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COMEDY SHOW IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Hilarity Bites Comedy Club returns to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Friday 13th May, following a very successful debut show in

early April. On that occasion the audience were treated to four of the best stand-up comedians on the UK circuit, and the show in May

will be no exception.

Middlesbrough-born Patrick Monahan will be one of the main attractions in May, having recently returned from performing at the Adelaide Comedy Festival. Patrick is a regular on the UK comedy circuit, and is in demand at comedy clubs throughout Europe, and also in the Middle East, thanks to his chatty, friendly style mixed with his hilarious story telling. Joining Pat will be Liverpoolian-in-exile Silky, who has been a full time comedian since 1997. He did his first gig in 1994, and his fourth gig (the final of the 1995 BBC New Comedy Awards alongside Lee Mack, Daniel Kitson and Julian Barratt) was shown on BBC1's Stand-Up Show. Other awards he has failed to win include the Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year (prize-winning runner-up 2000), the Liverpool Echo Arts and Entertainment Award (the only person to

be nominated twice).

Silky has performed internationally, including gigs in China, the Philippines, the Gulf, Singapore, the US, the Melbourne Comedy Festival, and all over Europe, including at the Glastonbury Festival. He performed at the 2004 God's Kitchen Global Gathering, the 2005 Big Bang at Santa Pod, and in the houseband for the Kilkenny Festival.

MC for the evening will be the 2009 Hilarity Bites New Act of the Year, Andrew Ryan, and there will also be a new act performing on the night. Tickets for this show are priced at £8 each in advance or £10 on the door, with tickets available in person from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre or by calling 01325 300 500. Alternatively, tickets can be bought on-line from www.hilaritybites.co.uk. Doors open for the show at 7:30pm, whilst the show begins at 8pm.

SSAFA at the Fair

SSAFA - FORCES HELP, the oldest charity dedicated to helping both serving and ex serving members of the forces and their families who have fallen on difficult times are delighted to attend the forthcoming Community Fair organised by the Rotary Club.

Liz has been busy crafting and Jenny baking her famous cup-cakes to help raise funds on the day. Our team of caseworkers are looking forward to meeting old friends, deal with enquiries and hopefully recruit more volunteers!

For those who are unable to attend the fair but are in need of our help, please telephone (01325) 319099. We are most grateful to the Rotary Club for organising the event and pass on our best wishes to everyone for a very successful fair - Looking forward to seeing you there Brian Wilson

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Saturday 14th May - "THIS MACHINE"

"Well, I don't even know what to say, apart from... THIS MACHINE were absolutely amazing last night, one of the best... especially when the guitarists were on the tables and bar, haha! Every song was awesome, perfect sound and just all round excellence. And also it was the best atmosphere I've ever experienced, everyone was having fun." - GIG PIT REVIEW.
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Agnew Centre NEWS

TABLE TOP SALE

A Table Top Sale will be held at the Morrison Close Centre on Saturday 21st May from 11am till 2.30pm. Inside or out depending on the weather. To book a table please ring Margaret on 319857 or 321504.

OUR MP SEEKS YOUR VIEWS ON WIND FARM

Eon are proposing a wind farm between Newton Aycliffe and the A1M. The number of turbines range between 25 and 45. If the number is more than 26 it will be the largest in England.

Wind farms are very controversial at the best of times, but the wind farm envisaged by Eon is huge. Each turbine could be three times the height of the Angel of the North. There are several wind

farm applications going forward at the present time in the area, but the one planned by Eon is by far the largest if it goes ahead. This will not only impact on the landscape of Newton Aycliffe, but also on Chilton, Mordon and Bradbury.

We all understand the need for renewable energy and County Durham is well on the way to reaching its 2020 renewable energy target long before that date. In my view, wind farms are acceptable as long as they do not dominate the local landscape. If all the applications going forward are accepted I believe that is exactly what will happen.

I raised the matter with the Prime Minister last week in the House of Commons. He has arranged a meeting for me with the Planning Minister to see what consultation local communities can expect because of the massive nature of the proposed wind farm.

The Prime Minister said that the installation of wind farms should lead to financial gain for the area and I want to explore with Eon and the Planning Minister exactly what that means.

People may feel that compensation paid to the local community or residents may be sufficient for the imposition on the landscape, but hosting the largest wind farm in England should mean significant compensation. Wind farms are controversial, so I would like to hear your views on the possibility of the largest wind farm in England on our doorstep. Please write to me at Phil Wilson MP, 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 4EE or email me at phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk - You can now follow me on Twitter (@philwilsonmp).

I will also be distributing a survey in the coming weeks to gauge your views. I look forward to hearing from you.

Phil Wilson M.P.

SEARCH FOR A STAR DATE CHANGE

ShowcaseEntertainments International Limited are holding their biggest ever Talent Show at the Civic Hall, Shildon at 7pm on 18th May 2011. The previous date was changed due to Bank Holidays.

Can You Help Solve Van Theft?

On Thursday 21st April a WHITE FORD TRANSIT van registration number RA51 KJJ was stolen from Dalton Way, Newton Aycliffe between 12.30pm and 12.35pm.

The vehicle contained cleaning equipment used to wash wheelie bins including two large white plastic water containers. The suspect is described as a white male approximately 30-35yrs of age, 5'11- 6' in height, close cropped mousey brown hair with stubble on his chin and sideboards.

The male was wearing a navy short sleeved 'Rangers' football shirt which had two white stripes on either sleeve. The male had a newish looking tattoo on his neck which read 'TAYLOR'.

If anyone has information relating to this incident please contact PC 1899 INGLIS at Newton Aycliffe on 0345 606 0365.

Good Show of Daffodills

Dear Editor,
I am always delighted each year at this time by the huge displays of dandelions which decorate our verges. I think we ought to adopt the dandelion as the emblem of Aycliffe.

It doesn't meet accepted measures of beauty or value, and many people regard it as troublesome and annoying. But it's bright, energetic and tenacious, and it knows how to put on a show.

It's just like us!

John D Clare

Out of School Club Visits Farm



During the Easter break the children from Woodham Burn Out of School Club went to Hall Hill Farm, the weather was fantastic!

When we arrived at Hall Hill Farm we were given a short health and safety briefing from the farm guides, so that we knew what we could and couldn't do around the farm. First we went to the Petting Barn where we were allowed to hold either a rabbit or guinea pig to groom and pet. We were given some animal feed so we could feed the animals. We spent some time feeding the goats and sheep, lots of them had babies.

We then spent some time in the park before going on a very bumpy tractor ride! After lunch we had the opportunity to feed some baby lambs with a bottle of milk, hold some very small baby chicks and then end our time at the farm by watching a very funny puppet show! A big thank you to J&C Coaches and the staff from Hall Hill Farm.

Edward Cull & Jack Turner
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The Girls prepared, cooked and served a four course gastronomic delight for the

52 eager diners, including French classics of Boeuf Bourguignon, Apple Tart Ratin, Pot au Chocolat and homemade Truffles.

The 'bistro' was suitably dressed in red, blue, and white and the girls looked the part in their striped tops and berets!

During the meal, the girls showcased their talents showing what an amazing group they are. We had a pianist, violinist, gymnast, dancers, singers and a cornet playing duo, and yes

we did have a very energetic Can Can!

Thanks must go to all who worked extremely hard to make the evening so enjoyable - raising £210!

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WHO WILL BE AYCLIFFE'S PROM QUEEN?

The Worx Hair Beauty Tanning is hosting "Newton Aycliffe Prom Queen 2011". Entrants must reside in Newton Aycliffe and are invited

to send a recent picture along with contact details including date of birth to the salon at 5 Cobblers Hall Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SE by 28th May.

Ten finalists will be selected to take part in a Prom Fashion Show at the Youth Centre on Wednesday 27th July. All finalists receive a makeover and hair styled by the Worx on the night. The winner will receive a "Pampering Day", a professional photo session with Sophotogenic and will be crowned with a tiara from Belle Boutique. All proceeds from the event will go to Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

12 year old Tiffany Raised Over £1,000 in Memory of Her Dad



Tiffany Miller aged 12 who attends Greenfield School, climbed Hellvellyn, the third highest peak in England in memory of her father who passed away on the 10th March 2011. She tried to raise as much money as possible for Epilepsy Scotland charity completing the climb in fancy dress, even though it

was hard work and it took her a week to recover from the ordeal.

She smashed through her target of raising £1000 and there is still money coming in. Tiffany would like to thank everyone for their support and especially the people who came with her to make the walk as much fun as possible!

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Telephone Gateway will also be available on a Friday between 10am and 1pm on 0844 499 4123 at Cobblers Hall.

1.5 Million & Counting!



Woodham Community Technology College student, Corin Lathan, set a staggering new record by reading over 1.5 million words in the college's Accelerated Reader scheme. The scheme, which has been running in the college for the past two years, aims to get readers of all abilities enthused about literature of all genres.

Corin has always had an interest in books, "I was introduced to reading

when I was quite young and it is something that I have always enjoyed". The student, who is still only in Year 7, has read a wide range of books over the year. "I have really enjoyed lots of books this year, especially the Harry Potter and the Twilight series and my favourite author is Michael Morpurgo". Corin is hoping to smash the 2 million word barrier before the end of the academic year.

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on public donations and our corporate sponsors to raise £3.6 million a year to keep this vital service flying," she said. "These raffle prizes will generate much needed funds." Employees at the 3M site vote on which charity they would like to support each quarter of the year and the Air Ambulance was the first to be chosen for 2011. The charity was nominated by machine operator Sean Sim, who made the presentation with Mairead Minto, the site's

community relations liaison, at the service's headquarters at Teesside airport. Sean commented: "I'd put the Air Ambulance forward because of the valuable work it does for the community. It's often thought of as being one of the emergency services and it came as a surprise to me that it needs to raise all its own money." Last year the service completed more than 1,400 missions across the North East and Cumbria regions.

Brush Up Your English at Library

There's a chance to improve your literacy skills and gain a qualification in English in a group starting at Newton Aycliffe Library. People who may not have studied English for some time, can brush up their reading, writing, spelling and communication skills, in a friendly and supportive environment.

The free training will be provided by an experienced tutor from Leap Adult Learning Centre. The sessions could also help people to develop their confidence and potentially improve their job prospects. There will be an opportunity to gain a qualification in English at the end of the course.

Starting on Thursday, 5th May, the Group will be held from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Newton Aycliffe Library. It will run through the summer term.

For more information or to book a place, please call LEAP Adult Learning Centre on 01833 690281 or Newton Aycliffe Library on 01325 312856.

THE BOYS ARE AT IT AGAIN!



In 2010 Ste Waddingham, Chris Brennan and Scott Graham cycled the Coast to Coast route in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance and raised over £250.

This year, between 15th and 17th April, the Aycliffe trio and (newcomer to the group) Matthew Wolsey, completed the 172 miles of Hadrian's Wall Cycleway route, from Ravenglass to Tynemouth, for Cancer Research. They have raised the amazing sum of £500 and are very grateful to all those who sponsored them, AND to Brenno's Dad for being 'the support team'. Well done lads!

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Even the changeable weather didn't dampen the fun and the partygoers were given an afternoon tea including jelly and ice cream. The party was well attended by local children of all ages, who enjoyed the day immensely. Well done and congratulations on yet another successful event.
Mrs A. Simpson

The Royal WEDDING "Street Parties"

RYDER COURT PARTY



Residents of Ryder Court took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate last Friday with a Royal Wedding Street Party; over 80 people joined in during the day with some relatives travelling from as far afield as Portsmouth! A number of neighbours met up on Thursday evening to festoon the street with Union Jack bunting, and decorate houses with flags and balloons.



RIGHT ROYAL VILLAGE CELEBRATION



Heighington Village Green was packed with people celebrating the Royal Wedding. A small committee organised stalls, games, demonstrations and competitions to keep everyone entertained. With the peal of bells from the Church and afternoon tea served in the Village Hall the true meaning of community was felt by all present at this Royal celebration.

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At the Royal Wedding Street Party held in Foxglove Close a raffle organised by the children raised a fantastic sum of £57.16 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you from Kevin & Christine Richardson, (local Macmillan Volunteers) to the youngsters for this wonderful gesture.

MUSIC BUGS AT THE PCC

A series of award winning music classes aimed at children from newborn to 4 years is being held at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe on Wednesdays at 2pm. Come and join us for the summer term with nursery rhymes, percussion instruments, puppets, counting songs, bubbles, pom poms, parachute games and lots more. The classes are recommended by health visitors and early years specialists. Free taster sessions are available by contacting Margaret on 0844 578 1046 or email: margaret@musicbugs.co.uk
Booking is essential.

FAMILY CYCLING: BIKES PROVIDED

'Get Active' is hosting a series of Free Family Cycling Days in the Sedgefield area. The Pioneering Care Centre is hosting a session this Sunday 8 May from 10am - 12 noon.

If you don't have a cycle then 'Get Active' will be able to provide one and children's cycles are also available, but both must be pre booked on the number below.

All cyclists taking part must wear a cycle helmet and these can also be provided if required. If you are using your own bike then please ensure it is roadworthy. Why not come along and join in the fun as well as taking the opportunity to take advantage of the fresh air and exercise.

If you wish to book a bike then please contact the Physical Activity Health Improvement Team on 0191 5692847.



Foster Care Open Evenings

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTIES



A party was held in St. Clares Hall to commemorate the Royal Wedding and children dressed in their finery enjoyed games, crafts and nice food. This tableau was particularly colourful and obviously took a lot of thought, time and effort in the making.

The British Legion Club put on a splendid show to mark the Royal Wedding with lots of games and entertainment laid on for members and their children.

The Royal WEDDING "Street Parties"

Staff and volunteers at the YMCA Shop in the Thames Centre entered into the spirit of the Royal Wedding with afternoon tea by the front window (below).



TALLENSTAFF FAMILY FUN DAY

The Community Charity Club founded by employees of ThyssenKrupp Tallent is planning its next event for Sunday 26th June when they run the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day. The free admission event is run in conjunction with Bishop Auckland Rugby Club and promises to be a fun day for all with various activities such as Tag Rugby, Tug O War, Drop Kick challenge, Bouncy Slides and Games for the young ones (and young at heart ones) with a car boot sale and stalls. It promises to be a great day out and funds raised will go towards the CCC's nominated charity for the year - The Great North Air Ambulance.

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TOWN TEEN BEAUTY IN TITLE BID

Newtonian Sophie Clothier became a finalist in Miss Sunderland recently by winning her heat to become Miss Amore. Part of her role is supporting events for Grace House Childrens Hospice.

Sophie has already arranged a raffle event at the Amore Restaurant in Sunderland and a cake stall at House of Fraser Darlington where she works part time.

In addition to this and with the support of the Pioneering Care Centre and Sharon Whitehead, Sophie has arranged a 2 hour Body Combat session on the 11th May, 7pm-9pm admission £5. All proceeds are for charity, so please come along to show your support.

Sophie is 19 years old and studied at Vane Road Primary and Woodham CTC before going on to QE for her A-Levels. She



has signed up with 'Glam r Us Models' and 'Zebra Model Management Ltd' to help support her through University where she will undertake a Psychology and Education degree starting in September.

We wish Sophie luck with the Body Combat 11th May and the final of Miss Sunderland on 20th May.

New Parent Group for ADHD & ADD Children

Dear Sir,
We have recently set up a non profit ADHD Parent Support Group in Newton Aycliffe due to a lack of one in the whole of the county!

My friend Nicola is an ADHD parent herself and I have a special interest in special needs. Membership of our group is completely free and run by ourselves in

our spare time to help and support parents and carers of children with ADHD/ADD.

We are currently receiving no funding and all support for the group is through our own means. We are calling our first meeting to help the group get up and running and would welcome expressions of interest from Newton News readers.

07714 215805 - Lauren
07809 549988 - Nicola
We're also on facebook under [aycliffeadhdparent](#)
Lauren Randall & Nicola Minnes.
E-mail: aycliffeadhd@hotmail.co.uk

Some Tenants Do Not Take Care of Their Homes

Dear Sir,
Your article on SBH buying private houses in Aycliffe to let should have made allowances for readers' concerns before dismissing them as snobs.

I too oppose buying to let on private estates as there are more than enough people in rented property who will not work, are rowdy, anti-social and known to take drugs.

People work hard to buy homes away from areas where bad behaviour exists. I know of a large £250,000 house which has been let to a regular turnover of problem families who have been expelled from other towns.

None have ever worked to live in such grand surroundings, yet they never cut the grass or keep the property in good order. I wonder if the Editor would be happy if his home was next door to such a family? Does he have opinions on people who avoid work? I know good workers who got on the property ladder to buy their home only to find others in their street who do not work, live on benefits and have the same quality home.

I also know of people who have seen how easy it is and took the same route. Why should they work when everything is available to them without any effort? In Manchester someone had the idea that if you move bad tenants from Moss Side into good areas they would become better tenants by following good examples. In fact the opposite happened and smaller pockets of Moss Side has now spread throughout the city.

I hope this letter highlights my concern that people

who work hard to live in nicely kept areas deserve consideration. The belief that all people who rent property are bad tenants is obviously wrong, but you must accept that a lot of people who rent do not care about their neighbours or the houses they occupy.

BW
Name & address supplied
Ed: We have to remember that some tenants through no fault of their own cannot work and have to rely on benefits. Those that can work and won't, are soon to be penalised by new government initiatives.

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More than a Blot on the Landscape

As we face the proposed 45-turbine wind-farm, we will no doubt be told that they are environmentally imperative. A wind power turbine, states the website of renewable energy trade association RenewableUK, saves each year 2,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2), ‘the key greenhouse gas culprit’.

Are wind turbines any use?

But will wind turbines help the government as it seeks to cut our CO2 emissions by 336 million tonnes by 2050? How much, relatively, is 2,000 tonnes of CO2?

It is not very much.

It represents the amount of CO2 produced by 14 return air flights to New York (there are 37 flights from London to New York every day).

A wind turbine saves less CO2 over its entire lifetime than the lorries on our roads produce in a single day.

In the meantime, production of the cement and steel used to build a wind turbine creates going on for 4,000 tonnes of CO2, so a wind turbine has to work for two years before it ‘pays back’ the CO2 created in its own construction.

And – because the wind does not blow consistently, of course – we have to keep traditional power stations online and available for when the wind is not blowing. Since these are used intermittently, they are therefore not run at maximum efficiency, and thus produce proportionately more CO2 ... there is a strong argument that building wind farms actually results in more CO2 than if we had simply kept a coal-powered generator running full-time at maximum efficiency!

‘ROCs’ and the Renewable Energy racket.

According to Wikipedia there are 3,153 wind turbines in the UK with 5,204 Megawatts (MW) of capacity. A further 2,500 MW-worth are being built, 6,000 MW more have planning consent and some 9,000 MW are awaiting planning approval.

Why, if wind turbines are so useless at reducing CO2, are they so prevalent?

The government has to meet a Renewable Energy target, and needs to encourage suppliers to use more renewable energy.

To do this, it issues one ROC (Renewable Energy Certificate) for every megawatt hour (MWh) of green energy a company supplies. Electricity suppliers are given a target of ROCs they need to be able to produce by the end of the year. If they fail to produce enough ROCs, they are fined for the shortfall. Electricity companies, therefore, are interested in buying ROCs, which can fetch up to £47 each on the open market.

It is this subsidy which makes wind turbines an attractive investment. The average turbine generates power worth about £150,000 a year, but can earn subsidies worth up to a further £200,000. One of Britain’s most effective wind farms, Burradale in the Shetlands, for example, has two turbines which generated 7,194MWh in 2010, bringing in £345,000, on top of the money earned from selling the electricity.

Meanwhile, since the transition cables on the National Grid have insufficient capacity to transfer the power around the country, wind farms in Scotland are making too much electricity and had recently to be closed down for a day – for which they were paid even more than they get when they are working.

So now we know why wind farms are so popular. Not because they are a successful ecological alternative, but because they offer somebody – for a relatively modest outlay – the opportunity to be part of a multi-billion pound bonanza. A bonanza for which we, the electricity consumers, are paying.

A national rip-off

We could save as much CO2 as a wind turbine by insulating 1,400 homes. At a one-off cost of £1.2 million, this would cost us about a third of what we pay for a wind turbine over its lifetime, and would actually SAVE us money by reducing our electricity bills.

Wind farms do not help the environment, only big business. They are not just a blot on the landscape – they are a national rip-off.

We ought abolish the subsidies and see how many are built when they have to produce electricity in a normal competitive commercial market.

And we can use the money we save to reduce CO2 in other ways.

John D Clare



Concern Over CAB Reduction in Service

Dear Sir

I would like to express my concern over the reductions in the opening hours of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Newton Aycliffe. I have used this service repeatedly and have found the service essential in rectifying my problems. Previously I have had no problems accessing this service.

Attempting to seek some advice this week I was shocked to discover that I can now only call into the drop-in session once a week and this is extremely busy. I was unable to wait because there were no available seats in the waiting room.

The staff were very apologetic but informed me that because of the recent cuts in funding the bureau has been forced to reduce the opening hours for the second year running. A telephone service is available on a Friday only but I much prefer to speak directly to a person.

I am sure that I am not the only person in Newton Aycliffe who views the reduction in this service as a great loss to the Town and that the funding of such an essential service needs to be urgently reconsidered.

Mr GF Stoker
Guthrum Place

MEETING TO DISCUSS SHAFTO HOUSE

Dear Sir,

As you may know Shafto House recently closed. The building has since been put on the market for general tender. According to some council members and a recent article in the Newton News, an idea has been put forward to the local authority to develop the building into a privately run rehabilitation unit.

Whilst we agree with the primary function of such a facility, we believe it should not be developed in such close proximity to family homes, bungalows, 3 local schools and the Youth Centre.

Although Shafto Way and the surrounding area is a safe, quiet, family area, it has been noted that in recent months low level crime and youth disruption in the area has been on the rise. Whilst we cannot assume that the introduction of a drink and drugs rehabilitation unit will affect crime levels in the local area, it is safe to assume that as we also have a ‘halfway house’, in Bury Road (though this is a well run establishment) the Shafto Way area may develop somewhat of a stigma.

As the Shafto House building is up for general tender, the successful applicant to secure the building will be the highest bidder. At the moment the most likely applicant appears to be a Drink and Drugs Rehabilitation Unit.

If, like us, you would like the Shafto Way area to remain a safe, family focused environment come along to a meeting at **Neville Parade Methodist Church on Saturday 7th May from 11am – 12noon** to voice your concerns, ask questions or simply to find out more about the proposed ideas for the vacant Shafto House building.

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MONTHLY WAGES STOLEN IN TESCO'S

Dear Sir,

On a recent visit to Tesco to get their shopping for the month my friends went to the cash machine and withdrew £560. This was pay for shopping and bills for the month.

They completed their shopping and came to pay found the money had gone! Had someone followed them or did they drop it? Whoever found it or took it must have seen that this was someones

wages or a month's pay. These people are devastated at the loss. How can someone stoop so low to keep this money? The police were contacted and the staff at Tesco were shocked and very helpful, but nothing had been handed in. The police said there were pickpockets working the area.

Whoever took the money should look at the problems and anxiety they have caused. How will the victims pay the rent? How do they feed themselves and their children for the next 4 weeks? Who is going to pay the bills? It makes me sick! The husband is in bits the wife can't stop crying and the kids don't understand what is going on. All I can say to the person who took the money is your parents must be so proud of you.

Tom Carrol

THANKS TO AYCLIFFE TICKET COMPANY

Dear Sir,

I went to see Andre Rieu and his Orchestra on the 19th April at the Metro Arena, Newcastle. The show was out of this world and worth every penny. I would like to thank Jason of Premier Promotions for supplying my ticket. He could not have done more, his kindness and attention to detail. The driver of the bus was very helpful and courteous to a disabled person. The staff at the Arena were very supportive and provided a wheelchair to allow me to watch the performance in comfort.

Thanks again to Jason for arranging this for me - never to be forgotten and good luck for the future.

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Dear Sir

We had our car scratched on both sides from back to front and mud thrown over it last week. This appears to be the work of young children who are targetting us as disabled pensioners. There has been a spate of such incidents and thefts recently and readers should keep an eye out and report anyone they see vandalising property.

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SEARCH FOR 100% SCHOOL ATTENDEES

The search is on for young people in County Durham with an outstanding school attendance record.

Durham County Council is tracking down all final-year primary and secondary school pupils who have never taken a day off.

The council is planning a special celebration to reward young people with a 100 per cent attendance record at either primary or secondary school.

Maureen Clare, Durham County Council's head of countywide services, said: "Never missing even half a day of primary or

secondary school is a fantastic achievement and one we want to reward."

The prize will include a tour of St James' Park and a presentation dinner for the young people and their families.

To be eligible for an award, a pupil's school attendance must continue to be 100 per cent until their official leaving date this summer.

Families who think their child may qualify should contact their school. The council will also be getting in touch with schools directly to trace eligible pupils.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Great photo captured at St Oswald's Park by Pete Bailey Jr

Councillors' surgeries

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also be in attendance.



Photo by Steve Kimpton from his garden in Woodham Lea showing a cheeky Blue Tit who likes to perch on the Satellite dish before going into the bird box to feed her chicks.

Town Students Design Logo

Pupils from across the county have been putting their design skills to the test to design a logo for the new County Durham Fair Trade Group.

The competition had a great response from schools across the county and pupils, teachers and parents will gather to watch a prize presentation for the 15 finalists.

Durham County Council Chairman, Mac Williams, will join Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Fair Trade, to present the prizes.

Eleanor Walmsley from Bourmoor Primary School has been chosen as the overall winner and her design will now be used as the logo for the County Durham Fair Trade group. Two pupils from Sugar Hill Primary School were entered and Victoria Elsa Witton was one of the Runners-up with Lili-Mae Iris Lonsdale close behind.

LANDLORD HELPS VULNERABLE TENANTS

A County Durham housing association has undergone a major overhaul of one of its gardening services to ensure vulnerable tenants get the help they need.

Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) manages 8,500 properties in County Durham and provides hundreds of tenants with a grass cutting and hedge trimming service every year, as part of its Vulnerable Tenants' Garden Maintenance Service (VTGMS).

This week all tenants that currently access the service have been asked to reapply under new criteria that have been developed to target the landlord's most vulnerable tenants. Ian Brown, head of communities for sbh, said: "We reviewed the service as part of our on-going commitment to improving the support we provide

to our most vulnerable tenants.

"The service as it currently stands focuses on age rather than vulnerability. We feel it is important to remove this barrier so more people who need this invaluable support can access it."

All tenants who are being asked to reapply will be contacted in mid-July to be advised if they meet the new criteria. The new service will take effect from March 2012 meaning anybody who is currently accessing the service will still receive garden maintenance between March and October 2011.

For more information contact sbh's Neighbourhood Support Team on 0800 587 4538 (free from landlines) or 0300 111 2344 (mobile - charges vary) or visit www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

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

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY 2011
at 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".

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



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Dance Academy Fun Day



On 23rd April, Aycliffe Dance Academy held a family fun day to raise funds for the children's show costumes. Because the Academy is a brand new dance school, it has no costumes or props for its first show on the 8th and 9th of July. Having the fun day was the perfect opportunity to ask members of the Academy and the public for their help and support. The response was far greater than anyone expected. The occasion provided a variety of activities for all ages, and all those who attended had a really good time.

Kayleigh Gray, aged 5, said: 'I had a great time at the fun day! I had my face painted, some tattoos on my arms and ate lots of nice cakes!' The Dance Principal, Emma Cox, would like to express her thanks to all those who helped to make the fun day such a huge success. The sum of £1304.54 was raised and this will go a long way towards providing costumes for the show. Any local businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring the show are asked to call Emma on 07908 162 868.

POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

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 Cemetery 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. If there are any witnesses they can contact PC2254 Bill Stephenson at Newton Aycliffe Police Office. Tel: 0345 60 60 365

BACK TO HIS ROOTS



Aycliffe Framers opened in May 2009, offering new services to the town including framing, engraving, and a small photographic studio. Stephen Holmes has now moved to new premises at 43 Beveridge Way offering a new larger photographic studio, a wider range of gift lines and an advanced digital photo developing system in addition to bespoke framing service and engraving. The shop was Stephens parent's first shop in the town opened in 1957 as Steven's Newsagents. Stephen joined the business as a partner in 1980, before moving to Neville Parade as Sub Postmaster. It is nice to see the long family tradition in retailing carried on by Stephen and we wish him every success.

FAIRNESS RESTORED TO HOUSING BENEFIT SYSTEM

New Housing Benefit rules come into force today bringing fairness back to the Local Housing Allowance system and cutting the cost of the Housing Benefit bill which has been rising continuously for a decade. From today the Coalition Government will cap Housing Benefits for private sector tenants from a staggering £104,000 in some cases to an absolute maximum of £20,800 a year for a four bedroom property. The reforms will help put an end to the rapid growth seen in private sector rents and will lead to fewer people being put off work because they fear losing their generous housing benefits. Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions said: "The failure to reform Housing Benefit has left us in the absurd situation where some benefit claimants could claim over £100,000 a year to live in large houses in expensive areas. This is unacceptable when hard working individuals and families are struggling either to find affordable private rents or pay their mortgages. "Even after the reforms, Housing Benefit will be able to meet rents of £20,800 a year so there is no reason why anyone should be left without a home. With a massive deficit, tough choices have to be made – but we have pushed ahead with these changes in record time to bring fairness back to the system so that hard working families no longer have to subsidise people living in properties they themselves could not afford. "Our Discretionary Housing Payment Fund will provide a safety net for those who

need it, with an additional £190m being invested over four years to smooth the transition." The measures coming into force today apply to new claimants. Existing claimants will be protected at their Local Housing Allowance rate for up to nine months from the date their claim is reviewed by their local authority. This will allow claimants time to adjust to any reduction in Housing Benefit entitlement and in practice means many existing claimants will not be affected until after January 2012. And to help implement the changes Ministers have temporarily extended the discretion of local authorities to make direct payments to landlords in return for lowering their rents to affordable levels – aimed at allowing more claimants being able to secure new tenancies or stay in their existing homes and that landlord's will maintain a stable and reliable income. The full measures coming into force today are:

- There will no longer be a five bedroom Local Housing Allowance rate. Weekly Local Housing rates will not exceed £250 for a one bedroom property; £290 for a two bedroom property; £340 for a three bedroom property; £400 for a four bedroom property.
- The £15 excess will be removed as soon as the Local Authority reviews a claim. Claimants will no longer be able to pocket any excess money after their rent is paid.
- Non-dependants living in households of Housing Benefit claimants will see their deduction increases take effect from April 2011.

Disabled people with a long-term health condition who need overnight care or live with someone with similar needs, may now be able to claim Housing Benefit for a private rented property which has an additional bedroom for a non-resident carer.

Computers for the Terrified

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RAY BIGGS 10th May 2007. The tears in my eyes can be wiped away, But the ache in my heart is here to stay. Loving you always. Doris

MICHAEL BARTLEY Passed away on 25th April. Will be sadly missed by his Aunt Agnes and family. You will always be in our thoughts Michael xxx

Thank You

HUDSON Stephen and Kelly would like to thank all their friends and family for all the lovely cards and gifts received on our Son "Olly Hudson's" Christening Day. A special thank you to all the God Parents and to Nanny, Grandad and Grandma for your help

FIRTH Peter and Alison would like to say thank you for all the good wishes, cards and presents received on their Anniversary

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ALEC KENDALL Went to sleep for the last time on 26th April, aged 88 years. Much loved Dad to Brenda, Carol, Janet and Stephen. Would friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium on 13th May at 3.30pm for Service and committal, then join us at the British Legion, Newton Aycliffe for a farewell drink

BARTLEY Michael Thomas. Died suddenly aged 49. Dearly loved Son of Nancy and the late Tommy. Funeral at Darlington Crematorium, 10.45am on Tuesday 10th May. Floral tributes to Co-op Funeral Directors at Newton Aycliffe. Refreshments afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane. All welcome

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Olly Hudson



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7th May 2011

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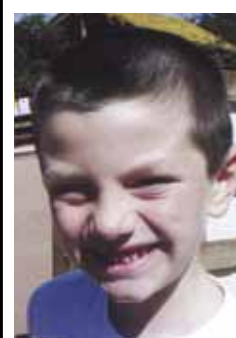
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10 on Sunday 8th May
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Happy birthday Jack. Love, Tom xxx
Happy birthday sweetheart. Lots of love, Nan, Uncle Geoff, Auntie Nic, Uncle Craig and Finley xxx

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Happy 18th Birthday
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Happy 18th Birthday
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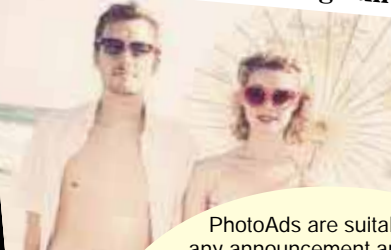
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Excellent Performance by Aycliffe Runners



On Good Friday seven runners from Aycliffe Running Club took part in the Mermaid 10k in New Marske. It was a very warm day, which isn't ideal for running but that didn't stop the runners from putting in some excellent performances. First back for the club and continuing his excellent form was George Reid in a time of 38 minutes, 19 seconds. George finished 32nd out of 290 runners and was 3rd over 50 Male. Next back for the club in an excellent time and new personal best was Richard Campbell in a time of 39:16. Lee Wren was next home in a very good time of 40:27 for his first run over the 10k distance. Kevin Greenall was next back in a time of 46:06, closely followed by Trish Kay in a

time of 48:20. Penny Johnson was next back in a personal best time of 49:26, with Gary Minns continuing his good start to the season not far behind in a time of 50:32. On 10 April Alex Lineton (pictured) took part in only his second ever half marathon in the Edinburgh Half Marathon. Alex has been progressing really well this year and managed to shave 10 minutes off his previous half marathon time. Alex's time was adjusted after the organisers made a mistake in measuring the course. Rather than having to run 13.1 mile, he ended up running 13.4 mile! His time was adjusted to 1 hour 35 minutes 38 seconds, which is an excellent achievement and he came 270th out of 3060.

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says, 'The town is very fortunate to have an excellent facility to learn and play this exciting sport. It has been tremendous to see families enjoy playing together.' There have been many highlights including being invited to demonstrate tennis at the launch of the Tony Blair Sports Foundation, welcoming students from Japan and coaches from USA. The coaching staff includes Katie and Joe Haines (Level 1) and Aidan Robson (Level 2) have all been developed through commitment to the tennis programme from an early age. Full details of all tennis activities can be found on www.rootennis.com or by contacting Coach Wilkinson at rootennis@hotmail.co.uk

Enquiries for Pay to Play: Michael Rippon 07879 117 224

Town Air Cadets in Athletics Tournament



On Sunday 17th April 12 Air

Cadets from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Sqn took part in a North East Athletics tournament. The weather was fine and clear and the cadets all had a great day competing against 34 other squadrons. The team participated in a range of field and track events including javelin, shot-put, high jump and the dreaded 1500 metres. Although athletics is only a small part of what we do the cadets performed excellently, with Cadet Adam Flatters taking home Silver in the 400m race. If you are interested in joining the ATC we parade on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm at the Barnard Armoury TA Centre on Greenwell Road. Contact: 01325 318603 Check out our web site for more information www.1407aircadets.org

LOCAL SPORT

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe first team began the new season with a disappointing 63 run defeat away at Hunwick in the top division of the North East Durham league. The home side batted first and scored a useful 187 for 9 in their 45 overs with Luke Telford the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 4 wickets for 44 runs. In reply Aycliffe's innings got off to a bad start with the

top four batsmen scoring only 5 runs between them. The middle and late order batted well and gave the innings some respectability with Sean Morgan top scoring with an unbeaten 33. Other useful contributors were David Turgoose, who hit 20 and both Dave Atkinson and Sam Telford scored 18 as the visitors were dismissed for 124 after 37.4 overs. Aycliffe's 2nd team, containing 6 juniors, also lost their opening game going down by just 19 runs at home to near neighbours Coundon in their third division match. The visitors elected to bat first and were dismissed for just 114 after 30.1 overs with the wickets being shared amongst the six pronged Aycliffe seam attack. In reply, Aycliffe openers Joe Haines with 24 and Dave Richardson with 18, got their team off to a good start. However a batting collapse saw the homeside reduced to 59 for 5 before some middle order resistance from James Layfield-Carroll (17 not out) and Daniel Weldon with 13 briefly steadied the innings. However the Aycliffe tail failed to wag and they were eventually bowled out for 95 after 31 overs.

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