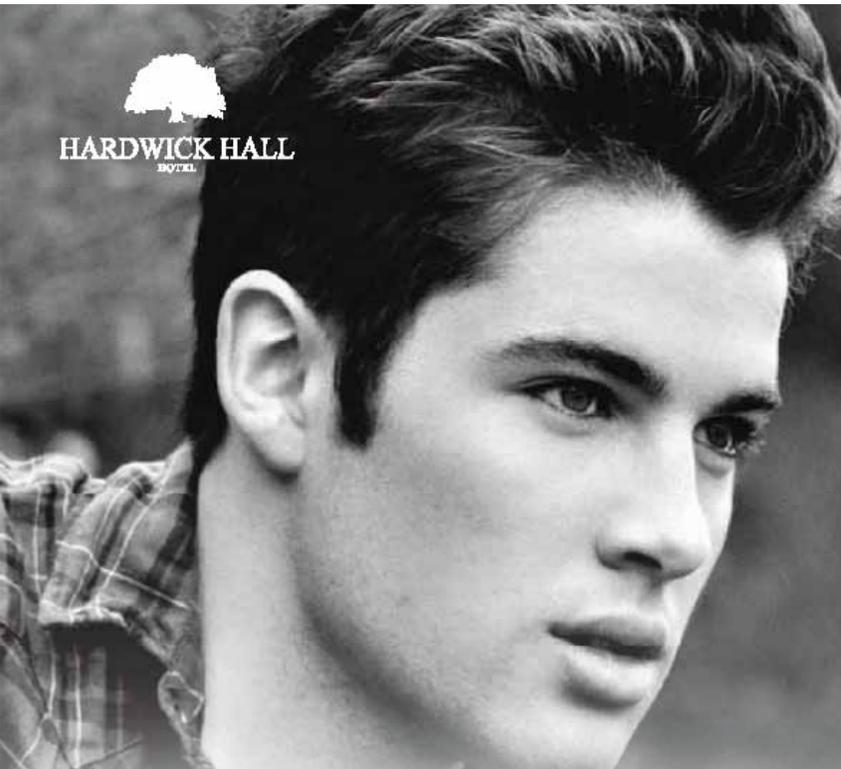
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HITACHI PRAISE

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Alistair Dormer, Managing

Director of Hitachi Rail Europe says: "We are absolutely delighted that the Department for Transport has decided to go ahead with the Intercity Express Programme (IEP), which means that our plans to build a rail manufacturing and assembly facility in Newton Aycliffe will become more concrete now."

"The support we have received from the local community, from Phil Wilson, the local MP, and many others, has been fantastic and has surely helped to sway the decision in favour of IEP. We are looking forward to becoming part of the community in the area."

Front page photo caption: Cllr Henig congratulates MPD director Geoff Hunton on sealing the deal with Hitachi Rail Europe.

M.P. URGES SUPPORT FOR AYCLIFFE FC

Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson is urging local businesses to get behind the town's football club as they hope to complete a successful promotion to the first division this summer.

Elevation to the Northern League top flight would bring additional financial pressures for the Newtonians. Their home crowds, averaging around 200 at Moore Lane Park, is a major revenue-earner for the club which enables them to compete with teams around them. But competing with first division clubs like Spennymoor and Shildon next season would be a different ball game for Aycliffe, and they'll need more support from the local business community.

Phil Wilson, who officially opened Aycliffe's new stand before their game against Darlington RA last Friday night, with a new record league crowd of 567 turning out, is appealing to local firms to get behind the club. "I was hugely impressed by the set-up at Moore Lane Park," he said. "It's certainly an asset for the town and something for the whole



community to enjoy. "There's a bunch of dedicated volunteers running the club and they get fantastic support from local people. The atmosphere on Friday night was thoroughly enjoyable! But they need more support from local businesses if they are to enjoy promotion and compete in the first division next year."

"It's fantastic to see Aycliffe have a football club playing at a decent non-league level and there's no reason they can't progress even further, but they won't be able to do that without sponsorship and advertising from local firms. I'll be making some noises with some of the town's bigger companies and will try to do my bit to get them more involved. I know the town and the people,

and Sports Club members, have shown tremendous community spirit in getting Aycliffe's new stand put together - we just need more local firms to get involved now."

Mr Wilson officially opened the William Finley Stand together with Charlie Fielding and Kevin Jones, who erected it, and Finley Structures Managing Director, John Finley.

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Callum Oakes

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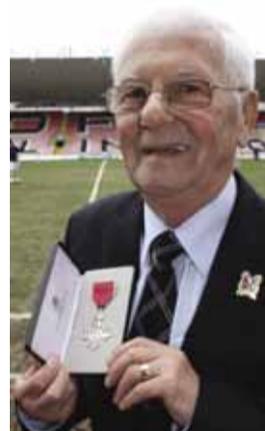
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Terry Farley picked up his MBE at Buckingham Palace last week - and admitted the whole experience was "out of this world". The 77-year-old Newtonian was honoured in the Queen's New Year's list for his services to football refereeing. He attended the Palace with Wife Marina and his two Sons, Nigel and Gary, before being bestowed with his honour by her Majesty the Queen. "She only spoke very briefly," says Terry. "I half expected her to ask me all about Newton Aycliffe FC but she didn't, which was a pity! But the whole experience was just out of this world. The set-up at the Palace was unbelievable, one security check after another, the building was just fantastic. "I was asked how it compared to

refereeing top football matches, and the games come nowhere near! It was just a thoroughly enjoyable experience and I was very, very honoured to get the award." Terry lives in Newton Aycliffe after moving on to the town in 1960, and is one of Durham's longest-serving football referees. He became a referee in 1952 and enjoyed 15 years as a top-flight official, refereeing at some of Europe's top stadiums, including Old Trafford, Anfield, Barcelona, Milan and Wembley, and officiated matches involving stars including Diego Maradona and the Charlton Brothers. In 1980, he received a long service award from the National Referees Association and in 1999 was made a life member of



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Aycliffe Mum of Four Gets First Acting Job

Bishop Auckland College Performing Arts student, Jo Lovejoy 39, from Newton Aycliffe, is finally realising her dream.

Jo who is married with 4 children has been offered her first paid acting role with North Country Theatre in Richmond and will be performing in "The Labyrinth" on Lindisfarne from 28th May to 5th June 2011.

"The Labyrinth" is an outdoor event featuring music, poetry, meditation and costumed characters. Jo said "I have always wanted to be an actress but raising my family was my first priority. A couple of years ago my husband and children encouraged me to enrol on the performing arts course at the College and they have been supportive of me ever since, helping out with housework and cooking.

I am so glad I enrolled on the course as I have enjoyed



myself immensely. I have had no problems mixing with the younger students; they see me as 'just Jo'. Right now we are in the middle of rehearsing the hit musical Blood Brothers by Willy Russell scheduled to be performed at the College in April and I will be playing Mrs Johnstone; it's challenging but exciting. Being offered a paid role by North Country Theatre is a great boost to my confidence and I am really looking forward to performing at Lindisfarne. I hope in the future to get other acting jobs and ideally would love to act in a crime thriller." Performing Arts Lecturer, Gemma Owens said "Jo is an inspiration to the younger students and we wish her all the best for the future."

PACT Tackle Ward Problem Areas

The PACT priorities agreed for Greenfield Ward are as follows:

Prevention of youths congregating in the Greenfield Youth Shelter for drinking.

Youths causing problems in the Ladybower/Evangelical Church area for local residents with general anti-social behaviour.

We would like to thank all residents for their continued support. The next PACT meeting is on Wednesday April 6th 2011 at 6.30pm in the Evangelical Church, Ladybower.
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Councillors Help Youth Club



County Councillors John Moran and Sarah Iveson present a cheque for £300 to Margaret Tuplin who runs the "JAM" Junior Youth Club at Neville Parade Methodist Church. Margaret and her "gang" have asked Newton News to thank the two Councillors for their assistance which will now allow 57 young people have a fantastic day out at the seaside in the summer holidays.

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A "Twist" to this Oliver Show

When young people from the C.A.T.S. theatre group take to the stage at the Civic Hall, Shildon with their musical production of "Oliver", this month, amongst the young cast will be several young people from the Aycliffe area. Including Aidan Robson from Oakfield who takes centre stage as Oliver, the orphan boy. Madalyn Patrick plays the bullying Mr. Bumble, Alex Townsend is the villain Bill Sykes. Alysha Patis is Lottie, whilst Euan Ward and Nicole Sams play Sykes's friends. Keeping the music going through the 2 hour show are singers and dancers Bethany Brown, Megan Jones, Demi-Leigh Dixon, Emily Anderson, Niamh Callaghan, Eden Wood, and her sister Maddy. Andrew

Timmiss as usual keeps an eye on the production. A spokesperson said "All the favourite characters and songs are in this production, but the young people have added a "twist" to the Show." You'll have to see one of the 4 performances to find out what it is.

Performances: Thursday 17th, Friday 18th March, 7.30pm, Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th March at 2pm. All tickets for the Thursday show (only) are £2-50 each. The other 3 days it is £4 Adults, £2-50 Children / Concessions. Any young people aged 8 - 11 years who like singing, dancing or acting and would like to be in C.A.T.S. next production "Mary Poppins" Ring 01388 774838 - www.cats-theatre.co.uk

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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH

TOWN COUNCIL MAKE GRANTS TO CHARITIES

At Wednesday's Town Council Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 2nd March 2011 there was a friendly atmosphere and complete agreement on every issue. Thus the Committee unanimously agreed a number of small grants to organisations such as the Bus Preservation Society, the Great North Air Ambulance, the Butterwick Children's Hospice, the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Friends of Senior Citizens. Over the years, the Council has developed a set of guidelines it follows in regards of these grants; we insist that the charity must directly benefit Aycliffe people, and we insist that the organisation submits a statement of its accounts. We also agreed unanimously to lease a small plot of land to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC to store their mini-goals and equipment. Members were impressed by the amazing work that this organisation – which has been awarded FA Charter Standard Development club status – does with hundreds of the young and disabled footballers of our town. We are chasing some money which Sedgefield Borough Council had promised to us for environmental work in Woodham Burn, and which Durham County Council is now considering giving to another project! Finally, we decided to adjust our Burial Charges policy. Currently, the Town Council heavily subsidises burials of townspeople, but charges people from outside Newton Aycliffe the full cost. It had come to our notice that this might lead

to some unfair situations – such as when an old person has had to move out of town for nursing care, or when a soldier is living in army accommodation. Councillors unanimously agreed to introduce exceptions in such cases, and also where death occurs within a year of leaving the parish, or where the deceased lived in the town and had purchased a grave plot. These are distressing things to discuss, but GATC considers itself a caring Council, and this will at least mean that bereaved relatives are not confronted with a case of injustice, in addition to their great loss. JCL

HAVE YOU SEEN STOLEN BIKE?

Between 07.30 hours on Saturday 26th February and 11.00 hours on Sunday 27th February 2011 a pedal cycle has been stolen from the rear garden of a property on Welbury Grove, Newton Aycliffe. The stolen item is a Claud Butler mountain bike. The frame is made from aluminium and is dark silver in colour. The bike has a seven inch Maglite torch attached to the handle bars with jubilee clips. There is also a three inch brass ring attached to the seat column. The owner of the cycle, stated he has owned the bike for the past fifteen years and uses it daily to get to work. Any persons with information please contact PC 451 Emma McCabe at Newton Aycliffe Police Office on 0345 6060365.

HITACHI – WHY AYCLIFFE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

By Neil McMillan, Director, DurhamGate

The Hitachi contract is excellent news for County Durham and the North East. By opting to base this important project here, the right choice has been made, recognising the North East's attributes, especially its skilled and dedicated workforce. County Durham will directly benefit from the massive supply chain structure that will come from companies investing and recruiting skilled labour to provide components, advice and technical services to what will eventually become one of the UK's biggest factories. This boost will filter down to businesses in all sectors. As Development Director at Carillion Developments, part of Carillion plc, we chose to invest, along with partner firm Arlington Real Estate, more than £100m over the next ten years in the 60 acre DurhamGate regeneration project, just a few miles north of Newton Aycliffe. The brilliant team at County Durham Development Company and Durham County Council, will now garner a deserved reputation for the right strategy and the ability to deliver it. They



are supporting DurhamGate as the County's leading landmark regeneration site and their enhanced reputation gives extra justification to our significant investment. County Durham also has the capacity to accommodate high quality headquarters buildings, on developments such as DurhamGate, ensuring that those businesses which grow here can stay here. County Durham is a prime area for inward investment. Hitachi has seen this, the Government has acknowledged it by awarding this contract to Newton Aycliffe, and the result is a very bright future, based upon solid foundations.

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Elmfield Place, Newton Aycliffe, £84,950
A three bedroom mid link, G.C.H., D/Glazing, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Ground floor shower room, Garden area. Viewing Recommended.
Mollasby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, £119,950
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Hair-Shave for Charity

A daredevil Mum and Son team have raised hundreds of pounds for charity by shaving off their beloved locks!

Donna Sowels and her friend Laura Whitfield, both barmaids at Aycliffe Sports Club, are currently gathering sponsorship for a fundraising trek along the Great Wall of China in April, to raise cash for children's cancer charity Clic Sargent.

They've been organising all sorts of events around it, such as a weekly quiz every Monday night at the Sports Club and a fancy dress football match earlier this year as well as bucket collections at Aycliffe football games.

And now Donna and her 11-year-old Son Byron have added to the fund by raising £434 between them after shaving off their long hair.

Local hairdresser Michelle Barber, of Creations Hairdressers in the Thames Centre, did the deed in front of a packed Sports Club bar.

It takes Donna and Laura's current fundraising total to £5,680 - £320 short of their £6k target with just four weeks to go.

Donna said: "The hair-do is taking some getting used to but it's all worth it! It started out as a dare in the bar and it just snowballed from there. Now I've got the right kind of hairstyle for a five-day trek in Far East heat!"

Donna and Laura are due to leave on April 9 and their 80-mile trek near Beijing in China is expected to take five days.

"Our Visa's came through this



week so it's all starting to feel very real, so we're getting a little nervous," added Donna. "But it would be fantastic to reach our target over the next four weeks. People can still make donations in the club or they can contact us to make a donation, it's all welcome and for a very worthy cause." To make a donation, call Donna on 07931 807924, or email donnasowels@hotmail.com or visit www.aycliffe-sports-club.org.uk



READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Michael Dunn took this photo of the subway near the Railway Station. If you have an interesting digital photo of someone or somewhere in Newton Aycliffe send it in to syd@newtonnews.co.uk



Sunrise over Aycliffe by Brent Moorfoot and a lovely photo by Gemma Russell of bulbs currently sprouting all over our town

OBITUARY

Edward Hubery

17th June 1938 -
25th February 2011



One of the town's best known characters has died and St Clare's Church was packed with his many friends who gathered to say farewell to Eddie Hubery a big man with an even bigger smile and personality. He was referred to by Rev. Linda Potter as "a man in a million" who touched many lives. He was a champion of the people and made many friends fighting for fair play and justice. Eddie had a big, affectionate heart and a large voice to match, never afraid to speak his mind. He took on challenges to help others. He had a passion for life and compassion for those less fortunate. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife and family in their period of grief.

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Newtonian Teaching Languages in Midlands

Former Woodham student Colin Lindley studied hard to be a linguist and left the town to take his degree in languages at Stafford University. Now 44 he teaches French and German at Stoke on Trent College and runs an Anglo German club in



Robbie Williams, Then Elvis!

The UK and world's No. 1 "Robbie Williams" Tribute is coming to Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club with his one man show "One Night with Robbie". He has just started his UK Theatre Tour "Let Me Entertain You at the Blackpool Opera House. JK as Robbie is the best in the business performing all over the UK from huge arenas to small personal events. He "blew the roof off" at Ferryhill Workingmens Club in January, people in town are still talking about it now says John Birkett from "Idol Entertainments" Tickets are on sale from the venue. Group bookings on a buy 10 get 1 free available from John, Tel 07765 181 603 Oh! Forgot to mention "Elvis" is coming Saturday May 28th (Bank Holiday Weekend)!

Stafford. He has recently helped form another club in Stoke on Trent where there is a demand from Germans living locally to meet and speak in their native language and an opportunity for those learning German to practice the language. "We meet to discuss German culture and it also helps break down the barriers that might exist. They knocked us out of the World Cup, but Germany is a good country with good people and nice food." said Colin. Colin's Dad Arnold told us of his Son's determination to succeed and remembers how he struggled as a student with little money to spend while his Aycliffe mates had bulging wage packets. "I am proud he stuck it out and now he is reaping the benefits" said Arnold.

Chance for Talented Junior Golfers to Join Academy

Promising young golfers in Durham are to be given the chance to develop their skills as part of a special talent-spotting programme in the region.

The scheme is aimed at helping boys and girls with talent and enthusiasm to develop their golfing skills to enable them to progress within the game and reach their potential. Players do not need to be a club member or even have a handicap but must show the commitment and desire to become better players.

This year will see even more youngsters being given the opportunity to get involved as the number of Academy centres is expanded to six throughout the county.

The new venue is at Boldon Golf Club situated between Sunderland and South Shields, which will join the existing centres at Chester-le-Street GC, Knotty Hill Golf Centre, Cocken Lodge Golf Centre, Headlam Hall GC and Beamish Park Hotel and Golf Centre.

The programme follows on from a successful launch in 2009. More than 100 junior golfers have since received additional coaching.

The first steps towards getting involved in the 2011 County Academy programme take place in March when a series of free talent assessment days will be held. These are aimed at youngsters aged 7 to 15 (on the 1st January 2011).

Anyone wishing to take part needs to complete a registration form and return it to Jonathan Ward, County Development Officer for the Durham County Golf Partnership (Tel: 07775 848 602; Email cdo@durhamgolfpartnership.com) Player will be allocated an assessment session at the academy centre closest to their home.

Registration forms and more information on The County Ccademy Programme can be found at the Durham County Golf Partnership

website (www.durhamgolfpartnership.com).

The talent assessment venues and dates are:

Sunday 13th March (10.30am to 1.30pm)

Knotty Hill Golf Club, Sedgfield

Saturday 19th March (1pm to 4pm)

Cocken Lodge Golf Centre, Durham

Sunday 20th March (1pm to 4pm)

Sunderland Driving Range, Fulwell

"This will be of interest to anyone with an interest in playing golf, someone who would like to learn more about the game or players who are already members of a club or have a golf handicap," explained Jonathan Ward, County Development Officer for the Durham County Golf Partnership.

After the assessment days have been completed all the children will be contacted through their parents. Successful juniors will be given a personal programme to work towards and parents will be able to follow their child's progression on line.

The County Academy Programme is one of a number of projects aimed at increasing participation in golf run under the umbrella of the Durham County Golf Partnership. This is a collaboration of a number of stakeholders in the sport including the English Golf Union, The English Women's Golf Association, the PGA, the Golf Foundation and Sport England.

In Durham the partnership is supported by the Durham Ladies County Golf Association, the Durham Union of Golf Clubs and the Durham PGA. For more details of the activities in Durham visit www.durhamgolfpartnership.com - For more information on the work of the Durham County Golf Partnership contact Jonathan Ward, County Development Officer, Durham County Golf Partnership.

<http://www.durhamgolfpartnership.com>
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CENSUS COORDINATORS START IN COUNTY DURHAM

A team of 20 Census Coordinators started recently in County Durham & Darlington in preparation for the 2011 Census. They will be responsible for managing the field force who will be on hand from early April to help people complete and return their census questionnaires as well as working with communal establishments such as care homes to ensure all residents are included. From early March households in the area will begin receiving their census questionnaires, which can either be completed and posted back, or for the first time completed online. Anyone who has not completed their questionnaire by mid April will receive a visit by a census collector, managed by the coordinators, who will issue replacement questionnaires to anyone who has misplaced them and offer help and assistance to complete where necessary. Paul Harker, Census Area Manager commented: "The coordinators starting marks the countdown to the census in this area. With over 200 collectors starting work in April they will be hard at work knocking on doors and helping people who for whatever

reason, have not completed their questionnaire on line or returned the paper questionnaire by freepost". Amongst the coordinators are Carol and Mark Bell a Mother and Son team. Carol is working in the Newton Aycliffe area whilst her Son is working in Darlington north and surrounding villages.

Census results are used to plan vital services like hospitals, housing, roads and emergency services so it is important that everyone is included. Personal information included on the questionnaire is kept confidential and protected by law.

For further information please contact: PaulHarkerA105@census.gov.uk

TASTY TREATS WEANING COURSE AT AGNEW

Nutritional support and advice for those next steps in your child's life. Starting Thursday 14th of April. 10am to 11-30am at the Agnew Community Centre. Please call Steph or Rabindra at SureStart on 01325-319753 to book your place.

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AYCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL MEETING

There is a meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association on Monday 14th March at the Village Hall from 7pm. This is a chance for residents to find out what the committee has been up to over the past year and to put forward any suggestions for activities or events for the coming year. In particular, we are looking for a new Chairperson, so if anyone is interested in helping run the committee, please come along to the meeting. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:
TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2011

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March 2011 commencing at 6.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting a senior officer will be in attendance to answer any questions on environmental issues'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting - we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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

SPECTACULAR CONFERENCE HELD AT XCEL CENTRE



Church representatives from all over the UK met at the Xcel Centre for their annual "Influence" Conference last weekend. It was an inspirational experience for all who attended this well organised event.

Music was provided by Xcel's In-house Worship team and Jacksons Restaurant was very popular. Around 750 attended along with their children who enjoyed their own fun activities.

The Aycliffe Conference Centre proved to be the ideal venue.



Wilko's Help Cubby



Billy Blenkinsopp was delighted to receive a £100 Voucher for The Cubby to spend in Wilkinsons. The volunteer Chef who is producing some tasty meals each day is likely to spend the money on new kitchen utensils.

Forthcoming Events at Neville Parade Methodist Church

Neville Parade Methodist Church have a number of events planned over the next few months which we hope will be of interest to the community of Newton Aycliffe.

- Saturday 26th March 10am - 2pm Craft Fayre
- Wednesday 30th March 6pm - Family Quiz Night
- Saturday 16th April - Synthonia Male Voice Choir - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 20th April - Easter Messy Church - 5pm
- Wednesday 11th May - Charity Evening for Leukaemia Research - 7.30pm
- Saturday 18th June - Midsummer Madness
- 1st - 3rd July - Flower Festival
- Saturday 9th July - Table Top Sale

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Hitachi Special Edition

Labour News

March 2011

Campaign to take Newton Aycliffe forward

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Come and join Labour



Hitachi Petition handed to No10



Town Centre work well underway



We Won! Hitachi on track for Newton Aycliffe!



Labour campaigners celebrate on the Intercity Express Programme site.

Newton Aycliffe and the North of England were delighted to hear that the Intercity Express Programme is to go ahead. The programme will mean hundreds of rail carriages will be built by Hitachi in Newton Aycliffe creating hundreds of direct jobs, with thousands more in the supply chain. Labour proposed the programme when in government. After a fierce campaign led by our MP Phil Wilson, with trade unions, local businesses

and Durham County Council plus other organisations the government saw the economic worth in allowing the programme to go ahead.

Phil Wilson MP said 'I want to thank everyone who has helped in the campaign. The level of support proves what we can do together. The Construction of the £90 million factory will create 200 construction jobs at the purpose built site.

Dozens of companies and organisations signed up to the campaign because they will all benefit from such a big employer coming to Newton Aycliffe.

I am pleased the Government have listened, the economic case was made and we won the day as a community and implemented Labour's plans for replacing the rolling stock on the East Coast Main-line bringing hundreds of jobs to Newton Aycliffe.'

Success on town centre development for Phil Wilson MP

On to Downing Street

United in support of jobs

The delegation walk along Downing Street taking the fight for jobs for Newton Aycliffe and the Region to the Prime Minister at Number 10. This is an historic moment for Newton Aycliffe and the North East as a whole. It stands as a symbol of



what cooperation can achieve when MP's, Businesses and Trade Unions stand shoulder to shoulder for the good of the community.

It was the culmination of a lot of hard work behind the scenes which finally persuaded the Government to sign up to the Hitachi project to be started in Newton Aycliffe next year.

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The Bulldozers arrive!



The bulldozers turn the east end of the town centre to rubble

Town centre demolition well under way.

The long awaited redevelopment of Newton Aycliffe town centre arrived on September 7th 2010 when Ann Laverty started the demolition of the Health Centre. Ann got the chance to land the first blow after winning a competition which raised £1,400 for the towns four charities. Phil Wilson MP said "This is a very important and symbolic moment and I don't think the people of Newton Aycliffe believed anything was going to happen, but they can believe it now".

The Dalton Way site is being cleared to make way for the new Aldi Supermarket. Andrew Thompson Freshwaters Commercial Manager said "Aldi should be trading by Easter 2012 and other retailers have also expressed an interest in the town'. The whole project will take up to 2014 to complete. The regeneration will include new works of art and landscaping as well as new shops. The redundant buildings will all be demolished, whilst the library has already moved to a temporary location as

the redevelopment proceeds.

On Sunday 24th October 2010 the old Dalton Way was reduced to rubble. Our MP Phil Wilson said "It is great to see it all coming together, this is the future of Newton Aycliffe and we have been waiting a long time for this to happen."

An Aldi store will be built on the site of the demolished old Library and Health Centre.

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Phil says 'come and join Labour'

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Thank you to all the people

From left to right Andrew Sugden, North East Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Rowan, Northern TUC, Phil Wilson MP, Davey Hall, Regional Secretary, UNITE the Union, Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, Alan Cambell MP.

Once in a generation an opportunity presents itself to be a catalyst for economic change within the North East. Nissan's arrival in the region in 1986 heralded a new wave of jobs and has boosted our manufacturing supply chains with the competitive excellence of the North East workforce helping to fulfil the potential of their investment.

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twenty-year period there would be a staggering economic return of £48 for every £1 invested. No significant public investment would be required until 2015 and the project would help rebalance the region's economy from dependence on public sector jobs. Local people, businesses, trade organisations, unions, every North East MP came out to back the campaign and Phil Wilson MP said "I would like to thank the thousands who signed the Back on Track petition. The factory will be a great opportunity for the town and my special thanks go to the Northern Echo, Durham County Council, The Northern TUC, Unite, The North East Chamber of Commerce

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Free Street Dance Taster Session

Street Dance is growing bigger and bigger by the day and has become hugely popular thanks to groups like 'Diversity' and 'Flawless.' Street Dance is the most modern form of dance around and people are taking Street classes all over the county to learn how to move like the stars.



Aycliffe Dance Academy has recently recruited new Street Teacher Cassie Todd to the dancing school. Cassie trained as a professional dancer in London and is already providing the Academy with lots of experience, energy and electrifying moves! If you would like to try Cassie's Adult Street class then get yourself along for a FREE session! All you need to do to get your FREE class is to cut out this article and bring it along with you on the night. Your FREE class is on Wednesday 16th March

2011 (8pm to 9pm) at the Bethany Centre, Village Close, Woodham Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UD. Please note that this free session is only valid on this night and is for Adults 16 years and over. If you have any questions regarding this offer then please contact Emma Cox on 07908 162 868 or email her at aycliffdanceacademy@gmail.com

Share Concerns About Anti-Social Behaviour

Dedicated clinics for residents to share their concerns over anti-social behaviour are being held throughout the Sedgefield area. Landlord sbh is organising the sessions for tenants and anyone else affected by the problem. Gareth Davies, Intervention Co-ordinator for sbh, said: "We can help residents with a wide range of issues from untidy gardens and nuisance pets to serious criminal activity. "We will deal with information confidentially and work with other agencies such as the police to tackle

issues raised at these clinics. People can be assured that we will take their concerns seriously and investigate things fully before taking appropriate action. "Sbh's new support and intervention team will be on hand to let tenants know about all the services they offer to help people living in our homes." "Anyone living in the area will be welcome at the drop in sessions" Clinics are being organised throughout the area. March 15th is at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane, between 10am and 12pm.

German Pension Scam

Readers are warned to be aware of a scam letter from Belgium Pension Advice Company purporting to obtain pensions for people who have worked in Germany. They request you fill in their questionnaire to test eligibility and entitlement then return the form in a pre-paid envelope. The service is all free of charge, but we suspect they just want to get a foot in your door to extract cash in the long term. Don't be fooled and remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't!

DIPLOMA FOR JULIE



One of the Funeral Directors at Co-operative Funeralcare Darlington hub which covers the Newton Aycliffe area has recently gained her BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Funeral Directing. Julie Guest was presented with her Diploma by Regional Manager Phil Hoggarth (Durham & North Yorkshire). Phil thanked Julie for her hard work and all the effort put into her studies over recent years and wished her every success in the future in her chosen profession. All of Julie's Funeralcare colleagues would also like to congratulate her on her achievement.

JUNIORS WATCH WOODHAM STUDENTS PERFORM



Students from Primary Schools in the town were invited to watch a preview of the Show "Little Shop of Horrors" performed by Woodham Youth Theatre. The musical was on for 3 nights this week and played to large audiences. More details in next week's issue.

Spring Nature Park Activities Start

Spring is almost upon us once again, and nature is poking its head out of the ground already. This weekend we are starting our activities on the Aycliffe Nature Park with an Amphibians and Pondlife meeting. This is being held by the

Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers, but we welcome young people from the area to attend and do a spot of pond dipping on Saturday, starting at 11am (see below) We will be following it up with a day looking for Birds and Butterflies in April (see below) We are looking forward to seeing old and new faces, so please come along for a fun filled and "hopefully" educational day. 12th March 2011 - Amphibians and Pondlife Meet at Nature Park 11:00 am. Wear appropriate clothing and boots. We will be looking for early signs of frogs, toads and newts returning to the pond after hibernating for the winter. We will also be looking for first signs of insect life. 16th April 2011 - Spring Birds & Butterflies Meet at Nature Park 1:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing. We will be looking for early butterflies and spring visiting birds. Contact Alan on 315182 or Dave on 317347

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Council Grants for Using Solar Energy

Solar farms and individual solar panels on the roofs of homes and businesses could become commonplace in County Durham if Councillors agree plans to take advantage of green energy.

Durham County Council wants to tap into Government funding that rewards organisations which generate their own renewable electricity.

The authority is considering a range of options including working with developers, encourage the creation of solar farms, installing solar panels on Council buildings and providing grants to homeowners wishing to install small-scale energy generators.

The proposals, which would

enable the Council to benefit from the Government's 'feed-in tariff', was discussed by Cabinet members this week (9th March).

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "It was announced earlier this year that local authorities can now generate and sell energy. On top of this, the authority can also benefit from the feed-in tariff, through which we can receive a payment for any electricity we produce, even if we use it ourselves."

"We are already recognised as one of the most forward-looking authorities in the country for our green credentials and with significant potential to generate income

and/or free electricity from our own land and buildings, this is a great opportunity to further our reputation, reduce emissions and maximise financial benefits.

"The county is also home to one of only two manufacturers of solar panels in the UK and supporting them and the many installation companies based within the county through these initiatives will have additional economic benefits for the area."

Cabinet members will be asked to give permission for land at Stella Gill in Chester-le-Street to be leased to a local solar panel manufacturer to develop a solar farm. It is hoped that if successful, the pilot project would pave the way for similar schemes elsewhere in the county.

Other proposals include installing solar panels on Council buildings and developing a loan scheme, which would see residents receiving loans to install micro-renewable energy sources, such as wind turbines and solar panels at their homes and businesses



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR MY DAD GOT A JOB!

Dear Editor
I would like to congratulate my Dad Chris, who has finally got a job after 3 years of painstaking applications. It is very good news that he is back in the world of employment, and it's about time.

All we can hope is that others follow his example and stop giving excuses why they can't work. It's no wonder that people from other countries take our jobs, as we want too much money.

Instead of accepting employment some would rather stay on the dole and bleed the system dry. This is only going to be bad for our children and our children's children.

But I'm happy for my Dad for finally getting a job.

Nick Bradley
Skipton Close

NOMINATE MOST ACTIVE STUDENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Newton Press launched a scheme in August 2010 to encourage students in Year 11 at Greenfield and Woodham College's to excel in their last year to win great prizes including a Laptop, Ebooks and Ipods.

There are five different categories so everyone had a fair chance, categories include Most Helpful Student at School; Most Active Student in the Community; Top Academic Student; Top Sport Student; and Most Improved Student.

All the categories but one are finalised through teachers and staff at the schools, but Newton News need the help of readers to find the "most active student in the community". Remember the person you nominate must attend either Greenfield or Woodham Colleges and be in year 11.

Please send your nominees and the reason why you have nominated them to paul@newtonnews.co.uk or write to Paul Howarth c/o Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6DX or hand in at Walkers Butchers (Simpasturegate) or Taylors Newsforce (Town Centre) before 30th May 2011.

The sponsors for this event are Tesco, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Newton News and Newton Press who have all generously donated money to purchase the prizes.

The winning students will be awarded their prizes at the Year 11 Proms at the end of the school term by Newton Press Director Paul Howarth and the Rotary Club President.

WE OWE OUR MP A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Dear Sir,

The announcement that the Hitachi train factory to be built on the Aycliffe Business Park in the near future is the news we have all be longing for.

As a community we owe a great debt of gratitude to our M.P. Phil Wilson in particular.

He has worked untiringly for a long period to persuade the Government to approve the scheme. There have been no lack of frustrations along the way but his work together with other agencies has come to fruition at last. The benefits will be reaped for some time to come.

Rev. Jeff Spencer, Ryder Court

Opposition Groups are Encouraged to Speak

Dear Sir,

I was bewildered by Ken Stubbs's letter last week. Did you read his final statement that politics is about "manipulating people, stifling debate and belittling the opposition".

What a dreadful thing to say. Did he mean to say it? Is this how ALL the Great Aycliffe Independents practice politics? I was alarmed at the degree of paranoia evident in the letter.

A while ago, I had to debunk an accusation that we had 'packed' the committees with Labour Councillors. Now we have this nonsense about a '5-minute cap' to silence the GAIs (the reality is that, if any member needs more than 5 minutes, he simply asks the Chair for permission to finish his speech).

These conspiracy theories are ridiculous.

Surely people can see that they fly in the face of everything I have written in the Newton News - challenging the GAIs to be more vocal, urging open discussion. They ignore everything the Council has done to involve people more

- questions to meetings, consultative forums, the Youth Council etc. The Newton Aycliffe Labour Group of Branches has even opened a Facebook page for anybody who cares to 'have their say'.

Far from silencing the GAIs, almost everything we have done in the last four years has been designed to try to get them to say more!

This week in Council, Cllrs Warburton and Curtis sat either side of me. Before the meeting, we chatted and joked. Then - after a meeting in which they literally agreed with everything I said - we discussed a litter problem.

Anybody who had bought into Mr Stubbs' claim that the GAIs are repressed and bullied, would have found the scene incomprehensible. I know that I offered to enter into discussion with the GAIs on any subject they chose. But I am afraid that I am unable to debate this 'attempt to silence the GAIs', because it is a conspiracy which exists only in the mind of Mr Stubbs.

Councillor John Clare

No Gags in Council Chamber

Sir,
Ken Stubbs letter last week implies that Great Aycliffe Independents have been stopped from speaking more than the 5 minutes as referred to in Council Standing Orders.(SO 6d)

The 5 minutes rule, is a standard Model Standing Order, used by all local authorities up and down the Country, which applies to all Councillors of all Parties and non Parties to ensure that all Councillors can be heard and not talked out of time by someone hogging the limelight, on a particular issue of debate.

I attended all meetings of Great Aycliffe Town Council from 1975 to 1983 as a member of the public and from 1983 to 1996 as a Councillor, never once was a Councillor stopped from going over the 5 minutes and indeed since 2007 onwards when again I have attended all meetings as a member of the public no one has been stopped by the 5 minutes rule.

When Councillors (rarely) approach the 5 minutes limit, Chairmen have used common sense and give leeway for the Councillor

speaking to make their points or arguments and finish what they are saying, as it is more important to let that Councillor get their view across than to be accused later of preventing them from being heard.

There have been many able wise and witty past and current Chairmen at Council meetings. As Chairman of Council and its Committees I frequently let Councillors speak well beyond 5 minutes, despite some members of my own party indicating that the 5 minutes was up.

If a Councillor had something to say, they should be heard, whether or not you agree with them. If they are right you would be wrong to silence them, if they are wrong, there was no harm in letting them put their case anyway. I preferred to hear Councillors of all persuasions speak (without any time limit) because to hear debate, argument, reasoning and so forth; you either are persuaded by their argument or confirm your own views by listening to them, I found it enlightening and educational.

Many great debaters: Peter Bergg, Andrea Bergg, Don

Fraser, Brian Hall (Lib Dems), Jill Frise, Eric White, and Tony Moore (Independents), David Warren and Brian Jackson (Tories), all opposition, were never limited to 5 minutes, and indeed their comments were sometimes very persuasive in changing our minds on the Labour benches - for the good of the public.

Since 2007 I have never once seen an Independent Councillor come anywhere near using up their 5 minutes on any issue before the Council. You are lucky if any Independent speaks more than 1 minute or 1 sentence and yes, that applies to some Labour Councillors too!

There are other Standing Orders ignored by Councillors, for example a Councillor is required to stand when speaking (SO 1.j) and Councillors should address each other and officers by their respective titles (SO 6.m). These rules are ignored because common sense prevails. Some Councillors have something to say, some have to say something, others still have said nothing!

Arun M Chandran

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Environment Officer Assists School Club



During the school holidays, Town Council Environment Officer, Steve Cooper, visited Woodham Burn Out Of School Club. He helped us build our own Willow Den. It consisted of willow branches that had been bound and woven together. We had to push the branches into the ground and bind them together, before securing with string for extra support. When we completed the willow den Steve explained that in a year's time we could remove the string as the willow would have moulded together. It was a very enjoyable morning. The Club would like to say a huge thank you to Steve and hope to see him again soon. *By Jack Richardson age 12*

COMMUNITY FAIR PLACES GOING FAST

Free places for the town's Community Fair organised by the Rotary Club are going fast and applicants are urged to fill in the application form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

"We have room for 70 organisations and over two thirds have been booked already for the Saturday May 14th event so it is important groups take advantage of this opportunity to promote themselves and recruit new members" said Project Leader Roger Curtis.

COMMUNITY FAIR 2011 APPLICATION FORM

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ENCOURAGING SAFETY INSPECTION RESULTS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

The majority of businesses on Industrial Estates throughout Derwentside and Newton Aycliffe are doing what they should to protect their workers, according to the results of an inspection initiative.

Almost 150 businesses were visited by inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive and Durham County Council during an intensive week of inspections in February when advice and guidance was offered on how to improve health and safety standards.

Enforcement action was required on 23 occasions for such issues as a lack of effective segregation between pedestrians and vehicles, untrained fork lift truck operators and unguarded machinery. Advice was also given to all businesses on their duty to manage any asbestos in their premises.

HSE Inspector Cain Mitchell

said:

"Preventing accidents and ill-health is much better than having to deal with the consequences and we were able to offer constructive, practical advice to many of the companies we visited.

"We're very pleased to see that the health and safety message is getting through in Derwentside and Newton Aycliffe and a good number of businesses are taking the necessary steps to ensure a safe and healthy environment for their employees."

John Benson, Safety and Occupational Health Manager at Durham County Council, said:

"We were delighted with the success of the initiative, which reinforced the strong working relationships already developed with our counterparts in HSE. It is very encouraging to see that health and safety risks were, in most cases, being properly managed."

ZUMBA FEVER AT WOODHAM COLLEGE



Health and Social Care Young Apprentices at Woodham Community Technology College have been given a chance to experience fun and fitness through regular Zumba classes. The students have enjoyed Zumba so much they are going to

classes outside of school. The students have been very enthusiastic and motivated to take part and look forward to their weekly sessions. Lucy May Curry, a Year 11 student from Woodham explains, "Zumba is a high energy workout based on

Latin music and dance. The Zumba instructors from First Steps to Fitness have provided us with sessions of both Zumba and Bounce. Bounce is more of a modern, jumpy, high energy workout using dance music and aerobic exercises. The courses have been extremely successful with both students and staff eager to take part."

Students from year eleven have said:

"Going to Zumba has built my confidence up and has made me realise exercise isn't all that bad" Amy Bee.

"For me Zumba has been a very enjoyable experience and I've had a really good time as well as getting fit" Abi Kerr.

Zumba has been so successful that other students across the College have been taking part. Woodham has recently gained Healthy Schools status and this has certainly been one of many ways in promoting student happiness and wellbeing.

Learn Water Polo at the Leisure Centre

Sedgefield Water Polo Club hosted a 12 and under Tournament at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre where Sedgefield entered 2 teams and Sheffield and Rotherham the two strongest teams from Yorkshire were Sedgefield's guests.

Sedgefield Green team started the tournament against Rotherham with a very convincing win 21-2. Rotherham had no answer to Sedgefield's swimming power and tough defence. John Pratt 12 and Ben Turnbull 12 were dominant in attack for Sedgefield.

Sedgefield Orange played

their first game against Sheffield which was a much closer affair, which ended in a 10-7 victory for the home team. Sedgefield Green team next played Sheffield and were comfortable winners 12-3.

Sedgefield Orange then triumphed 8-2 over Rotherham which then set up the 2 Sedgefield teams to play each other to decide the winners of the tournament. In a keenly fought game Sedgefield Green triumphed 6-4.

This was a tremendous performance by the young Sedgefield squad and once

again have a great group of youngsters for the future.

Sedgefield player of the tournament for the Green's was Jake Plant aged 11 with a great all round performance.

For Sedgefield Orange, Connor Keeble 10 was the outstanding player. Sedgefield had Milo Curley 7, Haydn Craggs 8, Daniel Millington 8, Ben Stephenson 10, Hugh Masterson 10, Michael Hampshire 8 and Kyle Jones all making encouraging debuts.

The other members of the Sedgefield squad were Luke

Curley 10, Simeran Kang 11, Terri Millington 11, Emily Pillington 11, Cathal Mcginness 10, Michael Cousins 10 and Chris Egginton 10.

Anyone interested in playing this very exciting sport aged from 6 to 15 years or wants to swim for fitness and fun can come along for a free trial from 5.00pm until 6.30pm every Saturday at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre or ring 07818 554449 for more details.

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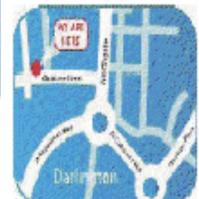
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The young people from this group all provide regular care for a family member and have been busy carrying out research in the North East. Beth and Hailey Nicholls (17 and 15), Brian Lockett (17) Emma Birkett (17), Josh McNulty (15) and Bethany Maddison (17) are the young people from Newton Aycliffe travelling to London

They have been invited to present their findings to the Local Government Association in London and hope to influence local and national policies around young carers.

The project has been supported by Durham County Council's Investing in Children and the research has also included young carers from Barnados and DISC.

Felicity Shenton, Investing in Children Manager, said: "Being given the opportunity to go to London is a fantastic achievement for these young people. They have all put in hours of work and this recognition is much deserved."

The research has highlighted the need for more support, particularly through schools, and the lack of awareness surrounding what young carers do. An event, set to take place in London this month, will highlight these issues as well as any raised by the other groups. The event will take place on March 22nd.

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PACT Meeting

Police & Community Together

A PACT meeting will be held on behalf of PC1452 Alan Thompson at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 19th March 2011 from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Councillors and representatives from Great Aycliffe Council and Durham County Council have also been invited.

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Valerie xxx

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STUART WALKER (14th March 2010). No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it Dad, And only God knows why. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. But missing you is something that will never go away. Love and miss you every day. Kerry, Michael, Kristy and Dean

STUART WALKER A year has passed since you went so quickly with no time for goodbye's. You will always be in our hearts Stu. Greatly missed, Julie, John, Sonny, Megan, Annie and Harry
FRANK REED 17th March 1996. It's been our privilege to have loved him in his many roles as Husband, Dad, Granda and Great Grandad. He filled our lives with his smile and love of music. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Missed greatly by Wife, Vera and all the family, near and far

ELIZABETH POSTLE. 3 years without you Nanna and not a day goes by when I don't think about you. Love and miss you always, Sarah, Emma and baby Holly xx
MALCOLM HENDERSON In memory of a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad who died on 7th March 2007. Always in our thoughts. Love always from Anne, Linda, Carol, Brian, Susan, Louise, Davy and Gemma xxxxx

TONY MOORE 16th March. It's been 10 years since you went away. Still loved and remembered every day. Love from Anthony, Marie, Paul, Susan, Mark, Becky, Ashleigh and Dale
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Congratulations

Chloe Cutler



Happy 18th Birthday 10th March

Have a nice day. Love from Nanna, Grandad, Mam and Family xxxxxx

Thank You

A FOND FAREWELL - We would like to thank all our good neighbours and friends for being kind and supporting over the last 14 months. We would also like to thank all our dog walking friends who have been so kind and caring especially over the loss of our pet dog Lucy and for their friendship over the years. When our minds are troubled and life is hard to bear it helps us to remember that people really care. Thank you to you all. Alan and Chris Richmond

NOBBS The family of the late Eric wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, sympathy cards and flowers. Special thanks to Rev. Linda Potter and Andrea and Christine from the Co-operative Funeralcare

JOAN & SIMON from the Royal Telegraph would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and well wishes. We are so grateful for your loyal support and custom over the past eleven years, not just as customers, but also as friends. With special thanks to Anne and Phyllis for their hard work and loyal service and to Sharon for turning up. A big thank you to Jimmy for his WARMING speech and we wish everyone of you all the very best.

LANGSLEY - MELVIN Nycola and Gary would like to thank all their family and friends for the lovely cards and presents and for making their Engagement party so special. Thanks to Ricky and John for the disco; Jan for the gorgeous buffet and special thanks to Nyc's Gran! It was lovely to see every one, so thank you all so much!! xxxxx

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Rebecca Brown



21 on 12th March
BECCI BROWN 12th March 2011. Happy 21st birthday to my beautiful Daughter. Hope you have a great day. All my love, Dad and Lewis xxx

Joshua Gibson



Happy 21st Birthday 9th March 2011
 Happy birthday Josh. Lots of love, Mam, Beth, Ellie, Mel and all your family and don't worry, I'm sure some one will carry you home after your party!! xxx

Becci Hackett



Happy 21st Birthday
 Love ya loads. Hope you have a fab trip to London. Love from Dad and Mam xxx

Happy 21st Birthday Sis
 Love you, from Andrew, Gemma, Lleyton and Coby xxxxx

Rebecca Brown



21 on 12th March
 To a very special Daughter and Sister. Have a wonderful birthday and don't get too drunk. With loads and loads of love from Mam, Paul, Liam, Lewis and Belle xxx

Becci Brown
 To a special Granddaughter and Niece, happy 21st. With love and best wishes from Nanna and Uncle Peter xxx

Lexi Christon



Happy 5th Birthday
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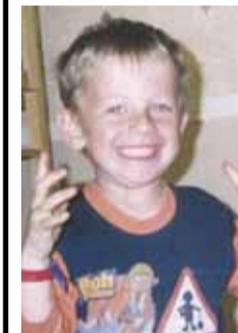
Happy 18th birthday
Hunny Bunny
 From bonny baby to beautiful young lady! Loads of luv n stuff from Mam, Dad and all the family xxx

Kira Watson



Well Done Kira
 for getting through to the finals of Slow and Street Dance on Sunday and achieving 4th Place for both. Lots of love, Mum and Dad xxxxx

Jack Mitchell



Happy 13th Birthday
Teenager at Last!
 Now at least you've got an excuse for being a moody little tart. Lots of love always, Dad, Leigh, Gareth, Ryan and Oscar xxxxxxx

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AYCLIFFE FC - 22 GAMES UNBEATEN

Aycliffe are within four wins of clinching promotion to the first division after a Derby win at home to Darlington RA last weekend. Before their midweek trip to Crook Town on Wednesday night, the Newtonians were just 12 points away from sealing their promotion to the Northern League top flight. Aycliffe were a staggering 22 games unbeaten before

AYCLIFFE'S RUN-IN
 Saturday 12th March: Team Northumbria (A), 3pm
 Tuesday 15th March: Whickham (A), 7.30pm
Saturday 19th March: Brandon United (H), 3pm
 Tuesday 22nd March: Marske Utd (A), Div2 Cup, 7.30pm
 Saturday 26th March: Seaham Red Star (A), 3pm
Saturday 2nd April: Chester-le-Street (H), 3pm
Saturday 16th April: Birtley Town (H), 3pm

Wednesday night, with a potential promotion party looming next weekend when they take on Brandon at home, when it could be mathematically confirmed. But they had to grind out a 1-0 win at home to RA last Friday night, with top scorer Warren Byrne grabbing his 32nd goal of the season in the first half. It was far from vintage

Aycliffe, especially disappointing given the record gate, but it was another clean sheet and three more valuable points which maintained their lead at the top of the table. Team: Pocklington, Close, Beckett, Peck, Tarling, Knox, Broom, Gardner, Byrne, Mickle, Owen. Subs: Mellanby, Raitt. Unused: B Wood, Mitton, Woodhouse.

Ladies Indoor Bowls Team in Finals

Three ladies from Great Aycliffe Bowling Club have won through to the National Finals at Nottingham. Kath Dixon, Lynne Towler and Esther Helm secured their place in the 2 Wood Triples when they played at York beating a team from North Cave by 23 shots to 17. They travel to Nottingham for the next round, playing two rounds on the 4th April and if successful play the semi final and final the next day. Kath and Esther also reached the Inter Finals in the Over 60's pairs at new Earswick, but just failed to make the Finals. The Bowling club have done very well this season with the ladies winning all their

Interclub matches and are waiting to see if they have been promoted to the 1st Division. The Vets and Men's Interclub matches are still being played with the Men's match on 20th March against Shildon with a 1pm start. The clubs Mixed Open Triples competition is being played over the weekend of 26th/27th March against teams from Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, Shildon and Ferryhill. The club play at the Oak Leaf Complex and invite anyone to come and see what indoor bowling is about. Who knows you may wish to learn and coaching is available. Ask at reception for details.

Aycliffe Under 6's Score 10 Goals



On Friday night N.A.J.F.C. U6's played 4 ten minute games against Byers Green. The team train every Friday night at Greenfield School 5 till 6pm. The game was organised to prepare the team for the coming season. It was a fantastic night with over 70 kids and parents from both teams contributing to a great atmosphere. Although at this age F.A. rules say it is non competitive with no scores kept. Try telling the kids that as N.J.A.F.C. scored 10 goals in the 4 games. It was an excellent advert for grassroots football with children as young as 4 showing amazing skills. N.A.J.F.C. caters for ages from 4 to 16 and compete to a high standard in the T.J.F.A. Check www.najfc.co.uk

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VICTORY FOR AYCLIFFE THAI BOXERS



Reece Mcallister and Conner Wheatley represented the Phoenix Club at the Four Nations Muay Thai Championship event at Darlington on Saturday 5th March. After having only trained for 3 months, Conner competed in his first Junior Thai boxing fight. It was fought over 3 fast paced rounds with both Conner and his opponent demonstrating a fantastic, technical display of Thai boxing. Conner won the fight on a unanimous points victory, and with his victory, showed maturity and respect towards his opponent. The last fight of the night, and main event, was Reece; this fight was fought over five rounds of three minutes under full Thai rules. Reece set about the fight very strong and sharp, and showed superior skill to that of his Scottish opponent. Reece won the fight after the third round with a technical knockout.

Support for both Aycliffe/Phoenix fighters was amazing; with Reece having sold 140 tickets, and he would like to thank everyone.

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