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Clubs Can Use Council Website

The Town Council will shortly have a new website. It is intended to be used in part as a community tool for residents and visitors to find out about Aycliffe including what's on in each of our wards, from churches, sporting activities, craft clubs and children's activities. If you organise events or you belong to a club based in the town or Aycliffe Village, we'd like to publicise it for you. For further information, please contact Marie Robinson on 01325 300700 or e-mail marie.robinson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

FREE FILM SHOWS IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Hollywood films are coming to Newton Aycliffe thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership. (GAMP), who have granted £4,141 to pay for a series of community film screenings throughout the summer. 'How to train your Dragon' is the first film to be shown on July 23 and a launch event will take place on the same day from 7.00pm at Greenfield College. Groups including Burnhill Way Methodist Church, The Agnew Centre, Woodham Community Centre, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Neville Parade Community

Centre, Silverdale House, Aycliffe Village Hall, and Middridge Village Hall, are all taking part in future screenings, which are being coordinated with other community cinemas by PCSO Mike Welch. Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "The launch of the community cinema project shows a strong commitment by GAMP and its partners to respond to local needs. "It will give all members of the community, both young and old, the opportunity to watch a wide range of modern and classic films - free of charge in their community. "This is a great example of the partnership working, involving the local police force, the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership and almost every community centre active in the local area." A variety of films will be chosen from old classics to new releases and at a variety of times to suit most people.

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Middridge Village Fete



Middridge Village held their annual Fete last Saturday and the kind weather attracted large crowds to the green. Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band, stalls, dog show and refreshments produced the typical village event. Counc. Bowman helped the fundraising by donating a cheque to the Village Hall Association from her community allocation fund.



PC1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a Police and Community Together PACT meeting at Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall on Thurs., 14th July 6.30-7.30pm. The meeting is open to all members of the community and you can discuss any issues or concerns that you may have with your Community Police Officer.

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GIG PIT REVIEW - www.insanity-rock.com

Saturday 16th July - "FACELIFT"

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"Not a bad night crowd wise, a lot of regulars missing, but a few new faces which is always good to see. Band started with T Rex, '20th Century Boy', followed by Bad Company. Fratello had there all boppin in their seats. Paranoed next followed by a rocked up version of 'Spin Me Right Round', and Gilly missed it they played PRIEST, Free n Therapy were followed by Billie Jean, Green Day and Motorhead finished a crackin first set. Second half kicked off with 'Saturday Nights Alright For Fighting', 'Whiskey In The Jar', Cult, Purple, more Lizzy - did an excellent drum solo on a bass guitar, saw one on me. For anchors we were treated to Led Zep, Sex Pistols and Metallica. Great band, great mix of music, classics to get them singing and dancing and a few unusual tracks they did in their own impressive style. They will be returning'
GIG-PIT review of a previous gig at THE TURBINIA

Saturday 23rd July - "KEENAN"

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PRIZES AWARDED AT COLLEGE PROM NIGHTS

A year ago Newton Press Director Paul Howarth initiated annual awards for our two Senior Colleges. The idea was to encourage students in their final year to excel and win valuable prizes - £2,000 worth. There were five categories giving everyone a fair chance of winning.

Paul contacted local businesses who were willing to help sponsor the awards, these included Tesco, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton News,

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe and Newton Press. Prizes of laptops, e-books and ipods valued at £2,000 were on offer.

The occasion to present the prizes was to be each of the Senior Proms, held at Redworth Hall, where the students arrived in all their splendour in different modes of transport. Both nights were exciting for all and everyone had a memorable time. Paul spoke to the students whilst the Rotary Club President presented the prizes.



WOODHAM AWARDS

Top Academic Student in year 11 was a difficult choice as two succeeded in maintaining excellent academic records throughout their time at Woodham, achieving top marks in every subject so Jessica Mason and Callum Scott both received a prize.

The Top Sports Student had an outstanding sporting career culminating in being selected for the England U17's Girls Football Squad. A truly outstanding sporting achievement by Anna Young.

The Most Helpful Student

in College award went to Emma Jo Blundy, a student whose bubbly personality and enthusiasm, helping with after school activities, has been much appreciated by students and staff.

The Most Helpful Student in the Community was Callum Gibb-Lenahan, awarded because of his sense of citizenship taking him into the wider community, revealing a caring and considerate nature and willingness to help others.

The Most Improved Student was Gemma Howarth who worked extremely hard to achieve remarkable grades.



GREENFIELD AWARDS

Top Student in year 11 was Charlotte Bromley who earned the award for hard work during the year with excellent exam results.

Top Sport Student, Linzi Davis, won the award as a natural and talented sports person who has shown full commitment to school sport, leadership and more. She plays netball for the school, local and county leagues and is an accomplished umpire.

The Most Helpful Student in College award went to someone who has committed time to helping others during her school time - Rachel Ayre.

The Most Helpful Student in the Community prize was awarded to Alice Henderson for her contribution to design and creation of pro-energy and for giving up her own time to work with younger people in Newton Aycliffe

through workshops.

The Most Improved Student award is designed to encourage students to do better and obtain good exam results. The winner, Rosie Hill, who, according to teachers, epitomised this goal and achieved remarkable grades.

Paul Howarth congratulated the winners and all the students of the Class of 2011. He wished everyone an enjoyable evening and every success in their future careers.

"I would like to thank the teaching staff at Woodham and Greenfield for participating in what I hope will be an annual event. I would also like to record thanks to the sponsors Newton Press, Tesco, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton News and the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe." said Paul.



NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Neville Parade Community Centre are looking for a Chiropodist to call in once a week for two hours to help Senior Citizens with foot problems.

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AYCLIFFE YEAR 11 PROM NIGHTS

Newton News with the support of Newton Press, Tesco, the Town Centre Management and the Rotary Club held a successful Presentation at the two Senior School Proms held at Redworth Hall last week.

On Tuesday and Thursday respectively, Year 11 students from Woodham and Greenfield colleges enjoyed a special Prom Night, but this year certain students won valuable prizes including laptops, ipods and E-book readers valued around £2,000. Category winners in 1: sport, 2: academic achievement, 3: most helpful, 4: Community service. 5: most improved. Winning Students were chosen by teachers.

It is hoped these awards can be made annually to give students an incentive to study and work hard in their final year. Newton News would welcome sponsors for the 2012 awards - please contact Paul on 300212. e-mail: paul@newtonpress.net.



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BYERELY PARK SCHOOL FAIR



Byerely Park School held a very successful Summer Fair last Saturday in glorious sunshine. Lots of fun activities were available with all the usual stalls and attractions. The organisers thank all who supported the event.



SBH HOLD GARDENS CONTEST

Tenants of a County Durham housing provider are being encouraged to make the most of their gardens as part of a competition this summer. Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) is calling all green-fingered tenants to submit their garden creations to be in with a chance of winning £50 worth of garden centre vouchers. A judging panel, including the associations' chief executive Colin Steel will visit the gardens in August to select a winner from three categories, best individual garden, best yard/patio and best communal garden. Entries must be submitted no later than 29 July and the winners will be announced in September. To find out more or to download an application pack visit www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk or call the Neighbourhood Support team on 0845 505 5500.

Aycliffe Village Students Celebrate End of School



Left to right: Connor Woodcock, Andrew Hindle, Beth Carpenter, Shawn Fleming, Georgina Howson, Sam Brooker, Megan Wilson and Christian Rickaby. The students met on Aycliffe Village Green last Tuesday (June 28) at the start of an evening of celebrations marking the end of their time at Woodham College. The teenagers, some having known each since they started at Aycliffe Village Primary School in September 1999, posed for pictures before being driven in a white stretch limousine to Redworth Hall for their School Prom.

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It's Now Up to Our County Councillors

Dear Editor
May I, through your newspaper, thank all the people who have helped me in my attempt to promote Aycliffe's interests in the County Plan. Their contribution and support - officers and members of the public, Labour and Independents, in blog, facebook and newspapers - has been invaluable. Let's hope it bears fruit. As for myself, I gave it my best shot. Now it is up to our wonderful County Councillors to go to County Hall and lobby the planners to try to accomplish our collective Vision for Aycliffe. When you read this, the consultation period will be finished, and the deadline for comments will have passed. However, the Planners will be issuing a Draft Plan in the autumn, so we will be able to see what they decide and comment on that. I will keep people informed.
John D Clare

CAT REUNITED WITH FAMILY

Dear Sir,
Thank you for putting the free ad about the cat and her kittens in last week's paper. I'm happy to report that the owner of the cat, which had been missing for some time, got in touch and have now been reunited. Two of the kittens are going to be re-homed after socialisation and the mother cat and the other kitten are staying with the owner. Thank you Newton News for your help and also the local cat charities who contacted me to offer help and advice.
Angie Pearson

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SBH Top Apprentice Employer

County Durham housing provider sbh is celebrating after being named as one of England's Top 100 Apprenticeship employers. Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) is one of only 11 companies from the North East to be included in the list which was launched at the National Apprenticeship awards ceremony in London on Wednesday 29th June.

The prestigious accolade comes just weeks after the housing provider was highly commended as a runner up in the North East Medium Employer of the Year award by the National Apprenticeship Service.

sbh also gained recognition locally from New College Durham who named the association Customer Service Employer of the Year. Apprentice Paul Franks was also awarded Customer Service Apprentice of the Year 2011 from Bishop Auckland College.

sbh employs around 170 people and manages 8,500 properties across south Durham and has a rich history in supporting apprentices with



approximately 27 per cent of current staff starting their career as an apprentice or trainee.

Alan Boddy, director of people and communities, for sbh, said: "We are delighted to be recognised for our work with apprentices, not only on a national level, but locally, from the people and organisations we work with every day."

"sbh made a promise to tenants to provide training opportunities locally and we hope today's announcement will cement that not only do we provide this, but we offer excellent support and mentoring for each and every employee."

John Wayman, regional director of the National

Apprenticeship Service said: "I am delighted to be celebrating the success of the first Top 100 Apprenticeship employers; they represent the very best Apprenticeship programmes across the country."

The list includes organisations from our region of all sizes and industry sectors and this highlights the benefits that Apprenticeships bring to all types of employers ranging from increased productivity to improved staff retention. I would like to pass on my congratulations to Sedgefield Borough Homes, their place in the highly coveted list is well deserved."

Tree Competition with 3M

Children from Aycliffe Village Primary School took part in a nature trail competition with local employers 3M to learn more about native British trees.

Members of the environmental team at the diversified technology company's Aycliffe site devised the competition for the pupils to identify various species of trees growing in woodland next to the site.

Thirty pupils aged six and seven years old joined the event with main prizes for the winners and gifts for all.

Headteacher Jed Gargan commented:

"The competition was a fabulous idea and the children really enjoyed it. Many of the pupils don't recognise all of the different trees that grow around them and they returned to school full of everything they'd learnt. They received a gift of a nature book each from 3M to help them recognise birds, trees and wild flowers."

The traditional woodland has been planted over recent years on the site's Centenary Field, first created to mark the 100th anniversary of the 3M Company in 2002.

3M Environmental, Health & Safety Coordinator Martyn Harvey said "It was part of our ongoing close relationship with the



Pupils and staff from Aycliffe Village School with members of the 3M Environment Team

school. Last year a number of the pupils helped us plant saplings in the field so we thought a competition would be a good way of teaching them about more mature trees."

Pupils Max Whitaker, Liam Smurthwaite, Alyssa Peterson and Laura McKenna get a helping hand with their tree quest from Craig Allen and Lee Curbeson, who organised the competition with fellow team members Alan Wayper, Paul Dobson and Martyn Harvey.



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<p>LISLE ROAD Newton Aycliffe £169,990</p> <p>Two bedroom semi detached house, lounge and fitted kitchen, conservatory, DG, GCH, gardens and drive. Viewing highly recommended</p>	<p>ST. GODRIC'S ROAD Newton Aycliffe £99,990</p> <p>Three bedroom mid terrace house, ideal family home, lounge and kitchen/dining room, DG & GCH, gardens, viewing highly recommended</p>	<p>SANDOWN DRIVE Newton Aycliffe £164,990</p> <p>Two bedroom detached bungalow, popular part of Woodham Village. GCH, uPVC DG, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, gardens front and rear, drive, garage. Viewing recommended, no chain</p>	<p>Attention ALL LANDLORDS</p> <p>SPECIAL OFFER</p> <p>Limited Time Only</p> <p>Full Management</p> <p>9% plus VAT</p> <p>or Finders Only available</p> <p>URGENTLY required</p> <p>Rental Property</p> <p>in Newton Aycliffe</p> <p>Clients waiting call</p> <p>01325 311211</p> <p>or</p> <p>01388 773355</p>		<p>PEMBERTON ROAD Newton Aycliffe £89,990</p> <p>Two bedroom semi detached house, ideal for the FTB and no chain. Fitted kitchen, lounge, GCH, uPVC DG, gardens and larger than average drive. Viewing recommended</p>	<p>GREGORY COURT Newton Aycliffe £89,990</p> <p>One bedroom first floor flat, ideal for FTB or couple, lounge, fitted kitchen, GCH, DG, electric storage heater, parking to rear, viewing recommended</p>	<p>TUNSTALL ROAD Newton Aycliffe £94,990</p> <p>Well presented 3 bed mid link, ideal for the growing family. Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, DG, GCH, garden, patio, no chain, viewing essential, not to be missed</p>

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GAMP Supports Greenfield Tennis

Greenfield Tennis Club have benefited from the support of the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership in promoting the programme of activities for young tennis players this summer.

Funding from GAMP allowed the Greenfield School student, Joe Haines to become a Level 1 coach. Joe started playing tennis at age 6 when the tennis facility was opened 10 years ago. He now plays for the Men's Team and is an Assistant Coach helping the Mini Tennis Squads.

GAMP is also supporting the Mini Roos Mini Tennis Camp during the school holidays. The coaches, Katie and Joe Haines (Level 1) and Aidan Robson (Level 2) have all developed into excellent

coaches after participating in Greenfield Tennis Squads in recent years. Head Coach, Ian Wilkinson has been the mentor of all three coaches. Ian says, "It has been a pleasure to see young people commit to developing their own talents and also be prepared to help others.

The camp is the only time in the year we all four work together and it's a laugh a minute as we bounce ideas off each other. We are all very grateful for the support of GAMP this summer."

The Mini Roos Camp takes place from Monday 25th to 27th July.

Places for the very popular camp are still available. Details can be found on www.rootennis.com or by Email rootennis@hotmail.co.uk

Dancing Contest at Aycliffe



On 26th June, 2011, the IDTA (North East) ran the Junior and Adult Street Qualifier competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. All dancers who reached the final round qualified to dance at the Nationwide competition to be held in Stoke in March 2012. In the 6-8 years girls Rosettes, Amy Dolan was placed 6th and in the boys section, David Robinson came 3rd. Milly Cartwright also qualified. The Stardance 6-10 years girls category saw Beatrice Lineton placed 2nd. The 10-13 years girls section was also split into girls and boys and Kasia Shaw came 6th in her section and Reece Atherton 2nd in his. Ryan

Austin was placed 2nd in the 14-17 years boys category. Milly Cartwright and Kira Watson were placed 4th in the Up to 9 years Duos and Romie Cowens and Amy Dolan also qualified. In the 14 to 17 years Duos Chloe Farley and Annis Race were placed 2nd. Katie Bain and Ryan Austin qualified in the 18-25 years Duos category. In the newly categorised Quads section, three Lee Green quads qualified for Stoke. Lauren Archer, Katie Bain, Annis Race and Chloe Farley were placed 5th, while the quads comprising Stephanie Wilson, Bethany Dagnall, Georgia Wakefield and Kalya Shaw and also Emily Kavanagh, Georgia Heads, Kasia Shaw and Daniela Winwood

qualified. The Lee Green Up to 9 years "Street Crew" team were placed 2nd. The team was made up of dancers: Lisa Robinson, Milly Cartwright, Kira Watson, Beatrice Lineton, Amy Dolan, Romie Cowens, Rachel Bennett, Abbie Kennedy, Summer Fenwick, Charlotte Rowley and Olivia Archer. In the 10 - 13 years team category "Blackout" came 3rd. The team comprises: Reece Atherton, Kasia Shaw, Annis Race, Kalya Shaw, Megan Cross, Emily Kavanagh, Georgia Heads, Rebecca Lowes, Hayley Archer, Libbie Anderson and Chloe Farley. Anyone interested in joining Lee Green Dance Centre can contact: 01325 318239.

SBH Staff Join Town's Credit Union



Employees of housing provider sbh have signed-up to a community saving scheme in a bid to encourage tenants to do the same.

Staff from the financial inclusion team at Sedgefield Borough Homes joined Durham County Credit Union (DCCU), which offers residents savings and low cost loan facilities.

Tracey Jackson, head of homes for sbh, said: "We want our tenants to know that it's good to save, no matter how small that saving might be. DCCU offers our tenants who may have difficulty obtaining a bank account or loan, the freedom to be financially independent. "The rates DCCU offer are extremely competitive and better than most high street providers, which is why staff, including myself, have signed up."

The union which is run by a board of volunteers, formed in 2009 following the amalgamation of Durham Credit Union and Teesdale Credit Union and offers residents a number of services including savings accounts, low cost loans, insurance and financial advice, which are regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Branches are open every Tuesday at Newton Aycliffe library between 11am - 12pm, every Thursday at the Ladder Centre in Ferryhill between 10am - 11am and every Friday at the Cornforth Partnership, West Cornforth between 10am - 11.45am.

For more information or to join DCCU contact Sid Rooke on 0191 375 7677 or email info@durhamcountycu.co.uk or visit www.durhamcountycu.co.uk





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Saturday 9th July
Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet.
£10.95 per person

Monday 25th July
Wedding Open Evening
Come and take this opportunity to view the Coleman Suite, John Burdon Suite, Boyne 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.

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.
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Friday 12th August
Night Fever at the 70's Disco
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Friday 19th August
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Sunday 21st August
Wedding Open Day
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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.
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Friday 26th August
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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
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County Council's School Holiday Programme

With the school holiday rapidly approaching, Durham County Council is offering young people across the county a whole host of fun and exciting sports and activities to keep them entertained and active during the summer. The Schools Out! is now available for booking and includes fun-filled sessions for under 18s ranging from athletics to zumba. Special offers include a week of swimming lessons for just £15 for children aged 4+. Schools Out! activities will be listed in the council publication, 'Your essential guide to summer fun in

County Durham,' which will be distributed to all homes in County Durham between July 4 and 18. The magazine will, for the first time, bring library, sport, leisure and cultural information together into one publication, as School's Out! has been produced separately in previous years. The activity programme is being co-ordinated by Durham County Council and will be delivered by a network of local sports clubs, coaches and volunteers. For more information, please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schoolsout or look out for the summer guide.

New Rotary Club President



Alan Crawshaw is the Rotary Club's new President and he is shown here receiving his chain of office from outgoing President Barry Hutchinson. Alan is the former Town Clerk of Skegness and moved to Aycliffe with his wife Vivien to retire.

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Wind Farms - A Growth Industry

Dear Sir,
After many years of struggling to make a living - farmers are being offered a new way to get rich by energy speculators eager to build wind turbines on their land. They do not grow crops, but rather they harvest the wind! A single, 400 foot-high turbine can earn a farmer as much as £60,000 a year. This is far more than the average farmer's income of just over £47,000. The potential profits for the energy companies are even greater. I was tempted to write 'wind-fall'. However, these profits are not a one-off, but rather continual, over decades.
One wind turbine can generate more than £13 million over the course of its 20-year lifespan; around 50% of it from the sale of the electricity it generates, and the remainder through a CONSUMER SUBSIDY ADDED ON TO YOUR BILL!
Opponents claim that wind farms are a blot on the landscape (imagine one of John Constable's landscapes ruined by such things) that fail to deliver a reliable supply of electricity, despite the cost. Figures released recently, showed the amount of electricity generated by UK wind farms actually fell last year resultant of the lowest average wind speeds this century.

Dr John Constable director of the Renewable Energy Foundation, a think tank which has criticised the cost of green subsidies for wind farms, said that each turbine, which would need to be about 400 feet in height; '.... would generate in the region of £660,000 a year in income for the developer'.
Approximately half of that income comes from selling electricity to the National Grid. But the remainder, about £330,000, comes in the form of A CONSUMER SUBSIDY, intended to encourage the growth of wind energy - paid by the consumer - that is you and me. According to the lucrative terms offered by one energy company, the farmer would receive £72,000 a year.

The average UK farmer currently enjoys an income of just over £47,000 a year. Landowners are now seeking about ten-per-cent of the annual turbine income as rent - or in this case around £60,000 for each turbine.
As Dr Constable said 'Wind turbines are far more profitable than farming. Some farmers are worried about upsetting their neighbours; others just don't care. In the next decade, the government is offering approximately £35 billion of subsidies to renewable generators. It will reach £6 billion a year in 2020. From 2002 to 2030, the whole scheme will cost up to £100 billion in subsidies alone.'
With this sort of money on the table investors and developers are desperate to cash in on this latter-day gold rush! The question is whether we, the customer, will be willing or able to shoulder such hefty premiums.
In a different context, this brought to my mind a famous quote, from a former Conservative Prime Minister, he talked about the 'Winds of Change'. Well, believe me, we the consumer will not get much in Change, after paying our electricity bills, generated from this particular Wind!

The complicated system of green energy subsidies, are to be reviewed by the Coalition government in a consultation process, that will begin this summer. The Renewables Obligation scheme was intended to offer inducements for investment in green technology, but its critics point out that it is far too generous for onshore wind projects.
According to Renewable UK - the industry body representing the wind energy business - there are 3,352 turbines currently operating across the UK with another 1,153 under construction. A further 1,966 have planning permission. While planning consent is being sought for 3,265 more turbines.
When pressed on these points, a Department of Energy and Climate Change spokesman said: "It is vital that our support for renewable electricity both encourages investment and represents value for money for consumers." My view is that these wind turbines are not cost-effective, efficient, nor in the long-term interest of hard-pressed consumers. We pay enough as it is, without this extra subsidy increasing our bills.
Derek G Atkinson, Denham Place



WAS THIS A QUESTION OF ROAD RAGE?

Dear Sir,
I write in reply to Mr Sowerby's letter and his YouTube post on a Punto driver. Even though the driver made a poor judgement call turning into the road, as we all have, the subsequent actions carried out by Mr Sowerby were reckless and dangerous.
He showed no signs of slowing down as he entered a 40 zone, then to brake as sharply as he did without probably checking what was behind, was in itself dangerous.

Having already passed his turning point for this junction he still proceeded to turn into the junction narrowly avoiding a car on the other side of the road. If he had hit this car he would have been at fault. He then chased the driver of the Punto at speed following it dangerously close. If the car in front had to carry out an emergency stop, I am sure Mr Sowerby's car would have ploughed into the back of the Punto causing further carnage.
His actions caused the Punto driver to act recklessly in an attempt to remove themselves from harm. Mr Sowerby displayed all the signs of someone with road rage. The roads in the UK are dangerous enough without drivers having to be worried about their own personal safety if involved in an accident or near miss. Hopefully if the Police look at his video footage, Mr Sowerby will receive some guidance from the Police about the standard of his own driving and the potential further danger he caused on his righteous quest.
Mr Sowerby should get a life, turn off the video camera and concentrate on driving. It's people like him who think they are always right, but if you analyze your actions, you will see you are at fault on so many levels.
Mr D Maclean
Reader in Afghanistan

FANTASTIC REPAIR WORK BY MEARS

Dear Sir,
I have just sent the letter below to Mears thanking them for their fine work and feel they deserve wider recognition.
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To Mears on behalf of Sedgefield Borough Homes: Dear Sir or Madam
I write to express my thanks for the outstanding service you have provided to me. I live alone in Newton Aycliffe am severely disabled and in a wheelchair, hence the need to depend on others for any repairs about the house.

The service provided by your company has been exemplary and it is refreshing to find such excellence where mediocrity has become the norm.
I would like to particularly thank Tara who as the first point of contact with your company is fantastic and always friendly with her wonderful telephone manner which makes me feel at ease. I also mention David who has been great.
On a wider front, every member of your staff who visited my house to carry out work has been equally courteous and helpful and what is more, the quality of the workmanship has been excellent.
Michael Johnson

Disappointment for Kids at Loco Museum

Dear Sir/Madam
I would like to draw your attention to an event which you advertised at the Locomotion Train Museum in Shildon with "Peppa Pig" on 26th June 2011.
I arrived at 12:30 and joined the already large queue outside to take my 18 month old daughter Maddison to meet Peppa and George. We queued for almost 3 hours in total, not once did a member of staff from Peppa Pig Management team or the Locomotion Management Team approach anyone near to us in the queue.
No attempt was made to close the large and growing queue to meet Peppa. At approx 3pm we saw a small A4 size white laminated sign on a post advising "last admittance 3:20pm", this was not very specific as to what it meant - last admittance to museum? Last admittance to queue?
We were approx 2 family groups away from meeting Peppa and George when they were abruptly whisked away without any acknowledgment

of the small children they pushed past to get away.
There was an outcry from angry parents who had been queuing for hours with extremely upset children. I could not believe after 10 minutes short of 3 hours queuing that I was treated in this way. There must have been a hundred other people in the queue behind us.
I have sent two letters of complaint to the museum and Peppa Pig management of which I have included copies to yourselves.
Regards
Joanne Fenton

STREET CAR PARKING A REAL PROBLEM

Dear Readers,
I travel mainly by public transport, but I do notice the street car parking problem as I walk around Newton Aycliffe. As Secretary for the Great Aycliffe Independents Party I am aware of complaints being made about off street parking and usage of garages.
It appears to be a long standing problem mainly in the old part of the town, where people do not have drives to park their cars and there are insufficient garages to go around.
This leads to roads full of parked vehicles, making it extremely difficult for drivers and residents. It is even more problematic for emergency vehicles trying to drive through these streets.
Another problem growing quickly is the parking of light commercial vehicle outside someone else's front door rather than their own.
It would be interesting to know if Sedgefield Borough Homes are aware that in some cases garages are not being used for the purpose they are rented, but for storage.
In the past Sedgefield Borough Council managed to install new parking areas but obviously this was not enough. So serious thinking needs to be applied by County Officers to try to resolve these issues of off street parking. The situation will only grow, unless we look at ways of resolving the situation and having the political will to accept there is a problem.

Kenneth Stubbs
(Secretary for Great Aycliffe Independents Party)
FANTASTIC NURSERY!
Dear Sir,
I enjoy reading the Newton News and understand that you are always looking out for good news stories. I would like to thank ALL the staff at Playday Nursery, Simp pasture, for the great care, support and fun learning environment they have given to my children.
After relocating to the area a few years ago and then starting a family, we found ourselves on the 'hunt' for the best nursery we could find. We finally decided upon Playday Nursery and not once have we regretted that decision.
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The nursery manager, Linda, has been extremely accommodating and flexible with us and cannot thank her enough! If you are looking for a good nursery to care for your children then I cannot recommend Playday enough. My daughters last day at nursery in July will be a very sad one for us all!
Lisa Mercy
School Aycliffe

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Gillian Foster

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Also available for hire are four fully accessible therapy rooms, developed to a clinical standard, with up-to-date therapy equipment. A range of treatments and therapies are already available through our Natural Therapy Suite; we would like to offer a broader range of services and support new room hire users with initial marketing and promotion.

If you would like to deliver classes, courses or therapies from the Pioneering Care Centre or for more information please feel free to contact Debbie Ryan on 01325 321234 or email debbie.ryan@pcp.uk.net

Woodham Year Ten Students in Edinburgh



A group of students from Woodham Community Technology College has visited the University of Edinburgh to experience what it would be like to study a degree course and live the student life. The event gave students the opportunity to look at studying for a potential career within the Engineering and Technology sector. Over the three days of the visit students got to take part in a range of activities from manufacturing circuit boards, building robots and launching self-propelled rockets.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT MOORE LANE

Newton Aycliffe FC's Moore Lane Park will host a Family Fun Day at the end of the month. The club are organising the summer fun day, sponsored by John Wade, on Sunday July 31, between 11am and 3pm. Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson is due to attend the fun day, organised by Aycliffe FC advertising manager Barry Waters.

A range of entertainment is on offer for children of all ages, including rides, a tombola and an army assault course. "It should be a really good day for all the family," said Barry. "It's the first time we've organised this kind of event but we're hoping it will

prove really popular. "There'll be all kinds of traditional fun day games on the go, while the dads can always just pop into the Sports Club for a pint!"

Entertainment on the day will include a bouncy castle, a speed goal, a brass band, a range of American vintage cars, football coaching, an army assault course, an archery demonstration, Tombola, face-painting and a coconut shy, while refreshments will be readily available.

There'll also be a table top sale (£5 a table) and a Tug O War – anyone who'd like to get involved can contact Barry on 07864 718243.

FAMILY FUN DAY



On the 29th June St. Joseph's Primary School in Newton Aycliffe held a family fun day and the sun shone! The day started with a whole school Mass, during which Fr. Campion blessed the new school entrance. Afterwards the parents and other family members joined us on the field to have sports day. Events ranged from a long distance sprint to egg and

spoon races. After the sports the children joined their families for a picnic in the school grounds. Then after lunch families and friends came to the summer fair. Faces were painted, biscuits decorated, cakes bought, staff were soaked in the stocks and much more. We raised over £400 for school funds.

Reporter: Miss Walker,
Teaching Assistant

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Glamorous Show Girls are inviting local people to take the final tables at a Vegas themed Summer Ball.

The Viva Las Vegas Cabaret Ball on Saturday 16th July will be held at the Xcel Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Guests will indulge in a delicious three course meal, try their hand at the roulette table and end the night with a dance to local soul band "The Soulutions"

The fundraising ball is organised by Darlington Arts Academy CIC whose talented cast and live band will entertain guests throughout the evening with much loved tracks from the likes of Tom

Jones, The Supremes and Elvis Presley as well as songs from hit musicals Chicago and Moulin Rouge!

Sponsored by Mech-Tool Engineering Ltd, the event is helping to raise money for the local arts company which reinvests all profits into working with people of all ages in and around Darlington.

John Swain, Mech-Tool Finance Director said; "We are proud to be the lead sponsor for the Academy's summer programme. Having provided employment in Darlington for over 40 years we have always believed in supporting our local

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Helping Families of Children & teenagers with cancer on Ward 4, RVI

On Sunday 10th July 12noon until 7pm come along to Greenfield School for a great day of football and fun. The first game will be kicking off at 12noon, all team places are now taken but come along and cheer them on! There will also be a Speed

JOIN THE KIDNEY RESEARCH TEAM ON THE GREAT NORTH RUN

Calling all runners! Kidney Research UK wants you to join their team for this year's Great North Run! On Sunday 18 September 2011, join a mixture of celebrities, elite athletes and charity runners all taking part in one of the World's largest and most

famous half marathons – The Great North Run! The 13 mile course starts in the heart of Newcastle City Centre, crossing the iconic Tyne Bridge and passing by Gateshead International Stadium, before finishing next to the sea in South Shields.

Sugar Hill Sports Week



The children at Sugar Hill Primary School have been enjoying taking part in National Schools Sports week. The opening ceremony was held last Monday morning where Sugar Hill's After School Dance Club performed the Samba. During the week the children had the opportunity to take part in Paralympic and Olympic sports including, Boccia, sitting volleyball, goal ball, volley ball, athletics and many more! As a special treat the children from Year 1-6 had the opportunity to take part in archery!



RAISING MONEY TO SEE OLYMPIC GAMES



Newton Aycliffe Judo Club held a Clothes Show in the Leisure Centre on 28th June. There were various stalls including town charity shops and displays. All monies raised goes toward a trip for youngsters to the Olympic Games next year.



Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Truck Training made the long trip to Simonside in the top division of the North East Durham league and were rewarded with a victory by five wickets. Batting first, the homeside found Aycliffe's opening bowler Dave Turgoose in tremendous form as he removed four of the first five batsmen to finish with his seasons best figures of 4 for 36. Change bowler Ross Dixon then carried on the good work to help mop up the tail taking 3 wickets for just 11 runs as Simonside were dismissed for 106 after 33.1 overs. In reply Luke Telford got Aycliffe off to a flyer with a typically entertaining innings before he was caught out for 19. Adam Gittins also batted well and scored an unbeaten 38 to help his side to a comfortable win with exactly half of the allotted 45 overs still remaining. The club's second team did not have a fixture this week.

The under 18's team came agonisingly close to their first win of the season, but eventually lost out by 12 runs at home to local rivals Shildon. The visitors batted first and were soon in trouble at 15

for 3 after a superb opening burst from Aycliffe bowler James Layfield-Carroll, who took 3 wickets for just 7 runs. However, the Shildon lower order fought back well to finish their 20 overs on 90 for 6. In reply, Aycliffe also lost early wickets, but a watchful 31 from Joe Haines and a more aggressive unbeaten 32 from Dan Weldon was not quite enough to take their side to victory as they finished their 20 overs on a frustrating 78 for 3. The club's under 15's side lost by 69 runs at home to champions elect Brandon, with Ben Nicholson (32 runs) and Tom Gledhill (14 not out) the leading performers for Aycliffe.

The under 11's were well beaten at home by 50 runs to an impressive Blackhall side, but there were good displays from Liam Hickey with two wickets and Adam Lamb who top scored with 11 runs. Aycliffe captain Liam Hickey was selected for the NY&CC league under 11's team and was awarded the man of the match after scoring a brilliant unbeaten half century as his side easily beat the Leeds League by 131 runs at Redcar CC.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

TUESDAY 19th JULY 2011

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on Tuesday, 19th July 2011 commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting the Leader of the Council, Councillor R.S. Fleming, will be in attendance to answer questions'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting – we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700, e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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

Aycliffe Swimmer in Great North Event



The Great North Swim, the biggest outdoor swim in the country, which took place at Lake Windermere in June attracted almost 10,000 people. Amongst these numbers, 11 swimmers from around the region braved the waters to raise money for Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland. Over £2,000 was pledged

on the day, and people have already expressed an interest in joining the swim team to raise awareness for the charity in 2012. Tracey McKenna left in the photo is from Aycliffe Village next to Julie Nisbet, fundraiser for the Hospice, who also took part in the swim and was overwhelmed by the support. "This is the first year that the Hospice has taken charity places for the Great North Swim and the interest in joining our swim team was amazing. It was the first time that I'd participated in outdoor swimming and it was such a great experience. We've all done Butterwick Hospice proud." Dates haven't yet been released for next year's event but if you wish to register your interest as a Butterwick Hospice swimmer contact Julie on (01388) 603003 or email julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk

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Aycliffe Under 18's F.C. Announce Managers & Date of Trials

Craig Morley and Steve Grocott are the new Managers for Newton Aycliffe Under 18's team. Both have years of experience and very high standards. They held Trials on 2nd July @ Moorelane Sports Club.



Craig Morley comes from Sedgfield born in 1969 with a career playing for Spennymoor United,

Evenwood Town, West Auckland, Darlington, Cleveland Bridge and Northallerton Town. He represented English Boys Clubs on 19 occasions at youth level.

He was Joint Coach at Wolviston winning the Ship Owners Cup and finishing third in league, after inheriting the bottom four side at the end of the previous season. He managed Guisboro Town for the second half of the season to keep the club away from relegation.

"I have played for some fantastic managers, Charlie Morrison, father of James Morrison who plays for West Brom, who instilled desire and the will to win in me. Another manager who sticks out is Peter Mulcaster and my time at Northallerton was one of the most enjoyable times of my life.

My philosophy is football should be played on the floor and players should go about their business with a smile on their faces, but know when it's serious. Three points are at stake each week and I want them to show commitment, honesty, integrity and the will to win.

Steven Grocott (43) in his youth played for the school team and also had many happy years playing County football. At 16 he joined Northallerton Town at Right Back, but after 4 years sustained an injury which kept him from playing competitive football.



He decided to take coaching badges and came back into football running a team at the Allstars seeing them grow from boys to men and success as a team.

Currently he manages a school team in Darlington with great success in the area and at National and County level.

"I believe behind every kick of the ball there has to be a thought and it's the presence of the other team that makes football complicated" said Steven.

Newton Aycliffe FC Supporters Club have raised hundreds of pounds for a local girl who suffers from cerebral palsy. The fans' group organised a fun game of football against a side made up of Newton Aycliffe players and officials at Aycliffe Sports Club last Saturday, to raise cash for Sophie Leadbitter. Organisers have already raised around £1,000 from collections, which is going towards their target of raising £1,600 to pay for a Petra Cycle, which will give Sophie improved mobility. They're confident of hitting their target after Honest John also pledged to donate a sum of money towards the final pot. Pictured is the Aycliffe select XI (in blue) and the Aycliffe Supporters Club XI, with Sophie pictured centre with her dad.

LOCAL SPORT

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 20th July 2011

COUNCIL MEETING 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda. If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

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

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Thank You

JOEL and LOLA would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to their Christening. It was a brilliant day xxx

TED BOLTON would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who sent cards and kind thoughts to him on the loss of his dearly beloved Wife, Irene Marie Bolton, his Rene **ANNE & NEIL** (aka Sooty and Sweep) would like to thank all our family and friends who were able to join us in our 'get together' at the Big Club last Saturday. We had a fantastic time. A big thank you to Uncle Gilbert and Inaspin - brilliant - and of course our dear friends, Helly and Kev, who did us proud with the food
DIANE PLEWS - I would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards, gifts and well wishes I received on my 40th birthday. Thank you to all who came to my party, hope you enjoyed it as much as me! I really have had a birthday to remember xx

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Paul Clark

Died 8th July 2009

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Paul Clark

Died 8th July 2009

Still learning to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. I will think of you forever because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife, Carole

BRIAN DUNN, 8th July 2010, Sadly missed and remembered every day. No longer in my life to share, but in my heart you are always there. Love you and miss you forever. Your loving wife, Margaret xxxxxx.

BRIAN DUNN, 8th July 2010. In loving memory of our lovely, little Dad and Granda. Thinking of you Dad and Granda, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and the day before that too. We'll think about you tomorrow, and as the years come and go, We'll think about you for ever, because we love and miss you so. Loved always, from your loving family. xxxxxxxx

Births

Finley Tomas Harrop



26th June 2011

Congratulations Kelly and Darren on the birth of your beautiful baby boy. All our love, Grandma Lesley, Grandad John and all the family xxx

Evie Olivia Grace Weston



6th July 2008

To Our Gorgeous Daughter Evie, happy 3rd birthday, lots of love, hugs, kisses, Mummy and Daddy xxxx

Evie happy 3rd birthday. All my love, big Sissy xxxx **Evie Olivia Grace Weston**. 6.7.08. To our precious little Granddaughter, happy 3rd birthday. All our love, hugs and kisses, Nana and Pa xxxx

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KENNEDY, Joseph Robert - Born 10th July 1990.

Congratulations on your 21st and well done, great results in your Diploma in Music. Enjoy Leeds! Proud of you. Love, Mam, Kenny, Nana, Amber, Hayle, Stephen and kids! Also to our special friend, Ross Dixon, born on the same day!

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Births

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Happy 8th Birthday

12th July 2011
To my gorgeous girl, can't believe you are 8 now! Don't know where the time has gone. You are so grown up now, have a lovely day princess and a fantastic party. Love you millions, Mammy xxx



Happy Birthday Darling

12th July 2011
Your are one special little girl, you mean so much to us. You have turned into a little princess with so much talent. We know you will enjoy your gymnastics party. All our love, Nana and Grandad xxxx

Happy birthday to my little sheeshee phuw. Lots of love from your best friend Neena xx

Happy 8th birthday darling hope you have a fab party we love you too much. Nana Edith & Uncle Stozz xx

Happy 8th birthday to our wonderful niece and cousin who's a big girl now! You are one special little girl and we love you so much. All our love darling, Uncle Wayne, Auntie Jo, little cuz Romie xxxx

Happy 8th birthday. Have a lovely day sweetheart. You mean the world to all of us, don't wear your self out at your party. Love from your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxxx

John Roberts



Happy 40th Birthday

10.7.1971
Love you loads, Sam x **Happy birthday Dad**. Love, Rebecca, Jessica, Mikey x All our love, Mam, Dad, Liam, Lara, Emily, Sadie x '40' At Last. Love, Nora, Gary, Mags, Jessica, Callum, Bud x

LIAM COLLIER 5-7-11. Congratulations on your 21st. Love, as always from Mam, Paul, Grandad, Angel Gran xx

LIAM COLLIER 5-7-11. Happy 21st Bro. Love you loads, Anth, Becks, Katie, Lynn and Big x to Uncle Liam from Summer xxx

LIAM COLLIER 5-7-11. All my love on your 21st, from Danielle xx

MATTHEW COCKFIELD Happy 12th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Jamie and all the family xxxx

Jack Strain



Happy 13th Birthday

My little Jackie boy's 13 - have a great birthday Son. All my love always, Mam xxx

Happy birthday handsome. From Sanny Mi Granny and Granda Bob xxx

Happy birthday Jack from Donna, Bri, Bobbie and Charlie xxx

Happy birthday Jack. From Scott, Rachel, Leo and Bump xxx

Mike Todd



Happy 50th Birthday

12th July 1961
Love, Sharon, Michael, Mam, Dad and all the family xxxx

Christopher Robson



Happy 18 Birthday

7th July
To a special Grandson. Love, Nanna xx
Happy 18 Birthday From Trevor and Tracy xx

Ellen Richardson



Happy 18 Plus VAT Birthday

Mum, Mum-in-Law, Nanna, Great Nanna. Have a wonderful day. Lots of love and kisses from all the family xxxx

KENNEDY, Have a fab 21st Joe. Love from Lindy & Brian, Ross xxx

SMART. Looking good at 40 Mam! Love Sean, Abbie & Amy. xxx Happy birthday Nana, love you xxx Layton.

LISA SMART (nee Dunn). 7/7/2011. Happy 40th Birthday. Love Mam & Billy. xxxxx

Ian and Lindsey Pollock



Congratulations Mam and Dad on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love, Jemma and Lucy xxx

Best wishes Ian and Lindsey. Love from Mam and family

Zach Mavin Happy 4th Birthday



Zach Mavin - happy 4th birthday to our special little boy Zach. Lots of love from Mammy and Daddy xxx

Happy birthday to our darling Grandson Zach, who is 4 on the 9th July. You fill our lives with love and laughter. All our love to a special little boy. Nanny Val and Grandad Colin

Happy 4th birthday to my darling Great Grandson Zach. Lots of love from Nanny Icelton xxx

Happy 4th birthday to my Godson Zach. A special little boy. Lots of love from Uncle Stephen.

Happy 4th birthday to my little treasure Zach on 9th July. Lots of love and kisses from Aunt Sharon xxx

Happy 4th birthday Zach on 9th July. Lots of love from Aunt Margaret and Uncle Norman

Emily Gatiss



Happy 18th Birthday

Lots of love, Mum, Dad and Olivia xxx

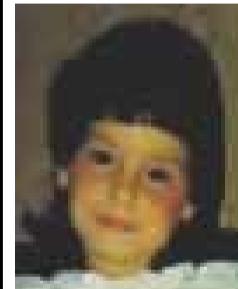
Julie Anne Ross



Happy 40th Birthday to a wonderful Daughter. Love from Mam and Dad xxx

Happy Birthday to the best Mam in the world. Love, Megan xx

Kelly Robinson



Happy 30th Birthday Happy birthday Mam. Lots of love from Cameron xx

Happy 30th birthday sweetheart. Love from Mam and Paul xx

Happy 30th birthday Sis. Love you loads, from Rachael, Gary and Lauren xxx

Happy birthday Kelly. Love from Andrew xxx

Happy birthday Kelly, love from S-J, Craig, Madi and Mac xx

Birthday Remembrance

McNAMARA, Jacqueline (nee Thain). 12th July. 42 today, four years since you've gone, but never forgotten. Love you forever. Ang xxx

NIGEL PATTISON 2nd July. Happy birthday. Love, Graham, Kay, Jill and Sammi xxxx

VAL MALONE 6th July. Happy 60th birthday. Love, Graham, Kay, Jill and Sammi xxxx

GEORGIA HOWE Congratulations on achieving your Degree in BA Hons, Information Technology Education. We are all very very proud of you. Love from all the family xxx

NEWTONIAN CRADDOCK SIGNS FOR AYCLIFFE

Newtonian Darren Craddock became Aycliffe's first new signing of the summer this week. The 26-year-old former Hartlepool United defender has joined his hometown club, who won the Northern League second division title.

Craddock spent the 2010-11 season with Northern Premier League side Whitby Town, playing 25 games for the Seaside. He'd previously had spells with Blyth Spartans, Newcastle Blue Star and York City after leaving Hartlepool in 2006.

"I'm really excited by it," said Craddock, who currently works as a sports coach for Durham firm Innovations. "It's my hometown team, and with Sean (Tarling) playing for them over the last four years or so I've been keeping a close eye on how they've been doing."

"The progress of the club has



been really impressive and I just want to help build on that next season and over the next few years. It's the club's first season in the Northern League first division so it's really

exciting times, and I can't wait for the season to start."

Craddock, went to Woodham with Aycliffe skipper Tarling and former Boro goalkeeper Ross Turnbull, who's now with Chelsea. He joined Hartlepool as a YTS and spent five years at Victoria Road, playing 33 league and cup games for Pools, including a League One play-off final defeat against Sheffield Wednesday at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff in May 2005.

He joined Conference side York City in summer 2006 and played 67 games for them over two seasons before having one-season stints with Northern Premier League sides Blyth, Blue Star and Whitby.

Aycliffe boss Allan Oliver is delighted to be adding someone with pedigree to his highly-rated young squad after working tirelessly to bring new blood for the 2011-12 campaign. He said: "Darren not only brings great experience but also brings versatility. He's a great age, is in good shape and can play in a number of defensive positions as well as in centre midfield, so he's a quality addition to the squad."

Aycliffe's pre-season programme begins with a warm-up game against Easington Colliery this Saturday (3pm at Moore Lane Park). Admission is £2 adults and £1 concessions.

They then play Esh Winning away next Saturday (July 16), followed by Wearside League side Hartlepool FC away on Saturday July 30.

Aycliffe's high-profile pre-season friendly is against Conference neighbours Darlington on Tuesday August 2 (7.30pm kick-off). Admission £5 adults, £3 concessions.

Agnew NEWS

FREE DAY LEADERSHIP COURSE, funded by Durham County Council's NLDC fund, on Thursday 14th July FROM 10am to 5pm open to all unemployed people who are aged 19 or over. It covers both Sport and Basic Group Leadership to enable you to work within youth and Community groups. On completion you will receive a Certificate and be provided the opportunity to work as a volunteer alongside experienced instructors from Anderson Sports Development. To book your place ring Ron on 01325-321504 office, 01325-301033 home or 07749236853 from 10am to 10pm, to secure your place on this beneficial and fun course to help you get into work.

GAMP FORUM DROP IN Why not join us on Tuesday 12th July at the Leisure Centre 3pm to 8pm along with other organisations, and see what we can offer and/or you can tell us what we should be doing. If you are a local firm see if we can offer you daytime access for training or meetings, or just a chat with several Committee members being present over the 5 hours.

HEALTH TRAINERS Please join us on Tuesday 26th July 10am to 12noon for a Free Taster chat session with trainers Donna Kelly and Alison Wilkins from the PCP. Refreshments will be available on the day, so what are you waiting for? Put this in your diary as a must go to event.

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