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## NEW POLICE STATION MAY NOT BE NEEDED

*Police Efficiency Drive May Cancel New Build*

Top ranking Police officers and the Chairman of the Police Authority Peter Thompson were at Great Aycliffe Town Council meeting last Wednesday to give a presentation on policing in our community. It was clear the distinguished delegation had something up their sleeve and it transpired we may not get the new Police Station we were promised even though it was stated the final decision had not yet been made. The Deputy Chief Constable, Mike Barton put a good case for retaining the "temporary" police station we had on the Business Park as it is proving to be more than adequate for the town's needs and had not been detrimental to crime figures which had reduced. He agreed with Counc

Malcolm Iveson's suggestion that government cutbacks was behind everything and that they had forced the police to rationalise and improve efficiency levels. The plan now is to seek an extension to the current lease and experiment with a new model of community policing, county wide, avoiding wasteful beaurocracy and duplication of work. It all made a lot of sense and the idea to have cells in central locations rather than at every police station was an obvious saving on manpower. The millions saved on building a new police station in Newton Aycliffe could be better spent on maintaining a better police presence on the streets. Our old station will be demolished and in time the land would be sold for another development. It is a valuable town centre site and the cash from the sale would help the finances of the Constabulary. We are assured our local Beat Police and all the good work they do will not be affected in the re-organisation which in future will utilise police personnel in Darlington and County Durham more effectively with all boundaries removed. In an effort to make our police more accessible contact points will be provided at the Leisure Centre, Tesco's and the Fire Station where residents can phone or leave



Mike Barton



Peter Thompson

a message. The Constabulary's plan is plausible as it seeks to provide a super efficient police service, abandoning the "patch" system where instead, officers nearest to the incident will respond. There is no doubt a lot of police time is wasted and this scheme will reduce that considerably and the high costs involved. In light of this townsfolk will have to consider if the new plan is acceptable, whether we need a Police Station in the town centre or are satisfied with it being located on the Business Park.

## Golf Course Planning Application Deferred

Consideration on the planning application for the £32 million re-development of Woodham Golf Country Club has been postponed. The application, was due to be decided next week by the South and West Durham Planning Committee, however following a request from Council Planning Officers for further information about the development, the decision has been pushed back to allow more time for consideration. Emma Walker, Planner at Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners commented, "We're confident that every

measure has been taken across all aspects of this proposal to ensure that it is successful. We're working with the Council to provide every piece of information they need to make an informed decision, and we're confident that they will be convinced of the benefits this development will bring to the community in the Woodham area." The decision will now be made at a future meeting, the exact date yet to be confirmed. Washington Developments are hoping to get it in August but it could be September.

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## Fun Time at St. Josephs

The Nursery children at St. Joseph's School enjoyed a Fun afternoon on Wednesday 20th July. It began with a Leaver's Service, followed by party games and a tea party. Part of the celebration was a traditional Punch and Judy Show which was greatly enjoyed by all of the children. Some of the children will return to the Foundation Unit in September when they will work and play with the new Nursery class. A number of children will be starting in various schools throughout the town. The Foundation Unit welcomes all children and we still have places



## Strawberry Teas in the Village Hall

Members of St. Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village have organised afternoon Strawberry Teas at the Village Hall on Sunday 31st July at 3pm. The cost is £3 only.

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**Saturday 30th July - "SOMETHING REAL"**  
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**Saturday 6th August - "THE KILL"**  
 "The band took to the stage, from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance...."

**Saturday 13th August - "BULLET"**  
 RIFFS MAGAZINE Review, TURBINIA 07: 'The prognosis from tonight's performance is definitely a thumbs-up - passion, energy and excitement are what "BULLET" deliver and watching the crowd at The TURBINIA go crazy for them, then it's obvious they are on the way up very quickly. BULLET seem to have got it right and given the odd break or two could seriously be set to worry some of the more established bands... Watch out for BULLET, they could just have your name on them.'  
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# Fun Night at Youthy Rotary Club Dictionary Gift

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The town's Rotary Club presented dictionaries to Year 5 students at Aycliffe Village School (top) and Byerley Park School before the end of term. All Year 5 children in Great Aycliffe and Heighington have been given these valuable books to help them in their final year at Primary School as part of an interannual campaign to improve literacy.



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get yourself along to try Anthony's Circuit Training class every Tuesday Night from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Bethany Centre, Woodham Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UD. The class is £3.50 per session and you can pay as you go on the night. For more information about this new class or any of the Academy's other classes, please contact Emma on 07908 162 868.

## Rock Night

"The Northern Citrines" local marching band from Shildon are holding a Rock Night at Old Shildon Club on 5th August from 7pm to 11pm. Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 on the door. Bands include Audio Ignition, The McQuies and Straight to Denial. There will be a raffle and if anyone has prizes to donate please contact the committee on 01388 775728

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Tuesday 16th August	Simpasture Park
Friday 19th August	Aycliffe Village Park plus nature games
Tuesday 23rd August	Horndale Park
Friday 26th August	St Oswald's Park plus mini beasting
Tuesday 30th August	West Park
Friday 2nd September	Our final venue—Town Centre Park

## Royal Thank You for Poppy at Horndale

We had a fantastic last day of term at Horndale County Infant and Nursery School with awards being given to two children, Maisie and Flynne who had achieved 100% attendance throughout the academic year. Congratulations you two! Our SAT results this year were good and outstanding awards were given to four children, Demi-Leigh, Daisy, Aiden and Ethan, who all achieved Level 3 across all subjects. Congratulations to all four!



We thought that was it for the day, but then a letter arrived from Buckingham Palace for one of our students. Poppy had taken part and was the overall winner of a competition run by Sedgefield Borough Homes to design a Royal Wedding card for William and Kate. The winning card had been sent to Buckingham Palace and an amazed Poppy received a royal reply from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, expressing their thanks. It will be a treasured memento for Poppy. Hope everyone has a happy, safe Summer break and we will see you back at Horndale on Wednesday 7th September 2011.

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## 50th Anniversary in a Yorkshire Dale Cottage



Alan and Margaret Blacklock of Ranulf Court received a visit from Town Mayor Mary Dalton to mark the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Margaret came from Spennymoor and Alan was born in Shildon. They met at Smart & Browns where they worked producing Tricity cookers.

Alan remembers taking Margaret out to Wensleydale for their first date in his Ford Popular car. They were married at St. Andrew's Church, Spennymoor on 28th July, 1961 and bought a small house in Shildon where they lived for 12 years.

During this time the couple had two children, Ian and Joanne who were born

within 3 years of each other but both on Xmas Eve.

Needing a bigger house Alan and Margaret moved to Newton Aycliffe and have lived here for 38 years. Alan took a job with Eatons and for a while Margaret was employed at GEC.

Alan is a very keen gardener and Margaret enjoys reading and jigsaws. They both enjoy travelling and walking with a deep love for the countryside. The happy couple who say they have a contented life are celebrating their anniversary in a cottage in the Yorkshire Dales where they will be joined by their immediate family, including two grandsons, for a special meal.

## FREE BAGS FOR DOG DIRT

Great Aycliffe Town Council have recently purchased a limited number of dog waste bags which are to be distributed free to residents of the town on a first come first served basis.

The bags were purchased by Great Aycliffe Town Council following numerous requests from members of the public after Durham County Council withdrew this provision. The authority appreciate that the number on offer is very limited and stress the aim of the initiative is to reward responsible dog owners for picking up after their dogs.

Bags are available from the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, the Town Park Attendant's office, Moore Lane Eco Centre, Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices and will be handed out by the Park Patrol Officers. Limited new stock will be available every week until the current order is exhausted. Recipients will receive one bundle of bags per household.

## GOLDEN WEDDING



Mayor Mary Dalton met up with Peter and Maureen Barron at Defoe Court Care Home last week where Maureen is a resident receiving nursing for her respiratory illness.

The occasion was their 50th Wedding Anniversary and the Mayor presented the couple with a bouquet of flowers and congratulated them on their long married life together.

Peter originally from Bishop Auckland was an apprentice electrician with the Aycliffe Development Corporation in 1955. The couple met at a dance in the Big Club and were married at St. Aidan's

Church in Chilton. Maureen was a packer at Permoid for a while and then took a cleaning job. Among their hobbies is a love of gardening and Peter is a keen Sunderland Football fan

Peter and Maureen have three children and eight grandchildren who all live nearby. They are planning a family celebration meal at the Bay Horse in Middridge next month.

Peter, who now lives in Bruce Road alone said that he and Maureen have enjoyed a happy life in Newton Aycliffe, but obviously regrets being separated from his wife.

A leading cancer charity is asking people in Newton Aycliffe to help raise £8.5m to celebrate the 21st birthday of its biggest fundraising event.

Macmillan Cancer Support wants locals to raise £58,000 from the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to contribute to the charity's record-breaking fundraising target.

The event, launched in 1990, has grown to become the charity's largest fundraising event, generating millions to fund vital cancer services.

Macmillan's fundraiser for County Durham Michelle Muir is asking local people to help make this year's event the biggest ever. Michelle said: "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is always really popular, probably because it's a really easy event to take part in. This is the event's 21st birthday and Macmillan's 100th birthday so we are determined to raise more money than ever and make this year's coffee morning our biggest ever."

The idea behind the World's Biggest Coffee Morning is that people hold their own coffee morning in their homes, work places or local community. They ask for donations in return for drinks and cakes and then pass on the proceeds to Macmillan.

Michelle added: "Across Newton Aycliffe around 22 people held coffee mornings to raise money for Macmillan last year. Some people hold just a small event with friends, while others go all out and organise a big community party.

Although the official World's Biggest Coffee Morning day is Friday, September 30,



Macmillan is happy for people to hold events on a day that suits them.

Michelle added: "The great thing about this event is that you can put your own twist on it and make sure it works for you. You can hold your coffee morning whenever it suits you. We even have people who are holding their event at night and serving cocktails instead of coffee."

The money raised from the event will be used to fund Macmillan's support services for people with cancer and their families. Among these services there is an new information & Support Centre in the Pioneer Centre at Newton Aycliffe

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**COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

In accordance with Regulation 11 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, I hereby give notice of the conclusion of the annual audit of the Council's Accounts for 2010/11 by the Audit Commission and the availability of the Statement of Accounts for inspection by local government electors.

Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 sets out the following rights to local government electors in relation to the inspection of statements of accounts and auditors' reports:-

A local government elector for the area of a body subject to audit, other than a health service body, may:-

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- inspect and make copies of any report, other than an immediate report, made to the body by an auditor; and
- require copies of any such statement or report to be delivered to him on payment of a reasonable sum for each copy.

Anyone elector wishing to inspect the Accounts should telephone the Council Offices on 01325 300700 to make an appointment with the Finance Manager. Appointments are available at the Council Offices between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

In addition this notice and a full copy of the Statement of Accounts has also been made available for inspection on the Council's website at [parishes.durham.gov.uk/greataycliffe](http://parishes.durham.gov.uk/greataycliffe)

Dated this 29th day of July.

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# Busy Term End for Year 5



Year 5 at Sugar Hill Primary had a very eventful end of term. They concluded their topic on the Ancient Greeks with a themed day taking part in a Mini Olympics and tasting Greek food. Later in the week they received the gift of an illustrated dictionary from the town's Rotary Club to help them with their final year in Primary School.

## Praise for Town Council's Management of Finances

The Town Council Finance Officers have received the highest thanks and praise for their work in controlling the Council's budget.

Gavin Baker of the Audit commission gave his report last Wednesday and said that he was impressed by the accounting systems in place and said the quality of work was very high.

The Council Leader Bob Fleming added his thanks to the officers and said their exemplary work would give confidence to Council Taxpayers.

The annual audit costs around £9,000 and the Auditor said there was a cheaper and shorter £3,000 scheme available, but the Council agree in the interest of transparency they would continue with the full comprehensive audit of accounts.

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**CROOK HALL & GARDENS**, 10am return 5pm. £10. Admission extra. Tuesday 23rd August.

**SCARBOROUGH**, 30th August. Depart 8am return 6pm. Cost adults £12. Children £8. To book ring Peter Beaty on 313924.

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Quiz Afternoon - Monday 26th September 2-4pm.

**This Saturday:** Sale of Sportswear & School uniforms, workwear and ornaments.

## Pond Dipping on the Nature Park

Aycliffe Wild Life Explorers meet on **Sunday 31st July at the Nature Park (near the Blue Bridge) from 2-4pm.** They will be pond dipping and cleaning the pond of rubbish. Please wear suitable clothing. Refreshments will be provided for all. Everyone welcome! Further details from Alan or Dave on 315182 or 317347

## 100th BIRTHDAY



Margaret (Peggy) Boughey was born in Esh Winning the eldest daughter of a Emma who was a teacher and Jim who worked at the local Railway Station. Peggy also qualified as a Teacher and her husband who she met at a dance was a Policeman. After getting married they moved first to Middlesbrough then to Northallerton retiring to live in Bishop Auckland. As a couple they enjoyed

caravanning and playing golf. Peggy came to Defoe Court Care Centre in April of this year after an illness in Hospital. She is much loved by staff and other residents and was delighted to receive the card and telegram from the Queen. She had a big celebration party which her only niece attended. Our photo shows the Town Mayor adding her congratulations to Peggy on her 100th Birthday

# Kids Enjoy GAMP-Funded Town Football Project

Dozens of children have been treated to five-star Premier League stadium tours as part of a special educational programme.

Just under 200 youngsters from six Newton Aycliffe schools took part in the 12-week Grass Roots School Football Project.

It culminated with a trip to Newcastle United's St James' Park and Sunderland's Stadium of Light, where the children were given exclusive, behind-the-scenes tours.

Youngsters from Greenfield Community Arts College in Newton Aycliffe and five primary schools in Aycliffe (Byerley Park, Stephenson Way, Vane Road, Walworth and St. Mary's) were involved in the project.

It was funded by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership and was delivered by the Martin Gray Football Academy, working in partnership with Durham County Council's Extended Schools Service.

Gray, a former Sunderland and Darlington player, holds the UEFA Pro Licence and was recently appointed Greenfield's Head of Football operations.

"The project was a huge success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed them," he said. We were only able to deliver this programme thanks to the support of GAMP and Durham Council's Extended Schools Project, and I'm grateful to them for their



Pictured with GAMP AAP Co-ordinator Brian Riley is Michelle Postma, Durham County Council's Extended Schools Co-ordinator, Martin Gray and school pupils Niall Blenkinsop, Jacob Trevor and Harry Hobbs (Byerley Park School) and Jack Roddam and Reece Weastell (Vane Road School).

backing in trying to deliver high-quality football and educational enrichment programmes in the Great Aycliffe area."

The programme used football-related activities as a vehicle to improve numeracy and literacy skills, self-esteem, emotional well-being, teamwork and football coaching skills.

Barbara Reilly-O'Donnell, head teacher at St. Mary's School said "Martin and his team have delivered sessions for our children who have been encouraged to think creatively and has challenged our pupils to use their skills in a real life context.

"The children have used sport as a context for their literacy and numeracy lessons and have developed their co-operative and leadership skills."

Michelle Postma, Extended

Schools Co-ordinator, added: "The Extended Schools Service, Martin Gray Football Academy, and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership have developed and funded this programme because we recognise the importance of football as an incentive for young people in developing their education.

"Martin, who grew up in the area, is a great role model for the young people, and has a way of engaging them that grabs their attention, creates enthusiasm and makes them really believe in themselves."

Anyone wanting more details about the Martin Gray Football Academy and its services, call Martin on 07738131914, email info@martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk, or go to www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk

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## COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER BENCH GIFT

The decision rejecting the donation of a picnic bench at West Park has been referred back to the Recreation Committee. Former Mayor Maud Gray was prepared to provide a bench for the use of disabled people who visit the park twice a week to eat their lunch. They can't walk to existing benches so Maud wanted to position one near the car park, but the Council felt this was too close to houses and other users might cause disturbance. Since that ruling Maud has visited each of those residents and received a signed petition saying they have no objections. The Council will reconsider the request at the next full Council Meeting.

## RECRUITMENT FIRM EXPANDS



An Aycliffe recruitment firm is continuing to expand after a recent double staff appointment. Following recent expansion across Teesside and the opening of a Scottish branch in Paisley, TEMP-TEAM has now added to the workforce at its Newton Aycliffe office. The company has appointed Tracey Liddell as Commercial Recruitment Consultant, while Claire Wingfield has taken on the position of Branch Administrator. Both recruits are from Newton Aycliffe. TEMP-TEAM Newton Aycliffe specialises in permanent and temporary recruitment across the industrial, office personnel, engineering and technical,

and executive and managerial sectors. Tracey – who has a proven track record in sales – will be dealing primarily with enquiries and applications regarding recruitment in the office personnel sector. She said: "I am really excited to be joining TEMP-TEAM here, because it is such a well-established branch. "I hope to help raise the profile of TEMP-TEAM as a supplier to the office personnel sector and I'm really looking forward to this challenge." Taking on the administrative role, Claire is now the first point of contact for TEMP-TEAM Newton Aycliffe. She said: "I am extremely pleased to be working here as TEMP-TEAM has built up a great reputation within the industry as a firm that really cares about every one of its employees, offering significant training to increase our understanding of the company." Managing Director of TEMP-TEAM, Julie Cummings, is delighted to welcome Tracey and Claire to the team. She said: "In this difficult economic climate, we are one of the few recruitment agencies in the North East that has continued to trade strongly, and because of this we have had the confidence to expand our branches and workforces. "We hope that we'll be welcoming many more employees to the company in the future." With Tracey and Claire, TEMP-TEAM now employs a total of 50 staff across all of its branches. For more information on the company, please visit [www.temp-team.co.uk](http://www.temp-team.co.uk).

## Nursery Children Graduate



The children of Sugar Hill Nursery graduated on Friday 22nd July. Staff wish them every happiness and success in their learning journey and would like to thank parents and carers for their wholehearted support.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST 2011

**Friday 12th August - Night Fever at the 70's Disco**  
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person

**Friday 19th August - The 80's Experience**  
The best disco party ever.  
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £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 11pm and 4pm

**Friday 26th August - Disco through the Decades**  
Come and enjoy a night of music from the 60's all the way through to the 90's  
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person

**Friday 26th August - The Brainstormer Murders - Murder They Wrote**  
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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. £18.95 pp

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## Blood Donors

A Blood Transfusion Session will be held on **3rd August at Woodham Community Centre, St. Elizabeth's Close, 10am - 12 noon and 1.30 - 4pm.** Also on the **26th August at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church Hall at Neville Parade 2.30 - 3.45 and 4.30 - 7pm.**

## BBQ for Help the Heroes Raised £464



Marion Johnson and Sue Bennett wish to thank the following for donating prizes for the Raffle/Tombola at the Barbecue held to raise cash for "Help the Heroes". The County Aycliffe Village, Slaters Butchers, Thames Dry Cleaning, Stephen Russell, Walkers Butchers, Suntanna, Shafto Way Garage, Fish & Chips, Simpasture, The Worx, British Legion, Julies Pets, Lyndsey, The Big Club. Thanks for cash donations from family, friends and neighbours and to everyone who came along to make it a brilliant night. Thanks to the generosity of all, they raised a massive £464.00 which included a boost from all Safeline Taxi drivers who called in to buy their supper.

**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, 10th AUGUST 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](http://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".

## Big Bear Mess in St. Clare's Church

Over 50 people came along to the latest 'Messy Church' afternoon at St. Clare's Church. The church quickly filled with children and their beloved teddies excited to find out what messy church was all about!

The youngsters were able to work together to make a printed bear mural, write a bear prayer, get really messy with the foam, bake a biscuit and have their very special friends blessed by Rev. Linda as friends of Jesus.

Children queued during the session for this unique bear baptism and had great fun at all the bear stations. A fantastic picnic was provided by the Marvellous Messy Tea Team, and many thanks to them!

Eventually the sunshine made an appearance and the session ended with a group photo outside in the Millennium garden. The bears had such a good time they stayed to share the celebration with parishioners the next morning and the prayer tree remains in church to remind us all of the very simple but moving thoughts of the children.

A huge thank you to all who supported the afternoon and we hope to see you at the next 'Messy Church' which will be on Saturday October 8th at 4pm with a Harvest theme and tea afterwards.



## Blind Man Receives "Walkman"

Andy Paterson a registered blind person needs dialysis three times a week and he listens to music and Talking Books while receiving treatment.

Unfortunately he lost his "Walkman" and his 'home help' made an appeal in this newspaper for a replacement from anyone who had one they no longer used.

Newton News received over 20 offers of help and took the first one from Don Cook and delivered it to Andy who was so very grateful.

He had just returned from a day long trip to hospital and was so happy he could once again use a walkman to provide entertainment, "This is so kind and the offers of help are so much appreciated and have made my day" said Andy who lives alone with his guide dog.

## Top Class Arena Entertainment at Great Aycliffe Show

A varied programme of arena entertainment for all the family has been announced for this year's Great Aycliffe Show, to be held on the showfield at the Oak Leaf Complex, Newton Aycliffe, on Saturday 27 August and Sunday 28 August.

The Imps Motorcycle Display Team, featuring young people up to 16 years old - the youngest is aged 5, will be putting on a show of discipline and skill, comprising complex 'cross-overs' with split second timing, breathtaking fire jumps and stunning pyramids in their trademark red tunics. The Imps have performed around the world to millions of people.

For a complete contrast, Dawn of Chivalry, an early 13th century medieval re-enactment society, will be using accurate reproduction arms and armour to demonstrate a realistic medieval combat experience. A herald will present the display, which lasts for about 30 minutes and features at least four fully-equipped knights competing in a tournament, with opportunity for some audience interaction. There will also be a wide range of the arms and armour on display at the side of the arena for the audience to take a closer look.

Shepherdess, sheepdog trainer and trial competitor, Elaine Hill, will be demonstrating the skill and intelligence of her Border



Collies, with an entertaining display of sheepdog handling and duck herding. Ducks are driven around an obstacle course, with a children invited into the ring to join in the fun. A parade of ducklings or miniature ducks concludes this show, which is always very popular with the audience.

The Teesdale Flyball demonstration (on Saturday only) will include both the original Crufts Flyball box and the new one. The dogs will be introduced to the audience and the training methods demonstrated then there will be a flyball competition between two teams of dogs.

Great Aycliffe Show is organised and presented by Great Aycliffe Town Council, for further information contact 01325 300700 or visit [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)



## Summer Fair at St. Clares



St. Clares Church Summer Fair, held last Saturday,

attracted lots of support and noticeably the Cake Stall and Tombola sold out very quickly. There were the usual sale of books, bric-a-brac and

crafts with excellent food including bacon sandwiches. An enjoyable annual community event which always proves popular.

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## PICNIC IN THE PARK



Last week, children from Reception Class at Sugar Hill Primary School, enjoyed a 'Picnic in the Park'. They walked along to Tesco park and enjoyed a mixture of activities on the field, as well as a chance to play in the park area. The children particularly enjoyed putting together and flying kites, seeing who could blow the largest bubble and having a great time with their friends. The children were joined by their families at lunchtime and they all enjoyed their picnic in the sunshine. The day was rounded off with a choc-ice treat!

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# Agnew Centre NEWS

The Agnew Community Centre are having as part of our Summer Play Scheme 3 day sessions from Zoo Lab on 'Pets and other Animals' which will include a giant millipede, a tarantula, rabbit guinea pig and the children will learn why we keep certain animals as pets.

The first session is on Thursday 11th August at 11am to 12 and we can book 35 young people aged 2 to 12 years, so for your child's place ring Ron on 01325 321504 office, 07749 236853 mobile or 01325 301033 home.

The next 2 dates are on Tuesdays August 16th & 23rd at 1-30pm to 2-30pm and again to book your child's place contact Ron. The sessions are all FREE and have been funded by our two County Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins from their funding allowance and Agnew Community Centre thanks them for their support.

Once booked please use it or let us know so allowing another person to come along to these very entertaining and educational sessions.

## Do We Need Another Care Home in Aycliffe?

Dear Sir,  
After the closure of the Southerne Club, I alerted Wetherspoons, to see if they would be interested in opening a pub on the site, which would give another drinking venue but more importantly an eating place on the town.

They showed great interest at the time but things went quiet, and it has now come to my knowledge that the local council had told the pub chain they would not be welcomed on this site, or any other site and the council would prefer a care home. This seems also true of the old Horndale site, I understand that this has had planning permission refused for a pub / restaurant in the past

This week the Head of planning sent letters out to random homes in the area to make people aware of the new Care Home, but how they decide where they send them is beyond me. I am aware some of Cheviot Place received letters, also homes on Byerley Park, but not all homes on the Lanes. Speaking to someone recently who lives very close to the proposed site, they knew nothing of it.

The detailed plans can be found [http://www2.sedgefield.gov.uk/planning\\_search/alldetails.php?ID=32171](http://www2.sedgefield.gov.uk/planning_search/alldetails.php?ID=32171)

To all those that do not want another Care Home in Aycliffe send your comments to [planning@spennymoor.durham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@spennymoor.durham.gov.uk) stating the application No 7/2011/0214/DM along with your name and address a.s.a.p.

This town needs more amenities for the young and middle aged not just for the old people!

Steve, Woodham Lea

## Good Luck! says Counc. Blenkinsopp

Dear Sir,  
I am pleased the new Planet Leisure facility with restaurants are now open through the hard work of Darren and Andrea Peckitt the proprietors.

Due to a hiccup with contractors, all of the facilities are not yet open, but the bowling alley and ice rink are fully operational along with the bar and catering facilities. Still to open are the Laser Quest and Arcade Room. The food is very reasonably priced as well as being freshly made. The official opening date will be announced at a later date when the facilities are all completed.

This is a facility that has been much needed for a long time for Newton Aycliffe. I wish them Good luck.

Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp.

## Classic Film at Woodham Movie Drome

Woodham Movie Drome's children's matinee will be starting up again after a short break on Saturday the 6th August at 3pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall Woodham. Hope to see new and old faces again

The old time classic GONE WITH THE WIND will be shown at St Elizabeths church hall, Woodham on Friday 5th of August at 6.30 pm. Tickets are £3, Please bring a cushion for extra comfort as this is a long movie!

Contact Brian if you would like a ticket on Aycliffe 319067. Refreshments will be available

## John's Stall Raises £1100

Honest John's Charity Stall has donated £1,100 to Newton Aycliffe Football Supporter's Club for "Sophie's Bike Fund".

Next for support is the Cumby Rovers Football team then Aycliffe Nature Park Wild life Explorers. Thanks again to all those who donate goods for John to sell on his stall at the Tuesday Market.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Child Photography

Dear Sir,  
I am a local hobby photographer (Magnolia Photography) in Newton Aycliffe and would like to clear any suspicions that I may have been the photographer mentioned in last week's issue.

I do need to use a mobility scooter and a wheelchair as I cannot walk outside due to a severe joint disability. Although no longer in business and am only a hobby photographer I still require release forms to gain permission to photograph a person or people.

Photographing children or adults without prior written consent is against the law and anyone who finds themselves in such a situation should call the police immediately. I do many free safety talks via emails to models but these are also open for public advice too.

As I run a start up charity for sufferers of SPD it is hurtful when suspicions can lead to me and jeopardise my good reputation. I would advise anyone to photograph anyone doing this, with a mobile phone or other camera if available to show the police

for identification purposes. It would be beneficial if more details of the couple involved could be brought forward. It is very easy to associate myself with this incident and it worries me it may affect my charity and hobby.

Mrs Sarah Dightam  
T: 07721 656764. [www.supportpelvicdysfunction.co.uk](http://www.supportpelvicdysfunction.co.uk)  
[www.magnoliaphotography.co.uk](http://www.magnoliaphotography.co.uk)

**Ed: Thanks to this reader for coming forward to eliminate her from any investigation.**

### Information on Wind Farms

Dear Sir,  
There is an excellent document from the House of Commons Library on the internet explaining why wind farms have not been approved in some places.

It includes reasons for rejection and acceptance, the Government's position, the localism bill and why nearly half the applications failed.

Please visit: [www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SNo4370.pdf#windfarms](http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SNo4370.pdf#windfarms)

## FANTASTIC NEW FACILITY, BUT . . .

Dear Sir,  
We have waited a long time for a facility like the new Ice Rink and Bowling Alley to be opened in Newton Aycliffe. It will go towards providing affordable entertainment for our families and hopefully families from outside Newton Aycliffe.

Trouble is, unless you have a car, you had better get some very strong walking shoes. The Arriva No.8 stops in Durham Way (that's if it bothers to turn up) and is ideal for the venue at Maple Way. Unfortunately, this bus does not run on a Sunday and the last bus from the Agnews/Woodham is 4.45pm.

The Arriva No.7 runs every 30 minutes but it means leaving the bus at the Newton Press Print Factory and walking quite a distance down Durham Way.

Hardly ideal for groups of young people to be walking on an industrial estate with so many lorries and the world and his wife having driving

lessons.

This is the same problem with accessing the Oak Leaf Centre. The added problem there is that once you eventually do catch a bus and get off outside the Train Station - there are no pavements to walk on.

Our Town and County Councillors needs to look into this for us, otherwise any new developers may be deterred from even coming and investing in Newton Aycliffe.

We are a town of approximately 28,000 people and deserve a better, more reliable public transport system.

Sue Woodham

## YOUNGSTERS SHOULD NOT BE ROWDY NEAR O.A.P. DWELLINGS

Dear Editor  
On Friday, 1st July, myself and my neighbours were kept awake till the early hours of the morning by groups of noisy young people apparently celebrating leaving school.

We live in a small street, and apart from the noise of those congregating and partying, four cars of young people for some reason, repeatedly revved up loudly and sped up and down it continuously for several hours.

At 11.45pm I'd had enough and called the police but was disappointed when upon their arrival, the young car-drivers were allowed to leave unchallenged after having caused so much disturbance and who were probably drunk or worse. Why weren't they stopped and breathalysed at the very least?

The police did stay for a while and talk to the rest of these young people and eventually they dispersed only to return after the police had left.

This is not the first time we have experienced these problems and we often get problems with teenagers drinking, and vandalising our belongings, and worse still, knocking on the windows of the bungalows in our area.

They seem to have no respect

for old people whatsoever, or the fear and worry they put them through.

With the summer holidays approaching, this problem could get worse and I believe we could stop it with a very simple solution, but according to the police it would not be feasible.

I think that youngsters congregating and causing a disturbance anywhere on the town, should be taken to the nearest police station and their parents should be contacted to come and collect them.

If their own parents were personally inconvenienced and had to get out of their beds on a regular basis to take their troublesome offspring home, perhaps it would make them more interested in where their children were at night and what they were up to.

I think this is the ONLY way these parents will ever bother to take any responsibility for the actions of these young people who seem to rule our streets and neighbourhoods unchallenged.

Even though it would cause the police more work initially, surely in the long run it might actually work and perhaps even solve the problem for good.

Annoyed  
Name and Address supplied

## Aycliffe Nursery Thanked

Dear Sir,  
A big thank you to all the staff at Little Acorns Nursery for a fantastic job. My son has attended the nursery for 2 years and although he took a little to adjust after being at home full time with myself, he soon settled in really well.

He built a very good rapport with staff and children and I feel that thanks to Little Acorns he is well prepared to start school in September. The staff are approachable, helpful and very friendly. They have dealt with any issues quickly and effectively and always make time to discuss my child's development.

I particularly like the "open door" policy the nursery operates and my child's developmental records were available for me to view at anytime as well as the children's work being on display around the nursery.

I know my son will miss everyone very much and should I require out of school childcare in the future, Little Acorns will be my first choice.

Thank you so much to Fiona and the gang.  
Miss Wilson

## Good Manager

Dear Sir,  
Regarding the retirement of Heron's Maanger Brian Payne, may I say I have used the shop since it opened and he has always been a friendly person and a great worker.

Myself and other customers will miss him a lot and Heron has provided a good service to Aycliffe over many years. All the staff are so friendly and helpful.

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**Poor State of West Park Lake**



A reader has sent in this photo to support Counc George Gray's complaint on the state of the West Park Lake. George presents his views to the Town Council soon and we will report on the outcome.

**Popular Adult Courses At Agnew & Woodham**

The Food Safety in Catering and First Aid at Work courses delivered at Agnew Community Centre and Woodham Village Community Centre were funded through Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities. It was part of a partnership bid developed by David Sutton Lloyd, Treasurer, Woodham Village Community Association and Ron Mitchie, Secretary, The Agnew Community Association.

The bid had a positive impact, engaging over fifty learners who accessed the courses available at both centres. This approach for securing funding has proved successful and demonstrated the value of partnerships and the effectiveness of working in collaboration through the Newton Aycliffe Local Learning Partnership network.

Claire, Learning Coordinator Tel: 01388 443078

**LOCAL TOWN COUNCILS OPPOSE WIND FARM**

Following Eon's announcement they will be launching a consultation with the public to discuss their plan to build up to 45 wind turbines on a 16sq km wind farm at The Isles site near Newton Aycliffe local Town Councils have joined local MP Phil Wilson against the proposal. Great Aycliffe Town Council, Sedgfield Town Council and Chilton Town Council have all come out against the proposal.

Chilton Town Council, Mayor Councillor Maureen Errington said: "If this proposed wind farm by Eon for the Isles is accepted it will be a blight on Durham County's countryside for generations to come. Chilton Town Council are not against wind powered generation however this many wind turbines in one area is unacceptable." Contact: e-mail info@chiltondurham-tc.gov.uk / Tel 01388 721788

leader Bob Fleming said: "Members of Great Aycliffe Town Council are concerned about the number, size and location of wind turbines and their cumulative effect with existing turbines in the immediate area, and believe that this is a valid objection to the proposed development." Contact email: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk / Telephone: 01325 300 700

Phil Wilson MP for Sedgfield said "Parishes and groups across my constituency are now moving to express their opposition to Eon's plan for a 16sq km wind farm with up to 45 wind turbines to the east of Newton Aycliffe. I have carried out surveys on the proposal for the Isles and asked the question 'Do you agree with the proposal for 45 Wind turbines for the Isles?' A massive 95 per cent of people have said simply a resounding 'no'." Phil Wilson MP

**Support for Wind Farm Protestors**

The Town Council has agreed the body campaigning against the proposed 45 wind turbines near Aycliffe could use the Town Council logo in its publicity as a gesture of support.

**Busy Days for Aycliffe FC**

It promises to be a hectic few days for the town's football club, with two major events taking place at Moore Lane Park.

Aycliffe's advertising and sponsorship manager Barry Waters (pictured) has organised the club's first Family Fun Day, which will be held between 11am and 3pm this Sunday July 31st on the grounds of Aycliffe Sports Club.

Sedgfield MP Phil Wilson is due to attend, while a range of entertainment and fun will be on offer for children of all ages, including rides, a tombola and an Army Assault Course.

Aycliffe will welcome FA Trophy winners Darlington to their ground on Tuesday August 2nd at 7.30pm kick-off in a high-profile pre-season friendly and the club are hoping to see hundreds of people attend both events and it is FREE!

"The Fun Day isn't about us making money, it's more about getting local people to the ground, especially those who don't know much about the football club, and seeing what a wonderful set-up we have at Moore Lane Park."

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, while famous Aycliffe fan Derrick Mawson, known as "Elvis", will don his favourite costume for pictures!

Another big crowd is expected for Aycliffe's friendly with Darlington on Tuesday night. Fans are reminded that additional parking will be available on Moore Lane playing field, which will also be stewarded to minimise disruption to nearby residents. Aycliffe made it nine goals in two pre-season games with a 4-1 victory over Durham Alliance League side

Whitehill at Moore Lane Park last Saturday.

Elliot Gardner added to his midweek hat-trick with another strike, while Glen Robson scored his third in as many games to give Aycliffe a two-goal lead at the interval. Further goals from second-half substitutes Mark Wood and 18-year-old Martin Sowerby sealed the victory against Mark Peck's old side. Team: Pocklington, Beckett, Peck, Craddock, McHew, McMullen, Tarling, Wilson, Woodhouse, Gardner, Robson. Subs used: M. Wood, Campbell, Broom, Mellanby, Sowerby, Robinson.

Aycliffe's pre-season programme finishes with a home game against Northern League Division 2 side Darlington RA on Saturday August 6 (3pm), with admission £2 adults and £1 concessions, before the season curtain-raiser at home to Stokesley on Saturday August 13. Admission for all league games this season is £5 Adults and £3 Concessions. Season Tickets are now available from John Gaskarth on matchdays, priced £75 adults and £45 concessions - alternatively contact him on 07590 925469 or email gaskarth@msn.com

**FIXTURES**

- Tuesday 2nd August: Darlington (H), 7.30pm
  - Saturday 6th August: Darlington RA (H), 3pm
  - Saturday 13th August: Stokesley (H) 3pm
  - Tuesday 16th August: Ashington (A) 7.30pm
  - Saturday 20th August: Billingham Synthonia (H), FA Cup Extra Prelim 1, 3pm
- www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

**JUDO CLUB CLOTHES SHOW EVENT**

Dear Sir, On behalf of Newton Aycliffe Judo Club may I thank everyone concerned for supporting our Clothes Show Event on 28th June helping us raise £359.73, to help purchase new equipment for pupil training.

Thank you to Mayor Councillor Mary Dalton & Councillors Joan Gray and Mike Dixon for sparing their time to attend the event. A big thank you to all our sponsors for your donations: Lifestyle Fitness, Husqvarna, Eastern Spice, Marie's Beauty, Feastland, Jaynell Gymnastics, Glittery Girl, Mobile Tiles Co. TK Cleaning, Redz, Barclays, Spec Savers, Leanne of Zumba, Thames Butchers, Pace, Thames Cleaning Service, Coun. Joan Gray, Taylor Newsforce, Petals and Wilkinsons. Thank you also to the stallholders, BubblyBeads, Pace, Eden's Children Boutique, Cheeky Chops Face Painting.

We are extremely grateful to Management and Staff of the Leisure Centre, YMCA, British Red Cross, Sue Ryder, British Heart Foundation, Mick & Gaz from Inaspin Entertainment, Louise from Body Shop at Home & Sienna Spray Tan and Roots Hairdressing for their tremendous support giving their time to participate and contribute to this event. Thanks to our parents who volunteered and the stars of the show, models from YMCA Kim and Janet and club members: Jolene, Sarah Jane, Amy, Borna, John, Andrew, Megan, Jack, Rory,

Ella, Jacob and Robert. Winner of Guess the Bears Birthday: Ewan Plews, Date of Birthday: July 2. There are two Unclaimed raffle prizes: Blue ticket 270 (£25 Wilkinson Voucher), Blue ticket 96 (Bottle of Wine). To claim contact Julie Costello on 311292. Thank you again to everyone, much appreciated. Majid, Club Coach, Newton Aycliffe Judo Club  
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## New Kit for Youthy Team



(Back row L/R, Lucy Ryans, Nicole Todd, Leona Race, Lucy Postle, Amber Savage, Front row L/R Jordan Flynn, Cora O'Leary, Shannon Clay, Rae Heckingbottom, Sophie Storey) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre under 12's Girls Football Team were the proud wearers of new strips this season, generously sponsored by Ineos Sports and Social Club. The girls went on to win the Trimdon Tournament recently, unbeaten, conceding only 1 goal. Fresh from winning the tournament the girls will continue to play in the Russel Foster Summer League, playing 2 games on Saturdays and training on Wednesday evenings. If you enjoy playing football and you start back to school in either yr's 5/6/7/8/9/10 in September, contact Berni 07939045242 or check out our website www.naycafc.co.uk

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Improved core strength and flexibility; Develop sense of well being; Reduce stress levels. We are based at Woodham Community Centre, DL5 4AX (near the Huntsman Pub). Instructors are CRB checked, insured and members of the UK Governing Body BTGB. Training times:- **Tuesday** 6 - 7pm. New starters/junior grades; 7 - 8.15pm Senior grades **Sunday** 10.30 - 12pm all welcome. To book your free place please contact Kevin Mitchell on 07536 061450 or Andrea Mulhearn on 07790 438886.

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## WATER POLO CLUB BRING HOME BOTH TITLES

Sedgefield Water Polo Club travelled to the Manchester Aquatic Centre pool where the 2002 Commonwealth Games were held to take part in the Manchester Water Polo Festival. This is the biggest competition in Great Britain for under 13 and under 15 mixed teams. 14 teams entered in each age group from all over GB. Sedgefield confounded everyone to win both titles. A magnificent achievement the first team to ever do this. In the under 13's Sedgefield defeated Solihull, Cym Draig from Wales, Manchester, Birkenhead, Chester and



Sheffield comfortably in their group games and faced North East rivals Rotherham in the final game to decide the Championships. This was an extremely close and exciting game which was locked at 7-7 with seconds to go when John Pratt the Sedgefield captain scored a magnificent goal to clinch an 8-7 victory. John 12 had a brilliant tournament scoring 39 goals and without doubt was the tournament's best player and showed his great potential for the future. He was ably supported by Jake Plant 12 with 10 goals, Michael Cousins and Connor Keeble both 11 with 2 each. Emily Pilkington and Terri Millington both 12 gave excellent performances in defence. While Luke Curley 10 showed great potential in goal. Making their debut at this level were 10 year old Hugh Masterson, Ben Stephenson 9, and Michael Hampshire 8 and they all showed a lot of potential for the future. Sedgefield were coached by young coach Greg Barker 18 and this group of young players remain unbeaten as a team. In the under 15 age group Sedgefield faced Chester, Oldham, Welsh Wanderers, Tyldsley, Manchester, City of Sheffield B and Birkenhead. Sedgefield managed to defeat all of these teams comfortably to take their place in the semi final against their sister club Lancaster. This was an exciting and hard encounter for Sedgefield who only had one substitute. Sedgefield were behind 4-3 with 30 seconds to go when Joe Barker 13 scored a great equaliser to take the game to a penalty shoot out. Both teams scored the first 3 each and then Sedgefield goal

keeper Richie Howe pulled off a great save to put Sedgefield 4-3 up and then Lancaster scored their 4th one, leaving Ben Turnbull 12 with the last penalty to put Sedgefield through to the final. Ben converted with no problem meaning Sedgefield had scored all 5 penalties. The other 3 had been converted by Adam Courtley 13, James Pratt 13 and Alex Miller 13. In the final Sedgefield faced Sheffield who had won the other group and defeated Sedgefield's semi final opponents Lancaster by 6 goals, so Sheffield were big favourites. However Sedgefield coached by International star water polo player Scott Carpenter produced a magnificent inspired performance to comfortably triumph by 4-2 to leave Sheffield shell shocked. James Pratt was excellent in defence and ably supported by Nick Gowland 14. Joe Barker 13 was Sedgefield's leading scorer with 21 goals and well supported by Ben Turnbull with 12 and Alex Miller with 8. The Sedgefield goalkeeper Richie Howe showed why he is so highly rated in his age group with a string of fine saves. Adam Courtley in his man marking role managed to nullify all the oppositions danger men. Holly Short 14 Sedgefield's only female player supported really well in what ever role she was asked to perform. Sedgefield who lost out in April on winning the National title in this age group on goal difference have still never been defeated in 5 years. If anyone is interested in playing this exciting sport you can get more details on 0781855449 or Sedgefield polo@hotmail.com. It is especially attractive for club swimmers.

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### Obituary

**CHRISTINE GILL** aged 80 years, peacefully at home on 6th July. Devoted Wife to the late Tom; loving Mam to Pam and Christopher; Mother-in-Law to Paula and the late Keith; a much loved Nanna to Tracey, Amanda, Gareth and Jordan; also a special Great Nanna. Funeral Service to take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd August at 1.30pm. No flowers, by request of Christine. Donations may be given in aid of Cancer Research

**WHALEN** on 23rd July, at home. Michael aged 79 years. Much loved Husband of Margaret (Peggy); loving Dad of Tony and Michael; Dear Father-in-Law to Jackie and Anna and treasured Grandad of Daniel, Lucy and Thomas. For funeral details please telephone 314685

### Birthday Remembrance

**JUSTINE ASHANTI BRAITHWAITE** 30th July. (21st Birthday). Wishing you a great birthday. Sorry we cannot all celebrate together. You will always be loved and never forgotten. From Nana Sheila and Son Keon. Mam and all the family. Love you always  
**JOSEPH HEDLEY** In loving memory of my dear Husband on your birthday (29th July). Miss you so much. There is not a day goes by that I don't think about you. Your loving Wife, Grace xxx

**JOSEPH HEDLEY** 29th July. We can't buy you a present or even give you a kiss. All we can do, on your birthday Dad is to tell you that you are a great miss. We all miss you Dad. Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxx

### Thank You

**GARY MONK** would like to thank everyone who attended and donated to his 40th Birthday celebrations in aid of James Cook Intensive Care Unit. Thanks to your generosity we have raised over £1200.

**Mr & Mrs ADDERLEY** would like to thank everyone who attended our wedding on Saturday 23rd July. It was such a special day and we are very grateful for all the kind gifts we received. Also a big thank you to Emma Cox of Aycliffe Dance Academy, who taught us our 1st Dance Routine, which was loved by everyone.

**SARAH WEST** Thank you Sarah for bringing our Son "Harry" into our lives. I'm so proud of you!! He has made our lives complete. Love you both. Garry xxx PS: You can have your nails back out of my arms!

**NELSON** Just to say thank you so much for all your support over the last week, you have been my rock and thank you for our beautiful baby. Love always, Kerri

**ANDERSON** Claire and Neil (nee Taylor) would like to say a big thank you for all the kind support, gifts and cards for the sad loss of their Daughter, Katie Ellis Anderson. A much loved and wanted Daughter, Granddaughter, Niece and Cousin. A private family funeral to follow

**JACKIE, DAVID**, Rose and Betty - Thank you all for the most memorable evening on my 70th birthday. Love, Mam xxx

**In Memoriam**

**BILLY CLARK** 30th July 2010. Miss you Dad and Grandad so much. Always remembered and forever loved. Your ever loving Daughter Marie and Grandson Jake xx

**BILLY CLARK** 30th July 2010. Although you can't be here with me you will always be in my heart and thoughts. Love you so much Billy. Love, Gwendoline xxx

**BILLY CLARK** Windlestone born, late of Silkin Way. Died one year ago, well before his time. Sadly missed, day on day by H. Also, remembrance thoughts from the "Famous Five"

**JUNE WOOD** 28-7-2005. To a treasured Mam who is loved and missed, today, tomorrow and always. Your loving Daughter Ann, Syd and Michael xxx

**Births**

**Harry David West**



Garry and Sarah are proud to announce the birth of their baby Son "Harry", born on 24th July (6 weeks early), weighing 5lb 10oz xxxxx

**HARRY WEST** Welcome to the family. Love from the dogs! Reggae and Kaya xxx

**GARRY & SARAH** Congratulations on the birth of your son "Harry". He might be small, but perfect! Thank you both for a beautiful Grandson. He is a little star! Welcome to our family little man!! Love, Nana and Grandad xxx

**GARRY & SARAH** congratulations on the early, but safe arrival of your gorgeous little boy "Harry"! Thank you for our new little Nephew. From Nicola and John and new Cousin for Thomas, Becky and Adam xxx

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the safe arrival of Harry, another supporter for the team! Love, Uncle Daniel xxx

**GARRY & SARAH** congratulations on the birth of your baby boy. Love, Auntie Mary

**NELSON - HODGSON** Daniel and Kerri, congratulations to you both on the birth of your beautiful Daughter, "EmilyRose", our special Granddaughter. Lots of love, Mam and Bobby

**NELSON - HODGSON** Congratulations Daniel and Kerri on the birth of your little girl, our beautiful Granddaughter. Love, Mam and Dad

**NELSON - HODGSON** Daniel and Kerri would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, "EmilyRose", born 20th July. Thank you all for the well wishes and gifts

**Aldi to Open Next Spring**

It was revealed at the Town Council Meeting that Aldi will not be open until Easter next year. All the papers have been signed and they expect to begin work on the site soon. This will disappoint a lot of residents who fully expected the new store to open in time for Christmas.

**Congratulations & Birthdays**

**Oliver Blood**



**Happy 2nd Birthday** to my precious little boy. Have a great party. Love, Mummy xxx

**Oliver Blood**



**Happy 2nd Birthday** Love you millions. Nana and Grandad

**Freya Gowland**



**Happy 1st Birthday** 1st August

To our gorgeous Daughter Freya. Happy 1st birthday. Lots of hugs and kisses, Mammy and Daddy xxx

**Happy 1st Birthday** 1st August

To our special little Granddaughter Freya. Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love and kisses. Nanna, Grandad and Great Grandad xxx

**Danielle**



**Happy 18th Birthday** 24th July 2011

To our beautiful Daughter Danielle on your 18th birthday. Hope you enjoyed your weekend away! Love always, Mam and Lee xxx

To our big Sister Danielle - Gotcha Dan Dan! Happy 18th birthday. The house has been quiet without you! Love, Jack & Harry x

To our very special Granddaughter Danielle! Wow, 18 already! Happy birthday! Love always, Nanna and Grandad xx

**Happy 18th birthday.** Love, Auntie Emma, Uncle Chris, Ellie, Maisie and Lewis xxx

**Happy 18th birthday.** Love from Uncle Marc, Auntie Sarah, Cameron and Katie xxxxx

**Lucy Chappell**

2nd August 2004



**Happy 7th Birthday Princess,** all our love and kisses, Mammy and Daddy

**Have a great 7th birthday Lucy.** Lots of love and kisses, Jack xxx

**Have a lovely 7th birthday Lucy.** Lots of love and kisses, Nana and Grandad xxx

**Happy 7th birthday Lucy.** Hope you have a lovely day and enjoy your party. Lots of love and kisses, Kayleigh xxx

**Happy 7th birthday Lucy Lu,** lots of love and kisses, Auntie Amanda and Uncle Paul xxx

**Happy 7th birthday Lucy Lu.** All our love, Auntie Sue, Ian, Sophie, Emily and Benson xxx

**Jack Chappell**

30th July 2010



**Hip Hip Hooray our Baby Boy is 1 today**

**Happy 1st birthday Jack.** All our love and kisses, Mammy and Daddy xx

**Happy 1st birthday Jack.** Lots of love and kisses, Lucy xxx

**Happy 1st birthday Jack.** Lots of love and kisses, Nana and Grandad xxx

**Happy 1st birthday to my gorgeous Godson.** Lots of love and kisses, Kayleigh xxx

**Happy 1st birthday to our Chunky Monkey.** Lots of love and kisses, Auntie Amanda and Uncle Paul xxx

**Happy 1st birthday Jack.** All our love, Auntie Sue, Ian, Sophie, Emily and Benson xxx

**Danielle**



**Happy 18th Birthday Babe**

24th July 2011  
Have a good day.  
Love ya loads  
Craig xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Katherine Aspey**  
BSc (Hons) Computer Forensics



**Congratulations** and well done, we are very proud. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Gran, Bar and Rachel

**Carrie Howarth**

HND Events Management



**Congratulations** We are all very proud of your achievement. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Matthew and all the family

**David Parker**



**Happy 16th Birthday** to a special Son, have a great experience in Camp Cody. We are so proud. Love, Mam and Dad xxx

**Happy 16th Birthday** Little Bro, have fun in Camp Cody. Love, Nats, Andrew, Toby and Poppy xxx

**Happy 16th Birthday** To a special Grandson. Have a superb time in America. Your Grandpa would have been so proud. Love always, Nanna Roach and Nanna Durham

**Happy 16th Birthday** Have a great birthday in Camp Cody. All our love, The Richardson Clan xxx

**Amy Cogan**



**Congratulations** on your Graduation. First Cogan with a Degree. Dad, Gill, Nana Liz and Eddy xxxx

**Lesley Bussey**



**Happy 40th Birthday** Lots of love from Ian, Tom, Emily and Hannah. Hope you enjoyed your party xxxxx

**Blacklock**  
**Alan & Margaret**

**Golden Wedding** Congratulations to a fabulous Mam and Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. What a fantastic achievement and have a lovely holiday. Lots of love, Joanne, Stuart, Ian and Stephanie

To our lovely Grandma and Grandad. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. We love you lots and lots. Adam and Alex xxxxx

**Caroline Galloway**



**Congratulations** on achieving First Class Honours in your BSc (Hons) Degree in Building Surveying. Lots of love and every success in the future from all the family xxx

**Nadine Karmen Smith**



**Congratulations** on passing your Foundation Degree. Love, Grandma, Grandad, David and all the family

**Bill & Val Talbot**

21st July 1961



**GOLDEN WEDDING** Congratulations

Bill and Val on your 50th Anniversary. From Deb, Tim, Sophie, Katie, Gary, Karen, Millie, James, David, Louise, Hannah, Elle and Liam in Australia

**STUART ISAAC** Happy 18th. Lots of love, Dad and Ashley. Love you loads and have a good day.

**STUART ISAAC** Love to my no 5 Son. Happy 18th birthday. Love, Nana

**STUART ISAAC** Happy 18th. Love from Uncles Alex, Ian, Graham and families. Hope you have a good one

**GLADYS GARNETT** To my Wife, happy birthday. Love, Jack

**GLADYS GARNETT** To Mam on your special birthday. Love, Stephen, Anthony, Denise and Deborah

**GLADYS GARNETT** To Grandma. Happy birthday. Love, Laura xxx

**Claire Chadwick**  
BSc (Hons) Psychology



**Congratulations on your Degree**

We are so very proud of you, as always Love from Mam, Dad, Nana, Grandad and all the family xxx

**Michele Wilson**  
(nee Hammond)



**Happy 50th Birthday**

3rd August 1961  
Have a great day now you are half a century! Loads of love, Ernie, Rebecca, Rachel, Jordan, Ethan and Erin xxxxx

**Win Kennedy**



**Happy 70th Birthday**

30th July 2011  
With lots of love from Sons, Daughters, In-Laws, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxx

**PORRITT** Congratulations Chantelle on obtaining your Degree. We are so proud of you. Best wishes for the future and lots of love, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Gary and Auntie Kelly

**JOAN & STEVE** on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. 60 years together on 2nd August 2011. Love, Bob, Liz and Family xxx

**WREN** Happy 3rd birthday Caleb. Lots of love, Grandma, Grandad and family xxx

**NATALIE PARKER** Congratulations to our special Daughter, Sister and Granddaughter on gaining a BA Hons (2.1) in Web and Multi Media Design. We are so proud, especially having to go through a back operation as well! Love always Mam, Dad, David, Nanna Roach, Nanna Durham, Toby and Poppy xxx

**NATALIE PARKER** Congratulations to my Princess on gaining a BA Hons (2.1) in Web and Multi Media Design. All your hard work has paid off all my love from Afghanistan. Can't wait to see you, won't be long. All my love, Andrew and the Richardson Clan xxx

**VICKY TOPPING** To the Best Mam in the World. Happy Birthday. Lots of Love from Kurtis xxxxx

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# Local Rider Wins 1st at Yorkshire Show



Owen Wallbanks a year six pupil at Byerley Park achieved the biggest success so far in his equestrian career at the Yorkshire Show. In an open aged class Owen came out first from a field of eight adults in his "in hand" class. He was also successful showing his foal in a similar class. Owen has already gained both riding and in hand success this year at shows at Barnard Castle and Penrith but this is clearly his biggest win. The Yorkshire Show attracts entrants from all over England so the opposition

was stiff. Owen's Grandfather, and mentor, Keith Metcalf, was delighted with Owen's success. "Owen did extremely well at this very high level of competition. He shows a high level of maturity and patience with his horse and this is clearly evident. Winning at such a prestigious event is a rare achievement and even more pleasing for an eleven year old. We are all delighted and looking forward to the rest of the show season, but no one could have been happier than Owen".

# CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training broke a long standing club record for the biggest victory margin, which had stood for 22 years, when they defeated Coxhoe by a massive 252 runs. Batting first, Aycliffe's captain Chris Palmer hit his second century of the season, smashing 4 sixes and 13 boundaries to reach a magnificent career best score of 132 not out. Luke Telford also batted superbly with an aggressive 63 and with good contributions from Adam Gittins (38 runs) and Michael Howe with 23 runs, the home side posted an impregnable score of 296 for 5 in their 45 overs. In reply Coxhoe were bowled out for just 44 thanks to an amazing spell of five wickets for five runs by Luke Telford who in the process became the first Aycliffe 1st team player for eleven years to score a half century and take five wickets in the same match. David Turgoose chipped in with 4 for 28 and Sean Morgan held three catches as Aycliffe blew away the visitors batting after only 18.2 overs. The second team also had a good win by 5 wickets away at Medomsley. The home team chose to bat first and were bowled out for just 91 with Alan Mitchie, Michael Simpson and Dave Richardson all chipping in with three wickets each. In reply, Aycliffe's Kyle Robinson hit a quickfire 24 and Sean Lawless scored 20 as the visitors

coasted home with 19.5 overs in hand. The under 18's team finished their league season with a heavy 89 run defeat at home to Evenwood. Chasing a huge total of 159 for victory, Aycliffe were restricted to 67 for 8 from their 20 overs with only Thomas Wickins and Daniel Weldon managing double figures with the bat. The under 18's hosted Evenwood again two days later in the Bob Hay cup and the result was almost identical, a win for the visitors, this time by 86 runs. Chasing 164 for an unlikely victory Aycliffe were restricted to 77 for 1 after 20 overs with opener Dan Carr 25 not out from 67 balls faced, Dan Weldon 17 not out from 31 balls and Sam Telford 14 runs from 22 balls. The under 11's defeated Darlington RA by 22 runs with Aycliffe captain Liam Hickey putting in another excellent all round performance with bat and ball, scoring 19 runs and taking three wickets. Adam Lamb also bowled well taking two wickets to help his side to complete a notable double over the visitors.

# Rugby League Taster Sessions at Shildon

The Shildon based Durham Tigers would like to invite any kids aged between 8 and 12 to attend free coaching sessions at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. The sessions are on Monday 8th August and Wednesday 10th August between 10am and 12 noon. The idea is to give young people who have had little or no experience of the game to try it out. If they enjoy the experience they can then join the Club and play in the current under 10s or under 12s teams. The sessions will concentrate on basic Rugby League skills and will end with a mini tournament in which players can put into practice what they have learned. The sessions are free of charge and everyone taking part will get a Rugby League "goody bag". Players should wear sports kit and suitable footwear. To reserve a place on the course please contact the Sports Centre on 01388 728 866 or phone Mark on 07891 588 488. If you want to try out Rugby League but are not available to attend the course please contact Phil on 0191 3849 809. The sessions will be led by the Rugby League Community Coach Karl Stephenson assisted by the Tigers coaches. All coaches are fully qualified and have CRB checks. A first aider will be present.

# RIDE FOR RYDER



forms are available from the Sue Ryder Shop, 72 Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe town centre or reception at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe. Why not support this worthwhile cause and enjoy a cycle ride at the same time? For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe tel: 01325 321234 - www.pcp.uk.net

A sponsored cycle ride is taking place on Wednesday 3 August starting from the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe at 6.00pm and is expected to finish at about 7.30pm. This evening cycle ride is part of a national event supported by the Pioneering Care Centre and staff from the local Sue Ryder charity shop in Newton Aycliffe. Last year it raised more than £150,000 nationally. Anyone over 16 can take part and either bring their own cycles or use the free cycles and equipment provided. Could you please register before the ride by 5.45pm. All money raised will go to Sue Ryder the charity which supports people with end of life and long term conditions such as cancer, strokes, Parkinson's Disease etc.

If you wish to take part in this event, sponsorship

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