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HITACHI PRESIDENT WRITES TO OUR MP

Hiroaki Nakanishi the President of the Hitachi Corporation has written to our MP Phil Wilson to thank him for his enthusiastic support for their plans to establish a factory in Newton Aycliffe.

"The factory we propose to build is one of the most important manufacturing centres in Hitachi's railway business to cover not only the UK but Europe as a whole. We will transfer our state-of-the-art technology there and contribute to job creation, development of the economy in the

north east and the UK railway industry. Our ultimate goal is to be a true European company through this factory," said the President.

Since the letter was sent Japan has suffered the terrible earthquake and many think this will affect the project, but our MP has been in touch with Hitachi and told Newton News this week that everything will go ahead as planned.



Hiroaki Nakanishi

Don't Miss Bumper Community Draw



Town organisations selling tickets for the Bumper Community Draw are asked to start winding up ready for the draw on 7th April at the British Legion from 7.30pm.

Please make a last minute

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Tickets for the draw night are on sale for only £5 including Pie & Peas Supper, Entertainment, Tombola and a game of Bingo. Available from Newton Press, Don Walkers Butchers and the British Legion Club.

The Mayor, Dorothy Bowman will be drawing the winning tickets including a 40" Colour TV, 2 tickets for "Take That" concert, a sofa bed, bathroom suite and numerous other great prizes.

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SBH Being Funny for Money

Staff at housing association SBH plan to raise heaps of cash during a week of events in aid of Comic Relief. Ian Walker, home choice advisor for SBH kicked-off the fundraising after braving a sponsored leg wax last week raising £83. Continuing with Comic Relief's theme of 'do something funny for money' today (March 16th) the housing association took part in fundraising activities including; wearing wellies full of jelly, a sponsored head shave and wearing something funny for money. Staff also offered a variety of distinctively different beauty treatments including face painting and hair dying. Organiser Eileen Cotterill said: "We have had great fun coming up with different ideas for Comic Relief. Supporting a great cause like this means a lot to the team and we're hoping the more fun people have the more money they will donate. "Over £500 has already been raised and with events planned we expect the final total to be higher."



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe presents a
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THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 2011
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RED NOSE DAY AT St. FRANCIS SCHOOL

Pupils at St Francis' CofE School had a rousing red nose day on Friday 18th March when all the pupils, staff, friends and parents joined together to perform a giant conga around the school playground, led by the able and tremendously talented Deputy Head teacher Mrs Bowe. The children were all suitably dressed in red, with a special feature being "wild and wacky hair" in many cases, with the children paying £1 for the privilege. Additionally, the schools "councillors" did their bit by helping Mrs Ryder (AKA Jenella Lowella the super chef) to cook 120 "red nose" buns that were sold to parents at a coffee morning held in school.

A big thank you to everyone involved, the school raised £130 for Red Nose Day.

Aycliffe Family History Society

The next meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Family History Society will take place on Wednesday 30th March 2011, 7.30pm, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe. The talk will be from Jo Bath on Strigils, Saffron and Swan Grease (Roman female and male grooming and cosmetics). She will also be bringing reconstructed samples. Members free, non-members £2.

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 Re-booked after a very successful debut gig last year at the Tub.
www.reloadonline.co.uk

Saturday 2nd April - "F.M."
 Was this our best mid week pub gig ever?? Probably!
 "What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock and roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese, OK, they did 'Whisky in the Jar', but hey!!
 FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW/OMPH - The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, ie: Instead of sticking to 'Sweet Child of Mine', they did 'Welcome to The Jungle', so it's nice to hear a year and on this performance many a year to come different GnR cover and one that takes a little more effort vocally. How long have FM been around now? Mazy a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome" - DAVY'S ROCK PAGE REVIEW
www.officialfm.co.uk

Saturday 9th April - "Thyn Lizzy"
 Just got back from the THYN LIZZY gig at the Sandy Outdoor Tent. All I can say, is Phil Lynott dead? I don't think so... Jesus h christ, the dual guitars were incredible and the drummer was outstanding and I was totally humbled by Glenn on bass. Don't believe a word was cool as out with a blues intro (5 minutes) and then the usual version to finish it off was such a contrast and skillfully done. 'Boys' was great and 'Dancing in the Moonlight' with Kenny Sax guesting was sublime as was the 'Kajaligh' inspired 'Emerald'.
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He is well known in the area as a footballer playing in his early days for the Fox & Hounds at Shildon. He is the nephew of Geoff Batchelor who once owned an off-Licence and General Dealers shop in the Town Centre.



David Owen outside his new Car Valet Service & Shop

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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 helpful 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.

Ex Student Calls on His Favourite Teacher



On Friday 11th March Mrs Gibbs, Assistant Headteacher at Greenfield School Community & Arts College was called to reception because an unexpected visitor had turned up and asked to see her.

What a surprise she had to be greeted with a warm hug by Gunner Paul Turton, in full army uniform, who had returned to school to visit his "old" English teacher.

"Paul was one of my more 'memorable students' said Mrs Gibbs "in fact I can remember the hours I spent encouraging him to calm

down and put his talents to good use!"

In fact Paul took the advice to heart.

He worked extremely hard in English and his natural ability and sensitive imagination earned him excellent English GCSE grades.

Since he began in the Army Paul has continued to study English to an even higher level. "What a lovely surprise" said Mrs Gibbs.

"It is always a very real pleasure to watch our Greenfield students develop into such delightful members of society, I do feel proud".

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Aycliffe Singers Star in Stage Musical



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Staff outside the new Disc Offices at the IES Centre next to the Blue Bridge

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DISC has recently moved from the old Phoenix House building in the centre of town to IES Centre, Newton Aycliffe Business Park, near the Blue Bridge, where we have fantastic up to date new facilities enabling us to create a productive and exciting learning environment. Get in touch! Drop in to see us, telephone or email: Foundation Learning Unit 2 IES Centre Sapphire House Aycliffe Business Park DL5 6DS Tel: 01325 731159 Or email: andrea.dixon@disc-vol.org.uk

COMIC RELIEF DAY AT VANE ROAD PRIMARY



On Friday 18th March, pupils and staff at Vane Road Primary dressed up in red to support Comic Relief. At first break-time we sold cakes and biscuits for 20p each, which were kindly prepared by our Cook, Kitchen Staff and Parents, as well as giving as much as possible for a donation. Altogether we raised an amazing £550.43! By Charlotte Kirton, Class 13.

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Improvements to Great Aycliffe Way



Regular users of the two Great Aycliffe Way routes will have noticed over recent months that the route has been given a major boost with many new pieces of furniture along the way. Funding has been supplied by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership to assist this partnership venture between Great Aycliffe Town Council and Durham County Council. Old worn out pieces of furniture have been replaced by 17 new metal benches, 16 litterbins, 27 dog waste bins and way markers. In addition there are 3 new information panels which depict various interesting aspects of the areas nature and history en-route. A new Great Aycliffe Way walk leaflet has also been produced as part of this project which allows

members of the public to guide themselves around the two routes and will be available from local council operated public buildings including Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices and Aycliffe Library. To celebrate the launch of this project Great Aycliffe Town Council will lead a guided walk from the Oak Leaf Sports Complex around the original route of the Aycliffe Way on Sunday 27th March. This pleasant, virtually traffic free walk will begin at 10am and take in some of the routes hidden gems along this 5 and a half mile route. To find out more about this event please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 or Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer on 0777 9090 842.

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DARLINGTON FC AT WEMBLEY MIND MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

Darlington can now confirm the ticket prices for their FA Trophy Final at Wembley. Quakers will take on Mansfield at the national stadium on Saturday 7th May (3pm kick-off). Tickets for the game will be priced £30 adults and £15 concessions (over-60s/under-16s). Tickets for disabled supporters will be priced £30 (with a free ticket for the carer).

Darlington are not yet able to confirm when the tickets will be available, but they will only be available online or by telephone (not in person) via an independent sales agency. They will not be available direct from the club. Both Darlington and Mansfield have been allocated an initial 15,000 tickets for the game, in the lower tier of Wembley, with

further allocations available if required. Meanwhile, Darlington have been allocated the East End of Wembley, meaning Mark Cooper's side will change in the East dressing room (away), and Mansfield in England's home room. Darlington can also confirm that official club coaches will be available to book direct through the club. They're due to depart the Northern Echo Arena at 7am on Saturday 7th May and will cost £30 each, available in person at the Arena from Monday, or on 01325 387000. Quakers Managing Director Graham Fordy said: "We think there'll be a big demand for tickets but we also think the allocation is such that there's no need for anyone to panic. "There'll be no queuing involved for anyone as it will all be done either online or over the phone. This will make life a lot easier for the club and it also makes things nice and simple for our fans, with the tickets dropping through their letterbox. "There'll also be ample coaches laid on for official club travel, so everyone will be able to get a ticket and everyone will get a seat

on a coach. "We're just waiting for confirmation on the sales mechanic and as soon as we get that we'll let everyone know through the usual channels." A limited number of corporate tickets are also available for the final. Darlington have been allocated the Bobby Moore Suite, and the VIP package includes a three-course meal and plush seats on the half-way line, costing £150 per person. They're available from the club from Monday, or by calling 01325 387000. Alternatively, to make an enquiry email reception@darlington-fc.net

Newton Aycliffe MIND is pleased to announce that they are soon to move to their very own premises in Newton Aycliffe their new address will be 10-11 Silverdale House Silverdale Place Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ The charitable organisation expects to move to the new premises by the end of March A huge thank you from all at Newton Aycliffe MIND goes to Sedgfield Borough Homes who have provided MIND with the premises at a low cost, also a huge thank you to Mears Contractors Group,

who have renovated the property free of charge, a massive bonus for the MIND organisation. A special thank you goes to Rev Linda Potter, the Church Council and all parishioners for the use of the hall and facilities at St Clare's Church. Friends of MIND were made to feel very welcome within the Church Family. Without the assistance of St. Clare's, Newton Aycliffe MIND would have struggled to survive as a charitable organisation and we are very grateful for their help. The new premises will,

however, enable the organisation to provide a full service, something we could not achieve at the St Clare's Hall. Further details regarding the service to be provided at Silverdale Place will be published in the Newton News at a later date. In the meantime if you have any queries, require further information or would like to help the organisation through volunteering or fund-raising, please contact Muriel Gordon or Vicki Lawrence on 01325 300121 or by email to aycliffemind@googlemail.com

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CHARITY BALL IN AID OF DISC SCHOOL VISIT ROCK ANTICS

Royal Wedding Evening Event at Redworth Hall

Redworth Hall are set to host a fantastic night of food, entertainment and fundraising on 29th April 2011, the evening

of the forthcoming Royal Wedding. We would like everyone to come along and enjoy a delicious 3 course meal

with entertainment from the acclaimed Bernadette Wild Band playing a range of Motown and 70's hits. Barcelo Redworth Hall Hotel, County Durham's grandest 4 star retreat standing in 150 acres of peaceful woodland, the Jacobean Manor House dating back to 1693 will provide the perfect setting for the evening.

DISC is one of the North's most successful home-grown charities, with the vision of helping people to achieve their potential we provide a range of projects to support people to overcome barriers and help them to achieve their goals, whether its

Support for vulnerable young people and their families, Promoting independent living for people with learning disabilities, Addressing homelessness and providing housing related support, or Support for people with drug or alcohol problems

DISC Young Carers Projects has been supporting young people aged 5-18 who provide a caring role within their family for nearly 15 years. This support includes intensive one to one intervention, group support, family work, training, advice, activity

days and respite. Young carers bear responsibilities and duties that are beyond their years, and often fall between gaps in the system. This can lead to difficulties at school, college and home, and make them miss out on opportunities to socialise with their peers, and learn important interpersonal skills.

Young carer Naomi, said: "I care for my Brother and my Gran. I found out about Young Carers through a friend of the family. They have given me some 'relax' time and 'me' time. This has helped me to have a break from my caring role and make new friends." Teresa Dickson, Sales Manager at Barcelo Redworth Hall Hotel, said: "Working with local charities is one of the ways we try to play our part in putting something back into the communities in which we work, we are a business with a social conscience and are keen to play our part and support local causes, especially during these tough economic times."

Tickets for the event are £24.50 per person and are available either in person at the venue or by calling 01388 770 600

OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS



Durham's junior golfers can enter a new competition - to be held over a series of events across the region in the summer months and reach its exciting finale at the magnificent Rockcliffe Hall, based on the banks of the River Tees in September.

The Race 2 Rockcliffe is being backed by Mizuno, who will be offering some fantastic prizes to the overall champion and runners-up in both gross and nett categories. Players will compete in a series of events, scoring points for the DCGP Order of Merit.

The leading 10 players in each category will then go forward to compete in the grand final at Rockcliffe Hall, at Hurworth-on-Tees, near Darlington, on Saturday 10th September. As well as a superb course, Rockcliffe also offers top-class hotel, spa and restaurant facilities.

Open to any junior club member in County Durham with a CONGU Handicap (maximum 28 boys/36 girls) the following Junior Opens and Durham County Junior Golf Society events will count as qualifiers towards the Order of Merit, hosted by the Durham County Golf Partnership

April 18th: DCJGS Spring Meeting at Seaton Carew Golf Club
May 2nd:

DCJGS Green & Crombie Trophy at the Darlington Golf Club

June 1st: Junior Open at Billingham Golf Club

July 25th: Junior Open at Houghton Le Spring Golf Club

August 4th: Junior Open at Chester-le-Street Golf Club

August 9th: DCJGS Euro Cup at South Moor Golf Club

August 12th: Junior Open at Bishop Auckland Golf Club

August 15th: Junior Open at Boldon Golf Club

August 24th: Junior Open at Wearside Golf Club

August 25th: Junior Open at Tyneside Golf Club

August 29th: Junior Open at Durham City Golf Club

For more details on how to register FREE for the 2011 Mizuno Race 2 Rockcliffe, visit www.durhamgolfpartnership.com

Jonathan Ward, County Development Officer for the Durham County Golf Partnership, said:

"We are hoping that this new Order of Merit and the reward of playing at a fantastic course like Rockcliffe will encourage young players to take part in more events"

Newtonian in Japan During Earthquake



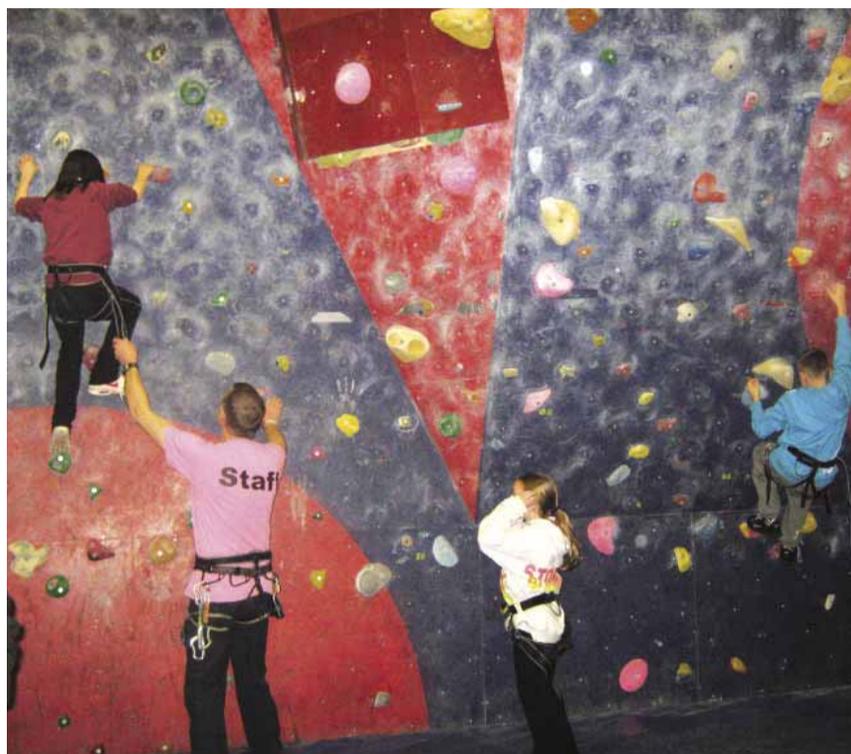
Shan (left) with his Uncle Roger

Sri Lankan born Roger Kavirajan has just returned from Tokyo where he was when the earthquake occurred, shaking the Monorail train he was in which was about to

leave the station. "I was terrified, but the Japanese people around me were calm and only left the train when I led the way" said Roger.

Roger, who lives at Avon Court, was on holiday at the time and was returning to his hotel after a visit to the Zoo. He had visited Hiroshima and Kyoto and was on the last few days of his trip to what he described as a beautiful country.

Roger is the uncle of Shan who owns the Petrol Station on Burnhill Way. He moved from London to be near his nephew when he retired last year. He really likes Newton Aycliffe and finds everyone very friendly. He enjoys walking round the town. The family moved to England in 1974 and Shan took over the petrol station 3 years ago.



Rock Climbing

Class 10 have been to the Recreation Centre and had a go at rock climbing. We got split into groups and each group had a teacher, our teacher was called Leaf. My team included Ryan, Nathan, Miles and Joe. We went up a number of large difficult walls going from easiest to the hardest.

I successfully cleared every wall they threw at me. The first wall was a piece of cake but the others were really difficult. On the second wall there was a deep crevice and it was hard to get past it. I was shaking like mad but I wouldn't give up. I cleared it in the end. We wildly encouraged the people climbing the wall but some of my team were finding it difficult. Eventually we got onto the 4th and final wall. We all had a good go at it but only three of us cleared this tremendous wall. Everyone got to at least half way up the wall. I had the most fun and enjoyed myself doing this outstanding activity.

My class really enjoyed rock climbing and want to go again. It was brilliant, I loved it and all my group did. It was one of the most fun trips we've had. Everyone had an absolutely brilliant journey. Everyone was talking about it and how well we did. Class 10 loved their time at the Recreation Centre. I can't wait to tell all of my friends about it!

Cody Latue - Class 10

A Climbing Adventure

Today our class went rock climbing and we had a brilliant time. Some people were nervous and some people were confident when we were climbing the walls.

I successfully climbed to the top of every wall that my group went to. What I thought was good was when everyone was encouraging other people to get to the top of the wall, a few people didn't get to the top of the

wall, however they did well. The hardest wall that we did was one that we had to climb over a bit of wall sticking out which when I got down I felt

that I was going to put my hands in some water because my hands were bright red and they hurt a lot.
Amy Jay - Class 10

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL 2011
at 6.00pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

Agendas and Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
(www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 6th April 2011
Environment Committee followed by the Recreation Committee
at 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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

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

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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Shirley Bassey Tribute Show Comes to Shildon



Showcase Entertainments International Ltd of Aycliffe bring internationally acclaimed Paula Randall to Shildon Civic Hall on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm in her fabulous tribute to the legendary Shirley Bassey. Paula Randall is recognised for her amazing vocal and visual impersonation/tribute shows as the only viable alternative to Dame Shirley Bassey. A glamorous, glittering, spectacular and fun show not to be missed! Paula has recently returned from yet another successful appearance on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. Paula is the only Dame Shirley vocal tribute to have been chosen to sing a guide vocal for Dame Shirley herself and her Production team for the new CD which was released in October 09. The first Dame Shirley Tribute to incorporate not only Dame Shirley's very latest songs

from the CD but has also created an unbelievable, exact replica silver sparkling gown and ostrich feather trimmed coat, worn by Dame Shirley on the BBC Electric Proms Programme for the launch of her new CD The Performance! Paula's attention to detail is second to none. Sourcing fabric directly from China and the Ostrich feathers made in the UK by the very same manufacturer as Dame Shirley's. Attention has been paid to the exacting detail of the Dame's voice, interacting with her audience and keeping in character throughout the show. Paula will be supported by the Dianne White Dancers choreographed by Paul Morgan of Showcase Entertainments Limited. Tickets are £10.00 and are available from Showcase Entertainments International Limited - 01325 316224



Death of Former Mayor

We regret to record the death of a past Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Jill Frise, aged 72. Jill, who was born in Aycliffe Village, was married to her husband Lloyd for 40 years. She was a hard working Councillor and led an opposition party in the 70's gaining control as "Aycliffe First". During that term of office HMS Eskimo was adopted by the town and a splendid parade was held in the Town Centre. "She had integrity and fought hard for the residents of the Town, as well as being quite entertaining at Council meetings" said ex Councillor Arun Chandran. She gained 10,000 votes as the Liberal Party candidate at a Parliamentary Election and had Derek Foster, the standing Labour MP, quite worried at one stage. The Mayor Dorothy Bowman and her consort Grandson Richard attended the Service along with past and current Town Councillors. Revd Julie Wing conducted the Service and told a large congregation of Jill's love of life and her care and compassion for others. As a former teacher Jill devoted her life to serving students and the people of



Mayor 1978-79

Great Aycliffe. "Jill was community minded and spent her life enabling and inspiring her students and people of the town" said the Minister. She was a teacher at schools in Stockton, Peterlee and Darlington. Jill and Lloyd also acted as host parents for students from all over the world for the past twenty years. On behalf of the community we extend sincere sympathy to Lloyd and his family on their loss.

Dance Show at Xcel Centre

It's finally here! . . . KDanz presents "Spread your Wings" at the Xcel Centre on Saturday 26th March at 2pm, matinee, and 7pm evening show. Come and join us to enjoy a story of hope and magical dancing. Pupils at the dance academy that is KDanz, range from 3 years of age to well into 'certain age' territory. They have been rehearsing since before Christmas and are all very excited to be performing in the largest show yet to be staged by the school. At one of the recent dress rehearsals Kay Jones, Director of the school, provided each student with a balloon to which they attached a note with their personal dream written down. They then released the purple balloons outside the venue. Kay says "The motto of KDanz is 'catch your dream and make it shine'. I want the pupils to be inspired by putting their goals 'out there'! It's my personal ambition to inspire children, young and old, to take part, reach higher and push themselves in whatever they do in life. This show is a culmination, so far, of my career in teaching dance and it will be amazing, I'm very excited!" The evening promises to deliver a creative feast for the senses, including all genres of dance, music and song. Please join us! Tickets are £7 each please contact Kay on Tel: 07900 365517



WOODHAM PLAY PARK

There has been a recent rise in the number of incidents recorded at the play park located in Woodham. There is evidence of large groups of people gathering and drinking. When they leave there is a large amount of broken glass in and around the play area which is dangerous to both the young children who play there and also to dog walkers. The neighbourhood policing team will be targeting the area in the coming weeks but ask that anyone with any information contact us on 0345 60 60 365. Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team.

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<p>Bewick Crescent Newton Aycliffe £87,950</p> <p>An extended two bedroom end terraced house, Fitted kitchen/ diner, modern bathroom/WC, ideally situated for amenities. Well maintained home</p>	<p>Dent Walk Newton Aycliffe £70,000</p> <p>3 bed mid terrace, double glazed, GCH, chain free, immediate vacant possession.</p>	<p>Aidens Walk Ferryhill £205,000</p> <p>An extended 4 bedroom detached home. Two ensuite facilities, sun room, solid oak breakfast kitchen, immaculate throughout, must be viewed.</p>	<p>Cheltenham Way Woodham Village £199,995</p> <p>4 bedroom detached home, attractive fitted kitchen, d/ glazed, modern ensuite bathroom, landscaped gardens</p>	<p>Layton Court Woodham Village £109,950</p> <p>Well presented 2 bedroom semi detached house, fully fitted kitchen, shower room, d/glazed, gardens, parking</p>
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<p>Skirlaw Road Newton Aycliffe £65,000</p> <p>2 bedroom mid terrace, modern fitted kitchen, d/ glazed, GCH, gardens, realistically priced</p>				

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH

The Full Council meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council, held on Wednesday 9th March, was long and very lively.

Local Sustainable Transport presentation
Members heard a presentation about the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Members' suggestions related mostly to bus services, but Councillor Fleming drew attention to the urgent need to upgrade the C35.

The Council dealt with three members' motions.

1. Seating at Committees

At the moment, Councillors who are not a member of a Committee are nevertheless allowed to attend that Committee (though not to vote). Cllrs Curtis and Ducker, on behalf of the Great Aycliffe Independents, proposed that if a Councillor is not a member of a Committee, they should sit apart from the Councillors. Cllr Curtis explained that this would make things clearer for the public, and related a recent incident when a new member appeared to have tried to vote when not entitled.

Cllr Clare criticised the motion: it was ironic that the GAIs were complaining in the newspapers about being 'stifled' yet it was the Labour group opposing this attempt to exclude Councillors from full participation; Councillors were the elected representatives of the people and it was undemocratic to deny them full participation; and he was disappointed that the GAIs were seeking to embarrass an inexperienced Labour member, compared to the kindness Labour members had showed the GAIs when they were new. The GAI motion failed by 7 votes to 17.

2. A local Town Planning plan

The Council already produces a Parish Plan concerning its involvement with the community. However, Cllr Henderson proposed that the Town Council produce also a Local Town Planning plan (addressing issues such as housing etc.) He urged the Council to pre-empt

the Localism Bill and declare its vision for the town, especially as we still await publication of the County Council plan. Cllr Fleming, replying, felt that it would be better to follow the advice of the National Association of Local Councils, and wait until the government publishes full details of what a Town Plan should address. The Council agreed with him, 19 votes to 2.

3. Councillors' allowances

Thirdly, Cllr Clare proposed on behalf of the Labour Group that the Councillors' allowance is NOT increased for 2011-12. In the current difficult circumstances for many townspeople, and given that Councillors' allowances are a matter of public comment, he wished the Councillors to make a public statement that they would not increase their allowance. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Other Business

The Council then received reports from outside bodies. The Citizen's Advice Bureau is making adjustments due to cuts to its funding; from 1st May, the number of sessions it offers in Aycliffe will be reduced to three a week, and it will move from the Leisure Centre to the Pioneering Care Centre.

Members heard glowing reports about the successful work of the Greenfield Lifelong Learning Centre – and also of the Youth Council, which has been awarded National Youth Agency Certificates of Recognition for its work in Town Pride Week (which has been selected by the Agency as an exemplar case study on its globaloptamist website).

Finally, Cllr Fleming reported on a meeting of the County Durham Association of Local Councils. Councillors needed to be aware that – whilst our Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership was successful – the AAPs were not working well in other areas of the County, and some Local Councils felt they should be abolished. JCL

Newtonian Zip Wires Over the River Tyne



Sisters Amanda and Elaine Support Stroke Awareness Charity Zip Wire Event in Newcastle.

Former Mayor Val Raw's daughter Elaine Morgan took part in the Zip Wire fundraising event from the Baltic across the River Tyne last Sunday.

Elaine, dressed as "Adam Ant" was representing her Sister Amanda's Beauty Salon in Darlington. It was held over two days in aid of Stroke Awareness. 720 people took the high wire and brought in a total of £100,000.

"It was exhilarating and I wish to thank all my sponsors for their support" said Elaine.

LOCAL GYMNAST REPRESENTS NORTH

Katie Leadbitter from Newton Aycliffe who trains at South Durham Gymnastics club won silver medal in The North of England compulsory level 4 Gymnastics competition, winning a place in the North of England team and will represent the North of England at a National competition on March 30th at Birmingham.

Well done and good luck at Birmingham. Lots of love Dad, Mam and Sophie, all the family are very proud of you.



GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR LOCAL AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) board will meet on Tuesday March 29 between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre and local people are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Gordon Elliott, head of Partnerships and Community Engagement with Durham County Council, will be in attendance at the meeting to provide feedback on the council's recent budget consultation.

Anyone who would like to attend the board meeting to observe proceedings must register in advance by ringing the GAMP team on: 01325 327441 or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk - Write to: GAMP, Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, DL5 4SF.

Readers' Photographs



Swans on West Lake taken by Richard Bainbridge



Pretty picture of sculptures on Great Aycliffe Way by John Harnett.



Trevor Wright took this unusual angle of "The Head"

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Heighington in Big Spring Clean



Dear Editor
The Litter Free Durham "Big Spring Clean" 2011 campaign was well and truly kicked off on Saturday 18th March 2011 by Heighington Parish Litter Pick Group and supporters. Some 33 young and not so young people picked litter from the sides of roads and paths around Heighington, Redworth and School

Aycliffe. The volunteers included 10 Army Cadets from Newton Aycliffe and Darlington who brought much appreciated extra hands. They managed to penetrate the roadside bushes and retrieve litter from the depths. Picture shows some of the volunteers, equipped with the necessary tools, ready to set off from outside the Heighington Village Hall. Other members started off from Redworth and School Aycliffe.

It was a wonderful morning to be out and in just under two hours we collected over 60 bags of rubbish, several large articles (car tyres, wheel hubs, carpets and scrap timber). We also identified spots where there was fly tipping. On the 16th April the HPLPG will join pickers from around the county to clean up Howns Gill, a beauty spot near Castleside. If you would like to get involved look out

for CPRE notices around your area.

The Heighington Parish Litter Pick Group holds a litter pick on the second Saturday of the Month and will be pleased to welcome new participants.

Our next pick is on the 9th April between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. We have meeting points, where help and tools are handed out, at Heighington Village Hall; 2 Main Road in Redworth and at 'Old Farm Cottage' in School Aycliffe. Refreshments will be served after the pick in Heighington Village Hall.

For more information please look out for posters around the Parish. I hope you agree that our modest efforts make a difference. Thank you.

Lou Bedocs
Heighington Parish Litter Group.

£1250 FOR CHARITY

Dear Sir,
May I thank those who supported the charity event I had in November for my Mum who is still receiving treatment. So far we have raised £1,250 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma and I appreciate everyone's help.
Katie Tarling

Keep Speed to 20mph Near Schools

Dear Sir,
Further to my recent appeal through the Newton News asking parents to be extra vigilant when driving their children to school, I would like to bring to the attention of ALL vehicle drivers throughout the area, the results of important research conducted by Vision Scientists at Royal Holloway, University of London.

"Research proves that children cannot accurately judge the speed of vehicles above 20 mph. Scientists aimed to discover why children are overrepresented as road casualties and found that vehicles travelling faster loom less than slower vehicles. This creates a dangerous illusion in which faster vehicles may be perceived as not approaching. 20 mph speed limits can help protect children from making risky road crossing choices.

Vision scientists at the University measured children's detection of cars approaching in a road crossing scenario. At speeds faster than 20 mph, primary age children (6-11 years) may not be able to tell that a car is coming. This strongly supports the implementation and enforcement of 20 mph speeds near child pedestrians. Public Health body NICE also wants 20 mph limits near children.

Researchers measured the vision of 111 children in primary schools and calculated approach speeds that they could reliably detect. Adult pedestrians can make good judgments for vehicles going up to 50 mph, but primary school age children become unreliable once the approach rises above 20 mph. The study says:-

"Children's perceptual limitations place them at greater risk of stepping in front of cars travelling at higher speeds. Driving over 20 mph in a residential or school area not only increases the potential severity of any impact, but also increases the risk that a child will injudiciously cross in front."

Professor Wann stresses that the simplest solution lies in traffic regulation :-

"There's strong evidence that children may make risky crossing judgements when vehicles are travelling at 30 or 40 mph. The vehicles that they are more likely to step in front of are the faster vehicles that are more likely to result in a fatality. Travelling 1 mile through a residential area at 20 mph vs. 30 mph will only add 60 seconds to journey time. We encourage drivers to take a minute and save a child's life".

Anna Semlyen, Campaign Manager for '20's Plenty for Us' said "It's simplistic to blame children saying they "run out", without checking. But this study suggests it is fast motor vehicles that create the errors, as it is then impossible for kids to make correct judgments. It's up to adults to protect children through 20 mph limits and for drivers to obey the signs."

I would remind all parents that not only do you have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that your own children are kept safe you also have the responsibility for all of the other children coming into school. I appeal to all car vehicle drivers



to slow down to a maximum of 20mph when approaching a school irrespective of whether there is a legal requirement to do so.

I would also ask all Local Authorities to implement a 20mph speed limit on the approaches to all schools if this has not been done already and I would remind parents coming into Heighington School that a lot of time, thought and money has been spent to introduce a Traffic Management System around both entrances to our school; a system implemented for the safety of all children driving into schools, and with reference to Heighington in particular, a system designed by Highways Safety Managers supported by parents from the school.

The continuing safety of our children is literally in your hands. The research has concluded that children have difficulty in judging speed over 20mph so the solution is simple:-

DO NOT DRIVE OVER 20mph WHEN APPROACHING ANY SCHOOL SPEED and INCONSIDERATE PARKING KILLS
Councillor Gerald G. Lee

TIFFANY CLIMBS HELLYELYN IN MEMORY OF FATHER

Dear Sir
My daughter Tiffany is 12 years old and on 10th March her Dad died unexpectedly. He suffered from Epilepsy and had a massive seizure. He had lived in Scotland for the last 4 years with his new partner who he was due to marry this year. Tiffany is determined to do something positive in memory of her Dad and on 23rd April she will

be climbing up Hellyelyn in the Lake District to raise money for Epilepsy Scotland with a few of her friends. She has set up a "Just Giving" page and with that and sponsors she has taken she has raised over £400 in 3 days.

Donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/tiffany-miller or contact me direct on Aycliffe 01325 327200
Ashley Thompson

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Dear Sir,
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TEACHERS IN THE STOCKS



We know we work our students hard at Greenfield and that all of us are pretty exhausted by Friday, however, Mr Priestley was more than a little surprised when all of the pupils and teachers turned up for school this Friday in pyjamas and slippers!

In fact this was a specially organised event to mark Greenfield's pupils' generous contributions to national Comic Relief day. Following busy morning lessons (no sleeping here) pupils rushed outside in the sunshine to help raise even more money. A group of dedicated (or shall we say foolishly brave?) staff volunteered to sit behind the stocks and be "sponged" with cold water! Pupils queued to pay for a chance to soak their "favourite" teacher. Thanks to the PE staff the throwing of the sponges was unfortunately highly accurate!

This splendid event has raised over £840 and made us all reflect on how lucky we are to be part of such a caring and sharing school.



LEE GREEN DANCE CENTRE COMPETITION RESULTS MEDALLIST OF THE YEAR

The IDTA (North East) continues to choose Newton Aycliffe as their preferred venue for Freestyle and Street competitions.

The latest competition, Adult Medallist of the Year Freestyle and Junior Slow and Street was held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday, 6th March. Below are the results from Lee Green Dance Centre:

- 14 - 17 yrs. Street Solo**
Annis Race 1st Place
- 14 - 17 yrs. Street Graded**
Stephanie Wilson 1st Place
- 3 - 5 yrs. Rosette Slow Dance**
Amber Fenwick 2nd Place
- 6 - 8 yrs. Rosette Slow Dance**
Romie Cowens 1st Place
Kira Watson 4th Place
- Summer Fenwick 5th Place**
Milly Cartwright 6th Place
- 6 - 10 yrs. Stardance Slow Dance**
Harrison Evans 1st Place
Beatrice Lineton 3rd Place
Rachel Bennett 4th Place
Reece Atherton 5th Place
- Up to 9 yrs. Slow Dance**
Lisa Robinson 5th Place
- 10 - 13 yrs. Slow Dance**
Chloe Farley 1st Place
Kalya Shaw 3rd Place
Daniela Winwood 5th Place
Georgia Heads 6th Place
- 14 - 17 yrs. Street Pairs**
Annis Race and Chloe Farley 1st Place
- 6 - 8. Rosette Street (Girls)**
Kira Watson 4th Place
Milly Cartwright 5th Place
Romie Cowens 6th Place
- 6 - 8 yrs. Rosette Street (Boys)**
David Robinson 2nd Place

PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT meeting at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 29th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Councillors and Representatives from Great Aycliffe Town Council and Durham County Council have been invited.

6 - 10 yrs. Stardance Street (Girls)

- Beatrice Lineton 1st Place
- Rachel Bennett 3rd Place
- Charlotte Rowley 4th Place
- Olivia Archer 5th Place

6 - 10 yrs. Stardance Street (Boys)

- Reece Atherton 1st Place
- Harrison Evans 3rd Place

Up to 9 yrs. Street

- Lisa Robinson 2nd Place
- 10 - 13 yrs. Street
- Kasia Shaw 4th Place

14 - 17 yrs. Rock and Roll

- Kalya Shaw and Annis Race 1st Place
- 14 - 17 yrs. Team - Black Widow (5th Place)

Georgia Wakefield, Chloe Farley, Annis Race, Charley Haigh, Hayley Archer, Stephanie Wilson, Lauren Archer, Kalya Shaw

Well done to everybody who took part. You all danced really well and we all had a fun day. Thanks to the parents for their continued support.

Anyone who has an interest in joining Lee Green Dance Centre please contact Bryan or Brenda Thomson on 01325 318239. Our classes include Freestyle Disco, Street, Lyrical Slow, Rock n Roll. If you are interested in other classes, Caroline Race teaches Adult Street, Aerobics and Zumba at various other locations. For further information please contact Caroline on Tel 07949 911642 or 01325 312573.



Beatrice Lineton



Kalya Shaw



Harrison Evans



Chloe and Annis



Romie Cowens



Reece Atherton

"IF ONLY EVERY DAY COULD BE LIKE SUNDAY"

Young people from Newton Aycliffe will spend their Sundays dancing, singing and enjoying drama and music thanks to a new project supported by Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership. (GAMP)

The Sunday Project provides 11 weeks of activities for primary school children including a number of varieties of dance, singing, drama, music and art. Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins have funded the sessions through their neighbourhood budgets via the partnership, one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

The project is being run by Enter CIC and Dance in Education Services who held recruitment workshops in Vane Road Primary School, Byerley Park Primary School and Woodham Burn Community Primary School. Matt Mills from Channel five's Don't Stop Believin' and Jonny Dixon who played Daryl Morton in Coronation Street were on hand to help out with dance, drama and rhythmic workshops.

The sessions regularly attract up to 60 young people and provide a great opportunity for children and young people to develop a passion for the performing arts, while gaining more confidence, communication, teamwork and other skills.

Each Sunday session lasts for three hours, broken into two 90 minute sessions, to cater for different age ranges and young people between the ages of four and eleven can take part.

GAMP is particularly keen to support this project as it meets one of the partnership's priorities; providing activities for young people and supporting the community and voluntary sector.

Dance in Education Services. She said: "These sessions are about providing children with performing arts activities that they really enjoy."

"The activities are lively, creative and fun and children show an amazing amount of enthusiasm and initiative in the ideas and performances they develop."

Cllr Joan Gray said: "Cllr Gittins and I are keen to support projects like this which provide positive activities for young

people in a safe and secure environment.

"Activities like this really help the children in supporting their education and personal development and therefore benefit the wider community."

"Andrea and her team are doing a great job and on behalf of the community I can't thank them enough for the work they are doing with our young people."

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Newtonians at Old Trafford



Photo: Jack Stott, Colin Coulthard, Jack Elliot, Ian Craig, Ross Hutchinson, Finlay Sylvester, Gavin Whingfield and Jason Mclean with coaches Wayne Hall and Kevin Stonehouse a club tour guide.

Wannabe Beckhams and Rooneys from Newton Aycliffe have taken a tour of Manchester United's football ground. The youngsters, all from Aycliffe and the surrounding area, have been taking part in football sessions thanks to Darlington Football in the Community and Durham County Council's Positive Future's project. Lisa Denham, Positive Futures coordinator, said: "We have run these sessions since last February and have a core group who rarely miss. "The youngsters are varying in ability but get on well and provide support to each

other and are a very strong team. "It's fantastic to be able to provide opportunities like this for young people and encourage them to celebrate their achievements and broaden their horizons." The aim of the sessions, as well as bringing out the best in the young people, is to show the benefits of team working whilst bringing them together for a positive activity. Durham County Council receives funding from the Home Office, via Catch22, to deliver the sessions with coaches from Darlington Football in the Community. The youngsters were given a tour of Old Trafford as a reward for their dedication.

AYCLIFFE LAUNCH BID TO HOST WORLD CUP

Newton Aycliffe could be the venue for an historic world football tournament later this year – with the support of local firms. Aycliffe's Under-18s side have taken on the mammoth task of trying to host the high-profile mini-World Cup in June. But the project won't get off the ground without financial assistance from companies who'd be interested in sponsorship the event. The tournament would involve teams coming to Aycliffe from around the world, as well as from the UK, to compete for a specially-made World Cup trophy, supplied by Deco of Bishop Auckland (pictured with Aycliffe U-18s captain James Oliver). Organiser Kath Sowerby, Finance Secretary for Aycliffe Under-18s, says she already has clubs from Italy, Hungary, Germany, France, Wales and Scotland interested in taking part, as well as teams from around England. But the complex, two-day event will cost around

£4,000 to cover various costs, including travel and accommodation for visiting teams, marquees and on-site amenities. Durham FA have already pledged to sanction the tournament (normally there is no football sanctioned in June), and Kath says the event could provide the region with an opportunity to embrace what would be the first competition of this kind to be held in the North-East. "It really is a fantastic opportunity for all of us," she said. "I have a passion for football and a real desire to enable boys aged 16-18 to share the universal language of the game. "Football gives boys and girls the inspiration and determination to hopefully keep them off the streets and give them an insight into what can be achieved in their local communities. "This could be a real first for not just Newton Aycliffe and County Durham, but for the North-East, but we need the help of the local community and businesses to make it happen." Under-18s team manager Paul Jarps added: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the area and we need everyone



to embrace it. "Hopefully this can become an annual event and could lead to teams travelling to Europe to play at international venues building relations with other countries. "The main point though is that it gives youngsters aged between 16 and 18, who are a difficult age group to reach and so are often forgotten about, to have something positive to participate in and look forward to. The drive and determination our Finance

Secretary Kath Sowerby has put in so far is phenomenal and it would be with great credit to her that this event which was no more than an idea two months ago has been possible." Any firms or individuals who'd be interested in getting involved with the World Cup, either by way of sponsorship or volunteering, can contact Kath Sowerby on 07779 571101 or email newtonaycliffeu18@btinternet.com www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

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

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LOCAL SPORT

TITLE WINS FOR AYCLIFFE THAI BOXERS



March 12th saw Phoenix Thai Boxing Camp have another busy, but successful night. Sam Mitchell fought in York for a National title against local girl Suzie Wylie, the main event of the evening. The fight was over five rounds and Sam started the fight at a ferocious pace that Suzie could not handle. Throughout the fight Sam landed real heavy, fast combinations which made Suzie try to get in closer in order to clinch and knee. This didn't phase Sam as she was also dominant in the clinch. The decision went to a unanimous point's victory in Sam's favour - Sam's fifth title win. On the same night Davey Grant fought on Total Combat at Spennymoor, defending his British Bantamweight title against Declan Williams, a very dangerous and unbeaten fighter. The first round of the fight was toe to toe, non stop action for the first 3 minutes, but with Davey looking the stronger of the two fighters. The fight went to the ground, with both lads showing great ground work. The second round started with Davey landing heavy low kicks and taking Declan to the ground, winning the fight by submission. The Phoenix Gym now offers MMA classes as well as Thai Boxing, Ladies only and Children's classes. For more information please contact Gary Mcallister on 07812 737 718.

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FOSTER Mark and Rachel, congratulations on the arrival of your gorgeous son Bobby! A beautiful Nephew for us and Cousin for George. All our love, Neil, Beccy, Olivia and George xxx

FOSTER Congratulations to Rachel and Mark on the birth of your beautiful little boy "Bobby" on 18th March 2011. A brother for Evie and our second Grandson. All our love, Mam and Dad Hunter and Grandad

DENHAM Sean and Sara congratulations on the birth of your baby girl "Emily". She is gorgeous. Lots and lots of love and best wishes from Great Gran Evelyn, Auntie Leigh and Family, Auntie Tracey and Family xxx

Lost & Found

MISSING CAT Black and white cat named Rory, last seen in Lee Green, Simpasture, Blue Bridge area of the town on the morning of Tuesday 15th March. Please check sheds, garages and allotments - any information good or bad news will be gratefully received. Tel 07999 304078

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Thank You

Amanda and Marc


Amanda and Marc would like to thank friends and family for attending the Christening of their Daughter Lily Grace Travis, on Sunday 20th March and we would also like to thank everyone for the gifts and kind wishes.

Wanted

WANTED household items, old TVs cookers, washers, fridges, bikes etc. Garage clearances undertaken. Tel 321567 or 07984 817111

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CROSSTRAINER V-Fit, LCD display, etc. very good condition, £25. Tel 07717 493411
MAXI COSI child's car seat, use from 9months to 4 years, excellent condition, £40 ono. Tel 01325 313426

LIBBIE ANDERSON – Congratulations babe to you and all your crew members for gaining third place at the Nationwide competition in Blackpool. Lots of love Mammy, Stephen and Flynn. xx
ABBIE KENNEDY – Happy 9th Birthday to our special niece, have a fab day, lots of love Aunty Kirsty, Uncle Stephen, Libbie and Flynn. xx
SKINNER Linda and Alan (Mam and Dad). Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary on 28th March 2011. All our love, Nicky, Kev and Lee xxxxxx
TOMMY SMITH 31st March 2011. To Tommy from Florence. Happy 60th Anniversary. All my love, Florence xxx
EILEEN SAXBY 22nd March 1931. Happy 80th birthday Mum. All our love, Brenda, Jimmy and family
EILEEN SAXBY 22nd March 2011. Happy 80th birthday Mum and Nan. We love you very much from Kathleen, Mark, Chester and Regen xxx
McWILLIAM and CHARLTON Denise and Steve, congratulations on your Engagement, hope you have a great party. Lots of love, Mam and Dave xxx
DENISE and STEVE congratulations, hope you have a great night. Lots of hugs n kisses, Shannon and Jordan xx

Congratulations



Luke Molyneux

Happy 13th Birthday Teenager at last! Enjoy your party. Lots of love from Mam and Dad xxx

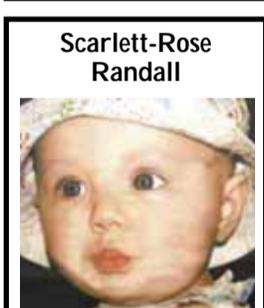
Have a Great birthday Luke and a great party. Can't believe you are a teenager now! All our love to our special Grandson from Grandma and Grandad



Sharon Sapsford

Happy 40th Birthday 30th March 2011

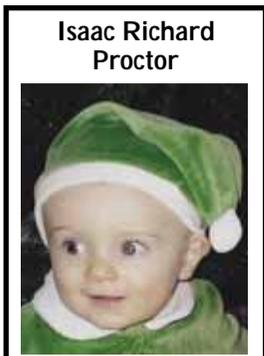
All our love. Loving Husband Neil, Sam, Simon, Luke, Grandson Jayden, Nana & Grandad Archer and your dear Dad, watching from Heaven. Have a great day xxx



Scarlett-Rose Randall

Happy 1st Birthday Princess 21st March 2011

Hope you have a fantastic day. All our love, Mammy and Daddy



Isaac Richard Proctor

Happy Birthday - 1 Day 28th March 2011

To our gorgeous Son. Love, Mammy & Daddy xxx
 To our beautiful Grandson. Love, Nanna & Grandad x
 To our little Smiler. Lots of love, Great Nanna and Grandad Gartland xxx
Happy Birthday to our grogeous Nephew and Great Nephew. Love, Chris, Emma, Sam, John, Lyn, Ian and also from Great Cousin Lauren xxx



Sarah Pryor

Happy 18th Birthday 26th March 2011

Have a great day. Lots of love, Mam, Nigel and Katie xxx



Sarah, Tim, Jack and Emma

GOOD LUCK with your dancing at the Show with KDanz on 26th March 2011. Lots of love, Mum, Nana, Aunty Teresa and Uncle Reg



Laura Barron

18 on 26th March Happy birthday Laura. Lots of love from Anne and Steve xxx

STEPHANIE DURR Happy 21st birthday. Love from Mam, Dad and Ryan xxx

BREAKING NEWS

Support Local Aycliffe lad **DAVID BRYAN** to Win Eurovision 2011



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Jean Pearce

is 65 Years Young - 30th March 2011
 Happy birthday Mum, have a lovely day. Lots of love, Sarah and Tim xxx
 To our wonderful Nana. Love and hugs, Jack and Emma xx
 To our very special Sister. Loads of love, Teresa and Reg xxx

Billy & Sheila Allen



Happy 55th 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

Abbie Kennedy



Happy 9th Birthday 25th March 2011

Happy birthday to our gorgeous Daughter. Have a great day. Love, Mam and Dad
 Loads of hugs and kisses from little Brother Joe
 Have a wonderful birthday Abbie. Love from both Gran and Grandads xxxxx
Well done for coming 2nd in the Nationwide Street Finals at Blackpool. You were brilliant! xxx

Florence & Tommy Smith



60 HAPPY YEARS 31st March 2011

Thank you Florence for 60 happy years of marriage. As always, all my love, I love you still. Tommy xxx

KASIA TEGAN SHAW Congratulations treasure for coming 1st place in the Nationwide Street Competition at Blackpool. Good luck to you and Kalya in your exams on Sunday. Lots of love, Auntie Pamela xxx
CONNOR BLAKEY Bestest Boy No 4. Happy 9th birthday. Just a year ago the latest toy was your passion, but now it's football and what's in fashion. Enjoy your football party. Love you billions, Grandma xxx

Obituary

CALLAGHAN (Newton Aycliffe). 17th March, suddenly at home in Emerson Way, after an illness bravely borne. Janice (nee Gustard) aged 52 years. Much loved Wife of Peter; beloved Mam of Matthew; also a devoted Daughter, Sister, Sister-in-Law and Auntie. Janice will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends.

Birthday Remembrance

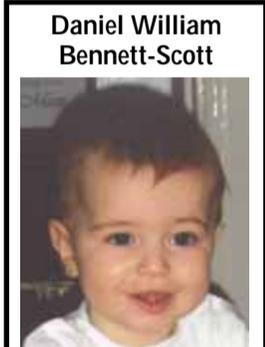
Brooke Dawson

16th March 1980 to 14th April 2001



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

DES WALKER 29th March. Our birthday wish must be a prayer, this special day we cannot share. In our hearts you are always there. Love forever, Wife Julia and all your family xxxxx
GRANT EDGAR birthday memories of Grant, 27th March. How much you are missed is something you will never know. You left behind the broken hearts of those who loved you so. If only you could celebrate your special day today. This birthday token brings you love to let you know how dear you are - you will always mean so much. Lots of love, Mam, Paul, Andy, Lee and family
KARMEN Birthday memories for 5th April, your special day we cannot share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love from Mam, Dad, David, Nadine, Ronnie, Karen and family
CORA HUTCHINSON 24th March. Happy 75th birthday. 4 years have passed, we all miss you. Love you lots, Susan, Tommy, Liz, Lee, Ronnie, Michael, David, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren



Daniel William Bennett-Scott

Happy 1st Birthday 25th March 2011

Happy Birthday to our gorgeous little boy! Love you loads, Mammy and Daddy xxx
1 today! Happy birthday to a wonderful Grandson and Nephew. Hope you have a great party. Lots of love, Granny, Grandad Jimmy, Uncle James and Auntie Rachel xxx
 To Grandma's and Grandad Kevin's little man. Happy 1st birthday. Love you loads,
Happy 1st birthday. Love from Uncle Christopher, Aunty Britney and Lucy



Laura Barron

Happy 18th Birthday 26th March 2011

Loz Boz, enjoy your special day. Loads of love, Mam, Dad, Sam and Coley xxx

PETER BODDY Congratulations for the BIG ONE 50th Birthday, 30th March 2011. Enjoy your party! Lots of Love from Mam, Leanne, Kris, Katie and Sharon

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AYCLIFFE FC JUST ONE WIN FROM PROMOTION!

Newton Aycliffe are now just ONE win from a historic promotion to the Northern League First Division. And the Newtonians could clinch it at Seaham Red Star this Saturday.

Their comfortable 3-0 win at home to Brandon United last weekend took them one step closer to their dreams of reaching the top flight. Other results didn't go their way last week, delaying the inevitable by seven days. But their destiny is in their own hands this weekend, as a win will secure their place in the second division top three, irrespective of other results. And Allan Oliver's side are now also only seven points away from clinching the league title.

AYCLIFFE'S RUN-IN
 Saturday 26th March: Seaham Red Star (A), 3pm
 Saturday 2nd April: Chester-le-Street (H), 3pm
 Saturday 16th April: Birtley Town (H), 3pm
 Saturday 23rd April: Thornaby (H), 3pm
 Monday 25th April: Team Northumbria (A), 3pm
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

North Shields' tricky test at fifth-placed Marske United this weekend could play a big part in Aycliffe's hopes of finishing top. Shields are potentially Aycliffe's biggest threat, as with their games in hand they can still reach 92 points by winning all their remaining 10 games. But if they were to lose at Marske this Saturday, and Aycliffe win at Seaham, then the Newtonians could win the title at home to Chester-le-

Street next Saturday. Failing that, another win at home to Birtley Town in a fortnight would be the day Aycliffe are crowned champions. Aycliffe never got out of first gear against Brandon last Saturday, with two goals from Warren Byrne and a fine effort by Ben Wood ensuring an easy afternoon. Byrne grabbed his 37th goal of the season in the 33rd minute, winning and converting a penalty, and Wood notched his sixth goal in 10 just before half-time. Byrne grabbed his second of the game just four minutes after the restart to seal the points, stretching Aycliffe's unbeaten league run to 25 games. Team: Pocklington, Mitton, Peck, Tarling, Close, Beckett, B Wood, Gardner, Byrne, Mellanby, Owen. Used subs: McMullen, Broom, Knox. Unused: Raitt, Campbell. • Aycliffe's game at Team Northumbria has been re-arranged for Easter Monday (April 25), meaning that will be their last league game of the season.

UNDER 16'S NEW SHIRT SPONSOR



Newton Aycliffe Juniors U16's were delighted when Plasmor concrete building products in Newton Aycliffe kindly agreed to sponsor a new shirt for the 2010-2011 season. The offer of sponsoring a new shirt could not have come at a more opportune moment for the team as a lot of the players had grown

so much during the summer and although the shirts the team had were all brand new for the previous season they were now looking a tad small on a number of the players! U16's team manager Nige "Slatch" Slatcher was delighted to take delivery of the new shirts which proudly displays the

Plasmor logo and he would like to personally thank, on behalf of the team and the club, Plasmor Manager Mark Brooks- Shae and Sue Young who works for Mark and whose son Joe plays for the NAJFC u16's, in helping facilitate the shirt sponsorship with Plasmor for the next two years. The NAJFC u16's play in division 2 of TJFA and they have enjoyed an excellent start to the season playing 10 league games to date, winning 9 and drawing 1 whilst also reaching the quarter finals of the TJFA challenge cup. If you are interested in

joining or finding out more about Newton Aycliffe Junior FC then please log onto our website nascjuniorfc.co.uk

£1100 from Honest John

Honest John's fundraising stall has donated £700.00 to Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club, £200.00 to the 3rd Brownies and £200.00 to the 2nd Guides Group. John would like to thank all those who have donated goods for him to sell on his stall.

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LOCAL SPORT

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Aycliffe Village Students Excel in Gymnastics Final



Pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary School were in action at the recent Durham County Gymnastics Final held in Consett. The gymnasts were representing the Sedgfield Cluster and competing against other districts within County Durham. The Pupils had to complete a floor routine and then a vault. The Sedgfield Cluster was victorious in all three categories, with the Aycliffe pupils coming first in the Year 5 and 6 event and the Year 3 and 4 event. The photograph shows the Aycliffe Village pupils being presented their medals by Judge, Mr Colin Smith from the Deerness Valley Gymnastics Club.

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