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FREE FILMS AT NEW COMMUNITY CINEMA

The launch of the new free community cinema will be on Saturday 23rd July at 6.30 for the film starting at 7pm at Greenfield Arts College. The opening film will be AVATAR.

Newton Aycliffe Beat Team applied for funding through the Great Aycliffe Middridge Partnership to purchase equipment to provide the cinema across Aycliffe.

This will allow residents watch films free on a monthly basis at different locations across the town. As part of the funding the Police have a license which allows them to rent recently released films and show them at the different venues across the town.

The beat team will use the cinema as a diversionary tactic to provide young people of Aycliffe with something to do on an evening.

Please note that AVATAR is a rating of 12A so all children



under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the family are welcome! Please feel free to bring your own popcorn and sweets.

If you would like a seat

on the opening screening then please email: michael.welch@durham.pnn.police.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Greenfield College Uniform is Changing



Pupils at Greenfield College are looking forward to a change of uniform from September. The current sweatshirt/polo shirt will be replaced with a smart school blazer, shirt and tie. Optional bottle green knitwear with the new school badge will also be available. Asst. Head Teacher Mr G. Stead explains, "The changes will provide a distinct look to distinguish Greenfield pupils from others in the locality as well as promote the importance of a smart appearance to prepare students for the world of work. In addition, the new uniform will fit in with recent positive changes within the school in terms of behaviour, expectations and ethos. It should also prove cost effective for many families as blazers are much more hard wearing than the existing sweatshirts."

Pupils and parents have been working with the school throughout the process and all parties are pleased and positive about the changes. Comments from parents have been particularly encouraging, one parent of a year 8 pupil saying "I am delighted Greenfield School has at last decided to

adopt a proper school uniform. I feel this immediately raises school standards in terms of both visual and first impressions of pupils. It also raises standards for the children who I am sure will feel smarter, professional and part of a dedicated educational team."

The uniform will also include an exciting new school badge/logo too, designed by pupils and staff at the school. The new uniform will be compulsory for all pupils in years 7 - 10 from September. The final uniform sale evening will be held in school on Monday 18th July 2011 from 3.30 pm until 7.30 pm for the current Year 9 and 10. Any parent who was not able to attend the previous uniform evenings are also welcome to attend this evening. Rawcliffe, the school uniform supplier, are currently running a special 'early bird' offer (£2 off for every £20 spent) which runs up to 6th August 2011. The school is therefore encouraging all parents to come along to the uniform evening so that they can take advantage of this offer.

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EXCITING SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Greenfield Community Arts Centre is offering an exciting new Summer Programme beginning the 25th of July for 6 fun filled weeks! This year's programme offers a variety of activities and opportunities within the sporting and arts area for everyone to try.

For those who enjoy sporting activities there is a range of choices such as the girls multi-sport camp, tennis, and even the chance to take part in the Martin Gray Football Academy. Street Dance Week and the Break Dancing classes are also guaranteed to be a lot of fun, as well as the chance to attend the new and exciting Zumba classes which have taken the Nation by storm.

If you wish for the opportunity to become creative other exciting activities include glass fusing, ceramics, family cooking and crazy crafts. Each workshop is for different age groups and some of the activities are even free! It is the perfect opportunity for young people to enjoy their school holidays with their friends or even a way to spend time together as a family. Under 8's can attend Arts Workshops if they are accompanied by an adult. Come along and get involved in the fun!!

For more information and to discover other opportunities that Greenfield Arts Centre offer please call us on (01325) 379 048.

Join The Teddy Bear's Picnic

The Messy Church Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic is at 4pm on Saturday 16th July at St Clare's Church. Songs, Crafts, Story and a Picnic with our resident HUGE Bear who would like some company. Everyone welcome - please bring a Teddy to share the day. Photo with the Bear will be available.

GREENFIELD SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The summer holidays are being livened up by Greenfield Community and Arts Centre, with a wide range of activities and classes being provided for all ages throughout the traditional 6 week school holidays.

A packed programme includes: crazy crafts, tennis, breakdancing, cooking, performing arts, glass fusing, steel pans, Zumba, and much more. Places are limited so book your place now. Contact Greenfield Community and Arts Centre on 01325 379048 or visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk for further information.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Do you want something different to keep the children entertained over the long summer holidays - all in the safe knowledge that they will be looked after by our resident coaches - well why not see the range of activities the Oakleaf Sports Complex has to offer?

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For younger children - 4-7 years - we have Mini Activity sessions and a Dance Mat Session (although parents must also stay for this one!) For more information please contact our Reception on 01325 300600.

BYE - BYE BARBARA

Barbara Parker is retiring this month after 21 years service as a Health Visitor in Newton Aycliffe. All friends and colleagues, past and present are invited to join her for a buffet lunch at St. Clare's Hall on Wednesday 27th July. Please pop in to say goodbye anytime between 12 noon and 2pm.

VILLAGE SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

Aycliffe Village School's PTA is to hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday July 16 between 1 - 4pm.

In past years the Fayre has been held inside the building but this year it will be a combination of inside and out, which means that there are more activities, including children's rides, a bouncy castle and mini games. There will be live entertainment from Greenfield's Steel Pan Band and hopefully Woodham's Samba Band will be able to come along, BBQs, craft stalls and food stalls. Some of the children will also be taking part in small displays including Leonie and the Gym Club and Macadam's School of Dance.

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NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A Luncheon Club will start at Neville Parade Community Centre on Wednesday 20th July at 12 noon. Thanks to volunteer Chef Tony Tomlinson this will include a main course with fresh meat and veg purchased locally. There will also be a dessert and the cost is only £3. Ring 313924 to book your place. Please note on Saturday 30th July from 11am - 2pm we will hold a Sale of new sports kit.

Charity Night

The Lakeside Suite at Woodham Golf Club is the venue for a charity night on 16th July in aid of "Childreach". 7.30 - 11.30pm. The "Redhouse Blues Band will provide entertainment and tickets are £5 available from Alan on 07813 889427.



PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a Police and Community Together PACT meeting at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 23/07/2011 from 11-00am to 12-00noon. 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. Councillors and Representatives from Sedgefield Borough Homes, Great Aycliffe and Durham County Council have been invited.

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A DIGITAL firm inspired by the last-minute boom in the travel industry has set out ambitious expansion plans as it celebrates a successful first year in business.

Helptrainingcourses.com from Shildon, with numerous clients in Aycliffe, helps individuals find places on career-boosting training courses and offers discounted unique last-minute training deals similar to travel websites.

The business was launched 12 months ago by entrepreneurs – and childhood friends – Craig Fantarrow and John Patrick. The aim of the website is to ‘help’ users buy training courses with ease and fill up places on last minute courses at discounted rates, rather than allowing them to go to waste.



The company has enjoyed a period of rapid growth over the last year, growing its team of staff to five and winning the backing of over 330 companies with listings to around 8,000 training courses.

In the year ahead, the business expects to increase the size of its workforce to

10, and more than double the number of courses it promotes to over 20,000. Having added Jayne Petty, Ann Boyd and Natalie Kirton to its team it has stepped up its sales, marketing and customer service capabilities and aims to continue its progression into a one-stop shop for training providers and individuals.

In the coming months, it will add several new features to the site including a freelance trainer directory and access to market training equipment all aimed at making it easier for the end user who is looking to find training courses.

Mr Fantarrow, who also runs North East training firm Help! First Aid Training, said: “Like any new business the first year has been hard work, but it has been extremely satisfying to build a revenue stream from scratch.

“We have made a number of innovative developments to our site in the last 12 months as we have strived to make it

as easy as possible for users to find training that will help them on their career path.

Mr Patrick added: “Our success this year has been largely down to hard work and keeping at it. We have a system of continuous professional contact management through telemarketing with our training providers and are constantly engaged with them.

“We offer a friendly approach and affordable service, and enable our clients to get the maximum benefit from the features of the website.” Helptrainingcourses.com allows individuals to register for notifications and updates on courses that interest them and the highly optimised site has revolutionised the way many training providers offer access to courses.

For more information please visit: www.helptrainingcourses.com

New Uniforms Will Cause Hardship

Dear Sir,
We know that there is an Index of Local Deprivation that is used to allocate extra money to schools and we also know that Greenfield School and Community Arts College covers an area that falls within this remit.

So, having accepted that there are cases of real poverty within their catchment area, why are they changing the existing, cost effective school uniform to something which will undoubtedly cause further hardship to cash strapped parents?

The school say there was a steering committee (no names supplied) who agreed on the decision and that parents had a right of reply. This ‘right of reply’ was never published on the school website, so we were never able to gauge whether the majority (as opposed to select few) actually wanted this change. The school have moved from an affordable black sweatshirt with college logo (with white polo shirt underneath) and black trousers

to: school blazer with pre-sewn badge (hope it’s washable!) school jumper with pre-sewn badge and colours, school tie with different colours for different year groups. All available from school suppliers only (but the black trousers and white shirt can be bought anywhere, hopefully). Badges cannot be sewn on to cost effective garments by parents. There are two local

councillors on the Board of School Governors, who appear to have rubber stamped this decision too.

How out of touch with voters can they be: did they even argue the hardship? Would you, through your paper, invite parents to comment, by either email or letter on this. Only then will the outcome be revealed.

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School Cake Competition



Mayor Mary Dalton was invited to St. Francis School this week to judge a Cake Competition by students. The event was part of fund raising for Christian Aid and relatives were invited to come into school for refreshments and buy the cakes. Rev Linda Potter and her husband Norman helped in the organisation of the event.

“Please Don’t Ruin Our New Play Area”



Children at St Francis’ Junior School are eagerly awaiting the completion of their brand new playground area, complete with a trim trail, outdoor classroom and climbing wall.

The development has been funded through a variety of sources, including money from the Diocesan Board. The Head Teacher, Mrs Wilkinson, reported that “everyone is really excited by this development - it is great for the school, providing a safe, fun environment for the children to play in as well as an exciting outdoor learning area where children can use the natural environment to help their studies.

We are delighted that we

have been able to design and build it to exactly the specifications the children wanted.”

The pupils are concerned about people using the equipment at times when the school is closed and Year 6 children have designed leaflets which they intend to distribute to all householders in the vicinity of the school. In the leaflets, the children have outlined what they would like people to do if they do see anyone on the school site - contact the police. “We really care about this scheme and would hate it if anyone ruined it for us as it is really fab!” explained Sammy Bowman Nicholson, a pupil at the school.

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NEW SOCCER ACADEMY LAUNCHED AT GREENFIELD



THE region's media descended on Greenfield Arts College this week as a former football pro launched a groundbreaking new soccer Academy.

Former Sunderland and Darlington defender Martin Gray is joining forces with Greenfield College to set up the new football facility.

It will be modelled on the USA-style soccer scholarships, encompassing the National Curriculum and sporting talent, believed to be the first of its kind in England. Gray, who had spells as assistant manager at Darlington and Oldham Athletic before setting up the Martin Gray Football Academy last summer, has been appointed Greenfield's new director of football operations as part of the initial two-year project.

The 39-year-old will oversee all of the school's team managers to implement footballing philosophies and ethics throughout the year groups.

His main role will be to head-up the new Academy, called 'MGFA @ Greenfield Community College,' which will coach around 50 boys and girls across all year groups, in its first year.

Academy players will spend two hours each week with Gray's staff before spending another two hours every Friday evening with him and his coaches developing skills and techniques for the professional game.

The academic studies will be part of the normal curriculum, and Greenfield's Assistant Headteacher Stuart Dixon says it's a groundbreaking venture.

"It's a very exciting development which we think is a national first, and it will benefit the school massively," he said. "The primary aim is to support students in school who have ambitions of becoming a professional footballer. Our aim is to improve the standard of coaching at the school and in-turn improve players and teams."

"Our PE department has an excellent reputation, but we want to compete with the bigger schools, such as Durham Johnston and St



John's who have a much bigger in-take of children.

"It's important that normal academic studies aren't affected, which is why the new Academy enhances the normal curriculum with an education enrichment programme, benefitting all children in the academy structure."

"It's just a fantastic opportunity for the elite young footballers in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas to benefit from the best football coaching which can only improve performance."

Gray will hold a series of taster

sessions, shortlisting around 75 boys and girls before whittling them down to around 50. The selected students, who will wear MGFA-branded PE uniforms, will still train with their teams during the week.

"It's an exciting new project for us and I really believe Greenfield could be the pioneers in football coaching within schools," said Gray. Gray's wide-ranging role, as well as overseeing all football operations at Greenfield, will be to forge links with coaches at the school's partner primary schools in Aycliffe and nearby

towns.

He has already established a direct link with the town's senior football club, current Northern League second division champions Newton Aycliffe, whose coach Brian Atkinson will be working alongside Gray.

"Hopefully we'll be able to improve our promising players and give them the best possible opportunity of becoming a professional footballer," added Gray.

"But for those who don't get picked up, we'll encourage them to stay on the town, rather than going elsewhere to play, so it's a big thing for Newton Aycliffe as well as the school."

Meet the team (left to right): Education team Simon Travis and David Mills, Greenfield assistant headteacher Stuart Dixon, Martin Gray, Greenfield School's school improvement partner Elizabeth Ayres, headteacher David Priestley and head of PE Richard Allison

Heron Manager Retires



Bryan Payne, popular Manager at Herons in the Town Centre retired last Friday after 45 years in retail work. He was moved to Newton Aycliffe around 15 years ago to help build up the business and succeeded in being the No. 1 store in the area. When Tesco arrived in the town it dropped to No. 4, but is still one of the top performing shops in the company.

Bryan said he was sorry to leave all his colleagues at Newton Aycliffe. "They are all wonderful people and I have enjoyed working with them and will miss them all."

A spokesperson for the staff said they will all miss Bryan and wished him well in his retirement.

County Foundation Grant £20k to PCP

County Durham Community Foundation has awarded over £54,000 in grants in the space of just one week to community groups and individuals across County Durham.

Twenty-nine community groups and individuals received grants from the Community Foundation last week including a grant of £20,000 to the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), a charity based in Newton Aycliffe which aims to improve health, wellbeing and quality of life, and reduce inequalities of life. The PCP has received a total of £19,997 from the Health Networks Fund administered by the Community Foundation on behalf of the County Durham Health and Wellbeing Partnership. The fund aims to make available financial support to the five Health Networks in County Durham, supporting health improvement activities and addressing each of their priorities.

The Health Network in Sedgefield has worked in partnership with the PCP to develop and address their priorities of mental health & employability, cardio vascular disease and tobacco. The PCP received £10,000 towards a Mental Health & Employability Health Trainer Programme, through which they will train a group of mentors to provide a "one stop shop" for support in respect of learning, employability and health whilst promoting positive mental health. They also received a further £9,997 towards a Healthy Heart Roadshow Project providing health and wellbeing information, taster sessions on improving lifestyles, mini health MOTs and NHS health checks for target groups within

Sedgefield.

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TOWN MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mary Dalton, will be holding her Civic Service at St. Clare's Church, on Sunday, 24th July 2011 at 10 a.m.

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Aycliffe Breakfast Club Off to a Great Start



Aycliffe villagers turned out in force last Saturday morning to support the new Breakfast Club to help the Village Hall finances. In addition to popular bacon & egg sandwiches with tea and coffee the organisers sold fancy cakes. The occasion was both profitable and friendly bringing the community together in a common cause.



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting

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

**WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY 2011
at 4.00p.m.**

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

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".

ST. JOSEPH'S STUDENTS RAISE £1,120 FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

The day of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, caused a lot of discussion in Year 6. We had watched the news and witnessed families left with nothing. Some very concerned and admirable children in the class wanted to do something to help.

We started thinking about ways we could raise money and our teacher, Mrs. Buglass, asked us to write a speech to persuade the Head Teacher, Mrs. Duffy, to allow us to start fundraising. We had lots of ideas, but five pupils took the lead and formed a committee. They even gave themselves a name – J.A.P.A.N. (Just Aid People and Needy). Some of the events suggested were a toy and DVD sale, Easter themed games and a sponsored walk along the Great Aycliffe Way. The whole school got behind most of the events and the two classes with the oldest children were responsible for the sponsored walk on Monday 4th April.

Staff at the school were impressed with the leadership qualities of the committee and the resolution of all who took part to raise as much money as possible. The original target was about £500 and after the toy and DVD sale we had already reached £115.

We had a lot of help from our community. Woodham Technology College allowed us to have a much needed



break in their dining hall and provided juice and biscuits for all the walkers.

The Head Teacher, Mrs. Forsyth, was really impressed with the children of the committee and sent a letter to our school including a generous donation. Greenfield Arts College, allowed the walkers into the gallery to shelter from the rain.

Steven Cooper (Environmental Officer with Great Aycliffe Town Council) came with another volunteer to accompany us on the 5½ mile walk. We all enjoyed the walk, learning a lot about the local wildlife and history of Newton Aycliffe. Even Oscar the dog got involved! School staff supported us in all the ventures suggested and we were very proud to achieve what we did. Our total raised after all the events was £1,120. We were

thrilled with this and would like to thank everyone who gave money or donated gifts or accompanied us on the walk.

NISSAN had been in touch with schools in the area to see if anyone was fund raising and we decided to invite them to school to collect our cheque. Lucy Banwell, of Nissan, visited our school on Friday 8th July and The J.A.P.A.N. committee presented the cheque of £1,120 to her in our celebration assembly. The committee then had a chance to experience what it might be like to drive the latest car being manufactured at Nissan – The LEAF. They sat in the car, but weren't allowed to drive it away!

Written by the J.A.P.A.N. Committee: Phoebe Lupton, Erin Theyer, James Frankland, Benedict Humble and Hayden Liddell.

PARKING PROBLEM

Dear Sir

Having read Mr. Stubbs article on street parking last week, I think this was aimed at my husband and myself. It is obvious to me the independent councillor who complained to you did not want to put his name to this story.

My husband's commercial van was parked outside Council. Hogan's property from Friday until Sunday, as when my husband returned from work on Friday he was not able to park outside our property.

When my husband went out on Saturday morning to move his van the councillor had parked so close he was unable to move it. We do not park outside

other people's property just to annoy them, and never compromise on the emergency services being able to access the street, but when you work for a living you have to park wherever possible.

Would Mr Stubbs and his friend rather all people who drive light commercial vehicles end their employment and join the council so they could spend all day looking out of the window to see where residents in the street are parked?

Council. Hogan only owns his property not the road which is a public highway for which we pay road tax.

Carole Jones
Hartley Road

BRASS 2011 AT GREENFIELD



Greenfield School Community and Arts College were delighted to host the Black Bottom Brass Band from Japan on Monday 4th July. The band were visiting the County as part of DCC national brass festival. The eight piece band played lively and upbeat music for the enthusiastic year 8 audience. The students really enjoyed the experience and many of them were invited onto the stage to join in the music

making. More brass events on the festival website. Link found at www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

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Students Get Creative



Greenfield Arts College set primary school children a "Mission Possible" challenge last week. Over 300 children from schools across the Newton Aycliffe area were creative agents this week and were given an object or an artefact to explore.

Some made a dance, some did a news report to camera and many used improvisation and observational games to explore risk taking, problem solving, research skills and creativity. The students

made their own choices and decisions throughout the day and built their confidence to showcase their ideas in front of a live audience, friends and families.

Well done to everyone who took part.

If you are interested in taking part in more creative activities please get in touch to find out more about our summer holiday activities please contact us at the Arts Centre on 01325 379 048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

OUR COUNCILLORS SHOULD INVESTIGATE BUS FARE ANOMALY

Dear Sir,
Does anyone (except Arriva) think it is fair that the age for paying full-fare in County Durham is 14, whilst in neighbouring Darlington, the age is 16?

This means that our schoolchildren aged 14 are paying full fare to get to

school and back. So what, you may say. Well, given that they pay £1.30 to get from Shildon to the town centre (for Woodham CTC) or from the town to Greenfield School, that's £2.60 per day in bus fares.

Add either £3.00 for school meals (or £2.00 per day

to make up healthy lunch boxes) then multiply that by 5 and it comes to either £28.00 or £23.00

No one is asking for free bus travel, just half fare for under 16's, as in Darlington. Why aren't our councillors looking into this for us?
Sue, Woodham

Sports Day at Sugar Hill School



The sun shone on reception class sports day at Sugar Hill School last Friday. The garden quickly filled up with family and friends of the excited children.

They delighted the crowd with races, including, a shopping race, egg and spoon, and a very funny space hopper relay! Every child received a medal from Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs. O'Rourke on the winners podium, and then they all shared some well deserved summer refreshments.

Children from the 'Let's Get Cooking' School club, had their own stall, selling healthy fruit bowls that they had prepared earlier.

The group looked the part wearing their new cookery aprons from this lottery funded club. They were delighted that their fruit all sold within 15 minutes! Miss Weighell and Mrs. McCormick would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended and supported the afternoon.

Year 9 Students Experience Life at University



Twelve Year 9 students from Woodham Community Technology College recently attended a 3-day Summer School at Liverpool Hope University alongside another 9 schools from the North East.

The aim of the programme was for students to experience university life and introduce them to the variety of subjects available to them.

During the visit they participated in three out of six different workshops including Law, Media, Sport, Art, ICT and Criminology. Day 1 included some hands-on taster sessions and a chance to get to know and work with other people in their group from different

schools. They were also given lots of opportunities to talk to current and past students from the University throughout the 3-day stay about studying at university and life in general.

Day 2 was a full timetable with students engaging and participating in their chosen subject sessions. It was great to see from both an educational and social viewpoint how well they all adapted to their new surroundings and timetable. Their reward after a long hard days work was a trip to Crosby beach for a kick around with a ball and an ice cream, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Day 3 involved a motivational talk from a

guest speaker about the aspects of learning; this was really fun and encouraging for the students.

Students were an absolute credit to the College and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

"My experience at the Liverpool Hope University was brilliant. I fully enjoyed the lessons I did alongside some of the undergraduates and teachers." Rhys Kingston

"I found the experience beneficial; it gave myself and others an insight into university life. We participated in university subjects and stayed in the halls of residence" Ryan Metcalfe

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COLLEGE OFFER SCHOOL LEAVERS £2,000 PACKAGE

Bishop Auckland College is offering a support package worth up to £2,000 a year to encourage school leavers to study there - following the abolition of a key Government allowance.

Students aged 16-19 enrolling this September at Bishop Auckland College could qualify for a £500 college allowance along with a host of other benefits, including free travel, free meals, and free childcare. Additional financial support includes help with course study costs, such as equipment and uniforms, and vouchers for stationery, with other incentives including free gym membership and free hair and beauty treatments.

The college has topped up the allocation made available from the Government's new £180m Bursary Fund to pay for the new support package. The national Bursary Fund provides £1,200 a year for young students from disadvantaged backgrounds or who have certain disabilities. Principal Anne Isherwood said the move was essential to ensure school leavers from less affluent backgrounds were not put off further education as a result of the scrapping of the £540m Education Maintenance Allowance, which paid eligible students with a family income below £30,000 up to £30 per week. She said: "Over half of our students were this year awarded EMA grants, which shows just how important this financial support is. We don't want young people being deterred from giving themselves a great chance in life because they are worried they can't afford to come to



college.

"With a bursary of up to £500, free travel, free meals, free childcare and additional support for other study costs we believe we have a comprehensive support package in place which should ensure everyone, whatever their background, can take advantage of our superb facilities and teaching."

Mrs Isherwood has written this week to 6,500 16-19 year olds living in the college's catchment area, which includes some of the most deprived wards in the country, to highlight the new support measures and the 150 courses on offer for 2011/12.

The new £32m Woodhouse Lane campus, includes impressive sound recording, music & performing arts facilities, construction and motor vehicle training workshops, salons, and a sports hall.

Courses on offer this September range from Art & Design, Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing, to Construction and Engineering, IT, Travel & Tourism and Music & Performing Arts, with Foundation courses enabling progression to Higher Education.

Eligibility criteria for the Bishop Auckland College financial support package is based on household income but it is estimated that at least half of the new 16-19 full time student intake in September will qualify. Payment would be in instalments and on condition certain requirements are met including attendance.

Any school leavers wanting to find out more about enrolling at the college should visit www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk or simply turn up next Tuesday between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Town Pride Environment Week got off to a flying start this week when all ten primary schools within the town took part in a presentation on litter from Aycliffe Youth Council. The aim of the presentations was to get members of the towns Youth Council to speak to younger children about the problem of litter and the potential consequences which it can cause to humans, pets and wildlife.

In Woodham Burn, Sugar Hill, Walworth and Aycliffe Village schools the presentations were followed up with a litter pick where children had the opportunity to work with Great Aycliffe Town Council to clear an area of public open space near the school.

Next week further litter picks will take place at the remaining schools where parents and members of the public will be welcome to assist.

Anyone wishing to volunteer a few hours of their time to help improve the town can meet outside the schools reception area at the times listed below. For further information please contact Great the Town Council on 300700.

St Joseph's, Monday 18th July 9.15am

Vane Road, Monday 18th July 1pm

Byerley park, Tuesday 19th July, 9.15am

St Mary's, Tuesday 19th July 1.30pm

Stephenson Way, Wed. 20th July 9.15am

St Francis, Wednesday 20th July 9.15am

Thanks from Heighington School

The Friends of the School would like to say a big thank you for all the support received to make our Summer Fair which was held on Saturday, 11th June a huge success.

An extra big thank you to all the helpers, teaching staff and committee members for their help and support too.

Notes for your diary:- AGM on 19.09.11 at 7pm in the school hall (new parent helpers always needed!)

Christmas Craft Fare is due to be held on 19.11.11

Georgette Rouse Secretary F.O.S.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 6th JULY

There are some meetings where the issues seem especially important, and Wednesday was one of them.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The first decision concerned St Oswald's allotments. A while ago, the Town Council applied for planning permission to extend these allotments (many people are seeking allotments nowadays), but local residents were understandably concerned that this would adversely affect their quiet cul-de-sac. As a result, planning permission was granted, but with a number of conditions attached. These measures added £4000 to the cost, but the Council was delighted to agree to these if they would reconcile the residents.

Councillors heard a report from our energetic Environment Officer, who gave notice of the Youth Council's fabulous 'Town Pride' Environment Week.

Next the Council considered the proposed stopping up of a right of way in the Town Centre (which has been the subject of correspondence in the Newton News). Councillors appreciated that the stoppage was temporary only, and that to fail to agree the order would delay progress on the new Aldi supermarket. They therefore resolved to write to the Department of Transport formally approving the temporary stopping-up order.

Next, Councillors received a report by Cllr Crosby of his visit to the Government Minister regarding the proposed 'Isles' windfarm. This threatens to place immediately next to our town a 'Generating Station' (as the IPC application calls it) which - if 45 wind turbines - would be the largest in Britain. Members realised that the key issue was not so much the principle of renewable energy (with which many councillors agree), but the specific planning criteria on which the Minister would base his decision. The delegation had been assured that the government would abide by current guidance (PPS22), and officers have made a copy of that guidance available at the Town Council offices.

Finally, members discussed the planning application for Phase 3 of the town centre regeneration - the refurbishment of Beveridge Way. Members generally welcomed the improvements, but asked the developers to ensure that the proposed art features and furniture would be robust enough to withstand the worst that people can do; we do not want the new town centre to look 'beaten up' after a few months. Councillors also questioned the 'Aycliffe Angels' theme

of the embellishments - the Town Council already has a substantial memorial to the Angels next to the War Memorial. Rather, the Council asked that the developers might consider a 'Lord Beveridge' theme. Lord Beveridge was not only the founder of Newton Aycliffe, he was the inspiration behind our Welfare State, and there is no memorial to him in his own town - surely that would be a more appropriate memorial in the refurbishment of 'Beveridge Way'.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee approved spending to refurbish the showers and lockers at the Oak Leaf Complex, and to provide a new £36,000 Toddlers' Play Area in the Town Centre Park.

Members heard that the Senior Citizens' trips were going well,

and that usage of the Golf Course was up on the same period last year.

Members confirmed two decisions made at previous meetings. Readers will remember Councillors recently decided to place picnic benches in West Park, but they regretfully turned down a very polite and generous offer from a member of the public to site additional benches closer to local houses. Members also declined a more aggressive letter from a local football team criticising their 'appalling' decision to close the Horndale pitches, offering to hire the pitches 'at a discounted rate'. The Council did agree a request from Newton Aycliffe Football Club to again use the grassed area at Moore Lane for a pre-season friendly against Darlington FC on Tuesday 2nd August. Come on the Blues!

AYCLIFFE DIVER RECORDS 1100th DIVE



Laurie Cummings aged 70 of School Aycliffe completed his 1100th logged scuba dive on the 4th June, 2011 on Shark/Yolanda Reef, Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt. He was presented with his Diploma underwater by a representative of PADI (Professional Association Of Diving Instructors) to mark the occasion.

Laurie has been diving for over 20 years in many different countries. He worked in Turkey for 12 years as a dive guide before finally moving to Sharm-

el-Sheikh in 2005. This is where he continues to work as a dive guide.

"Sharm-el-Sheikh, in my opinion, is one of the best places to dive because of its diversity of fish species and corals etc. One particular dive site I would recommend is the wreck of the Thistlegorm built in Sunderland in 1941 the year I was born. It was sunk by a German bomber later in 1941 with the loss of nine crew most of whom were North-Easterners under the command of a Captain Ellis", explained Laurie.

RESIDENTS AIR THEIR VIEWS AT PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting on the County Plan and the proposed Wind Farm near Aycliffe was well attended and included a three man team of officers from the County Council anxious to hear what people had to say.

Syd Howarth of Newton News chaired the meeting on behalf of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association arranging for John Clare and Arun Chandran to respond to the County Council presentations on the two topics by Stuart Timmiss and Mike Allum respectively.

These were followed by a lively question and answer session from the general public who made some very useful comments for the planners to consider as part of the Council's consultations on their 20 year plan which we heard would still be accepted up to the middle of August.

John Clare gave a very robust and interesting presentation on his vision for Newton Aycliffe covering our aspirations for industry, housing, retailing and the environment which was unanimously accepted by all present as wholly



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desirable.

Equally Arun Chandran rubbished the proposals for the 25-45 wind turbines to be sited near to Aycliffe. Whilst everyone accepted the need for renewable energy, the size and location of the development was not. It was noted that the North East had more than its share of turbines where the south had comparatively few.

The effectiveness of wind against other forms of energy were shown to be ludicrously poor against the massive investment required.

The consultation on the scheme will start in September and a campaign of resistance is being mounted by a group made



up of local parishes, residents' associations and other interested parties. The chairman thanked all who contributed to the success of the meeting including St. Mary's Church for the use of their premises and its facilities.

Youthy Girls in Race for Life



Well done to all the Girls who took part in the Race For Life at Durham Ackley Heads on Sunday 3rd July. The Girls walked the 5k route dressed in pink gear and the sun was on their side to make the day very enjoyable and successful.

The group chose to raise money for cancer research and this event was particularly relevant to two girls who recently lost a close relative before the event took place. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is extremely proud of everyone who took part. The group fundraised

themselves to enter into the event and will hopefully be organising another event for next year.

We are yet to find out what the girls have raised in total and there is still time to sponsor the girls by going to <http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/> NewtonAycliffeYouthCentre or pop into the Youth Centre and ask at reception.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored us so far. We will let you know how much we raised asap.

Flower Festival at Neville Parade



Neville Parade Methodist Church Flower Festival provided a wonderful display of floral art covering all aspects of life with the theme "Love is . . ." There were 33 exhibits and the Minister thanks all those who contributed to the success of the event.

The weekend event was well supported starting on Friday evening with a Service followed by refreshments. The Sedgefield Handbell Ringers provided an entertaining and skilful interlude. Proceeds from the festival will be shared between Church maintenance and the charity "Action for Children".

DOG FOUND

Dear Sir,
On Saturday 23rd June whilst on a visit from Scotland my Mum's dog went missing. Needless to say Mum got very distressed as her dog "Wallace" is her eyes and ears when her phone rings or someone is at the door. Thanks to someone contacting Stray Aid or the Police he was soon back in Mum's arms after a stressful period. We would like to thank the person who found him - we are eternally grateful. The Cumming family

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Friday 8th July
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£18.95 per person

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
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet.
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Friday 19th August
The 80's Experience
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£10.95 per person

Sunday 21st August
Wedding Open Day
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 11.00pm and 4.00pm.

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
The Brainstormer Murders
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Arrive for 7.00pm for dinner 7.30pm Disco to finish.
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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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NEWTONIAN GAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

David Scott a Chartered Accountant has a practice in Newton Aycliffe working with his wife and daughter. Since July 2010, when the practice started a Working Families Tax Credit service, well over £200,000 has been claimed as additional

Tax Credits which clients were entitled to, but had not claimed!

As a result the firm is featured in the recently published book "The UK's Best Accountancy Practices". Written by a Chartered Accountant it features forty



service.

"I realised two things, firstly there was a huge commercial opportunity and secondly there was a clue in the title: the word 'tax' in tax credits meant they were part of the tax system and therefore as professionals we owed it to our clients to get involved," said David.

David found were that there were two main types of tax credit opportunities with his clients:

Those that are not claiming at all – usually because either they didn't realise they could, or because falling income during the recession meant that they have only recently become eligible.

And those that are not claiming as much as they could.

Many clients who fall into the first category are confused by the title "Working Families Tax Credits" and simply do not realise that you do not have to have a family to be able to make a claim!

Clients are generally in the latter category for two

accountancy practices, and their excellence in the profession. It contains many examples of what practices have done to generate better results for their clients, their communities and themselves. David was amazed and flattered to have been included as one of the featured accountancy firms, saying that he never set out to be famous, just wanting to provide an effective and successful Tax Credits

reasons. Either because, like accountants, they find the process complicated and so don't get their claims right or because they are completely unaware of the many legitimate tax credit planning strategies that can be used to increase the amounts they are entitled to.

"As I see it" says David, "all of these factors mean that accountants have a moral and professional duty to ensure that their clients don't miss out on what is rightfully theirs."

One client was ecstatic when David helped him increase his entitlement from £6,000 to just over £8,000 because it meant his wife could afford to give up work to look after their new baby.

And with the very first client David approached he was able to help them to increase their entitlement from £185 to £810 a month. "When I rang to tell them the news they literally whooped and cheered with joy."

It is also helping him to win new clients: "A business contact came in to talk about referrals, and started to moan in a jokey way about his kids. So as a throwaway comment I said 'well, at least the four kids are worth £14,300 a year to you in tax credits'. That stopped him in his tracks, because his accountant hadn't ever suggested he should claim. So I showed him how we could help and he became a client there and then. I am sure there are many more new clients out there just like that for me too."

Contact David on 321 833.

STOP THE WIND FARM MADNESS

Dear Sir, Britain's energy companies have met with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to raise one of the best-hidden secrets of our Government's obsession with wind power. Centrica and other energy companies told DECC that, if Britain is to spend £100 billion on building thousands of wind turbines, it will require the building of 17 new gas-fired power stations simply to provide back-up for all those times when the wind drops.

We will thus be landed in the ludicrous position of having to spend an additional £10 billion on those 17 dedicated power stations, which will be kept running on "spinning reserve", 24 hours a day, just to make up for the fundamental problem of wind turbines that their power fluctuates between full capacity to zero (where it often stood last winter, when national electricity demand was at a peak). So unless back-up power is available to match any shortfall, the lights will go out.

Two things make this even more absurd. One, as the energy companies pointed out to DECC, is that it will be amazingly costly and wildly uneconomical, since the dedicated power plants will often have to run at a low rate of efficiency, burning gas but not producing electricity. This will add billions more to our fuel bills for no practical purpose. The other absurdity, as recent detailed studies have confirmed, is that gas-fired power stations running on "spinning reserve" chuck out much more CO2 than when they are running at full

efficiency – thus negating any savings in CO2 emissions supposedly achieved by the windmills themselves.

The policy on which our national energy strategy is now centred is a ludicrously expensive, self-defeating joke, which will achieve no benefits whatever – even if you are among the diminishing number of people who still believe that man-made CO2 is causing catastrophic climate change. In 1997 the then Prime Minister Tony Blair said he did not want children brought up in a country "where the only way pensioners can get long term help is by selling their home".

In the last five years, more than 100,000 pensioners were forced to sell their homes for just that reason, under a deeply unpopular system of means-testing which means pensioners can be stripped of all but the last £23,250 of their savings and assets to fund their care.

Contrast the £100 billion waste plus £10 billion for backup power stations for wind, with the arguments over caring for the elderly, where if you have worked hard all your life, you won't be able to pass on your house to your children. You will be expected to pay at least £35,000 - £50,000 towards your care, or take out limited private care insurance, but if you didn't work have no savings, the care will be free! It is time we demanded our MP's took action to stop this catastrophe of lining pockets of farmers, land owners and generating companies at the expense of the consumers' electricity bills.

Arun M Chandran

Healthy Food from the School Garden



Pupils and staff at Sugar Hill are working together to provide healthy snacks at morning break. Some of the fruit in the salad comes straight from the School Gardening Club. The children wish to thank Tesco and Argos for donating equipment to help this project.

Your editor has noticed from the photos supplied that girls feature in the garden, serving the food and washing up afterwards. The boys seem to just enjoy all the effort - nothing changes!

NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITY OPENS AT NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir, I am pleased to see the new recreational centre will be opening on Monday 25th of July.

The new facilities including bowling alley and ice rink are based on Maple Way catering for all ages and taking group bookings. The three restaurants will be supplying freshly made food all day to complement the outstanding facilities made available to the

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NSPCC TEXT SERVICE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

The NSPCC has launched a text service to drive 'on the spot' reports of child abuse to its Helpline from adults in the North East and the rest of the UK.

The text number – 88858 – is free and available 24 hours a day.

An NSPCC poll reveals people are unlikely to report child abuse unless they act immediately. One in four polled in the North East of England said they had been concerned a child was being abused or neglected, but a third of those who didn't report their fears immediately took no action later.

TV psychologist Dr Linda Papadopoulos says: "Most people want to help children. Four in five people in the NSPCC poll said they would report abuse later if they didn't do so straight away. But the reality is very different – the longer people wait, they less likely they are to act."

"As a psychologist I know how easily people talk themselves out of doing anything. They may think it's none of their business, or they've made a mistake, or they simply can't decide what to do. But procrastination can be fatal for an abused child. Tomorrow may be too late. "Sending a text is quick and

immediate, whether you're at home or out shopping. It's good to know you've taken action. So if you're worried about a child, the message is simple. Don't delay, text the Helpline today."

Liz Benson, regional head of service for the North East and Cumbria, said: "We must pick up on the signs of child abuse as early as possible. Social workers cannot be in the community all the time. By texting the Helpline the public can help be their eyes and ears."

"Our new text service – 88858 – is discreet and only takes a few seconds but it could be the difference between life and death for a child."

Anyone sending a text to the NSPCC Helpline on 88858 will receive an immediate response confirming that their message has been received. This message will also encourage them to call the Helpline on 0800 800 5000, or to contact the police if they think a child is in immediate danger.

A trained NSPCC Helpline counsellor will reply to a text message within three hours, and offer advice, information and assistance. They may ask for additional information about the person's concerns, or confirm that a referral has

been made to the police or social services.

The new text service makes the NSPCC Helpline more accessible, and adds to the existing ways that people can get in touch, by 24-hour freephone (0800 800 5000), by email help@nspcc.org.uk, or by making a report online at www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline.

A family member contacted the NSPCC Helpline concerned about a young girl from Tyne and Wear who she believed was being emotionally abused by her father. She was not allowed out to play and was bullied and shouted at a lot and was said to be terrified of her father. The NSPCC Helpline adviser discussed the caller's concerns and reassured the caller that an immediate referral would be made to children's services.

Liz Benson says: "Over 1,500 people in the North East of England called the NSPCC Helpline last year because they had concerns about a child. Some people may prefer texting to talking when reporting abuse or seeking advice and information about keeping children safe. However you contact the Helpline, it's about choosing the right option for you."

SBH PUTS LETTING SCHEME UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

A County Durham housing provider is inviting housing applicants to examine the way in which it lets its properties in an effort to improve the service.

Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) is one of several housing providers that advertises properties through the choice based lettings scheme, Durham Key Options will hold a series of focus groups

from August to consider the procedure applicants must go through when applying for social housing, covering how properties are advertised, bidding methods, how offers are made, viewing arrangements and issues around empty properties.

Cathy Slater, home choice team leader for sbh, said: "It is important that we make sure the services we offer meet our

applicants' needs, which is why we are offering people the chance to tell us what they think about the current lettings scheme and make suggestions for improvements."

For further information or to take part in the focus group contact homechoice@sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk no later than Friday 29 July or call sbh Home Choice team on 0845

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Pre-School Gains "Good" Ofsted



The children and staff of Woodham Burn Pre-School are celebrating after their recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors stated: "Overall the quality of the provision is good. Staff's very good understanding of children's individual needs creates a highly inclusive environment. This promotes children's welfare and supports the very good progress they make in their learning and development. High quality and

readily available resources give children good opportunities to initiate spontaneous activities in many areas of learning. Partnership working is excellent and self evaluation is effective. Consequently, the capacity for continuous improvement is good". For more information on any of the Pre-Schools please contact the Council's Early Years Officer on 01325 319880.

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Permanent Food Crisis

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Oxfam recently warned that the 'world is entering an era of permanent food crisis', as demand outpaces food production. Currently, one in seven people on the planet go hungry every day while one in four adults in England are classified as obese.

Oxfam cites a number of reasons for world hunger, including climate change, depleting natural resources, changing diets and biofuels. Using land to grow crops to create fuel, instead of to feed people, is clearly a luxury the world cannot afford. Yet a far greater luxury we cannot afford is meat. Currently enough grain is being produced to feed everybody but half of the world's harvest is fed to animals, who – when they are killed – provide fewer nutrients than they have consumed.

Instead of calling on the government to end biofuel policies and govern food markets, anyone who wants to help end world hunger can choose to eat less meat or, better still, eliminate all animal products from their diets. If we in the UK continue to eat such vast amounts of meat, we will be using up depleting resources (land, energy and water) to feed grain to animals while people starve.

Visit www.animalaid.org.uk or call 01732 364546 for a FREE recipe and information pack.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB'S 14th ANNUAL PRESENTATION

NAJFC held their 14th annual football presentation where over 180 children from 4 years upwards were presented with an individual participation trophy to honour their achievements with Newton Aycliffe Junior FC throughout the 2010 - 2011 season. All were smart in their shirt, trousers and club tie and as always were impeccably behaved throughout the presentation which due to the numbers was divided into two sessions on Saturday 2nd July. The presentation was held for the first time at Woodham Community Technology College which was perfect for the occasion. A big thank you to the school in helping make the presentation day such a great success and the kitchen team for the delicious food they cooked throughout the day.

NAJFC have developed a special relationship with the College and this has meant that not only do we have football pitches for all our home games throughout the season, but we also have the potential to train indoors over the winter in the newly refurbished sports hall. Danny Morgans a teacher from Woodham helped make the presentation special for this year's current Under 6's by presenting each of the children with their well earned trophies. Next season the team will be taking a big step into the TJFA league as Under 7's. Preparations are well under way and they have a new strip sponsored by AC Door Systems (www.acdoorsystems.com) and the team will continue to train through the summer.

Craig Turnbull, Manager would like to thank Danny Morgans for his involvement. This season many teams travelled to Fleetwood to compete in the Fleetwood Cup and both the under 10's and under 12's brought silverware home to add to our trophy cabinet. The under 10's came runners up despite facing opposition from all over the country which was an excellent achievement. The under 12's were awarded the fair play award which is a prestige award given to the team with the best sporting players and spectators.

Most of the teams compete in the TJFA league across the various divisions and this year saw the Under 15's as runners up, securing promotion to division 4 of the TJFA. They scored a massive 127 goals throughout the season beating not only the club record but the most goals scored in the entire TJFA league. The under 16's had a fantastic season playing 22 games, only losing 3 games throughout the season, finishing 1st, securing promotion to division 1 for the 2011 - 2012 season.

Our club secretary David Prior is standing down due to a job promotion and the club is indebted to him for his dedication in ensuring the club developed and expanded in recent years. David secured numerous grants to bring equipment the teams need to have the best opportunity at training. David has also been the liaison between WCTC and the club to make the club more community based. He has been



the driving force in the push for funding for a 3G sports facility at the College. On behalf of the whole club we wish David luck in his new job.

A massive thanks to all the managers and coaches who give up a lot of their free time to train the children, attend league games as well as the numerous administrative tasks that allow so many youngsters

in Newton Aycliffe to be part of a very successful Charter Standard Club.

NAJFC accommodate children from the ages of 4 years and upwards and are looking for extra players to register for the 2011-2012 season so if you have a child who is interested in training, developing their social skills and playing football contact details of the individual

managers can be found on the website www.najuniorfc.co.uk or alternatively you can contact the new club secretary Michelle Acuna Ocana on 0787 7084831.

Picture of the Under 6's receiving their individual participation trophies from Danny Morgans, Teacher at Woodham Community Technology College.

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Teams Compete for ‘Just Say Yes’ Title

Four 11-a-side Sunday teams will compete for a new trophy in Aycliffe to raise money for a worthy cause. Following the huge success of last weekend’s ‘Just Say Yes’ 7-a-side tournament at Greenfield College, four pub teams will take part in

the inaugural pre-season competition over the next three weeks. The tournament, which is being sponsored by Newton Aycliffe FC, is to raise funds for the ‘Just Say Yes’ fund, which was set up in memory of Aycliffe lad Mark Bulman,

who died of Osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. The proceeds of the tournament will go to helping families of children and teenagers with cancer on Ward 4 of the RVI in Newcastle.

Huntsman Goodfellas, the Turbinia, the North Briton and a Big Club XI, featuring some of the older boys including Des Wood and Gary Farley, will take part in the tournament on July 17, 24 and 31, at Woodham Community Technical College, who are providing the venue free of charge. Local referees Ryan Gilham, George Richardson, Steve Moran and David Swindells are giving up their time to officiate the games for nothing, with fines for yellow and red cards going towards the final fund.

This Sunday, Huntsman play the North Briton and the Turbinia go head-to-head with the Big Club (kick-off 10.30am).

Spectators are asked to park in the school and walk to the pitch rather than parking in the housing estate.

“The main purpose of the tournament is to have fun and raise funds for a brilliant cause,” said Neil Dodds, one of the organisers.

“So let’s get some big crowds down to watch some great football and raise some money at the same time.”

You can find more details about the Just Say Yes fund on Facebook – simply search ‘just say yes fund’.



Newton Aycliffe’s 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Truck Training hosted championship hopefuls Hunwick in the North East Durham league and produced their best display of the season to win by 3 wickets. Hunwick were asked to bat first and totalled a very challenging 205 for 3 in their 45 overs.

In reply, the homeside got off to a flyer with opener Luke Telford hitting a typically aggressive 34. Dave Atkinson continued the momentum smashing six huge sixes and six boundaries on his way to a brilliant career best innings of 90 not out. There was good support from Dave Turgoose with 34 and Chris Palmer with 19, as Aycliffe marched to their sixth win out of their last seven league games, with 5 overs to spare, to continue their march up the first division table. Both the club’s 2nd team and

under 11’s league fixtures were lost to the inclement weather at the weekend.

Newton Aycliffe’s under 18’s were defeated by 8 wickets away at Ushaw Moor in the Durham County Junior League. Batting first Aycliffe scored 73 for 8 in 20 overs with only Ben Nicholson (16 runs) and stand in captain James Layfield-Carroll (11 runs) reaching double figures. In reply the homeside dodged the showers and coasted to victory after 15.3 overs.

The club’s under 15’s lost away at Evenwood despite respectable batting performances from Ben Nicholson (15 runs), Jack Petroczy (10 runs) and Matt French (9 runs). The under 13’s team were well beaten at home to Seaton Carew with Jonny Hope’s two wickets the only bright spot for Aycliffe.



COUNCILLORS BACK AYCLIFFE CRICKET



Two local County Councillors continue to show their dedication to town sport by supporting the town’s cricket team. John Moran and Sarah Iveson, councillors for Aycliffe East, have donated £400 to Aycliffe Cricket Club from their joint allocation of the Members Initiative Fund. The bulk of the cash will go towards a new electronic scoreboard, to be used by the club’s two adult teams and four junior teams.

It follows their joint donation of £500 earlier this year towards the town’s football club, based at Aycliffe Sports Club. Cllr Iveson said: “Both Cllr Moran and I are very keen to support local sport but, particularly anything which

benefits young people. “Aycliffe Cricket Club is a wonderful set-up and the Moore Lane facilities are ideal for people of all ages to enjoy sport, whether it’s playing or watching.”

Aycliffe CC Chairman Ian Palmer said: “We’re delighted with this donation and grateful to both Cllrs. Iveson and Moran for their support. The new electronic scoreboard has been on our wish-list for some time and is something which will add to the cricket experience at Aycliffe Sports Club.”

Pictured: Aycliffe Cricket Club Chairman Ian Palmer (centre), Treasurer Tom Dolan (left) and Secretary Lee Weldon (right), with Councillors John Moran and Sarah Iveson.

INEOS SPONSOR “YOUTHY” GIRLS



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 13 Girls received a huge boost before their first league game of the new summer season with Ineos Sports & Social Club providing the girls with a new strip.

The Russel Foster Girls League have made their move to Summer Football which will ensure that games are played on better pitches and the weather should make it more enjoyable for players and spectators. The league will then have a break over the Winter months when many games are often postponed.

The girls play 9v9 format and Blyth Town were the visitors to the Oakleaf on Saturday 9 July. In a game dominated by Aycliffe the girls produced all the creative football, striking the woodwork on 3 occasions and with some fine goal keeping from Blyth, the score

remained 0-0 at half time. As the second half started the Aycliffe keeper continued to be a spectator as the defence and midfield controlled the game. The game continued with Aycliffe pushing forward, and with 5 minutes to go, got their deserved reward. A ball was played through for Taylor Sewell to beat the off side trap and as she raced through on goal her shot sailed over the advancing keeper to secure a valuable 1-0 win and set the league campaign off to a winning start.

Jarrow Girls are the visitors on 16 July to the Oakleaf to 10.30am.

If you are currently in years 6/7/8/9 and would like to join one of our 3 girls teams at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club, check out our website www.naycafc.co.uk or ring Berni 07939 045 242

AYCLIFFE TEENAGER WAS YOUNGEST RUNNER

Earlier this month young local athlete Henry Johnson made his debut at the Aviva English Schools’ Track and Field Championships at Gateshead.

Representing Cleveland in the Under 15 boy’s 800m, he was the youngest male competitor for any track and field event over the sporting weekend.

His heat included the UK number one, Jivendra Singh, and although Henry was the youngest, he did not have the slowest time across the 3 heats.

Disappointed that he did not qualify for the final, he was consoled with the fact that his new pb of 2.08.47, was actually the third fastest time out of the Year 8 boys and significantly faster than many of the Year 9’s.

“Going to Teesside High School has given me the opportunity to run for Cleveland, and running my best at not only district, county and inter county level, I had to up my game at national level. There is plenty left in me yet and I know the ropes for next year now!” remarked Henry following his debut at the games.

The sporting event was televised by Sky Sports and the athletes enjoyed their 5 minutes of fame.

Johnson went on to the smash a course record at the Pitstop 2k fun run at Croft Circuit a few days later. The previous record of 5.52 was set by Under 17 Shildon runner, Michael Bleasby in 2010, when Johnson came 3rd with 6.26. Coach, George Reid

was delighted with Henry’s time of 5.43 as he is only 13 yrs old and Bleasby was 16yrs old last year!

Henry continues to train with both Chester le Street AC and Aycliffe RC. “It is tough running for 2 clubs, but it paid off over the winter as I won both cross country leagues. I only got my prizes the other week, and the Start Fitness vouchers will come in handy for new kit!” said Henry.

It would appear that winning both the NYSD and NEHL in the same year is rather unique and records would show that it could be unprecedented. Following all this success, young Johnson has been selected to represent the North East of England in the forthcoming Northern Track and Field Championships event in Lancashire at the end of July. He hopes to run sub 2.08 and finish the season on yet another personal best.

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Durham County Council has developed the cards, which are aimed primarily at people aged between 14 and 25-years-old in partnership with Durham Constabulary and County Durham Drug and Alcohol Awareness Team.

Kirsty Wilkinson, Durham

County Council alcohol harm reduction coordinator, said: "An ID4U card is a handy way of being able to prove your age without having to carry valuable ID documents such as a passport or driving licence.

"However, it's also a vital tool for us in tackling underage drinking and the associated harm it causes to individuals. Retailers can have the confidence of knowing the card is a secure form of identification that can be trusted, and by only

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The first breakfast club held on Saturday, July 9th, to raise funds for Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association was hailed a great success.

The total raised was £312, which included a donation of £50 from J & C Coaches. The group is also grateful to Graham McKenna for the donation of food from his firm, Deerness Rubber Co Ltd, of Spennymoor. Graham also did a sterling job of cooking the breakfasts, along with his wife Tracey, Deborah and Mark Taylorson, and Anthony Boynton. The village hall was open from 9am to 11.30am with villagers arriving throughout that period for breakfasts. People were able to order bacon, sausage or egg butties, along with cups of tea or coffee and juice.

The organisers were delighted with the response and grateful to everyone who helped make it such a success.

In addition, 38 questionnaires asking people what they would like in the way of activities and events in the village hall were returned. A Zumba class was one of the most popular requests! The next breakfast club morning is planned for September.

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In Memoriam

LAWRENCE BRUMWELL Died 15th July 1987. Always remembered and forever loved. God Bless, Jeannette, Owen and Carl

FLO ATKINS 13th July 1988. Miss you Mam so much, I think of you every day, my love always and forever. Your ever loving Daughter Karen xx Miss and love you Nana. Danielle and John xx

LINDA BRYSON Always in my thoughts, from your mate Walker xxx

DEREK POSKETT, Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a loving Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx.

Birthday Remembrance

RONNIE JANE, 15th July. Happy birthday! Miss you more than words can say. Your Loving Family x

Births

Nick & Toni Jones (Hudson)



Would like to say thank you to all friends and family for all the wonderful gifts they have received for their little girl

REAY Congratulations Mark and Kate on the birth of Bailey another beautiful Grandson, Brother to Mason. Born 12.07.11, weighing 7lb 9oz. Love Granny and Grandad Reay.

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Matthew Pape



Happy 21st Birthday
18th July
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Logan Robert Cairns



Happy 1st Birthday
Love always from Mammy, Gran, Grandad, Uncle Mark and Auntie Bev

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Congratulations & Birthdays

Amy Louise Coulson



20 July, 1981
Happy 30th Birthday
Amy
Love always from Mam & Ian xxx

Happy 21st Birthday Ashley



Have a wonderful party. We are so proud of what you have achieved. All our love, Mam n Dad xxx

Craig Nellis



Have a Fantastic 18th
20th July
Lots of Love, Mam and Dad

Happy 18th Craig
Lots of Love, John, Emma, Liam, Caitlin, Callum and Lily

Happy 18th Birthday Craig
Love and best wishes always, Grandma

To a Wonderful Godson
Happy 18th, lots of love, Emma Jane

Happy 18th Birthday Craig
And good luck at University. Love, Auntie Marjorie and Brian

Happy 18th Birthday Craig
Have a great day. Love, Auntie Margaret and Kevin

Logan Cairns



Happy 1st Birthday
Love from Aimee

Kay Hughes



Congratulations Kay on becoming Prom Queen
We are so proud of you. Lots of love from Nan and Grandad xxxxx

Brooke Hughes



Well done to my Granddaughter for coming 1st place in her Solo and 5th place in her Slow Dance at the comp at Redcar. Love, Nanna Shirley and Auntie Chelsey

Brooke Hughes
Your dancing was fab! 1st place in your solo and 5th place in your Slow. We are so proud of you. Love, Mammy, Daddy and all your family xx
Thanks to all at 'Stepping Out' Dance School

HARRY COCKERILL, 10/07 happy 13th birthday big lad, can't believe you're a teenager!! Have a fab day Son, love you the world & back. Mam & Dad xxxxx

HARRY COCKERILL, happy birthday Bro, hope you have a great day! Lots of love Holly xxx

JACK NEWBERY, happy 16th birthday Jack. Love from Dad, Beccy, Kieran and Dan xxx

JACK NEWBERY Lots of love and best wishes on your 16th birthday Jack. From Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Michelle, Uncle Ste, Auntie Clare, Leah and Summer xxx

CRAIG DUGGAN Congratulations on gaining 2:1 BSc Hons in Computer Forensics. I am very proud to be your Grandma xx. Good luck in your post as Systems Developer.

JOSEPH ROBERT KENNEDY Congratulations on your 21st and well done, great exam results in your Diploma in Music, enjoy Leeds! Proud of you. Love, Mam, Kenny, Nana, Amber, Hayley, Stephen and kids x
AMY LOUISE COULSON. Happy 30th Birthday Mam, Love from Jake and Max xxx
MELANIE PALLISTER Happy birthday, have a brilliant day. All our love, John and the Rugrats x

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Kirsty Allen

19th July 2011

Happy 16th Birthday

To Our beautiful little "runt".

We've always said you look good in anything!

Have a fabulous day sweetheart.

We love you all the world!!!

Hugs and kisses from Mam, Dad, Becky & all the family
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Chelsey Corbett



You Haven't Changed a Bit!

A teenager at last, enjoy your trip to Flamingo Land. Love you loads, Mam xx

Chelsey Corbett
19th July
Hip Hip Hooray Our Sis is 13 today!
Love, Samantha and Kirsty

Chelsea Corbett
To the best Auntie ever. Love, Brooke and Hayden-Lee xxxxx

SHEILA JANE 19th July. Happy 60th birthday to the best Mam and Nanna. Love, Lisa and Sean, Michelle and Mark, Sarah and Anthony, Olivia, Evie and Jessica xxx

ASHLEY GITTINS Happy 21st birthday to a special Sister and Auntie. Hope you have a fab time at your party. Love you loads, Lee-ann, Gaffa, Jay, Parker and Erin xxx

WOODFINE, John Darren 17th July. Happy 21st Birthday Son. Can't believe how time flies. One day a cute little boy now you have turned into a fine young man. We are so very proud of you for the way you have turned out and how well you are doing in life. We love you very much as you know. Have a great 21st. Love always from Mam, Dad, Nana, Uncle Dean, Auntie Michelle, Abbie and Mia, xxxxxxxx

OLLIE RYAN WALTON 20th July 2011 Happy 1st Birthday to a Special Little Man. Lots of Love, Grandad, Uncle Dave, Auntie Lisa, Uncle Paul, Auntie Sarah, Ian xxx

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Newton Aycliffe have clinched their second new signing of the summer, with former Darlington striker Glen Robson joining the Newtonians. The 33-year-old forward, who played seven games for the Quakers during a brief spell in 2003, spent last season with Shildon as well as a loan stint with Stokesley.

He says he's looking forward to taking Aycliffe to the next level of their exciting journey. "Aycliffe have been talked about a lot around the Northern League in the last year or so and you can't



help but take notice," said Glen., "I know all about their big crowds and their title win last season, and I'm looking forward to hopefully enjoying a debut season in the first division."

Boss Allan Oliver, who continues to look for a couple of more new faces, said: "We've been searching for proven Northern League players all summer, and Glen fits the bill.

Robson began his career with Murton before he was snapped up by Southampton as a youngster. He had an 18-month spell with Rochdale, playing a handful of Football League games for them, before returning to the North-East with Blyth Spartans, where he scored 86 goals in 125 games.

He then spent four months with Darlington, featuring in the club's opening game at the new Arena against Kidderminster, before spells with Durham City, Morpeth and Brandon.

Aycliffe continue their pre-season programme with a trip to Esh Winning this Saturday (July 16). Meanwhile, three new fixtures have been added to Aycliffe's pre-season diary. They have two home games next week, against Cleveland Bridge on Wednesday (July 20) and against Mark Peck's former side, Whitehills FC of the Durham Alliance League, next Saturday (July 23, 3pm), while they entertain Jarrow FC of the Wearside League on Wednesday July 27 at MLP (7.30pm). Admission for all home games is £2 adults and £1 concessions.

Aycliffe then go to Wearside League side Hartlepool FC on Saturday July 30, while their high-profile pre-season friendly is against Conference neighbours Darlington, on Tuesday August 2 (7.30pm kick-off). Admission is £5 adults and £3 concessions.

The pre-season schedule finishes with Darlington RA on Saturday August 6 (£2 adults, £1 concessions) before the league starts with a home game against Stokesley on Saturday August 13. Admission for all league games next season will be £5 adults and £3 concessions.

• Season Tickets for the 2011-12 campaign are now available, priced £75 adults and £45 concessions. The adult price makes a saving of £30 over the season (21 league games), while the concession saves £18. They're available from John Gaskarth at home games.

'JUST SAY YES' 7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

A fabulous day was had by all at Greenfield School at the 'Just Say Yes' 7-a-side tournament. Thankyou to everyone who took part in making it a successful day and raising lots of money.

Pictures are of the winning team Legs and runners up Hardly Athletic. A big thankyou to 'The Breakfast Club' 7-a-side team who kindly donated their prize money after winning the Sunday Morning League and to Protech Ltd. for the tournament trophies. Prizewinners: Speed cage: James Robinson; Dolls name is Willow the winner was Alfie Hopper; Jelly Beans: Sam Bhatt; Just Say Yes cake winner: Ros Summerbell.

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