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## ROYAL VISIT TO CELEBRATE ROMAN'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

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Roman's Chairman Gerry Osborne with his Managing Director Son David Osborne

Roman, the UK's leading shower designer and manufacturer will celebrate their 25 years of manufacturing and supplying innovative showering solutions to the UK market - in style.

The celebrations will be joined by a visit from HRH The Earl of Wessex KG KCVO.

The celebrations took place at their Newton Aycliffe Headquarters on Thursday 14th April when His Royal Highness was formally welcomed to Roman by Chairman Gerald Osborne. In addition, local MPs, key trade and local press, television crew and radio broadcasters were all present to join in with the celebrations. Guests were given a showroom and factory tour, with an insight into Roman's operational and design processes.

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Friday, 22nd April  
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Saturday, 23rd April  
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Friday, 29th April  
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**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AT SILVERDALE**

**ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY**  
Silverdale House 11.00am until 5pm Friday 29th April 2011. Fun for the young people Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Disco and Talent competition.

**TABLE TOP SALE**  
from 11.00am until 2pm. Café open all day. Tea party from 3pm until 5pm. Everyone welcome We need extra volunteers to help us make this a special day. Ring 308094 to volunteer.

**SILVERDALE HOUSE**

**CAFÉ** will be open weekdays throughout the school holidays with special offers for the young people.

Silverdale House activities for the young people will be held, read window posters for details. Youth workers will be working with 13yrs and over every Wednesday night from 7pm until 9pm and Friday from 3.30pm after the Easter Holidays.

**NEW FRIENDS NEW PLACES** meet every Tuesday from 2pm until 4pm at The Navy

Club Burnhill Way Zumba Dancing will be demonstrated on 26th April come and try it. **LINE DANCING** and **Armchair Aerobics** take place once a month. Join us on our days out. We are going to Windemere, Bridlington and lots more places throughout the summer. We also go out to various venues for lunch on a Sunday and sometimes through the week.

**A Y C L I F F E COMMUNITY BUS** 15 seats available to affiliated community groups. Ring 01325 308094 for further details. A meeting will be held in the near future to form a Management Group to oversee the running of this new Project.

Dorothy Bowman

**Easter Party**

Signing Tots Easter Party is on Saturday 23rd April 10-12 noon at Woodham Community Centre. Easter activities, Sign 'n' Sing session, Signing stories, Easter cakes and biscuits, Signing Bingo plus Easter gift for every child. All for £5, Children £2 and Under 1's free. **GRAB YOUR TICKETS NOW!** Contact JULES: 07966 968388

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCOUTS SUPPORTER AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**EASTER FUNDRAISING DAY**  
at their Centre in Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe  
on **Easter Monday the 25th April** from 1pm to 4pm

The aim of the day is to raise funds to go towards their extension and refurbishment projects.

Various Stalls - Bouncy Castle - Speed Shoot - Barbeque  
Easter Egg Hunt and many other fantastic things to enjoy

Raffle with prizes including:- 1 Week Spa Facility Use at the Larches Hotel - 1 Heating Service from Bluebell Way Valuing Garage - 2 Tickets to Ruff 'n' Tumble, 2 Hours General Cleaning from North East Ironing and Cleaning Service and many other great prizes

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**Family Fun Day!!!**  
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Come and join us for some Family Fun on Easter Saturday! (Saturday 23rd April) Any time between 10am and 4pm at the Bethany Centre, Woodham, DLS 4UD.

**FACE PAINTING** **NAIL ART**  
**ZUMBA TASTERS** (11.30am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm)  
**KIDS' TATTOOS** **TOMBOLA**  
**BINGO** (10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm)  
**2ND HAND STALL** **CAFE**  
**NAME THE BEAR & GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS STALLS**  
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Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to have a FUN DAY with all of the family over Easter. Children and Adults young and old are welcome!  
All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the Costume Fund for Aycliffe Dance Academy's 1st Show in July this year! (Contact Evens on 07906 182 888 if you have any questions on this event!)




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**Saturday 30th April - to be confirmed**  
**Saturday 7th May - "WITCHKRAFT"**  
'The first set was a good mix of well known songs from Montrose, Jethro Tull, Golden Earring, Free and ACDC. Second set was Deep Purple as this is their trade mark. Cliff on drums (ex white Noise) and Gaz on bass have created a really tight and punchy rhythm section. Mr. Big was excellent, really showing off Gaz's skills. John on vocals, was suffering with a chest infection but it didn't stop him delivering, with a good, high and gritty rock vocal. Mal...is Mal. Looks and plays like Blackmore, has all the moves and the sound of Mr. B, but can also show he's really good at the other stuff as well. All in all it was a good show, good crowd, nice choice of rock classics mixed with the best of Purple.' - jarekmace - Review

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# "JUST SAY YES" LAUNCH PARTY

A fund in memory of Mark Bulman was launched at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club, on Friday 1st April. Mark was diagnosed with Bone Cancer in October 2007 and received 11 months of intensive chemotherapy

and major surgery. He went into remission in September 2008, and returned to 6th Form to continue his A levels and in September 2009 went to Newcastle University to study Zoology.



Mark Bulman

5 weeks into University life Mark relapsed and was told the cancer had returned to his lungs and other areas of his body and was now terminal. It was then Mark took on the motto 'Just Say Yes' and never without a smile lived his life to the full enjoying every moment he could with his friends and family. In October 2010 Mark lost his battle with the evil disease at the age of 21.

This fund is for children and teenagers aged 0 to 21yrs, receiving treatment at the RVI in Newcastle on Ward 4, to help make their lives a little more bearable during treatment and difficult times.

His Mum Sue, who has set up the fund, would like to say thank you to Tesco, Cineworld, Beauty Bliss, 3M, Browns Beauty, Stephen Russel, Woodham Golf Club, Darlington FC, Aycliffe Dance Academy, Occasions, Kisumu

Accessories, For Always, Jason Steele & Middlesboro FC, J&A Headstart, Signingtots, Occasions and mynufc.co.uk for auction pictures.

Also Mick & Curt Taylor for all their hard work, Mixed Nutz, Deers & Melissa Cavanagh for the entertainment, Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club, Family & friends for raffle donations and a big thank you to everyone who came to support and launch the 'Just Say Yes' fund!

Find us on facebook and watch this space for future events.



Marks Mum Sue and Brother Tom at the Launch Night

## ROYAL VISIT TO ROMAN

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bath screens matching the bathroom colours of the time.

Since then Roman have diversified into many other areas and in 2001 a £1.2million extension was formally opened by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Tony Blair MP. To add flexibility to their research and development and to ensure control of their tray supply, Roman opened a Tray Plant in 2005 to manufacture solid surface level access trays.

In July 2009, Roman launched Roman at Home,

a collection of bathroom and home accessories which has been a great success and is continuing to grow as the Brand awareness increases. Roman remains a family owned business and is now the largest UK shower manufacturing facility employing over 150 staff across two sites in County Durham and Daventry. Roman's extensive range now encompasses high quality shower enclosures, contemporary wetroom panels, ingenious bath screens, low level shower trays, state-of-the-art water delivery systems and a range of accessories.

Roman offers something for every sector, from an affordable price sensitive range, through to the more exclusively designed and luxurious bathrooms.

Roman's Chairman, Gerald Osborne comments; "We are exceptionally proud to have a member of the Royal Family come and share this 25 year milestone with us. We are delighted that Roman has continued to grow and transform into the leading shower manufacturer that it is today."

# Roman Day at Sugar Hill



In Sugar Hill, Year 3 and 4's Roman topic came to an exciting finale last week with a Roman Day. The children were asked to come to school dressed as Romans or Celts and were given the opportunity to learn lots of interesting facts about the Romans. The morning included a performance from an historian who arrived in costume in the character of Claudia the wife of a Roman Centurion. During the afternoon, children were invited to participate in a Roman like feast, allowing the children to taste many Roman delicacies, unfortunately there was no stuffed door mice to be found on the menu!

## CAN YOU HELP THE POLICE?

The Police are appealing for witnesses to the following crimes:

**Overnight** between 7th-8th April 2011 in Ryder Court, Newton Aycliffe a car was damaged to the rear passenger side window.

**Between** 1st-8th April 2011 at West Cemetary in School Aycliffe a large copper solar powered lantern was stolen from the grave of an unborn child. This has left the parents devastated and in need of answers.

**About** 22.00 hours on Wednesday 6th April 2011 in Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe two young persons have stolen four Ford hub caps from a vehicle parked in the street

**About** 04:00 hours on Saturday 9th April 2011 in Washington Crescent a Mercedes vehicle had its hood ornament snapped off and stolen by two males who were seen running away from the scene.

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Art (e.g. watercolours)	10 weeks	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre	£40
Stagey Ladies	TBC	Greenfield Community & Arts Centre	£5 per session
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## Other Courses

Confidence and Motivation Workshops	3 hrs	Pioneering Care Partnership	TBC
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Sign Language	10 weeks	Newton Aycliffe Library	£40

### FREE three week introductory courses for:

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- Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre
- Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
- Pioneering Care Centre
- Communicators Ltd
- Newton Aycliffe Library

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For more details about the courses and start dates please contact 01325 382048

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**FREE Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)** - Agnew Community Centre and Woodham Village Community Centre

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### Family Learning

There are a wide range of activities and courses available where parents, grandparents, children, carers, neighbours and friends are involved in learning together and life fun. To find out more about family learning services and courses in your area, contact Carol Harris (LEAP) 01325 382021, Rana Coates Durham County Council Adult Learning 01325 371000 or Elaine Lamb (DWP) Ackwood College 01325 680014.

For advice on learning and work please contact your local next step service on 0800 827 7344



Newton Aycliffe Learning Partnership

### Contact Information

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

# Royal Wedding at Stephenson Way

Newton News were invited to Stephenson Way Reception and Nursery Classroom this week to witness a mock Royal Wedding in recognition of the real thing happening later this month.

It was a lovely occasion with the bride Demi Collins looking beautiful in her white gown and carrying a lovely bouquet. She was accompanied by Chief Bridesmaid Maisie Bellamy and four other friends all in fine dresses.

The Groom was Aiden Fraser with Best Man Joshua Hodgson. Officiating was



The School Hall was used for the Ceremony and here the "Father" (right) is seen giving away his daughter.



Exchange of rings

Methodist Minister Emma Morgan. All the usual protocol was observed including a Receiving Line-up, the Reception with Pink (mock) Champagne and sandwiches.

Promises were made for the couple to remain good "friends" and rings were

exchanged prior to the Signing of the Register.

The children enjoyed the whole proceedings and are now much better informed on the marriage ceremony.

The teachers wore their

best hats and the children all came dressed in their best clothes and wore a buttonhole.



# Schoolchildren Visit Aycliffe Steel Factory



Pupils from Fishburn Primary School took time out to visit Finley Structures in Newton Aycliffe, to see the process of raw steel being made into a full structure.

The youngsters were first given a 3D demonstration by a structural engineer, showing them a virtual construction on screen, before going on to the shop floor to see the steel being fabricated by the most advanced computer numerically controlled (CNC) machinery.

They then saw steel being erected at Durham County Council's £10m North East Technology Park (NETPark) development, near Sedgefield.

Their teacher Danny Eason said: "The whole afternoon covered maths, science and art, but also demonstrated team skills and people working together, so it was hugely beneficial for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed it."

The children will produce a short film about their visit for

their social media site. The visit was a joint-venture by Willmott Dixon, the firm responsible for building the science park at NETPark, and one of their major sub-contractors Finley Structures.

John Finley, managing director of the family-run Aycliffe-based firm, said: "Both Finley and Willmott Dixon are committed to involving the community on our projects and this was a fantastic reflection of that. The children enjoyed a very informative and practical lesson, both in our factory and on-site, and they were extremely responsive and inquisitive."

Finley Structures was formed in 2000, and the family-owned company moved to its current location at Aycliffe Business Park in 2003. The company provides structural steelwork to the construction industry, and in 2008 invested more than £1m in its production facility to manufacture in excess of 200 tonnes of steel per week.

# CAR ACCIDENT WITNESSES WANTED

The Police are appealing for witnesses to a road traffic collision which occurred on Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe at the mini roundabout at the junction of Westmorland Way at approximately 11.20am on Friday 1st April 2011.

Two vehicles were involved, one a black coloured taxi which had been slowing down on the approach to the roundabout and a small coloured silver car which has driven into the back of the taxi.

The driver of the silver car did initially get out of his vehicle to see if the driver of the taxi was okay. He then asked the taxi driver to move his car off the road which was done. However the driver of the silver vehicle then drove off without exchanging details which he is obliged to do under the road traffic act. At the time of the collision there were other vehicles around and possible witnesses who may be able to assist in identifying the owner of the silver car.

There may have been an 'X' somewhere on the registration plate of the silver car. The driver is described as white, aged 24-30 years, dark hair receding slightly, thin build and spoke with a local accent.

If anyone has any information

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Arts Award (6-8pm)

**THURSDAY**  
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# SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY DRAW

## Over £8,000 Raised for 35 Town Organisations & Charities

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club are delighted with the result of their first attempt at organising a Community Raffle where 35 town organisations became ticket sellers and recipients of half the proceeds. The remaining monies, after expenses, is to be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and the Great North Air Ambulance. Almost £8,000 was raised and the Rotary Club wish to thank their ticket selling partners and all those who took part in the Bumper Draw with over £3,000 worth of prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

The full list of prizes, winners and donors is shown on this page with special thanks to Newton News for all their support in promoting this wonderful project from the outset.

The Draw took place at the Royal British Legion Club who donated the use of their premises for the occasion. Secretary Bob Gordon and all the Committee Members were thanked by the President of the Rotary Club, Barry Hutchinson on the night, which attracted over 120 people.

The Legion also enlisted the help of three top club entertainers: Reece Alexander, Chris Atkins and Tory Summers who were all excellent and received great applause for their fantastic performances.

All the artistes, who travelled from the Newcastle area, gave their services free and the Rotary President thanked them for their support. It was a fantastic value for money night with Bingo, Tombola, Entertainment and a superb home-made Pie & Peas Supper - all for just £5.

Nice comments on the entertainment and the overall organisation are still coming in with special mention of the final act, Tory Summers, whose infectious singing and vibrant dancing had lots of people filling the dance floor, rocking to the music.

"We appreciate the support we received from the British Legion Committee and the suitability of their Concert Room for this event. The acts were tremendous and the audience showed their appreciation with wild applause. It has been a super project and we hope everyone involved has benefitted. The lucky winners of the wonderful prizes are certainly very happy, but we must thank the generous donors for their magnificent support." said President Barry Hutchinson.

Rotarians Nora and David Scott arranged the Tombola Stall and were pleasantly surprised by its popularity and soon sold all the tickets thanks to the generosity of those attending the draw. The organisation of the draw itself went well and it is hoped it can be repeated. A presentation to the two main charities will take place very soon and will be featured in Newton News. A final thanks to all those who bought tickets - your support is appreciated and we hope you have better luck next time.

### UNCLAIMED PRIZES

The Rotary Club is unable to contact the following three ticket holders: **Spearman, Ticket No. 20501. Prize Number 7 sold by YMCA Shop. Lenhan, Ticket No. 14912 Prize Number 13. Sold by Jean Thompson. Meyhew, Ticket No. 20931 Prize Number 21 sold by YMCA Shop. Please ring Newton News on 300 212 or call in our offices.**



The British Legion Concert Hall proved the ideal venue for the Draw and our photo shows the audience watching the Bumper Draw take place.



## LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS

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2.	Linda	16291	Cricket Club	Samsung 42" TV, Tesco Aycliffe
3.	Dawson	20761	YMCA Shop	Take That Tickets, Premier Events, Aycliffe
4.	S.Jameson	16053	Cricket Club	Sofa Bed, Factory Furniture Outlet, Aycliffe
5.	Brian	35269	Agnew Centre	Round of Golf for 4, Darlington Golf Club
6.	R. Milford	00030	J. Thompson	Round of Golf for 4, Brancepeth Golf Club
7.	Spearman	20501	YMCA Shop	Bowling for 15 plus Food, Planet Leisure, Aycliffe
8.	R. Glenhorn	27221	Jeynell	Ice Skating for 15 plus Food, Planet Leisure, Aycliffe
9.	Killagen	39614	Allotments	Laser Tag for 15 plus Food, Planet Leisure, Aycliffe
10.	K. Vazarova	04700	D. M. Hosp.	Aerial Obstacle for 15 plus Food, Planet Leisure, Aycliffe
11.	Julie	27085	Jeynell	£100 Meal Voucher at Foresters Arms, Sabre Rail, Aycliffe
12.	A. Hustlewaite	12375	Guides	Computer Chair, Curtis Office Supplies, Darlington
13.	Lenham	14912	J. Thompson	£50 Meal Voucher, The County, Aycliffe Village
14.	Robson	04216	Neville Centre	£50 Meal Voucher, Sardis, Darlington
15.	A. Gough	27095	Jeynell	Bathroom Supplies, Roman Ltd, Aycliffe
16.	June	35037	Agnew Centre	Massage Session, Redworth Hall Health Club
17.	P. Henderson	06567	Rotary Club	Hairdressing, Redworth Hall Health Club
18.	S. Dunn	21603	Jeynell	5 Day Membership, Redworth Hall Health Club
19.	McConnel	23807	Cricket Club	Pasta Cooking Set, David Scott Accountants
20.	Todd	35623	Neville Centre	£30 Meal Voucher, Bengal Restaurant, Woodham
21.	P. Meyhew	20931	YMCA Shop	£30 Meal Voucher, Eastern Spice, Aycliffe
22.	S. Elliott	28604	Allotments So.	Fish Supper for 2, Redz, Woodham

## Countryside Fun in Aycliffe

Great Aycliffe Town Council have again organised a series of free family orientated public events over the Easter Holidays. The first event will be an ever popular pond dipping session at Aycliffe Nature Park on Monday 18th April in search of the creatures which call this pond home. It will begin at 10.30am and last approximately one and a half hours. Please bring nets and buckets if you have them.

On Wednesday 20th April we will attempt a stick race through Woodham Burn. This event is inspired by the Pooh stick race in the A.A Milne novel. This event is subject to water levels in the Burn and so participants are asked to contact Great Aycliffe Town Council a few days prior to the event to see if the event can go ahead, leaving contact details. This event should begin at 10am and start from the bridge over the Burn near Humphrey Close.

From 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th we will be attempting to make a temporary den in Cobblers Hall Plantation using all natural materials from the site. For this event booking will be essential as places will be limited, please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council to reserve your place. Participants are asked to meet at the entrance to the site off Greenfield Way.

Moore Lane Eco Centre will be the venue of a mini-beasting session around the park beginning at 10am from the centre and will last for approximately an hour and a half. Participants are not required to book this session.

To celebrate the forthcoming May Day bank holiday Moore Lane Eco Centre will host a Green Man Mask making session. The ancient festival of the Green Man was the forerunner of the more recent May Day celebrations and aims to acknowledge the arrival of spring in all its glory. The session will involve a short walk to collect natural materials which will then be used to decorate a mask back in the centre. The event will begin at 10am and last approximately 2 hours. This event will be a pre-bookable activity as places will be limited, to book your place please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council.

To book any of the above bookable activities or find out more information please phone Great Aycliffe Town Council's reception on 01325 300700



# Sugar Hill Tiny Tots Get Cooking



Children from the reception class of Sugar Hill School, celebrated completing their 'Let's Get Cooking' course, with a special Easter Tea Party. They invited their families to come along and were all given a certificate of achievement by Head Teacher, Mrs L. Cumming. Well done boys and girls!

Photo: Ellie-Mae, Thomas, Natalie, Alex and Miles, with Mrs McCormick who runs the club

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## PACT Meeting

PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a Police and Community Together PACT meeting at Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 21/04/2011 from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. The meeting is open to all members of the community and you can discuss any issues or concerns you may have with your Community Police Officer. Councillors and Representatives from Great Aycliffe Town Council and Durham County Council have been invited.

# Aycliffe Website Company Expands



level 3. When I came here six months ago I loved it straightaway. The job is varied and I love talking to people and helping clients with their queries. One day I hope to set up my own company." Alan said "Natalia impressed us at the first interview; she has the personality and work ethic the company needs. She has grown in confidence since she started and we are delighted to take her on as a full-time employee." Gerri Edwards Deputy Head of Marketing & Schools Liaison Bishop Auckland College Tel: 01388 443126 (ext 2311) www.bishopauckland.college.ac.uk

An internet company in Newton Aycliffe Industrial Park has expanded the Search Engine Optimisation side of their business and taken on its apprentice as a full time employee. Design 365 owned by Alan Foster has been in business for five years and employs 5 people. The company has recently started a Pay as you go e-commerce website system to meet the demands of retailers who could not otherwise afford a presence on the web. The system is based around creating a high quality e-commerce website for a nominal fee then marketing it effectively, part of which includes a lot of search engine optimisation which

ultimately helps companies generate more online sales. Although based in the north east, Design 365 provides websites for companies across the globe. Six months ago, Bishop Auckland College Business Administration Apprentice, Natalia Watson 20, from Spennymoor started with the company and is now the account manager for the new development. Natalia said "I left school after A levels and wanted to work and earn money. I did a Business Administration Level 2 apprenticeship first and moved on to

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## SBH BUYING TO LET

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# YOUR VOTING HABITS NEED NOT CHANGE

Dear Sir,  
I disagree with John Clare, and I hope by the end of this letter you will too. Rather than be distracted by his ominous tone and grand hyperbole, it is essential that as an electorate with power, we think seriously about this issue, due to it's ability to create real change within our political system. Firstly, I think it important to point out that if you are a one Party person, your voting habits need not change. Whilst AV allows ranking candidates it is not mandatory that you do so, your vote will remain as you wish it to. AV would have no effect whatsoever in one third of seats where candidates already receive over 50% of the vote. For those of you who often find overlap

between party policies, and follow a wider ideology, AV will give even more power to your vote, where previously it may have had none. Within those constituencies where the vote is very tight, this would be the case even more so. Secondly, I do not understand John Clare's open hostility to the Liberal Democrats and it's voters. The fact is that in 2005 and 2010 the LD's gained around 20% of the popular vote, but from that gained less than 10% of the Commons representation. How is that democracy? John Clare's second guessing of us the electorate and judging our decisions in his hostility to the LD's is certainly unwelcome. Has he forgotten that people decide the outcome of elections, and their votes should be welcomed regardless of whether they disagree with his own? I am not a Liberal Democrat voter, but simply a supporter of democracy, and I view this referendum as the beginning of a progressive move towards a greater political system, a new age of democratic reform. We the electorate ought to use this opportunity to show our hunger for change. Say YES to AV, and say no to corrupt MP's, no to free duck houses, and no to unelected positions in the House of Lord's. Peter Davies. Ashfield



## You Still Only Need Vote for One

Dear Sir,  
I am no politician, neither do I care for "the party system" and have no affiliations, but I am concerned about the truth. Mr Clare in his "Why Lib Dems want AV" (Newton News 8th April 11) clearly shows this local politician of ours has not read the Electoral Commission pamphlet we have all received, which clearly states that you don't have to vote for a 2nd, 3rd or 4th candidate.

**If you wish you can vote for one candidate only and don't have to "agonise" about ranking down to sixth and seventh. In plain English you can vote, in order of preference, for whom you want and then stop.**

I do enjoy Mr Clare's spiky missives in your paper and for once he makes a relevant and valid point but spoils his argument by scaremongering or ignorance of the facts, either is disappointing from someone who should know better.

Adrian Dart

# AV OFFERS WIDER CHOICE OR JUST VOTE FOR ONE!

Sir,  
As a long-standing resident of Newton Aycliffe, I have enjoyed reading the Newton News over many years.

Like most readers I would guess, have admired/endured/amused myself/laughed at (delete as appropriate) the many articles from our local councillors, whether Town, District or County. I have no strong views politically and have yet to make my mind up whether to vote Yes or No in the forthcoming referendum on the Alternative Voting System (AV). However, I must take exception to the complete scaremongering

by John Clare in last week's edition of your respected publication. To say that voting Yes to AV means "there will never be a Tory or Labour Government again" just beggars belief.

Using John's own analogy in possibly having to rank say fifteen candidates in order of preference, he completely misses one important point ie the voter does NOT have to vote for everyone on the ballot paper in preferential order.

If a staunch Labour voter just wants to vote for Labour, they do not have to put a second/third etc preference: likewise a

staunch Conservative a preference for second/ voter. AV just gives third choices etc. voters the choice, IF Regards THEY WISH, to express Paul Turgoose

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## CEMETERY TREATED AS A PLAYGROUND

Dear Sir,

I agree with the letter on the lack of respect some young people show while going to and from school.

On Mothering Sunday I went to pay my respects to my mother by placing flowers on her grave.

I was really shocked when a group of adult youngsters along with four small children came into the Cemetery laughing, shouting and playing "Chase Me" around the graves.

Parents ought to be teaching their offspring how to behave when out of their sight in public places. A cemetery should be a place for peace and quiet. It is not a playground!

R. Mailler

**ED: It has to be said that only a very small minority of our youngsters show bad behaviour. The majority are polite, caring young people who grow up as model citizens.**

## NEWTONIANS TACKLE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Laura Whitfield and Donna Sowels left on Friday 8th April to walk an eighty mile section of China's Great Wall in just five days.

Over the last year they have been fund raising for the CLIC Sargent charity, caring for children with cancer. They have raised over £6,000 running a weekly pub quiz, social events mostly at the



Sports Club and Play Days Nursery (where they both work), and with the generosity of local people sponsoring the walk. They are hoping to raise even more cash while they are away and if you would like to donate to this worthy charity please visit Laura's web site <http://original.justgiving.com/laurawhitfield1> Alternatively call Jack of Jack's Driving School on 07949 195184 who as a sponsor sends his best wishes and good luck to the Newton Aycliffe pair.

## Woodham Students at Durham Science Festival

A group of 20 Year Nine science students from Woodham Community Technology College took part in the Durham Schools Science Festival. The students, who have already embarked upon their science GCSE course, impressed the demonstrators at Durham with their knowledge of Earthquakes and Polymers. The students took part in several

workshops including making slime, investigating the use of nitrogen as a super conductor and looking at chicken embryos and mini-beasts using binocular microscopes. Woodham students were delighted when they were complimented for creating the most efficient turbine during the entire three days of the workshop.

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The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.  
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The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards and by request from the Council Offices (01325 700700) from the 21st April 2011 ([www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk))

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# ST MARY'S GO OLYMPIC

By Sean Brown, Year 5



In the lead up to the Olympics many schools are trying to do as many things as they can to support this huge sporting event, none more so than the boys and girls at St. Mary's Catholic Primary school in Newton Aycliffe. They have special contact with North East Olympian rowers, Matt Wells, who has won a bronze medal and Jessica Eddie who has come fifth in her Olympic discipline. These two north east heroes are going to be in close contact with St. Mary's and may also pay them a visit.

The school are also focusing on five Olympic principles of determination, equality, friendship, courage and strength. If someone shows dedication to all five of these over a period of time they will get a replica of an Olympic medal, which is a very special achievement. They will also be focusing on the Olympic games in some of their writing and plan to contact the British team every month in the run-up to the games. You will all agree that it will be a fun packed build up to the London Olympics 2012.

# AYCLIFFE FOOTBALL CLUB WIN PROGRAMME AWARD AGAIN!

**Aycliffe have won the Northern League Programme of the Year award for the second successive season.**

Just three days after securing their second division title, the league confirmed Aycliffe had retained the programme gong "unanimously and thoroughly deservedly". The Newtonians scooped the award at the first time of asking last season, taking the crown from three-times winners Marske United, before winning it again this term. The programme team, headed by Paul McGeary and Martin Walker, were determined to improve their winning format for the 2010-11 season and their current publication, which is printed free by Newton Press, publishers of the Newton News, was again voted the clear winner by a

deservedly. "What a fantastic job it is, and what a great reflection on the club and the league."

The team would also like to thank chairman Gary Farley and manager Allan Oliver for their regular columns, Paul Jarps for his Under-18s input, Paul Gaythorpe for photography, Barry Waters for his help with the Supporters Club page and all of the other programme editors from around the league who've helped to detail opposing teams. Aycliffe are putting together a special souvenir issue of their programme for their last home game of the season against Thornaby next Saturday (April 23), to celebrate their historic second division title win. The bumper edition, which will have 48 pages as opposed to the normal 32, will include a number of added features and reviews, and will cost £2.

Meanwhile, the Northern League will present Aycliffe with the second division title after this Saturday's game at home to Birtley Town. Fans are

invited to stick around after the match to see the presentation, which will be made as soon after the final whistle as possible.

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## Silt Removal from Burn to Prevent Flooding

Officers from the Environment Agency will be scooping out around ten tonnes of silt from The Burn in Newton Aycliffe to help reduce the risk of flooding to the town. The Operations Delivery Team, which carries out the Environment Agency's work on the ground, has brought in an excavator to help them with the task this week. Woodham Burn is at risk of flooding 438 properties, and the Environment Agency has assessed the watercourse to see what can be done to reduce the likelihood. Operations Leader Gerald Lee said: "The start of the warmer weather means the start of our summer maintenance on the region's waterways. "This ranges from removing silt, cutting the grass on flood defence banks, keeping an eye on the weeds growing in the water to removing fallen trees and obstructions. "We carry out work depending on whether there is a risk of flooding and tailor the maintenance so that it is appropriate not only to the issue but to the wildlife and the wider environment." In Newton Aycliffe, removal of the silt will help water to flow more easily and the team will also be removing a tree which is in danger of falling in to Woodham Burn and blocking the flow of the Burn under the A167 Bridge.

panel of judges from around the Northern League. Delighted editor McGeary, pictured with Newton Press Director Stuart Howarth, said: "We're delighted to have won the award for a second successive season. "With the addition of Rob Walker's popular quiz and regular input from Glen Robertson, we've taken the programme to a new level to provide fans with a fun and informative matchday read. "Of course, the players and staff are owed many thanks for their input over the season, they entered into the player features in great spirit and that has enabled the programme to become part-and-parcel of the matchday experience at Moore Lane Park. "We thank Newton Press for their generosity and support in printing the programme, and indeed all of our sponsors over the course of the season. "The award is a fitting reflection on the club as a whole, and we look forward to showing first division clubs what we're all about next season!" Aycliffe have maintained a £1 cover price for their award-winning programme, despite its high quality full-colour glossy print throughout, and it has earned rave reviews from all corners since it launched in 2009. League chairman Mike Amos said: "It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Newton Aycliffe have again won the league's programme competition - unanimously and thoroughly

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# OUR WARRIORS DEFEND 100% RECORD

Woodham Warriors are 3-0 up after the first weekend of the BAFA Community League.

The Warriors were runners-up in last season's competition and got off to the perfect start as they look to go one better this campaign.

Woodham defeated Chester Romans, Chorley Buccaneers and Sheffield Tomahawks on a very hot day at Woodham Community Technology College on Saturday.

Chester Romans were comfortably defeated 37-6 in the opening game, before Chorley Buccaneers were beaten 40-6.

Sheffield Tomahawks couldn't stop the rampant Warriors in

the final game of the day, who ran away with a 43-12 victory. Head Coach Jon Tait was delighted with the players' start to the campaign. "I am very proud of my players and

the results speak volumes for how they have been preparing week after week in the run up to this season," he said. "Getting to the British final last year and losing so narrowly



has given us some unfinished business and today has been the first steps to achieving our goal this year."

The Warriors are next in action in June, as they travel to Chester to defend their 100% record.



# TEAMS WANTED FOR GREENFIELD SEVEN-A-SIDE LEAGUE

Greenfield's community sports manager Michael Rippon is now looking for new teams to increase the school's Tuesday night seven-a-side league.

Bishop side King James are pictured with the league trophy after their comfortable win over the North Briton sealed the championship.

The 22-week winter season came to an end last week, with West Auckland Athletic finishing runners-up.

And now league organisers want four more teams to take part in a Tuesday night spring/summer season.

"It's proving to be a very popular league all year round," said Michael.

"We've had teams coming from Bishop, West Auckland, Etherley and Darlington.

"But we had a couple of teams drop out before the end of the season so we need to make those numbers up and we're always looking to increase the league if the demand is there, so we'd welcome all entries.

"It's a very keenly contested league and there's quite a lot of competition between the sides but it's all good natured and sporting."

King James' winning squad consisted of skipper Keith Mangles (pictured holding the trophy) along with the league's top scorer Paul Thompson, Kev Hamilton, Ash Wilson, Karl Raine, Ste Robinson, Paul McMaster, Shaun Pull and Chris Bowmen.

The Tuesday night leagues are played on Greenfield's state-of-the-art all-weather pitch, which was built in 2005 using the very latest rubber crumb synthetic material technology.

The new season will start on April 26, and is expected to be played over 22 weeks



until around August, between 7pm and 10pm every Tuesday night.

Registration costs £20 per team and each game, which lasts 30 minutes, costs £21 per team.

There are still places left for teams to enter - so anyone interested should contact Michael on 01325 379041, 07879 117224 or email: michaelrippon@aol.co.uk

# Cricket Force Spruce Up Club



A group of dedicated volunteers have helped to spruce up the grounds of Aycliffe Sports Club ready for the new Cricket season.

Around 20 from Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club, including women and children, turned out to give the club a new lease of life as part of a national initiative.

'Cricket Force' is an ECB (England Cricket Board) programme, supported by

Natwest, which encourages clubs around the country to tidy up their grounds after the harsh winter months.

Aycliffe first team captain Chris Palmer, who co-ordinated this year's force event, said: "It was another cracking team effort by everyone involved. The winter months cause us a lot of work and we had to trim a lot of heavy shrubs, paint and relocate the scoreboard, clean the changing rooms, and give the whole place a

spruce up.

"It's worked and everyone played their part so the grounds are ready for the start of the new season."

Aycliffe Cricket Club currently have a first and a second team as well as U-18s, U-15s, U-13s and U-11s. Anyone interested in getting involved in the 2011 season can contact the club's secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959. www.aycliffe-sports-club.org.uk



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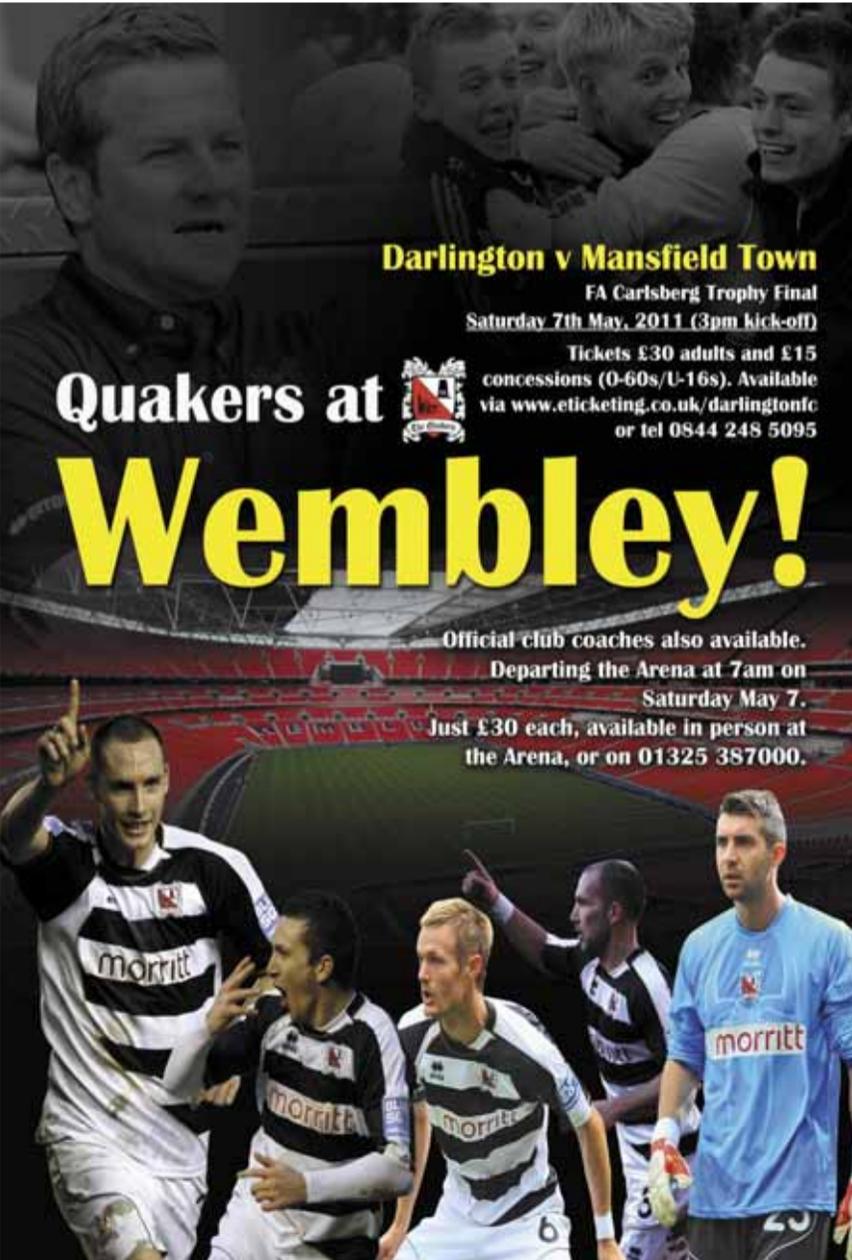
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**COLIN WHITE** would like to thank family and friends for the gifts, cards and good wishes he received on his 60th birthday. Special thanks to Isobel and bar staff at Moore Lane for the lovely food and good service and John Melvin for some great music.

**JANICE CALLAGHAN** (nee Gustard) died 17th March 2011. Peter, Matthew and family would like to thank Dr. Biswas, his team and wards 35 and 36 at the Freeman Hospital, Doctors and Staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery, Macmillan Nurses, District Nurses, family, friends and neighbours, also Bryan Sheppard at Whitehouse Funeral Service and Fr. Campion for a lovely Service. Thank you for all sympathy cards received and donations to the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and Macmillan Nurses - according to Janice's wishes.

**REDHEAD**, Allan, Joan and Paul wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad bereavement. Also for the many cards of condolence and donations received in lieu of flowers (which will be forwarded to Pancreatic Cancer Research UK) and to everyone who attended John's funeral. Thanks go to Dr. Heath of Peaseway Medical Centre. Dr. Trewby at DMH and Dr. Wadd and MARA unit at BAGH. Macmillan Nurses, Karen and Chris. All District Nurses, especially Andrea and her 'A' Team. Special thanks to Reverend Linda Potter for her comforting Service and to Gill Marley of Co-operative Funeral Care for her help with the arrangements. Many thanks to Bill and Faye at the Big Club for a beautiful buffet.

**ASKEW** on April 12th, suddenly at home, Josephine (nee Stagg), aged 73 years. Beloved Wife of the late Philip, devoted Mum to Philip and Karen, also a much loved Mother-in-Law to Ann and Allen, loving Nana to Gareth, Philip and Glen, a Great Nana and loving Sister of Thomas. Friends please meet for Funeral Service on Tuesday April 19th at 2.45pm at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Cancer Research, plate at Crematorium.

In Memoriam

LILIAN BALDWIN

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**LILIAN BALDWIN** 16th April 2009. Treasured memories of a dear friend. Ann, Tony, Ann, Alan, Joan and Kevin  
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**JOAN NICHOLSON** 16th April 2007. Four years have gone by, but our love for you will never die. Lovingly missed but remembered every day. Derek, June, Pat, Ronnie, Linda, Ann, Susan, Sons-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, Brenda, Irene and family. also Birthday Remembrance for 22nd April 2011

**COLIN ARROWSMITH**. Died 15.4.10. Silent thoughts of times together. Hold memories that will last forever. Sadly missed. Love, Mary and all your family  
**JOSEPH HEDLEY**. Four years have gone by, my love for you will never die. I think about you every day, the pain in my heart will never go away. Your loving Wife, Grace xxx Miss you  
**JOHN DOUTHWAITE**. April 15th 1990. Loved and thought of always. Sadly missed. Betty, Jacky, Alan, Jaden, Julie, Harrison, Maya and John xx

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40 on 17th April

Happy 40th birthday to my gorgeous Husband. I love you with all my heart. Lots of love, Gill xxx

Dad, happy birthday, we love you so much. Love from Sam, Emily, Abbie and Ruby xxx

Happy 40th birthday Grandad. Lots of love from Lacey xxx

Rosie Hill



Happy 16th Birthday Rosie 19.04.95

Have a great time. Love Mam, Dad, Lucie, Grandma, Grandad and Nana xxx

Have a great day Rosie. Love you xx Alex xx

Spensley



Congratulations on your 40th Birthday Vincent

Hope you have a good one. Love and best wishes, Mam and Dad xx

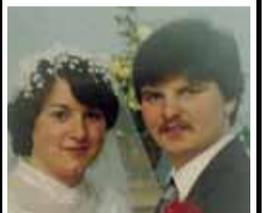
Arron Mudd



Happy 11th Birthday

To the best Son in the world. Lots of Love, Mam xxx

Peter & Alison Firth



Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary 18th April

Lots of love from Andrew, Sara and all the family

Maud Graham



Happy 70th Birthday

To Mam, Nannie Maud, Great Nannie  
Have a great day  
With loads of love from Rob, Lisa, Jessica, Laura, Baby Mason & James xxxxx

Vincent Spensley



Happy 40th Birthday Vinnie

Glad you got 'The Mullet' cut, you now look younger. Love from, Big Sisters Jue and Nettie and the rest of the tribe xxx

Julie Stevenson



Happy 40th Birthday

Love Damian, Abigail, Gabriel, Ang, Britt, Mum, Bob and Angela. xxxx  
Have a fantastic day!

Liam Shaw (Short t)



Happy 18th Son  
Love ya! Mum and Dad, so cute!!!

**PARNABY**. Happy 40th Anniversary to my Darling Husband Edgar. Love you very much, love Margaret xxx  
**DECLAN THOMAS SCOTT**. 11.4.11. Happy 7th birthday to our gorgeous Grandson. We are so proud of you. Love you all the way to the moon and back again. Love, hugs and kisses from Grandma and Grandad xx  
**SIMON JOBES**. 16.4.11. Happy 18th birthday. Love, Mam, Dad, Sonya, Sarah, Derek

Liam Shaw



Happy 18th Birthday

Enjoy yourself. Love you loads, Nanna and Grandad

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# AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB NEWS

On Sunday 27 March 2011 six Aycliffe Running Club members turned out for the Hartlepool Marina 5 mile race. The weather was excellent for running, which was reflected in the times. First back for the club in his first race after injury was Peter Milburn in a time of 31 minutes 25 seconds. Peter finished as 3rd over 50 veteran.

Next back in an excellent time of 33.48 (and showing us how to get rid of a hangover) was Lee Wren. John Burnside was another runner making his return from injury to finish in a time of 35.20. John was closely followed by Sue Milburn who ran a strong race to finish in a time of 35.49 and finish as 2nd over 50 female. Mick Brunskill was another who is continuing to improve his fitness and came back in a time of 36.48. Gary Minns also completed the race in a time of 39.04.

On Saturday 2 April 2011 one Aycliffe runner took part in the Cartmel 18 kilometre trail race. John Edmondson completed the race which is described as a beauty and beast of a race. It mixes spectacular scenery with masses of mud. Unfortunately the 18k race turned out to be one kilometre longer than John expected due to a number



of runners taking a wrong turn.

The previous weekend saw John take part in the Grizedale 10 mile trail race. Although there wasn't too much mud about, there was a mile and a half climb around the four mile mark, which was quite challenging. It was all good fun though! John will be taking part in at least seven more Lakeland trail races this year so we will endeavour to keep you updated on his progress.

# LOCAL SPORT

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## TEESSIDE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS UNBEATEN ALL SEASON



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre FC U12s were crowned TJFA Div 5 Champions on Sunday after a 6-2 victory over South Park of Middlesbrough. The team have remained unbeaten in the league all season and have scored an amazing 75 goals with still

a game to go. Along with the league success the lads narrowly lost out to a Division One team last week in the Semi-Final of the Cup. Manager Dave Mcwaters added despite only having the same 13 players all season the lads have shown incredible commitment on and off the pitch and will now get their just rewards with a trip to Tall Trees for the league presentation night in June to pick up the Championship trophy. The lads have done Newton Aycliffe, myself, the parents, but most of all themselves proud. The Under 12 team currently train at the Oakleaf on Thursday 6-7pm new members are more than welcome or contact Dave Mcwaters 07885 431 572 Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club is an FA Charter Standard Community Club offering football for boys and girls aged 5-18 yrs old, visit www.naycafc.co.uk

### AYCLIFFE BOWLED OUT

The Oak Leaf Sports Complex once again hosted the Indoor Bowls Mixed Triples Competition over 26th and 27th March, but sadly, for the first time in four years, the home team were unsuccessful. 1st place went to the Ferryhill team, 2nd place to Gateshead and 3rd place to Chester-le-Street, winning £100, £75 and £50 respectively for their Clubs. Everyone who took part in the competition had a wonderful time and agreed that a great weekend was had by all.

# CRICKET LEGEND VISITS NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Durham cricket legend Geoff Cook will be in Newton Aycliffe on Monday 18th April for a Pie and Peas supper. Currently Durham's head coach, Cook will officially open Aycliffe's cricket nets at Moore Lane Sports Club on Monday April 18, followed by a question and answer session in the clubhouse. The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost 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



The 59-year-old, originally from Middlesbrough, played for Northamptonshire and later Durham as well as England before being the driving force behind the club becoming a first-class county in 1991. "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. There will be a raffle and an auction on the evening and it should be a cracking evening and we're really looking forward to it."

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.

## Junior Club Seeks Help

NAJFC is a non profit voluntary organisation and currently there are over 150 local children signed up to the club. It may not always be apparent but the costs to enable the children to train weekly and play league matches is considerable. All of the clubs managers/coaches are CRB checked and FA Level Coach qualified at cost to the club. The club pays a large amount each week to hire various venues to enable the children to train and play their league matches.

This along with the various insurances, equipment and referees fees mean that the childrens subs do not meet the outgoings and so sponsored events and fundraisers are necessary in order to keep the club going. NAJFC Under 15's are hosting a fundraiser at the Big Club on Friday 29th April from 7pm. There will be a band and disco along with various raffles throughout the evening and tickets are on sale at the cost of £4 per person. The Under 15's are also currently looking for more team players for their current team and anybody interested in joining this team or obtaining tickets for the fundraiser please contact Colin on 07736 686 594.

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