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The Xcel Centre proved the ideal venue for Hitachi's Open Day and the visitors were very pleased with the efficient organisation of this major event in Aycliffe. Xcel were able to showcase their facilities to leading industrialists, all there to hear what services they could offer Hitachi when the project gets underway.

Two sessions were needed to accommodate potential suppliers, but it was noticeable some time could have been saved if the principal speakers had compared notes and avoided duplication of background information. There was perhaps too much back-slapping when all the visitors required was information on how they could do business with Hitachi. They were able to get down to the nitty gritty in the second half question and answer session.

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# TEES VALLEY JAZZMEN RETURN

The Teesvalley Jazzmen Aycliffe around 1967. When were founded in Newton brothers Keith (piano) and

Gavin (banjo) Belton, met up with a trumpet player only remembered now as "Mad Mike".

An old wooden hut, part of the Sports Club, Moore Lane, was used for rehearsing. An advert was put in the Newton News for more players and top class men (bass and drums) were recruited. The Beveridge Hall was the new venue for practice and it was only a small step to fill the band up to full compliment of seven players.

The Gretna Green Wedding Inn was the venue, jazz gigs every Sunday night for the next two years. Mad Mike left the area and the band was reformed as the Teesvalley Jazzmen, playing at the newly opened Hardwick Hall, Sedgfield, in November 1970.

40 odd years later they are still 'at it' with the brothers being the only originals left. The band has played world wide, USA, Sweden, Germany, France and Goa! Hair is thinning and whiter but the enthusiasm undiminished.

# Aycliffe Band Makes Rare Visit to Town



Local band "NO FUN" haven't played at Aycliffe for a long time and they appear at Aycliffe Sports Club on Saturday June 25th. They are all from Aycliffe and are a punk tribute band playing classic punk tunes from 1977-1979. This is a rare visit so get along to see them. Tickets are £3.00 on the door. Photo shows Lead Singer Graeme 'Bucket' Paylor. The band are all in their 40's and are trying to keep punk rock alive in the north east

# JUMP OFF TYNE BRIDGE

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry, last chance to challenge yourself to jump off the Tyne Bridge (with the aid of a Zip Wire) on 26th June 2011 for the charity Arthritis Research UK.

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For information please contact Marion on 01388 526 860 or [m.reed@arthritisresearchuk.org](mailto:m.reed@arthritisresearchuk.org)



# Scout Open Day

1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group are holding an Open Day at the Scout Hall on Bluebell Way on Saturday 18th June from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

There will be a Barbecue, and a Tombola and the Bar will be open.

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In addition to generalist advice, we also offer specialist level advice for debt, housing and welfare benefits cases and we have a money guide who can assist you with budgeting, pensions, tax queries, utilities tariffs and financial planning for the future.

Sedgefield CAB Chief Exec, Pauline Chambers said "We have been trying to get more suitable premises for our Aycliffe bureau for a number of years. With so many changes and developments in and around the town centre this just wasn't possible - anything we were offered could only be short term and we couldn't justify spending public money on a building we could only have for 2 years. Moving to the PCC is a positive step in providing better facilities both for our clients and our staff as well as building partnerships with like-minded organisations all under one roof. We know that this move has taken us away from the town centre but with so many bus links and a large proportion of our clients living closer to the PCC than the town centre, it was agreed this was the right step to take."

The Pioneering Care Centre offers a number of services including a GP surgery, chemist, podiatry, hydrotherapy pool and a fantastic café offering delicious food made on the premises. Why not stay for a while and enjoy the other facilities? There are 10 buses an hour from across Aycliffe that stop near to the PCC and car parking is free.

Phil Wilson, MP, called into the Library this week (Tuesday) to join the Durham County Community Bank. The drop in centre is held every Tuesday at Newton Aycliffe Library from 11.00am to 12.00noon and offers loan rates from 1% (apr 12.68). This project is supported by Sedgefield Borough Homes and in association with Durham County Credit Union. If you require more information please call 0191 375 7677 or 0191 372 5808 or visit them online at [www.durhamcountycu.co.uk](http://www.durhamcountycu.co.uk)

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# Newton News Invited to Vane Road School



Editor of Newton News, Syd Howarth, was invited to talk to Mr. Bowstead's class at Vane Road School who had produced their own School Newspaper. Syd was able to pass on his comments and a few useful tips for future publications produced by the students. The children asked many interesting questions and Syd gave a background on the history of Newton News and how the newspaper is run.

## EXHIBITION AT BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN HALL

**Mixed Emotions by Jane Stallwood from Tuesday 31st May to Saturday 18th June.**

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## KDANZ MOVES TO SCHOOL AYCLIFFE

*and is on the way to Disney too!!!*

KDANZ have moved its dance school to School Aycliffe Community Hall a great venue for dancing in and we are so excited for the new chapter in our story. KDANZ would like to take this opportunity in thanking the XCEL Centre for letting us use their space as our home for the last 18 months and we will miss you greatly.

So, new venue, new timetable... more classes, so more space for new members....Why dont you come along and join us!! We have classes in street dance, tap, ballet, contemporary, cheerleading, boys break. For all ages boys, girls, mams, dads and grandparents. There is always a place for you with us whether you have danced for years or it's your first time, contact Kay on 07900 365 892 or email [kay@kdanz.co.uk](mailto:kay@kdanz.co.uk) for more information. Alternatively visit [www.kdanz.co.uk](http://www.kdanz.co.uk) to see our new timetable.

### DISNEY!!!

After an immensely successful dance show held at the Xcel Centre in March this year, the KDANZ school is looking forward to its next adventure...performing at Disneyland Paris next month.

40 members of the dance school will make the journey with all their families to Disneyland Paris to make their dreams, of performing to thousands of people, come true!! KDANZ were given the performance opportunity last Autumn and have been working hard this last term in producing dances to a fantastic mix of songs to get the crowds going.

The school will perform on the famous Lion King stage in the Disney park on Saturday 23rd July 2011...which happens to be the 30th birthday of the principal Kay Jones. "This will be a day to remember forever"...Kay would like to take this opportunity in thanking the dancers, who are going, for their commitment and the families for their support.

Good Luck to everyone who is going !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Firm action is being taken to tackle environmental crimes such as littering and dog fouling.

Durham County Council's neighbourhood wardens issued over 600 fixed penalty notices over the past year (April 2010 - March 2011) in the drive to clean up the county.

A total of 461 fines were given out to litter offenders, with cigarette butts being a distinct problem. A further 148 were handed out to dog owners who failed to pick up after their pet.

Reports from concerned communities and from the council's street cleansing teams are used to target resources at problem areas, ensuring maximum impact. Some examples have been:

Neighbourhood wardens increased patrols at Bishop Auckland bus station following complaints from passengers about the number of stubs dropped on the floor despite the availability of bins. It resulted in ten fixed penalty notices being issued in one day in January, nine of them to smokers for littering.

There have been similar problems in Durham City, where 37 people were fined in North Road between January and March this year for discarding cigarette butts. In addition, 12 fines were given out in one month for dog fouling and littering offences on a playing

field behind Craghead Community Centre near Stanley. Wardens also responded to concerns raised at Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, issuing two fixed penalty notices to dog owners in Willington who failed to clean up after their pet.

Streetscene Manager, Ian Hoult, said: "We are committed to making the county cleaner and greener but litter and dog fouling remain issues reported by our residents. Both are dangerous and unsightly, cigarette stubs in particular are very difficult to remove from our streets. There are no excuses, street bins can be used for both rubbish and bagged dog waste, and if there are none in the vicinity then litter can be taken home and put in the bin.

"Our neighbourhood wardens are patrolling the county all the time. Make no mistake - if anyone drops litter or fails to clean up after their pet it is only a matter of time before they are caught.

"We are also getting help from the public and I would ask people to continue getting in touch with information so we can monitor hot spots and catch offenders."

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We had an Orange Seminar and at the Seminar there was an offer of a free big bottle of boxed champagne for the first person to the stage, Lee Bargewell (Orange Training Team) sprinted to the stage pushing everyone else out of the way "As she knew what she was going to do with it" and won the bottle. As soon as Lee got back to the office, Lee used her imagination and raffled the bottle, using post it notes, this was a fantastic and quick idea and Lee raised £200 to go towards Macmillan Cancer.

Another Raffle was completed by Charlie Wallace at Orange PLC, who raised the funds by raffling a Hot Stone Massage which raised £100.

Thanks to both ladies £300.00 was donated and handed to Kevin Richardson at Macmillan Cancer.



## FINAL REPORT ON CHANGES TO AYCLIFFE WARDS

The Local Government Boundary Commission has now finalised its proposals for changes to the Electoral Wards for Great Aycliffe on both Durham County Council (Unitary and Great Aycliffe Town Council (Parish)).

People can still make observations to the LGBCE before the 1st August.

To read the report you can go to their website and read or download the report (52 pages) and the map13. [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). The relevant parts are Page 28 paras 137 – 141 and Page 34 paras 166 – 167.

This is the direct link <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-east/durham/county-durham-electoral-review> the conclusions are:

### Durham County Council UNITARY:

The division pattern proposed by Great Aycliffe Residents' Association was supported by Great Aycliffe Town Council, Great Aycliffe Residents' Association, Great Aycliffe Liberal Democrats, four independent parish councillors and a local resident. These submissions argued that the draft recommendations divided areas such as School Aycliffe and the Old Aycliffe Village. We note that the majority of those who expressed a preference supported the proposal from the resident's association,

and that it is supported by the parish council. Although the electoral equality is slightly worse, we consider that this division pattern is in keeping with the feelings of the local community, better reflects community identities and interests and will provide for clearer division boundaries in this area.

As part of our further draft recommendations, we therefore recommend a three member Aycliffe North & Middridge division, containing 10% fewer electors per councillor than the county average by 2016, a two-member Aycliffe West, containing 8% fewer electors, and a two-member Aycliffe East, containing 2% more electors.

### Great Aycliffe Town Council PARISH:

Recommendation: Great Aycliffe Town Council should comprise 30 councillors, as at present, representing eight wards: Aycliffe Central parish ward (returning three parish councillors), Aycliffe Village parish ward (returning one parish councillor), Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall parish ward (returning six parish councillors), Neville parish ward (returning two parish councillors), Shafto St Marys parish ward (returning four parish councillors), Simpstone parish ward

(returning two parish councillors), West parish ward (returning six parish councillors) and Woodham parish ward (returning six parish councillors).

The proposed unitary/parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 13.

Former Mayor Arun Chandran was the mastermind behind the Great Aycliffe Residents Association proposals which have been accepted in full by the Boundary Commission for both the County and Town Council and these are the Boundaries on which the 2013 elections will be fought. Arun was the first to spot, right at the beginning, that the commission had omitted an entire electoral ward, and presented a formidable case which was scrutinised and unanimously adopted by the GARA committee. He succeeded in getting the town's Lib Dems, the Great Aycliffe Independents, and the Labour controlled Town Council to back it.

"This is a success for everyone in Great Aycliffe, it ensures a level playing field for all who may stand for election to public office, and addressed some fanciful ideas by the Boundary Commission in their first draft, and I would thank all for their support in presenting a united front on what is best for Great Aycliffe" said Arun.

## Do You Have Clothes That Don't Fit?

**This was Diane's problem and now thanks to Slimming World and a different attitude to eating she has a whole new wardrobe that didn't cost her a penny.**

At the start of the year Diane felt that it was time to do something about her weight when her clothes were no longer fitting properly. After trying to stick to a healthy eating plan herself she decided that a regular meeting with the scales and a group of people who had a common aim was the best way for her to lose weight. She said "Slimming World was great for me, my consultant explained how easy it was to follow & that basically you can enjoy as much of the free foods as you like without weighing measuring or counting, it really didn't feel like a diet. And the group was so warm & friendly I instantly felt at my ease."

Setting herself a target of 1 stone she started enjoying fruit instead of chocolate as well as trying different & exciting recipes that were easy to make and very tasty. The result was Diane hit her target in 6 weeks thanks to not only the healthy eating plan but also to the support from the other members that she enjoyed in the group. Now she fits back into all of the clothes in her wardrobe and feels good wearing them.



She said "I'm really looking forward to wearing my summer clothes. Hopefully we will have some hot days to enable me to show off the new me."

Diane was so impressed with her own results she has now trained as a Slimming World consultant herself. And with summer approaching there's still time to join the growing number of people who have chosen to make a difference to the way they look and feel more confident thanks to Slimming World's countdown to success. Diane says "I'm looking forward to helping my members the same way my consultant helped me. Join your local Slimming World group and see how easy it is to get motivated to achieve your goal!"

Diane is re-launching the group at the Navy Club, Bluebell Way on Wednesday 8th June at 7pm. Come along and join in the fun.

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## Doesn't Just Affect Aycliffe

Dear Sir  
I am a resident of Bradbury and am obviously affected by the proposals for the area to the South of the village.

I am not opposed to windfarms generally, they are an essential part of the process to find green energy and should be supported.

The initial proposals for the Carrs was for some 6 turbines on High Farm land which I considered reasonable but the latest proposals are not acceptable. If, in addition to the proposals for the Isles, you add in those for Great Stainton/Sadberge, Foxton and Butterwick the numbers in this small corner of County Durham/Darlington are well up towards three figures.

You rightly raise the issue of why here and why all together.

In the last week my wife and I travelled from Cheltenham to Hastings cross country avoiding motorways but often on high ground giving good views, we did not see a single turbine until we reached Romney Marshes where there is a farm of some 28 turbines. The distance travelled was some 200 miles. Later we travelled by M3, M40, M42, M6 and didn't see a single turbine until Cheshire.

Whilst I totally accept that this is a crude indicator it does indicate the unwillingness of some parts of the country to take their share of the turbines.

John Burrows

## NATURE PARK WILD FLOWER DAY

The "wild flower day" on the Aycliffe Nature Park went ahead without any problems although the turnout was smaller than expected. The weather held off with only a little wind to contend with.

Flowers were out across the park with colour everywhere you looked. The yellows of Buttercups, Black Medic, Kidney Vetch, Silverweed, Wood Avens (Herb Bennet), Crosswort and Bird's Foot Trefoil among others. The whites of Daisy, Ox-eye Daisy, Hedge Garlic, White Dead-nettle, etc. in contrast. The various blues of Speedwell, Forget-me-not, Common Vetch, and Cornflower, blending in with the background. And the reds/pinks of Herb Robert, Red Campion, and Water Avens finishing off the colourful array.

A few specimens of late flowering Cowslips were still evident. As too were young

shoots of Yellow Rattle, Common-spotted Orchid, and Twayblade.

Birds could be heard everywhere, although mostly hidden among leafy branches. Insects (beetles, bees, wasps) were everywhere.

A pleasant surprise was the appearance of Speckled Wood, Common Blue, and Small Copper butterflies, which seemed to be defying the windy conditions.

At the end of the walk everyone had refreshments. And we were treated to a video of birds, in particular a Great Spotted Woodpecker, by one of our visitors.

Overall, it was a great day. And we hope to have an equally good day (or even better) on Sunday 26th June, when we will be looking for Butterflies, Moths, and other insects. Hope to see you there. We will remind everyone closer to the day. Dave and Alan.

## Fundraising Stall on Market Day

Dear Sir,

May I please through the medium of your newspaper tell the people of Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas that on Tuesday the 7th of June, We will be holding a market stall on Newton Aycliffe Market, to raise funds for the City of Angels Street Children. This charity is a project in Sao Paulo, Brazil, run by Father Pat Clarke of the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Pat Clarke, a Holy Ghost Father, has worked with the street children in Sao Paulo, Brazil for the past 33 years. He has built, with the local people, a creche, art centre and pastoral centre, where the children do paintings, gardening, go on guided walks to learn about the animals, learn to read and write and do sculpting and all the usual things that children ought to be able to do.

He feeds them and clothes them and pays for professional teachers to guide and teach them. Father Clarke says that to run and keep this project running costs about £7000 a month. These children would never have these opportunities and experiences living on the streets amongst the grime and squalour, if it were not for Father Clarke and his helpers.

Father Michael Campion, Father of St Mary's and St Josephs Roman Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe and his parishioners are dedicated to raising funds to help Father Clarke with his project for these disadvantaged children. People throughout the community of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas have donated items of goods, bricabrac, clothing, books and toys, jewellery etc, and some businesses for example Lloyds Chemists, have donated a body mass index monitor. These items will be sold on our market stall on the 7th of June and Father Michael Campion will be visiting the stall during the day to welcome and talk to members of the public. We hope that you will please come along and view and hopefully buy some of our items to support this worthy cause for these children.

Yours Sincerely  
Kathleen Brockless  
& Tony Fittes

## Who is the Land Owner?

Dear Sir,

The area on the map of the outlined 'Isles Wind Farm' appears to be on old Monastery lands of Durham Cathedral. It would be interesting to know how much, if any, is in the portfolio of the Church Commissioners' Estates? And if not, who are the landlords?

Given the comments on the T.V. Programme 'Wind Farm Wars'. Owning Wind Farm land can be very, very profitable. And, given the fact, that no surveys can be done without way-leave from

land-owners, obviously, a great deal has gone on long before it became public knowledge.

Nothing new there then! All concerned need to know more to make informed decisions on action to take, get organised and make ready for co-ordinated action to defend our environment when needs-be.

The stronger we are, the better for the whole area affected by it. Doing nothing is not an option on this one. It's time for action. Don Fraser, Woodham

## Search For Adopton Champions

Dear Sir,

As an adoptive Mum I feel passionately about adoption and I want to help more children in care to find a family. That's why I signed up as an Adoption Champion for the British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF). Could you be an Adoption Champion too?

Following the success of BAAF's Adoption Champion Scheme for National Adoption Week 2010, they are looking for more adoption experienced people to join their already fantastic team of volunteers for this year's campaign. They need both adoptive parents and adopted people to spread the word about adoption. It could be something as simple as putting up a poster; giving a talk at a coffee morning or sharing your story through the media. Hearing your personal experience could inspire someone to take that first step to giving a vulnerable child a loving, secure, permanent family, which every child deserves.

Anyone over 18 with experience of adoption can sign up to the scheme, with most activities taking place during National Adoption Week (31st October - 6 November 2011). For more information, please visit [www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk/](http://www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk/) champions.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**A Forest of Fans**

Dear Editor,  
Following on from the previous letter on Wind Turbines by Mr J Clare. Digest the following. Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station generates 1265 megawatts of electricity. The turbo fans in use have an output of three, four or five megawatts. Taking the average of four megawatt fans in use. 1265 MW divided by four MW average = 316 fans, usually working at less than 100% efficiency, due to variations of wind availability.

WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PUT ALL THESE FANS?

I have no actual experience of noise from these fans, but when you realise that when a turboprop aircraft is flying overhead it is not the engine you hear but the noise from the propellers, just a thought. Hartlepool N.P.S. has three shut down systems, PRIMARY for maintenance and secondary for EMERGENCIES and TERTIARY for complete shutdown for good.

Hartlepool N.P.S. construction was delayed by one year to put in the Tertiary system. TIME FOR NUCLEAR OR CLEAN COAL BURNING? Mr P Flannagan Ex Hartlepool Engineer

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The national campaign aims to highlight the help available to visually impaired and disabled library-users including alternative formats such as large print books and books on CD and cassette.

Visitors will also be able to find out about Durham County Council's Books on Wheels home delivery service, for residents who are unable to travel to a library. The library will also be introducing its new Audio Book Group for the visually impaired, which staff hope to launch in September. Make a Noise in Libraries month runs from Monday, 6 June to Sunday, 19 June. For more details contact the library on 312856 or email newtonayc.lib@durham.gov.uk

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## REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

The Environment and Recreation meetings of the Town Council this week were examples of meetings where you can't do right for doing wrong.

For example, the Council appointed Deputy Leader John Clare and Chair of Environment Vince Crosby to go to London to meet the Secretary of State about the proposed wind farm on 'The Isles'.

But did the Council want them to argue for, or against, the proposal? Some Councillors – fearing the visual impact of 80m-high turbines and the drop in house values and inward housing investment – are implacably hostile. Others find the turbines beautiful and believe they are necessary to save the

planet – particularly young people: the Youth Council had debated the proposal and sent their Chairman to ask the Council to support the wind farm. Councillor Clare assured everyone that he would not convey his own view, but the balance of opinion. The Environment Committee also had to deal with a situation where a householder has used part of Aycliffe Village Green to develop a personal garden and is determined to keep it as he has made it.

What can you say? The garden looks attractive enough, but the Council is legally required under the Commons Act to preserve the Village Green undeveloped, and the Councillors had to agree to take whatever legal

action is necessary to remove the encroachment.

Next, the Recreation Committee was faced with a similarly difficult dilemma over the Youth Shelter at Horndale.

The Shelter was placed with the realisation that young people need a place to behave as excitedly as young people do. Unfortunately, a series of photographs by the Town Wardens proved that the Shelter is being used for activities too disgusting to describe in the Newton News. There is a danger, of course, that removing the Shelter will merely move the disgusting behaviour to another place, and cause an even greater nuisance. But it was clear that the Council cannot continue to be seen to be facilitating these goings-on, and the Council resolved to dismantle the Shelter.

It is expected that, in time, Durham County Council (which owns the Shelter) will explore with the police and residents a more appropriate location for it. The Town Council was delighted that the Youth Council had also debated the issue and suggested much the same solution.

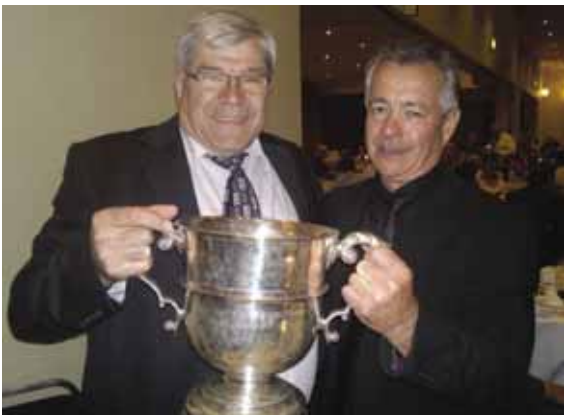
A similar dilemma confronted the Council when it considered where to site a number of park benches kindly funded by the Area Action Partnership. At the far end of the Park is inconvenient and 'out-of-the-way'; nearer the houses threatens to disturb residents. Again, what to do?

In the end the Council found that the Environment Officer had conducted a thorough consultation with local people, and we followed his advice. We can always move them if things don't work out.

The meetings also agreed a number of improvements to Council facilities, and also to visit other shows to seek ideas to improve the Great Aycliffe Show.

JCL

## SUPERMAC MEETS GEORDIE LEGEND!



A Geordie football legend came face-to-face with his hero at Ramside Hall Hotel last weekend.

Former Newcastle United striker Malcolm Macdonald finally completed a lifelong ambition when he met Magpie fan and Newtonian Barry Waters!

Supermac, part of Real Radio's Three Legends football talk-in, was at the Northern League presentation evening at the luxurious Ramside hotel near Durham last Friday.

Waters is Newton Aycliffe FC's newly-appointed sponsorship and advertising manager and is pictured with the club's second division trophy and 61-year-old Macdonald, who also played for England and Arsenal during a glittering career in the 1960s and 70s.

"It was a dream come true to meet Supermac," said Waters, who is now working alongside David Brassell in attracting new sponsorship to the newly-promoted club.

"Malcolm offered his congratulations to Aycliffe for a fantastic season and wished us all the best in the first division next year."

Waters was a Newcastle season-ticket holder for years before turning his back on the Premiership to follow another club close to his heart, Newton Aycliffe.

And after helping to set up the new Supporters Club last season, he has stepped down as chairman to concentrate on his new role with the Newtonians.

"There's a lot of sponsorship avenues that we haven't really tapped into yet," added Waters.

"It's my job to work with David to go out and about and to make new contacts and hopefully attract new investment to the club."

"Aycliffe has a tremendous set-up already and is the envy of many clubs throughout the Northern League, not least for the environment and ground but for the crowds we get."

"But we need more support from the local business community if we're to establish ourselves in the first division – we're all determined to do that and we're sure local firms will take to the challenge."

Waters and the Aycliffe hierarchy, along with a handful of players, made up a strong Aycliffe presence at the end-of-season awards dinner, as Danny Mellanby picked up the prize-winning cheque awarded to the club for their second division success.

Striker Warren Byrne also picked up his Golden Boot award for his 44-goal haul last season, the second division's top scorer by far, while matchday programme team Paul McGeary and Martin Walker received their silver salver in recognition of their second straight Programme of the Year award.

#### PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE TO DATE

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## Summer Fayre at the PCP

For the second successive year the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe is holding a Summer Fayre which promises fun for everyone. From 10am – 2pm on Saturday 11 June come along and take part in the free activities whilst enjoying a day out for all the family. Entertainment on offer will include free face painting, a balloonist and a variety of other free children's activities. Musical Bugs takes place at 10.30am and a magician will be weaving his magic starting at 11.30am. Shildon Model Railway Society will be on hand giving model railway demonstrations and a representative from Darlington Beekeepers' Association will also be present. Greenfield Steel Pan Band will play at 12.30pm and afterwards there is a chance for you to try and test your skill. A wide variety of displays and craft stalls will be situated throughout the Centre and various competitions including Tombola are organised for all to enjoy.

For anyone interested in becoming more active, why not take part in some of the free activities running throughout the day including 'Get Active' cycling at 10.30am and 1.00pm suitable for over sixteens (bicycles & helmets provided), an organised group walk at

11.30am or Boxercise, Zumba, Yoga, dance mats and Tai Chi sessions.

FREE sessions in the hydrotherapy pool and various therapy treatments offered on the day, can also be pre-booked by ringing the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234. As an added bonus adult craft taster sessions plus free internet advice will be available throughout the day.

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On Saturday 28th May, St. Mary's School Choir took part in their third Hexham Gathering, which is a folk festival for young people. They had a busy day performing 4 times in and around Hexham town centre from 10.30am - 4.00pm. They sang folk songs from Ireland and the North East, accompanying themselves on glockenspeil. Thanks to Mr. Colin Barron who accompanied them on guitar and their teacher Mrs Clausen on bodhran. The children had a great day performing, watching other performers and taking part in the outdoor luchtime ceilidh in the park.



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the entertainment takes place. Winning teams are provided with certificates, medals and the winner's trophy. If you are interested in taking part in this event please contact: Victoria Tiffin, Sedgfield Racecourse, Stockton-on-Tees. TS21 2HW Good luck and I look forward to challenging you on the day!!

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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. Tickets costing £5.00 are available from Marian McGowan 01388 818039

or 07984 090814; Teresa Patterson 01388 816549 or 07948 582627; Alan Robinson 01207 236621 or 0790 8804636 or pay at the door.

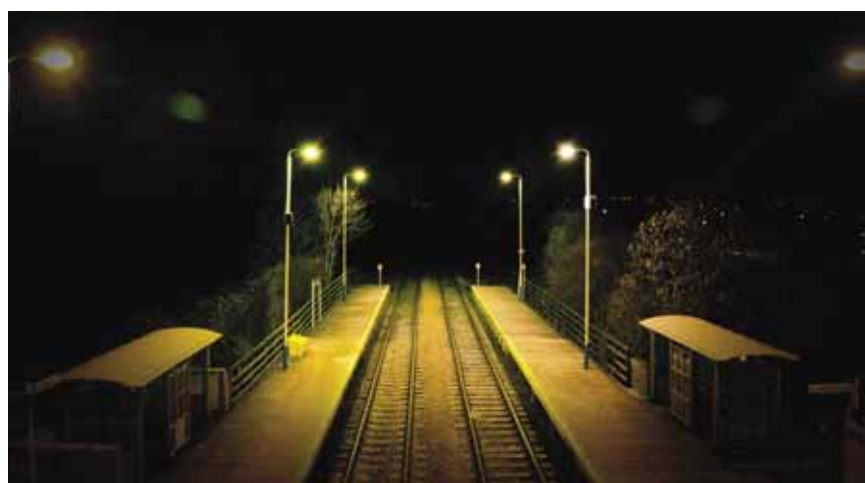
### PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a Police and Community Together PACT meeting at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 11/06/2011 from 11-00am to 11-30am. There will also be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting from 11-30am to 12noon which will be held by Neil Langthorne Community Liaison Officer. The meeting is open to all members of the community and you can discuss any issues or concerns you may have with your Community Police Officer. Councillors and Representatives from Great Aycliffe Council and Durham County Council have been invited.

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Tim Roberts captured some beautiful colours in this sunset photograph



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# MATCH REPORT AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS NEWS

Newton Aycliffe's first team continued their recent good form winning away at Houghton by 114 runs in the top division of the North East Durham League. Captain Chris Palmer hit a magnificent unbeaten 110, his second century for Aycliffe and with good support from Graham Telford, who scored 51, the visitors finished their 45 overs with a huge 257 for 4. In reply, the homeside were bowled out for just 143 with left arm spinner Luke Telford taking 5 for 31 and Dave Atkinson taking 2 for 17 from twelve overs of aggressive fast bowling. The first team also put in a brilliant all round display earlier in the week to defeat Raby Castle in the first round of the TG Denham Trophy. Opener Sean Morgan's career best score of 62 and a quickfire 40 from Dave Atkinson helped Aycliffe

to a huge total of 175 for 5 from just 20 overs. In reply, the visitors were held to 125 for 7 with Aycliffe seam bowlers David Turgoose and Michael Howe each taking two wickets. Both the second's and the under 13's team's had their respective weekend home matches cancelled because of the wet ground. The under 18's had an improved performance, but failed to halt their losing streak, this time losing at home to Bishop Auckland by 54 runs despite Craig Robertson's 3 for 7 and 47 not out from Dan Carr. The under 11's lost their unbeaten record going down at home to Barnard Castle by 17 runs despite good performances from Ali Abbasi (3 for 13), Dylan Tribbley (10 not out) and captain Liam Hickey with 3 for 8 with the ball and 24 runs.

On Sunday 29 May 2011, 10 runners from Aycliffe headed to Melmerby near Ripon to take part in their road race. First it was the turn of Henry Johnson in the fun run, which mainly included under 14 year olds. Henry ran an excellent race, winning over the 2.25 mile course in around 13.06 and finishing about a minute and a half ahead of his nearest rival. Henry got a medal in a case as he continued his excellent start to the season.

The 10k race was run over quite a hilly course in poor weather conditions, with rain and strong winds. Peter Milburn rolled back the years with an excellent run; coming home in 24th place and 3rd over 50 male in a time of 38 minutes 32 seconds and putting his injury problems behind him. Next back was George Reid in a good time of 39:05, finishing in 27th place. The ever improving Lee Wren was next back for the club in a very good time of 39:56 and 34th place. Lee is starting to close the gap on George and it looks like it might be an interesting few months ahead for those two. Richard Campbell was next back for the club in 41st place, finishing with a time of 40:23. Richard was followed by Martin Knox, who put in a good performance to finish in 83rd place in a time of 44:35. He was closely followed by Sue Milburn who ran a strong race to finish in a time of 45:33 and 93rd position. Trish Kay continues to overcome her injury problems by finishing in a time of 48:39 and 129th place.

Next home was Penny Johnson who finished in a time of 49:36 and narrowly missing out on a personal best. It was a remarkable performance from Penny who had a late night before the race after screaming at the top of her voice at Take That. An inside source said it didn't affect Penny's ability to talk!! Gary Minns also completed the race in a time of 50:54 and finished in 156th place.

On the same day, eight Aycliffe Runners took the shorter journey to Raby Castle. Six of those took part in the Raby Castle 5k, which was run in the picturesque grounds of the castle. The race proved to be a very difficult one with strong winds to go with the undulating paths, plus one hill that went on forever. Julie Nisbit was first back for the club in 24th position and a good time of 26:52, considering the conditions. She was closely followed by Anne Kellett who ran a good race to finish in 30th position and a time of 27:49. Craig Robinson was next home for the club in 41st position in a time of 29:03. He was closely followed by Alan Kellett who finished in 51st place in a time of 30:06. Not far behind Alan was Lynn Gibson who finished in a time of 30:12 and 52nd place. She just pipped Tracy McKenna who finished in 53rd place and one second behind Lynn in a time of 30:13. In the 10k race James Askew (competing for Durham City

Harriers) ran an excellent race to come home in third position in a time of 34 minutes 54 seconds. It was an excellent performance, considering you had to run up the never-ending hill twice, which was suddenly followed by running into a strong wind. Simon Robinson also took part in the 10k race and finished in 155th place in a time of 51:06. It's now just a couple of weeks until the 14th Aycliffe on its traditional date of Father's Day on Sunday 19 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're interested in taking part in either the 10k or the 3k fun run, information can be found on our website <http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk/>



Team Aycliffe at Melmerby 10k



Team Aycliffe getting ready for Raby Castle 5k

## McPartlin Trophy Success



Four pupils from Woodham Community Technology College took part in the annual McPartlin Trophy at Crook Golf Club, winning the overall team event, in which they competed against schools from all over Durham County. As a result of this fantastic achievement the victors have been sent through to compete again on June 14th against schools from other neighbouring counties.

Lewis Wing shot the best round of the day, making him the overall winner. The students' attitude and etiquette around the golf course was tremendous and they were a fantastic credit, not only to themselves, but to the College as a whole.

## YOGA JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER

Aycliffe Dance Academy would like to welcome to the team new Yoga instructor, Helen Tait. Helen is a highly experienced British Wheel of Yoga Instructor based in County Durham. She is already teaching her classes in gyms across Darlington and is going to bring her expertise to the Woodham area of Newton Aycliffe.

Yoga is well known for its physical and health benefits and there's no wonder that celebrities like Lady Gaga, Ryan Giggs, Sting and Madonna are raving on about it. All four celebrities have admitted to using Yoga as a means to relax, tone the muscles of the body, and increase physical strength. If you have never tried Yoga before and would like to give it a go then now is your chance. A brand new Yoga class is starting at the Bethany Centre, Woodham Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UD on Monday 6th June 2011. The class is from 7.45pm to 8.45pm and is £4.00 per session. Adults of all ages, genders and fitness levels are welcome and the class is suitable for complete beginners and experienced students. If you would like to book your place for this exciting new class then please contact Emma on 07908 162 868 or email her

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## FAMILY STROLL IN AID OF HOSPICE

On Saturday, 25th June families are invited to come along and take part in a range of activities at Hardwick Park between 11am and 3pm. Organised by Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland, there is lots to keep young children entertained in this stunning location, with an educational activity trail, face painting, mask making and a storyteller.

The park café will be open on the day for food and refreshments, or bring your own picnic. Ample free car parking will be available on the day.

Cost is £3 per child and £1 per adult, with under-12s accessing the activities for free. Please call Butterwick Hospice to book in advance or to request a booking form. For further information, please contact Julie Nisbet on [julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk](mailto:julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk) or call 01388 603003.

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

#### PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

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

**Wednesday 8th June 2011  
at 4.00pm**

#### QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

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))

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# AYCLIFFE UNDER 16's LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Newton Aycliffe Juniors U16's had an excellent 2010/2011 season, enjoying a very successful campaign reaching the Challenge cup final and winning the T.J.F.A. division 2 league title. Aycliffe played some great football throughout the season, which saw them win 18, draw 1 and only lose 3 of their 22 league games. They scored 76 league goals in the process deservedly crowned league champions with one game to spare and despite having to play their last 6 league games in an 8 day period! Winning the league title this season is just reward for a set of players who have worked hard and played consistently

well throughout the campaign and the whole squad should be very pleased of what they have achieved together. The team's proud manager and coach, Slatch and Leo together with parent helper Big Al and all the players' parents watched the squad presented with their league championship trophy and players medals at a formal awards ceremony organised by the T.J.F.A. at Tall Trees in Yarm on Thursday 2nd June. The U16's also reached the final of the T.J.F.A. Challenge cup which was played at Middlesbrough FC training complex and despite a narrow 3-2 defeat the team played very well and was

unlucky not to win a very tight but entertaining final. The team did however enjoy the whole experience of using the same facilities and pitches which are used by professional footballers. In order to make the day a little different from normal match days, which involve travelling to venues, we booked a coach so the squad could travel to the final together. On behalf of the team I would like to thank J&C Coaches for providing us with excellent service on the day. The success the team has enjoyed this season is due to the playing ability and attitude of the U16's squad which consisted of: Ryan Farley, Luke Cameron, Jack Slatcher, Tom Pilkington, Connor Lyon, Lewis Wing,

Haydn McKenna, Carl Smith, Jack McKay, Andrew Vincent, Tom Olley, Peter Wharton, Cory Loscombe, Joe Young, Andrew Dolphin, Kyle Hardy and Tom Prior who re-signed for the club in the January transfer window. The U16's team shirts are sponsored by Plasmor and the team / club are proud to be associated with a successful local company and are grateful for their continued support as the team will be staying on and playing at the U17's age group next season. We are hoping to enhance the playing squad further for next season so if you are interested in joining a successful team then please contact the team's manager Nige "Slatch" Slatcher by logging onto our website

nasejuniorfc.co.uk Well done to everyone connected to the U16's for what turned out to be a memorable and successful season. Slatch, *NAJFC U16's Team Manager.*

## FREE COACHING COURSES FOR YOUNGSTERS

Dozens of local children were this week treated to free coaching courses by a generous former footballer. Ex-Sunderland and Darlington star Martin Gray, who is now running his own successful coaching Academy, has rewarded the Newton Aycliffe youngsters with the free sessions as a thank you. Nearly 100 children enjoyed the two-day course at Greenfield Community College during the half-term break on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

"It was just to say thank you to the children and their parents for regularly attending my courses," said Martin, who has also worked as assistant manager to Dave Penney at both Darlington and Oldham. "It's important to give something back and I recognise that without the children, there are no courses."

Martin, who holds the Pro Licence coaching diploma (UEFA's highest accreditation in football coaching), set up the Martin Gray Football Academy last summer. He and his staff are now delivering the most popular and comprehensive coaching courses in the region.

"We pride ourselves on delivering fun and enjoyable courses for everyone who attends our courses," added the 39-year-old.

Martin's Academy runs a wide range of sessions for boys and girls aged between five and 14, including school holiday programmes at Greenfield's state-of-the-art 3G facility. They're also planning a range of summer coaching courses during the school holidays later this year, including a four-day summer holiday course at Greenfield from Tuesday August 9 to Friday August 12. The Academy can accommodate small groups or even 1-on-1 coaching, fitness and conditioning programmes and dietary advice as well as physiotherapy (on referral to a chartered physiotherapist). Anyone wanting more details about the Martin Gray Football Academy and its services, call Martin on 07738131914, email [info@martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk) or go to [www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk](http://www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk)



## Women's Self Defence Class

A new self defence class for women is to begin on Thursday, 9th June from 6.30-7.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Judo Club.

Ladies, why not come along to get fit and learn to protect yourself with qualified instructor Majid and his assistant Lisa. Sessions will be held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in the Sycamore Suite, price just £3.50. For more information call Lisa on 07522 180 968.





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### QUAKERS SIGN STRIKER WALSHAW

Darlington have made their first summer signing, with striker James Walshaw joining from Guiseley. The 27-year-old forward, who was Guiseley's top scorer in the Conference North last season, has penned a one-year deal at the Northern Echo Arena, with an option for a second year. Formerly with Ossett Town, Wakefield and Farsley Celtic, Walshaw made a big impact with the Lions in his first season, winning the league player of the year award, before finishing top marksman in 2010-11. The Dewsbury-born forward has also represented his country in the England C team. Quakers boss Mark Cooper said: "It's a fantastic signing for us and we're delighted. James was a sought-after player this summer, there were a lot of top clubs after him, League Two clubs and a couple of big-spending Conference clubs. But we're pleased to make an early breakthrough because it's a difficult time of the year, when players and clubs are holding out for the best deal and keeping cards close to their chest. "We met with James last week and he obviously liked the look of the place and what we had to say. He's an ambitious lad who's come through the leagues and he's hungry to do well. He fits into our work ethos. He's strong, hard-working and has a good track record of scoring goals. He wants to achieve as a professional footballer and I'm confident he'll do well for us. He spoke to a few clubs, one over Blackpool way, but he's decided to sign for us and we've done well to get him. We're being patient with the players we're trying to sign. We don't want to pay over the odds for a player who'd be coming here for the wrong reasons. That's why we're so pleased with the signing of James because he's coming here for the right reasons. Work is ongoing on a number of other fronts but we'll continue to be patient so that we make the right signings."

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time entrants into the youth justice system and reduce re-offending has been highly commended in a national award. The Pre-Reprimand Disposal (PRD), developed by Durham County Council's Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) with Durham Constabulary, was this week "highly commended" in the Children's Services category in the Local Government Chronicle's annual awards. Led by CDYOS, the project was introduced in May 2008, initially for young people aged 10 to 13, to provide early intervention in a bid to stop further offending. Young people who enter the criminal justice system for minor offences risk limiting their prospects of getting a job. The PRD programme, which is voluntary, is offered to young people who commit their first offence to stop them going down the criminal record route. PRD helps identify issues which have lead to offending and offers support to the young people and their families to prevent

re-offending. The scheme is proving very successful and has now been extended to include young people up to the age of 18. Young people remain on police bail until the PRD is completed and thanks to PRD there has been a 71 per cent reduction in first time entrants to the youth justice system and a 50 per cent reduction in re-offending after a PRD compared to after a police reprimand. Gill Eshelby, Head of County Durham Youth Offending Service, said: "It is fantastic to be 'highly commended' in such a prestigious national award. The success of the PRD is due to the creativity and commitment of partners in County Durham to work together to reduce youth crime. The PRD is not only preventing offending - it's preventing re-offending too." PRD has been developed within existing resources and has the support of all partners in the Children's Trust, the Safe Durham Partnership and the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB).

# The "Invincible's"

Heighington AFC Boys Under 8's are a local team that have taken the Cleveland Youth League by storm, due to FA rules we have not been able to publish results and reports but what we can tell you is that this team have now finished the season unbeaten which is an unbelievable achievement!

Played - 35 Won - 32  
Drew - 3 Goals for - 165  
Goals against - 10

The Team was only formed 7 months ago, in November 2010, by Joint-Managers David Brassell and Paul Soakell. They didn't play their first game until January due to harsh weather conditions which meant starting the League mid-way through. "The Boys!" have had some really tough Sunday mornings playing two league games at a time in order to catch up on fixtures, but each and everyone of them have given 100% on the pitch, trying their hardest in matches and in training also. All of this would not have been possible without help from our sponsor, Premier Construction Northeast Ltd. Without this valued support, and much needed fundraising it is difficult to provide our team with the strips and the important equipment that they need.

Heighington AFC Boys under 8's would also like to thank all the parents for their support and also the fans of Newton Aycliffe Football Club for their fabulous support and generosity at the end of season bucket collection at Moore Lane.

Thank you!  
Heighington AFC Boys Under 8's are now looking to recruit new players to the existing squad. After an amazing first season together the team is going to step up and take on a new challenge by entering the TJFA League for the 2011/2012 Season. Children will need to be in Year 3 at school at the moment (Year 4 as of September 2011).

For more details please do not hesitate to contact Paul Soakell (07848 932 989) or David Brassell (07870 777 779)

or check out our website  
[www.clubwebsite.co.uk/heighingtonafcboys/149707/](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/heighingtonafcboys/149707/)





# Bus Travel Gets Cooler With Arriva

Arriva North East is offering customers an eco-friendly loyalty programme. The bus company, which runs services in and around Newton Aycliffe, has teamed up with sustainable loyalty programme, IceTM, to reward customers who choose to travel by bus. Ice is a new loyalty programme that rewards users for making environmentally friendly purchases. Featuring a range of retail partners that offer a more sustainable choice, shoppers will collect Ice points which can be used to get money off their Arriva ticket purchases. Ice customers can collect

and spend Ice points with any Ice retailer either online via myice.com, over the telephone or in-store at the growing number of local farm shops and independent food retailers.

The partnership means that by buying their bus tickets online via the myice.com website, Arriva bus customers will be able to collect Ice points, which can then be used to purchase goods from Arriva or any other Ice partners.

John Fozzard, marketing manager for Arriva North East, said: "Ice rewards people for buying sustainable alternatives to everyday products and services. Choosing Ice can help maintain a lower-carbon lifestyle, benefit the environment, and enables our customers to enjoy the rewards the loyalty programme offers. "We believe Ice fits in well with Arriva and that's why we're the first bus company to get on board with the scheme. Many of our customers choose the bus as a more environmentally-friendly way to travel and we think they will identify with the aims of this new partnership."

To take advantage of the programme, customers should visit [www.myice.com](http://www.myice.com) where

they can join for free. For further information on Arriva North East please visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk)

## For Sale

**BARGAIN BUYS** Take-Away Deal: new autowasher, A energy class, full manufacturers guarantee, £189 boxed and in stock, ready to load into your car boot. Tel 321 678

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**BRAND NEW** double divan with fully quilted mattress, still wrapped, can deliver. £120. Tel 07789 113343

**TWO SEATER** settee, black leather with Chenielle cushions, as new, can deliver £100. Tel 07789 113343

**YEW HI-FI** cabinet, excellent condition, £50. Tel 07789 113343

**DELL PC** for sale, 120GB HDD, 1GB ram, Pentium 4 processor, Windows XP, 17" TFT monitor, keyboard, mouse, internet ready. £55. Tel 01325 319405 or 07792 492584

**LAURA ASHLEY** Halkin chair, fixed gold cover, unused, £80. Tel 01325 307744

**MARKS & SPENCER** Wing chair, light wood legs, beige/brown cover, matching cube foot stool, £85, good condition. Tel 01325 307744

**ELECTROLUX** built up twin cavity fan oven, separate grill, excellent condition, £70. 316067

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**FULL SET** of golf clubs, never been used, bag and trolley. £75. Tel 07931 699588

**KIRBY** hoover, red bag, plus spare parts, no main machine, first reasonable offer, 313670

**PROM DRESS** Cinderella style, excellent condition, only worn once, size 8, colour peach, cost £300, will sell for £170. Tel 07522 411720

**PROM DRESS** with ruffles, excellent condition, only worn once, size 8, colour red with silver straps, cost £220, will sell for £150. Tel 07522 411720

**NEED** An old domestic appliance removing? Can't wait for the Council? Tel. 321 678

## Thank You

### Stephen Boyd (Boyd) and Helen Moore



Stephen and Helen would like to thank everyone who came to their Engagement Party. Special thanks to DJ Kenny, Karl Bell (Go Retro), Moore Lane Sports Club and guests who gave us gifts (you know who you are). Also thank you to Stephens Parents, June and Davie, Mally and Brenda for their gifts

**THANK YOU** to the very thoughtful person who kindly handed in a key found in Ashtree Close.

**THANKS** to all who attended the Funeral of Doreen. A special thanks to all the girls of Great Lakes, McCardels and WI for their nice cards. Also to Jeff and June for a very nice Service. And I feel so proud to be married to such a lovely person. Ron

**JACKS DRIVING SCHOOL** Thank you for having the patience to get me through my test. Great instructor. Also thanks to Bev for giving me the kick up the bum to do it. Cath

## In Memoriam



### Lee Smith



It's better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all. We never believed this Lee, but we would never miss one moment of the precious time we spent together for all the pain of losing you. We will miss and love you forever. Mam and Dad

**LEE SMITH** 03-06-2007.

Four long years and yet sometimes it feels like yesterday we last talked. Miss you still Lee. Lots of love, Debbie, Paul and Connor

**FOTHERGILL**, Lawrence. 3rd June 2004. Loving memories of a dear Dad and Grandad We all love and miss you. Brenda, Douglas, Stephen and Helen

**LYNNE EASTON** died 5th June 2010. Very dear friend, sadly missed and never forgotten. Love, Mad and Barry

**LYNNE EASTON** 5th June 2010. This day is remembered and quietly kept, nor words are needed we shall never forget. For those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen and unheard but always near. So loved so missed and so very dear. Love from George, Son John, Carol, Corey and Aaron xxx

**ADA HUTSON** Died 5-6-2007. I remember the day I met you and the day God made you mine. I remember the day I lost you and I will until the end of time. But among the tears and heartache, there's one thing that makes me glad, that you chose me to share with you those precious years we had. Till we meet again someday. All my love, your loving Husband, Richard xxxx

**ADA HUTSON** Died 5-6-2007. A million times we think of you, a million times we've cried. If our love could have saved you, you would never have died. Love and kisses always to our beautiful Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma xxxx

**BILLY BLACK** 28/8/1932 to 07/06/2004. Every day I think of you, every day I cry, but the love I have inside my heart for you will never die. If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane. I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. Love you forever, your loving Wife, Mena xxxxxx

**BILLY BLACK** 28/8/1932 to 07/06/2004. Dad. Dreams fade, but memories stay. Loved, missed and remembered every day. Love and miss you Dad from Daughter Sharon, Sons David and Philip; Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxxx

**BRIAN TAYLOR** died 2nd June 2004. Time slips by and life goes on, but from my heart you are never gone. Miss you still, love as always, Mavis

**BAINBRIDGE**, Margaret. 7th June 2010. Your happy smile, your heart of gold, these are the memories I will always hold. Love, Barbara

## Congratulations



### Lisa Ballantyne



#### Happy 30th Birthday

Hope you have a good one. Love you loads, John-Paul xxx

#### Happy Birthday Mammy

Lots of love from Loren, Aimee and Dylan xxx

#### Happy 30th Birthday Lisa

Hope you have a brilliant day. Lots of love from all the family

#### Happy Birthday

Happy 30th birthday Lisa. Have a great Day. Paul, Bev, Carrie and Matthew

### Katie Mowbray



Congratulations Katie on achieving three 1st Place Trophies on Sunday at Castleford.

Also in Pairs with Jamie you came 1st again.

You were both fab.

A big thank you to "Stepping Out" Teachers. Love, Val, Mam and Dad

### Bethany Brett



#### Happy 18th Birthday

To my beautiful Daughter on her 18th birthday. Lots of love from Dad, Sabrina, Harris. Tyler, Gramps, Peter and Nanna Theresa xxxx

### Ellie Ainslie



#### Happy 18th Birthday

Wishing you a life full of happiness and laughter. With all our love, Mam and Dad xxx

## Weddings

**ELLIE AINSLIE** Happy 18th birthday to my beautiful little Sister. Love from Laura xxx

**WOODHEAD**, Chanetelle. Happy 18th birthday. Hope you have a fab day, lots of love from Mum and Dad xxx

**GEMMA** Happy 1st Anniversary to my Beautiful Wife Gemma. Love you loads Richard xxxxx

**BEAUFORDS**, Daimler limousines, Rolls Royce's, Mercedes and Jaguars available for weddings, anniversaries and special occasions. Tel 01740 620 147 (Sedgefield), 07721 771 113 or visit our website on: [www.durhamweddingcars.co.uk](http://www.durhamweddingcars.co.uk)

## Chiropody

### CHIROPODY

Mr P. Oliver  
BSc (Hons) - M.Ch.S  
for a Home Visit call  
**01325 320126**

## Wanted

**WANTED** household items, old TVs cookers, washers, fridges, bikes etc. Garage clearances undertaken. Tel 321567 or 07984 817111

### Great Aycliffe Town Council



## Appointment of Catering Supervisor

Post No LB02  
Salary Scale - Point 11-14 (32 hours per week)  
£7.6575 - £1731 per hour

Applications are invited for the above post which forms part of the team within the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

The post has specific responsibility for the catering operation.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 4 GCSE's, or equivalent, including English and Mathematics, together with previous management experience within a catering environment.

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Leisure Manager Judith Simpson on 01325 300600 or by email at [jsimpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:jsimpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)  
Closing Date for Applications : Noon on Friday 17th June 2011

Application packs can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700, e-mailing: [info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk), or from the Council website: [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

Previous Applicants need not re-apply.



