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Newton Aycliffe Samples FA Cup Excitement



Newton Aycliffe enjoyed a sprinkle of FA Cup romance this week when the famous trophy came to town. Dozens of people turned out to see the world's oldest football cup at Newton Aycliffe's Moore Lane Park, Aycliffe Sports Club, on Tuesday. The FA agreed to bring the trophy to Aycliffe to celebrate the club's first-ever foray in the 140-year-old competition in the extra preliminary round at home to Billingham Synthonia this Saturday (August 20, 3pm kick-off).

Aycliffe coach Brian Atkinson (pictured), an FA Cup runner-up with Sunderland in 1992, said: "You can see from the amount of people who turned out what it means to the town. "There's a lot of interest in the club at the moment and to play in the FA Cup this Saturday is a big occasion. "It will also be a special day for the players, but Billingham Synthonia provide us with a very difficult opening test, so we'll have to be on our game if we're to progress to the next round."

Aycliffe media manager Martin Walker, who organised the FA Cup's visit with the Football

Association, added: "This match is a truly historic milestone for the club, and the fact we've reached a level of football to be eligible to play in the FA Cup is an achievement in itself. "A good run in the competition would be fantastic but, for now, FA Cup football here in Newton Aycliffe is a cause for celebration." Aycliffe's game at home to Billingham Synthonia this Saturday kicks off at 3pm, with admission £5 adults and £3 concessions.



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PCP Annual General Meeting

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 9th September at 11:30am. The PCP is a local charity whose aim is to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. The charity is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way in Newton Aycliffe which is where the event will be held.

Those attending the meeting will be given an update on activities over the last year and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

If you would like to go along to discover what impacts the charity has had on the lives of local people and hear about some of their key achievements, please contact Kath Ferry on (01325) 321234, Fax (01325) 301129, or email kath.ferry@pcp.uk.net

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SHOP WITH A COP

A new initiative is set to launch in Newton Aycliffe involving the local Neighbourhood Police Team, the Safe Durham Partnership, and TESCO.

Police Officers from the town are teaming up with TESCO to spearhead a new campaign designed to reduce anti-social behaviour and theft and to increase the visibility of uniformed staff in and around the store. The 'TESCO Safe Store Partnership' is due to launch within the next few weeks.

With the support of the Safe Durham Partnership the two organisations have agreed to an action plan designed to reduce those issues affecting the store thereby creating a safer environment for customers and staff and incorporating the PACT (Police and Communities Together) process.

As part of the initiative there will be a weekly 'drop-in' surgery at the front of TESCO where residents can come along and express any concerns that they may have in their community to Officers. As well as advice on anti-social behaviour, guidance on reducing crime will be provided and crime prevention equipment will be given out free of

charge. These forums will be advertised in advance to allow residents to plan their weekly shopping activities to coincide.

As well as regular planned crime prevention days other measures implemented will be:-

- A designated post box in store to allow shoppers to leave messages and contact details for Police in store which will be emptied regularly.

- The use of the team's Community Cinema to display messages to customers promoting the Partnership.

- Targeting of anti-social behaviour created by the gathering of 'boy-racers' in the car parks.

- Continued close working relations between TESCO and the Police sharing information on known shoplifters and other criminals.

- Large messages projected onto the side of the store containing crime prevention advice along with updates of ongoing results and events by the town's local Police team. "We already have a very strong working relationship with TESCO and are committed to this scheme", says Sgt Mark J. Edwards of

the town's Neighbourhood Police Team.

"The store is an integral part of the town and by increasing our presence within TESCO and continuing to work closely with staff at the store the benefits to customers will hopefully become apparent. We aim to create an environment where members of the community can shop safely whilst stopping for a chat with their local Beat Team. We came up with the term 'shop with a cop' as a humorous gesture but it has become our slogan representing what we hope to achieve".

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Simpasture Nature Line Group Formed



A group of residents have joined together to assist Great Aycliffe Town Council in the management of one of the town's nature sites.

As most of the group regularly use Simpasture Nature Line on a daily basis they have agreed to keep an eye on the site and report anything of concern to the Town Council. Some of the group have agreed to go a step further and do an occasional litter collection.

If there is anyone else who would like to join this group and help look after the site they are being encouraged to contact the Environment Officer at Great Aycliffe Town Council on 300700 or e-mail steven.cooper@great-

aycliffe.gov.uk Environment Officer Steve Cooper said "This is a great opportunity for local people who enjoy this site to help look after the area. We're not looking for any major commitment from people, we are simply asking people who use the site to register with the Friends group through Great Aycliffe Town Council. New members will receive a small contact list which can be carried with them whenever on site in case they come across any problems. It is hoped that as the group develops there may be opportunities to develop the social side of the group by running events based on the sites rich history and wildlife.

FREE DRIVER COURSE

As part of the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund the Road Safety Team at Durham County Council have secured funding to deliver driver training courses to businesses in the Bishop Auckland/Newton Aycliffe area. The courses are called Safe and Fuel Efficient Driver (SAFED) training courses and are available to companies in this area who have staff who drive cars either company or private vehicles for work purposes in the Bishop Auckland/Newton Aycliffe area i.e. to attend meetings, visit clients etc.

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Saturday 20th August - "ATLANTIS KNIGHT"

'Atlantis Knight, were created about 4-years ago and are made up from a wealth of experience in members who have historically played in numerous other bands including North East Top Rock Band, 'Malden England'. The band have recently resumed touring the North East circuit for a second time after a 6 month break, due to professional commitments to other artistic projects. The first thing which intrigued me on entering the upstairs concert room in Niki's was the fantastic vocals of lead singer 'David Wilson'. His versatility and range of covers was encouraging and pleasingly received by the audience. AK's repertoire of covers encompassed at least one single perceptible likeness for the masses to gorge on, some of whom I'm sure, 'made bliddy right 'pigs' of themselves'. It was obvious that AK enjoyed playing together even though they re-sounded some minor collective timing issues. However this was unnoticeable and understandable knowing the bands absence from the stage the last 6 months. 'Garry' and 'Johnny' complemented each other on guitar, especially on 'The Trooper' and created pleasing tight instrumental fill passages. 'Bans' lower pitched rhythm and 'James' amplitude overtones provided a deep foundation for the others to bare. On the whole another thoroughly enjoyable live performance to feed the appetite' - Toon Rock Page Review

Saturday 27th August - "SABBATICA"

An evening of classic BLACK SABBATH music from the Ozzie era - Davy's rock page review: "The singer had great presence even managing a stand up comedy routine in the middle of a broken string break. The other three members of the band were excellent, it's unfair to give the lead guitarist all the time light, but let's face it the lead guitar is like the centre forward, he gets all the attention, and boy did this guy milk it and deliver some that work that left us totally speechless, its not often we are totally blown away but this guy did it, some of his solos made the hairs on the back of ya neck stand up. The bass was fantastic and the drummer gave an equally great performance, this may sound like we are going over the top but its not hype, we are paying £12 to see a U2 tribute band at the customs house, and to be honest after hearing SABBATICA we would gladly pay the same amount to see them - www.sabbatica.co.uk

Saturday 3rd September - "SHANGHAI"

GIG PIT REVIEW AT THE TURBINIA - "Wouldn't have wanted to miss this gig!! The first set kicked off with Purple's 'Hush' was followed by Whitesnake's 'Fool for your Lovin'. Another Whitesnake track, 'Is This Love' was followed by Purple's 'Burn'. I was taken by the effortless vocals of Russ. Nick on lead looked to be thoroughly enjoying himself. The opening tones of 'Radar Love' made me stop in me tracks. The second set began with Bon Jovi's 'Shot through the Heart', and The Kinks, 'You Really Got Me'. Def Leppard's 'Animal' and two of my favourite Billy Idol tracks, 'White Wedding' and 'Rebel Yell' were dished out, expertly done IMO. Aerosmith's 'Walk This Way' and Neil Young's 'Free World' were the last two tracks of the second set. Fun to watch and a great way to showcase talent and entertain the troops!! Rapturous encore shouts got us another 4 (!!!) tracks.

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Councillors Support Community Events



Agnew Community Centre received a cheque for £400 from Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins from their County Council Community Allowance. Vice Chairman, Margaret Lovelady is shown here with our councillors who were happy to fund activities for young people in the School holidays. In particular the centre being able to provide 3 sessions of 'Pets and other Animals' provided by Zoo Lab which have been well supported by the community. Our thanks again to our local Councillors for their support over the last two years.

EVERYTHING SET FOR A SPECTACULAR SHOW ON BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The final preparations are underway for the twenty sixth annual Great Aycliffe Show, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th August, on the Showfield, off School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The Show is organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, admission is free, with ample car parking available at £1 per vehicle. The Show will feature a wide range of live entertainment for the whole family- appearing in the Playhouse will be tribute band Abba Fever, popular local band the Queen Bees, singers Katie West, Sarah Louise Kent and Charlotte Altringham, with music to suit all tastes, plus the first Glee tribute in the UK, local dance schools and, for something completely different, dance group Wreckheads Krew.

The outdoor arena will host the Imps Motorcycle Display Team, featuring young people up to 16 years old, with their demonstration of carefully timed cross-overs and breathtaking fire jumps. A medieval combat experience will be brought to life by Dawn of Chivalry, an early 13th century re-enactment society, featuring fully-equipped knights competing in a tournament, with opportunity for some audience interaction. Shepherdess and sheepdog trainer Elaine Hill will give a demonstration of sheepdog handling and duck herding, complete with a parade of ducklings and on Saturday

there will be a flyball competition between two teams of dogs from Teesdale Flyball.

In addition to live entertainment there will be many other exciting attractions on the Showfield - water walkers, a large roller coaster simulator, fairground, rock climbing wall, bungee trampoline, quad bikes and a paintball range. The Environment Marquee will feature displays, demonstrations and information. Motor enthusiasts will not want to miss the Vintage Vehicle Rally.

There will be plenty of opportunity for refreshment, with a variety of food and drink available on the show field and from the Oakleaf Sports Complex and, of course, the ever-popular freshly baked scones, pies and other produce on offer from the Women's Institute. Away from the arena, marquees will display handcraft and horticulture exhibitions and competitions featuring the skills of local people in categories ranging from tray bake to tea roses. For competition of the furred or feathered variety, new to the Show this year will be a Pigeon Show, to be held on the Saturday only. Rosettes and prize money will be awarded in many different categories. Sunday will feature the rabbit show, always popular with young visitors to the Show. Younger children will enjoy the Punch and Judy Show

and face painting, plus large inflatable play equipment.

A variety of other competitions will be held over the show weekend. One of the most popular with visitors is the Durham County and Darlington Fire and Rescue competition, where teams from fire stations in the area compete against each other to rescue a 'casualty' from a realistically-staged road traffic collision - for spectators only!!

If sport is your favourite pastime - the Annual Stableford Golf Tournament, sponsored by Hays Travel, takes place on Saturday. The Great Aycliffe Show Football Tournament, in conjunction with Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club, has attracted the best junior football teams from across the region. The highly regarded Wallsend Boys club will be sending 6 teams to compete across the age groups but will have opposition from several top Teesside Junior Alliance teams. The tournament is for under 8/9/10 boys over the 2 days of the Show, with first games kicking off at 9.00am and finals at 12.30pm on both days.

Retail therapy and community information is available from a wide range of trade and organisation stands, located around the Showfield.

For further information please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council, tel 01325 300700 or visit the website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Open Day to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of Community Centre

Woodham Community Centre are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with an Open Day on Saturday 3rd September from 10.00am to 3.00pm and everyone is invited to join in the fun.

There is something for everyone including a Fancy Dress Competition at 2.00pm for the children, who can come in any type of costume. All the children will receive a prize, but the winners will get something special.

The organisers have arranged for children's entertainer "Professor Nincompoo" from 12noon to 1.00pm and refreshments, including lunch, will be available at a very reasonable charge.

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This latest initiative is part of a wide variety of services provided by Mind who have gone from strength to strength in their new premises.

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COACHING COURSES AT THE OAK LEAF

Great Aycliffe Town Council are half way through the six weeks Super Sports Skills holiday coaching courses at the Oakleaf.

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POLICE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

A three year plan to tackle sexual violence across County Durham and Darlington has been unveiled.

The two-fold campaign aims to help victims, by encouraging them to come forward to report violence, and reduce such crimes by alerting offenders to the consequences of their actions.

Durham Constabulary has worked with a range of agencies to develop the plan, including the Safe Durham Partnership, Darlington Community Safety Partnership and the Crown Prosecution Service.

And in a move to engage with a range of young people, graphic design and media students from Darlington College have been closely involved in the design of a DVD for the launch of the campaign and posters for key audiences.

The students will attend this week's launch to receive prizes and certificates for their efforts from Durham Deputy Chief Constable Mike Barton.

The plan itself will be unveiled by Act. Detective Chief Inspector Traci McNally, from the Safeguarding section of the force's Crime and Justice Department.

"Sexual violence blights society and leaves victims feeling vulnerable and isolated. Our aim is to send out a clear message that it will not be tolerated and offenders will be brought to account for their actions," she said.

"Many people think that sexual violence is mainly associated with stranger rape, but our data shows that victims of sexual violence are more likely to be assaulted by somebody they know and in

familiar surroundings," she said.

"For that reason, a lot of our activity over the next three years will be to raise awareness about violence within intimate relationships and educate young people about peer pressure to engage in sexual activity.

"Sexual violence includes sex assault, rape, child sex abuse and sexual exploitation, but many cases go unreported. Victims suffer in silence for years or only come forward a long time after the abuse." The force's services to victims are provided through the use of specialist trained independent sexual violence advocates and sexual offence liaison officers, supported through the establishment

of a dedicated Sexual Assault Referral Centre jointly funded by the police, the NHS and both local authorities.

There is a high conviction rate for cases which progress to court and over the last year there has been an increase in the number of cases which go through the criminal justice system.

DCI McNally added: "We're proud of our track record in helping victims and tackling offenders, but we don't intend to rest on our laurels. We will continue to work to challenge some of the myths surrounding sexual violence and increasing public confidence to come forward and report it to police." Tel: 0345 6060 365

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Big Turnout for Police Bike Marking Session

Members of the Aycliffe Beat Team carried out bike marking sessions across the town in light of the recent rise in push bikes being stolen in Newton Aycliffe.

In total there were over 70 bikes security marked and over 40 free security locks given out. We would like to thank all residents for turning up and in particular thanks Colin Bell and his wife of Cycleways, Neville Parade for their assistance on the day. They provide the locks to the Safer Neighbourhoods Unit at a reduced cost.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents the importance of securing your bikes. If you have any information on who is stealing bikes and could assist the police with our enquiries then please get in touch. 0345 60 60 365 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 PCSO 6859 Mike Welch Greenfield/Middridge Ward.

'BANANA ARMY' BARE ALL FOR CANCER CALENDAR

A bunch of brave girls dubbed the Banana Army are baring all for a charity calendar. Ten ladies from County Durham, who've all been affected by cancer, have embarked on an ambitious six-month fundraising drive to raise cash in support of Leukaemia and Lymphoma research. They've already raised more than £4,000 in the last four months, with wacky stunts such as a three-hour Zumbathon swelling their charity coffers. And now their eye-catching calendar is expected to raise thousands more!

"We're just a group of friends with a desire to make a difference," said Karen Everson, 34, one of the organisers, from Newton Aycliffe. "Most of the girls involved in the calendar have lost family members or been touched by cancer in some way, so this is our personal tribute to being able to make a difference."

The Banana Army's calendar - called 'Forget Me Not', the flower used

in the charity's logo - is A4 in size and features sophisticated, demure and black and white shots provided free of charge by Melanie Kemp of Photography for Little People.

It has also been sponsored by Hooker & Young and The Consultancy, with tanning and make-up provided free by the Tanning and Beauty Academy, and it has been approved and endorsed by Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The nine other girls joining Karen in the calendar, mostly from Newton Aycliffe, are Jaime Hume, 34, Jules Baxter, 35, Natalie Bowker, 32, Julie-Ann Mavin, 35, Stacey O'Donnell, 23, Eleanor Wilkes, 34, Sharon Darter, 28, Emma Wilson, 33, and Andrea Byles, 29.

It can be bought online, costing £6.25 including postage and packaging, from www.bananaarmy2011.co.uk, with all proceeds going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Wedding at St. Andrew's Church



On Friday August 12th 2011 Andrew Ashmore married Gemma Hemingway at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village. Andrew is employed as a pensions account clerk and Gemma is a nurse who works in the intensive care unit at North Durham University Hospital. Gemma was a pupil at Woodham College and has lived in Brafferton all of her life. Andrew is from Darlington but they have bought a house in Newton Aycliffe where they intend to settle.

The Maid of Honour at this pretty wedding was Gemma's Sister Ashley and the bridesmaids were Sara McGuinness, Alice

McGuinness, Charlotte Stainsby-Mannor and Victoria Kemp. The Best Man was Michael Tunaley. The Reception was held at the

George Hotel, Peircebridge and afterwards the bride and groom left for their honeymoon in Sorrento, Italy.

CREATURE IDENTIFIED

Dear Sir,
The insect shown on page 7 of the Newton News is a Burnet Moth. These were very common around Aycliffe back in the 50's and 60's, particularly on the Trading Estate where Burnet grew. There were lots of blues about as well at that time.
Mike Ripley.
Ed: We are grateful for all the calls received identifying this creature.

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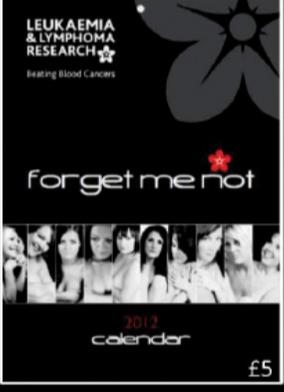
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To purchase a calendar or follow the banana army's exploits, visit: www.bananaarmy2011.co.uk

September DVD & Blu-ray Releases

Two top films are released on DVD and Blu-ray next month, *Insidious* and *13 Assassins*.

Cinemasgoers were scared witless by supernatural shocks from *INSIDIOUS* which favours more traditional methods of thrilling the audience by playing on people's natural fears of the dark and the unknown.

INSIDIOUS like other horror classics such as "The Others" and "Poltergeist" is a great reminder of how much fun it can be to be absolutely terrified by a movie. This is a horror for everyone over 15 to enjoy!

13 ASSASSINS
This film is hailed as one of the greatest samurai movies ever made. It is one of the most memorable and shocking action films in an absolute age... brutal, bloody, brilliant" (Daily Mirror).

13 Assassins sees director Takashi Miike, stamping his trademark style on the Samurai genre with an ultra-violent, all-action, blood-spattered epic.

For more information on both these titles go to: <http://www.the-associates.co.uk/displaytitle.php?id=635>



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CLOSING REMPLOY MAKES NO SENSE

Dear Sir,
Most of us saw TV images and read the press reports on the appalling behaviour during riots in UK cities and it is really sad to note the non-caring society we have become.

One example is the coalition government trying to close down Remploy which employs disabled people. Recently I spent a day with a large contingent of these workers, collecting names for a national petition at the Sunderland Air Show. I have to say I was very impressed by the sentiments expressed. They just want to work for a living, something which is worth noting as many of them would not get an opportunity to do so anywhere else.

This coalition government have recommended, despite their claims to the contrary, that they should be part of the public sector and sold off with many of its workers made redundant. This group of disadvantaged and defenceless people are now really up against the might of our political system. As I said this reflects a non caring society when we allow the concept of supported employment for disabled people to disappear. Remploy was set up after the Second World War to employ those disabled in the war and expanded from then on. Surely with approx 10 million

disabled people in the UK today and very few jobs for able bodied, we should support Remploy as closing this facility makes no sense. It is a national disgrace which the coalition should not be allowed to get away with.

We really need to take a step back and think what sort of society we are living in before politicians mess it up completely.

Cllr Paul Ducker
Leader GAI
Great Aycliffe Independents

Sponsored Walk for Animal Aid

If you are sick of animal cruelty please help us to raise funds at our Sponsored Dog Walk on Sunday 11th September at 2pm.

The walk (approx 5 miles) is from Bishop Auckland to Brandon Walkway, meeting at the car park next to the Golf Range on the A689 at the Bishop Auckland Viaduct.

All proceeds to the Durham Support Group of the League Against Cruel Sports & Animal Aid to protect wildlife and campaign against all forms of animal abuse.

For sponsor forms please e-mail: actionforanimals@talktalk.net



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WIND FARM CONSULTATION

Trick Number Three

ASKING WHERE YOU WANT THE GRANT SPENDING

This week I write about the third consultation trick people have fallen prey to when talking about a windfarm project – allowing themselves to be tempted into talking about what they would spend the community grant on.

We have seen this at work already. When Eon announced The Isles windfarm application, didn't the newspapers stress that there would be a grant of £400,000+ a year to the community, amounting over the life of the windfarm to £11.5 million?

And if you are a Church leader, a community association, a club or a uniformed organisation – especially in the current 'cuts' situation – you could be forgiven for immediately starting to tell them how much you need the money. But as soon as you do, you will go down by implication as an 'approves-of-the-windfarm' person.

THE TRICK IN THE OFFER

Like everything that is 'too good to be true' – when it comes to it, of course, these promises never work out quite how you imagined. One local scheme promised residents reduced-price electricity; in the event, it proved impossible because the Electric Companies refused to implement it.

And if the nice Eon representatives ask you what you would spend the grant on, ask them to tell you the details of the scheme – they won't be able to, because it's not yet been defined.

In the event, it is most likely that any grant would go to Durham County Council, where it would be open to bids from all over the county.

Even if some deal were done to restrict bids to the 'affected parishes', it is questionable how much would come to Great Aycliffe. NONE of the scheme is in our parish, and if the scheme were opened to 'adjacent' authorities it would involve also Sedgefield, Chilton and probably Darlington.

In addition, other schemes show that the money is quite likely to be ring-fenced for 'green' initiatives – thus you would be able to buy low-voltage light bulbs for your village hall, but you wouldn't be able to get it rewired, etc.

ASK WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM
Ultimately, for a scheme which stands to make at least £400 million for Eon, a community grant of £400,000 a year (0.1% of the total sum) is paltry.

The joke is that it will be taken (as a tax-exempt expense?) out of Eon's profits. Remember how – to pay the renewable

energy subsidy – you have to pay double for wind-generated electricity? That means that half Eon's profit on the windfarm will be the subsidy which YOU are financing out of your increased electricity bill – thus you will be paying HUNDREDS extra on your electricity bills to fund a community grant which amounts to little more than pennies per person. The 'community grant' is merely 'entrapment' – a con trick.

So when the nice Eon representatives ask you how you would spend the community grant, tell them you'll pass it up in return for not paying double price on your electricity.
J. D. Clare

MODEST ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The headline on the front page of the Newton News--- DON'T TRY TO CON US--- could have been used above the letter from the Director of Washington Developments. I do think he believes the PR being put out by his application, but don't try to con US!

If his company wishes to build a hotel for tourists good luck to them, but please not in an unspoilt area of open countryside which would be spoilt forever if this application were granted.

The Golf Course is outside the urban framework of Newton Aycliffe, it follows that it is in open countryside. An application to build 6 dwellings some time ago was refused, on the grounds of the affect on the open countryside and more suitable sites being available in Newton Aycliffe.

The size of the proposed development alongside the road would provide a strong urban appearance to the present rural landscape that the area provides. It would block the present open views available from Middridge Rd. across the golf course to the Cleveland Hills

It would be so close to the road that there could be no suggestion that any form of landscaping would in any way ameliorate the level of impact that would be created by this development.

The modest economic benefits that would accrue from the proposal would be more than offset by the cost to the community for having to accommodate this level of development. It is in such a sensitive location and there would be so much damage done to the area and town by the change to this approach from the North.

IT PAYS TO SHOP AROUND

Dear Sir,
After using the same garage for my repairs I was quoted £160 to replace a small part but then realised my MOT was due. I remembered winning a free MOT at Shafto Garage at a charity event and so booked into their garage.

I could not find the coupon but the proprietor David agreed to honour the free MOT. Whilst the vehicle was in I asked him to quote to replace the part I needed and his charge was only £80.

I would like to thank Shafto Way Garage for honouring the free MOT and saving me 50% for the new part. I will now always support firms who give good honest service.

Please do not print by name as my intention is not to bad mouth other small local companies but to simply communicate that shopping around can save money.
Name & address supplied

Councillors Should Get on the Bus

Dear Sir,
We are told of severe cutbacks in County Durham yet Councillors still claim travelling expenses, costing the taxpayer a fortune - £110,000 last year!

As over 50% of them are entitled to a bus pass they should use them to save money for better things. Normal workers do not get free travel or car exenses so the councillors who live in ivory towers should come down and be accounted for - it is our money not their's they are using.

Perhaps Councillor Dorothy Bowman could take the seven Councillors from Newton Aycliffe to County Hall meetings in the Community mini bus she has obtained.

Counc. Alan Warburton,
Great Aycliffe Town Council Independent.

Beware of E-mail Scam

Dear Sir,
Just to warn readers that my husband Paul received a rather strange email from transfers@nacha.org stating his recent financial transaction had been declined by a financial institution.

The message asked him to open the attached document to see details of the 'failed' transaction. Alarm bells started ringing loud and clear as no payments made online have ever been rejected.

I looked these people up and find it is a scam and will probably infect your computer with a virus. They claim to be an automated clearing house (ACH) for financial transactions but why would your bank involve a third party in any transactions you make?

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Lynne Arnold

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STEPHEN KING'S 'MISERY' TO BE STAGED IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

NEW local amateur theatre company Stage One Productions, announce after securing the staging rights, their next production will be 'MISERY' by fiction writer Stephen King, who is arguably one of the best writers of our time. His works include; Carrie, The Shining, Pet Cemetery, The Green Mile and Shawshank Redemption. 'Misery' was adapted for the West End stage by Simon Moore following the film version in 1990, which starred James Caan and Kathy Bates (Academy Award for best actress) as Annie Wilkes, his "number one fan", who is hell bent on keeping her favourite writer as her personal prisoner... for the rest of his cock-a-doodly life!

This psychological thriller is a suspenseful masterpiece that delivers genuine chills and thrills as it draws you into the harrowing game played between two cunning minds; one as sharp as a tack and the other as blunt as a... sledgehammer.

Playing the role of Paul Sheldon is Dean Brennan of Newton Aycliffe, a founding member of the group who took a leading role in Stage One's debut production last year, 'Kissing Sid James'. Playing the role of Annie Wilkes



is local actress Katy Baker of Aycliffe Village also a founding member of the group and an experienced amateur actor. Originally from York, Katy is accustomed to the stage since performing in school productions, which led her to perform in the York Mystery Plays, working and performing at York's Theatre Royal and teaching speech and drama at a private academy. Since re-locating to County Durham, Katy has been involved with Gateshead Little Theatre, Darlington Pilgrim Players and the Sedgfield

Players. Katy recent played the role of Mistress Margaret Page in 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' by Shakespeare, at the Darlington Arts Centre. 'Misery' will be seen as an exclusive to Newton Aycliffe, an opportunity surely not to be missed, as nothing on this scale has ever been staged before in our town. Misery can be seen from Wed 26th - Sat 29th October, 7:30pm. St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe. To pre-book tickets call (01325) 324932 or go to www.stage-one-productions.co.uk to find out more.

Quintet at Navy Club

Jazz Quintet "Infusion" will be returning to the town's Navy Club on Tuesday 23rd August. The band will be playing a unique blend of modern, soulful jazz featuring vocalist Haley McKay. Music begins around 8.30pm. Admission is £3 at the door and will provide a night of live music not to be missed.

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CHANGES TO COUNTY TAXI REGULATIONS

A major public information campaign is rolling into to action in County Durham as the council reminds residents, businesses, visitors and licensed members of the hackney carriage and private hire trade of important changes to taxi ranks and road traffic management. From September 1st Durham County Council's new policy which brings about de-zoning across the county and the deregulation of licensed hackney carriage numbers in the Chester-le-Street and Durham City areas comes in to force. This means that licensed hackney carriages will be

able to pick up and drop off fares anywhere within the council's area. Previously there were seven different zones representing the seven former district council areas which came together to form the unitary authority in April 2009. Head of environment, health and consumer protection, Joanne Waller, said: "Currently if a licensed hackney carriage driver picks up a passenger in for example Barnard Castle or Peterlee and takes that person to a place in another zone within the county, the driver is prevented from picking up a new fare from a taxi rank or by being hailed in the street, when they reach that destination. "That not only means that empty vehicles are being driven needlessly all over the county, harming the environment and wasting fuel, but it also means that passengers wanting to get in, are not able to do so. By removing the zones we are bringing Co. Durham in line with many other counties, ensuring a better service for customers, improving accessibility to taxis at peak times and enabling a system to operate which is fairer to all taxi operators and to the environment."

Photographing the Public

Dear Sir,
May I thank Anita for her opinions about photography in public places. I merely wrote in to explain I was not the person described, taking photos of children in the Park.
I have been a photographer since I was 14 years old and I am not prepared to go through all the laws on photography in public places. However if you look up 'Photography and UK laws' on the internet you will find the answer.
I know many journalists and also know they DO need permission to photograph anyone and if you notice the news and TV they do blur out faces of people they are not legally permitted to photograph or film.
Publishing certain photographs can be restricted by privacy law. Photography of certain subject matter can be generally restricted in the interests of public morality and the protection of children."

privacy exists in the UK law, as a consequence of the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law through the Human Rights Act 1998. This can result in restrictions on the publication of photography." Anita is entitled to her opinion, but she should not misadvise people about law. I studied copyright law and have helped models win battles against identity theft and image theft which is quite common.
There are people who do not obtain permission and they appear to be innocent photographers taking a picture of their own children, friends or associates and "accidentally" capturing others without permission, in the background. These are people who want the images for other purposes and they should not be allowed to capture or distribute them. This is not the common public photography we are discussing, but potential infringement of rights of innocent individuals. Social networking sites all have policies and procedures to which an image used without the person or people's consent

is immediately removed. Photographers do own the copyright of images they create. There have been court cases under copyright law allowing models to claim half the rights and also the right to have images removed if they wished. As an ex professional photographer I support individual rights and have always used release forms, as you can be sued and taken to court to prevent further distribution of images without consent. People do have rights and I dislike people trying to take them away by claiming the laws do not exist. I speak from experience and would never give any advice if I was unsure. I was advised from a professional source on the law and rights and was not allowed to capture images of children, under any circumstances, if under 18, without parent's consent. I also worked for a marketing company and I am familiar with contracts and release forms and all my knowledge is based on personal experience. These rights and laws should be publicised to protect our community.
Mrs Sarah Dightam.



I MAY BE WRONG

but I doubt it . . .

Arun Chandran on Wind Farms

According to the regulator, OFGEM, consumer bills could rise by anything between 23% and 52% over the next decade, largely due to the levels of new investment required and the increasing cost of carbon abatement. That's equivalent to adding between £250 and £600 to the average annual household energy bill as it stands today. But the public is totally unprepared for price increases on this scale. According to our poll, only 1% of respondents would be prepared to pay an extra £500 on their annual bill to ensure decarbonisation and security of supply. There is a dangerous disconnect here between reality and popular understanding.

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MORE POLICE ON THE STREETS NOT POLITICIANS

POLICE AUTHORITY RESPONDS TO HOME SECRETARY

Following the comments made yesterday by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, the Chair of Durham Police Authority, Mr Peter Thompson has responded: "I am appalled at the Home Secretary's notion that politicians should be the face of operational policing. The public want the police to police the streets, not politicians"

Theresa May, Home Secretary, said yesterday that there was a lesson to be learnt from last week's riots in London and elsewhere. "In London, the Mayor was on the streets of his city, working with the Acting Commissioner and representing Londoners to central government.

The contrast with unaccountable, unelected and invisible police authority chairmen in other parts of the country could

not have been clearer."

Mr Peter Thompson responded: "This assertion is far from truth. My colleagues from Police Authorities up and down the country were actively involved in the process at the right strategic level. Just because Police Authority Chairs' were not photographed on the streets does not indicate inactivity behind the scenes. On the contrary, we were involved throughout. In particular I was supporting the Chief Constable in his decision to release police officers to the Met under mutual aid prior to the return of the Home Secretary and the Mayor of London from holiday."

In the same statement released by the Home Secretary, she talks about the need to cut the policing budget: "And as we cut the deficit, the police are going

to have to take their share of the burden."

Yet the national rollout of an untested US Policing Model via the introduction of Directly Elected Commissioners in May 2012 is set to cost the public purse

a further £100m or more. Talking specifically about the costs to the tax payer, Mr Thompson commented:

"The cost of holding the election in County Durham and Darlington next year will just fall short of a million pounds."

Mr Thompson added: "As a Police Authority covering the Constabulary area, we engage extensively with our communities. Just last week through the press, we invited the general public to attend an event on the introduction of a Police and Crime Commissioner to County Durham and Darlington. So

far, we have received one response from a member of the public.

If this represents the public appetite for change, the Government has got a long way to go in justifying the significant costs and implications to British policing of what is expected to be a political appointment and interference."

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



The next PACT (POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER) meeting for School Aycliffe and the West Ward of Newton Aycliffe will take place on 1st SEPTEMBER at 6pm at Burnhill Way Methodist Church, Parsons Centre, Scott Place, Newton Aycliffe. PC 2044 Henderson PCSO 7430 Laycock

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Priced just £20, the print also includes autographs of the whole squad, as well as manager Mark Cooper and his assistant Richard Dryden. Cooper, pictured here with one of the few prints remaining, said: "I've got quite a few mementos from our day at Wembley, and this is certainly one of them.

"I still watch the DVD regularly, and occasionally flick through the souvenir magazine. It was a special day, and will live with me forever.

"My framed print hangs pride of place in the house now and will do for a very long time." The print is available for £20, while the 'A Day to Remember!' DVD is still available, priced £14.99.

They can both be purchased from the Arena main reception during office hours and from the club shop on matchdays, or order from the sales team on 01325 387000

FREE TREES FOR COMMUNITY PLANTING

This autumn will see community groups across the UK plant over 200,000 free trees, some of the first celebratory trees to be planted as part of the Woodland Trust's 'Jubilee Woods' campaign to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in 2012. As a result an area covering 480 acres, the equivalent of 480 football pitches, of trees will be planted.

1,000 packs of native trees are being distributed to communities, which will enable many children and groups to plant trees in villages, towns and cities across the UK. Tree packs are being provided in partnership with ibuyeco, one of the UK's leading eco insurance providers who have worked with the Trust for over 2 years and raised £300,000 for the charity so far.

Dermot O'Leary, television star, is supporting the campaign. He said: "The Woodland Trust has an incredible project to plant 6 million trees to mark The Queen's 60 years on the throne. I believe everyone should have access to trees and the benefits they provide for health, well being and wildlife and I'm thrilled to be supporting the charity's Jubilee Woods project.

"It's a chance to get all your friends and community together, get outdoors, engage your kids with nature and leave something amazing for the future. All groups can take part so get online and order a free community tree pack for this autumn or next spring."

Packs are available in two sizes and four different themes, ideal for planting as hedging, small woods or copses. Native trees help support a variety of wildlife from songbirds such as blackbirds and song thrush, to other animals including squirrels which thrive on nuts from the hazel tree.

Victoria Hodson, project development manager at the Woodland Trust, said: "People are transforming their neighbourhoods, growing their own fruits and nuts, creating protective shade and shelter, and helping create greener spaces for relaxation, work and play. Tree planting is a great reason for people to come together, and in less

than a decade, the trees being planted this coming autumn will be well above head height. What a fantastic way to mark the Diamond Jubilee. We've already provided over 1,300 groups with free trees previously, so I'm delighted that ibuyeco are working with us to offer 1,000 more packs to communities this coming autumn."

The initiative is part of the Trust's Jubilee Woods project, its most ambitious woodland creation initiative to date, which aims to involve millions of people in planting over 6 million trees by the end of 2012. HRH The Princess Royal is its patron, and the project is only one of a handful to carry official Royal approval.

Communities can apply for a free pack of trees for delivery this autumn or in spring 2012, by registering online today at www.jubileewoods.org.uk/treepacks.

Autumn applications close on September 25th. Woodland Trust: Tel 08452 935 546 Mob: 07770 430 185. E: rhiannonbates@woodlandtrust.org.uk

U3A Trip to Keswick

The U3A/Third Age Trust for people over 50 ask members who have signed up for the trip to Keswick to remember it is on Thursday 25th August.

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Wood on Fire as Aycliffe Beat Stokesley 6 - 1

Aycliffe star player Ben Wood was on fire last week as the Newtonians got their debut first division campaign off to a flying start.

Allan Oliver's side stormed to the top of the Northern League with a thumping 6-1 victory on the opening day of the new season.

Wood's first-half treble set the Blues on the road to victory, complemented by goals from Elliot Gardner and a debut goal from defender Darren Craddock.

Sangha Indy pulled one back for the visitors but substitute Glen Robson poked home a late sixth.

Aycliffe started much the better side, with debutant Josh Gray and seasoned striker Dan Mellanby unplayable at times.

Wood grabbed his first goal when he sent Justin Hutchinson the wrong way with a coolly taken penalty after Mellanby was felled by Carl Mottram after 12 minutes.

Aycliffe doubled their lead just 90 seconds later when Gardner finished off a four-man move involving James Oliver, Wood and Mellanby, and the home side were cruising when Craddock headed in Mellanby's cross after 20 minutes.

It was three just four minutes later, with Mellanby yet again the provider, crossing for Wood to slot from close range. The former Sunderland forward

FIXTURES
 Saturday 20th August: Billingham Synthonia (H), FA Cup Extra Prelim 1, 3pm
 Wednesday 24th August: Bedlington Terriers (H) 7.30pm
 Saturday 27th August: Billingham Town (H) 3pm
 Monday 29th August: Bishop Auckland (A) 1pm
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completed his hat-trick seven minutes before half-time, converting Mellanby's clever through-ball, and Aycliffe hit their sixth with 10 minutes remaining after Stuart Owen's left-wing centre was slid home at the back post by another substitute Glen Robson, also making his league debut for Aycliffe.

Team: Spence, Craddock, Oliver, Tarling, Beckett, Peck, Broom, Gardner, B Wood, Mellanby, Gray. Subs used:

Knox, Robson, Owen. Unused: Woodhouse, McMullen.

STAR MAN: Ben Wood.

Aycliffe's hectic start to the new season continues with back-to-back home games, beginning with Saturday's FA Cup match against Billingham Synthonia, followed by a midweek clash with Bedlington Terriers and then Billingham Town next Saturday. They then go to Bishop Auckland on Bank Holiday Monday (August 29, 1pm kick-off).

Local Firm Lands Darlo FC Media Job

Like Sunderland and Newcastle in the Premier League, Conference side Darlington began their season against Essex side Braintree Town last Saturday.

And the Quakers have enlisted the help of Aycliffe firm Mantis Media to look after all the club's media requirements for the second year running.

Director Martin Walker, who has worked in the media departments at both Sunderland and Middlesbrough football clubs, set the company up two years ago.

After launching a rebrand last week, he celebrated by signing up to a one-year deal with Darlington chairman Raj Singh, looking after the PR, website and matchday programme for the club.

"I'm delighted to be working with Darlington again after such a successful 2010-11 campaign," said Martin, 34. "I've developed an excellent relationship with the chairman, manager Mark Cooper and people at the club over the last two years, and long may that continue."

"Hopefully, after the FA Trophy triumph at Wembley, the success of the club can be repeated."

Quakers Chairman Singh added: "We're more than pleased with the service Martin delivers. Not only does he know his football and the supporters, he also

understands the media and our needs in terms of PR.

"We look forward to continuing the relationship this season and, hopefully, over many years to come."

Martin has worked in the media industry for more than 12 years after starting out as a press reporter, before working with Boro and then the Black Cats.

He left the Stadium of Light in 2009 and set up his own business, earning an early contract with Darlington. He has added to his portfolio of clients over the last year, including Aycliffe steel firm Finley Structures and the Martin Gray Football Academy.

"I offer a unique service to my clients, looking after all elements of the media in-house," said Martin, who is the media manager for Newton Aycliffe FC.

"I have a proven track record at delivering a top-quality service, and because I keep it all in-house, it means I can be the most competitive in the area."

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In reply, Wearmouth also struggled to score runs as Aycliffe opening bowlers Luke Telford (3 for 11, from 12 overs) and David Turgoose (1 for 18, from 11 overs) bowled superbly, making life very difficult for their batsmen. However the homeside eventually reached their winning target in the 42nd over and with just 3 wickets in

hand. The weather again played havoc with the club's fixtures this weekend as the 2nd team, under 13's and under 11's all had their respective league games cancelled because the Sports Club ground was too wet for cricket.

On a more positive note the club's under 11's team have made the semi-final of the league cup for the first time in their short history and entertain Stockton CC at home on Friday 26th August at 10.30am. The 2nd semi-final between Darlington and Norton is then scheduled for 12.15pm and then the final follows on at approx 2.30pm. All three games will be played at Newton Aycliffe CC and weather permitting, it is hoped that the conclusion of this competition will be reached on the day. Entry on the day is free and our talented youngsters would value your support.

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Watch for Signs of Meningitis

PARENTS in Newton Aycliffe are being warned their children are at risk of deadly brain bug meningitis as they return to school – even if they have been vaccinated against the disease. Charity Meningitis UK is stressing the importance of spotting meningitis symptoms as there is still no vaccine to guard against the most common and one of the most deadly forms – meningitis B. Although successful vaccines exist against some forms of meningitis, including Hib, Meningitis C and pneumococcal meningitis, children are still at risk from this disease which can kill in under four hours. The close confines of the classroom provide the perfect breeding ground for germs. **Parents should watch out**

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Meningitis can cause blood poisoning known as septicaemia, which can have the symptoms of aching limbs, cold hands and feet and a rash. As well as ensuring their children have been vaccinated, the charity also stresses the importance of making sure youngsters receive booster shots to reduce the risk of infection. Meningitis UK's chief executive, Steve Dayman, who lost his own son Spencer to the disease, said:

"It is vital parents trust their instincts and seek medical treatment as quickly as possible. In the absence of a vaccine against all forms of meningitis, this could mean the difference between life and death.

"Many parents wrongly believe their child is fully protected from meningitis, which could prove fatal. "We're urging them to know the facts and be extra vigilant as their children return to the crowded school environment.

"Meningitis and septicaemia can be hard to recognise in the early stages because the initial symptoms are similar to many mild childhood diseases.

"A child with bacterial meningitis or septicaemia will usually get ill quickly and can deteriorate fast, so parents should check their children often."

Meningitis kills more under-fives than any other infectious disease and teenagers and students are also more vulnerable.

Meningitis UK's sole focus is to develop a vaccine to protect against all forms of meningitis and associated diseases.

This disease, which can kill within hours, often leaves survivors with severe after-effects including brain damage, sight and hearing loss, limb loss and scarring. Meningitis UK is offering the public free symptoms information packs to help raise awareness. These include a leaflet with all the facts and frequently asked questions, plus a 'Check the Symptoms' fridge magnet and a handy wallet-sized symptoms card. To order your free symptoms information pack, please call 0117 373 73 73 or visit www.meningitisUK.org

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the 2,200m (3,500kms) of footpaths, bridleways and byways that are great for walking, cycling and horse-riding. Major projects will develop the most used paths around communities and sightseeing areas to meet modern day needs and demands for travel, recreation and enjoyment. Popular improvements to the network so far include the Adopt a Route scheme, which involves volunteers managing routes by monitoring self-guided walks and rides to keep them to a high standard. Over the next four years the plan will enhance the environment to encourage good health, quality of life and sustainable means of travel, as well as promoting the county as an attractive and green location for investment and tourism. Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster, said: "Since the implementation of the first award-winning plan in 2007 our rights of way have been made much easier to use, thanks in part to the fantastic support from a great number of volunteers. "Our path network is recognised nationally as one of the finest in the country and we intend to build on the great work already achieved to offer residents and visitors the best possible opportunities to travel, explore and lead healthy active lives."

Births

SCOTT, RACHEL and LEO congratulations on the birth of your baby girl. Best wishes from all the family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

STEVE STEWART 25th August. No matter where I am, no matter what I do, my precious Son, I think of you. Love you forever, Mum
MARY ELLIOTT (Molly), 20th August. We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch. But God will take our greetings, to the one we love so much. Missing you. Love, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxx
MARY ELLIOTT 20th August. We cannot send a birthday card, your hands we cannot touch, but we send our greetings to the one we love and miss so much. From loving Daughter Barbara, Son-in-Law Rob and devoted Husband Hilton

Thank You

CATHY COWENS would like to thank all her family for the wonderful 80th birthday celebrations and surprises. Also thanks to Isobel and the girls at the Sports Club for a wonderful lunch. I had a fantastic weekend. Thanks to you all. Love, Mam xxx
I WOULD like to thank the people from the Agnew Spiritualist Church for my lovely flowers and card. Hope to see you soon. Hazel
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Karina Dixon



Happy 21st Birthday
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Kevin Williamson



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Jack Slatcher



Happy 16th Birthday
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Kimberley Richardson

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Kimberley Richardson

Happy 30th Birthday Mammy
We love you lots and lots. Lots of love from Sean and James xxxxx

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LUKE ALLEN (19th August 2011). Happy 14th birthday Luke. All our love, Grandma and Grandad xxxx
DANIELLE KELSTRUP. Happy 18th Danielle. Have a fab day and don't get too drunk. Love, Mam and John
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DANIELLE KELSTRUP. Happy 18th Big Sis. Love from Danielle, Sophie and Jessica. Have a great day xxxxxx
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