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## Public Meeting on Issues Badly Affecting Aycliffe

### Discussion on County Plan & Wind Farm Proposals

Great Aycliffe Residents Association have called a Public Meeting to discuss two topics which could seriously affect Newton Aycliffe in the future.

#### 1 COUNTY PLAN 2 WIND FARM

There has been some concern shown over the Unitary Authority's County Plan which appears to be favouring expansion in central Durham when it is clearly evident growth is about to take place in the South West of the County.

Scarce attention has been given to the Hitachi

development and the necessity for improved infrastructure to cope with the demands this major industrialist will make on our area.

It is hoped someone from the County Council will be available to give more detail on the plan as the information and its implication on Aycliffe have not been fully understood.

Aycliffe is located ideally as the gateway to County Durham and boasts the second largest industrial area in the region. As such it should be vibrant, progressive and be allowed to grow.

The other current topic is the proposed Wind Farm - the largest in the country and there is confusion and alarm over this massive installation.

There will be opportunities to hear all sides of the argument to help residents come to a conclusion on the effectiveness or otherwise of wind power.

The meeting is designed to inform and help Newtonians understand what effect these future projects will have on them and their families in the future. Those present will have an opportunity to ask relevant questions.

The meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 7th July at 7pm.

## Children Question Their M.P.



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Our MP Phil Wilson recently visited Sugar Hill School to tell students all about his job and take a "Question Time" session from Year 3 & 4. Daniel, Y4, asked a road safety question and in particular about the crossing at St. Clare's Church which is used by schoolchildren. Phil promised to look into a number of issues raised

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*We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.*

## Church Fair at Woodham this Saturday!

This annual event moves inside due to bad weather each year it has been held. There will be the usual stalls and refreshments with St Francis School Choir in attendance. The Grand Raffle will be drawn. **Saturday 18th June from 10am at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham.** Everyone welcome.

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**Saturday 18th June - "BULLET"**

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Tracks by - Guns N Roses, Pearl Jam, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Iron Maiden, U2, Ozzy, Foo Fighters, Velvet Revolver and more - [www.bulletband.co.uk](http://www.bulletband.co.uk)

**Saturday 25th June - "1 0 1"**

We are pleased to welcome back one of the Tub's favourite bands, who play a great mix of modern and classic rock. Tracks covered by: Led Zeppelin, Kiss, AC/DC, Kings of Leon, Lynyrd Skynyrd, KISSer Chiefs, Nirvana, Razorlight, Pink Floyd, Green Day.

Davy's Rock Page Review: "All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to hear newer covers with a good mix of older rock 101 deliver."

**Saturday 2nd July - "RUSS TIPPINS"**

"His first set was done with an acoustic guitar, and it has to be said it was just like an intimate unplugged session you see on MTV, the atmosphere was amazing (as was his guitar playing) all the songs he covered were ideally suited for an acoustic set, Russ just oozed confidence. The second set was back to the electric guitar and back to rock, all the classic rock bands were covered, Floyd, Zep, AC/DC, Purple, Stones, Santana. In summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub." - DAVY'S ROCK PAGE review

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The Restorative Justice Scheme is an award winning programme devised by County Durham Youth Offending Service for youngsters who find themselves with various court orders who benefit from a programme to 'pay back' the community. The 'pay back' can take the form of painting and decorating community properties, gardening, litter picking and site clearing. In bad weather, industrial units equipped with tools are available to make items such as planters, which are then sold, with profits to charity. After paying the council back for the cost of the materials the young people will soon donate £394.15 to charity. The Rainbow Trust is a national charity which provides finance and support to terminally ill children and their families.

## COLOURFUL SUMMER FAYRE AT P.C.C.

The Summer Fayre at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 11th June was a huge success despite the cool weather. Around 500 people took advantage of the activities on offer including family entertainment, free therapies and treatments, arts activities, market stalls and refreshments. The face painting proved to be very popular with the youngsters and it was fun to see the wide variety of colourful faces. One of the new activities on offer was 'Colour your Life', Arts on Prescription which aims to provide free access to arts activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing using professional experienced artists. Free sessions will run weekly in the Pioneering Care Centre from Friday 17th June from 10am - 12 noon and 12.30 - 2.30pm. Anyone interested in participating contact the Centre on 01325 321234. Or email: [colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net](mailto:colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net)



## GIRL GUIDE QUIZ WINNERS

GirlguidingUK at Newton Aycliffe's Community Fair thanks everyone who supported our fundraising for Unit Funds and participation in the Baden Powell Challenge Adventure.

The outright winner of the local landmarks quiz, and the only person to correctly identify all ten photographs, was Mrs N Wise (box of chocolates) and the runner up was Mr M Pearson (bar of chocolate). Koochie Bear was successfully found by "Spencer". All prizes should have been delivered this week.

We have one Rainbow Unit (age 5-7 years), four Brownie Units (7-10), a Guide Unit (10-15) and a Ranger Senior Section (14-25) all meeting weekly term

time in Newton Aycliffe. For further details log on to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk), email [n.aycliffediv@sky.com](mailto:n.aycliffediv@sky.com) or phone 01325 311204 for local contact details.

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## Bird Boxes for School Garden



Pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary School received an addition to their accommodation facilities recently in the form of two new bird boxes.

The boxes were presented to the children by Mr. Robbie McCormack, Resident Involvement Coordinator of Sedgfield Borough Homes, who commented: "We are delighted to be able to support the local schools by donating the wildlife boxes which had been made by Endeavour Woodcrafts in Ferryhill. It is great to see the children working hard to develop their wildlife garden and we hope the new boxes will help the children encourage more animals to move into the garden."

The pupils from the school have worked hard over the last year to improve the school environment. They have designated areas that enhance and encourage wildlife, offering a range of different habitats. They also have a garden area where produce is grown. The bird boxes will be situated within the garden area and the wildlife area and will be a welcome addition in those areas.

*Pupils left to right are: Thomas, Oliver, Ellsa, Willow and Katie.*

## Free Course in Catering

A free food safety in catering course - accredited at level 2 still have some places available at both Woodham & Agnew Community Centre's. Wednesday 22nd June at Woodham, 9.00am to 4.30pm, contact David on 01325-316144 or email [d.suttonlloyd@btinternet.net](mailto:d.suttonlloyd@btinternet.net). Friday 24th June at Agnew 9am to 4.30pm, contact Ron on 01325-321504, 301033 or email on [agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com](mailto:agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com)

## WALWORTH HAVE THE X-FACTOR



Recently all the children at Walworth school took part in an X - Factor competition. This was the second year the competition had taken place. A large, invited, audience of parents and Governors were treated to a variety of singing and dancing by the children. Children had designed and made costumes and also produced art work to decorate the staging area.

The competition itself was "fierce" and the judges found it extremely difficult to decide on a winner. Their eventual decision was very popular with the audience and the winning

group received their trophy from the judges. The winning song, "Hot Weather" was a humorous mix of singing and interaction which had both audience and judges enthralled. Staff at Walworth were delighted and proud by the amount of effort the children had put into both, the practice before the day and, the competition itself. Head Teacher, Peter Wallbanks said, "The X - Factor competition had been an idea from the children and all of them showed confidence and talent while performing in front of a large audience".

## KEEPING VARIETY SHOWS ALIVE



THE MAGICAL DAYS OF VARIETY - 'TWICE BRIGHTLY' comes to the Civic Hall, Shildon on Sunday 26th June at 7.30pm. This fabulous show takes you back to the days when Variety was King, presenting a mix of comedy, music and singing - an evening of blissful nostalgia. KEEP VARIETY LIVE - COME FOR AN EVENING OUT. Tammy Jones, International Recording Artist of "Let Me Try Again" reached number 5 in the music charts and she appeared in the "Song for Europe" TV programme singing "Love's a Carousel". She starred in her own TV series "Tammy" and appeared on TV with Benny Hill, Tom Jones, The Bachelors, and Morecambe & Wise as well as an appearance at the Royal Command Performance.

She has cruised worldwide and headlined in summer shows. Tammy has appeared and recorded in Nashville and because of her love for gospel music she sang on TV in 'Highway' with Sir Harry Secombe. Now back in the UK after 15 years performing in New Zealand she still sings as beautifully as ever and presents a lovely programme of varied songs - you'll find her amongst the audience for some of them!

Johnny Stafford - the UK's No.1 Harmonica Virtuoso. Johnny started his career with the famous Morton Fraser Harmonica Rascals appearing many times with them on television and radio. He went on to enjoy a wonderful solo career touring the world playing in theatres, concerts and on cruise ships. Johnny has produced many magnificent recordings for companies such as EMI and he was asked by Lionel Bart to record his song 'Sparrows Can't Sing'. His recording of 'Moon River' is a beautiful example of his immaculate playing. Audiences really enjoy both his playing and ready wit.

Supporting stars include: Mavis Lane - A superb singer with a great personality who sings a wide range of songs from musicals to standards, singalong to Olde Tyme favourites. She trained at the Guildhall School of Music, London but before that began her career singing with her father, Benny Freedman's Dance Band in Southsea, Hampshire. She went on to

appear in shows in London's West End, on radio and TV, and in cabaret and variety all around the UK and Europe.

## MAYOR "AT HOME" TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Wednesday, 29th June 2011 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Councillor Mrs. Dalton would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.

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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS

**Wednesday 29th June 2011**  
**Special Policy & Resources Committee**  
**7.15pm**

#### QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence of 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.

#### EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that:  
An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**Wednesday 29th June 2011**  
Immediately following the  
Special Policy & Resources Committee Meeting

**Items on the Agenda**  
(i) To confirm the minutes of the Special Policy and Resources Committee  
(ii) To receive the Annual Audit Plan 2010/11 from the Audit Commission.  
(iii) To consider the following Consultation Papers from Durham County Council:  
• The County Durham Plan - "Towards a Strategy for Low Carbon Energy in County Durham"  
• The County Durham Plan - Technical Consultation Report - "Towards A Waste Delivery Strategy for County Durham."

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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# SCOUT CENTRE SEEKS LOCAL SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION

Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters and Community Association have successfully run their Centre at Bluebell Way Newton Aycliffe since 1976.

After 35 years they are keen to expand their building to enable the development of new exciting projects and activities for young people and the wider community.

The pool of loyal volunteers and members are determined to raise the £200,000 needed to make this project a reality. They have so far raised a significant £70,000 themselves through fundraising days, hall hire and their evening on-site social club.

Since October last year they started to submit funding applications to donor charities and have had a 99% success rate raising a further £37,500 from the Clothworkers Foundation, the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, Sherburn House Hospital Trust and Catherine Cookson Foundation and are awaiting results from others.

The next step in this venture is to seek support and



Impression of enlarged Scout Centre

donations from locally based businesses and industries. 150 letters are being sent out to local businesses over the next week in the hope to raise at least a further £5000 towards this fabulous project, benefiting local people. These contributions are not only important to raise the funds towards the extension but are equally important to reflect community and business support to donor charities when submitting further applications.

Their support will be gratefully received and well publicised.

The Association raise their funds through hiring out their hall accommodating up to 90 people. They have a bar area

which can cater for drinks during functions and also a cinema screen that is very useful when making speeches or running slide shows.

They recently invested in wifi which allows people to use the internet onsite. The community can hire this hall at weekends and during the day. To enquire or book the hall contact: 01325 318901

The Association's members are very excited about all the positive developments regarding the extension project and are very hopeful of support from local businesses and the wider community.

# IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR WITH MILLER HOMES' NEW INCENTIVE

MILLER Homes has announced a new incentive that will not only help first time buyers in County Durham but will also reward their family members with an instant windfall.

The award-winning house builder has launched Family Deposit®, a brand new scheme that rewards family members that assist new buyers with their deposit. The scheme enables family members to fund deposits of up to 20 per cent of the property purchase price.

Unlike other schemes in the marketplace, the family member will earn the equivalent of five years' interest at five per cent on their investment, which will be paid in a lump sum to them when the purchaser legally completes the sale.

Miller Homes North East regional sales director Steve McElroy said: "We know from conducting our own research and speaking to buyers that many young people who would love to own their own home can

afford to pay a mortgage but simply cannot gather the hefty deposits required to buy the home of their dreams.

"With this in mind, we have designed an incentive that not only enables generous relatives the chance to earn some of their investment back, but it also helps new buyers onto the property ladder – something that we feel extremely passionate about."

The new incentive is available on selected plots on Miller Homes' developments across County Durham including Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe, Heather Lea Green in Crook, The Meadows in Framwellgate Moor and The Pastures in Darlington.

At Cobblers Hall a range of stunning three, four and five bedroom homes start from £174,000. A four-bedroom detached Almond house type has had a special price reduction from £255,000 to £249,995, making this home now below the stamp duty threshold and therefore even more affordable.

At Heather Lea Green, traditional two-story three and four-bedroom detached homes are available from £149,950 and at The Meadows a range of three, four and five-bedroom homes can be purchased from £206,000.

Finally, at The Pastures a selection of three and four-bedroom homes start from as little as £132,000. Currently the three-bedroom Chartwell house type with detached single garage (plot 115) has even had a special £5,000 price reduction from £132,000 to £127,000 and comes with carpets throughout.

The new Family Deposit® scheme also allows more than one relative to club together to help the new buyer and share the interest paid.

The new incentive is available on selected plots at Miller Homes County Durham developments now. Visit [www.millerhomes.co.uk/explore/northeast](http://www.millerhomes.co.uk/explore/northeast) for more details.

# CHARITY MARKET STALL RAISED £316 FOR STREET CHILDREN



A big thank you to Newton News for listing our City of Angels Street Children Market Stall. We were able to give £316.06p to Father Campion of St Mary's & St Josephs Church. He was absolutely delighted and amazed at the support from the wonderful people of Aycliffe who came to the stall and bought items. It was fantastic and we even had people bringing items on the day of the sale.

Thanks also to Mears Homes, for their generous donations, to Kate and parishioners, the market federation, without whom we wouldn't have been able to have the stall, and to M&Co for the coat hangers

Paul & Mike showed support

for the stall on behalf of our MP Phil Wilson, who was going to attend but got called away to Westminster on business.

The weather was kind apart from an occasional shower, and the money raised will help run Father Pat Clarke's Street Children's Project. We will have a stall at Great Aycliffe Show in August, thanks to the Town Council, Brian from Croxdale Tyres and Brian from Neville Pharmacy who have been more than generous paying the insurance for the stall. Hopefully we will get together as a community, again to raise more funds for needy children.

Kathleen Brockless and Tony Fittes



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# Biking the Rhine for Aycliffe Charity



Seven cyclists are to pedal their way through the Rhine Valley to raise cash for ROC SOLID, a young people's supported housing project in Newton Aycliffe.

The team will ride in relays for a total of 754 miles from Friday 1 July to Thursday 6 July. The 'ROC the Rhine' route takes them from ROC SOLID, to Harwich, then across the North Sea to Rotterdam, to Wesel, Koblenz, Karlsruhe, Basel and then to Montreux in Switzerland.

"My wife and I foster for Reach Out Care in Newton Aycliffe and I think their charity ROC SOLID is a brilliant idea as it supports

care leavers," said Simon Edwards who lives near Darlington.

"We timed our arrival in Switzerland to coincide with the Montreux Jazz Festival so we'll enjoy some music and liquid refreshment before heading home!"

Simon's team consists of his friend Trevor Shaw plus Mandy Shaw, David James, Steve Cook and Brian McAnaney, who all work at the project, and fostering manager Lynne Brown.

All money raised will go towards summer activities for the young people. If you want to sponsor the ride, call the ROC SOLID team on 01325 310009 option 3.

# Methodist Church News

On Saturday 18th June from 6 - 7.30pm we are holding a Praise Party at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

The party will be led by DuggieDugDug (Doug Horley) who has a heart for families to enjoy worship and come to know God in a real but fun way.

Tickets are £2 per child in advance or £3 on the door. Parents and carers are welcome to accompany their children (under 4's must be with an adult at all times).

Doug will also be leading a seminar for those working with children, from 2 - 4pm the cost is £10 person.

Join us for Sunday morning worship on Father's Day, June 19th at 10.30am where Doug will lead a fun worship time complete with puppets and hip hop dancing.

For tickets or more information tel 316455 or 01388 7728098

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## Year Seven STEM Trip to Durham



A group of Woodham students attended an Aim Higher event in Durham to complete a number of cross curricular projects which included Maths, Science and Design Technology. Students helped to design creative solutions to problems such as the design of container ships and how to combine materials to produce slime putty.

## CLASS OF '81 REUNION

Catch up on Facebook with all "The Avenue Gang": Keith Rowling, Doug Grant, Debbie Wise, Neville Jones, Stuart Howarth and Tony Young. The Re-union is on 24th September in the Leisure Centre Bar at 7.30pm. E-mail: [debbie.wilson67@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.wilson67@yahoo.com)

## Hall Garth Hotel Hold Family Fun Day

With just a few weeks left to go until the Family Fun Day, it's all go at Hall Garth Hotel as the final plans are put into place and local support is gathering for what is set to be a great FREE day out for the family!

As a successful, annual, event it is set to be bigger and better this year with support being given by local events company, Ruby Red Events Ltd. Carrie Wilson of Hall Garth Hotel says...

"These last few weeks have been busy with securing some really interesting local exhibitors, all of whom are really looking forward to promoting their varied goods and expert services at this annual event."

We really want to make

the Hall Garth Family Fun Day bigger and better than any previous year, and go on to make it a renowned and anticipated event for years to come!"

"As well as a wonderful array of exhibitors, there will also be a delicious barbecue and refreshments available in the beautiful grounds of the hotel.

And, for those of you who are feeling energetic, join in the fun and games on the lawn (it's not just for the children!), with prizes to be won!

"Entry to this event is FREE, with on-site parking, come along and see us on the day, the doors are open 11am until 3pm" For exhibitor booking information contact [info@rubyred-events.co.uk](mailto:info@rubyred-events.co.uk) or call 07894 254 650.



## St. MARY'S YEAR 5 VISIT HARDWICK PARK

On Thursday 9th June, Year 5 pupils from St Mary's Primary visited Hardwick Park near Sedgefield. When we arrived we were greeted by Sarah, a park volunteer who told us a brief history of the park and all its recent improvements.

Next we went to visit the exhibition of the park; we could look at the models of the buildings in the park and even try to rebuild the bridge. We also watched a video about how the park has been developed in the last few years.

We then had some free time to explore the park, we saw squirrels and rabbits in the woods, and the beautiful pond had lots of ducks and ducklings and even some swans with their cygnets.

At lunch time we were able to eat our lunch in the temple up on the hill. After lunch we met up with 2 park rangers who took us to do some pond dipping this was great fun. We found lots of water creatures including sticklebacks, frogs and water beetles; we even saw some dragonflies dancing over the pond.

Our exciting afternoon continued with a mini beast hunt we looked under log piles to find spiders, beetles and other interesting bugs. Sadly it was time to go back to the bus; we took lots of photographs to remind us of our visit.

These are some comments from the children:

Katie said "It's a really lovely place I will definitely be coming back"

Daniel said "It's a great place for all the family to spend time"

Molly said "It's a fantastic family park"

Kieron said "I have been here already, but I loved learning about the history"

Written by Year 5



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**Osric Place  
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£75,000**

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**Finchale Road  
Newton Aycliffe  
£185,000**

Three bedroom detached family home. Paved driveway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility, ensuite, garden, garage

**Silkin Way  
Newton Aycliffe  
£87,000**

Two bedroom terrace in a corner location of a popular area. Lounge/Dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, study, separate WC, DG, GCH, vacant possession, no chain

**Yarrow Court  
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£109,995**

A realistically priced 3 bed semi detached property. Fitted kitchen/diner. Modern Bathroom/WC, GCH, private Garden and driveway

**Chillingham Grove  
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£115,000**

An attractive 3 bedroom semi detached property. Fitted kitchen/diner, modern bathroom/WC, DG, GCH, pleasant cul-de-sac location.

**Kestrel Court  
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**Byerley Road  
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**Wren Close  
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£110,000**

A well maintained mid terrace 3 bed property. Bathroom/WC, modern kitchen, DG, GCH, garage with garden. Immediate vacant possession, we advise internal inspection

**Clover Court  
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£161,950**

A much improved 3 bedroom detached house, conservatory, DG, Modern bathroom/WC, private enclosed gardens

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# New Youth Service Offices for Aycliffe



This module building suddenly appeared next to the Youth Centre last weekend and readers have asked its purpose. We can reveal it is one of a few being provided in the County to improve availability of services to the youth of the town. Newton News was aware of the new offices and asked numerous times for information and an artists impression of the building without success. Now it is here we have to say it looks rather ugly, but hopefully when finished might be more attractive. It certainly makes a mockery of planning directives which call for any new building to be lined up with existing. This seems to have been just dropped on the site without much consideration for its overall impact on the environment.

## Situations VACANT

**Great Aycliffe Town Council**

**Appointment of Casual Staff**

Salary Scale - Point 4  
£6.31 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 [judith.simpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:judith.simpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

**Closing Date for Applications:**  
Noon on Friday 1st July 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)

**Great Aycliffe Town Council**

**Appointment of Part-Time Bar/Catering Assistant**

(16.5 hours per week) - Post No LB06  
Spinal Scale - Point 4-6 (16 hours per week)  
£6.31-£6.40 per hour

Applications are invited for the above post which forms part of the team within the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 4 GCSE's, or equivalent, including English and Mathematics, together with previous experience of working within a customer care environment. The post holders will work on a shift rota. For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Leisure Manager Judith Simpson on 01325 300600 or by email at [judith.simpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:judith.simpson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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## JIMMY CRICKET SHOW A FABULOUS NIGHT

Showcase Entertainments International Limited succession of successful shows have proved very popular and on Sunday 5th June, the Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show at Shildon was no exception.

Jimmy Cricket had everyone roaring in the aisles from the moment he walked on the stage as the packed audience were taken back to old fashioned variety and family entertainment. There were fabulous costumes and beautifully choreographed routines by the Showcase Dancers who perform in every Showcase production. Aycliffe's Geoff West was on top form singing songs from "Swing" and ending with a spectacular finale with the full company in "New York New York".

Two young vocalists graced the stage for the first time - Annice Race and Bethany Dagnell both proving popular with the audience. Under the direction of Showcase Choreographer the Paul Morgan Tappers entertained with colourful routines which they had only learnt in eight weeks of tap dancing lessons. The youngest of these was only four years

old. The Dianne Macadam and the Caroline Race Dancers took part in the night's entertainment and all the children were a credit to their schools.

Jimmy Cricket said he was overwhelmed by the professionalism and production of the show and stated he had never seen entertainment like it for a very long time.

One of the highlights of the show was Paul Morgan's spectacular solo dance routine from Copacabana. Special thanks to Paul Watson and the staff of the Shildon Civic Hall where these shows have been staged since Christmas.

The Showcase Dancers can be seen in Blackpool throughout the summer alongside Joe Longthorne and Billy Pearce at The Grand Theatre, Blackpool. The next show to be staged at Shildon will be a Musical Tribute to the Late Legendary Norman Wisdom, including full supporting cast and the Showcase Dancers on July 1st at 7.30pm.

For more information please telephone Showcase on 01325 316224. Geoffrey J.L. Hindmarch

## Police & Partners Set Community Challenge

'Challenge 1000' is an initiative during National Neighbourhood Watch week (18th - 25th June), to recruit 1000 new members in 1 week.

Locations in Newton Aycliffe, Chilton, Spennymoor, Shildon and Sedgfield will be the focus of the initiative. Police have carefully identified crime areas where there is no Neighbourhood Watch.

Beat Officers supported by Durham County Council wardens will be calling at households throughout the week of action, encouraging residents to join the scheme. The scheme which is free to join, offers potentially safer neighbourhoods and reduced levels of crime and members often enjoy reductions in household insurance premiums.

This is one of many events going on throughout County Durham and Darlington to mark the week of action.

In Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor police districts, almost 25% of households are affiliated to the Neighbourhood Watch network, representing 10,000 homes.

Neil Langthorne (Police Community Liaison Officer)

said. 'We have seen what can be achieved with the support of the community. Last year we experienced significant reductions in crime, with burglary falling to an almost all-time low'.

"What we are setting out to achieve is challenging and through the Challenge 1000 initiative we hope to capture the public's imagination and build on an already strong membership"

Existing members are being asked to introduce friends and relatives to the scheme. Police believe the intervention of Neighbourhood Watch members, prevented the theft of two caravans in Aycliffe Village and in Newton Aycliffe, the vigilance of two members, provided vital information regarding an offender responsible for a distraction burglary.

A police messaging system alerts co-ordinators to potential crime problems and encourages the reporting of suspicious activity.

Anyone interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch can do so by contacting their local Police Community Liaison Officer on Tel: 0345 60 60 365

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Interested in Dancing, Singing or Acting? Aged 11 - 19 years? How about learning these for Free?

The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group supply full training, without any nasty hourly, weekly or monthly fees to pay. The group produce and perform 2 musical productions a year, as well as entertaining at Charity events, Fetes, Festivals, etc. Maybe you are interested in learning the technical side of theatre work, like sound and lighting? The group is about to go into rehearsals for their next production "Aladdin". Oh Yes It Is! This will be performed in January 2012. Interested? Need more information? Ring 01388 774838 [www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk](http://www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk)

## LOOKING FOR ACTING TALENT IN AYCLIFFE



Scene from the group's first last play

NEW local amateur theatre group, Stage One Productions, will be holding open auditions to discover new talent for their line up of forthcoming productions.

Stage One Productions was formed last year to present plays, comedies and drama on a level unlike anything else ever staged in our area, bringing amateur dramatics back to Newton Aycliffe. Their debut production was the comedy play 'Kissing Sid

James' by Robert Farquhar, which was successfully staged at St. Clare's Church hall. If you are an amateur actor or interested in becoming one, then we would like to hear from you (minimum age 18). Open auditions are on Saturday 25th June at St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe 10:00am - 3:00pm. Register on the day or reserve a place by contacting (01325) 318 486 or go to [www.stage-one-productions.co.uk](http://www.stage-one-productions.co.uk)

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## LET'S GET COOKING



This week saw the latest group of reception children from Sugar Hill Primary School receive their award for completing the 'Let's Get Cooking' course. They celebrated with a picnic for parents to showcase their culinary skills. Well done boys and girls.

## GOOD VALUE SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE COMPLEX

Do you want to try somewhere different for Sunday Lunch? Oak Leaf Sports Complex does a wonderful roast for only £5.95 Adults and £4.00 Childs portion. There's no need to book we've got plenty of space.

Lunch is served from 12.00noon until 2.00pm in the bar. You will always find a warm welcome awaits you from our friendly staff. For further information, contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex 01325-300600.

## MP URGES US TO APPLY FOR SPEAKER'S PARLIAMENTARY PLACEMENTS SCHEME

In recent years, numerous studies have shown that Parliament is unrepresentative that the creation of a host of unpaid internship positions are making politics only accessible to the wealthy or those based in London. The Speaker's Parliamentary Placements scheme that has been launched this week is a cross-party project created by Hazel Blears, Labour MP for Salford and Eccles, Eric Ollerenshaw, Conservative MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood and Jo Swinson, Liberal Democrat MP for East Dunbartonshire, which aims to address these issues by offering 12 people the opportunity and support to complete a paid internship in Parliament.

The scheme hopes to attract people from disadvantaged and diverse backgrounds, in a bid to make Parliament more inclusive and open. Phil Wilson said:

"I am delighted to see the

launch of the Speaker's Parliamentary Placements scheme.

It is a fantastic programme that will open up internships in Parliament to people from ordinary backgrounds, and I hope that people across Sedgefield who are passionate about politics will consider applying."

The scheme will make Parliament more open and accessible. It will give people from working class backgrounds the opportunities that currently just aren't open to them, and take an important step towards making our politics more representative of ordinary people.

Applications can be made on the Social Mobility Foundation's website: [www.socialmobility.org.uk](http://www.socialmobility.org.uk)

If you would like to contact me about this issue or any other, please ring my office on 0207 219 4966 or email [phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk) Phil Wilson MP

## Aycliffe's Band of Brothers



### Summer Fair

Saturday 18th June from 2pm, all welcome for entertainment, refreshments, various stalls and more! All money raised will go into residents' fund.

Susan Gill sent this photo of her stepson and two sons, Matthew, Ashley and Hayden to mark Armed Forces Week. Hayden J Gill (18 yrs centre of photo) Passing Off recently and was awarded Marksman and Best Shot. He is now a Signaller continuing his training at Blandford. Matthew I Gill (28 yrs), is a Staff Sergeant serving in Ireland and J Ashley Gill (20), Lance Corporal currently posted in California. All three serve in the Royal Signals, lived in Newton Aycliffe and attended Greenfield School. Mum wanted to share this photograph with their friends in Newton Aycliffe as she is so proud of them, and so happy to have the opportunity to photograph them together in uniform.

## Charity Jazz Night at The Big Club

The town's Rotary Club held a Jazz Night featuring the Tees Valley Jazzmen which was formed in Newton Aycliffe 40 years ago. The concert was in the Big Club who made their large hall available for the event in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

The Management have been very helpful in this regard and the Rotary Club President Barry Hutchinson presented a certificate in recognition of their contribution to charity.

The band were superb and everyone was well entertained with a wide repertoire of fantastic music. The Mayor Mary Dalton, MP Phil Wilson and a number of local Civic Dignitaries including the Vice Chairman of the County Council were in attendance.



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## Honest John's Stall Helps Where NHS Fails

Dear Sir,  
My fundraising stall has donated £250 to a new cat sanctuary in Newton Aycliffe formed by a voluntary group of dedicated cat lovers. I am currently raising cash for 8 month old Noah, a boy from the town who needs to be fitted with a Plagiocare Helmet to help reshape his head, allowing him to lead a normal life. The procedure (shamefully) cannot be carried out by the NHS, but will be done by the O'SSUR Clinic in Leeds costing around £2,300 of which £1,000 has been donated by a children's charity. Thanks to all who support my Tuesday Market stall with donations of unwanted goods we will find the outstanding amount. Power to the People! Honest John.

## WE MUST NOT ACCEPT COUNCIL'S PLAN

Dear Readers,  
Having just returned from the GMB Congress in Brighton last week where I spoke about Newton Aycliffe, Hitachi and future development in the County Durham area I was intrigued by John D Clare's letter last week in the Newton News on the 20 year plan from DCC. After careful analysis we have a golden opportunity to work together with the Town Council to exploit existing opportunities where our industry is situated. The arrival in Newton Aycliffe of Hitachi has only highlighted that our town has a lot going for it, not just the excellent road access to the A1M - something DCC have simply not grasped in their 20 year plan. By 2030 the young population of Newton Aycliffe will have reached

that stage in their life where they are bringing up their own families and we need to cater for that. I know the Great Aycliffe Councillors feel like myself, in that we anticipate the vast majority of them would not wish to live in an economic Ghost Town bereft of jobs and hope. Bringing in employment seems to be one substantial area the County Council's 20 year plan fails to address. This is simply ludicrous and John Clare excellently highlights many other failings of the plan in his letter last week. The choices in front of us are few;  
**1. We can address these issues and seek to bring about changes.**  
**2. Or do nothing by leaving it up to someone else and continue as before.**

It would appear the Town Council should set the lead by working together to harness all their efforts into a co-ordinated response during the consultation phase. Please note that your comments during this consultation (which closes Friday July 8th) can be e mailed to [ldfconsultation@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ldfconsultation@durham.gov.uk) The actual document can be viewed or downloaded from <http://www.durham.gov.uk/ldf> Kenneth Stubbs Secretary (Great Aycliffe Independents Party)

## Large Wind Farms Avoid Planning Permission

Dear Sir,  
It's official! Size does matter! If Wind-Farm developers opt for a large-one they can avoid the local planning process and submit the application directly for governmental considerations.

## How Long Do We Wait for Aldi?

Dear Sir,  
I am virtually housebound and rely on my wife to tell me about the development of the town centre to which she says is very little. To my amazement a building has been erected in a matter of weeks next to the Youth Centre, where as no workmen, never mind work, have been done on the "Aldi Site" which all the townsfolk are awaiting. I understand that our MP has been busy with different tasks bringing numerous jobs to the town, but surely he should start and finish one job. I fear if they wait any longer Aldi may pull out of coming to the town. J Stoddart  
**Dear Sir,**  
**I thought the Aldi store was supposed to be built by now. Instead, it is still an empty space, with a mountain of rubble in the middle. What is the holdup now? What about the promise of keeping us informed? Mrs. R. Jones**

Which might explain why 'The Isles' area was selected for large scale development. (a) It could accomodate 25-45 Turbines, and (b) the land-owners may have indicated willingness to accomodate it despite local opinion questioning the use of low-lying, flat land! One survey is said to have noted that area to be of 'None or Little Impact' for Wind-Farm use! Moreover, a development of that scale would be of national significance, not just a local issue. If that does happen, I believe Great Aycliffe Town Council has the remit and the right to act on it's resident's behalf to organise and call Parish Meetings to respond to such an application and to co-ordinate action with our M.P. If developers do decide to make a 'Big' issue of this, I believe Great Aycliffe needs no less a response on it's behalf in answer to it. I sincerely hope G.A.T.C. can rise to that eventuality in co-ordination and co-operation with our M.P.'s on-going campaign. Don Fraser, Woodham



## Young People Can Apply for Volunteer Awards

Dear Editor  
Too often all we hear about are negative comments about young people. I would like everyone to challenge that; think positively and come up with suggestions about young people who have made an exceptional contribution to their local community We then want to encourage them to apply for this year's Ambition AXA Awards. As a volunteering and learning charity, CSV has nearly 50 years experience of empowering people of all ages to take positive action in their communities. I will be helping to judge the community category for the Ambition AXA Awards and during the summer we want young people to tell us how they have worked with others to make that all important difference. There is something very special about the care and commitment that young people bring, as well as their boundless energy and enthusiasm. Community achievements can be as diverse as campaigning to stamp out bullying or gang culture or creating a wildlife haven for rare animals. Young people have helped older people feel less isolated in their homes, helped them use computers and get online while others have overcome their own disabilities to improve lives. The Awards which are

targeted at 11-18 year olds have been created to recognise outstanding young people involved in The Arts, Community, Enterprise, Science and Sport. The winner in each category receives a bespoke mentoring prize worth up to £40,000 per category to progress their ambitions so that they can continue to make that all important difference. More information is available by visiting our website at [www.csv.org.uk](http://www.csv.org.uk). Please encourage young people to apply so that we can celebrate their remarkable achievements. Lucy de Groot CBE

## Your Chance to Make Changes

Dear Sir  
I continually hear young people complaining they cannot get a house in Aycliffe. These people need to email [ldfconsultation@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ldfconsultation@durham.gov.uk) and tell the planners that Aycliffe needs more affordable and social housing. If they cannot be bothered to do something so simple as to make comment in the right quarter they cannot expect much. Name & address supplied

## Mind Your Own Business!

Dear Sir,  
May I ask why Public Meetings were held in other towns about the proposed turbines and outsiders given first say about what happens in and around Newton Aycliffe? What has Sedgefield to do with Aycliffe? This is a village stuck out in the back of beyond which can only boast a Race Course, Car Boot Sales and a traditional crazy kickaround once a year. Chilton has close links with Aycliffe so I can understand them being invited to any meetings, but for too long too many outsiders have had too much to say about this town and too many have benefitted from revenues raised in our area Sedgefield Borough Council spent revenues raised here (the highest revenue generator in the County) on everywhere else but Aycliffe! Now that Aycliffe has won

Hitachi will Durham County Council to do the same? Are they going to cream off the assets to spend elsewhere and forget we exist as did the Borough Council? Can Councils past and present account for this money in benefits to the people who raised the money for them? One thing I do know is we don't get answers when questions are asked. A year ago I sent two e-mails one to a lady Councilor and one to Durham County Council asking why the privately owned bus which used to be routed along Burnhill Way was re-routed through Woodham, which it already served. I am still waiting for some kind of response! Almost every bus on this town runs via Burn Lane/ Woodham - WHY? And why do Arriva have monopoly in the whole of the county? George Twissell Bakewell Place

## AYCLIFFE'S NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OPEN NEXT MONTH

Dear Sir,  
I have recently been to view the new leisure, recreational and social facility due to open next month on Aycliffe Business Park. I believe these new services are going to be the best in the North East. As well as the Bowling Alley, Assault Course and the Ice Rink, there are a number of bars and restaurants. I felt very privileged to be given a personal tour around last week and I was particularly impressed by the Assault Course that is suspended from the roof.

There have been purpose built entrances for wheelchair users and inside there is a lift for accessibility. To complement the purpose built entrances, numerous disabled bays have been created outside. These facilities have been much needed in Newton Aycliffe for a very long time. I wish Darren Pettit and his wife, who have worked hard to accomplish this new venture, every success, and I hope the residents of Newton Aycliffe give their full support. Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

## STOP PRESS UPDATE ON ALDI DEVELOPMENT

I would like to confirm that the works to create the new Aldi store here in Newton Aycliffe are on target as per the program set out at the time planning consent was obtained. We have recently gone out to tender for the building works and expect to appoint a contractor in the near future. All that now remains to be done prior to a start of the Aldi development is the diversion of gas and electricity supplies and the conclusion of formal arrangements with regard to the enabling highway works. We anticipate starting construction of the Aldi store later this summer.

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**Monday 25th July**  
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CDFHS has been steadily expanding and improving its service since being registered with the Charity Commission in 2004. This has accelerated recently to meet the additional demands placed on it due to the recession. Nearly 1200 people a month visit the showrooms with the widest range of reusable furniture and household goods in the County. They operate not only to help the disadvantaged and low income families, but any member of the public who may wish to find and negotiate a bargain.

Chris Palmer said "Anyone can visit us get help in the form of the essentials to start a home or to buy a reasonably priced item and we will often deliver on a next day basis to your door".

"We rely on the generosity of people who have surplus or unwanted items particularly beds, cookers washing machines or sofas to donate and our call centre will arrange an appointment to arrange FREE COLLECTION"

The crew of the fleet of modern vehicles carry photo identification and will remove any item as long as it is clean, reusable and in the case of "soft items" carries the relevant fire safety label. Chris Palmer told Newton News how grateful he was to the CDFHS volunteers. "Volunteering can help to improve your health and wellbeing and makes life more interesting and you can do as few or as many hours to suit the individual."

Ray Brown a Director said: "We all work hard as a team to ensure that our service is of a high standard. It benefits residents of County Durham working as we do, with the

County Council to reduce waste going to landfill". Nearly 150 tonnes of items were saved from landfill over the last year.

Diane Brown, Treasurer stated that every penny of generous donations goes to running the Charity covering overheads, rent, vehicles and general running costs. "The costs to our charity are rising particularly fuel for our vehicles. Even the overhead of our busy kitchen that often feeds in excess of 20 volunteers every day has to be carefully budgeted for. We need dedicated support volunteers, particularly people who have a catering background or an eye for tidiness in our Kitchen and Bric a brac departments".

Anyone wishing to support CDFHS by volunteering is welcome to a taster session by making an appointment with Training and Employment Coordinator - Steve Mitton. "Come and have a look behind the scenes" says Steve. "See if we can offer you what you want from your volunteering and in return get our help and support. Volunteering leads to employment and is now being recognised as informal, non accredited adult learning. We can help people get into or back to work "as CDFHS offers not just a wide range of volunteering or work experience, but full employability support". Steve is employed full time, funded entirely by external grant awards and can guide people through the volunteering and employability improvement process.

"People are trapped in unemployment, lacking experience, qualifications, or sometimes from low self esteem, depression or lack of structure. CDFHS can help through work experience and a job campaign programme by giving your CV a makeover. "We have seen over 50% of people coming to us for employability support find work," said Steve.

Tony Davies found that volunteering at CDFHS was sometimes hard work, fun and rewarding, but at the same time by getting everyone's support made him feel more alive by helping other people.

Working in partnership with Claire Todd, Learning Coordinator across South and West Durham. County Durham Furniture Help Scheme (CDFHS) was successful in securing Working Neighbourhood Funding (WNF) from the Personal Skills Training (Employability) Fund. The funding proved very successful in enabling CDFHS to provide specific training including CV preparation, interview techniques etc for eligible clients allowing them to apply for jobs in sectors where there were employment opportunities. "We are proud that we have seen a wide spread of positive job outcomes including driving, warehousing and customer service roles, self employment and one client joined the Army. Claire Todd said CDFHS had provided an excellent service and recognised the importance of being able to deliver effective training quickly, enabling clients to access employment opportunities" said Chris Palmer.

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Top: Joe Barnes, Liam Dodds, Chris Drake, Chris Armstrong, Jake Johnson, Paul Heilbron, Joe Teasdale, Mark Armstrong (Manager)  
Bottom: Daniel Swainston, Ross Lathan, Louis Fitzgerald, Harry Rockett, Jordon Steele, Richard Shires. Absent: Michael Haykin

More football success for Newton Aycliffe as the Youth Centre under 17s football team won the Russell Foster 2nd division title after a long hard season. The team won 24 of their 28 league games scoring 111 goals and conceding only 27 goals. It is the first time that the team have played in the North Durham league and a fantastic achievement for the squad, some of whom have played together since they were 7 years old. The team played some excellent football during the season and held their own against premierships and under 18 opposition in cup tournaments. The team and management would like to thank Ineos for their support throughout the season. Manager Mark is very proud of the team; "the lads fully deserve this success and we look forward to building on this next season". We are always interested in improving the team, so if you wish to join, please contact Mark on 07966 205039.

## LOCAL SPORT

### QUAKERS SEASON TICKET DEADLINE

Darlington fans can still make savings on matchday prices by buying a 2011-12 season ticket. The adult season tickets are now priced £310 each, which works out at less than £13.50 a game. The concession is £190 (£8.30 a game) and the Under-16s ticket is priced £70 (£3 a game). Season tickets in the Ron Greener Suite are now priced £360 adults, £240 concessions and £90 Under-16s. Fans who take out a season ticket before the first pre-season game at home to Newcastle United on Friday 15th July will be able to buy a ticket for each of Darlington's three high-profile home friendlies (priced £10 adults, £5 concessions) for the price of two (£20 adults, £10 concessions). Quakers are also due to welcome Middlesbrough to the Arena on Saturday July 23, while the third friendly is yet to be confirmed. It's another incentive for Darlington supporters to take out a season ticket, who will also be able to have

their picture taken with the FA Trophy during exclusive free photo shoots at the Arena later in the year. Season ticket application forms are available from the club, and can be downloaded on the club's official website at [www.darlington-fc.net](http://www.darlington-fc.net)

### 3 Peaks Walk in Memory of Newtonian

A Charity event is to be held in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Mark Bulman who lived in Aycliffe until his death. A group of students and staff at TTE Training Group are walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks and hope to raise £2,000 plus for the charity. Mark was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in October 2007 and lost his battle with the disease last year, at the age of 21. If any reader wishes to support the walk please contact Mark's Aycliffe friend Russell Hodgson on 07814 781 089)

## Cricket Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Truck Training, dodged the showers to produce arguably their best performance of the season, thumping Wearmouth at home by 86 runs in the top division of the North East Durham League. Batting first, the home side were in deep trouble at 112 for 7, but were rescued with an outstanding club record 8th wicket partnership of 107 between David Turgoose (60 runs) and 16 year Sam Telford (51 not out) and with useful contributions from Michael Howe (38 runs) and Luke Telford (31 runs), Aycliffe reached an impressive 223 for 8 in their 45 overs. In reply, the visitors found Aycliffe opening bowlers Michael Howe (3 for 24) and Sean Morgan (3 for 40) in fine form, blowing away their top order. Man of the match David Turgoose then continued the good work, coming on as first change bowler and mopping up the tail taking 3 for 41, to help bowl out the visitors for just 137 in the 33rd over. The second team's third

division game away at Kibblesworth was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to heavy rain. The under 18's played better this week, but still lost by 34 runs away at Langley Park in the Durham County junior league. Chasing 111 for victory, Aycliffe well placed at 50 for 2 after 10 overs thanks to captain Michael Howe's innings of 21, but they lost their last 8 wickets for just 26 runs. Despite a spirited performance, the under 13's were beaten by 24 runs at home to Wolviston. Liam Hickey had an outstanding game for Aycliffe, top scoring with 18 runs, taking 2 wickets for 7 runs and holding two difficult catches. Credit must also go to team mates, Jack Petroczy who scored 13 runs and Jon Hope, who took 2 for 10 with the ball. The club's under 11's won their 5th match out of six this season, this time with an excellent home win over Wolviston by 57 runs, thanks to good performances from Liam Hickey (30 runs), Ali Abbasi (15 runs) and 8 year old Nathan Dawson (12 runs).

## Decision on Woodham Golf Club Development Next Month

People of Newton Aycliffe can look forward to luxury leisure facilities on their doorstep if plans to re-develop Woodham Golf Club are approved next month. Working on behalf of developers, Washington Developments, Newcastle-based planning consultants Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners have applied for planning permission for a £32.1m housing and leisure development at Woodham Golf and Country Club. The redevelopment and improvement of the Club follows a lengthy public consultation which began last October and proposes a mixed-use development which would include improvements to the golf course, the construction of 50 executive family homes, a 75 bed, four star hotel with conference and spa facilities and extensive landscaping

amongst which would be the re-establishment of Woodham Bridleway and new community footpaths. Members of the golf club will obviously enjoy the new clubhouse and improvements to the course which include new sustainable drainage measures that should prevent the frequent closures of the course which have occurred in the past. Members of the local community can enjoy spa facilities at the hotel without having to travel a great distance and the developers predict that the facilities will attract new custom from the local and neighbouring communities as well as from those further a field. Jamie Murphy, Group Director at Washington Developments, commented. "Woodham is an excellent golf course in a superb location but would

benefit from investment both to the clubhouse and the grounds. Our proposal seeks to create a top class leisure facility which will be a part of the local community. There is no reason why an improved course here shouldn't attract high profile tournaments in the future without losing its community base." "The improved leisure facilities are an important catalyst towards the regeneration of the wider area and the feedback we have received so far from our consultation with both the local community and businesses has been very positive." The scheme which was laid before the South and West Durham Planning Committee in April will be decided upon on 27th July, with initial construction work commencing towards the end of the year should the application be successful.

## Tesco Tournament Raised £150



Tesco held a football match on 5th June at Greenfield in aid of their chosen charity Alzheimers Society. Staff and managers came together for the game, players paying for red and yellow cards received, while spectators bought refreshments. The result was 2-1 to the blue team. One of the youngest players, Luke Dunning was the highest goal scorer of the tournament. The total raised was £150 and Tesco staff wish to thank Michael Rippen for use of the Greenfield facilities.

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WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE

The Town Council discussed three matters, which did not involve the Council taking action itself, but which will affect life in Aycliffe for the next 20 years.

First, Councillors considered a review which is being undertaken into the Area Action Partnerships. The AAPs were initially set up to link the local Parish Councils to the County Unitary Authority. Whilst individual AAP delegates cannot be thanked enough for their involvement, there is a strong argument that the AAPs as an institution are not fit for purpose.

They are unelected and administrative costs account for 40% of their budget, and they have failed in their primary purpose to be a link between Parish and County Councils.

Councillors also discussed the latest report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, which has recently completely changed its recommendations for Aycliffe to incorporate suggestions made by the Great Aycliffe Residents Association. The new plan gives the electors of Greenfields/Byerley Park ward their own County Councillor (so that they no longer have to share their Councillor with Shildon), and it restores 'the Dales' to West Ward. Members welcomed these new suggestions.

Finally, Councillors considered in detail the new County Plan proposals for Aycliffe. It was recognised that the Plan will determine the growth and prosperity of the town for the next 20 years, and Council Leader Bob Fleming introduced the debate by saying that this was an

issue that went beyond party politics, and that everybody had a duty to get involved. Members considered the Plan under four heads – the economy, housing, environment and the town centre. They were disappointed by the lack of provision for Aycliffe in all these four areas.

On each of these matters – the AAPs, the Boundaries Commission Report and the County Plan – the Council resolved that each member would make their comments individually. However, on two matters concerning the County Plan, Councillors felt so strongly that they agreed to submit a unanimous corporate comment, namely:

1. Economy: the County Plan has not made sufficient provision for growth on the Industrial Estate.  
 2. Housing: the Town Council does not think 1500 houses sufficient. Also – although it welcomed allocation of the Copelaw site for private housing – it urged the County Council to make provision for bungalows, affordable housing and social housing within the existing town boundaries (ideally on the former Avenue and Elmfield

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Aycliffe will welcome FA Trophy winners Darlington to MLP in a showcase pre-season friendly on Tuesday August 2 (7.30pm kick-off). They kick the league season off with a home game against Stokesley on Saturday August 13, just eight weeks away. Aycliffe have spent £1,500 on treating their pitch at Moore Lane this summer, thanks partly to a donation from the Supporters Club, on top of £5,000 spent on a new hospitality cabin, an asset which adds real value to the facility. The football club raised the cash through a hugely-successful ground development fund, as well as revenue from their own resources. The investments followed the installation of the William Finley Stand earlier this year, funded by Finley Structures and Newton News, worth about £10,000. Now Aycliffe FC committee men and volunteers are spending their spare time on giving the ground a makeover in time for their pre-season friendlies. Passionate fan Clive Cooper, who rarely misses a game, is pictured reinforcing the perimeter fence behind one of the goals after damage to



# Wind Farms Running Out of Puff?

Despite the freak gales that battered parts of the country recently, climate experts are warning that many of Britain's wind farms may soon run out of puff. According to government figures, 13 of the past 16 months have been calmer than normal - while 2010 was the "stillest" year of the past decade. Meteorologists believe that changes to the Atlantic jet stream could alter the pattern of winds over the next 40 years and leave much of the nation's growing army of power-generating turbines becalmed. The Coalition has drawn up plans to open more wind farms in an effort to meet Britain's European Union target of providing 15 per cent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020. More than 3,600 turbines are expected to be installed in offshore wind farms over the next nine years. But statistics suggest that the winds that sweep across the British Isles may be weakening. Last year, wind speeds over the UK averaged 7.8 knots (8.9mph), a fall of 20 per cent on 2008, and well below the mean for this century, which stands at 9.1 knots (10.5mph). Usually Britain has warm, wet and windy winters, thanks to

wood. Chairman Gary Farley said: "Clive has spent a lot of hours working on the ground and we're extremely grateful, he has certainly saved us a lot of money. We can always use the help from volunteers and we'd particularly welcome assistance from skilled people. Our new hospitality cabin needs to be connected to the mains and plumbed in, and there's all sorts of other work we're looking to do over the course of the next few weeks, so we'd welcome any help." Aycliffe would love to hear from any volunteers or any other skilled tradesmen who'd be willing to do some work at Aycliffe, either voluntarily or at a reduced rate. Please contact secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501, or email [stecunliffe@aol.com](mailto:stecunliffe@aol.com) - Other big home games in the fixture list, released this week, include Bedlington Terriers on Wednesday August 24, Billingham Town on Saturday August 27, Whitley Bay on Saturday November 5, Bishop Auckland on Boxing Day, Shildon on Saturday February 11 and Spennymoor on Saturday April 21. To see Aycliffe's 2011-12 fixture list [www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk)

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**THE FAMILY** of the late Leslie Simpson would like to express their thanks to Doctor Heath, his staff, the carers and district nurses for their help, care and support during these last few months  
**THE CUNNINGHAM** Family would like to take this opportunity to thank family, friends and work mates for their kindness, tributes and support at this sad time, following the sudden death of our much loved Son and Brother, Jimmy. Thank you to Co-op Funeral Directors and all others who helped us cope. Thank you, Irene and Susan  
**TO REBECCA** Darlington Memorial Hospital, Monday Morning 13th June 2011. Thanks for your time, help and care. Good luck. Peter B

## In Memoriam

**DOUGLAS DENHAM** Died 15th June 2009. Two years since you passed away. People say time heals all pain. Yet, there is a part of me that waits for you still and always will. I love and miss you so much, your loving Wife, Pat and all the family xxxxx  
**11th JUNE** when my Husband passed away, it has been three years now and we all miss you so much. I can hear your voice all the time. Wish you were here. Love, Eileen, Pam, Derek, Denise and Jenny

## Fathers Day

**MICHAEL DOWSON** To the best Daddy in the world. Happy Fathers Day. Lots of love, Cayden Lee xxx  
**MICHAEL PEART.** Happy Fathers Day Daddy! Have a lovely day! Lots of love, your babies, Noah & Morgan xxx  
**MICHAEL HOWEY** Happy Fathers Day Daddy. I love you with all my heart. Love, Kya xxx  
**STEPHEN HOWEY** Happy Fathers Day Daddy. We love you so so much. Love, Poppy and Thomas xxx  
**JOHN HOWEY** Happy Fathers Day Dad. Hope you have a lovely day. Love from Mick, Ste and Paul xxx  
**VIC SPENSLEY** Hope you have a lovely day Dad. You deserve the best, because you are the best. Love always, Julie and Den xx  
**BILL SOWERBY** We want to point out plainly and clearly: Grandad and Dad, we both love you dearly. We've said it once, now we'll say it again, we both love you dearly. From Joanne and Ben

## Fathers Day Remembrance

**In Memory of a Dear Dad**  
 Our time together was so precious to me, for although being short, looking into the future we could not foresee. As Fathers Day approaches, I will miss seeing you there, as my future unfolds, life without you just doesn't seem fair. Our long walks we had, I will hold so dear, as each day passes, I wish you were still here. I will send to you a heartfelt message for a Dad that was so dear. From a Chinese lantern to float your way, for every passing year. This message will be sent to you above, for the Dad I know, and will always love. Forever in our thoughts. Love from Helen, Steven and Natasha xxxx

**TED COURTLEY.** Fathers Day memories of a Special Grandad and Great-Grandad. We love and miss you more as each year passes. Keith, Debbie, Lauren and Thomas xxxxx  
**TENNICK** Lawrence William. 19th June. To a special Dad and Grandad, who is loved and missed every day. You will always be in our hearts and remembered in every way. Lots of love, Dawn, Matthew and Lewis; Judith, Craig, Anthony, Sarah and Timothy xxxxx  
**GILBERT WILSON** Died 19th June 1997. This year your memorial falls on Fathers Day. Which just brings it home how much I miss you in every way. I miss your face, your smile, your voice, your loving touch. What I would give for just 5 minutes with my Dad, who I loved so much. 14 years on Dad, miss you more than ever. Loving Daughter, Pamela xxxxx  
**FRED WILLIAMSON** Died 20th June 2001. Rest in peace loving Father. Ten long years have passed away. You are gone, but still are living in the hearts of those who stay. Des, Val and Trevor  
**JOHN REDHEAD** Dad's today will celebrate with their loved ones near, but I know I'll be so sad for you are no longer here. Not here to greet me with a smile, just like you used to do. And read the card I signed with love on Fathers Day for you. Instead I'll be remembering happy times we had and wishing I could have them back. For I miss you dear Dad. Love, Joan xxx  
**JOSEPH HEDLEY** We think of you in silence, no eyes can see us weep. Still within our aching hearts our memories of you we keep. Missing you Dad. From your loving children Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxxxx  
**BRIAN DUNN** We have lost, Heaven has gained. The most wonderful Dad this world contained. There's just one thing that makes us glad, God chose you to be our lovely little Dad. Happy Father's Day to the best Dad in the world!!! We love you loads, from all your bairns xxxxx  
**GRANDA BRIAN** Remembering you is easy Granda, we do it every day. But missing you is something that will never go away. Love you loads and loads Granda. From all your Grandbairns xxxxx  
**BRIAN WILSON** Happy Fathers Day Dad. Love and miss you loads. All our love Lorraine, Sean and the boys xxxxx

## Congratulations

**DUFFY** (Nee Jones). Congratulations on your Wedding, Melissa and Paul. A wonderful time was had by all. We love you both so much, from Mam and Dad Xxx  
**MELISSA AND PAUL,** congratulations, married on 3rd June 2011. Our big Sister and her big love, we hope you are happy forever and always. Love from Samantha and Grant Xxx  
**AUNTIE WAH** and Mr Paul got married, YEAY! We had a super duper day. Love you lots, Kyle and Layla Xxx  
**DELIA STOUT.** Happy 80th Birthday Grandma (17th June). We hope you have a fantastic day, you don't look a day over 21. Lots of love, Lyndsay and John xx  
**DELIA STOUT.** Happy 80th Birthday Big Gran (17th June). Loads of love always from Adam and Lucy xxx  
**DELIA STOUT.** Mammy, I hope you have a lovely day. Please don't forget my doggy bag. Love, Maisie xxx  
**DELIA STOUT - 17th June.** Congratulations and Best Wishes on your 80th Birthday Mam. Lots of love today and always, Kay, George and Sir Roger of Faulkner xx  
**DELIA STOUT** Congratulations on your 80th Birthday, love always, Michael and Paige xx  
**DELIA STOUT.** Happy 80th birthday Gran lots of love from Mark, Debbie, Ryan, James, Matthew and Sean xxxxx  
**KAY & GEORGE CATMULL.** Happy 22nd Wedding Anniversary! Love from Lyndsay, John, Adam and Lucy xxx  
**LAURA & DANIEL** Congratulations to Laura Rodgers and Daniel Boulton on your Engagement. Have a fantastic party on Saturday! Wishing you lots of happiness in the future. Love, Gemma and Andy  
**LAURA RODGERS** and Daniel Boulton, congratulations on your Engagement. Love from Mam, Ian, Katy & Xena  
**LAURA RODGERS** and Daniel Boulton, congratulations on your Engagement. Hope you have a great party. Lots of love, Nanna and Uncle David  
**SHOTTON** happy 1st birthday Arthur for 14th June 2011. Hugs and kisses, Nana, Granda and Great Grandma xxx  
**SHOTTON** Happy 1st birthday Arthur. Love you lots, Auntie Lindsey, Uncle Andrew, Taylor and Gabrielle  
**LUKE ATKINSON** Happy 16th birthday to the best Son ever. We are so proud of you. Love you millions, Mam and Tony xxx  
**LUKE ATKINSON** Happy birthday. Love you lots, Lisa Jo xxx  
**LUKE ATKINSON** Happy birthday Bud. Love you heaps, Harvey and Jake xx  
**LUKE ATKINSON** Happy 16th birthday. Good luck with the CBT test. Lots of love, Auntie Claire, Noel, Chloe, Olivia and Grace xxx  
**MARGARET ISAAC** 18th June. Happy birthday Mam. Have a great day. Lots of love from all the family xxx  
**DAVID COOPER** Happy birthday Dad ("remember you are not 30 yet!") You are only twenty-ten ... Lots of love and kisses from Jackson and Ellie  
**DAVID COOPER** Happy 30th birthday. Love from Lesley and John xxx  
**DAVID COOPER** Happy 30th birthday. Hope you like your surprise! Lots of love from Claire xxxxxx  
**BLOOD** Happy 60th birthday Dorothy, love from Fred, Julie, David, Adam, Ellie and Sadie

**Bill & Joyce Scott**  
  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
 Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary on 17th June. Love from Julie, Tom, Karen, Wayne, Becky, Hayley, Chris, Abigail, Sam, Rhonda and family. Have a great day xxxxx  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
 Congratulations Mam and Dad from Will, Sharon, Candi, Johnny, Sam and Gabbs xxxxxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**Barbara Bennett** (nee Mullier)  
 18th June  
 To our Barbara, In Katherine's smile and in Darren's eyes you are there.  
 In your Mam's voice and when Martin says your name, you are there.  
 We see you in our memories. We hold you with our love. We will remember you forever, with every step we take into the future. You will be there.

**KATHY WILSON** Happy Birthday Mam. 21st June. Have a good one, miss you loads. Love Lorraine, Sean and the boys xxx

## Obituary

**BRUMWELL** On 12th June, peacefully at home of Newton Aycliffe. June, beloved Wife to Tom. Deeply loved Mam to Helen, Phillip, Jason and Vikki. Cherished Nana to Lewis, Harry and Sam. Funeral Friday 17th June. Will friends please meet at 9.15am for Service in St Clare's Church followed by cremation at Darlington Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations may be made in lieu to Macmillan Nurses.  
**BAXTER** On 9th June of Newton Aycliffe. Sharon aged 60 years, beloved Mother to Peter, Simon and Michael. Funeral on Friday 17th June. Will friends please meet for Service at 3.30pm in Durham Crematorium



Running Club News



On Saturday 6 June three Aycliffe runners took part in the Kirkby Malzeard 10k. The race is a part of the Yorkshire Dales Race Series run between Ripon and Masham. The race has a history for being a pretty tough race with warm weather conditions for the hilly course. Peter Milburn set off at a steady pace but still came home in an excellent time of 39:15, finishing in 20th position. Peter narrowly missed out on finishing as 1st over 50 veteran by the merest of seconds. Peter is due to be booked in for some extra sprint training in the near future....

Sue Milburn also completed the course in a very good time of 45:46, finishing in 83rd position and second over 45 lady. Gary Minns was the other member of the club that took part in the race, finishing in 148th place in a time of 52:21. More importantly all the runners had the chance of some free food at the end of the race

in a very nice village. On the same day Trish Kay took part in the Allendale 8, which takes place not too far from Hexham in Northumberland. It's renowned for being a very hilly course but is run in some fantastic scenery. Ironically you get a t-shirt saying "there are no hills in Allendale, only bumps" for completing the course. Trish ran a very good race and came home in 76th place in a time of 1 hour, 3 minutes, 22 seconds. Despite the hard run, Trish was back at the gym the next day and training for her next race.

Free Tennis at Greenfield

Greenfield Tennis Club is offering free tennis to players of all abilities aged 16 and over on Monday 13th June from 6.30. This is a great opportunity for past and potential players to enjoy playing singles or doubles on the 3 floodlit courts free of charge. Head Coach, Ian Wilkinson and other club members will be welcoming players and offering advice and guidance to those who attend.

Greenfield's Men's Team continue their excellent form having beaten Great Broughton this week and remain at the top of Group 6 in the Cleveland League with a 5 and 0 record. The team of John Snowball, Andy Richardson, Graham Hay, Aaron Shepherd, David Turgoose and Harvey Solway lost just 3 sets in another away game. Details of all activities on [www.rootennis.com](http://www.rootennis.com) or Email: [rootennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rootennis@hotmail.co.uk)

Super Six for Youthy Football Club



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club, one of only 20 FA Charter Standard Community Clubs in County Durham held their Annual Presentation Day at the Big Club on Saturday 11 June 2011.

The growth in the number of players wanting to play for the Youthy and the increase in the number of teams representing the club, has meant that a full day is required to reward everyone.

We opened up early afternoon with our 7 boys, 2 girls and Adult Soccability mini soccer teams and 25 young boys from our thriving development section together with our guest Adam Robinson, a former Youthy Player now making steps into the professional game with Bradford City.

As every player was introduced to a full house at the big club and each came up to receive their Representative Trophy, the cheers and roars could have been heard in Aycliffe Village. With extra awards for Player of the year, Top Goal Scorer, Managers Player, and Most Improved there was plenty to cheer about.

This year the football club booked a photographer to ensure every player had their special moment captured. After a fantastic and enjoyable 2½ hrs it was on to the games to round of a memorable day for our youngest players. After a few hours break we returned for the evening presentation for our 7 boys and 2 girls 11 a side teams. Our special guests for the evening were former Youthy players Ross Turnbull of Chelsea FC and Shaun Tarlin captain of Newton Aycliffe FC.

As the curtains opened a glittering array of League trophies took centre stage as the reward for our most successful season ever was there for all to see. The four Championship trophies were awarded to our Adult Soccability side, our Under 12's, Under 15's and Under 17's boys and 2 runners up trophies awarded to our Under 13 and Under 14 boys.

As everyone picked up their awards the crowd were on their feet cheering every single player. As the climax of the night arrived our Mini Soccer referee of the year was awarded to Chris Armstrong and Kev Lathan receiving Referee of the year. Goal Keeper of the year went to Jack McClaren of the Under 14 boys and secretary award was given to Paul Donkin & Karen Wilson for all their efforts with the under 15 boys. The final award of the evening was the much anticipated Manager of the Year with so much success it

was wide open this year. As Berni Borsberry explained our manager of the year is not just about success on the pitch but hard work around the club, helping out with other age groups, coaching in schools and working hard with fund raising and that he was proud to announce that this year it was awarded to Dave McWaters of the Under 12 boys and as the cheer went up it was obviously a very popular choice.

As the evening drew to a close thoughts had already turned to the start of next season with pre season training starting for most in July.

If you are a boy or girl from 4 yrs old to 18 yrs old and want to be part of this well respected junior football club check out our website [www.naycafe.co.uk](http://www.naycafe.co.uk) and follow the contacts page

Photo – Mini Soccer Managers and Assistants at the afternoon presentation

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FATHER'S DAY POEM

Walk a little slower daddy,  
Said a little child so small  
I'm following in your  
footsteps, and I don't want  
to fall.  
Sometimes your steps are  
very fast, Sometimes they  
are hard to see,  
So, walk a little slower,  
Daddy, For you are leading me  
Someday when I am all  
grown up  
You're what I want to be  
Then I will have a little  
child  
Who'll want to follow me.  
And I would like to lead just  
right, And know that I was  
true:  
So walk a little slower  
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