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400 Companies to Attend Hitachi Open Day at Xcel

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More than 700 individuals representing over 400 companies are set to attend the first Open Day event for Hitachi Rail Europe's Intercity Express Programme in the north east in late May, an event organized by County Durham Development Company on behalf of the involved parties. The companies will be the first to learn about the new business opportunities presented by the

construction of Hitachi's new manufacturing plant in County Durham, the fit-out phase and the manufacture of the UK's next generation of passenger trains. There will be millions of pounds worth of supply chain opportunities when work starts on the factory next year and when manufacturing of the next generation of Hitachi Super Express train begins. The Hitachi Super Express trains, which will be used on the East Coast and the London - South Wales main lines, will be built in a new 450,000sq ft purpose-built factory at Newton Aycliffe. Hitachi's rail deal, which was confirmed by Transport Secretary Philip Hammond in March, will create 500 direct jobs by 2015 and thousands more in the supply chain. Hitachi Rail Europe, together with Durham County Council (DCC) and Merchant Place Developments (MPD) are

hosting an open day on 26th May at the Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe to give potential suppliers to the

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CONCERT FANS WARNED OF DANGERS AT LOUD GIGS

GIG-GOERS are at risk of long term damage to their hearing if they don't protect their ears, according to hearing aid specialist, Amplifon.

Following the news Irish supergroup, U2 was fined £33,125 after exceeding noise limits 12 times during three concerts, Amplifon is urging people who regularly attend music events to look after their hearing, as part of its National Campaign for Better Hearing. Barry Downes, hearing expert at Amplifon, said: "During this series of concerts, the band repeatedly broke the noise level set by Dublin City Council, unnecessarily exposing their fans to very high noise levels. U2 is certainly not the only group breaking the rules."

"Noise levels are set to prevent hearing loss and protect the public's health. To ignore this is irresponsible. If an individual is continually exposed to high levels of noise, this could prove damaging to someone's hearing."

"The public need to be aware of

the effect that regularly going to loud gigs can have on their hearing and take the necessary precautions to prevent hearing loss at a later stage in life."

Top Tips Are:

Keep it down - listening to loud music through headphones can cause hearing damage later in life. Keep the volume at a reasonable level. Headphones can reach 95 decibels and you can only listen safely at this volume for 15 minutes.

Plug it in - wear proper ear

protection. There are earplugs which filter the music instead of blocking it. **Take a break** - give your ears a rest by taking regular breaks from the music, especially at a Festival. **Move it** - avoid dancing or standing next to loud speakers. If you want to watch the main act at the front of the stage, watch the support from further back. **Respect your ears** - go for regular tests. Detecting hearing problems early will mean you don't suffer unnecessarily.

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Saturday 7th May - "WITCHKRAFT"

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This event was part of the Xcel Church's week of service to the community, "Servalution" a time when members took on various initiatives to help others with acts of kindness with no strings attached including painting & decorating, gardening etc. The grounds around the Conference Centre and Church took on a whole new community look as families gathered to enjoy the day.



ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY

Town Mayor Dorothy Bowman and volunteers invite you to celebrate the Royal Wedding at a Street Party in Silverdale from 11.00am until 5.00pm on Friday 29th April. The Party is at Silverdale House (behind Lindisfarne Nursing Home) on Williamfield Way. There will be Bouncy Castles, Balloon Man, Disco music, Face Painting etc. Tea is from 3pm until 5pm with Cream Scones, Jelly & Custard, Ice Cream etc. etc. If you can bring your own tables/chairs please do so as we only have a limited number. If you would like to come from outside of the Williamfield Area and join us please bring your own picnic. You will be most welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE Saturday 30th April from 11.00am until 2pm. Silverdale House.

HITACHI MEET SUPPLIERS AT XCEL

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programme an opportunity to hear more about the project. The open day will include presentations by Alistair Dormer of Hitachi Rail Europe, Cllr Neil Foster of DCC and Geoff Hunton from MPD – followed by an open Q&A session from the attendees.

So far, over 700 supplier company representatives have registered to attend and amongst them are many companies based in the North East of England, but the list also includes some international FTSE 100 companies.

Alistair Dormer, the managing director of Hitachi Rail Europe said "It is extremely encouraging to have this level of interest in the project, so early in the process. We are committed to using North-East suppliers wherever possible, and we want to start building the relationships and gaining a good understanding of the local businesses, what their strengths are and how we can work together with them."

Cllr Neil Foster, cabinet member for Regeneration & Economic Development, of Durham County Council,

said: "This is an exciting chance for many companies in County Durham and the wider area to learn more detail about the business opportunities which this fantastic development in Newton Aycliffe can bring for them."

"I am delighted that Hitachi is expressing its keenness to support local companies wherever possible and I know that the firm will be impressed with the range, professionalism and high standards of suppliers on their doorstep."

Geoff Hunton, technical director of Merchant Place Development, the organisation that will be responsible for the building of the factory, said: "Amazon Park has the ability to give the regional economy a huge boost not only through the Hitachi project, but other occupiers that we are presently in discussion with as well. The number of companies that have registered on-line demonstrates the very wide range of skills and services available in the region and I am sure the number will continue to grow as we get closer to May 26."

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Mayor Dorothy Bowman



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Welcome Award the College had to demonstrate how the staff have engaged with young people to help develop, monitor and evaluate the services offered.

Claire Holliday Deputy Student Support Manager said "The College's Student Support Team and Sexual Health Clinic Team are dedicated to supporting students' health and wellbeing to enable them to access help, to support their emotional and mental well being, their relationships and sexual health as well as drug and alcohol issues if needed.

We also work closely with external partners and are able to signpost to additional specialist support for a student when required."

Michelle Jones, You're Welcome Co-ordinator for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust said "It was a pleasure working with Bishop Auckland College, their commitment and motivation was inspiring and the You're Welcome status was definitely deserved. I have no doubt that Bishop Auckland College are dedicated to their students, ensuring both student services and the health clinic are safe, friendly and informative environments where all young people are welcomed."

DO YOUR BIT TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Members of the public are being urged to come forward if they know of a child who is being privately fostered.

To promote private fostering and encourage the public and professionals working with children and young people to come forward, Durham County Council is urging anyone aware of a private fostering arrangement to let them know.

Private fostering is when a child under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a 'close relative'.

This is a private arrangement made between a parent and a carer, for 28 days or more. Close relatives are defined as step-parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts (whether of full blood, half blood or by marriage).

Jan Edwards, service manager, said: "To help

us keep children safe and support families, all parents and private foster carers must notify the local council.

"If you know of a child being privately fostered please don't ignore it. It is likely that everything is fine, but it is a legal requirement that the parents inform their local council."

If the council is not informed, families miss out on essential welfare checks for the children, plus other support services: *Advice on claiming benefits; Parenting support and advice; Help in bringing families in crisis back together.*

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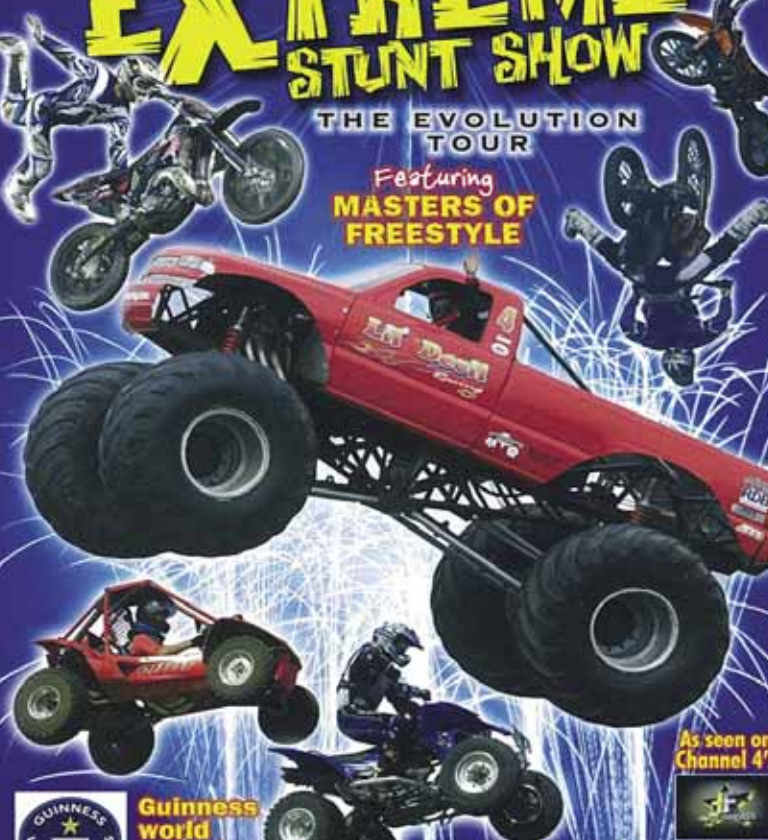
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Twitter About Fostering & Adoption

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To help connect these people with each other, the British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF) is launching an innovative series of Twitter Chats.

People will be able to come together to exchange ideas, experiences and information. There will also be a BAAF expert on hand to give advice.

The first Twitter Chat is focusing on adoption and takes place on Thursday 28th April between 7pm and 8pm. If you would like to take part, simply add #adoptfosterchat to your tweet.

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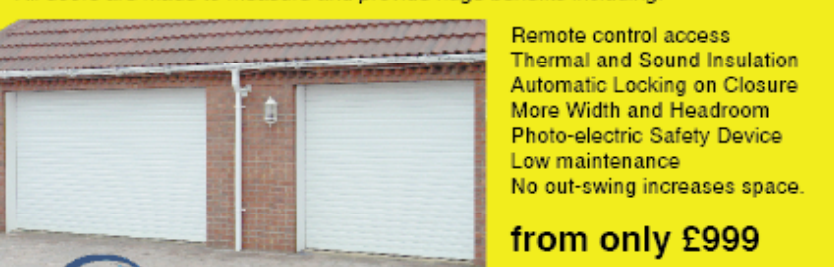


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SBH Crowns Winner of Royal Wedding Competition

A royal wedding competition launched by the second cousin of Kate Middleton has announced its winner.

Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) who sponsored the competition alongside partners Mears and Bullock, invited over 30 primary schools from south Durham to design a wedding card for the royal couple.

Poppy Walker, six, from Horndale Infants School, in Newton Aycliffe, beat-off competition from over 1700 children, aged between four and eleven years old, to be crowned the winner and receive a £25 voucher as well as a £300 donation for her school, provided by sbh.

Poppy said: "It's fantastic that I won because I tried really hard. I'm excited about watching the wedding on TV."

All the children that took part in the competition received a certificate and the finalists' cards will be sent to the royal couple, in celebration of their special day. Entrants who attended the ceremony took home a commemorative coin to mark the occasion.

Sylvia Dodsworth, resident involvement team leader, for sbh and sbh chief executive Colin Steel



Poppy Walker with Sylvia Dodsworth, resident involvement team leader, for sbh and sbh chief executive Colin Steel

involved team leader, for sbh, said: "It's been great fun arranging the competition; we were overwhelmed with the number of entrants."

"Poppy designed a lovely card and I hope Kate and William will like all of the children's cards as much as we did."

The winning design can be viewed online at www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk

Watch the Wedding on Big Screen TV

On Friday 29th April the entire country will pause to watch the long anticipated wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton.

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Website Diary of World War Two Bombing of North East

the following website chronicles World War 2 bombing raids in the North East: <http://www.ne-diary.bpears.org.uk>

References to "Aycliffe Angels" who lost their lives were sent to Newton News by Dave Catleugh.

Tuesday 29th/Wednesday 30th October 1940, N423 18.25, Co. Durham, Aycliffe. A small bomb dropped in a pasture field at Aycliffe. No damage. Another bomb dropped in the vicinity of the Royal Ordnance Factory at Aycliffe, but owing to excavations being carried out there, it is impossible to locate the position.

Friday 20th/Saturday 21st

February 1942 N902

An explosion at the Royal Ordnance Factory at Aycliffe, Co Durham (ROF 59) killed four of the young female workers who were known as "Aycliffe Angels". They were Edna Thompson, 30, Irene Irvin, 24, Alice Dixon, 22, and Phoebe Morland, 24.

Wednesday 2nd May 1945 D2069

Eight workers were killed in an explosion at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Aycliffe (ROF 59). They were Isabella Bailey, Elsie Barrett, James Bunton, William Clark Hobson, William Mitchell, Christopher Seagrave, Edmund Smith and Alice Wilson.

Easter Party for Signing Tots

The Signing for Tots group held an Easter Party at Woodham Community Centre over the weekend and everyone had a great time.

There were lots of games, refreshments, but the most popular activity was singing and signing which everyone joined in and enjoyed. For more information on signing contact: signingtots2@virginmedia.com



DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMORIAL STONE IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD?

St Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village are continuing to restore the ancient churchyard and work is underway to remove undergrowth from around the whole of the churchyard.

Following advice we also need to undertake repair work on some of the memorials which we hope will begin later this year.

We would like to hear from anyone who has a memorial in the ancient churchyard and in particular we are seeking to contact the families/relatives of the following memorials in an endeavour to seek their permission for this essential work to be carried out.

Notices of the proposed work will be on display on the church notice board for the next two months. If you recognise any of the names

below or have any queries or objections regarding the proposed work please contact Revd Julie Wing Team Vicar on 01325 320278.

MEMORIALS NEEDING ATTENTION:

John William, James son of James and Elizabeth Hutchinson, William Emily Jane Wright 1909, Matthew, Mary, Jane Dent 1920, William Thomas Leach 1876, William Osbourne 1902, Francis Atkinson, Thomas Garry and Margaret Anne 1953, Sarah Maria Brunton 1897, William Thomas and Ann Wilson 1891, Margaret Ann and George Chapman, Jane Thompson Boddy 1923, Bryan Garthwaite 1892, James Craggs 1872, Morton Francis and Sarah Davidson, Moses Stevens.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Notice is hereby given that:-

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. DLS 6QF on:

Wednesday 4th May 2011

7.15pm

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".

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards and by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) from the 11st April 2011 (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2011

7.15pm

Agendas are available on Notice Boards, by request at the Council Offices (01325 300700) and the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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EYES DOWN AT THE SCHOOL FOR CHARITY



Stephenson Way School was a hive of activity one evening recently as it opened its doors for a bingo night bonanza, the latest fundraising activity from Aycliffe's very own 'Banana Army' who are raising funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research with numerous events this year.

A traditional pie and pie supper was served to over 80 people who attended the evening and with entertainment that also included a quiz and karaoke a great time was had by all. Raffles were also held on the evening and Karen Everson who is organising the events said, "The support from friends and family has been phenomenal, but it is the generosity of local businesses, (Signing Tots, Debutots, Hays Travel, Lifestyle Fitness and Photography for Little People to name a few) who kindly donated raffle prizes that helped us to raise an outstanding £880 on the night."

Kate White, Fundraising Director of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research says: "It's great that Karen and

'Team Everson/Armitage' are organising local events. Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research receives no government funding and every penny raised will help make a difference to the lives of patients with blood cancers including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma."

You can support Karen & her Banana Army to beat blood cancers by visiting their fundraising page at www.justgiving.co.uk/bananaarmy2011.

The next event organised is a Zumbathon at Greenfield School on Saturday 25th June 5pm-8pm, tickets costing £10 are available now by contacting: karen.everson@live.co.uk or zumbaatgreenfield@hotmail.co.uk, with all proceeds going directly to the charity.

Watch out for more information on their Summer Family Fun Day also in the planning stages and coming to you soon. If you'd like to donate to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research or would like to take part in one of their events, please visit beatbloodcancers.org

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

The Audit of the 2010/11 Accounts of Great Aycliffe Town Council

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**Audit Commission Act 1998 (Sections 8, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18)
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 (Regulations 9, 10, 22, 23, 24 & 25)**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 that the Statement of Accounts and related financial documents of Great Aycliffe Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2011, will be made available for public inspection between Friday 13th May 2011 and Tuesday, 14th June 2011.

The accounts and related financial documents will be available for inspection during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Appointments to view the accounts should be made to the Finance Manager at the Council on telephone number 01325 300700.

Any interested persons may inspect, make copies of the accounts and any supporting financial records including books, deeds, contracts, bills, invoices and receipts.

Notice is also given that on or after Tuesday 14th June 2011 until the completion of the audit, the Auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the parish of Great Aycliffe, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

The Auditor will be Mr. G. Barker of the Audit Commission (Northern Region) whose address is, 2nd Floor, Nickalls House, Metro Centre, Gateshead, NE11 9NH.

Any such elector or their representative may attend before the Auditor and make objections:

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(ii) as to any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under Section 8 of the Act.

Questions may be received at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council, by prior arrangement with the Auditor, to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the Auditor has received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the Finance Manager at the Council.

Dated this 20th day of April 2011.

Mr Dan Austin
Finance Manager



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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

Further information was submitted by the Town Clerk in regard to the costs associated with the new limited assurance audit and charges that would be made for work that had already been undertaken by the Audit Commission. The Council confirmed the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee, held on 13 April 2011, that it would continue with a full audit for the year 2010/2011 and would review the situation following completion of the

year's audit. The Council considered a report on the civic function, and information to be provided to the Mayor to assist with the role. It was confirmed that the Mayor would continue to choose a partner to attend specific events. The number of the Town Council civic events would continue. However, during the 2011/2012 budget setting process, a number of reductions had been made to the civic event budget.

A number of policies relating to the financial running of the Council were submitted for consideration and approved in readiness for the Council's AGM. These policies are: Standing Orders – Relating to Contracts and Procurement; Financial Regulations; Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Treasury Management – Code of Practice. These will now form part of the Council's Constitution for 2011/2012.

A report was also provided which gave details of the training courses attended by Council Members during 2010/2011. The Council also received reports from Members who attended meetings of outside bodies.

MALLY JOINS JACK'S DRIVING SCHOOL

Jacks Driving School has been teaching people to drive in Newton Aycliffe since 1992 and has established a large client base, having helped hundreds of people in the town and surrounding areas to pass their driving test.

From 1st May Jack welcomes Mally Pybus to his driving school, working alongside Jack who is currently offering a variety of services including Motorway Driving, Pass Plus, and The Taxi Test. He is now hoping, with the help of Mally, to add Trailer Training to the services offered. Trailer training enables drivers without this entitlement on their licence to tow a caravan or large trailer as per the legal requirements.

Jack previously worked with Mally over 20 years ago at R W Toothills in the transport department and they have been friends ever since. They both share a common interest in motor bikes and have been to the Isle of Man to watch the TT races on several occasions. Mally also played guitar for the local band Mid Life Crisis.

Mally is very relaxed, friendly and has a great sense of humour, all the qualities essential to make people feel at ease in the



sometimes stressful process of learning to drive. For more information simply Google

driving schools d15 or just look them up on facebook under Jacks Driving School.

Are You Terrified by Computers?

Do you think you are too old to learn? Are you terrified at the thought of using a computer, or going on the internet?

Woodham Village Community Centre has for the last 3 years run very successful friendly courses to help people with little or no experience of using a computer gain these skills.

Over 186 people at an average age of 69 years and 2 months have taken part.

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<p>Durham Road Spennymoor £45,000</p> <p>1 bedroom ground floor flat, recently refurbished, redecorated, GCH, immediate vacant possession</p>	<p>Malvern Way Greenfields £164,950</p> <p>A nicely presented two bedroom detached bungalow. Conservatory, garage, driveway, fitted kitchen, d/g, glazing. Pleasant cul-de-sac, immediate vacant possession</p>	<p>Clover Court Woodham Village £161,950</p> <p>A much improved 3 bedroom detached house, conservatory, DG, Modern bathroom/WC, private enclosed gardens</p>	<p>Wren Close Newton Aycliffe £110,000</p> <p>A well maintained mid terrace 3 bed property. Bathroom/WC, modern kitchen, DG, GCH, garage with garden. Immediate vacant possession, we advise internal inspection</p>	<p>Cheltenham Way Woodham Village £179,500</p> <p>Realistically priced 4 bedroom detached, ensuite shower room, refitted modern kitchen, GCH, garage and gardens</p>	<p>Richardson Walk Newton Aycliffe £90,000</p> <p>Much improved 3 bedroom end terrace home, fitted kitchen, double glazed, modern bathroom, gardens, well placed</p>	

Songs from "The Proms"

Bishop Auckland Choral Society present 'SONGS FROM THE PROMS' at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Friday 6th May 2011 at 7.30pm.

They will perform a selection of popular songs from the Proms such as Rule, Britannia! Battle Hymn of the Republic & Land of Hope and Glory. The conductor will be Venera Bojkova and the pianist Allan Coombes.

Tickets cost £7, £5 concessions, £3 children and are available from Jennifer Weir on 01388 747621 or Sophie Hassall on 01388 834359. Payment can also be made at the door.

New choir members are always welcome.

Last Chance for Free Stand at Fair

There are, currently, over 60 different organisations booked to have stands At the Community Fair to be held at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre On Saturday 14th May.

Is your organisation missing out on this free opportunity to publicise activities or recruit new members! Take a stand and there is also an arena where you will be able to demonstrate your activities and of course, impress the hundreds of visitors to the Fair.

Do you run a small business from home or a start up business? We have a few stands available for you to exhibit your wares or publicise your business. There is a small charge for these stands and details can be obtained from Rotary Club Fair organiser, details at the end of this article.

To secure your stand fill in the coupon or contact roger.curtis@onyxnet.co.uk straight away.

£15m DONATION WILL BRING TOURISTS TO COUNTY DURHAM

County Durham residents look set to benefit from an exciting partnership behind plans to preserve the heritage and culture of one of the county's most iconic buildings and the popular collection of paintings within it.

Today The Church Commissioners announced that, in partnership with Durham County Council and The National Trust, they are working towards a new future for Auckland Castle – home to the historic Zurbaran paintings. The National Gallery has also indicated it is keen to support this initiative.

Council Leader Cllr Simon Henig said: "In recent months we have been in discussion with the Commissioners and the National Trust to consider a future for Auckland Castle which would put this fabulous asset at the heart of regeneration proposals for the county.

"I believe we now have a once in a lifetime chance to secure a future for the Zurbarans at Auckland Castle and ensure both can be enjoyed by a wider public audience.

"Over the coming weeks we will continue to offer our full support to this exciting venture



which, I have every hope, will deliver County Durham some wonderful opportunities in the

future."

Durham County Council chief executive George Garlick said: "There are many details to work through but I very much hope that we have laid the foundations for a strong and lasting partnership which would be of significant benefit to both County Durham and the wider area.

"Increasing tourism is a major objective for the council and I really hope that this partnership can help us preserve two central parts of our heritage and culture, while hugely enriching our offer on a world stage."

The council is currently leading on two important pieces of work involving Auckland Castle which would assist with turning the vision for this stunning building into reality on the ground.

The first is a 'Statement of Significance,' which will establish what is special about the castle; it's importance as an historic and cultural centre.

The second is an 'options study' of the castle and its grounds. This is being undertaken to establish the possibilities these assets may offer in the future. Both are to be completed before the summer.

It is intended that Auckland Castle become a leading public heritage site, bringing tourism and economic regeneration to the North East. Proposals have been made possible thanks to a £15m donation by investment manager Jonathan Ruffer.

His contribution, made through a new charitable trust for the benefit of the people of the North East of England (the Zurbarán Trust) will ensure that the 17th century portraits of Jacob and his sons by Spanish artist Francisco de Zurbarán can remain at Auckland Castle, their historic home since 1756

Stand Out From the Crowd With WRVS

It's not just retired people who can benefit from volunteering; as increasing numbers of young people give up their time to get involved in voluntary activities it is clear that volunteering can help change your life whatever your age.

Students can learn valuable social and life skills, as well as helping them to stand out from the crowd when it comes to career choices, as experience and employable skills are important factors for potential employers. Volunteering can play a vital role in enhancing personal and professional development, and creates cohesion between different communities and sectors.

Richard Clarke, Youth Volunteering Manager for WRVS, said: "Our younger volunteers are a shining example of the difference volunteering makes both to the volunteer and to the person receiving those few hours of help and

attention."

Carla, a student volunteer from Leicester University said: 'I really enjoy volunteering with WRVS. I am learning skills and gaining experience in working with people. I also know that volunteering will enhance my CV and my career prospects when I finish University later this year.'

All WRVS volunteering opportunities provide young people with the chance to work directly in a people based environment and to acquire skills and experiences that will prove invaluable when applying for jobs or attending interviews.

Volunteering can help you as an individual to stand out from the crowd! To find out more visit www.wrvs.org.uk

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No Hidden Extras at This Garage

Dear Sir,

Having lived in Newton Aycliffe for the last 40 years and had experience of a number of garages to do my M.O.T. and servicing and having had some bad experiences, I have finally found one that is completely honest in their business dealings - AutoSafe of Leaside.

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T. Spellman

Bus Drivers Avoid Injury in Crash

Dear Sir,

I witnessed the runaway bus on 14th April in Darlington and I write to say how badly shaken the two bus drivers were after the incident, but they did a brilliant job by not injuring anyone in the crash. Considering that both buses mounted the pavement they should be commended for avoiding carnage in the town centre.

As for those who passed bad comments I wonder if they could have handled these massive vehicles in the same way. It was an engine malfunction and not driver error.

Due praise to the two drivers and their skill. I hope the bosses recognise this and thank them on our behalf.

I have used Arriva busses for many years and will continue to do so knowing I am safe in their hands.

S. Johnson



VETERANS GRANTS SCHEME EXTENDED

The Big Lottery Heroes Return Scheme has been extended and grants between £150-£5,500 are available to Second World War Veterans or War Widows and Widowers for travel and accommodation costs to visit places where they saw active service.

They can also receive cash to take part in an official commemoration in the UK. all veterans who fought with or alongside British Forces in World War Two and who are resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland are eligible. War Widows and Widowers of veterans are also eligible including their spouses/carers who travel with them.

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Pooh Stick Race in Burn



The annual Pooh Stick Race through Woodham Burn, organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council went ahead last week despite the water levels being very low for the time of year.

Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer Steve Cooper explained "We had to use plastic ball this year instead of the usual traditional sticks, the idea behind

this was to minimise the risk of the balls getting snagged up on obstacles on their way through the burn.

All the children involved and their families seemed to have a great deal of fun during the race shouting encouragement to their balls as they travelled the length of the burn. The event was won this year by Jonathan Jones after a very close finish."

AV - LESS DEMOCRATIC

Dear Sir,

I welcome the contributions from the recent 'yes'-men, and acknowledge absolutely their collective point, that if we all ignore our alternative vote, and continue to vote for one candidate only, then the system we have at the moment can continue unaffected.

But – in that case – what would be the point of changing to an 'Alternative Vote' system? I don't think any of us are daft enough to believe that these people want to change to AV so that things can continue exactly as before. Will AV put the Liberals permanently into power?

Everybody is agreed on the basic facts. At the last election, 350 of the 650 MPs were elected with less than a majority of the votes

cast; this is represented by supporters of AV as 'undemocratic'.

What they want is a system whereby the person who gets most votes is NOT elected, but where people's second and third votes are reassigned, and reassigned again, until we find a candidate who is acceptable to the majority.

The WHOLE POINT of AV is to find a different, 'compromise' candidate – who need not be the person who came top in the first ballot.

Our present system delivers us a government. Sometimes it is Labour, sometimes Tory. These are the two biggest parties, and therefore (even though they don't always get a majority of the votes), Tory or Labour usually comes first in most constituencies.

My point – and it is fair enough – is that neither Tory nor Labour are ever likely to be judged the 'compromise' candidate. The 'compromise' candidate will probably be a Lib-Dem.

And that will mean, instead of two big parties at Westminster, there will be three.

And that will mean that there will always have to be a coalition.

And, since a Labour-Tory coalition will NEVER happen, sometimes there will be a Liberal-Tory coalition, and sometimes there will be a Liberal-Labour coalition, but the Liberals will always hold the whip hand, and the Liberals will always be in power. It's not scaremongering, it's just logic. Is AV undemocratic

and lacking in principles?

I understand that, currently, people who did not vote for the winning candidate have been led to believe that their vote has been 'wasted'.

What you have to realise is that, under AV, your vote will mean even less than before.

The complaint against the current system is that, in 350 constituencies, we send to Parliament an MP who for most of us was our second, third ... fifteenth choice candidate.

AV will not change that. Where it ousts the winner of the first count, AV will actually deliver you an MP who was the first choice of EVEN FEWER people! Instead, we will still be sending to Parliament an MP who, for MORE of us than before, was our second, third ... fifteenth choice candidate.

That person will probably be a Lib-Dem, and the first thing he will do is abandon all the promises he made in his manifesto, because he will be busy brokering a deal with the Tories or Labour in order to get into power. So AV is not more 'democratic' than the 'first-past-the-post' system we have at present (arguably, it is less so).

What AV will do is end the present system where we elect, on principle, parties which claim to stand for principles, and instead it will mandate second-choice (second-rate) politicians to go to Westminster and wheedle political power for themselves.

Abandon hope, all ye who enter here!

John Clare

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Sunset over Inneos by Jim Summerson taken on his mobile phone.



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Angela Rowlands.
Readers are invited to send in their digital pictures to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Right: These mallards have been visiting the front of a house in Stephenson Way for some time. The Longstaff family woke to see that the birds preferred the back garden pond and wanted to share the beautiful sight with our readers.



Fantastic close up by Colin Gainger



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at Greenfield School Community and Arts College and lives in Newton Aycliffe. Since the end of 2005, Georgina has been a pupil of Mrs Reita Pierce LRAM ALCM from Ferryhill a former teacher in Newton Aycliffe.

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COUNTY YOUTH BIG BAND TAKES TOP AWARDS



Durham County Youth Big Band blew up a storm at the annual prestigious Big Band competition in Sunderland. They were awarded the Best Big Band and Best Soloist

Awards. The adjudicator was Paul Jones, one of Europe's virtuoso Alto Saxophone players who said: "This was a really impressive band playing, overall it was

an exciting set full of vitality and passion."

He praised soloists: Charlotte Marlow, Alto, Robbie Chapman-Thong, Guitar, Michael Graham, Tenor, James Swainston, Baritone, Thomas Jones and Ross Landon, Trombone, Robert Smith, Trumpet and Tom Stanier the drummer. However it was the lead Alto Saxophonist Arjen Jongschaap who really hit the right notes and claimed the Best Soloist Award in the competition.

Adrian Biddulph, Manager for Music Education for Durham said: "The band really deserved the result. "They work so hard every week to achieve this outstanding level of performance.

The set contained Children of Sanchez, Misty, Strong like a bull and Hallelujah which are really challenging pieces for even the most experienced

Big Band performer.

"Shaune Eland, musical director, has such vision and drive for the band.

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"I am delighted for the band, Shaune and the player's parents have total commitment in ensuring continued success, they really are testament to the outstanding music service of County Durham."

The Big Band is internationally renowned for their high standard of performance, recently they performed with Pee Wee Ellis, Musical Director for James Brown and Van Morrison and are looking forward to working with New Orleans band 'Rebirth' in Durham's Brass Festival in July, after which they go on another European tour.

Egg Appeal for Wishing Well Club



The Co-op Funeralcare Easter Egg appeal was a wonderful success. From the Newton Aycliffe office we were able to donate a large amount of eggs to the Wishing Well Gateway Club at the Pioneering Care Centre as well as to the Wear Valley Women's Aid Refuge in Bishop Auckland. A spokeswoman said that as a small charity they just do not have enough money for extras like these so they really appreciate the generosity of local people who have ensured children have eggs for Easter. Can we also thank Thyssenkrupp Tallent of Newton Aycliffe who contributed a large amount of eggs to our appeal.

Barbara Bates, The Co-operative Funeralcare

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Council Starts Financial Year With £66 Million Loss

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April 1 signalled the start of a financial year in which Durham County Council will have to save £66.4m from its budget. That is £66.4m less to spend on services delivered to residents, or more than £100 for every resident. This will have a direct impact not only on services but also support for the many community groups and organisations operating

within the voluntary sector. Due to major reductions in Government grants and taking into account increased demand on services, for example from the ageing population - over the next four years Durham County Council will have to cut spending by £123.5m, including the loss of 1,600 jobs. Because these cuts are front loaded the new financial year will be a tough test for the council and will mean many difficult decisions.

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The results of these consultations have been reflected within the MTFP. Cllr Henig again: "We have done our best to respond to residents' top priorities.

"As a result we are maintaining our existing spend on winter maintenance and our current capital spend on highway maintenance and repairs. We will also invest in child protection and do our best to protect a number of areas of adult social care. These were the top priorities determined by the public across County Durham.

"This will of course mean hitting other areas, but we have listened, and a range of support services, including management and communications, will face larger reductions.

"I would like to thank everyone who has helped us shape our response to this extremely challenging situation and ask for the

continued support of residents as we look ahead at a financial year that will be a major challenge." What will we do in the future?

"Despite all of these revenue reductions we have supported a freeze in council tax and we have promised to continue consulting with residents over the big decisions brought about by this painful process.

"We continue to have a very strong capital programme of almost £300m over the next two years, demonstrating our continued commitment to invest in regeneration and improve job creation across the county," said Cllr Henig.

"We will find smarter ways of working and new ways to deliver services. We will do our best to ensure the least possible disruption to our communities but it would be wrong for anyone to suggest that life can continue as before - this unprecedented cut in Government grant to Durham will affect everyone."

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Birthday Remembrance

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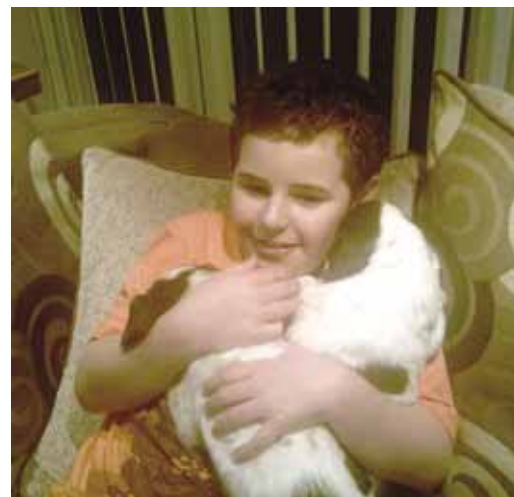


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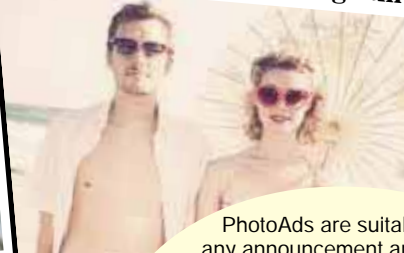
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Publishers of the Newton News, the family-run firm got behind Aycliffe FC in the New Year to help in their promotion.

Including sales and advertising revenue, the agreement has raised a total of £1,750, in less than half a season, towards Aycliffe's ground development fund launched just before Christmas.

Aycliffe's full-colour matchday read was voted Northern League Programme of the Year for a second successive year. The club sold 170 copies for their bumper crowd at home to Darlington RA in March, while their souvenir edition (pictured) for the last home game of the season against Thornaby last Saturday also proved popular.

Aycliffe's media manager Martin Walker, who works on the programme with editor Paul McGeary, said: "The programme deal has been a significant boost to the football club and our ground development fund.

"Newton Press's overall support this season has been fundamental, not only by printing the programmes, but also in their coverage of the club in the Newton News, which has undoubtedly encouraged other firms and individuals to get involved. "The value of our partnership cannot be underestimated, and is extremely appreciated by everyone at the club."

Aycliffe's new William Finley Stand was erected

free of charge by Finley Structures earlier in the year, thanks to the help of Charlie Fielding and Kevin Jones, enabling Aycliffe to pass a ground grading inspection on April 2 which paved the way for their promotion to the first division. The club have also raised about £5,000 from other donations, including the match programme and a £2,000 grant from GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership), which has funded a new hospitality cabin for visiting guests and officials due to arrive soon.

Aycliffe need to make other ground improvements this summer, in readiness for first division football next season and at least one high-profile pre-season friendly. They also intend to invest at least £1,500 on improving their pitch. Chairman Gary Farley added: "The work literally starts now for the lads behind the scenes, as there's lots to do this summer to make sure we're ready to welcome the likes of Spennymoor, Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Whitley Bay to Moore Lane Park next season. "I often talk about raising the bar, but we'll need to do that just to be able to compete in the first division. It's a big



Newton Press Director, Paul Howarth said: "We are delighted with the progress Aycliffe Football Club have made in recent years and congratulate them on their promotion. There is no doubt any success they have reflects well on Newton Aycliffe."

jump for the club, but it's a challenge we're all relishing. "The prospect of bringing Northern League first division football, the FA Vase and the FA Cup to Newton Aycliffe was unthinkable just a couple of years ago, yet it will soon be a reality, and that's testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved."

In their farewell to the second division, Aycliffe cruised to a 5-1 win at home to Thornaby last weekend. Second-half goals from Paul Broom, Ben Wood, Elliot Gardner and a Warren Byrne penalty gave the scoreline a flattering look after Dean Fox had cancelled out Anth Campbell's superb opener in the first half.

But with the season finished and nothing to play for, and after such an intense campaign, Aycliffe could be forgiven for taking their foot off the pedal in their final game of the season at Team Northumbria on Easter Monday, with their incredible 29-match unbeaten run crashing to an end with a 4-0 defeat.

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TWO-YEAR SPONSORSHIP FOR AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have signed a two-year sponsorship deal on the eve of the new season.

Both Aycliffe first and second teams will start the 2011 season this weekend.

And the club have unveiled a brand new kit for the new campaign after signing a two-year sponsorship deal with Lift Right Fork Lift Truck Training.

The deal, which is a first for the club, will see both senior sides wearing the company's logo on their new whites.

"We're grateful to Paul at Lift Right for the support he has shown to the Cricket Club," said chairman Ian Palmer.

"The sponsorship, as well as helping financially, has once more raised the profile of the club and shows our determination to make progress both on and off the field.

"We're trying to give Newton Aycliffe a Cricket Club they can be proud of, playing at the highest standard possible, and this type of sponsorship is vital if we are going to achieve this."

Lift Right owner Paul Robb has had a connection with the Cricket Club dating back to the late 1960s, when his father played for the club, and is pleased that he's able to be part of what the club are now trying to achieve. Aycliffe's first team start the new season this Saturday (April 30) away



to Hunwick in the first division of the North East Durham League. The second team are at home to Coundon in the third division, with stumps at 2pm at Moore Lane.

As well as the two senior teams, Newton Aycliffe also have four junior teams playing at various age levels and further sponsorship opportunities exist for these teams.

Match sponsorship is also available for all home games at cost of £50 per game.

Anybody wanting to discuss sponsorship of either teams or individual matches is asked to contact chairman Ian Palmer on 01325 312086 or club secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

Durham Legend Cook Opens New Nets



Durham cricket legend Geoff Cook has officially opened a new nets facility at Aycliffe Sports Club.

Durham's head coach visited the club to open Aycliffe's new Malcolm Dawes Cricket Lanes, as well as hold a question-and-answer session in the clubhouse.

Malcolm, who's Aycliffe's youth coach, initiated a bid for Local Improvement Programme funding which eventually secured £300,000 to redevelop Aycliffe's football facility at Moore Lane.

But £20,000 of that cash was spent on installing

the new nets facility, which Cook was happy to officially open earlier this month.

"It's a fantastic new facility," said Cook. "Malcolm has done a terrific job for the club, and the whole setting here at Aycliffe is wonderful, for all sports connected to the club."

Cook, 59 and originally from Middlesbrough, played for Northamptonshire and later Durham before being the driving force behind the club becoming a first-class county in 1991.

His Q&A session followed a Pie and Peas supper and finished with comedian Zak Stevens.

Club secretary Lee Weldon added: "It was a brilliant night all-round and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

"Geoff provided us with an interesting insight into his career and the professional game, while the comedian was hilarious. We also raised a bit of money for the cricket club, so overall it was a fantastic night."

Anyone interested in getting involved in Aycliffe Cricket Club for the 2011 season can contact Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

Photo: Geoff Cook (left) with Aycliffe Youth Coach Malcolm Dawes inside the new Cricket Lanes at Aycliffe Sports Club

LOCAL SPORT

FOOTBALL MANAGER WANTED

A new Manager is urgently required for Newton Aycliffe Under 18's F.C.

All paper work and organising will all be taken care of by volunteers. The role for the manager is just to manage and coach the team. The squad is fantastic and well organised.

Anyone interested would be required to have an interview with our First Team Committee. Please email newtonaycliffeu18@btinternet.com Thank You.

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