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Imagine if everything was swamped by a wave the height of Churchill House. 500,000 people are homeless, 10,000 are missing, thousands swept out to sea, and there are over 3,500 known deaths. The Rotary Shelterbox charity was featured on TV this week as one of the first to be on the scene providing shelter. John Burrows a Newton Aycliffe Rotarian is the Shelterbox co-ordinator for the North East. He reports that 5000 Shelterboxes are being

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The Mayor Dorothy Bowman and her consort Grandson Richard with Rotary Club President Barry Hutchinson and Shelterbox North East Co-ordinator John Burrows.

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Great Show by Woodham Youth Theatre

Woodham Youth Theatre's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" was outstanding! The cast obviously worked very hard in rehearsal to attain such a high standard of singing and acting. We heard they had been rehearsing since October, spending hours of their spare time after school and on Sundays to perfect the

performance. It was a musical with some catchy tunes helped by fine singing by the trio Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette. Their harmony was pleasant to the ear and their rhythmic dancing eyecatching. It was brilliantly produced with clever use of scenery and props covering the gruesome story of a man-eating plant in

a comic way designed not to frighten younger children. The band was superbly led by Miss Jackson and Mrs Taylor with professional lighting and sound complementing the whole production. Former student Nathan Elwick returned to help with the Show and was invaluable helping with the choreography and taking a lead part as the hungry plant.

All in all a great effort by Woodham, showcasing the dedication of staff and the blossoming talent of Aycliffe's young people.

Crime Author Visits Library

Local crime author Graham Pears will give a talk in Newton Aycliffe Library on Thursday 24th March 2.30. Graham, who is a retired Police Chief Superintendent now writes fast action page turning crime novels. He will be speaking about his work and reading from his novel "The Myth of Justice". Cost £1.00 including light refreshments. to reserve a place contact Newton Aycliffe Library 01325 312856

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Japan Earthquake Appeal

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disaster. The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe have immediately sent £1180 for 2 boxes. Just as we helped Haiti Newtonians are being asked to contribute to an appeal to provide shelter for those Japanese families who have lost everything and have nowhere to live. The town's Rotary Club launched the appeal this week

with the support of our MP and Town Mayor Dorothy Bowman. Our MP Phil Wilson said: "We have all been shocked by the pictures from Japan and the devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami. The North East of England has strong links with Japan, with about 50 Japanese companies working in the region. Hitachi has selected Newton Aycliffe as the site for their train building plant creating hundreds of jobs. I therefore believe the least we can do is launch an appeal through the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club and Newton News to raise funds for the victims of the natural disaster in Japan. I welcome the Rotary Club's appeal and hope everyone contributes what they can towards it." Please give generously to help those families in Japan who are suffering so much at this time. A gesture of support from us no matter how small will give them hope and encouragement. Tesco is helping the appeal with collection buckets near the Customer Service area. Newton News is supporting the Rotary Club and asks readers to contribute to their appeal to provide Shelterboxes and a cash donation form is on Page 7.

CUTS FORCE CAB TO HALVE SESSIONS

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Newton Aycliffe will be forced to close its doors for 2 of its 4 sessions from April as a result of cuts to funding. Chief Executive, Pauline Chambers said that due to cuts to our core service funding we are unable to operate the number of advice sessions we currently operate. As from the 4th April the CAB will only be able to operate one drop in gate way advice session each week which will take place on a Tuesday 10am - 1pm. Appointments will be available during these hours with additional appointments on a Tuesday afternoon 1 - 4pm and a Wednesday & Friday morning 10am - 1pm. We will also operate a telephone gateway service on a Friday morning 10am - 1pm. A gateway interview is a short diagnostic interview where a client enquiry will be assessed and an appointment made where necessary to see an adviser or specialist worker. The number to ring is 0844 499 4123 and this line should be answered every Friday morning between 10am - 1pm. However, volunteer advisers may be able to answer calls during other opening hours where possible. Business Development Manager, Donna Stewart is currently discussing the possibility of obtaining

funding from local County Councillors from their Neighbourhood Budgets to keep the Aycliffe CAB offices open another day from April. Mrs Stewart said that although Great Aycliffe Town Council have kindly given a donation of £500 to the service for next year, and any donations we receive are more than welcomed and appreciated, we still need to raise between £7500 to £15,000 per year to fund the cost of a weekly fully staffed advice session. The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership have awarded a grant of £2000 to help fund the cost of the CAB volunteer training program and Managers are thrilled to receive this support as this ensures that new volunteers can be recruited and trained to give advice in their local community in the coming year. The CAB service is always looking for members of the community it serves to train with them as advisers or clerical officers and have a number of roles available for those who want first rate training and on the job experience. If you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities with the CAB please ring Sandra Richardson, Office Manager on 01388 825403 for an application pack.

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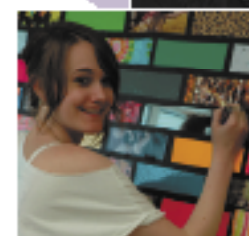
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Great Show by Woodham



Woodham Technology College brought hoots of delight with their production of "Little Shop of Horrors" last week. For three consecutive nights Woodham Youth Theatre

thrilled audiences with their production of Little Shop of Horrors. Students first started rehearsing for the show back in October with pupils from across the year groups

forming an extremely strong and talented cast. Claudia Denham, a year 11 student, was perfect in the role of Seymour and is now looking forward to studying Performing Arts at Newcastle College in September. Charlotte Draper, a year 10 student, gave a similarly fine performance as Audrey, Seymour's ditsy love interest.

The leads were supported by an excellent cast, chorus and band and the set (including the giant, man eating venus flytrap, Audrey II) gave the production the feel of a professional theatre company. A fabulous night was enjoyed by all who saw the production and we look forward to seeing more from the talented students at Woodham Community Technology College in the future.

Second Series of 'The Apprentice' at Tallents

Fourteen Year 11 students from Woodham Community Technology College and Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College are taking part in 'The Apprentice', an exciting 8 week programme run by ThyssenKrupp Tallent Ltd.

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The Apprentice forms part of the 'Learning the Business' partnerships that Tallent

have with both Woodham (now in its second year) and Ferryhill. 'Learning the Business' partnerships are brokered by Durham Education Business Partnership and aim to meet the needs of both employers and education.

Sarah Worsnop, Business & Learning Co-ordinator from Durham EBP, said, "The Apprentice gives students the opportunity to work with mentors from ThyssenKrupp Tallent on real life business challenges, with a real outcome at the end. Last year the calibre of students was so high at Woodham that Tallent actually awarded 4 Apprenticeship contracts." For more information or if your organisation would like to be partnered with a local school please contact Durham EBP at durhamebp@durham.gov.uk or 01325 375959.

Ineos Launch Schools' Chemistry Competition



Neil Whitley (Johnson Matthey), Esther McVey (MP), Graeme Rice (INEOS) at the launch in Parliament.

2011 is the International Year of Chemistry. As part of celebrations of this, the Chemical Industries Association is running a nationwide competition for schools.

INEOS Newton Aycliffe Ltd is sponsoring this competition and invitations have gone to all the Primary and Secondary Schools in Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe, Heighington and Shildon suggesting they might like to enter the competition. Ineos would be delighted if all schools in our area entered and even more so if one happened to be the winner.

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Riding for Red Nose Day



A special fun Red Nose Day Ride, with bikes and equipment provided, was arranged for this week at the PCP Centre to promote the 'Get Active' cycle sessions held every Monday. The Mall Coffee Shop had freshly baked "Red Nose Day Cakes" on offer. For further information on joining this group please contact 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

EVENING OF COMEDY & MUSIC

Since losing a third member of her family at Christmas to Leukaemia Alison White is still very determined to raise money for Leukaemia Research. Methodist Minister Graham Morgan is supporting Alison, who is fighting the disease herself, with a Charity Night at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

It is an Evening of Comedy with Music provided by 'REV G' with music from The '2Es' on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 including a Buffet Supper are available from Rev G on 01388 772898.

YOUTH WORKERS HOPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

The Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) is funding two new detached youth workers who will be working across the town to support local youngsters.

The youth workers will work with secondary schools and police to find areas of the town where young people hang out and will be on hand to help them find fun activities they would like to take part in. They will also hold events at schools and clubs to pass on information about activities happening in the local area.

David Stow and Laura Makin took up their posts at the end of February and will be managed by Durham County Council's Positive Activities for Young People team. It's hoped that, by engaging with young people, the project will help to tackle unemployment and anti-social behaviour.

GAMP is backing this project because it meets the partnership's priority to provide activities for young people.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "A key priority for GAMP is

addressing the problem of activities for young people and this project encourages them to take part in sport, youth clubs, music and other positive activities.

"Some youngsters can be extremely hard to reach but hopefully we can work with them to alleviate problems affecting them in the local area."

Diane Major is Delivery Manager for Positive Activities for Young People. She said: "Having two experienced youth workers for Newton Aycliffe is vital for the youngsters of the town, particularly those socially excluded groups who have difficulties accessing services."

The project will run for a year and events for young people will take place at the following locations:

Mondays, Woodham School between 12 and 2pm and Cobblers Hall between 4pm and 6pm.

Wednesdays, Greenfield School between 12 and 2pm and Simpature, Boating Lake, West Ward between 6pm and 8pm.

ST. MARY'S STUDENTS AT SPECIAL MASS

Written by Lucy Stephenson and Ryan Flowers



On the 10th March, two Year 6 pupils from St Mary's Primary School, Ryan Flowers and Lucy Stephenson, went to visit St Leonard's Catholic School in Durham.

They went to see Cardinal Turkson as he celebrated Mass. Cardinal Turkson has been asked by the Pope to be in charge of justice and peace all over the world. Justice means fairness and peace means living together happily.

Our school has a Justice and Peace Group and we think of ideas to help people less fortunate than us. We have raised money to support the education of children in the developing world because we don't think it is fair that some people do not get the chance to go to school. We have also collected hats and gloves to be given to local people in the winter because we want to help people who live near us also.

We were so excited to go and see the Cardinal; his visit was very special. He told us a story about diamonds and said everyone was precious, just like diamonds.

We hope to keep meeting to try to think of ways of making things fairer in the world and have lots of ideas for fund raising so that we can help others feel like diamonds too!

Newtonian 'Mans' Machine Gun in Afghanistan

A woman from Newton Aycliffe, is toughing it out right on the front line alongside soldiers from D Company, 5 SCOTS Battle Group, to tackle insurgents in Afghanistan.

Corporal Andria Macmurray (31), is a Combat Human Resources Administrator at the tiny patrol base Attal, in Helmand Province. Her job is essential to maintain the manning and pay of the troops and also to ensure that the soldiers get home for their mid tour leave.

In addition to her main job, Andria has to take her turn in manning the machine gun in the watch tower, which defends the base from attack, and act as guard commander. For the majority of her six month tour she has been the only female at Attal, living and working alongside her male compatriots.

She said: "It's quite tough sometimes being the only woman out here. I really miss my family and small things like having a hot bath, getting dressed up and the girly gossip. The blokes have really made me feel part of the team though, and we all get on really well."

The road that runs past patrol base Attal is essential for the surrounding communities to transport their produce to market and for big trade convoys to reach the towns. D Company 5 SCOTS are providing the crucial security in the area to keep this life line open.

Andria, who joined the army at 16 said: "We are really gaining the trust of the local people and they come to us



and the Afghan National Police for help." She added: "When I'm on watch duty, the children always come to me for sweets. I think it's because I am the only woman. I've had to learn the phrase 'no more' in Pashtu!"

This is her eighth tour of duty. She has previously deployed to Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and now Afghanistan. As well as coming first in a cross country running tournament in Cyprus, Andria has also climbed Table Mountain in South Africa and sailed around the Greek islands with the Army.

Andria hopes to transfer to the Royal Alexandra Nursing Corps, saying: "I want to contribute and really help people where I can."

5½ MILE RUN TO SCHOOL FOR COMIC RELIEF

10 year old Jamie Barr who attends Heighington Village Primary School, last week raised over £100 towards Red Nose Day. The normal school journey is 5 miles by car, but Jamie wanted to tackle this on foot and came up with the idea of running from his home in the High Grange estate in Faverdale. Along with his Dad Jim he managed to complete the 5.5 mile run to Heighington on country roads in exactly one hour, just in time for registration. His Mum and Dad would like to say how proud they are of him and to thank everyone who kindly sponsored him.



Jamie Barr

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Residents at Rose Lodge Care Home celebrated Dignity Awareness Day on February 25th. Residents were treated to Reflexology or Reiki provided by Carrol Dawson and Joyce Douglas.

Residents all commented how much they enjoyed the morning. Clare Stockill the Social Life Facilitator from Rose Lodge said that these sessions could be repeated in the future. "I would like to thank both Carrol Dawson and Joyce Douglas for taking the time to come to Rose Lodge free of charge" she said.

STUDENTS RAISE £400 FOR STREET CHILDREN



A Ceilidh was held at St. Mary's School to raise money for "The City of Angels" project in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The project supports street children and those addicted to drugs. Children from our "Justice" Group and young people from the Parish of St Mary and St Joseph's Youth Group organised the event and raised over £400. A fantastic night was had by all.

Lake Swim Challenge for Hospice

The Great North Swim is a one mile open water challenge that takes place in the beautiful setting of Lake Windermere in the Lake District. The swim takes place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June 2011. If you would like a place in this event, Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland has limited number of charity places available. Registration is £37 (non-refundable) and they ask that swimmers aim to raise a minimum of £200 in sponsorship. For more information contact Julie Nisbet on 01388 603003 or email julienisbet@ahr.org.uk



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SHOULD YOU HAVE A VET'S BADGE?

If you served in the Armed Forces, even on National Service you are entitled to receive a Veteran's Badge. A Special Presentation is being organised at Neville Parade Community Centre on Saturday 4th June at 2pm. The Deputy Lieutenant, Col. James Ramsbotham will make the presentations followed by afternoon tea, the town's Pipe Band will also be in attendance. If you wish to receive your badge get in touch with Peter Beaty on 313924.



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CHANGE TO MEETING FOR LINDEN ASSOCIATION

Linden Place Residents Association was started over ten years ago to encourage people to enjoy and feel a sense of pride in the area in which they live.

Over the years we have seen many changes in the area some good and some bad - such as the loss of Elmfield School which was a base for the community. We have had outings for the elderly and children, quizzes, social evenings and fun days. Our meetings are held quarterly on a Tuesday night 6-30pm till 8pm in the Sure Start Building at Stephenson Way School where all residents are welcome young and old.

We discuss business first and then have refreshments and usually a quiz or competition. Due to building works being done at Sure Start our next meeting will be held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Tuesday 22nd March at 6pm.

Preparing Talent for the Future SCHOOLS IN ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

South Durham Engineering & Manufacturing Forum (SDEMF) held their fourth Engineering Schools Challenge at the XCEL Centre, Newton Aycliffe on the 9th March.

The programme brings together five schools and develops partnerships with local industrial mentors to work on technical projects over a 14 week period.

The programme culminates with the final where the schools and their teams compete to win the overall prize. The technical challenges include the design and build of four remote controlled cars per school which are tested and then race at the final, plus, the design and build of a functional transporter bridge.

The projects are both challenging and educational but introduce elements of fun, teamwork and the values sought by employers. This year's challenge produced the closest fought battle between 1st and 2nd with St. Johns beating Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange (combined schools)

by 9 points, followed by Woodham in 3rd position and Ferryhill in 4th.

But it is not just about the final, it's about the whole 14 week experience and the knowledge, skills and relationships which are developed.

The companies supply the key ingredient to the project through the industrial mentors who work with the students and teachers.

This year we had mentors from Aycliffe Fabrication, Sanders Associates, Thyssenkrupp and South West Durham Training Ltd. It was a fantastic event and the children were great ambassadors for their

schools. We look forward to delivering our 5th challenge next year and must thank AimHigher and the four local Area Action Partnerships for the their support and sponsorship which includes Spennymoor, Great Aycliffe and Midridge, 4Together and Bishop Auckland and Shildon.

Well done to everyone involved and a special thanks and congratulations to the children for their enthusiasm throughout the programme.

Darren Race
Chairman of South Durham Engineering & Manufacturing Forum



Woodham Students show their skills



New Lunch (£3) Club Launched at St Mary's

A new Lunch Club will be opening in Newton Aycliffe next week, thanks to a partnership between local charity St Cuthberts Care and the Parish of St Mary and St Joseph.

With initial advice and guidance through St Cuthberts Care's 'PACE' project (Parish and Community Engagement), Parish Priest Fr Michael Campion and volunteers from across the parish will be holding their first Lunch Club at St Mary's Church on Thursday 24th March.

The Lunch Club will give elderly people, especially those who live alone, the opportunity to come along for a bite to eat and a chat, as well as the chance to make new friends.

Priced at just £3 per person, the Club will run every Thursday from 11am until 2pm offering members a healthy lunch as well as morning and afternoon refreshments.

Fr Michael Campion, Parish Priest, told Newton News:

"I am delighted that we are able to launch this Lunch Club for elderly people in our community, especially those who live alone. Our volunteers from the Parish will make them very welcome. The Club will be open to all - you do not need to be a Catholic".

Kathleen Urwin, PACE Co-ordinator, St Cuthberts Care added: "This really is a fantastic project and we were delighted to help Fr Campion and his parishioners get the Lunch Club up and running. We hope it will prove very popular with those living in Newton Aycliffe and not only give members somewhere special to look forward to but also help them make new friends within their community."

Anyone wishing to join St Mary's Lunch Club, or wanting further information, should call 01325 313 611. Places are limited so booking is essential.

CIC AWARDS AT HARDWICK



CIC is a not for profit charity that provides support to vulnerable adults in the north east and this month held their awards ceremony at Hardwick Hall.

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WELL DONE ME HEARTIES!



Twelve children from Y2 at Horndale Infants took part in the SSP Dance Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 8th March 2011. Trish Wingfield from Greenfield had helped them perfect their 'pirate swagger' resulting in a lively dance enjoyed by all.

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VANE ROAD STUDENTS RAISE £474 FOR ROTARY POLIO APPEAL

Children from Vane Road Primary School decided to hold a Purple Day to raise money for the End Polio Now Campaign.

In October, Class 7 helped Rotary International plant purple crocus bulbs to raise awareness of Polio. If you look around Newton Aycliffe you will see lots of purple crocuses starting to bloom.

We did lots of research on the campaign and found out that Polio is still affecting people in only four countries across the world. We were really passionate about helping this worthwhile cause, so we decided to do something special at school.

On Wednesday 2nd March both staff and children from all year groups came to school dressed in Purple. We sold purple cakes and biscuits and held a competition to name our Polio Puppy.

Lexi in Class 2 guessed the name of the Puppy which was called Pepper. The support we received was fantastic and we raised a grand total of £474.06! Everyone worked really hard to make the day a great success. We are really proud that we have helped children across the world, and hope that our donation will immunise as many children as possible.

Class 7



Children who receive vaccine in countries that still have Polio have their little finger painted purple afterwards to show they have been immunised. Vane Road students did the same to mark Purple Pinky Day before handing over the money they raised to Rotary Club President Barry Hutchinson.

NEW BUSINESS NEW FUTURE!

AT Consultants for Change Limited are a consultancy company recently located

in Newton Aycliffe. The managing director Anne Timothy has returned to where she developed The Learning Shop and in her words - to finish a job! Anne's company has been set up to pioneer change and as such she is an agent for Group 8 Management Pty, based in Sydney, Australia who are at the leading edge of both educational change and management reorientation. Third Generation Leadership is a step jump ahead of its predecessors. It moves the emphasis away from any reliance on power and

hierarchy to an emphasis on engagement and true teamwork. Third Generation Leadership seeks to ensure everyone is provided with all relevant information and that other people's viewpoints are clearly listened to and discussed. Third Generation Leadership provides approaches that can harness the energies of everyone involved so that, together, people can and will achieve desired results. The approach can be summarised as "You can!" AT Consultants are putting on Breakfast Presentations for businesses and schools next week where staff will find out why this approach will lead us into a better future.

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APPRENTICES EMPLOYED ON REFURBISHMENT

Two Aycliffe community groups will have new homes thanks to a partnership between landlord sbh and maintenance contractors Mears.

Four properties in Silverdale Place have been refurbished by Mears and let at a low cost to the local branch of mental health charity Mind and Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch.

Both sbh and Mears undertook the project as part of their commitment to supporting the communities in which they work.

Ian Brown, Head of Communities for sbh said:

"Both community groups were looking for better premises so we decided to help. JNW were already using one of the houses but needed more room and MIND were looking for new premises altogether.

"Mears are our partners, maintaining our homes in this area, so we asked them to help with the project, which they were pleased to do.

"Sbh's commitment to supporting local communities is even more important in the current climate of austerity and these projects are great examples of what we can do by working in partnership."

Tom Brown, branch manager for Mears, added: "We undertook this project after

discussion with sbh, it fits perfectly with our corporate social responsibility scheme, giving something back to the communities where we work.

"We thought that involving some of our apprentices within a youth project would give them valuable work experience and involve them in something the whole community could benefit from, using their skills to help other young people.

"The apprentices who did much of the work, Joe Oliver, Hayden Brownless, Rebecca Keens, Greg Eales and Jake Pearson.

"We are also grateful to suppliers Travis Perkins, AKW, Carlisle Brass, Plasco, Simpson Strongtie and FPL who provided the majority of the materials used."

Muriel Gordon, manager of Mind, said: "This has been a lifeline for Mind. We had to leave our premises in St Oswald's and, as our current temporary premises

at St Clare's Church are not ideal, we could not provide all of the services our clients require.

"We feel the project is like a phoenix rising from the ashes and provides a whole new beginning and re-launch for Mind. Many thanks to sbh and Mears for all their hard work and effort."

Dorothy Bowman, chair of JNW, added: "Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch is pleased to be working in partnership with sbh and Mears at Silverdale House.

"sbh is making our centre double the size it used to be.

This means that we will have more room and facilities for working with young people and the wider community.

"We will be able to provide the services they require, for example a film club, healthy eating and exercise club. We also have our existing computer suite, Computers for the Terrified, which many older people are interested in using."



L to R Tom Brown of Mears, Muriel Gordon from Mind, Mayor Dorothy Bowman, and Janice Hall from sbh.



Mayor Dorothy Bowman opens the newly refurbished Neighbourhood Watch premises a project she initiated and runs with community volunteers.



The apprentices enjoy a burger from Ray Bowman's kitchen

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Chris Kerr, (23) from Alverton Court, Newton Aycliffe, has gained a place in the London Marathon on the 17th April, where he will be competing and raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

He has Cystic Fibrosis himself, so this is a massive challenge for him, and he is in the middle of overcoming a chest infection in order to continue his training.

This brave young man was diagnosed with CF at the age of 18 months old and has fought the disease on a daily basis. People with CF have to endure a rigorous daily treatment to clear the chest including inhaled and injected drugs to fight infection. Chris also takes dozens of pills to help digest food.

Chris has been determined to lead a normal life and has many achievements including representing the Air Cadets at County and regional level in Athletics and Cross Country runs.

He attended Woodham and fought for a place at York University where he graduated and played football for the First 11. He also battled his condition and



the cold to become an Alpine Ski Instructor.

Only half of those with Cystic Fibrosis can expect to live beyond 35 years of age.

"I am determined to give back all I can to those who have dedicated their lives to improve my own. No words or single act can express my gratitude for without them I would not be here" said Chris

He has a charity place in the marathon, and to keep that place he needs to raise £2000. He is half way and needs help from Newton News readers to reach his target. Please help him by logging on to www.virginmoneygiving.com/kerr14cf

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Application forms and further details can be collected from the Library at Dalton Way, Leisure Centre in Beveridge Way, Oak Leaf Sports Complex or Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices

NEWTONIAN TAKES "APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR" TITLE

Football mad Callum Ellsbury has kicked off his career in style after winning a top award for his efforts.

The 19-year-old administration assistant with regional legal practice BHP Law has become Apprentice of the Year for Business & Administration, an accolade awarded by South West Durham Training Centre.

A Newcastle United season ticket holder for the past five years, Callum also plays on the right wing for his local side.

With the help of South West Durham Training, he secured a job with BHP Law as an Administration Assistant and would now like to train as a Legal Executive.

"I was really pleased to win; I didn't expect it," said Callum, who attended Woodham Community Technology College and lives in Aycliffe Village.

"I am really happy as it shows I am doing something right. It is also good for the firm and it has made me think that I can do well."

When Callum isn't watching and playing football he is busy at BHP Law's Darlington office working in the post room, witnessing wills, logging and banking cheques and storing deeds.

"It's a great firm to work for, very friendly and extremely professional," he said. He also hopes he might be able to help his girlfriend Chloe,

who is studying law at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington.

BHP Law partner and head of the wills trusts and probate team, Helen Biglin, said: "We are thrilled that Callum has secured this award which is richly deserved. He is a very conscientious, pleasant and willing member of staff with a great future ahead of him."



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REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir,
John D Clare said in the Newton News that he wanted to debate the environment and that I was an RSPB expert. This was inaccurate and I have had numerous phone calls from the public hoping I can help them. I do hope he only views the environment as just about birds and the bees, because the Independents certainly do not and will look forward to tackling the wider issues including Public Toilets on the town.

What is more confusing and alarming are the reports from John D Clare on Council Meetings. The GAI have absolutely no input in these reports from John D Clare who is the deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

Asa Great Aycliffe Independent Councillor who attended that meeting I would suggest in the interest of clarity he answers the questions below:

Are these official Town Council reports, a Labour Group report, or a less than factual and biased account by the Deputy Leader of the Labour Group without permission of the Labour Group?

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Newton News?

If they are an individual's account of a meeting by JDC is the Sedgefield CLP aware of this individual reporting and the possible consequences without endorsement from the Party?

I would strongly suggest that he refrains from doing so until the minutes of the meeting have been put together and sent out to Individual Councillors.

We are not against informing the public of what goes on in Town Council meetings, but it would be far better all round if the reports were factual and official from the Town Council, not from someone wishing to promote themselves.

Cllr Alan Warburton
(Great Aycliffe Independents).

Editor:
Newton News asked John Clare to give reports of Council Meetings in the public interest. They are informal and unofficial. As a community newspaper we have no reporting staff and have to rely on contributions made by our readers. We are grateful for the time and effort he gives.

We believe John Clare tries to be impartial and his reports are harmless and quite informative. We are happy to take differing interpretations of the meetings if John's reports are considered to be blatantly wrong.

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Aycliffe Dance Festival



Adults from Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe have been working for 3 months with Year 10 BTEC dance students on a creative dance project. The group, who call themselves "Mixed Bag", were able to share and perform their work at the Sedgfield Schools Dance Festival on Tuesday 8th March. The group did a great job and it was wonderful to see so many schools from the area performing creative and unique pieces of dance at the Festival.

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LOCAL SPORT AYCLIFFE U-9's LUCKY MASCOTS!

Aycliffe Juniors Under-9s proved to be lucky mascots for the town's senior team at a big game recently. The Under-9s side, managed by Paul Middleton, were the official mascots for Aycliffe's game against local rivals Darlington RA at Moore Lane Park a fortnight ago. The 11 youngsters all walked out with the Aycliffe team and shook hands with RA players before kick-off. They then watched from the sidelines as Aycliffe won 1-0 to maintain their lead at the top of the Northern League Second Division, in front of a record 567 crowd. It also inspired them to a 2-1 win at

home to Billingham Rangers the next day! "They absolutely loved the whole experience," said boss Paul. "They were excited leading up to it and then to walk out with the players was great. "Little things like our Captain John Grey walking side-by-side with the Aycliffe skipper Sean Tarling, and our goalkeeper Cameron Hall with Scott Pocklington, the kids loved that. "Dan Mellanby is the one they all look up to, though!" Aycliffe Junior Under-9s, who are currently seventh in the Teesside Junior Alliance U-9s first division, are sponsored



by EBAC. The firm, which relocated to Aycliffe Business Park last year, are world leaders in dehumidifier technology. "We're grateful to EBAC for their support," added Paul. "Their sponsorship covered the cost of our new strips this season, and without that kind of backing we'd struggle to run, so it's very much appreciated." www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk

TWO AYCLIFFE JUNIOR SWIMMERS TAKE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Three of our younger swimmers competed in the annual Northumberland and Durham County Championships at the Neptune Pool, Middlesbrough. This event attracts the best swimmers from our region who had to achieve the qualifying times prior to the event. The swimmers Hannah Featherstone, 12, Sam Dixon, 13, and Matthew Bradley, 13 swam in 13 events and made finals in 12 of them. Hannah finished as County Champion in the 100m Backstroke and finished in 4th place in the 100m Individual Medley and in 6th place in the 200m Freestyle. Matthew Bradley, who only turned 13 on the first day of the competition finished as County Champion in the 100m Crestroke, runner up in the 200m Freestyle and bronze medallist in the 400m Individual Medley. He finished in 4th place in the 100m Individual Medley and the 100m Backstroke.

Sam Dixon narrowly missed out on a medal in the 200m Individual Medley finishing in 4th place. He also finished in 5th place in the 100m Backstroke, 7th in the 100m Individual Medley and in 8th place in the 200m Freestyle. The three swimmers will be competing again this weekend in the second weekend of the championships. These results come after the older swimmers were competing in their county championships which were held recently at Sunderland Aquatic Centre,

Hayley Bradley, Rhiannon Foulds, Matthew Bradley, Stuart Walker and Philip Walker all made the qualifying times which allowed them to compete. Matthew made finals in the 50m Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle, Stuart made the final of the 50m Breaststroke and narrowly missed making the final in the 100m Breaststroke. Hayley Bradley made finals of the 50 and 100m Breaststroke and won a bronze medal in the junior category of the 100m Breaststroke.

Durham Cricket Legend Visits Aycliffe

Durham cricket legend Geoff Cook will come to Newton Aycliffe next month for a Pie and Peas supper. Currently Durham's head coach, Cook will officially open Aycliffe's cricket nets at the Sports Club on Monday 18th April, followed by a question and answer session in the clubhouse. The 59-year-old, originally from Middlesbrough, played for Northamptonshire and Durham before being the driving force behind the club becoming a first-class County Team in 1991. Cook's Q&A session will be followed by comedian Zak Stevens in what promises to be an entertaining evening, which will be compared by Paul Gough, formerly of Century Radio's "Goffy in the Morning" show. "Geoff is a big name in the world of Cricket and

we're delighted he's coming to Aycliffe," said Malcolm Dawes, Aycliffe youth coach who's organised the event. "He played county cricket for almost 25 years before inspiring Durham's bid to join the County Championship, eventually leading them to the championship title in 2008 and 2009. It should be a cracking evening and we're really looking forward to it." Only a limited number of tickets are available for the event, which is expected to start at 7.00pm on Monday 18th April, costing just £10 each, which includes the Pie and Peas supper. Anyone interested in buying tickets can contact Malcolm Dawes on 01325 324510 or 07989 093946, Ian Palmer on 01325 312086, or Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

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Two Good Wins for Aycliffe Soccability

Youthy A.S. 7 - South Tyneside 1
Youthy A.S. 2 - Warbottle Rhino's 1

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Adult Soccability side travelled to Monkton last Sunday to take part in the redesigned Ability Counts League Division One. Due to the bad weather the original format was scrapped and the eight teams are now split into two groups of four with the winners and runners up of each group to play off for the league title. Youthy A.S. opened their account with a comfortable win over South Tyneside, Paul Scoones grabbed a hat trick while Steven Robson and Andy Denham bagged a brace each. The second game was a tougher affair with the Youthy taking a one goal advantage when Paul Scoones netted. Warbottle continued to pressure the Youthy defenders and making

keeper Stephen Greenwell pull a fantastic save low to his left. In the second half with Warbottle still in the game a knee injury forced Paul Cooke to leave the game so substitute Dean Willey took to the field and with his first kick of the game played a ball through for Steven Robson to run onto and score what proved to be the match winner. Warbottle did pull one back late on but the Youthy held on. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Football Club are an F.A. Charter Standard Community Club providing mainstream and disability football. If you are 16 or over with a disability and would like to take part in football please contact Joe on 07983 390 743 or to visit the club website go to www.naycafc.co.uk

New Service for Artists & Crafters

A new Arts & Craft business opens on the 1st April at St Cuthbert's House. John Palliser having been unemployed for two years, needing to chase up grants and seeing them being withdrawn one after the other decided that a new business could target people like him trying to get off the ground in an environment stacked against small businesses. Patriot Art believes in every proud British person the beating heart of a lion. We are the defenders of the faith and encapsulate the very meaning of honour, truth, chivalry and fair play. We fight the good fight with the skills, tools and gifts that God blessed us with. John founded his art gallery in 2010 having seen the goldmine of untapped talent of amateur Artist, Arts & Crafters, Poets and Performers who often hide their gifts under a bushel or just don't know how to proceed. Patriot Art has been established to help British Artists & Crafters who want an affordable way to sell or exhibit their work to collectors worldwide. We represent today's top emerging artists to tomorrow's art world and are proud to present Patriot Arts full range of services. Are you a Small Business struggling to get started? More often than not time and money have often been the



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Obituary

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J.R. CLISH In memory of J.R. Clish. It hurts Dad like no words can ever say. It hurts Dad that I can't be there today. It hurts Dad that we have to live so many miles away. Now that it has been decided that we should be even further apart, there is one thing I am certain of Dad, the love I have for you will forever remain strong in my heart. You are one very special man Dad. I love you so very much, until our souls meet again, love you Dad, Grandad. David and family from down under xoxo

ALLEN FRAZER 18th March. I cannot stop the hands of time. Nor live again the past, but I shall love and think of you Allen as long as time will last. Loved and sadly missed. Your loving Wife Ann and family

Joan Boyes

11th March 2011

Nana you were so strong all through your life. You are an inspiration to us all and will never be far from our thoughts, we all love you very much. Now you are reunited with Gandad tell him all about the kids he missed. Lots of love Terri, Tony, Leigh, Michelle and all Great Grankids.

Tina-Louise Allan

When it comes to Sisters you will always be the best. We shared lovely memories and lots of happiness.

Fond thoughts are never far away of special times gone by. I keep them safe inside my heart and here's the reason why.

A Sister in a million is a unique thing to be. How fortunate I was because that's what you are to me.

Never forgotten.
Always loved.
Jacquie xxxxx

Tina Louise Allan

21st March 2011

Precious memories of you are still clear and locked in my heart. Time passes on, the family has grown. We share love and happy times, but your presence is deeply missed. Remembering you not just today, but in everything we do. Much love, Mum and Chris xxxxxxxx

Tony Moore

16th. March 2001

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Rick Miller

22nd December 1975 to 10th March 2011

Died suddenly, at his home in Scotland. A dearly loved Dad, Fiance, Son, Grandson, Brother, Uncle, Nephew and Cousin. Taken from us with no time to say goodbye. In our thoughts always. Memorial Service to be held at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 31st March at 2.00pm and afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Workingmens Club

WALLY PURDY (Newton Aycliffe). On 11th March 2011, suddenly in Dundee, Wally aged 59 years formerly of Hartlepool. Devoted and loving Husband of Barbara; Loving Father of Stephanie and adored Grandad of Katelyn. Funeral to take place on Thursday 24th March. Would friends please meet at 12 noon for a Service at St Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland. Prior to interment at the West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired can be made at the church to N.S.P.C.C.

Birthday Remembrance

Brooke Dawson

16th March 1980 to 14th April 2011



Beautiful memories silently kept for the one we loved and will never forget. Miss you so much
Love, Mum, Geoff and Lewis xxxxxxxxx


PATRICIA (Pat) FISK 24th March 1936 to 7th July 2000. No cards or presents to give today, just fond memories of you in every way on this your birthday. Love always, Tony, Susan, Michael and family xxx

PAUL CLARK 17th March 1957 to 8th July 2009. Treasured memories of someone so special. Behind my smile there lies a tear, for a Husband I lost, who I loved so dear. My heart still aches as I whisper low "happy birthday Paul, I miss you so". Love always, Carole xxxx

PAUL CLARK Missing you so much. You are always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. With all our love, Adam and Matthew xxx

JANE AMANDA SCOTT To a beautiful Mother and Nanna. 18th March 1962 to 12th July 2010. Happy birthday, miss you and love you more than any words can describe. Love always, Adam, Jodie, Madelyn and Macie xxxxx

Hadyn Randall



Happy 1st Birthday Angel Love you all the world and more. Mammy, Daddy, Nana, Grandad and Auntie Danielle xxxx

Leighton Harman



Happy 1st Birthday to our special little boy. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xxxx

LEIGHTON HARMAN Happy 1st birthday little man. Love always, Grandad Gummy xxxx

LEIGHTON HARMAN Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Granny and Grandad xxx

LEIGHTON HARMAN Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Uncle Daniel, Auntie Sophie and Lauren xxx

LEIGHTON HARMAN Happy 1st birthday to a special little boy. Lots of love from Nana Jill, Grandad Wayne and Uncle Gaz

Kayleigh Lawton



Happy 21st Birthday to a Special Sister Happy 21st Kayleigh. Have a fantastic party! Lots of love, Dean, Lois and Mary xxxxxxxxx

JAKE PRESCOTT Happy 5th birthday. Love you lots, Grandma, Grandad, Kim, Adam and Eva xxx

JAKE PRESCOTT Happy 5th birthday. Lots of love, Karen, Matt, James and Thomas xxxxx

JOHN MILLER Well done on passing your Driving Test first time. We are so proud of you. Love from Irene and Eddy xxxx

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JOHN MILLER Congratulations on passing your Driving Test first time. Love, Mandy, Gary, Daz, Danny, Stacey and Scooby Doo

JOHN MILLER To Dad, well done Dad on passing your test. Lots of love, Chloe xxx

JOHN MILLER So proud of you for passing your Driving Test. Lots of love, Annie xxx

ANDREW BLACKBURN Happy 30th birthday to my darling Husband. Hope you have a great day. All my love always, Samantha xxx

ANDREW BLACKBURN Happy 30th birthday Daddy. Loads of hugs and kisses. Love, Megan and Hattie xxx

ANDREW BLACKBURN Happy birthday Andrew. Have a great day. Don't drink too much! All our love, Courtney and Ellie xxx

ANDREW BLACKBURN Happy 30th birthday to a special Son. Have a great day. Love, Mam and Paul xxxxx

MACIE JANE SCOTT Happy 1st Birthday to our precious little Princess, Macie Jane Scott. 18th March 2010 love you lots, Mammy, Daddy and big Sister Madelyn xxx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 21st birthday. Lots of love always from Kevin xxxxx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 21st birthday to our lovely Granddaughter. Lots of love, Nana and Grandad xx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 21st birthday lovely girl. Love, Andria and George xx

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 21st birthday to a wonderful Daugther. Lots of love, Mam and Chris xxx

KIRSTY GIBSON to the best Sister ever!! Happy 21st. Love, Jamie xxx

IMOGEN is 5 today. Have a lovely birthday sweetheart. With lots of love and kisses from Mamar, Granda and Auntie Kelly xxx

IMOGEN (20th March). To our beautiful girl on her 5th birthday. Have lots of fun! Lots of love, hugs and kisses from Mammy and Sister Sophie xxx

ASHLEY GILL & CALVIN YOUNG congratulations your Engagement. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Danielle, David, Sam, Liam, Nana, Grandad and Philip. Hope you have a happy life together xxxxx

Billy & Sheila Allen



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad, happy anniversary on 24th March 2011. Hope you both have a lovely day. With love from all your Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxxxxxx

Hazel & Bob Dawson

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary 18th March 2011 to Mam and Dad, Nana and Granda. All our love, Bev, Doug, Colin, Trudy, Holly, Connor, James and Michael xxxxxxxxx

Hayley Weatherston

Happy 30th Birthday 18th March 2011

Congratulations to our very special Daughter on her 30th birthday. We are very proud of you and hope that you have a fantastic day. Lots of love and best wishes from Mam and Terry xxx

To my very special Wife on her 30th birthday. Have a wonderful day because you deserve it. Best wishes and all my love always from Ricky xxx

To the BEST Mam in the whole wide world on her 30th birthday. I love you more than anything. Lots of hugs and kisses, from Caitlin xxx


Becci Hackett



Happy 21st Birthday You are finally 21, it's all down hill from here on! We hope you have a lovely time in London and then out with the girls for a big celebration and a cruise to top it off, you lucky lady!! You deserve everything because you are such a special person. Love ya lots, Sam and Zoe xxxxxx

CHLOE HUGHES 23-3-11. Happy 4th birthday, even though we don't see you, we will miss you and love you always. Grandad and Nanna Hughes

Jennifer Ellis



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17th March 2011

It's your big day today!!!

Happy birthday and lots of love from Darren, Courtney and all the family

Romie Cowens



Well Done Babe for gaining 1st place dancing with the big girls in 6-8 Slow Dance and also gaining 6th place in Street. You were amazing. Good luck babe for Sunday, dancing at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool in Street Nationwide Finals. Love you loads, Mammy, Daddy, Nannas, Grandads, Aunties, Uncles, Cousins and Big Cuz Dolly xxx

Congratulations Robbie (Pet Pride)

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Cara Berry



Happy 40th Birthday Lots of love, Craig, Kieran, Ethan and Lily xxx

Scarlett-Rose Randall



Happy 1st Birthday 21st March 2011 Happy birthday Princess. Hope you have a fantastic day. All our love, Mammy and Daddy

Happy 1st Birthday Happy birthday little Sis. Love from Chelsea, Abigail, Mikey and Mason

Happy 1st Birthday Love from Auntie Heather and Uncle Richard

Happy 1st Birthday Happy birthday sweetheart. Love, Auntie Linzi and Kids

Happy 1st Birthday Scarlet-Rose Lots of love, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Sarah and Dan

CHLOE HUGHES Happy 4th birthday to my Daughter. Miss you. Love you always, Daddy

Tracey Kilburn-Robinson



Happy 40th Birthday "Tee"

Lots of love as always, Dave xxxx

Happy 40th Mummy Love you loads, Tyler and Millie xxxxx

Happy 40th Birthday All the very best on your 40th birthday Tracey. Love from Mam and Dad xxx

AYCLIFFE KARATE CLUB RETURN WITH MEDALS

Last week Aycliffe GKR Karate took 6 students to Bradford to compete in the Northern Zone competition and all came away with medals. They showed Aycliffe has a great team and are a great asset to the club said Sensei Dez Tinkler. "I couldn't have asked for more". They now go off to Barnsley in April to see if they can qualify for the World Cup to be held in the Birmingham NIA in July.

Denise Askew 8th – 7th Kyu 18 - 34 years: Gold for Kata, Silver for Kumite

Daniel Askew 6th – 4th Kyu 10 - 11 years: Gold for Kumite, Silver for Kata

Jon Aspinall 8th – 7th Kyu 18 - 34 years: Gold Kumite, Silver Kata (not pictured)

Nathan Lovejoy 6th – 4th



Kyu 18 – 34 years: Gold for Kumite, Silver for Kata

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Saturday 2nd April: Chester-le-Street (H), 3pm
Saturday 16th April: Birtley Town (H), 3pm
Saturday 23rd April: Thornaby (H), 3pm
TBA: Team Northumbria (A)
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Aycliffe FC are on the brink of clinching promotion to the Northern League First Division after an impressive win at Whickham on Tuesday night. The Newtonians were made to work for their points, but eventually ran out comfortable 5-2 winners thanks to an emphatic hat-trick by top marksman Warren Byrne. The freescorer bagged his third trick of the season, taking his tally to 35 goals as the Second Division's top scorer. Ben Wood and Stuart Owen were also on target for Aycliffe as they

stretched their unbeaten league run to a staggering 24 games, and their lead at the top of the division to what should be an unassailable 12 points. It now means Aycliffe could mathematically confirm promotion if they win at home to Brandon this Saturday, if Marske lose to Whickham and Team Northumbria fail to win at Northallerton as well. Regardless of other results, two more wins will seal it for Aycliffe, meaning their trip to Seaham Red Star next weekend is the most likely venue for a promotion party, which would undoubtedly be continued back at Aycliffe Sports Club!

Aycliffe's game at Team Northumbria last weekend was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, but without kicking a ball it was another good day at the office for Allan Oliver's men, as both Guisborough and North Shields dropped points. And with arguably their hardest game of the season remaining at fifth-placed Whickham on Tuesday night, the Blues completed a professional job at the Glebe.

Byrne opened the scoring with a superbly-taken goal, lobbing Whickham 'keeper Scott Cresswell 30 yards from goal, and Wood doubled their lead with his fifth goal of the season. But just 60 seconds later, Whickham pulled one back when Tony Thirkell capitalised on a rare Scott Pocklington error, slamming home the rebound after the 'keeper misjudged a right-wing cross. Aycliffe restored their two-goal lead immediately when Chris Beckett found Byrne with a long ball and the forward took it round Cresswell before slotting home. But just two minutes later a long ball into his side's box wasn't properly cleared, and Thirkell rifled home his second of the evening to make it 3-2 at half-time. A nervy second half then

ensued, with Whickham resorting to their long-ball game, but Aycliffe went two goals clear with 15 minutes to go after Dan Mellanby won a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area. With his cultured left foot, Owen managed to guide the ball exquisitely over the wall and snug into the top right corner, postage stamp-like, to give the sprawling Cresswell no chance. And Byrne completed his hat-trick in the 80th minute, latching on to Mellanby's clever ball and lifting the ball perfectly over Cresswell, to round off an impressive scoreline which perhaps flattered Aycliffe. But you won't find a Newtonian complaining, with promotion now firmly in sight and, hopefully, a league title party to look forward to very soon.

Team: Pocklington, Mitton, Beckett, Peck, Campbell (Close, 68), B Wood (Broom, 83), Knox (Tarling, 59), Gardner, Owen, Byrne, Mellanby. Unused: McMullen.

Heighington Under 11's are now sponsored by MARTIN HEALEY VEHICLE ADAPTATIONS, a company from Darlington who specialize in disabled car conversions. The company's owner Martin Healey has generously supported the team, allowing the purchase of new away football shirts, training tops, coats, bags, and training equipment. Martin Healey said that the company has a strong community conscience through the very nature of its business and that he and his customers were supportive of young people enjoying a healthy lifestyle. The sponsorship allows for the continuation of the

development of one of the fastest growing local football clubs in the area to plan for next seasons campaign, with the best equipment to develop the team. Heighington Football Club, has young people from Darlington, Newton Aycliffe, Shildon, Bishop Auckland as well as Heighington. The Under 11's play in the Junior Teesside League, and have developed a good reputation for friendliness and a warm welcome as well as competitive football. The Club has FA Chartered Status and Qualified FA coaching. Emphasis is on developing players and so far this season members have enjoyed a day out to Middlesbrough FC in the



community with professional coaching and watching a Boro game. There are regular social events such as a Christmas party, trip to Middlesbrough FC, and individual incentives for player development. Heighington under 11's has a particularly positive, welcoming group of young players and attitude is as much apart of our football expectations as skill. We are always looking for additional players in all positions, and would particularly welcome enquiries for next years team development. The team trains Saturday mornings 9.30-11 and play games on Sundays. So if you would like to experience, good football with a friendly team then come along to Heighington Sports Fields and join in. Heighington Under

11's also celebrated there new sponsorship with an exciting away win at Hardwick, playing on a very sloping pitch in heavy conditions the team set about its task with great enthusiasm and were leading 2-0 at half time, goals coming from Connor Jardine. This was after a number of good chances that just hit the post or were scrambled away from the goal by Hardwick. The second half saw a concerted effort from Hardwick to get back into the game, however the back 4 and keeper held firm and a third goal finished of the game when Kieran Burney slotted home. Heighington players from 1 to 12 showed great attitude and thoroughly deserved their win with credit going to Hardwick who pressed very hard in the second half and perhaps on a different day might have had more luck.

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