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## MARY DALTON - MAYOR FOR THIRD TIME



Mary Dalton has been elected Mayor of Great Aycliffe for a record third time. Her nomination at the Annual Meeting of the Council last Wednesday was carried by 18 votes to 10. The opposition nominee for Mayor and Deputy Mayor was Alan Warburton. Val Raw was successful in the vote for Deputy Mayor.

Mary Dalton's son Michael will act as Consort and her nominated charity is North East Army Benevolent Fund and uniformed youth organisations in Newton Aycliffe. Bob Fleming was appointed Leader of the Council with John Clare as his Deputy.

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The Society meets on the last Wednesday of each month in the Church of Latter Day Saints on Shafto Way at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome. There is a £2.00 cover charge; annual subscription is £10.00, with meetings free to members.

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**Saturday 4th June - "SABBATICA"**

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donated from several local companies. Walkers: Wendy and Brooke Redford (centre),

Hannah Pearson, Kayleigh Lawton, Drew Doyle, and Jade Bell.

## Bring Your Camera to the Nature Park

This Sunday there will be a wildflower day on the Aycliffe Nature Park with the Aycliffe Nature Park Association and Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers group (WEX). We will be meeting at 2pm and are looking forward to meeting WEX members and nature lovers both young and old on the day. Wild flowers are becoming more and more evident as Summer approaches and we expect to find lots this weekend. As a bonus we are encouraging people to bring their cameras and take pictures of what they find. Newton News will publish some of these for the town to appreciate (these pictures can be of anything on the Nature Park). Who knows, you might just find that special something to photograph. We are expecting a fantastic afternoon out, and hopefully the weather will stay fine. Dress for the day, and we will have great fun together. Refreshment will be provided. See you there on Sunday! For more information contact: Alan 01325 315182 or Dave 01325 317347

## INCIDENT AT INEOS

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As a precaution, both individuals were taken to the local hospital for examination and treatment for eye irritation, both were discharged the same day. The material in question is not hazardous, and at no point during the incident was there any threat to local

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## PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

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# ROTARY CLUB THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THE FAIR

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, may I thank all the exhibitors and participants who came along to the Leisure Centre last Saturday and contributed to a most successful and enjoyable day.

I was delighted at the response from those visiting and the most telling comment came from a lady who told me that she was astonished at just how much there was to get involved with in this Town. So much for the "there's nothing to do in Newton Aycliffe brigade". Seventy six different exhibitors made the point emphatically. The live bee hive was a great attraction, especially for the children and certainly created a lot of interest to the more mature visitors who were all amazed at some of the facts and figures they were able to learn.

The demonstrations of different forms of dancing including Line Dancing and Zumba had everyone having a go. The youngsters from the Judo Club put on a great display and Caprice Roller Skating introduced everyone to a slightly different form of dance and the Air Cadets with a well disciplined Drill Routine. Area history and Family Ancestry were also themes that were represented along with more traditional interests such as Model Railways, Vintage Vehicles, Girl Guides, Boys Brigade, Fishing, Scuba Diving, Art Groups, Musical Theatre,

Youth Clubs, Sports Clubs including Football, Tennis, Fell Walking and our Town Band. Most of the Church Groups were represented as were the Self Help Groups and The Cobblers Hall PCP in all its forms.

If you missed this event, but would like some information on any of the activities and facilities that were represented, please contact the Rotary Club through the Newton News and we will gladly put you in touch.

Thanks go to the staff of the Leisure Centre who worked hard preparing the hall for the event and last but not least, to Durham County Councillors of Great Aycliffe whose generosity in sponsoring the hire of the Hall made the event possible.

The Rotary Club were delighted to welcome Councillor Linda Sullivan, Vice Chairman of Durham County Council and Councillor Mary Dalton, Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council who opened the event and chose the "Fishing with Tom" stand to receive the prize for the best exhibitor donated by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe.

We apologise for the lack of refreshments in the hall this year, which was arranged, but failed to materialise.

I look forward to the next Community Fair in a couple of years time and to welcoming regular and new exhibitors to that event.

Roger Curtis,  
Project Organiser.

Visit [www.newtonnews.co.uk](http://www.newtonnews.co.uk) to see more pictures of this event



## Testimonials and Thanks

We all had a fantastic day and will definitely be joining you again next time. It was lovely to meet everyone and share stories and interests with people. Please bear Aycliffe Dance Academy in mind in any future events as we would love to get involved. Emma.

Thank you for your hard work in helping to arrange the community fair, the event was very successful and SSAFA made many more friends, met people who were in need of our help and also recruited a potential caseworker. Your support is most appreciated. Brian Wilson.

Thank you to the Rotary Club for all your efforts to make the event a success. For the Aycliffe Fell Walking Club, we took details of 24 people who were interested, 13 of whom became members on the day so it was viewed as successful from the club's point of view.

The Town Council would like to thank the town's Rotarians for putting on this excellent event. It gives many organisations the chance to meet other groups and the residents of Great Aycliffe. We all get the opportunity to network, share stories and starting building exciting partnerships for the future.

On behalf of County Durham Furniture Help Scheme we wish to thank you for organising this event, we found it invaluable as a networking opportunity and we had some success in attracting donations, potential volunteers and having the "showcasing" opportunity that the event provided. We also would like to comment on the unfailing politeness, efficiency and good humour shown by the members of The Rotary Club Of Newton Aycliffe that added to the high calibre of the event.

## HEIGHINGTON COUNCILLORS ELECTED

In the Darlington Local Election held Thursday 5th May 2011 the following votes were recorded:

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## “Job Well Done” says Council Leader



Mayor Dorothy Bowman and her consort, Grandson Richard with the Town Council Certificates to mark their term of office, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday 11th May. Leader of the Council, Bob Fleming, in a vote of thanks said Dorothy worked very hard not just as Mayor, but as a County Councillor and her many other voluntary jobs. He drew attention to Richard’s role as Consort commending his support of his Grandmother in her duties and congratulating him on representing the town and youth of Newton Aycliffe so admirably.

## JOINING THE TOWN CREDIT UNION CAN BEAT LOAN SHARKS

Aycliffe Community Bank Now Open



Mayor Mary Dalton Joins Credit Union

In an aim to stamp out loan sharks Durham County Council along with sponsors and local volunteers have opened a Credit Union Bank in Newton Aycliffe. The formal opening was conducted by County Council Chairman Dennis Morgan in the Library this week and already a large number of Newtonians have signed up as members. The community bank is a savings and loan co-operative run by the members, but to obtain a loan you must first join and start to save. It can be as much as you want and loans are then given on application at very low interest rates. Savers receive a dividend each year on the amount they save. Anyone over 16 can become a member by producing documents proving their name, address and date of birth and paying a £1 membership fee. The bank opens every Tuesday at 11am in the Community Room at the Public Library. Volunteers will be on hand to give you more details on how the scheme works. Once you have joined you can make deposits there or at any Post Office. Churches in the town run similar schemes and Newtonians are encouraged to join the bank rather than be forced to borrow from loan sharks later at an extortionate rate. Rates for a £300 loan: A doorstep lender would charge 272% over 52 weeks charging £240 in interest. Illegal lender or loan shark would charge 1000% and you would pay back £2,690. As a member of the Community Bank the total charges on a £300 loan would only cost £19.80p. For more details visit [www.durhamcountycu.co.uk](http://www.durhamcountycu.co.uk) or phone: 0191 3757677 and 0191 3725808.

## MAYOR’S CHARITY FUND RAISED OVER £5,000



One of the last duties for Mayor Dorothy Bowman was to present an amount of £5,194 shared between two charities she nominated during her term of office. Representatives from Wear Valley Women’s Aid and the Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer Trust are shown here receiving their cheques at the Council’s Annual Meeting last Wednesday.

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## Walk to School Week

It's that time of year again when little ones will be asked to walk their way to a happy lifestyle as part of "Walk to School Week."

This National event takes place every May and this year the campaign will be used to launch a summer long County Durham initiative called Walk 4 It. Walk 4 It will start on May 16 and run until the end of the summer term.

During the campaign, pupils at participating schools will collect points for walking to and from school. These points will be turned into

prizes and children will be able to save their points for free swimming sessions at Durham County Council leisure centres.

The initiative is designed to celebrate National Walk to School Week and also to encourage walking and promote physical activity.

Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, said: "Walking is a great way to keep children fit and healthy, as is swimming and walking to and from school keeps local communities free from traffic congestion."

"The Walk 4 It campaign rewards children already walking to school for making the right choice and will encourage others to give it a try too."

Participating leisure centres include Newton Aycliffe. Nationally around 1.6 million children take part between May 16th and 20th. 85 County Durham Schools are joining in. Schools not yet registered to take part can do so by contacting the Travel Plan Team at Durham County Council.

Aycliffe Schools registered: Horndale Infants' School St Joseph's RCVA Primary School.

St Mary's RCVA Primary School.

Woodham Burn Community Primary School

## Highest Exam Marks for Two Young Dancers



Ellie Bancroft and Millie Turley

Two 7 year old dancers Millie Turley from School Aycliffe and Ellie Bancroft from Darlington have passed an Examination at Primary Level - Royal Academy of Dance with marks of 95% and 96% respectively.

The girls are best friends and attend the "Born to Dance School" in Darlington where they are taught Acro, Tap, Modern, Lyrical and Character Dance disciplines.

Sue Henderson their tutor started the school in 1989 and told Newton News the marks for Millie and Ellie were the highest ever achieved and she is delighted with the two girls who have been attending the school in Northgate for 4 years.

Millie who attends Heighington School, loves dancing and spends many hours practicing as the Dance School is often called on to perform on the professional stage and have been invited to dance at Disneyland, Paris.

## Be Qualified to Babysit

A Babysitting Course for 14 - 19 year olds is to be held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Wednesdays from 4pm - 5.30pm. This is a 10 week course by the Red Cross and attendees will receive a certificate of accreditation at the end. There will be a £5 charge to cover the cost of certificates and qualifications. The course programme combines instructional training, group discussion and hands-on practice through scenarios and role-play.

Besides providing babysitting guidance, the course also explores a number of related issues including, expectations, rights and the law, accident prevention and fire safety, first aid and dealing with challenging babysitting situations.

Anyone interested will need to ring or pop into the centre (01325 307522) to sign up, leaving their contact details with Jenny Walton or Litza Johnson. The course will start on Wednesday 25th May 2011

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It joins a select handful of companies in the North East to achieve the gold standard. According to IIP it represents achievement of world-class best practice and shows a truly cutting-edge organisation operating at the very highest levels of people management practice.

"There are around 25,000 IIP organisations in the UK and less than one per cent have gold award so we're absolutely delighted," said manager Lynne Brown. "It's a really tough award to get – there are 39 evidence requirements just to get IIP and a further 126 to achieve gold. We've done some internet research and we think we're actually the first agency in the country to achieve it but IIP are unable to confirm this."

The agency works alongside local authorities throughout the region and is the sister company of Reach Out Care Support Services. The organisation has also pioneered a supported housing scheme for care leavers and other vulnerable young people.

"Achieving gold recognises the exceptional team work of our staff and carers and the company's investment in them," said Lynne. "Learning and personal development is one of our core values - everyone, including all of our carers, has an individual learning plan. Valuing and empowering our people is helping us achieve some excellent outcomes for children and young people."

Director Dot Butler said: "The award comes hot on the heels of the Investing In Children accreditation we achieved across all of our companies, including ROCSOLID.

"The IIP assessor recognised that leadership and management as a key strength and that our people feel involved and empowered. His report also praised our open and honest communications network.

"But the area of strength in the report which means the most to us is that 'people are dedicated, enthusiastic, passionate and totally committed to the agency and its carers and children, evidenced by the willingness of people to go the extra mile and how the core values are at the centre of everything they do.'"

• *It's Fostering Fortnight May 16-29. If you want information on becoming a carer with Reach Out Care, call Lynne Brown on 01325 310009 or apply for an information pack online at [www.reachoutcare.co.uk](http://www.reachoutcare.co.uk)*

*A world class company - Reach Out Care is the first fostering agency in the North East to achieve Investors In People Gold Standard. Pictured above are director Dot Butler, right, with fostering manager Lynne Brown and some of the team.*



## Neville Community Centre

Neville Community Centre hosts the 4th Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday 4th June and are asking for raffle prizes to defray the cost. Please ring for collection on 313924.

We are hoping to start an Under 4 Kids Club and require good quality children's toys. If you can help please get in touch.

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## New Chairman of Durham County Council

Dennis Morgan, who has represented Coxhoe for the last 10 years is the new Chairman of Durham County Council. The former Framwellgate Moor Comprehensive School pupil and son of a Durham County Hall cleaner, takes over from Cllr Mac Williams JP.

Cllr Morgan whose hobbies and interests include County Durham's Industrial Heritage and in particular the Bowburn Miner's Banner Group, lives in Bowburn with his wife of 38 years, Lynda. For his chosen charity during his term in office, he has selected the Rainbow Trust. On accepting his appointment, Cllr Morgan presented Cllr Williams with the former Chairman's medal, and said: "Can I say what a great honour and privilege to be chosen as Chairman."

"I am looking forward to representing the people of County Durham and will strive to enhance the reputation of Durham County

Council."

Cllr Morgan began work as a commercial apprentice at Huwood Mining Machinery in Gateshead in 1966 and was appointed Northern Region Trades Union Officer 1971 – 2001 for the APEX-GMB Union.

The new Vice Chairman is Cllr Linda Marshall who represents Chester-le-Street West Central and Pelton Fell. Both her husband Cllr David Marshall and son Cllr Carl Marshall represent the Craghead and South Moor, and, Stanley electoral divisions respectively.

Cllr Marshall has another son Adam, and a daughter Sally-Beth who is a Stanley Town Councillor representing Craghead.

During his 12 months in office, Cllr Williams raised £45,000 for his chosen charities the George Elmy Lifeboat Restoration Scheme and Down's Syndrome Association along with the Japanese Disaster Fund.



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## SOAP STARS AT AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE



"Enter CIC", a Community Interest Company focusing on performing arts, has recently been running a variety of projects in Newton Aycliffe. Over the past 13 weeks the company has been conducting free workshops at Agnew Community Centre. The sessions have operated on a Sunday on a weekly basis aimed at 3 - 11 year olds and have been designed to ensure that young people participate in activities which develop self esteem and confidence.

The young people enjoy dance, drama, rhythmic sessions and singing lessons. Before Easter they performed with Johnny Dixon (Coronation Street) and Matt Mills from (Don't Stop Believing). Over the past 13 weeks over 60 young people have participated in the project.

It has been a huge success and clearly demonstrated that the young people of Newton Aycliffe enjoy this type of provision. The project was funded by Councillor Gittins and Councillor Gray and the company extends its thanks and appreciation to them for their support, which has

made a real difference in the community.

Andrea Flynn Director of Enter CIC has a long history in the performing arts industry. She trained many of the faces we see on TV today. Her aim when setting up Enter CIC was to provide low cost, high quality performing arts provision in local communities.

She is delighted with the way the project has been received and is looking forward to running more initiatives in the area. The success of the project is also due, in no small part, to Ron Mitchie and the excellent facilities at Agnew Community Centre. The company recently started a new programme designed for high school students on Friday evenings. The sessions take place at Woodham Community Centre from 5pm - 7pm.

The first session was on 13th May and we were delighted to have 29 young people take part on the first session. The participants will take part in dance, drama, singing, electric guitar, and drumming lessons and they will work towards a performance in July.

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## Clampdown on Bogus Traders

Durham County Council is urging the public to help the clamp down on bogus traders. The Registered Trader Scheme was established by Durham County Council in 2005 to address the problem of bogus traders across the county.

The fair trading team has worked hard to establish a programme with 120 businesses signed up but more are being encouraged to show their support by getting on board.

Businesses signed up to the scheme include plumbers, electricians, decorators and gardeners. The scheme supports and recognises those businesses which are committed to maintaining high standards of professionalism in their work.

All types of traders are welcome to join the scheme which has seen a 50 per cent increase in members in the last 12 months.

To join the scheme, a trader must comply with certain criteria and checks including the verification of any trade association membership claims, references from customers and their trading standards complaints history.

Bogus traders prey on the elderly and vulnerable in particular who are more likely to be the victim of a doorstep crime.

Joanne Waller, head of the environment, health and consumer protection with the council, offers the following advice: "When you are planning on getting any work done around the house you should always try and obtain quotes from three different traders. We would also encourage people to ask traders for references for extra piece of mind."

Mrs Patricia Gorman, from Coxhoe, used the scheme to find a tradesman when having work done in her

house. It's the second time she has used the scheme.

She said: "It is important to trust someone who is coming into your home so the registered trader scheme is ideal. From making the call to the completion of work only took eight days and I would encourage everyone to use it."

For more information or to

search for a trader visit:

[www.durham.gov.uk/registeredtraders](http://www.durham.gov.uk/registeredtraders)

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# Walworth Introduce Pamper Packages

ONE of the few remaining castle hotels in the country has announced plans to develop a spa on the historic site to complement its new hair and beauty salon. Walworth Castle Hotel has officially launched a range of pamper packages after opening the Walworth Hair & Beauty Salon within the walls of the castle. Guests can now indulge in a wide range of treatments including Indian head massages, hot stone treatments, facials, pedicures, wedding make-up and tanning services. The salon is run by Rachel Swain, who owns the hotel with her husband Chris, and new recruit Tori Dargue, an experienced hair stylist who is also qualified in wedding hair. According to Mrs Swain, plans are now being drawn up to develop a spa in the



property to offer more luxury treatments to guests and help it move closer to becoming a four-star hotel. She said: "We invested in the salon because we thought it

would enhance bookings at the hotel by offering pamper packages, and it has certainly done that. "Because the beauty treatments have proven to be so popular, we are in the process of designing a spa, which we hope will be a stepping stone towards achieving four-star status." Chris Swain said: "We have strived to breathe new life into the castle since we acquired it and the development of the beauty salon and spa will mark the latest chapter in its rich history." The castle is set in 18 acres of lawns and woodlands and is regarded by many historians as one of the finest habitable castles in the country. For more information please visit: [www.walworthcastle.co.uk](http://www.walworthcastle.co.uk).

## Community Fair Great Success

Dear Sir,  
We just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the community fair on Saturday, and how impressed we were with the organisation. Clearly a lot of thought and effort had gone in to it. The Air Training Corps were most helpful, and the exhibitions a delight to view  
We are most grateful to the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club and Durham County Councillors for subsidising the event and the Newton News for publicising the show. Well done!  
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## Welcome to Mind

We welcome you all to call in for a look around our new "Support Advice and Well Being Centre" 10-11 Silverdale House, volunteers and friends of Mind have been working tirelessly for the past few weeks to refurbish, decorate and make it a welcoming place to be. Call in have a cuppa and a chat, "its good to talk". Please call in between 10.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Thursday 23rd to 26th May - Muriel and Vicki hope to see old friends and new.

## Electricity from Wind Turbines Costs Double

Dear Sir,  
Since my letter about wind turbines in the Newton News a fortnight ago, a number of people have approached me to say how much they like and support wind farms. I can only think that they have not yet realised that they pay more than twice as much for electricity from wind turbines as from traditional power-stations. This is a major concern. As the economy falters and benefits are cut, we are all 'feeling the pinch'. One of our greatest problems is that we cannot do without electricity, yet fuel and heating prices are going 'through the roof'. Do people realise that every wind turbine more than doubles the price they pay for the electricity it produces? Basically, on top of the £45 per megawatt of electricity from wind power, we consumers ALSO pay a subsidy of £50. So the government's target for renewable power for this year, at 11%, would require us, the consumers, to pay about 12.5% (an eighth) extra for our electricity. And do the supporters of wind farms realise that it is not WE in the north-east who need the electricity? All the electricity the turbines produce is immediately sent south, to the energy-guzzling south-east. And do those people who say they like wind turbines – and want an 80 metre-high windmill across the road – realise that the block of land designated for the wind farm stretches from Rushyford to Sedgfield, and south to beyond Preston-le-Skerne?

If wind turbines were the ONLY solution to global warming, we would have to swallow them as a necessary evil. But wind turbines are NOT the solution. They produce small amounts of unreliable electricity, and make little if any difference to the CO2. A wind turbine delays global warming by 2 seconds. People have said to me: 'Don't you care about our children?' Yes I do. Wind turbines only have a working life of about 25 years, after which someone is going to have to decommission them, and spend £billions AGAIN to replace them. Wind turbines are merely an expensive temporary stop-gap. What wind turbines DO achieve is to allow the government to claim it is doing something, whilst its big-business friends grow rich, and the subsidy is arranged in such a way that we, the consumers, pay it, not the government. Everybody benefits ... except us!  
John Clare



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Town Singer in Eurovision Song Contest

Dear Sir  
I would like to congratulate Newtonian David Bryan for his terrific performance in Saturday's Eurovision Song Contest. Although he was singing for Romania I thought he put up a terrific performance and to me he put "Blue" in the shade. Blue only had 100 points and David came in with 77 points. His family and teachers must feel very proud of him as should all the people of Newton Aycliffe and County of Durham. Perhaps, if he had sung for the UK we might have done better!!  
J M Gowland  
Heighington

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## Care Home for Heighington?

One of the many duties that I feel is important for all Borough Councillors is to look at areas and facilities which would improve the lives of residents. These 'projects' can take years to come to fruition. They are a result of listening to Parish Councillors, residents and using my own experiences of living in the Ward. I feel that I have been successful with many 'Projects' but accept that a few have gone by the way side through no fault of trying. Those that came good, including the Sports Field, the School Traffic Charter, Lay-bys in Hopelands, the tarmacing of the Courtine, the 40mph Speed restrictions in Redworth and later School Aycliffe and many more all took a long time to accomplish but I feel that the effort was well worth it. From time to time I have been asked about the possibility of having a Care Home built in Heighington. After all, there was some support for one as demonstrated in our Parish Plan. 20.8% of all respondents said they saw a need for a nursing home and given our demography this suggests that there is a sufficient interest for the subject to be pursued. I have already received some positive responses and having brought the matter up at a recent Parish Council Meeting I am delighted to confirm that they have not objected to the

proposal at this early stage. Obviously there would be large mountains to climb such as land availability, Planning Approval, and sourcing a service provider but I first need to find out if the interest shown four years ago still is valid today. Obviously it is a subject closer to the hearts of the elderly. Moving out of the village into a Care Home in Darlington or Newton Aycliffe is not an easy decision to make. Old friends are left behind and because of age, infirmity or simply lack of transport it is difficult and often impossible for friends to visit leaving those who have to move away from the village, feeling isolated, sad and in many cases depressed. So the idea of a Care Home in Heighington could appeal to lots of people for many reasons. There could be many problems to deal with – objectors, land availability, planning restrictions, and a developer – to name a few, but in the first instance I would appreciate feed back on the idea of a Care Home in Heighington. I don't doubt that some of the younger residents may not see a need at this time although some may have their own parents and grandparents living in the Parish but I would ask them to open up their minds and look to the future which may seem

a long way off but sadly will come along all too fast. Please give some thought to this early proposal and let me have your thoughts on the need for a Care Home in Heighington. Write, telephone, 'e' mail me or simply stop me when you see me around and pass on your thoughts.  
Councillor Gerald G. Lee  
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**Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees**

**Wednesday 1st June 2011**  
**Policy & Resource Committee**  
**7.15pm**

**QUESTION TIME**

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

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

The wrong date was published in last week's issue for the Environment/Recreation Committee Meeting, which should have been advertised as the 25th May

## Community Fair Prizewinner



The winner of our Get Set Kids Club competition prize of a box of cupcakes was Charlotte Miller. She is shown receiving her prize at the Community Fair.

We set the Get Set Kids Club up to run alongside the magazine – people can join online via our web site and we then keep them posted about exclusive competitions and offers. We hope it makes the members feel more a part of the magazine.

## NEW FACILITIES FOR AGNEW



The Agnew Community Centre recently received a grant from the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership for £3000 which has enabled the committee to improve the garden, add benches, purchase a shed and tools and erect a new fence.

Chairman of the Centre, Paul Gittins gave thanks to all the committee, Laura from Caves, Cllr Joan Gray and Cllr Brian Hall. Thanks were also given to the Probation Service and the County Payback scheme who have assigned a worker to help with the renovation.



## Town Council Offer Free Dog Bags

Great Aycliffe Town Council have recently purchased a limited number of dog waste bags which are to be distributed free to residents of the town on a first come first served basis.

The bags were purchased by Great Aycliffe Town Council following numerous requests from members of the public after Durham County Council withdrew this provision. The authority appreciate that the number on offer is very limited and stress the aim of the initiative is to reward responsible dog owners for picking up after their dogs. Bags will be available from Monday 16th May from the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices and will be handed out by the Park Patrol Officers. Limited new stock will be available every week until the current order is exhausted.

**Recipients will receive one bundle of bags per household.**



## NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET?



Readers may be able to detect from this photo a grasscutting dividing line which highlights a lack of co-ordination and money saving opportunity by the County Council. On the left is grass cut by our Town Council who maintain Simpature Park. Next to this is grass which the County Council cuts. The whole patch is only 20 feet wide and one would think they would come to some agreement to save costs. The Town Council would be happy to take over all grasscutting if the County would come to an arrangement and let go, but it is taking a long time. The cost of bringing the equipment and staff here to cut grass must be costly and it is clear money can be saved.

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# ANNUAL ROAD RACE ATTRACTS HUNDREDS TO NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Hundreds of runners will be hitting the streets for the annual 3M Aycliffe 10k road race on Sunday, 19th June.

The event is being organised by Aycliffe Running Club and sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council and Northumbrian Water.

As in previous years, the competitors lining up at the start will include runners from across the North East region as well as a large number from the local community.

Race director Trevor Needham said the event has been growing in popularity every year since its launch in 1998.

"It always attracts a large field because of it being a flat, three-lap course which gives the serious runners the opportunity to achieve their personal best times," he commented. "And, of course, there is £1,000 in prize money to be won.

"It also promises to be a great

day for all those who are running for fun or to raise sponsorship money for their chosen charities."

**For the safety of the runners, the following roads will be affected between 9.30am and 12.00 noon:**

**Burnhill Road, between Greenfield Way and Cobblers roundabout, and all roads onto Burnhill Road will be closed.**

**Burn Lane (west of Cobblers roundabout) will be one-way east only. Greenfield Way will be one-way north only.**

**All roads within the circuit will have no or restricted access and egress.**

Aycliffe Running Club would like to thank local residents for their patience and support for this, the town's premier event.

As well as sponsoring the event, 3M will be fielding a team of runners taking part in either the 10k race or the

more leisurely 3K fun run earlier the same day.

3M Facilities Manager Alan Kellett added: "This is the eleventh consecutive year that we've sponsored this event and we're delighted to do so again. It's become a firm favourite in the community calendar for participants and spectators alike."

The 10k race starts at 10am and the fun run at 9.15am. There is free car parking at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex where changing and refreshments will be available - allow 15 minutes to get to the race start.

The closing date for pre-entries is Sunday, 12th June with a £2 surcharge for entry on the day no later than 9.30am. For an application form, write with a 9"x6" stamped addressed envelope to Colin Gibson, 12 Ainsty Hunt, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PH or online at <http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk>

## LOCAL SPORT

### AYCLIFFE RUNNERS IN LAMBTON RACE

On Sunday 8th May seven Aycliffe runners took part in the Lambton run. The run took place with the grounds of the historic Lambton estate that was once famous for its 'Lion Park'. Luckily there were no lions present to

trouble the runners although they may have helped them run that little bit quicker. The 10k race was over multi-terrain and although the rain had stopped it was still quite warm.

There was an organised warm up before the race to get everyone motivated and ready to go. The start of the race itself was quite tricky on a gravel path full of pot holes and puddles. Luckily no-one fell down them! After about 4k there were a few gentle hills, winding through woods and lanes in the picturesque park. The halfway point and water station was a welcome sight for the runners with the sun coming out. The race continued with a steep climb up to a muddy hill where luckily none of the runners came unstuck. The race finished after a gentle downhill, and a river crossing before a steady climb back up to the finish. It was a really enjoyable and interesting course.

Peter Milburn was first back for the club in 12th position in an excellent time of 38:59. Next was Sue Milburn in a time of 45:14, just narrowly missing out on a prize. Trish Kay and Robert Young were next home in a time of 48:40, closely followed by Penny Johnson in a time of 48:59. Garry Minns was next back in a time of 53:34, closely followed by John Young in a time of 53:49 on his return from injury.

On Sunday 15th May, two Aycliffe runners took part in the very popular Middlesbrough 5k. Run over a fast and flat course near Middlesbrough town centre in windy and cool conditions, but didn't stop Richard Campbell from putting in a good performance to come home in 55th position in a time of 19:43. Gareth Richardson also completed the 5k course in a time of 28:27.

The 14th Aycliffe 10k will take place on its traditional date of Father's Day on Sunday 19th June 2011. The run (sponsored by 3M and Northumbrian Water) is on a fast and flat course and ideal for any budding runners. There will be £100 for the first male and female runners along with veteran prizes. Everyone that finishes the race will receive a technical running shirt. If the 10k isn't your thing then why not take part in the increasingly popular 3k fun run. It's ideal for running with the kids and will help to keep them entertained. Every year it's proving more and more popular and is a real family event. If you interested in taking part in either the 10k or the 3k fun run, information can be found on our website <http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk/>

### Helps For Local Clubs

Honest John's Fundraising Stall has donated £850 to Aycliffe Muay Thai Boxing club and £500 to Aycliffe Dance Academy. John thanks all those who donate goods for him to sell on Market Day for charity.

## Quakers Produce "Winners" Souvenir Magazine

Darlington have produced a must-have souvenir magazine to celebrate their historic FA Trophy success.

'Winners!' is a 48-page, full-colour, glossy publication which includes 180 brilliant pictures illustrating the day and the build-up to Wembley - priced £3, it's available from the club. Darlo are also producing an official DVD, while they're planning to have a range of special merchandise made up in due course.

The club's managing director Graham Fordy said: "We appreciate everyone wants momentos and souvenirs from what was a magnificent day for the club, and we're doing everything we can to make sure there'll be a range of stock for people to remember the day by.

"The 'Winners!' magazine is a stunning publication which includes dozens of fans pictures featuring literally hundreds of supporters, while a range of action pictures from various angles provides stunning coverage of Chris Senior's goal and subsequent celebrations.

"It really is a must-have for all our fans!"

Local photographer Paul Gaythorpe was working for the club on the day and has provided a series of stunning images, including exclusive post-match shots from the Quakers dressing room.

Well-known Darlo fan Les Hodge has also shared his pictures of an historic day with the club, to be included in the magazine, along with Ted Blair, another Quakers fan.

There are exclusive columns from chairman Raj Singh, manager Mark Cooper and captain Ian Miller, while there's also a number of behind-the-scenes material from within the camp. Meanwhile, Darlington are now in the process of producing an official DVD.

Quakers commissioned a TV crew to follow Cooper and his players during their London trip, and they interviewed the Darlo boss, his assistant Richard Dryden, skipper Ian Miller and several players before, during and after the big day.

The DVD will also include exclusive, behind-the-scenes footage, a post-match interview with Mr Singh, all the action and post-match celebrations, both on the pitch and in the dressing room.

The club will announce further details - including availability and price - as soon as possible.



## Players Wanted for Under 18's Team



We are currently looking for Team Players between the age of 16-18yrs. All players need to be born between 1st September 1993 and 31st August 1995 to be eligible to play. We are looking for commitment, determination and a team that wants to succeed. All registration must be in before June 18th 2011. Newton Aycliffe FC Under 18's have competed in the Durham County FA Saturday League this season (2010-2011). Including: Lady Eden Hospitals & Eye Infirmary Cup. After their highly successful season competing at this level Aycliffe are looking to put together another squad for 2011-2012.

Any Team Player with commitment will get the chance to be put forward for the Level 1 Coaching Badge. Some lads from last year were able to utilise their skills by being put forward to coaching clubs and still working today. Other team players are utilising their skills by helping in the community and

wanting to come back to help out with next seasons Under 18's Team.

We also have RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award scheme, where players get the chance to enhance their skills and knowledge, working with others (This is through a selection process).

We have other activities throughout the year and have had some very successful players move into the Newton Aycliffe first team.

All games are played on a Saturday 1.00 - 1.30 K.O. and for away games we are hoping to put on a coach so that parents and supporters can come along.

We have a fantastic setup, well organised but require full commitment from all players. We need to work, train and play as a team to achieve this. If you think you have what it takes and would like to show off your talent and skills or if you require more information, contact: Kath Sowerby, Mobile - 07779 571101

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Aycliffe Singer in Semi-Finals

Aycliffe Occupational Therapist from Lauren Honeyman (22) is following her dreams this week. Having auditioned 2 weeks ago at the Xcel Centre she has been selected to go forward to the North East Semi-finals of the National Christian competition "Gospel Rock".

Thank You

**SALLY PARKIN** I would like to extend a great big thank you to my family: Lesley, Dave, Melanie, Ian, Stacey, Sam, Stewart and Joanne for their wonderful gifts on the occasion of my 70th birthday. Also thanks to Norma for my cake and my friend for their cards, gifts and good wishes

In Memoriam

**Cunningham**  
(nee Verner)  
Louise died May 23rd 2010



A force of nature, with a kind heart, Black and white, with shades of grey, Dark humour, with a sunny purpose, A contradiction, but never a dull moment, These things and many more, missed by all. Greatly missed, much love as always, Dave and Steven

**LOUISE CUNNINGHAM** 23rd May 2010. In loving memory of the beloved Niece of Uncle Jack and Aunt Lillian. Adored Cousin to Sharon, Hazel and families. Deep are the memories, precious they stay, no passing of time, can take them away

**PAULINE FELGATE** 19th May 2001. A very dear friend who asked to be thought of often. Pauline, you will never know how much you are so sadly missed. Eileen and family xxx

**ELLEN SANDERSON** 24th May 2007. 4 years have passed, yet to this day you are remembered by all you touched in your own special way. Sadly missed by Norman and your family

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The competition is currently running all over the UK and Lauren was among 3 other contestants from the area. On the night there will be 8 semi-finalists taking part and the audience get a chance to vote (along with the judging panel) for who they would like to see go through to the final. The Semi-final which will also take place at the Xcel Centre on Friday 27th May, will see Lauren singing for her place at the final in London in July. If you would like to support Lauren, the show starts at 7pm and tickets are available from the Xcel Centre or online at [www.gospelrock.co.uk](http://www.gospelrock.co.uk)


Obituary

**DOROTHY HARPER** aged 75, died on Monday 16th May 2011, peacefully at Redworth Nursing Home. Beloved Wife of John (deceased), Mum of Chris and Step-mum of John. Grandma to James, David and Richard. Sadly missed by all. Funeral on Tuesday 24th May, 12.00noon at Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations may be made in lieu to Guide Dogs for the Blind

**HELEN RUSS** (nee Ewin). On the 16th May, peacefully in James Cook Hospital after a long illness, aged 55 years. Dearly loved Daughter, Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law and Grandmother, who will be sadly missed by Margaret, Kevin, David, Tracey, Chantelle, Jordan and all family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 26th May at 1.30pm. Prior to committal at Wear Valley Crematorium. Floral tributes to John Meynell Funeral Service. Tel 01325 301405 and donations in lieu to ICU2 James Cook Hospital

Births

**Galloway**  
"It's a Boy"



**Congratulations** Steven and Debbie on the birth of your beautiful baby Boy. A much loved Brother for Jude.

**HENRI BLAKE BORN**  
**7th MAY 2011**

Lots of love from both families xxxxxxxx

**AARON & AMY** would like to announce the arrival of their gorgeous baby boy 'Noah' Born 15th May and weighing 7lb 15oz.

Congratulations

**Ronnie Addison**



**Happy 60th Birthday**  
Happy birthday Ronnie. All my love forever. Susan xxx

**Happy 60th Birthday**  
Happy birthday Dad. Lots of love, Rachel, Gary, Neil and Jill xxxxx

**Happy 60th Birthday**  
Happy birthday. Love and hugs, Ava xxx

**Claire Chadwick**



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
*Live, Laugh, Love Always*  
Wishing you a fantastic weekend of celebrations up the toon!  
Love from Mam, Dad, Nanna, Grandad and all the family xxxxx

**Sam**



**Happy 30th Birthday Mum**  
Hope you have a fantastic weekend celebrating your 30th birthday. Love you lots and lots. Jayden, Jasmine and Tyler xxxxx

**HAYWOOD** Carmen Gales. Happy 18th birthday on 16th May. Lots of love from all the family

**ABBIE KENNEDY** - well done Abbie in your results for dancing at the weekend. You did fantastic. Love Aunty Kirsty, Uncle Stephen, Libbie and Flynn. Xx

**CLAIRE AND TOMMY** Congratulations on your Wedding Day on Saturday 21st May. Have a great day. All our love, Dad, Susan, Liam, Becci, Lewis, Ann and Belle xxx

**AIMEE LIANNE PARKIN** Congratulations Hunny Bunny on your promotion to TaeKwondo 3rd Dan. Total respect!! Lots of love n stuff from Mam and Dad xxx

**SOPHIE** (3rd May) To our beautiful girl on her 4th birthday. Lots of love, hugs and kisses from Mammy and Sister Imogen xxx

**SOPHIE** You are 4! Hope you have a lovely birthday sweetheart. With lots of love and kisses from Mamar, Granda and Auntie Kelly xxxxx

**Susan Trotter**



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
*23rd May 2011*  
To my gorgeous Wife, happy 50th. Love, Billy. Mam, love you loads, Jade, Kel, Chris, Sarah, Michael, Louise and Craig xxx


**To the best Gran.** Love, Macey, Skye, Poppy, Evie, Chloe and Robert - have a fab holiday xxxxx

**Chanelle Brown**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
Happy birthday to our beautiful little girl. Love, Mam, Dad, Aiden and Kieran xxx

**Nicola Lawson**



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
Hope you enjoy it! Love from Simon, Sarah, Aimee and Hannah xxxxx

**Happy 30th Birthday**  
*26th May 2011*  
Happy birthday to the best Daughter. Remember 30 is the new 20! Love, Mam xxx

**Teresa and Parker McDowell**



**Golden Anniversary**  
Congratulations and lots of love from Coreena and Terry

**Congratulations** Nana and Grandad. Love, Lindsay, Jonathan, Andrew and Paul

**To the best Great Nana and Great Grandad.** Love on your Anniversary. Love, Nathan and Sophie

**Andrew Forbes - Sophie Forbes**



It has been a year since you were diagnosed, you are strong and brave through all your operations and radiotherapy. We love you so much, keep your chin up, hope you have a brill time in Florida, that "make a wish" has granted for you. Love from Mum and Dad x

You have been fantastic with Andrew, made him laugh when he has been down, even when you are doing your GCSE Exams and you are doing really well with them. We are so proud of you both, been through a rough year. All our love Mum and Dad xxx

*PS: Sophie you are still not having a tattoo till you are 18, haha*

**A big thank you to all the family**  
**for all their support over the last year**

**Raymond Sparks**



**Happy 65th Birthday**  
*17th May 2011*  
Happy birthday. Enjoy your retirement. Love from Sparky's Angels

**Pippa Melvin**



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

**Alysia and Will**




**Congratulations** on your first Wedding Anniversary on 22nd May 2011. Hope every day is as happy as your Wedding Day. Love and hugs from Mam, Dad and all your family and friends

**Sean Ellis**

**Happy 21st Birthday**  
*21st May 2011*  
Lots of love,  
Mam, Dad, Nichola, Michael, Nanna, Granda, Uncle Kevin, Aunty Raycheal, Zak, Gavin and Anthony

**Daniel Stones**



**From Chunky to Hunky**  
With all our love on your 18th birthday. So proud of you. Have a fab time in Magaluf. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Luke and Shoni xxxxx

**Libbie Anderson**



**Congratulations** in coming 8th in your freestyle pairs and 5th in your rock and roll pairs dancing with Reece in 10-13 yrs, "medallist of the year". You looked fantastic and danced amazing. We are so proud of you. Love from Mammy, Stephen, and Flynn. xxxxx

**Well done Libbie** for dancing amazingly with Reece in your first competition together as pairs. All our love Gran and Grandad. Xxx

**You were fantastic** big Sis, you rocked the dancefloor, big hugs and kisses, your little Bro, Flynn. Xx



## QUAKERS SKIPPER GETS ANOTHER TROPHY!



Less than a week after lifting the FA Trophy at Wembley, Darlington captain Ian Miller got his hands on another cup last week.

The Quakers skipper presented the awards at Newton Aycliffe's presentation evening last Friday, and is pictured holding their Northern League second division title with Aycliffe captain Sean Tarling and his team-mates.

Miller was guest of honour at Aycliffe Sports Club and handed out the Northern League title tankards to players. He also handed individual awards to Dan Mellanby, who won the club's Player of the Year and Supporters' Player of the Year awards, and top scorer Warren Byrne, who netted a remarkable 45 goals in Aycliffe's superb season. Tarling won Players' Player of the Year, while Elliot Gardner was Manager's Player of the Year and goalkeeper Scott Pocklington picked up Secretary's Player of the Year.

"It was a great night, I really enjoyed it," said Miller, who was part of the Bury Town team which defeated Allan Oliver's Crook Town side in the FA Vase quarter-finals in 2006.

"Aycliffe have obviously had a terrific season and I could sense from the club there's a great spirit amongst the players as well as people involved and supporters, so a big well done to everyone involved."

Aycliffe's presentation began with a moving, 20-minute DVD which the club commissioned for the night, which included interviews, action footage, a Crossbar Challenge and a Supporters Club feature. It also included messages of congratulations from a number of people from around football, including Newtonians Ross Turnbull and Jason Steele, Manchester United legend Gary Pallister, Sunderland boss Steve Bruce, Newcastle goalkeeper Steve Harper and England captain John Terry!

The DVD is currently being reproduced and will be available to buy for just £5 – details to be announced in due course.

[www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk)

## Tennis Event at Greenfield

The Get Set Kids Tennis event is this Saturday 21st May from 11.30 am to 2 pm at Greenfield Tennis Club, Greenfield School.

It's a family fun event with games, prizes, raffle etc. The cost is £5 per family with money raised going to Cash For Kids. Contact Ally or Emma for more information on 07971 577572 or 07534 997875 or email [info@getsetkids.co.uk](mailto:info@getsetkids.co.uk)

## Big Boxing Night at the Big Club

On Friday 27th May 2011 at Newton Aycliffe WMC Sean Denham will be defending his Heavyweight Belt against Michael Dixon from Newcastle.

If Sean successfully defends his championship belt for the third time, it will be his to keep. Sean is also a qualified coach at Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club and plans to retire from competitive boxing once he has secured the belt.

The undercard will be around

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## Cricket Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe's first team continued their winless start to the season losing by 53 runs away to newly promoted Coxhoe in the North East Durham league first division. The home side batted first and scored a respectable 178 for 6 in their 45 overs despite 3 for 28 from Sean Morgan and 2 for 13 from 9 overs by Dave Atkinson. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for a disappointing 125 in the 33rd over with only opener Luke Telford with 41 and Ross Dixon with 22 passing twenty runs.

The second team had an exciting 23 run home win over Medomsley in their third division match after appearing to be heading for defeat. The visitors were chasing 176 for victory and were well placed at 140 for 2 with 11 overs still remaining, when captain Dave Richardson brought back into the attack, youngster Daniel Weldon and veteran Alan Mitchie and the turnaround was extraordinary as they lost 7 wickets for just 12 runs. Sixteen year old Weldon finished the day with career best bowling figures of 5 for 36 and Mitchie took 3 for 13 to help Aycliffe to their first win of the season. Earlier in the day the homeside posted

an impressive 175 all out in their innings with Dave Richardson top scoring with 52 and sixteen year old Craig Robertson scoring 20.

The under 18's were chasing 108 for victory and Sam Telford's impressive innings of 29 and 16 runs from Joe Haines were not enough to prevent Newton Aycliffe losing by 27 runs at home to Tudhoe. A very young under 15's were beaten by 10 wickets away to Tudhoe in the first round of the league cup. The club's under 13's lost their opening game of the season at home to Darlington by 7 wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored 61 for 8 in their 20 overs with Liam Hickey top scoring with 14 and Jack Petroczy scoring 11. In reply the visitors comfortably reached their winning target despite all rounder Hickey taking 2 wickets for 9 runs from his 3 overs. The under 11's maintained their unbeaten start to the season winning away at Darlington RA by just 8 runs thanks to an unbeaten 21 from, in form captain, Liam Hickey.

## LET'S GET DANCING!!!

Are you a volunteer group or community project in Newton Aycliffe looking for something new and exciting to do with your group?

Then why not send one of your members to our training course on the use of Dance Mats?

The 12 mats and associated kit were purchased by Aycliffe Area Partnership for use free of charge by the volunteer organisations of Great Aycliffe catering for any age group, and are located at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex where the training session will take

place on Saturday 28th May, 10.00am till 1.00pm, at only £9.00 per person.

Once you have a trained operator your organisation is eligible to book out the Dance Mats, from the Sports Complex, for use at your venue (transportation conditions apply and cash deposit required). Please call in at the Oak Leaf Reception to fill in an application form (proof of organisation will be required), and to book your place, payment is required at time of booking, or telephone 300600 for details.

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It is promised to be a great night of entertainment with other boxers from the Tyne Tees & Wear area. Tickets are on sale for £10, or £12 on the night from the Boxing Club and A.B.A. Taxis 01325 30-88-30.

Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club train at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm to 7.30, anyone is welcome from the age of 8, male or female.

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