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A short Service and Flag Raising Ceremony took place at the War Memorial on Monday. Mayor Mary Dalton was in attendance along with students from Sugar Hill School, The Royal British Legion and the 102 Battalion REME. Piper Arthur Middleton came out of

retirement to provide suitable music while Rev Linda Potter conducted prayers for our Armed Forces. This marks Armed Forces Week and is a prelude to the Freedom Parade to be held on Saturday at 11am when the 102 REME Battalion march through the town.

Public Meeting on Wind Farm and County Plan

The Public Meeting called by Great Aycliffe Residents Association to discuss the proposed Wind Farm and the County Plan will be attended by a number of County Councillors representing Newton

Aycliffe. It is also hoped they will bring County Council Officers to help those present better understand the proposals being made for the future of our town.

This is a great opportunity for residents to listen to the pros and cons and air their own views on these important issues. Put the date in your diary: Thursday 7th

July at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Central Avenue.

Barbecue at Village Hall

St. Andrew's Church at Aycliffe Village are holding a Barbecue on Saturday 2nd July at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets are £5 to include a glass of wine and the meal. Dessert is an extra £1, but free for Senior Citizens. Tickets available from Alan on 318663 or Dawn 300040.

Don't Miss the Big Parade this Saturday

This Saturday the REME will exercise their Freedom Rights to march through the town led by a military band with bayonets fixed. The Mayor Mary Dalton will inspect the troops at 11.00am on the Car Park opposite St. Clare's Church. Brigadier M. J. Boswell ADC will take the salute as the parade marches back to the Barnard Armoury on Greenwell Road.

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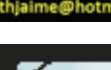

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Aycliffe M.S. Victim's First Art Exhibition

Sharron Bates moved to Newton Aycliffe at the age of one and has never left. She went to Greenfield School as a teenager and left in 1986 with an 'O' level in Art. Sharron always loved to draw and paint, but never considered herself talented enough to make a career out of Art.

She worked within Learning Support in Darlington for 20 years, but continued to draw and paint in her leisure time. After completing part time courses on silk painting and watercolour she was inspired to continue.

Unfortunately Sharron's life changed dramatically in 2002 when diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. "At first I was devastated, but ultimately it was a catalyst for taking stock of my life," said Sharron.

When she turned 40 Sharron realised that her dreams were never going to land in my lap and she needed to 'go for it!' She contacted Cleveland College of Art & Design who were impressed by her work and she was 'fast tracked'



onto a degree course.

"I completed my first year of what will be a part time six-year course. I have settled well and love every moment of it! I am overwhelmed to have my first exhibition at the Greenfield Gallery. Preparing for the exhibition has been a lot of hard work, but I'm really excited to be chasing my dreams at last". Sharron Bates' Exhibition includes a variety of diverse work; including watercolour paintings, hand painted silk and watercolour embellished with machine embroidery. Exhibition starts Thursday 7th July until Wednesday 27th July 2011

DON'T LAUGH AT ME

Glenn Ford direct from Britain's Got Talent pays Tribute to Norman Wisdom, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Cliff Richard.

Showcase Entertainments International who recently brought Jess Conrad, Syd Little and Jimmy Cricket, amongst others, to Shildon Civic Hall, now bring you a Variety Show on Friday July 1st, at Shildon Civic Hall, at 7.30pm, in an all dancing all singing musical feast. Co-starring Showcase' popular resident vocalist Geoff West; Bethany Dagnell and the beautiful Showcase Girls. The full company will take you back to the time of songs like . . . Me and My Girl, Lambeth Walk, plus lots



more.

For those who came to previous productions know what to expect but for those of you who have never been to a Showcase Production come along and be transported into the professional world of beautiful costumes, stunning dancers and fabulous music. For further information and to book for this fabulous evening, tickets being £12.00 each. Contact Showcase Entertainments International Limited on 01325 316224.

Family History Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th June. This month's guest speaker is Dr Winifred Stokes and she will give a talk entitled 'Henry Green and the Great Migration, which is about industrialisation and how it affected one community.

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

For further information on NAFHS please visit our website at www.nafhs.com or contact Keith Bell on 307905.

Clothes Show at Leisure Centre

Newton Aycliffe Judo Club proudly presents a Clothes Show Evening with a difference on June 28th at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Demonstrating what outfits are achievable from your local charity shops from rainwear to wedding wear including as new high street and designer clothes, at affordable prices.

There will be a selection of stall holders including Cheeky Chops Face Painting, Roots Hairdressing, Tombola, Eden Children's Boutique, Bubblybeads and many more. Plus a raffle for a chance to win some great prizes.

Tickets are £4 adults and £2 children. Come along for an alternative night out and to support your local Judo Club. All money raised help to take the children on a once in a lifetime trip to 2012 Olympic Games to see Judo at its highest standard and also wishing to purchase new equipment to assist all pupils in their coaching.

If anyone would like to give a donation or purchase tickets please call Lisa ASAP on 0752 218 0968. If you are a dressmaker or do knitwear and would like an opportunity for some of their collection to be displayed on the catwalk and/or have a stall please give Lisa a call.



INTERNATIONAL MEDIUM VISITS AYCLIFFE

Aycliffe Spiritualists have managed to book Paul Moore an International Medium to attend their meeting at Agnew Community Centre on Monday 27th June at 7pm. Everyone is invited to this event which brings a world renowned medium to the town.

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A review from top north east music venue - "If atmosphere is any judge of a performance, then MIKE MEMPHIS as ELVIS must rank among the top acts ever to play at The Three Tuns, because there have been few nights I have enjoyed as much as this - MIKE MEMPHIS IS ELVIS - and Elvis has definitely rocked the building!" - www.ukelvis.co.uk



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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." - DAVYS ROCK PAGE review

Saturday 9th July - "INSANITY"

"Two great sets with something a bit different - early Sabbath, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and a brilliant version of Queens Of The Stone Age 'No One Knows', were amongst the stuff insanity served up. Not all my cup of char, but thoroughly enjoyable. The band were nice and tight with Graeme his usual rocking self at the back, ably assisted in the rhythm section by Hirdy playing great bass and jumping around like only he does! Brian on vocals has a perfect voice for the material and headbangs and poses like a proper frontman. I was most impressed with John 'I only play rhythm really' . . . yeah, right!!! Trigg on guitar. Great, clean, but dirty tone playing in a variety of tunings and some real tasty phrasing and playing. Definitely a less is more style, but some lush soloing that was even more impressive considering the lack of saturation, each note ringing out nicely. Excellent stuff!"

GIG PIT REVIEW - www.insanity-rock.com

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The Answer Isn't Blowing in the Wind

Step out into the real world and consider what is going on at Fullabrook Down in North Devon, where they are constructing what will soon be the largest onshore wind factory in England. The developers boast of how the 22 giant 3MW turbines they are building on the hills between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe, at a cost of

more than £60 million, will have the "capacity" to generate 66MW of electricity, and how they will contribute £100,000 a year to "community projects" to buy off the hostility of local residents, (the suggested Eon site at Aycliffe would be about 25-45 turbines)

In reality, this wind farm's output is not likely to average more than 16.5MW, or 25 per cent of its capacity (the average output of UK turbines last year was only 21 per cent), an amount so pitifully small that it represents barely 2 per cent of the output of a medium-sized gas-fired power station. Yet for this, the developers can hope to earn £13 million a year, of which £6.5 million will be subsidy and of which the £100,000 they hand back to the local community will represent well under 1 per cent.

Another of the scores of sites across Britain where wind farm plans are now arousing huge anger and unhappiness among locals is the Althorp estate in Northamptonshire, where Earl

Spencer is hoping that a French company, EDF, will be allowed to spend £2.5 million to erect 13 2MW turbines, towering 385ft over the Vale of Avon Dassett. These will provide their owners with subsidies of around £650,000 a year, for producing a quantity of power so small that its fluctuating contribution to the grid will scarcely register. Compare this to the nearly 900MW output of the £400 million gas-fired power station recently opened near Plymouth and it can be seen that the capital cost of these wind farms, for the puny amount of electricity they produce, is around 10 times as much. The expense of the Welsh Assembly's £2 billion plan to build 800 turbines, up to 415ft high, across a vast stretch of mid-Wales, plus 100 miles of pylons to connect them to the grid, will be a staggering 15 times higher than would be needed to produce the same amount of power from gas, without subsidy.

These are the kind of hard facts that appear nowhere in the Governments latest propaganda exercise. Its only purpose is to provide politicians, such as our Energy Secretary, Chris Huhne, with a piece of paper they can wave to claim that their dreams of covering the Earth with wind turbines have been fully vindicated by "the world's top climate scientists".

Our Government, supported by virtually all our politicians, hopes to see us spend £100 billion on wind turbines in the next nine years. Even if this was practically achievable, it would necessitate building a score of gas-fired power stations just to provide instant back-up for whenever the wind failed to blow at the correct speeds. These would have to be kept spinning all the time, wholly negating any theoretical reduction in Britain's emissions of CO2.

All Renewal Obligations subsidies are paid from consumer electricity bills ... YOU. Renewables subsidies already cost well over £1 billion per year and will escalate steeply in the coming



years, leading to massive fuel poverty.

Truly, this infatuation with the chimera of wind power ranks alongside the creation of the collapsing euro as one of the supreme follies of our age. It is, of course, delightful that this effort should coincide with those warnings from an array of US scientists that the current dramatic decline in solar activity might herald the approach of a "mini-ice age". But as the great global warming scare continues to fade away, the real problem is that our politicians have so much collective ego invested in this delusion that, even when hell freezes over, they will still find it impossible to admit they got it wrong.

Arun M Chandran

Flower Festival

A Festival of Flowers is being held at Neville Parade Church, Newton Aycliffe on the weekend of 1-3 July. The Festival will bring together people from beyond the Church and will be a real community event. The overall theme of the Festival will be "Love is....", with each arrangement celebrating a different aspect of love. In addition to the beautiful flowers there will be waitress served food available for purchase - including tasty snacks and lunches and classic afternoon tea - together with soothing music to provide a relaxing ambience. There will also be a "Prayer Garden" in the Church's refurbished Lounge. The "garden" will be set up by the wonderful young people in the Church's JAM Club and will provide an opportunity for quiet contemplation to replenish tired souls. Handcrafted cards, jewellery and wood crafts will also be on sale. The individual

arrangements are being sponsored by church members, local businesses and others helping with the Festival and the organisers are very grateful for all the sponsors' generosity. Any funds raised by the festival will be divided equally between Church funds (to help with ongoing maintenance costs and its work in the community) and also Action for Children (a charity that helps underprivileged children and young people). The Festival will be opened on Friday 1 July from 7pm

with a Service of Dedication and music by the Sedgfield Bell Ringers (entrance £4 to include programme and refreshments).

The Festival is also open on Saturday 2 July 10am-4pm and Sunday 3 July 2-5pm (entrance £3 to include programme and tea/coffee). The programme will enable you to make return visits to the festival for free! It is hoped that many people will visit the Festival and thoroughly enjoy the experience. For more information please ring 319098 or 315694.

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This motorcycle was found abandoned in 'The Burn', Newton Aycliffe during the morning of the 21st June where it appears that an attempt has been made to set the bike alight.

This has been recovered for potential forensic evidence. If anyone knows who may be responsible for this theft or if anyone saw anyone with a similar bike during the above times can they contact myself at Newton Aycliffe Police Office.

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PCP NEWS

New session Monday 7.30-8.30pm Aquacise. Delivered by qualified instructors in the Hydrotherapy Pool. Aquacise aims to improve your flexibility, mobility and fitness. Cost: full rate £6 concessions: £4.25. Monday and Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm and Saturday 9.30-10.30am Boxercise. Combining boxing moves with aerobics you can achieve better overall body tone and fitness. Cost: £3.50 per session. Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-12noon Beginners' Health Walks. Exploring Newton Aycliffe Nature Trails. Cost: Free. Tuesday 4.45-6pm, Stop Smoking Drop In. Drop in for friendly support to quit smoking delivered by the NHS. Cost: Free.

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Thursday 7th July 10am-12noon, Stress Buster. Spend some precious time on yourself. Learn about the benefits of relaxation and some basic techniques. Cost: Free.

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For further information and to book please contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe on 01325 321234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

MOTH & BUTTERFLY HUNT AT AYCLIFFE NATURE PARK



Time has flown since our last outing on the Aycliffe Nature Park. This Sunday the Aycliffe Nature Park Association and Newton Aycliffe Wildlife Explorers are having a Butterfly/Moth day, and throwing other minibeasts into the mixture too. We would like to see Newtonians, young and old, on the park to help us look for these remarkable creatures.

We also encourage people to photograph as much of the wildlife as possible as part of not only recording our local wildlife, but as a way of creating a lasting record of

British wildlife.

Britain's wildlife, as we all know is continuously under threat from industry, urbanisation, pollution, and lately, "global warming".

Any or all of these can severely affect insect populations as they slowly encroach on their habitats. And as insects are near the bottom of the food chain, other creatures like small mammals and birds are affected too.

This has a knock-on effect, which we will eventually feel in our lives. Various campaigns are underway to encourage people to become

aware of minibeasts, and one of the best websites for details and lots of interesting downloads can be found at www.opalexplornature.org - Hopefully, the weather will hold off and allow us to find many examples of interesting creatures, but please dress for the weather and the ground may still be wet, so adequate footwear should be worn too. Refreshments will be supplied on the day. We will be starting at 2pm and hopefully it will last for about 2 hours. Any queries please contact Alan 01325 315182 or Dave 01325 317347

S.B.H. COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Footballers from across County Durham are being invited to take part in a community football tournament in aid of the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.

Housing provider Sedgefield Borough Homes is holding the 5-a-side tournament on Sunday 7th August at Mainsforth Recreation Ground in Ferryhill, along with fun activities for the whole family.

Colin Steel, chief executive for sbh, said: "We are hoping as many teams as possible will enter the tournament, it's going to be a fantastic community event. What better way to honour the late Sir Bobby."

A £20 contribution per team applies which will be donated directly to the charity. Players must be 16 years or over and teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis. To register a team contact Gary Mountford on 0845 505 5500 or email gary.mountford@sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk no later than Friday 22 July. For more information visit www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk

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Sugar Hill Students Visit Beamish



Sugar Hill Y5 children took a step back in time last Tuesday when they visited Beamish Museum to see how a Victorian child lived, children and staff dressed up in Victorian clothes to help get into the spirit and left the year 2011 and travelled back in time to experience a Victorian school lesson, the children were shocked at how strict the teacher was and have all promised to NEVER to complain about coming to school again!

DOUBLE TAKE



The latest film to be shown at St. Clare's film club was Homeward Bound 2. It was reviewed by 10 year old twins, Katie and Rachel Lovelass. The girls are regular member of the film club and attend Byerley Park School. The film was about three pets, Shadow, a golden retriever, Chance, a bulldog puppy, and Sassy the cat. The pets go with their owners but get lost in the bustling city of San Francisco. They have to plot their way across the Golden Gate Bridge, back home to their beloved family. They get into all sorts of adventures on the way. The girls liked the part at the end when the pets were reunited with their owners. They had picked up some friends along the way and took them home too. The only thing they didn't like was that it made them cry! They gave the film a 5 star rating and said it was suitable for the whole family.

Many thanks to Katie and Rachel for their review, they will receive free ice-creams at the next club. Kidz Flicks will be next on, July 2nd at 2.00pm. Where the film to be shown is about a long golden haired princess who has spent her entire life, locked in a tower. When she finally escapes she gets into all sorts of TANGLES. Doors open at 1.30pm and all are welcome. Due to the success of the club, it will once again run on a weekly basis during the 6 weeks summer holidays. Every Tuesday at 2.00pm. There will be a variety of films shown and these will be advertised during the week in the church porch. This film club is for children across the town, regardless of the school they attend, so please feel free to bring friends and family along. You will all be very welcome. Any further information, contact Helen, 319002

STUDENTS - DON'T MISS DEADLINE

Students from the North East region are being urged to apply now for student finance to ensure their funding is in place at the start of the new university term. Around 33,000 students have already applied from the North East, including 17,000 from returning students. Student Finance England is calling on all those who have still to submit their application or evidence to do so by 30 June. Andy Topham, Processing Manager from Student Finance England, said: "North East students who haven't yet applied for their finance need to do so now, with any required evidence, to make sure their funding is in place at the start of the new university term." "The application process is much easier and simpler for returning students this year and for many it will just be a case of signing and returning the declaration form, which

only takes a few minutes. "There's lots of information and help online for those who need it. Our customer advisers are answering general questions via our social media sites, we've got a series of how-to videos and our Direct Gov site is packed with useful information." "Our customer advisers are also available every weekday from 8am to 8pm and at weekends from 9am to 5.30pm to answer queries relating to your own student finance account."

Two Good Samaritans

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank the two gentlemen who very kindly stopped to help me when I lost control of my car at the Heighington roundabout on Saturday 18th June around midday. They very kindly checked to see if I was ok and checked my car over, then followed me back to the garage to make sure I got there safely. Unfortunately they drove away once I was at the garage and I did not get a chance to thank them - so a very big thank you to you both. Valerie Palmer

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees
Wednesday 6th July 2011
Environment Committee
7.15pm - Followed by the Recreation Committee
QUESTION TIME
A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.
If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.
Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)
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PROM NIGHT AT SUGAR HILL



Sugar Hill students about to leave junior school held their Prom Night last week and were dressed magnificently for the occasion. The girls looked beautiful in their evening wear and the boys were really smart in lounge suit and ties. They rolled up in various forms of transport including Stretch Limo's, sports cars, motor bikes and a converted Fire Engine. They were greeted by a large crowd outside the school gate as they entered to enjoy a memorable social occasion at the school they were leaving. The children celebrated with their teachers on the night which included a disco, karaoke and buffet.



This Club is Going Places

New Friends New Places club meets every Tuesday 2pm at The Navy Club so come and join us as we have many things planned for the summer including...

Sunday Lunch 3rd July at Horns Garden Centre and then shopping at Dalton Park £10 plus meal.

Wednesday 13th July, Whitby via Guisborough £12.

Thursday 4th August, Skipton & Oswaldwhistle Mills £12. Sunday Lunch 7th August at Chester Moor & shopping at Arncliffe Centre, Durham. £10 plus meal.

Saturday 20th August Royal Quays, shopping then to South Shields: £10

Friday 9th September Macartney Glen Shopping Centre and then York: £10. Ring Dorothy Bowman 01325 308094 to book or join us on a Tuesday to enjoy a chat and a cup of tea.

Road Works & Closures

C35 Middridge Road, Newton Aycliffe. Cable maintenance, 2 way lights, 24th and 25th June. Work by BT.

Priestman Road, Newton Aycliffe - Footpath works, Localised traffic management 13-28th June by Durham CC. Greenwell Road/Macmillan Road/Stephenson Way/Central Avenue/St. Cuthbert's Way/Isherwood Close, Newton Aycliffe: Freedom of the Town Parade. Closures (10:30am - Noon) 26th June. Durham CC.



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ST. ELIZABETH'S SUMMER FAYRE

The Fayre was held last Saturday, June 18th in the hall and church.

Although the weather was bad it was quite a successful day and the organisers would like to thank the people who donated the wonderful raffle prizes: Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant, Mancinis Italian Takeaway, The Huntsman Public House, and a gentleman customer, Woodham Post Office, Woodham

Golf Club, China Garden Chinese Takeaway, Lagoon Hair Salon, Woodham, Redz Fish and Chips, Wilkinson's, Upex and Flymo. Thank you very much.

The Children's Cinema Club at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, due to annual holidays, will be suspended until August 6th at 3.00pm.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help us run this successful club please contact Brian on 01325 319067.



Rotary Annual Dinner & Dance



Left to right: Michael Dalton, Mayor Mary Dalton, Vivien Crawshaw, Alan Crawshaw President Elect, Jean Thompson Rotary District Assistant Governor, Barry Hutchinson President, Pat Maxwell, President Inner Wheel with husband Andrew Maxwell.

The Mayor and her consort Mary and Michael Dalton were among the guests at the Rotary Club annual Presidents Night held at Darlington Football Club's Platinum Suite last Saturday. In her speech the Mayor thanked the club for its work in the community and said the Council commended the many projects initiated by the club in particular the provision of the War Memorial at St. Clare's Church.

Are You Satisfied?

Residents in County Durham are being given the opportunity to express their views as Durham County Council subscribe to the annual transport public satisfaction survey 2011.

The survey, which has been used by the County Council for the past two years, will be sent via post to 6000 households chosen at random across County Durham. It will help to identify trends in attitudes towards road and transport services. Gary Leach, transport asset management planning manager at Durham County Council, said: "This is an opportunity to express ones' satisfaction or dissatisfaction on aspects of the transport network within County Durham. The more people that respond to the survey, the more accurate and

representative the results of the survey will be." Questions included in the survey range from rating roads and transport services to pavements and rights of ways. Other highway authorities also take part in the survey, which in 2010 covered 85% of the total area of England and Wales.

The National Highways and Transport (NHT) Annual Public Satisfaction Survey 2011 will be sent to residents in County Durham from Monday 20th June. All questionnaires will be distributed by the 1st July 2011.

For more information, please contact Gary Leach, transport asset management planning manager at Durham County Council on (0191) 383 4036 or e-mail gary.leach@durham.gov.uk

Change of Meeting Date for Polish Community

Silverdale Community House, Silverdale Place on Saturday 25th of June 2011 from 2 till 5 pm. welcomes all Polish residents in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas to Afternoon Tea and Coffee. A Polish translator will welcome you and help sort out any problems. Please come and join us!

W sobote 25 czerwca od godziny 14.00 do godziny 17.00 zaprasza wszystkich Polskich rezydentow Newton Aycliffe i okolic na spotkanie integracyjne. Na miejscu bedzie mozliwosc wspolpracy z tłumaczem (ktory moze pomoc przy wszelkiego rodzaju problemach), a takze zapoznania sie z innymi mieszkancami miasteczka. Kawa oraz herbata do poczestunku, na miejscu. ZAPRASZAMY!

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Kestrel Court
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Farnham Close
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Layton Court
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Our M.P. Presents Parliamentary Bill to Register Private Landlords

Phil Wilson is to bring in a Bill to register private landlords; which will require them to take certain actions against anti-social behaviour by their tenants; to give additional powers to private landlords and local authorities in cases of anti-social behaviour by tenants and to establish a community fund to which private landlords must contribute.

Phil writes:

"In every community, the number of private landlords and the size of the private sector are increasing. It has been estimated that, by 2020, 20% of the UK's housing stock will be private lets.

The expansion of buy-to-let lending over the past decade saw a much wider range of individuals become landlords, many of them with little or no experience, knowledge or understanding of their responsibilities and the complex legal framework of renting. Where there are high concentrations of private lets, some have caused a blight on the local community, especially in low-demand areas. In Sedgefield, where there are several ex-coliery villages with rows of terraced housing, private landlords have moved in. In some streets up to 40% or 50% of the properties are private lets. In others half the landlords are absentees, with some even living abroad.

"Over the past four years I have had numerous cases of private landlords who have neglected their properties and tenants. Antisocial behaviour has become a major problem in the affected areas, and some of the residents who have lived in the streets in question for years now do not feel part of the local community that they have known for a long time," said Phil Wilson.

The basic problem is not private landlords. Some are a problem and some are very good landlords, but the vast majority are

amateurs without the skills and wherewithal to deal with being a private landlord. The buy-to-let market has led to a huge increase in such landlords. The market has grown because of people saw it as an opportunity to make capital gain, for example, from increased profits from the value of properties. To help the huge number of private landlords, it is in their interest for a national register to be set up. With satisfaction lower in the sector than in others, and problems with private renting leading so many people to seek advice, it is clear that private renting is not securing the needs of households and communities. The universal cover of a national register will be a significant help to local authorities in identifying and targeting rogue landlords, and in enabling better joint working between local authorities to tackle such landlords across multiple areas. Serial offenders could be struck off the list.

In the immediate future, however the private rented sector is under increasing pressure and there is a need to strengthen local authorities' response to tackle rogue landlords and the many amateur landlords who need help as much as anything else. The purpose of the register would be distinct from licensing. It would be mandatory and its purpose would be to enable local authorities to get a handle on the local private sector so that they can work with landlords. The register could be run by local authorities or housing associations, or it could be outsourced to a third party. A fee could be charged for administrative costs. Sanctions for failing to register could be preventing landlords from serving section 21 notices, rent payment orders or fines. The register could help local authorities to determine how many private landlords there are in a given area. If the number reaches a certain level, I believe that landlords should pay a community levy, especially in those areas where they dominate the housing stock. If people take out of the community, they should put back into it. If, for example, 25% of homes in a given area are private lets, or if one landlord owns several properties in an area, a community levy should be payable into a fund to put towards the upkeep of the area. Local people, in the spirit of localism, could decide how the fund is spent, whether to help with policing, environmental issues or whatever. Social landlords already do that, so why not private landlords? Again, the levy could be administered by a local authority, housing association or another arm's length organisation. The more efficiently the community levy fund is administered, the more money will be available for investing in community programmes."

Phil presented his bill to Parliament supported by 10 other M.P.'s. The second reading is in November.

Delegation on Wind Farm Meets Minister



Last Wednesday, our MP Phil Wilson arranged for representatives from the various parishes in the area to go to meet Planning Minister, Bob Neill, about the proposed Eon wind farm development near to Aycliffe.

John D. Clare (Deputy Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council) said: "We were careful to represent the feelings of the whole community – we told the minister that some people in Aycliffe support the idea of wind farms, but that most are concerned about the size and impact of this development".

Vince Crosby (Chair of Environment on GATC) was a second representative from Aycliffe. He said: "We are lucky to have Phil Wilson as our MP –

an MP who is influential enough to organise this meeting for us, and yet so focussed on the interests of his constituents". The deputation was very well received, and came away greatly reassured.

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3M GET BIG TICK FOR ITS SCHOOL WORK

The work being carried out with local schools by the diversified technology company 3M – which has a manufacturing site at Aycliffe – has been nationally recognised by a Big Tick Award for Excellence from the organisation Business in the Community (BiTC).

BiTC awards are presented each year to "inspirational programmes" that make a positive impact on the community, the environment or wider society.

The Big Tick acknowledges the company's support for the teaching of STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and maths – which is aimed at encouraging students to take these at A-level and through to university.

A number of employees at the Aycliffe site act as STEM "ambassadors", working with local schools and colleges on projects to enhance young people's interest in STEM subjects.

As well as this support, 3M has created two free online teaching resources around the STEM subjects. One of these, 3Mstreetwise.co.uk, focuses on road safety for 7-11 year-old pupils, and the other is a sustainable-living site for secondary schools 3Mworldlywise.co.uk.

Stephen Howard, BiTC chief executive, congratulated the company on its achievement. "It is a challenging time for business, but this is a sign that companies are not losing their focus and are



transforming their businesses to make a positive impact on people and society and are prepared to lead by example," he commented.

The company's Aycliffe site manufactures respirators and products for the vehicle aftercare market. John Klee of 3M said winning the Big Tick was a great recognition for the many and varied ways that the company's

employees are involved with the education agenda.

"This award is thanks to the tremendous efforts that our people have put in to making our education programme such a success," John added. "We're delighted to receive it on their behalf".

More details on the Big Tick awards can be found at www.bitc.org.uk/awards_for_excellence

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CLOSURE OF COUNCIL TAX PAYMENT OFFICE CAUSES WORRY

Dear Sir,
Possibly because I paid cash (in advance), like hundreds of others, at the Leisure Centre, DCC Community Charge pay office. I was caught out by its closure in May. I know others who feel as I do, that insufficient time has been given to publicise this closure to allow older residents (who perhaps do not have a bank account and cannot therefore go down the direct debit route) to apply for and receive the new 'All Pay' cards in good time, before they fell into arrears. This fear has caused some elderly residents much unnecessary worry. As DCC close each of their cash offices, (the reason given being, a decreased volume of cash transactions), they are suspending any recovery actions that would be taken against those unfortunate enough to be effected by these closures. However, in late May, when I contacted the Sedgefield office of DCC, I was informed that my payment card (supply of them being contracted out to another organisation) could take up to three weeks to be delivered. I was also told that if I fell into arrears, during this period, action to

recover the arrears would not necessarily be suspended. I queried this at a higher authority and have received an apology and a clarification from the Corporate Complaints Officer, at Durham County Council, that this information given was not accurate. This illustrated a degree of confusion, within finance circles at DCC. Durham County Council became the Unitary Authority in 2009, yet, two years down the line, they have still not moved to a single Revenue and Benefits System. True, and to be fair to the hard-working Finance Officers at DCC, they inherited seven different, disparate financial systems, many of which still have a legacy within the County, rumbling away in the distance like some long passed thunderstorm. Up to now only three of the pre-2009 councils, have been unified into the single system; four former council areas have still to be integrated. A slow process to be sure. But it is little wonder this manifests itself, in the problems thrown up by the closure of the payment offices when Council bureaucracy interfaces with the general public.

Whilst researching for this letter, I was a confirmed devotee to paying by cash at a Pay Point outlet. I still am for this financial year. Evidently it costs DCC only 2 pence, to process your payment through a bank; every time you pay with your 'All Pay' swipe card. Through a Pay Point outlet the various charges, add up to 44 pence! A no brainer, as far as Durham County Council are concerned. After three weeks I have still not received my payment card. Another one may be in the post!
Derek G Atkinson,
Denham Place,

PROMISES NOT KEPT BY FORMER BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Sir,
Great Aycliffe Independent Councillors and members were interested to read the excellent comments in last weeks Newton News from George Tiswell of Bakewell Place, in particular those relating to the defunct Sedgefield Borough Council and revenues raised. We were promised a great



deal in Great Aycliffe by Sedgefield Borough Council which did not materialise. However it has to be said that when Cllr Bob Fleming was Leader of the said Council, he at least authorised the building of council bungalows and the lovely Central Avenue flower beds. Unfortunately, the same can't be said of some of the driving forces on Sedgefield Borough Council at the time. Due perhaps to a change in Leadership of Sedgefield Borough Council when Agnes Armstrong took over from Bob Fleming some of their future decisions certainly reflected the views of Mr Tiswell. However at the time, Vince Crosby was a Deputy Leader for SBC representing Great Aycliffe. Perhaps Vince can explain to Newton News the reasons behind the disappearance of £1,000,000 which was supposed to have been put aside by SBC to fund Burnhill Way improvements in Newton Aycliffe? We cannot change the past, but GAI and other members of the Great Aycliffe Town Council certainly do have the interests of the people in any future developments of Great Aycliffe at heart and hopefully such incidents will not occur in the future.
Kenneth Stubbs
Secretary (GAI)

"WE HAVE OUR FAIR SHARE OF WIND FARMS" says M.P.

Dear Sir,
I met with Bob Neill MP, the Planning Minister on Wednesday, June 15th in London, with representatives from Sedgefield, Newton Aycliffe and Chilton. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on where I believe we are on the Eon application for up to 45 wind turbines on the Isles near Bradbury. I have been given notification that Eon has withdrawn its original application for 10 turbines on the same site. The minister's officials at the meeting informed the delegation that Eon have given notice to the Infrastructure Planning Commission that they will be submitting a new planning application for between 25 and 45 wind turbines. The application will not go to Durham County Council as the planning authority, it will instead go to the Infrastructure Planning Commission because the application is seen as a project of national significance and will generate 50MW of electricity; sufficient to power a town about the size of Newton Aycliffe. Eon will enter into a period of community consultation, which will probably take place over the summer. The detailed application may not be submitted until next year. Durham County Council will also make their views known to the Infrastructure Planning

Commission. To complicate matters further, the IPC is to be abolished in the spring next year. The Commission will be replaced by the Major Infrastructure Planning Unit. On this occasion the final decision will be made by the Secretary of State for Climate Change, Chris Huhne MP. The minister was able to inform us that the Infrastructure Planning Commission should be our focus of attention at this time. I am contacting the Commission to find out more about their planning process. After examining County Durham's record on renewable energy I believe the county can be proud of what we have achieved. Durham is producing renewable energy from wind farms, biomass, landfill and hydro. We are playing our part. I do not believe it can be said that those opposed to this particular wind farm are campaigning from a 'not in my back yard' position, especially when the landscape is virtually full to capacity as far as wind farms are concerned once existing planning consents go through. It is time for other parts of the country to play their part in the fight against climate change. I will keep you informed of developments.
Phil Wilson

DO NOT SMOKE NEAR CHILDREN

Dear Sir,
After a busy day running around with my 11 month baby I sat on a bench in the town centre with her asleep next to me. After a minute or so an elderly lady approached asking if I minded if she sat next to me and smoked. I said she could sit down but I do not like people smoking around my baby. She then told me not to be so stupid as it was outdoors and she was going to smoke anyway. I got up and walked away, she called me stupid again. I told her my baby's health is important and

that her selfish attitude is what gives smokers a bad reputation. The benches in the town centre are for everyone not just when you need a cigarette. If I was breastfeeding at this time there would have been no way I could have moved without distressing my baby by stopping nursing, but I could not let her breathe air that has been medically proven to cause health issues.
Kelly-Ann Halladay
Fewston Close

WATERING WHEN IT'S RAINING!

Dear Sir,
I was driving along Central Avenue today (Saturday) and saw the most incredible waste of public money I've ever seen! It was middle of the afternoon, pouring with rain and there was a council worker watering the flower beds. I guess he'll be on, time and a half and was obviously out for the day. I'm looking forward to the next hot sunny day where we'll probably see them holding sun lamps over the flowers on Saturday afternoons. It was forecast for a wet weekend yet councils see fit to bring staff in on overtime for such an unbelievable task!
Terry Richardson

Have You Seen Our Wheelie Bin?

Approximately 3 weeks ago our garden wheelie bin (black body/brown lid) was put out for collection to the rear of our property which backs onto Welbury Grove. When we went to bring the bin back in at teatime it wasn't there. If anyone has found an extra garden wheelie bin outside of their house and don't know where to return it, or they saw it being removed, please call me on 01325 321128.
Thank you

PROTEST ON REMOVAL OF FOOTPATH

Dear Sir,
The local Ramblers Association have received, notice from the Dept. of Transport a copy of Draft Order to stop the footpath between the rear of the Magistrates Court and the old site of Newton Aycliffe Branch Library. Additionally the footpath alongside the site of the spiral ramp is included in the Order and made in accordance with planning permission granted by DCC. The footpath has been used for many years by pedestrians, prams etc and mobility vehicles since the 60's. Were I still a resident of the town I would be aggrieved by the proposal and make a personal objection to it unless another route of very similar width and line was proposed within the new development. Copies of the above will be available at Newton Aycliffe Library on 21st June 2011 and I believe Great Aycliffe Town Council will be among the consultees. I would be interested in how residents and those that represent them in Newton Aycliffe react as the Ramblers would support and/or make an objection to the proposal if no suitable alternative is proposed.
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| <p>Saturday 9th July Night Fever at the 70's Disco Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person</p> | <p>Friday 26th August Disco through the Decades Come and enjoy a night of music from the 60's all the way through to the 90's Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person</p> |
| <p>Monday 25th July Wedding Open Evening Come and take this opportunity to view the Coleman Suite, John Burdon Suite, Bayne Suite and Paddock Marquee set up for Wedding Receptions and a Civil Ceremony. No appointment necessary just come along between 6.00pm and 8.30pm</p> | <p>Friday 26th August The Brainstormer Murders- Murder they wrote New to Hardwick Hall! The ultimate in Murder Mystery entertainment, come and enjoy a thrilling evening of 'who dun it.' The evening is a modern day theme at the Annual Congress for the Crime Writers Guild. How do they get their inspiration for their plots? Arrive for 7.00pm for dinner 7.30pm (Dinner to finish) £20.95 per person</p> |
| <p>Friday 29th July Michael Buble Tribute Dan James will be performing all the greatest hits from the No. 1 selling artist. Arrive at 7.00pm for dinner 7.30pm. Evening includes a three course dinner and disco. £17.95 per person</p> | <p>Friday 2nd September Time of your life This pulsating song and dance spectacular features amazing versions of all the iconic songs including Hungry Eyes, Wipe Out, Yes, Be My Baby and many more from the famous movie Dirty Dancing. Evening includes a three course dinner and disco to finish. Arrive 7.00pm for dinner served at 7.30pm £18.95 per person</p> |

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"Ex-Forces Personnel Want Jobs" says M.P.

Dear Sir,
I was recently visited by a representative of the Regular Forces Employment Association and the Career Transition Partnership. Both organisations are working together to help regulars who have recently left the forces to find a job on Civvy Street. The RFEA has been doing this work since 1885. In the present difficult employment market and redundancies in the armed forces I said I would do all I can to help those who have served their country find work.

The men and women leaving the forces are courageous, disciplined and many have highly valued skills. So I am appealing to companies in the Newton Aycliffe area, if you are looking for employees don't forget our armed forces personnel.

If you require further information on how to recruit service personnel to your business please contact Gareth Barnes c/o Regular Forces Employment Association Limited, 67 Duke Street, Darlington, Co. Durham. DL3 7SD, or email gbarnes@ctp.org.uk
Phil Wilson

SPORTS CLUB HOSTS NATIONAL CRICKET INITIATIVE



Dozens of children descended on Aycliffe Sports Club earlier this month for a national initiative to get more children into Cricket. More than a hundred Year Six pupils from 12 local primary schools took part in the Asda-sponsored Kwik Cricket Competition, a nationwide campaign to improve participation in Cricket. Sedgefield School Sport

Partnership joined forces with Aycliffe Sports Club to host the event, as 20 teams consisting of mixed teams and eight girls-only teams played the mini-version of the game using soft balls. Diane Snowsill, partnership development manager for the SSSP which covers schools in the old Sedgefield Borough area, said: "The emphasis is on fun, but it did get really competitive! The soft balls are very forgiving, which allowed for some excellent fielding and some fantastic catching, so it all made for some fun and entertaining cricket."

"At one point the whole cricket and rugby area was just a field of children playing cricket, it was buzzing! The whole aim is to develop Cricket in primary schools but it also provides children with a link to their local Cricket Club, and they were all very excited to visit Newton Aycliffe, which is a fantastic set-up, so we're very grateful to the club for allowing us the use of their grounds."

Aycliffe youth coach Malcolm Dawes, pictured with Diane who helped to organise the event, added: "It's just a taster for the children but hopefully it will encourage more youngsters into the sport."

Each child was presented with a certificate by James Lowe, Middlesbrough captain and community coach for Durham County Council.

The joint winners of the mixed teams were Tudhoe Colliery School and St Joseph's RCVA of Newton Aycliffe, while the joint runners-up were Vane Road School and Timothy Hackworth School from Shildon.

The joint winners of the girls games were Cleves Cross and St Williams RCVA of Trimdon, and the joint runners-up were St Joseph's and Stephenson Way schools of Newton Aycliffe.

PICTURE: Sedgefield School Sport Partnership development manager Diane Snowsill with Newton Aycliffe CC youth coach Malcolm Dawes.

MAKE A BIG SPLASH WITH THE COUNTY SWIM ACTIVE CENTURY SWIM

On Sunday 26th June at ten swimming pools across County Durham, you can join forces to swim as far as you like and as fast as you wish from one length to 100 lengths. Everyone's contribution will be recorded as swimmers across the county aim to reach a cumulative total of 100 miles, raising money for charity as they swim. Residents of County Durham have the chance to take part in this special day of swimming. The event aims to get everyone swimming and sees the launch of three programmes Swim Active, British Gas Swimfit and Big Splash.

Through British Swimming and the BBC, Big Splash is a national campaign to inspire the nation to swim. Big Splash seeks to encourage new people into the pool and help those who already swim to have more fun more often.

Double Olympic champion Becky Adlington is supporting the campaign: "Swimming is my life but just getting in the pool a couple of times a week is a really great way of getting active and staying healthy. I'm right behind anything that encourages people to take the plunge and swim more often."

The Century Swim kicks off the Big Splash campaign in County Durham and two new swimming programmes; Swim Active and British Gas Swimfit. Dedicated Century Swim time slots have been allocated at all the participating pools on 26th June. Residents taking part are encouraged to make a donation to charity as entrance to the pools on the day during the Century Swim times will be free of charge. There has never been a better time to start swimming in County Durham

Belle Vue Swim Centre will be supporting the North East Ambulance, The Louisa Centre the Willowburn Hospice and Peterlee Leisure Centre British Wheelpower. Durham County Council Chairman, Cllr Dennis Morgan's nominated charity The Rainbow Trust will benefit from the swims at Chester le St, Newton Aycliffe, Spennymoor, Woodhouse Close, Freemans Quay, Glenholme and Teesdale Leisure Centres. To find out more details on the times of the County Durham Swim Active Century Swim contact individual local pools.

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre: 01325 300 800
Spennymoor Leisure Centre: 01388 815 827
Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre, Bishop Auckland: 01388 761 634. www.durhamswimactive.org.uk

To encourage residents to start and stay swimming for a fitter lifestyle the CPAL 'Swim Active' programme at selected pools is targeted at 40-74 year olds. Swim Active encourages people to swim on a regular basis to improve health and wellbeing. The programme provides a variety of water based activities and dedicated pool-side support at selected sessions over a 12 week period.

CPAL is supported by NHS County Durham and Darlington and County Durham Sport, aiming to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in County Durham through increased physical activity. Taking the gym-style programme into the pool, 'Swim Fit' caters for all abilities and levels of fitness. Specially designed programmes to help you be more Healthy, Shape Up and Tone, or use swimming as a key part of your fitness training are available across County Durham pools. There is even a special Activate programme for returning swimmers who want to improve their confidence in the water.

Olympic Swimmer Chris Cook represented Great Britain for nearly ten years and recommends British Gas Swimfit 'I regularly use Swimfit sessions to add a bit of variety to my swim

training. After retiring from swimming I now go it alone and train for fun and fitness and swim fit gives me variety and sets you some handy little targets and drills to do. If you're new to swim training it also has some info in there to help you pick up the language used in swimming... once you have a few sessions under your belt you can make your way through the stages and challenge your fitness, skill and ability! Enjoy'

Enjoying the water is something open to people of all ages and abilities. More quality time with the kids, the companionship of an Aqua Aerobics class, swimming for health and fitness or just splashing about for fun, are just a few reasons to become a Big Splasher. Everyone has a Big Splash in them so be inspired and get swimming in County Durham.

Another Fast Lady!



Aycliffe racing drivers Amanda Whitaker and Anthony Dunn are proud to announce the birth of their first child Scarlet Dunn, born in Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 2nd June 2011.

It was a short labour - Amanda had prepared to deliver in Darlington Hospital, but at a routine appointment with the Midwife at the Cobblers Hall Doctors Surgery in Woodham, Newton Aycliffe she was informed that she

was in full blown labour and shortly due to give birth! Around an hour later Scarlet had arrived.

"We think she must have thought it was a race - she was clearly ready to go! We have decided to name her Scarlet with one T - as in the colour - so she has 2 middle names, Jane and Whitaker to link her to her mum Amanda Jane Whitaker". Scarlet was born 6lbs and both herself and Amanda are doing well.

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Macmillan Look for More Volunteers

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Macmillan will be holding an event at The Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle on Thursday 9th June from 10am-12pm. You will hear from local Fundraisers about the difference you can make to the event whilst meeting like minded people who also want to experience being part of such a big event.

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, a chance to look around the gallery afterwards, please get in touch with the team on 0191 214 5444 or e-mail erichardson@macmillan.org.uk as we currently don't have as many volunteers to work on this event as we would like.

Erin Richardson, Fundraising Manager said

"Events like this are a great way of bringing existing and new volunteers together. It is so easy to help us promote the event, from simply mentioning to friends and family, to helping with promotion and talking to our supporters. There really is something for everyone, and most importantly it will ensure we raise even more money for people affected by cancer"

Thousands of people in the North East are expected to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 30.

Around the UK over two million people are expected to take part, raising over £8.5 to fund Macmillan's vital cancer services.

Macmillan is also urging those who can't hold their own event to log on to their website to find a coffee morning in their area. To find a local coffee morning or register to host one visit: www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 070 1315.

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WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2011
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The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

Agendas and Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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Hundreds Enter Aycliffe's Big Race Ex-Pro's Coaching Courses

Runners from across the North East and beyond turned out for this year's 3M Aycliffe 10k Road Race but James Askew proved fastest of them all.

James Askew of Aycliffe Running Club crossed the finishing line in 33:08 minutes, with Mike Jefferies of Billingham Marsh House (33:14) in second place and Robert Bee of Blackhill Bounders (33:16) coming in third.

The first woman home was Alexandra Snook of Gateshead Harriers AC in 37:49 minutes, followed by Sarah Lister of Blackhill Bounders (39:43) and Julie Clark of Blyth RC (40:31).

This year's main 10k event attracted some 310 entrants with another 340 taking part in a 3K fun run on the same day, which was won by Henry Johnson of Aycliffe Running Club in 11:45 minutes and first female was Amy Etherington of Shildon Running & Athletic Club in 12:41.

The event was organised by Aycliffe Running Club and sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Northumbrian Water and The Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Race director Trevor Needham



commented: "It was great to see such a large number of people taking part once again of all ages and levels of ability. It was thanks to them, our sponsors and helpers – including members and friends of Aycliffe Running Club, St John's Ambulance and the Police - that the event went off so well."

Among the entries were a number of runners from the 3M Aycliffe site, which manufactures respirators and products for the vehicle aftercare market.

3M's Alan Kellett added: "We first sponsored this race in 2002 to mark the company's centenary and have been proud to be involved every year since."

"This year was one of the best ever. The organisers put in a tremendous amount of work to make it such an enjoyable day for the community."

Three former footballers have joined forces to develop a popular coaching course in Newton Aycliffe.

Ex-Sunderland and Darlington star Martin Gray, who is now running his own successful coaching Academy, has taken over the management of the Tuesday night courses at Greenfield Community College.

The one-hour sessions were set-up by Newtonians Brian Atkinson, Gray's former Darlington team-mate, and Danny Mellanby, another ex-Quaker who inspired Aycliffe to their Northern League second division title last season.

Around 30 children aged between five and 13 have been attending the courses over the last few months.

Now Gray is hoping to help develop the courses by splitting them in two separate one-hour sessions for different age groups – 5-6pm for 5-to-8-year-olds and 6-7pm for 9-to-13's

"The courses have become hugely popular and the youngsters who attend thoroughly enjoy them," said Gray, who launched his Martin Gray Football Academy last summer.

"The success of them is credit to Brian and Danny, who



have a passion for coaching, and you can see how much the children enjoy it.

"I've become involved simply to help develop the courses and pass on my knowledge and expertise on the management of them, allowing Brian and Danny to get on with the coaching."

"Hopefully by splitting the courses into two separate sessions, it will enable us to develop them and possibly look to launch other courses at Greenfield."

Gray, who holds the Pro Licence coaching diploma (UEFA's highest accreditation in football coaching), has previously worked as assistant manager to Dave Penney at both Darlington and Oldham after his playing career.

The 39-year-old now spends all his time managing his rapidly-developing Academy, which provides a wide range of coaching courses. Five Aycliffe boys who've

been attending Gray's courses – Joshua Mellanby, Sean Brown, Harry and Jack Hobbs and Lucas Pilling – have since been signed up by Sunderland AFC's development centre at Sedgefield Community College.

"There really is an opportunity for talented youngsters to progress to the SAFC Academy," added Gray. But the courses also provide boys and girls of all abilities the chance to just come and enjoy a bit of football and make new friends."

The new Tuesday night courses at Greenfield cost £4 each, and parents are reminded that the two new times (5-6pm 5-8-years and 6-7pm 9-13-years) come into effect from next week (June 28).

More details about the Martin Gray Football Academy can be found at www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk

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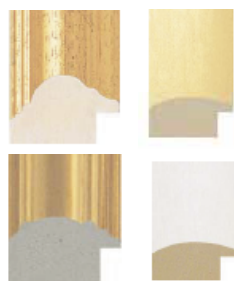


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Six Year Old Driver Makes Winning Start



School Aycliffe kart racer Max Whitaker made a flying start to his race career this weekend when he took two wins including a fastest lap at Wombwell Circuit, Nr Barnsley.

Max achieved the feat on only

Football Trial for Under 18's Team

Newton Aycliffe Under 18's F.C. new Managers, Craig Morley and Steve Grocott hold trials for the town's Under 18's Football Team on 2nd July 2011 from 10am -12noon at Moore Lane Sports Club.

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his first visit to the circuit and competing in his first season of racing. He races in the "Bambino" class for 6 to 8 year olds which are powered by 50cc Comer engines.

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Without warning one of the group punched the victim to the face, causing a graze to his right cheek. The victim ran away before any further incident took place. The identity of the youths is sought. One of the group was riding a bike. Anybody with information are asked to contact PC 451 Emma MCCABE. Tel: 0345 6060365.

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Congratulations

Joanne Howarth
 
 Happy Anniversary
 To my fab Mrs on our Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love, Stuart xxxx

Thank You
 
 BRUMWELL Tom and family would like to express their sincere thanks to family and friends for the support and kindness received during their recent sad bereavement of June. Also cards, letters and texts received. Thanks to Karen the Macmillan Nurse, District Nurses, Unique Care, Aycliffe Carers. To Dr Welsh and Dr McKinty, Rev. Julie Wing for comforting Service and Colin Farlow and staff at the Co-op. Special thanks to Carol for the wonderful buffet. Donations we received in lieu of flowers, so far have raised £444.54
THANKS TO all who helped my Granddaughter when she came off her Motor Scooter near Aycliffe town centre on Saturday 18th June. Stitches in her knee, otherwise she is OK. If the person who left the blanket to cover her, contacts us on 317480 we can arrange it's return
THANK YOU to everyone who applied for the job as Post Office Counter Clerk, the position has now been filled, sorry for the delay, but there was a high number of applicants. Barrie Taylor
DELIA STOUT Wishes to thank all her family and friends for all the beautiful cards and gifts which made her 80th birthday a wonderful day/ weekend

Katie Louise Davies
 
 Happy 18th Birthday Sweetheart
 Lots of love from Mum, Norman, Connie, Si, John, Nana, Grandad and Family

Robert (Bob) Jackman
 
 Hope you have a brilliant birthday.
 Lots of love from Beverley, Douglas, Paul, Katy, James, Craig, Sarah-Jane, Madison, Mackenzie, Simon, Mireille, Bryn, Aron, Chris, Len and Lesley and all your family and friends xx


In Memoriam
 
 DES WALKER 30th June. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Love forever, Wife Julia, Daughters, Sons-in-Law and Grandchildren xxxx

Birthday Remembrance
 
 WYN ATKINSON 21st June. We never need a special day to bring you to our mind, for days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

TERRY LENDRUM 23rd June. Here in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Your loving Husband John and family
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS Our dearest Anthea, we can't bring back the old days when we were all together. But those we love don't leave us, they walk beside us forever. Love and God bless, your Mam and all your family. Also my thoughts so tender of my dear Ray xxxxxx

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Pauline Sutton
 
 Happy 50th Birthday 25th June
 Love from Mam, John and Kerrie
 Happy 50th Pauline. Love from David and Sonia
 Auntie Pauline, happy 50th birthday. Love from Leanne, Corey and Charlie
 Happy 50th birthday Mam. We love you lots. From Kimberley, Donna, Claire, Shaun and Criss xxxx

Brooke Ella Stonehouse
 
 Happy 1st Birthday 27th June
 All our love, Mammy, Daddy, Nana and Granda Stonehouse, Uncle Lee and Lauren xxx


Riley Jake Landells
 
 Hip Hip Hooray Our Riley is 2 today.
 Love you forever my little star! Grandma and Alfie xxxxxx

ROS MACMASTER Happy 21st birthday to the best Brother and Uncle anyone could ask for. All our love, Lee-Ann, Gaffa, Jay, Parker and Erin xxxxx
PAT WHEELHOUSE Happy Birthday Grandma with love from William and Emily xxx

Natalie Parker
 
 Happy 21st Birthday
 To our beautiful Daughter, have a wonderful 21st birthday. All our love, Mam and Dad (Tony) xxx
 Happy birthday Andrew, stay safe in Afghanistan. Love, Julie, Tony and David xx
 Happy 21st Birthday Sis. Have a good time in Portugal. Love, David, Toby and Poppy xxx
 To my special Granddaughter Natalie, congratulations on your 21st birthday. Your Grandma would have been so proud. Love, Nana Roach and Nanna Durham xxx
 To my darling Princess Nats. Sending all my love for your 21st birthday. Love forever Andrew. Sorry I won't be there, can't wait to come home to you xxx
 Congratulations Nats on your 21st birthday, you are so special to us. Love, Sharon, Alan, Andrew, Lee, Dannielle, Sophie-Jean and the rest of the Richardson Clan xxx

Mason James Waldron
 
 To My Little Prince - Happy 1st Birthday
 Lots of love from Mam
 Happy birthday and lots of love from Nan

Ross MacMaster
 
 Happy 21st Birthday
 To a very special Son and Brother. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Rachael and Carlos xxxx

Ross MacMaster
 
 Happy 21st Birthday 24th June 1990
 Ross, enjoy your day. Lots of love from Grandma, Auntie Clairi Flairy, all the family and not forgetting Spot! xxx

Mason James Waldron (nee Graham)
 
 Happy 1st Birthday 28th June
 Happy birthday Mason. 1 today. our little Grandson. Loads of love from Granda Rob and Nanny Lisa xxxx

MASON WALDRON Happy birthday to my gorgeous little Nephew Mason. Lots and lots of love, from Auntie Jess xxx
MASON WALDRON Happy birthday to our Great Grandson Mason. Lots of love from Grandma Bob and Nanna Maud xxxx
MICHAEL HANNAH Congratulations on 25th June. of becoming a teenager, happy birthday. Love, Nan, Granda and Bonnie xxx
ROSALINDE HALL. Happy 60th BIRTHday to a special Wife, Mam and Nanna. Lots of love, Dennis, Julie, Karen, Lee, Phil, Daniel, Aaron, Amie, Katie and James xxx
KALYA EDEN SHAW Happy 14th birthday angel. Just a short note to say, hope you enjoy your special day (and Monday night). Lots of love, Auntie Pamela xxx

Cricket Scoreboard

The inclement weather played havoc with Newton Aycliffe's fixtures over the weekend, with the under 11's, under 13's and both senior teams all having their league games cancelled without a ball being bowled.

However in midweek, the first team progressed to the quarter finals of the League Cup after a comprehensive 61 run home win over Beamish. Batting first Aycliffe smashed their way to a massive 192 for 6 in their 20 overs thanks to excellent innings from both Sean Morgan and Luke Telford, who both hit half centuries. In reply, three wickets each from Sean Morgan and Sean Lawless, together with four catches from David Turgoose, which equalled the club record for outfield catches in an innings, helped restrict the visitors to 131 for 9 from their allotted 20 overs.

The under 18's team produced their best performance of the season at home to Mainsforth, but were disappointed to

lose by 7 wickets. Opting to bat first, Aycliffe scored a season's best 134 for 5 from their 20 overs with captain Michael Howe smashing a quickfire 39 and in-form Sam Telford hitting 36. In reply the visitors, with the help off some poor Aycliffe fielding, eventually reached their winning target with just 5 balls remaining.

Aycliffe's under 15's played host to local rivals Shildon and were well beaten in the end by six wickets. The homeside batted first and only Ben Nicholson with 19 runs made any impression as Aycliffe were skittled for 55 from just 12.2 overs.

The visitors also struggled when they batted and after 8 overs they were teetering on 9 for 2 thanks to excellent bowling from Aycliffe's Thomas Gledhill and Thomas Wickins. However, the visitors fought back well and accelerated to their winning target in the 16th over for the loss of four wickets.

LOCAL SPORT

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CHAMPIONS RETURN TO TRAINING

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Newton Aycliffe begin their preparations for life in the Northern League first division this weekend as the players return to training. Two months after winning the second division title, Allan Oliver's side are due to start their pre-season programme with a light training session at Moore Lane on Saturday (from 12noon). Supporters missing their usual weekend football fix during the summer months are invited to pop along. Chairman and assistant manager Gary Farley said:

"It's that time of the year when there doesn't seem to be anything happening at the club, from the outside looking in. "But, believe me, there is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes, both on the football front but also in various off-field areas, such as ground developments and sponsorship. "The football management are also working extremely hard on trying to bring in some quality new signings who will help us make the big step up to the first division, and we hope to have some exciting developments on that front over the next few weeks. "It's an important summer for the club but everyone involved is even more determined than ever to make sure we continue our steady progress." Meanwhile, Aycliffe have added another friendly to their growing list of pre-season warm-up games, with Wearside League outfit Hartlepool FC hosting the Newtonians next month. Hartlepool, who finished eighth in the Wearside

League last season and 12th the season before, play their home games at the TDSOB Sports Club, where they will entertain Aycliffe on Saturday July 30 (3pm kick-off). During Aycliffe's Wearside title campaign three years ago, Aycliffe came from behind to defeat the Pools 4-1, with goals from Mark Wood, Elliot Gardner and a Stuart Meney brace. In the return game played at Moore Lane Park, Aycliffe won 3-2 as they closed in on the league title.

UNDER 12's IN TRAINING

NAJFC under 12's are starting pre-season training at Woodhan CTC. Last season we competed well in the TJFA division 2 and reached the quarter final of the cup. We play and train at Woodham and are looking to add to our squad. Training is on a Wednesday night from 6.30 to 7.45 if you are currently in year 6 and are interested in playing for a great team contact Jonathan on 07790 618331. NAJFC has football teams from development(4-6 years) right through to under 17's check the web site for details www.najfc.co.uk

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MANAGEMENT WIN MATCH

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club played host to 3M's annual staff cricket match recently. As usual, great fun was had by all, with the Management and MT team winning the 20-over game, beating the Maintenance Majestic Spinners by just seven runs (thanks to a bit of clever hustling!). Keith Wilson and Peter Gash both scored a maximum 25 runs to help their team score 115, with the Maintenance Majestic Spinners notching up 108. Man of the Match for each side, as voted by the Umpire, was Keith Wilson (Management and MT) and Mike Todd (Maintenance). A big thanks to those who came along making it another memorable event, and a big thank you to the Sports and



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