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"It has been a grand effort helping the sellers and the two main charities alike. We have received great support from the donors, the Royal British Legion Club and those that bought tickets and the Rotary Club wish to thank all those involved," said President Barry Hutchinson. "Michelle Muir, Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support would like to thank the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, District 1030, for raising an amazing

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GOAL FASHION SHOW

GOAL's Fashion Show will be held on Saturday 18th June at the Vane Tempest Hall, Gilesgate. There will be two shows: 1pm-2pm and 3pm-4pm. Tickets are priced at £3, call 0191 384 2785 to reserve yours!

GOALS which stands for 'Go Out And Live', are hosting their first ever Fashion Show event with 14 models; 7 service users and 7 befrienders will participate in the event and showcase the confidence they have gained through the service.

Local stores Matalan, Peacocks and New Look are providing the clothing and supporting the event, as well as individual designers such as Red Hot Sunglasses and The Libertarian hat designer, Jayne Elwell. Jayne says, "I will be bringing a wide variety of hats from classic to quirky designs."

During the afternoon take the opportunity to browse the many local craft stalls including, jewellery, art demonstrations, henna tattoos, candle's, raffle and many more.

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Superbikes Start Race Season at Croft Circuit

The countdown is almost over... there are now just a few days to go before some of the world's top motorcycle racers arrive at the Croft Circuit in North Yorkshire for their annual visit to the region and the latest round of the 2011 MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship this weekend (13-15 May).

Croft Circuit's phones have been non stop with calls from public booking tickets in advance this past week - all eager to be a part of what is one of the biggest sporting events for the region this year. For more information about full weekend or individual race-day ticket prices for adults visit www.croftcircuit.co.uk or call 01325 721815. However, admission for accompanied children aged 15 and under is FREE.

For more information about the BSB visit the official www.britishsuperbike.com website. To find out more about Croft, including a list of all its 2011 fixtures including BSB (13-15 May), Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship (18-19 June) and its retro Nostalgia Weekend (6-7 August) plus details on ticket prices/how to book, visit www.croftcircuit.co.uk or call 01325 721815.

Other events at the Croft Circuit:

British Superbikes	Fri-Sun 13-15 May	£27
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Raindrops & Rainbows

A charity evening of entertainment, music and dance with a buffet and Grand Raffle will be held in Low Spennymoor and Merrington Lane WMC on Saturday, 11th June from 7.00pm - 11.00pm. The event is being held in support of the Diabetes Centre, University Hospital, Durham in aid of Insulin Pump Equipment.

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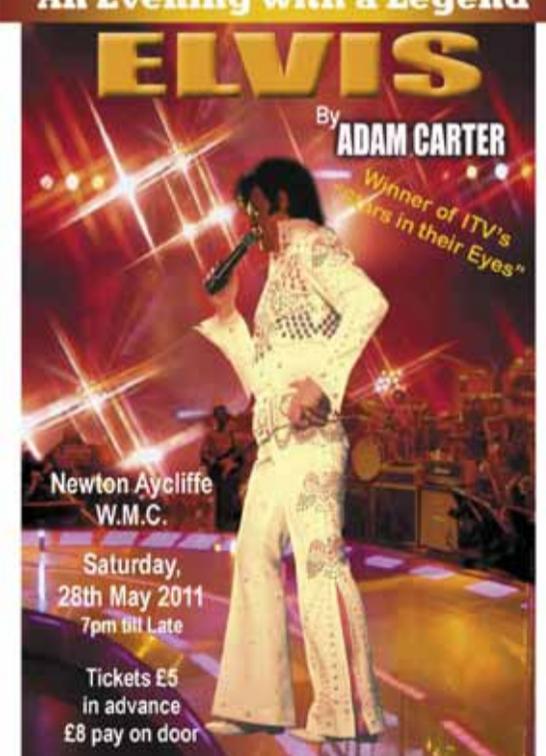
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The Volunteer Committee consists of Harold Drake, Bryan Donald, Barbara Clare, Kate Hopper, Dave Hopper, Keith Butterfield and Mike Dixon.

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ANNUAL SWIMATHON ATTRACTS 50 TEAMS



Rotarian Gordon Howe from School Aycliffe was Chariman of the annual Swimathon organised by local Rotary Clubs and Lions.

This year's event attracted over 50 teams all swimming for their own funds or charity and Macmillan Cancer Support.

In previous years the Swimathon has raised around £10,000 each year and various local charities have benefitted. It is always a very enjoyable day at Spennymoor Leisure Centre and the teams compete for trophies awarded for Most sponsorship raised; Best School team; Best Junior team; Most lengths completed.

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Ofsted Impressed with Work at Greenfield

After a recent visit to Greenfield with a focus on Economic and Business Education Ofsted judged the quality of teaching as good. The inspectors said:

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- Assessment to support learning is an established feature of most lessons and teachers make good use of questions to check and confirm knowledge and

understanding.

- Teachers provide good support to meet the needs of students of differing abilities during lesson time.

Chair of Governors, Peter Bergg said "The school's record results, are due to the quality of teaching and learning, we continue to work hard to improve even further". Mr Priestley, Headteacher, added, "As a National School of Creativity our approach to learning is that it should be both engaging and relevant to the wider world. I was delighted that the inspector commented that careers information, advice and guidance at Greenfield are strong and students feel well prepared in relation to career choices and next steps".




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SPORTS LEADERSHIP COURSE FREE for the unemployed and aged 19 years and over, Male or Female, on Wednesday May 25th, 10am to 5pm, places still available so ring now on 01325-321504 office, 07749 236853 mobile or 01325-301033 home to book your place on this rewarding course, in which you will at a later date and under supervision have the opportunity to work with young people in the 8 to 14 age range and you will not regret this decision. Course ran by the Anderson brothers, Darren & Dale.

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VOLUNTEERS - Needed in particular to run our outside areas, ideal for a retired gardener or the like to take charge and run all of the outside projects including a Picnic Area, Play Area & Community Garden, at this time we have workers from the Community Payback Scheme attending for at least 6 hours per week and can help any suitable volunteer. For a informal chat and a look round the Centre contact the Secretary on any of the numbers given above.

FREE NHS HEALTHY COOKING COURSE - Will be held over 4 weeks, June 7, 14, 21 & 28th from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome any age and people with learning difficulties most welcome. To book your place now contact the Secretary on any of the contacts given above or Email: agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

ROYAL WEDDING FUN



The residents at Aycliffe Care Home watched and celebrated the Royal Wedding in style. They all put on their hats and fascinators that they had made and gathered to watch the wedding take place, even some of the District Nurses called in to watch.

Afterwards they enjoyed a party buffet lunch and had games, music and karaoke.

Walk For Alzheimer's Society



Staff and families from Aycliffe Care Home helped Lucia Stephenson, Manager from Hallgarth & St Margarets raise some money for the Alzheimer's Society. Lucia walked with Mac the dog for 100 miles over a few days. We collected sponsors and joined in the walk from Aycliffe Care Home to Redworth House in Shildon. The children did really well and we had lovely weather. Thank you to all those that took part and to those who sponsored us.

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A sailor from Newton Aycliffe has been given the honour of cutting the cake at the formal ceremony to welcome the Royal Navy's newest Type 45 destroyer into the fleet. Engineering Technician (Marine Engineering) Ross Hindmarch, 17, is the youngest member of HMS Diamond's ship's company and so cut the cake with the Commanding Officer's wife Joanne Clarke. The colourful 'christening' ceremony, which was held

at Portsmouth Naval Base on Friday (May 6), welcomed hundreds of guests including Lady Johns, the ship's sponsor who launched the ship at BAE Systems' Govan shipyard on the River Clyde in November 2007 - and Commander-In-Chief Fleet Admiral Sir Trevor Soar. The ceremony was conducted by the Venerable Scott Brown, Chaplain of the Fleet. ET Hindmarch, a former pupil of St John's School in Bishop Auckland, said: "It is a real honour to be cutting the cake for the ship - it's great to have so many people here and for my family to be able to see me. "I'm really proud to be serving on the Royal Navy's brand new warship and can't wait to get started." After marching in to music

from the Royal Marines Band Portsmouth, the ships' company were inspected by Lady Johns before the service began and HMS Diamond's Commanding Officer, Commander Ian Clarke, read a Commissioning Warrant. Cdr Clarke said the event was a proud moment for all on board HMS Diamond. "As HMS Diamond nears the end of her trials phase, the ceremony marks our transition to front line service. Thereafter, the emphasis is combat readiness in preparation for our first deployment next year. I'm thrilled that so many families, friends and affiliates, some from overseas, will be a part of our momentous day." HMS Diamond is the third of six Type 45 destroyers being built for the Royal Navy. All

will be based in Portsmouth. The first, HMS Daring, was commissioned in July 2009, followed by HMS Dauntless in June last year. The fourth, HMS Dragon, is due to arrive in Portsmouth for the first time in September. All six are scheduled to be in service by the middle of the decade. HMS Diamond, costing over £1 billion, joins the Type 45 class which is the largest and most powerful air defense destroyers ever operated by the Royal Navy, Diamond's air defense capabilities are several orders greater than that provided by the Type 42 destroyers. She joins her two sister ships HMS Daring and Dauntless as the most advanced class of warship in the fleet. HMS Diamond can defend herself and other ships against multiple salvo attacks from anti-ship missiles and torpedoes of all types, she can also operate close inshore to give air cover to forces engaged in land battle up to 250 miles away.

Ross, a Marine Engineer, joined the Royal Navy in November 2009 and was drafted to HMS Diamond in July 2010 after serving at the RN Engineering School HMS Sultan in Portsmouth. Ross commented "It is a great honour to be chosen to place such a first rate ship into active service, I am looking forward to working onboard and travelling the world" Ross' brother Dean is also a serving member of the Royal Navy and is currently deployed as part of the land forces in Iraq and is attached to the ballistic nuclear submarine HMS Victorious.



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stands 1 and 2. The Darlington Beekeepers Association will have a glass fronted display beehive at this event, which will enable people to observe at close hand and in complete safety the fascinating and complex inner workings of a live bee colony. Members of the association will also be on hand to answer any questions you might have about bees and beekeeping.

COFFEE MORNING

Why not come along to "Make a Noise in Libraries" Coffee Morning. This will be held on Tuesday 14th June from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come down for drinks, cake and a chat with the library staff.



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The following pupils of Terence Lawson, School Aycliffe, have been successful in the recent Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examinations:
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Diamond Anniversary of Aycliffe Couple



James and Joan Rain of Conyers Place celebrated 60 years of marriage on 28th April, 2011. Town Mayor, Dorothy Bowman called on the couple carrying best wishes on behalf of the townspeople.

They first met when James took the only seat in the bus next to Joan and they haven't been apart since.

The couple moved to their current home in 1954 from Shildon and James worked in North Road Railway Shops as a moulder until the controversial closure. He took a job at Tolwoods as a Machine Operator until he retired after 31 years in 1990.

Joan worked at Shafto House and at GEC and retired in 1987. They have two sons, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. James was a keen gardener and a regular competitor in Leek Shows when they were popular in the town.

Recently he had an operation for a burst appendix so the Anniversary Party has been postponed until later, but all the family came together to give their love and congratulations at the family home on the day of their anniversary.

Thank You from Heighington Wedding Fete Organisers

Everyone had a great day at Heighington Fete to mark the Royal Wedding. Karen Smith and the organising committee wish to extend thanks to the following who helped make the day so successful: Dolphin Centre for the soft play equipment.

Mr Beetcroft for donating money to fund the event, Viv Horner for her support and help organising the day, Heighington and Redworth WI for their

cakes, Alan Wilson for funding the hall fees, Councillor Gerald Lee and his lovely wife Ruth for supporting and helping the event, The Parish council, and village hall committee for their donations and to everyone who attended on the day. The names of the children in the wedding competition are; Poppy Smith, Isabella Smith, Roma Noble, Lucy Wright, Millie Sisterton, Lola Richards and Holly Coates.

SOUTHERN CROSS WALKATHON



Defoe Court, Aycliffe Care Home and Rose Lodge joined forces with the General Manager Lucia Stevenson of Hallgarth and St Margarets to raise awareness and funds in support of the Alzheimer's Society on Easter Monday, 25th April, 2011. Included in the walk were the Managers, Lynn Lent of Defoe Court, Beth Robinson of Rose Lodge and the Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14's Football team. Staff, relatives and friends of current residents of Southern Cross Durham region homes also took part in the event.

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Greenfield Half Term Activities

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If a child is under 8 years of age then they must be accompanied by an adult.

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FAMILY COOK-IN "Season To Taste" £6.50 per family.

from 1pm-3pm

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE 2011

STEEL PANS - FREE - 8 years + from 1pm-3pm

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MILLER HOMES GIVE HOUSE HUNTERS THE STAR TREATMENT

Miller Homes is rolling out the red carpet for house hunters in County Durham this month by adding free energy bills for a year to its blockbuster line-up of incentives.

Star quality homes at Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe, Heather Lea Green in Crook, The Meadows in Framwellgate Moor and The Pastures in Darlington are available with help from Miller Homes' cast of incentives including home exchange, shared equity, deposit match and a recommend a friend reward.

Additionally from today house hunters who reserve a plot before May 22, 2011 will have their energy bills paid for 12 months.*

These offers come from multi-award winning house builder Miller Homes - recently voted private housebuilder of the year for the second year running by the readers of First Time Buyer magazine.

Further to the epic offering, fans of Miller Homes on Facebook and Twitter will also have multiple chances to win one of a range of five-star prizes, including DVD box-sets and cinema ticket packages. Miller Homes North East sales director Steve McElroy said: "We wanted to offer our house hunters a touch of Hollywood glamour to match the standard of our homes, so we are offering a blockbuster incentive of free energy bills for a full 12 months and movie themed prizes for our fans. "Ultimately our aim is to



offer star quality and award winning homes at affordable prices and we hope that our range of incentives will prove to be our very own smash hit this summer."

At Miller Homes' Cobblers Hall development a range of stunning three, four and five bedroom homes start from £155,000. A three-bedroom semi-detached Gissing house type is now also available on Miller's shared equity scheme Miway. Priced at £155,000 this home can be bought for only £116,250 now with Miway and comes with a carpet package and turf to the rear garden.

The Miway scheme enables buyers to pay for part of their home now (up to 75%) with the rest coming in the form of a low interest loan from Miller Homes. Lenders may require a minimum deposit.

Miller Homes exclusive home exchange scheme MiSwap is also available on selected

plots at Cobblers Hall.

MiSwap is a unique scheme, which allows buyers to swap their current home for one of Miller's selected plots whether they are looking to upsize, downsize or swap like-for-like. No differentials required. Terms & Conditions apply.

At Heather Lea Green, a selection of four-bedroom detached homes are available on MiSwap and are priced from £179,995. Deposit match is also available at this development.

The Meadows presents a range of three, four and five-bedroom homes from £206,000, which are all available on MiSwap, Miway and deposit match.

The four-bedroom Hardy is available at £206,000 and can be purchased for even less on the MiWay scheme, meaning you could only pay £154,500 now.

Finally, at The Pastures an A-list range of three and four-bedroom homes start from as little as £132,000 with either MiWay or MiSwap.

The stunning three-bedroom semi detached Chartwell with detached single garage priced at £132,000 and can be bought for only £99,000 now on the Miway scheme. To register, visit www.millerhomes.co.uk or call into the developments sales centres open from Thursday - Monday between 10:30am-5:30pm or telephone: Cobblers Hall on: 0800 840 8491. Heather Lea Green on: 0800 840 8489. The Meadows on: 0800 840 8487 or The Pastures on: 0800 840 8484.

GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE OPEN FUNDRAISING STORE AT AYCLIFFE



A photo of the new store opened by the Great North Air Ambulance at their site in Northfield Way, Aycliffe Business Park. It offers all types of goods, new and old at very reasonable prices. Started on a trial basis in recent weeks it is proving to be popular and could be a permanent fundraising feature.

GREENFIELD'S NEW ADULT COURSES

Starting 17th May - Tuesdays 6-7.30pm

LASER CUTTING - 5 week course £25

Starting 18th May - Wednesday 6-7.30pm

CREATIVE CRAFTS - 9 week course £30

Starting 19th May - Thursday 7-8pm

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Starting 18th May - Wednesdays 7-8.30pm

PAINTING & DRAWING - 9 week course £30

4th/11th May, 1st-29th June, 6th-20th July - Wed 6-7.30pm

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Starting 17th May - Tuesdays (Beginners) 5.30-7pm

Tuesdays (Plus) 7-9pm

SPANISH - 10 week course £33 (Beginners); £41 (Plus)

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St. Mary's School Council



On Friday 8th April, the School Council at St. Mary's school met with Katy Turner from an outdoor playground company named 'Kompan.' There were also two representatives from our 'Friends of St. Mary's' group. The School Council representatives discussed the ideas from their classmates about what they would like in the new playground. They presented these ideas to Katy. Katy is busy now drawing up some proposed plans for the outdoor play area. She will be coming back to the school later on this term with some ideas and plans for our school.

As you can imagine, the children are all very excited, and to help them to raise some money, each class will be doing a sponsored event at the end of May to help raise funds for our new exciting venture!

Written by St. Mary's School Council members

ROCSOLID NOW OPEN



DYSLEXIA ACTION

Come and talk to Dyslexia Action on stand 37 at the 'Rotary Community Fair' at the Leisure Centre Hall on Saturday 14th May 2011 from 10.00am - 4.00pm.

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One of the Mayor of Great Aycliffe's last official duties was to open the new social area for young people at ROCSOLID, a supported housing project in Newton Aycliffe.

The project is home to six vulnerable young people and was started four years ago to help foster care leavers transition safely into independent living.

Coun Dorothy Bowman, who chairs Durham County Council's Corporate Parenting Panel, is passionate about the wellbeing of young people. "I think they should be given every chance and the support they need to make a success of their lives," she said.

The young people have formed a properly constituted group called the Young Hopefuls and have fund raised for the Portakabin and equipment.

"They were really grateful for funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership," said Dot Butler, a Director of Reach Out Care Fostering Services which launched the charity.

"All our young people have their own flats but there's nowhere to play table tennis or other games. Everyone has to be in education, training or employment to be part of the project, unless they're a young parent, so having something positive to do in their leisure time is really important."

ROCSOLID, which has Investing in Children accreditation, is staffed 24/7 and is monitored with CCTV.

Charity Off to a Flying Start After Generous Donation



Left to right: Eileen Cotteril from sbh, Colin Steel, chief executive for sbh, Sharon Munro from GNAA, Karen Gibson from sbh

A County Durham housing association has helped the Great North Air Ambulance (GNAA) get off to a flying start this year, after making a generous donation.

Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) presented the charity with a cheque for £4,310 this week after staff and tenants dedicated the past year to fundraising in aid of the lifesaving service.

Sharon Munro, fundraiser for GNAA, said: "The donation from sbh will help pay for anything from bandages and medicines to fuel. We really appreciate everyone's efforts and can guarantee every penny raised will be used to help keep the helicopters flying."

"We want to say a big thank you from us and the people who we help, for raising enough money for us to continue with our lifesaving missions. We really appreciate it."

Colin Steel, chief executive for sbh, said: "We're delighted we can make a difference to a crucial service like the GNAA. We would like to give special thanks to our tenants who supported us throughout our fundraising activities."

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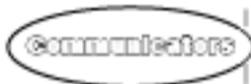
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6th - 10th June

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Woodham Student Fears Changes to College Transport Scheme

Dear Sir,
I am shocked and appalled by the proposal to change the current school and college transport system which not only affects me and my family, but also my school community as a whole. It is my strong belief that, with the Government's recent decision to withdraw Education Maintenance Allowance from pupils, it will be highly implausible for some secondary students to attend further education colleges - especially those who come from an underprivileged background. Although I understand that the County Council must make monetary cuts, I believe it should not have to come at the detriment of our country's future professionals. Many gifted and talented students from our area are in danger of not being able to go on to further education, resulting

in a lack of applicants from our area, who otherwise would have gone on to attend Universities. I come from a single parent family and my Mother is going to find it difficult to fund transportation to college regardless - but this proposal will do nothing but exacerbate the problem. The assistance provided by the college itself is minimal and will not be sufficient in providing a means of transport. It is clear to me speaking not only to students, but to members of the wider community, that people do not wish to see this proposal acted upon and there is a collective belief that doing so would severely hinder the education of hundreds, if not thousands, of students. 16 year old Woodham student
Name and Address Supplied



Church Open Door Event

Dear Sir
Once again we throw open the doors to St Andrew's Church in Aycliffe Village every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm until the end of September. If, like many you have often passed through the village, noticed the church and said we must visit that old church someday, now is your chance, it is a lovely church; I can assure you. The original church was built in Saxon times and much of the Saxon stonework is still visible. We can't think of few finer places to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in pleasant surroundings than this beautiful old church of St Andrew's. Take time to look at some of the old tombstones in the church yard while you are here or simply steep yourself in the history of the church and its parish. Stewards will be available to answer any questions or give you a guided tour. Group visits can be arranged at other times. For more information contact the Rev J Wing on 01325 320278 or D. Herbert on 01325 300040.

Thank You Blood Donors

Dear Sir
I would like to thank all our blood and platelet donors for their donations during April. Faced with two long holiday weekends in a row at the end of the month, we needed to build up blood stocks in advance. We asked our donors to make a special effort to give blood and they certainly did. During April, with the help of regular donors and some new ones, our stock levels increased. This enabled us to continue to meet the needs of patients throughout the extended holidays. To help us maintain the vital supply of blood to hospitals we need blood donors to donate regularly, up to three times a year, especially those who are O negative and B negative. New donors are always welcome too. First time donors should be aged between 17-65, weighing at least 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and in general good health. If you've donated before, you can start again up to your 70th birthday and there is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. To book an appointment please call the Donor Line on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk Yours faithfully
Jon Latham
Assistant Director of Blood Donation

"Ruthless, Calculating & Thoroughly Tribal"

Dear Sir
Isn't it amazing what a good healthy kick in the shins can do for politicians. The public were recently given the opportunity to give their judgement on the coalition government, and true to form they punished the Lib Dems for shoring up the Tories and their extreme right wing policies. On the NHS, Mr Clegg had told the BBC's Andrew Marr Show in January that he was fully behind the plans. He told Mr Marr that many of the reforms were in the last Liberal Democrat manifesto, including scrapping Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities. The reforms, the most fundamental in NHS history, were disclosed last July by The Daily Telegraph. Some Labour and Lib Dem MPs said they went against claims in the Coalition Agreement that said there would be no "top-down" shake-up of the health service. John Healey, the shadow health secretary, said "For all his tough talk on the NHS, Nick Clegg is up to his neck in the Tory-led Government's Health Bill and the Lib Dems have backed it so far at every stage in Parliament," he said. One Tory MP said: "We accept that health is one area where we have to get out and change the plans, but Nick Clegg should get a grip. Do not claim you are changing them because you have always had concerns." The Government risks "unravelling" the NHS irreversibly if it fails to re-think key elements of its plans to reform the health service, a doctors' leader has warned. Dr Clare Gerada, chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), said there were "several elements" in the Health and Social Care Bill which, if enacted, would

"cause harm" to patients and potentially destabilise the NHS forever. The NHS must remain a comprehensive service available to all, free at the point of use and based on clinical need, not the ability to pay, the RCGP has said. The RCGP letter details nine recommendations over issues ranging from the need for clarity about the implications of EU competition law to an "absolute" assurance that the Bill would not force doctors to breach their duty of confidentiality. Other recommendations include making sure that providers cannot charge patients for services that are currently free and that consortia remain publicly accountable for all commissioning decisions. GPs are making it clear they don't want the Tories' free market NHS and the Prime Minister must now make radical changes to his health plans in order to regain the trust of NHS professionals." Dr Gerada said: "We are not against competition, we are not against reform, but what we fear is that, once we move down the road of unfettered competition, we will get many, many alternative providers." I warned some months ago that the Tory/ Lib Dem coalition plans opened up the NHS to wholesale privatisation and all other public services. Nice of Vince Cable to suddenly realise that the Tories are ruthless, calculating and thoroughly tribal, shame it took a year and an absolute drubbing in the Elections and referendum last week for him to admit it. May I take this opportunity to thank the Great British Public, who by hitting the Lib Dems hard, may well have just saved the NHS. Arun M Chandran

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AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB RUNNERS IN THE SEDGEFIELD NEPTUNE RELAYS



Aycliffe Running Club runners were out in force for the Sedgefield Neptune Relays at Hardwick Park on Wednesday 20 April. A total of 29 runners (8 teams) took part in the 1.7 mile relay around the picturesque Hardwick Park. Weather conditions were perfect for the runners, some of whom were taking part in their first ever race. It was nice to see so many new faces and a good blend of youth and experience taking part.

Unfortunately the Men's "A" team didn't manage to retain the title they won last year but they still finished 3rd out of 42 teams. The female "A" team also finished in an excellent third position amongst some very strong teams. Michelle Scott anchored the team home to victory with an emphatic sprint finish up the hill catching and overtaking her nearest rival who had a good head start on her.

That was just part of a series of excellent finishes with the impressive Trevor Needham rolling back the years and doing his best impression of Speedy Gonzalez up the hill. Trevor was moving that fast, that no camera on earth was quick enough to snap him.

Men's 'A' Team 38.12

Daniel Inglis 9.18
William Crossen 8.58
Lee Wren 9.47
Peter Milburn 10.09

Women's 'A' Team 48.10

Sue Milburn 11.52
Trish Kay 13.03
Penny Johnson 12.19
Michelle Scott 10.56

Men's 'B' Team 43.10

Steven Dawson 10.52
Martin Knox 11.31
Peter Smith 10.49
Alex Lineton 9.58

Women's 'B' Team 55.14

Laura Lineton 13.24
Jane Heron 14.28
Beverley Phillippo 13.56
Naomi Kellett 13.16

Men's 'C' Team 48.55

Kevin Greenall 11.23
Gary Minns 12.11
Rob Nicholson 14.21
John Burnside 11.00

Women's 'C' Team

Margaret Greenall 14.34
Anne Kellett 15.26
Jodie McMaster 14.17

Men's 'D' Team 52.23

Alan Kellett 13.29
Jimmy Wilson 13.56
Richard Harvey 13.00
Trevor Needham 11.58

Men's 'E' Team

Mark Armstrong 10.14
Simon Robinson 15.12

A few days later and three Aycliffe runners were back out and taking part in the Black Swan Multi Terrain 10k race in Helmsley. The first two and half mile was uphill and coupled with the warm weather it wasn't ideal for running. Luckily the last part of the race was downhill and the spectacular countryside made up for the hard course.

First home from the club was Peter Milburn in 21st position out of 259 runners in a time of 40.35. Sue Milburn completed the course in a time of 47.38, finishing in 96th position. The final member of the club was John Young who finished in a time of 54.24 and 164th place.



Michelle Scott

MUSICAL MINIS

A new term of Musical Minis is starting in St Clare's Church hall on Wednesdays at 10am.

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WALWORTH RETAIN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP



Key Stage Two boys from Walworth School successfully retained their Durham and Cleveland special schools cross country championship last week. The event took place at Stockton on May 5th and schools from County Durham and Teesside took part. The team event trophy was retained with all the Walworth team coming in the first nine places of their race. The school also had the individual race winner and third place. Walworth had only one Key Stage Two girl in that age group and she came a very creditable third in her contest.

Staff from Walworth were delighted with the effort put in by the children and were pleased that all the hard work shown in practice was well rewarded in the races themselves.

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Feel free to come along at 7pm on Wednesday 25th May 2011 at Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close; the session should last approximately 45 minutes, please wear loose clothing. For further information please contact Brett on 07903 718088 (evenings after 6pm) or visit www.ewta.co.uk (the class at Agnew can be found under the Sunderland area website link). Anyone interested in joining the class can turn up and join in every Wednesday 6.30pm till 8pm, cost £3.00.



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HISTORIC CUP WIN FOR AYCLIFFE RUGBY CLUB



Newton Aycliffe 18 v South Tyneside College 15

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club clinched an historic cup win last week.

Aycliffe won their first-ever Durham County Challenge Plate against South Tyneside College at Houghton last Saturday.

For the third consecutive round, Aycliffe faced a team higher than them in the league, and for the third game in a row then clinched victory in the last minute.

Aycliffe hadn't beaten South Tyneside College for a number of years, so they were up against it.

From the beginning the game was scrappy, with the occasion getting to some of the players with a lot of spilled ball. This led to numerous scrums, but Aycliffe continued their good recent form in the scrum by having the edge on their bigger opponents.

South Tyne had the better of the opening exchanges but a solo break from Gareth Parsonage saw him score a fine try under the posts. David Gibson added the conversion.

The College soon fought back with powerful running and weak Aycliffe tackling seeing them score two quick tries to take a 10-7, this could have been further extended if it wasn't for Cymon Lee holding up the STC prop and driving him back over the line and winning a penalty to ease the pressure, all this with less than a quarter of the game gone.

Crucially, both of the kickable conversions were missed, and the game then became more of a stalemate. Centres Parsonage and Darrell McLaren were able to release the pace of wingers Drew Gibson and Chris Wilson only on rare occasions, and a penalty by David Gibson before the break left the game finely balanced at 10-10.

South Tyneside had a man sent off in the second half, but a man down they proved more determined and, after a number of attacks, they again battered through to score near the posts.

Yet again, however, the conversion was missed, and South Tyneside were beginning to tire.

They then had a man sent to the sin-bin, which is when Aycliffe began to dominate. With their opponents' lack of numbers, Ronnie Gilyeat and Stuart McIvor were able to boss the lineout and the possession was almost constant.

The sin-binning period passed without any change to the score, but just afterwards Aycliffe were awarded a penalty near the try line. The ball was fed to Jeff Hodgson

who powered over to tie the scores, but Aycliffe missed the conversion, with Gibson's kick going narrowly wide. Aycliffe continued to press, Gibson had an unsuccessful penalty kick and Ryan Milford tried to force his way over from close range.

South Tyneside were now conceding numerous penalties in their desperation and Aycliffe were awarded a kick in front of the posts. This time Gibson was on target and as the ball crossed the bar the referee blew for full time with the score 18-15 to Aycliffe.

This sparked jubilant scenes from Aycliffe's travelling following, while the players were quick to congratulate

their unlucky opponents before beginning their own celebrations, which continued well into the night.

"This cup run has seen Aycliffe play with great spirit," said skipper Warren Parsonage.

"We've come from behind in the closing moments in each match, but it's a fantastic achievement by the lads, and hopefully we can show more consistency next year."

Aycliffe's annual presentation night takes place on Saturday 14th May when a number of awards will be dished out.

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Information is on the website at www.aycliffe-rugby.co.uk

Cricket Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe's under 11 team got their season off to an extraordinary start with an historic first ever win over NYSD giants Darlington by 22 runs. Captain Liam Hickey was the star of the show smashing a club under 11's record of 43 not out off just 20 balls, including three huge sixes and five boundaries, but all the team deserve recognition after a memorable night at the Sports Club. The other members of the victorious team were, Dylan Triblet, Daniel Lowe, Usman Abbasi, Tom Toberts, Ali Abbasi, Tom Baptist and Arron Taylor.

The clubs senior teams had a miserable weekend both losing their respective North East Durham league fixtures. The first team lost at home to East Rainton by 5 wickets after being bowled out for just 76 from 24.5 overs, with only opener Adam Gittins scoring an excellent 40 and Sean Morgan with 11 managing double figures for Aycliffe.

A very young second team lost by 112 runs away at Beamish in a rain interrupted

game. The homeside were asked to bat first and raked up an impressive 232 for 6 from their 40 overs, despite Aycliffe's Craig Robertson taking 3 wickets for 40 runs. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 121 after 37.1 overs with the only notable contributions coming from Dave Bennett (34 runs), Dave Richardson (30 runs) and Gareth Mulhearn with 21.

The club's u18's team were given a harsh lesson away at Willington losing by 129 runs in the Durham County junior league. The homeside were delighted to be asked to bat first and duly smashed their way to 199 for 2 from their 20 overs. In reply Aycliffe mustered 70 for the loss of 4 wickets in their 20 overs, with Michael Howe hitting an entertaining 20 runs and opener Joe Haines, a more circumspect 19 not out off 66 balls.

Etherley conceded their fixture with the club's under 15's team as they were unable to field a side and the u13's saw their home fixture with Darlington postponed because of rain.

Aycliffe Athletics News



The races have been coming thick and fast for Aycliffe Running Club over the past few weeks. On 16 May 2011 several members travelled to the aptly named 'Wensleydale Wander' at Leyburn. No sign of Wallace and Gromit though!! Runners (or walkers) had the choice of taking part over the 12 or 22 mile course. The sunny weather had made the ground very hard but on the day it was near perfect conditions. First back for the club over 12 miles was Sue (7th) and Peter Milburn (9th) in a time of 2 hours 1 minute. Jane Heron (23rd) was next back in a time of 2 hours 33 minutes closely followed by Margaret Greenall (30th) in a time of 2 hours 40 minutes. Two runners took part over the longer distance with Andrew Robinson finishing 21st and just scraping below the four hour barrier in a time of 3 hours 59 minutes. Kevin Greenall wasn't far behind in 27th place in a time of 4 hours 4 minutes.

On 1 May Alex and Laura Lineton took part in the Kirbymoorside 10k in North Yorkshire. It was a very tough race with warm weather conditions and a long uphill start. That didn't stop Alex from running and excellent race finishing 27th in a time of 41:33. Laura was taking part in her first ever 10k and was delighted with her time of 55:55. It was a thoroughly enjoyable race with the crowd cheering everyone on as they came back into town.



A day later two Aycliffe runners took part in the Tees Barrage 10k at Stockton. It was a very bright and breezy day and a congested start didn't make it easy for the runners who had to contend with gravel, cobbles, steps and sharp corners to start with. The course flattened out and James Askew, just returning from injury came fourth in a time of 35 minutes 5 seconds. Trish Kay (another athlete suffering from injury) finished in a respectable time of 48:45, coming back as fourth over 45 female. Trish was delighted to get around the course without falling into the water!

See the advert on this page for details on the 14th Aycliffe 10k which will take place on its traditional date of Father's Day on 19 June. If you interested in taking part in this or would like to enter the very popular 3k fun run then information can be found on our website <http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk>

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READERS' PHOTOGRAPH



Arnie Lindley took this excellent photo of St Clare's Church. If you have any interesting local photos, send them to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

SUGAR HILL BUDDIES



Sugar Hill Primary school welcomed a very special visitor this week "Buddy the Chipmunk" from the Anti-Bullying Service. Buddy held a whole school assembly on how to be a good friend and also spent time getting to know Sugar Hill's own "Buddies".

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Happy birthday to a wonderful Daughter. Love, Mam
Happy birthday to a dear Sister. Love from Val and Colin
Have a great day Auntie Sharon. Love from JulieAnn and Lee
Happy birthday to a special Auntie. Lots of love and kisses from Zach



Joe Howarth
Happy 8th Birthday 12th May 2011
Happy 8th birthday to our very special son. Hope you have a brilliant time and be careful on your scooter!! Lots of love from Mam and Dad xx
Happy birthday little bro, can't believe you'll have a better scooter than me! Jack xx
To a special grandson on your 8th birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Nan and Grandad xx
Happy birthday Joe, lots of love from Uncle Lee, Auntie Shellie, Morgan and Callum xxxx
Happy 8th Birthday Joe. Have a great day. Lots of love Grandad Syd
Happy birthday to our youngest cousin . . . Love from JP, Carrie, Matthew, Adam and Alex
Happy birthday Joe. Hope you have a nice birthday. Love from Uncle Paul, Auntie Bev, Uncle Stu and Auntie Joanne



Sally Parkin
Happy 80th Birthday
Hope you have a fab day. Lots of love always, Lesley, Dave, Melanie, Ian, Stacey, Sam, Stuart and Joanne xxxxx



Congratulations Stephen Howlett
Happy 18th Birthday to a special Son. Love, Mam, Bruce and Michael xxxxx



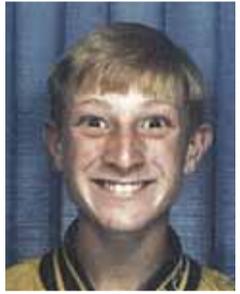
Becky Moore
Happy 18th Birthday
Hope you enjoy your party. Love from Nana and all the family.
Happy 18th Becky
We hope you have a wonderful day. Love from Mam and Dad
Happy Birthday Sis
Have a good one. Love, Mark



Jan Hamilton
Happy 40th Birthday Mam
Lots of love from Natalie, Amy, Logan and Jake xxx
Happy Birthday Granny
Lots of love Harley xxx
Happy 40th Birthday Jan
Love you loads. Gaz xxx



Look who's 30!! Scott Brassell
Happy 30th Birthday Hubby
Have a great day, hope there is lots of surprises for you! Lots of love, Michaela xxx
Happy 30th Birthday Daddy
Love you lots and lots. Ella-Grace and Bailey xxx
Happy Birthday to a top Stepdad. Love from Kyle and Brittany xx



Birthday Remembrance

LINDASLEIGHTS 16th May 1951 to 31st May 2008. Not only a Mother but a best friend too, sadly missed and always thinking of you. Lots of love, Mandy and Philip
LINDA M SLEIGHTS 16th May 1951 to 31st May 2008. My dear Sister, still sadly missed. Love, Cath xxx
TOM WILSON 22nd May. No cards, no presents, just our love to you always. Miss you each and every day. Your four girls and families

Thank You
KRYSTAL COLE and Danielle Bussey would like to thank all the people who helped raise £156.40 towards the McMillan Support - also thanks to Tracy Dunn
UNIBUILD UK Thank you to Mark and staff for the fantastic job building my new conservatory. Love it! Helen

Pippa Melvin
Happy 1st Birthday 18th May 2011
Happy birthday to our beautiful little girl. Love, Mummy, Daddy, Solomon, Nana, Grandad, Linda and family xxxxx



Mark Imiela
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Have a great day. Love from Mam and Eddy xxx
Happy 18th Mark
Love from Anna, Chantelle, Penny and Rolly xxxx



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PROUD SINGH THANKS FANS

Raj Singh has thanked the 9,000-plus Darlington fans who cheered Quakers on to victory at Wembley on Saturday.

The Darlo chairman says he was overwhelmed by the vociferous support during Saturday's dramatic win over Mansfield.

He's now hoping some of those fans who've previously stayed away will be inspired to get behind their club again.

"What an unbelievable day!" said Singh. "I think I've just about recovered. It was a tremendous occasion for everyone connected to the club, not least our fans, they thoroughly deserve it. Lifting the Trophy in front of our supporters was something special. It wasn't something I planned on doing, I just wanted to get on to the pitch and soak it up. But then Chris Senior handed me the Trophy and I couldn't help myself! The reaction was unbelievable, something that will live with me forever. It just cements my long-held belief that the people of Darlington are passionate about their football club, and they do want it."

Fans are reminded that the club's early bird season ticket is available until June 1st. The adult season ticket for 2011-12 is £275, which works out at less than £12 a game and represents a total saving of £139 on matchday prices.

Concessions are priced £170 (£7 a game, saving £106), and Under-16s are priced £60 (£2.60 a game, saving £55).

Ron Greener Suite season tickets are £325 adults (saving £158), £220 concessions (saving £125) and £80 Under-16s (saving £104).

Season Ticket application forms are available from the club, or online at www.darlington-fc.net



LOCAL SPORT

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CLUB DELIGHTED WITH NEW ARRIVAL



Newton Aycliffe FC this week took delivery of their latest acquisition at Moore Lane Park.

The club have invested £5,000 in a new hospitality cabin at their rapidly-improving ground, in readiness for their Northern League first division campaign next season.

Aycliffe will welcome the likes of Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, West Auckland and Whitley Bay next season - to name just a few famous Northern League clubs - after their historic second division title and promotion earlier this year.

The club are now looking to make further improvements to MLP this summer, including a £1,500 treatment programme on their pitch.

Chairman Gary Farley, pictured outside the new hospitality cabin, said: "This just further enhances the ground and makes us better equipped to accommodate bigger clubs.

"The new cabin wasn't a league requirement, but the room we were using to welcome guests and visiting officials, in the current refreshments cabin, wasn't adequate.

"So we're delighted to get the new one in place and we look forward to utilising it later this year.

"In the meantime, there's lot of other work planned over the next couple of months to spruce up the ground and continually improve it so

we maintain our growing reputation for having one of the best new grounds in the league."

Since the original £320,000 development two years ago - funded by a £300,000 LIP Fund grant and a £20,000 Football Foundation grant - more than £40,000 has been invested in Moore Lane Park. The refreshments cabin cost £5,000, paid for by the Sports Club, while the club's new all-seater stand cost £20,000 (funded by a £10,000 Football Foundation grant and a further £10,000 from the Sports Club).

Aycliffe were then gifted another new terraced stand by Aycliffe firm Finley Structures two months ago, at a value of at least £10,000, while the club also installed a new referee's room costing £3,000.

And now the football club have invested £5,000 in this new cabin from the ground development fund they launched in the New Year. Money raised has included £2,000 raised from the match programme, printed free by Newton Press, and a £2,000 grant from GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership), as well as other donations.

Any remaining money from the fund will be spent on pitch renovations during the summer and various other odd-jobs which will again add value to the ground.

www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Join Your Local Junior Football Clubs

Heighington Boys Football club is looking to further develop their playing squads, coaching staff and teams. The club already has six teams ranging from u8's to u16's and are a FA Chartered club. Following a positive season the club is looking to further expand the number of teams and to develop the existing squads. If you are looking to start a new team, the club will provide funding and support to achieve coaching qualifications, CRB, and get started. The club prides itself on creating a nurturing and friendly environment for the kids who compete and attracts young players from a broad range of areas including Darlington, Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland and Shildon. A number of players have even developed to a standard where they have become part of the Darlington Elite Academy. The club can also offer qualified FA coaching staff, good facilities, and also runs social events outside of football.

- Under 8's - Dave Brassall (07870 777 779)
- Under 10's - Jim Barr (07899 862 079)
- Under 11's - Selwyn Morgan (07774 624 341)
- Under 14's - Mark Penny (07725 792 657)
- Under 15's - Darren Thompson (07872 672 114)
- Under 16's - Dave Catchpole (07949 460 848)

Junior Tennis Coaching at Greenfield Tennis Club

Greenfield Tennis Club is inviting young players from 6 to 16 years of age to participate in coaching sessions. The Club already has a good squad of players who are developing skills starting with Mini Tennis and then making the transition to the full court game.

Ian Wilkinson who is Head Coach of Greenfield Tennis Club suggests that there will be dozens of youngsters in the area who might be excellent tennis players but as yet have never tried to play. The sessions are taken by LTA Qualified Coaches and are committed to offering a lesson with an emphasis on fun, activity, skill and then more fun. Ian says, "even if at the end of the day the youngster is not a tennis player, the skills offered are relevant to any other sport they decide to play."

Sessions for all ages are held on Saturdays from 10.00 - 11.00. Mini Tennis for ages 6 to 10 years of age take place on Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.30. Full details of all activities at Greenfield Tennis Club and contact information can be found by visiting www.rootennis.com or by sending a message to rootennis@hotmail.co.uk

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