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Jobs Boost as Tallent Expands

COMPANY WILL HAVE OVER 1000 EMPLOYEES

Durham County Councils' planning committee have granted permission for a major employment generating proposal at the Thyssenkrupp Tallent premises on the Business Park.

The proposal involving a 15,250 square metre extension to the company's existing site, will see a major investment in the area by the engineering company who manufacture and distribute car chassis parts to leading manufacturers such as Ford, Volvo Land Rover, BMW and Honda.

The company currently employs around 900 staff at its Newton Aycliffe premises which will increase with a further 120 new jobs created as a result of the new development.



Councillor Neil Foster, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, welcomed the decision to approve the development. He said: "This is another major boost to the area in terms of job creation and retention and we are very pleased that a prestigious company such as Thyssenkrupp Tallent has made such a firm commitment to consolidate and grow its successful operation in County Durham. I am also pleased that once again another major employer in the county has been able to work successfully with our planning service to deliver a major development proposal in good time".

Youth Centre Events

TABLE TOP SALE
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AAP Funds Luncheon Club for Elderly

A luncheon club for the elderly in Newton Aycliffe is tucking in thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership. (GAMP) The Area Action Partnership (AAP), one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009, has funded improvements to make access and toilet facilities more wheelchair friendly.

Funding of £7,188 has also been used to upgrade kitchen facilities including the purchase of a dishwasher and work to upgrade the heating and lighting systems. The club regularly caters for 24 people every Thursday and 30 volunteers regularly give up their free time to help run the popular club. A mother and toddler group

consisting of ten mothers and 20 children will also benefit from the upgrade as well as two children's groups for kids aged seven and older.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic community project with GAMP funding being used to provide a welcoming, warm, safe and comfortable environment for over 20 isolated elderly people." Fr Michael Campion joined Councillors John Moran and Sarah Iveson and members of GAMP for the launch this week.

S&S - HAIR WE GO

Hair We Go, formally known as S&S, is moving downstairs, next to Booze Busters, under the new name Hair We Go Hairdressing and Beauty. The opening day and party will be on Saturday 10th September from 9am until 3pm, offering a gents and ladies walk-in hair service and also a range of beauty treatments. Owner Judith Wood invites you to come and share the Open Day with all the girls!

International Singer Stars in Local "Spectacular"

MARILYN HILL SMITH one of the finest operetta sopranos in Europe, now appearing as Mother Abbess in "SOUND OF MUSIC" alongside Connie Fisher as Maria is coming to Shildon Civic Hall on Sunday 25th September. Marilyn will be guest star in "SPECTACULAR, SPECTACULAR" a musical production by local Company Showcase Entertainments and will appear with the sensational Paul Morgan & The Showcase Dancers who are currently appearing this summer season at The Grand Theatre, Blackpool in the Billy Pearce Laughter Show and The Joe Longthorne Show. The show will also feature



the golden voice of Newtonian Geoff West.

Marilyn Hill Smith studied at the Guildhall School of Music in London and became principle soprano with the English National Opera, as well as principle with the Royal Opera Covent Garden, the Canadian Opera, the Welsh National Opera and the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

Marilyn has appeared many times on TV and radio in shows such as The Good Old Days, Top C's and Tiaras and Friday Night is Music Night.

Marilyn was the singing voice in the famous Ivor Novello Musical "The Dancing Years" starring Anthony Valentine and has appeared many times before Royalty, and prestigious venues such as the Hollywood Bowl,

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FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW or OOMPH. Factors as the weekend, but this night could easily have been a Friday/Saturday, the atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, i.e. instead of sticking to Sweet Child Of Mine, they did Welcome to the Jungle, so its nice to hear a different GnR cover and one that takes a little more effort vocally.

Saturday 17th September - "DESILVA"
A massive band on the bike rally circuit
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Saturday 24th September - "CAPTAIN ROCK"
Decided to take it easy and drive to the Turbinia in Newton Aycliffe last night to watch Steve, Lowthly, Al and Marky aka Captain Rock. Anyway, I missed most of the first half...what I did see I'll come back to 'cos it's the best bit. The second half was a typical CR performance. Steve's a good sound engineer and he had the mix pretty much spot on with it not being too loud and everything cutting through well. The pub was pretty full and the crowd up for some Christmas shenanigans...shenanigans are a Captain Rock thing as well. Lots of wandering into the crowd, guest appearances galore, standing on chairs, playing the other guitarists guitar with your own baldy head (Steve looked like Kojak with string marks on his dome at half time. They even did a couple of Christmas songs at the end getting the crowd to participate. It was proper daft stuff but...and this is where we got back to the first set. Despite all the carry on and showmanship that gets the crowd going, Captain Rock are four very good musicians, playing some very good music. Al and Mikey are solid as a rock at the back, Steve's got a great voice and Lowthly's playing is getting better all the time. To prove the point, I'd have to describe 'astronomy' by Blue Oyster Cult which is always the last song of the first set. It has everything in it. It's a long song but it keeps your interest from start to finish with it's highs and lows. Brilliantly executed by the band and undoubtedly the best song of the night.
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LEEK SHOW RESULTS



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Trench Leeks: 1st - K. Elgey
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NEW PLAY AREA OPENED AT ESKDALE PLACE

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Cllr Dennis Morgan, Chairman of the council opened the event with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Area Action Partnership (AAP) contributed £10,000 from its area budget and Cllr Dorothy Bowman contributed £10,000 of her neighbourhood budget towards the development of the new playground. In total 24 play areas in County Durham have benefited from government

funding of £1.1 million, allocated under the Playbuilder scheme in 2009. Additional funding from community groups, town and parish councils, local ward member budgets, AAPs and the Big Lottery Community Spaces programme boosted the total amount of money available to spend on improvement works, which are now nearing completion. Groundwork has developed 13 of the

projects. Cllr Brian Stephens, cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "The Playbuilder scheme reaches communities across the whole of the county, offering youngsters a place to go where they can get active and have some fun. "These play areas will help build strong links among residents as they are social hubs for families, and can be used by children of all ages."

St. CLARE'S FILM MATINEE

St Clare's Church is presenting a film matinee on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Doors open at noon when tea and coffee is served and the film starts at 12-30pm. You are invited to bring your lunch or snack with you, tables and chairs are set out so that you can eat and drink in comfort. A chance to relax for a while when you've finished your shopping, or before you start. Unfortunately, due to the licensing laws, we are not allowed to name the films we show in this article, if you would like details please ring Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755 or call at St Clare's Church. Our next film, on Wednesday 14th September, is a "feel good film" starring Fred Astaire, Petula Clark and Tommy Steele which will leave you with a spring in your step and a smile on your face. There will be an entrance charge of £2 and a very warm welcome if you would like to join us.

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LETTER IN SUPPORT OF WIND FARM
 Dear Sir,
 I would like to express my disgust with the people protesting about wind farms. Over the last 10 years gas and electric has gone up astronomically, and Eon should be congratulated for trying to look at other sources. In education these days, there is a big emphasis on these ideas, and our children are encouraged to think of ways to be resourceful with energy. Phil Wilson, and the seemingly retired contingent that he has gathered (who also probably own £500k houses) may not notice the £10 pound a month price hikes coming out of their bank accounts, but I do. I would have one in my back garden if it meant we had a planet for our children to inherit. I believe MPs who are unable to move with the times and realise how important these sources of energy are, should not be representing us. I appeal to people to cast a vote of no confidence in this man. If you don't like the wind farms, move to an island off Scotland.
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FLU JAB REMINDER FOR NORTH EAST PATIENTS AND CARERS

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GPs are currently writing out to all eligible patients and carers across the north east to invite them in for their annual flu jab in October and letters will be falling through people's letterboxes over the next few weeks.

If you have recently moved home or changed GP practice and are eligible for the free flu jab then you may need to check with your new practice that you are on their mailing list. This is particularly important for the main carers

of older or disabled people as carers cannot be identified through medical records.

People who need the free flu jab include:

- All pregnant women
- Anyone aged over 65
- Anyone who lives in a residential or nursing home
- Anyone over 6 months with a long term health problem such as:
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 - o a chest problem or breathing difficulties (such as asthma, bronchitis or emphysema)
 - o a heart problem
 - o kidney disease or liver disease
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 - o a problem with the spleen

(such as sickle cell disease) or if the spleen has been removed

o having suffered a stroke
o a lowered immune system due to disease (such as cystic fibrosis or Crohn's disease) or treatment (such as cancer treatment).

If you live with someone who has a lowered immune system then you may also be eligible for a free vaccination. This is because flu symptoms take around two days to develop and, just like carers, you may have the virus and pass it onto those who are more vulnerable than you without even realising.

Dr Tricia Cresswell, deputy medical director at NHS North East said: "As people get back to work after the summer break it is important that those who are at risk from flu remember to get their jab as soon as it becomes available in October to ensure they are protected

for the whole winter.

"If you think you are eligible for a jab and haven't heard from your GP by mid September then the best thing to do is contact your GP practice, check whether you need the jab and ask about making an appointment.

"Over the past few years we've all seen just how serious flu can be, with people of all ages needing hospital treatment, many in intensive care. We don't want anyone to get ill from something which can be avoided and that's why people should check with their GP sooner rather than later."

Stocks of vaccines will be arriving at GP surgeries towards the end of September so if you, or your child, fall into one of categories above then please make sure you respond to your invitation letter and book your appointment.

GOOD SAMARITANS

Sharon Dodd would like to thank everyone who stopped to help her husband when he was knocked off his motorbike on Bank Holiday Monday on Carer's Way.

The Police and Paramedics did a great job and members of the public were wonderful, stopping to offer assistance to her Husband, Peter.

An extra big thank you to the unknown lady who rang her from the accident scene, thank you whoever you are. Thankfully Peter is not seriously injured and we are both grateful to everyone who stopped to help.

Thank you very much. Sharon

Maths Teachers Present and Future



Ellie Labron with Ian Bickerdike, Deputy Headteacher at Woodham. Ellie Labron, who once told her maths teacher, Mr Bickerdike, that she would not mind being a Maths Teacher too, shares her delight on receiving an excellent result in Mathematics which keeps the dream alive. Next week, Ellie will begin A level courses, including Mathematics, at New College Durham. Ellie's were one of many excellent sets of individual results which make up Woodham's best ever exam performance. Ellie was one of 45 students at Woodham who achieved the prestigious English Baccalaureate qualification.

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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, 21st SEPTEMBER 2011 at 4.00p.m.

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

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.
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Emergency First Aid at Work	TBC	TBC
Food Safety in Catering	TBC	TBC

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Course	Date	Cost
Skills for Life National Tests English and Maths	TBC	FREE

Greenfield Community and Arts Centre 01325 379048 info@greenfield-arts.co.uk		
Course	Date/Time/weeks	Cost
Drawing (adults)	Monday 7.30pm—8.30pm	20.00
Floral Art	Friday 1.30pm—3.30pm	33.00
Floral Glass	Monday 5.30pm—7.30pm	41.00
Bulbs	Thursday 5.00pm—7.00pm	TBC
Bulbs (adults)	Thursday 5.00pm—7.00pm	33.00
Laser Cutting	Tuesday 5.00pm—7.30pm	25.00
Male and Munch	Wednesday 6.30pm—8.30pm	40.00
Painting and Drawing	Wednesday 7.00pm—8.30pm	33.00
Spanish Beginners	Tuesday 5.30pm—7.00pm	33.00
Spanish Plus	Tuesday 7.00pm—9.00pm	41.00
Yoga	Wednesday 6.00pm—7.30pm	33.00

Woodham Village Community Centre - David Sutton Lloyd 01325 316144 d.suttonlloyd@btinternet.com		
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For more information about the courses and short dates please contact the centre above.		

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Newton Aycliffe Community Learning Centre 01325 316558 aycliffe@bacoll.ac.uk		
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Level 2 Certificate Spreadsheets, Word Processing, Database, Desk Top Publishing and Presentations	120 hours	TBC
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Pioneering Care Centre 01325 321234 enquiries@pcp.uk.net		
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Maths and English up to Level 2	22/09/11 12.45pm—3.15pm	FREE

Newton Aycliffe Library Rosemary Hoban 01325 312856 Rosemary.Hoban@durham.gov.uk		
Course	Date/ Weeks	Cost
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CV Writing Workshop	Half Day	TBC
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Basic Maths and English	10 weeks	FREE

Woodham Community College Marie Oswald 01325 375482 m.oswald@woodham.org.uk		
Course	Date/Time/ weeks	Cost
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	TBC	TBC

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<p>Chillingham Grove Woodham Village £115,000</p>  <p>An impressive 3 bedroom detached property, 2nd bathroom, 2nd living, 2nd garden, 2nd parking.</p>	<p>Orke Place Newton Aycliffe £75,000</p>  <p>Modern 3 bedroom, 2nd bathroom, 2nd living, 2nd garden, 2nd parking. 2nd floor.</p>	<p>Bewick Crescent Newton Aycliffe £87,950</p>  <p>An impressive 3 bedroom detached property, 2nd bathroom, 2nd living, 2nd garden, 2nd parking.</p>	<p>Sunraysia, Skilnew £84,000</p>  <p>A 3 bed 3 bedroom, 2nd bathroom, 2nd living, 2nd garden, 2nd parking. 2nd floor.</p>	<p>Kestrel Court Newton Aycliffe £145,000</p>  <p>Three bedroom 3 bedroom, 2nd bathroom, 2nd living, 2nd garden, 2nd parking. 2nd floor.</p>

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Asking Questions of Eon

Dear Editor
I was pleased to see the article in the Newton News, week ending 2nd September, 2011 urging people to ask Eon specific questions about the Isles Wind Farm consultation. I think it is important that it is brought to peoples attention how these "consultations" work in favour of the company carrying them out. I personally think it stinks that they steer people in set directions with loaded questions and then claim that the outcome is what the people want. I started to fill in the consultation on-line but did not pick any one of their layouts, although that was not an option. I did comment though that I was not picking a layout as I was not in agreement with the wind farm but am not sure if my comments were actually submitted or will appear in their data. Eon say that there are only certain areas which have the right conditions for developing a wind farm (Ferryhill & Chilton Chapter, Issue 533), if that is the case I have another question I would ask, "If there are so few suitable areas for wind farms how can they build enough to replace power stations and generate enough energy for the country?" Plus one for the Government "How

many more wind farms around The Isles Wind Farm are you going to allow to be built by other energy companies? Please continue to bring it to your readers' attention that these "consultations" are fixed in the company's favour and on this basis the whole planning process is a done deal and the only way to show opposition is to sign independent petitions. Carole Hubery Chilton

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

Woodham Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting

Durham Constabulary is dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. The next PACT meeting for the Woodham Ward will take place at 6pm on Monday 12th September at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth Close. Everyone is welcome to attend.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOING NOTHING IS AN OPTION

Dear Sir,
I was a little bit disappointed with Ken Stubbs letter last week. I had thought he was the brains behind the setting up of the Great Aycliffe Independents (GAI) and as such that they had aims and objectives and standards which would distinguish them from being just a motley set of Independent Councillors. I am sure that is what Ken set out to do, but like all parties (and the GAI are a registered minor political party) he is stuck with the material he has to work with. Did not the GAI members use their allowance to pay to be a registered minor political party, and use it to fight parish elections, not so different from Ed Miliband after all really! I won't bother answering point for point, most members of the public and some GAI Councillors agree with me on those minimum standards. As for Councillors outside of Great Aycliffe that is for them to sort out in their own back yard. I will do my bit here... Recently, when one of the Independents defected to Labour I put the boot in on their poor attendance because I do expect better standards of Labour Councillors. That Councillor resigned, we won

the by election and now have a Labour councillor who regularly attends meetings. We put our own house in order, that's what the public expects. I think GAI would get more respect if they did the same. Does Ken agree with me that Councillors who attend only once a month or less, and councillors who only attend less than a quarter of meetings in Great Aycliffe should resign...rather than get paid the full allowance that those who regularly attend get. How do those who attend less than a quarter of meetings serve the public interest? I would invite Ken to join with me in condemning those Councillors who poorly attend meetings but get paid the same as all other Councillors. As Yoda once said..... do or don't do... there is no maybe,or to quote Ken, doing nothing is not an option..... or is it? Arun M Chandran

CHURCH LEADER COMES TO AYCLIFFE



You are invited to join us at our Service this Sunday 11th September when Xcel Church are honoured to be hosting Pastor Magnus Persson. The event starts at 6pm and is free. As Pastor of UNITED Church, in Malmo, Sweden, Magnus is a passionate, personal and practical communicator. He is a dynamic leader with a gift to release and equip people to win in life. He is known for presenting the Gospel in a fresh and exciting way to all people, including non churchgoers and non-Christians. Pastor John Greenow commented 'This is a great privilege. Pastor Magnus is a leading Christian speaker across the world and he is coming to Newton Aycliffe! If you ever thought that church was stuffy, irrelevant and boring then hearing Magnus should definitely change your mind'. We look forward to seeing you. For more information about Xcel Church & directions to our venue please check out our website www.xcelchurch.com

Honest John Donations

Dear Sir
£500 has been donated to the Cumby Rovers Football Team towards the cost of changing room facilities plus £500 to Aycliffe Nature Park Wildlife Explorers. £430 has also been donated to Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club U9s team, providing players with much needed winter coats. Funds are now being raised for Claire Walton's Stepping Out Dance School. Many thanks to those who donate items for sale, which make these amounts possible. Honest John

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Woodham Community Centre Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Woodham Village Community Centre held a very successful open day on Saturday 3rd September, to celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

David Sutton-Lloyd, Treasurer, opened the event by welcoming everyone to the centre and reminding them what a great asset to the community the centre has been, and still is. Over the last four years the Centre has been completely refurbished to a very high standard. Over £50,000 in grants has been raised via Durham County Council, The Area Action Partnership and local Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins. With another £36,000 being raised by the Centres own volunteers.

The Centres activities where highlighted by displays and stands manned by volunteers. A very impressive display by the Taekwondo Club left the audience gasping. Raffles, tombola, home made cakes, scones, teas, coffees, and home made flans, pies and peas were provided throughout the day by a dedicated kitchen team.

Professor Nincompooop entertained the children, face painting again proved very popular, (even for some of the adults). A fancy dress competition was held with pirates, Ninja warriors, Jenson Button, knights, nurses and lots of fairy's taking part, and all the children received a prize.

Aycliffe's own Bus Preservation Society brought their restored bus that has featured in all of the TV series of Heartbeat. Rides around the town and along the A167 (to enable them to get up a head of steam), proved very popular with both young and old. The Society also generously donated an outing on the bus as a prize in the raffle.

All of the raffle prizes have now been claimed, and we would like to thank, not only the Bus Preservation Society, but also Woodham Golf and County Club, Redz Fish and Chip Shop, Lagoon Hairdressers, and all the other people who donated prizes.

A splendid 25th Anniversary cake, baked by Janet, was cut by Audrey Snowball who has been a member on the Committee since its inception, this ended a very enjoyable day for all.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us on the day.

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
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Wednesday 21st September 2011

**Council Meeting
7.15pm**

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M.A.D. PRODUCTIONS "On The Beat"

Following their production at last year's successful event for "Help for Heroes", M.A.D. Productions are busy with the final touches of this year's production "On The Beat", which will be held on 3rd October at 7pm in the Xcel Centre, doors open at 6.30pm.

Proceeds this year will go to a very worthy charity "The Blue Lamp Foundation". (David Raithband and his Wife will be attending the event.) The Blue Lamp Foundation helps all those in the front line services who are injured in their line of duty.

This year's presentation will include the Jazztones, Rachel Mawston and the Xcel Choir with Evelyn Lodge, who has coached the M.A.D. Youth Choir, who will be performing. M.A.D. Productions dancers "Ignite" (Jess and Ellie) will also be performing.

M.A.D. would like to thank the Xcel Centre for once again allowing them the use of their premises. Thanks to PC Alan Thompson and the Aycliffe Police who have worked with M.A.D. Productions to ensure the event is a success. Tickets are available from Sonia on 01325 310991 or from Xcel Centre, 0845 450 5871 and will also be available at the door at £5 each, subject to availability, children under 7 will be admitted free of charge.



Healthy Life Roadshow Starts at the Pioneering Care Centre



Free activities, advice and information on lifestyle, health and wellbeing will be on offer at a series of Healthy Life Roadshows taking place in the Sedgefield area.

The first of these will be held at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 14 September between 2 - 7pm.

People of all ages are welcome to go along and try a variety of fun activities including zumba, cycling, new age kurling, relaxing therapies and home exercises.

Other attractions include free smoothies, healthy snacks and refreshments

and stalls and displays offering free advice and support on how to improve your lifestyle whether that's diet, exercise, giving up smoking and reducing alcohol consumption.

Mini health checks provided by qualified staff will also be available and can be pre booked on 01325 329933, book early to avoid disappointment.

Jane Hartley, Chief Executive for the Pioneering Care Partnership said: "This fun event is aimed at everyone in the local area to have an enjoyable day whilst finding out what is available in the Sedgefield area to help you make a difference to your life and

your family's life."

The Healthy Life Roadshows have been arranged by the Pioneering Care Partnership and supported by the Sedgefield Health Network which is made up of many partners including Durham County Council, NHS representatives, the Fire & Rescue Service and Voluntary and Community Sector.

Additional Roadshows will be running in Ferryhill 28 September (venue to be confirmed), Spennymoor Community Fire Station October 28, Shildon Locomotion Museum in November and Cornforth Community Centre in February 2012.

For further details and pre booking contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe. Tel: 01325 329933
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CAR VANDALISED IN TESCO'S CAR PARK

A complaint of vandalism has been received from a car owner who parked in Tesco's after 6pm. Substantial damage to the car has left the owner devastated with no chance of recompense.

We spoke to the Manager Martin Butcher who sent the following statement:

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We do have CCTV operating in our car park which are predominantly static cameras unless our Security Guards manually move the lenses. They do this regularly throughout the day and night and carry out random car park scans to ensure nothing untoward is going on.

I can also confirm that we have 24hr security cover so we are always monitoring the store and car park.

The biggest issue we have had recently is young adults joyriding, especially late at night. We have been working with the police to resolve this and I can confirm that we have had some success in identifying culprits resulting in police involvement. They have also increased their patrols on our car park to help eradicate this problem which appears to

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Dangerous Parking at Moore Lane Causes Concern

Dear Sir
I feel I must write about my concerns regarding Moore Lane. I am a resident and cannot believe the stupidity of some drivers that use this road.

Over the last 12 months I have had a car written off, one car nearly written off, the cars in our road were all vandalised with a knife or other sharp object and just last Friday (the day of the

football match at the sports club my car was bumped and the driver "forgot" to stop or leave their details.

When trying to park on Moore Lane it is not uncommon for drivers to pull up right behind me giving me no space to manoeuvre. When there is a football match on at the sports club it is impossible to park outside of my own house, and cars are regularly parked on the grass verges in the street. Only on 2 occasions have the police put out cones to prevent dangerous parking. However this does not prevent cars from parking on the corner of Moore Lane and Mellanby Crescent and also on the footpaths.

Speeding is another problem on Moore Lane and how someone hasn't been injured or worse defies belief. This happens during the day and into the night with cars speeding to and from the sports club. It would be interesting if the police were to breathalyse some of the drivers coming from the sports club.

When the cars were vandalised a couple of months ago the police came round and took details and said they would look into it and when they had "downtime" they would patrol Moore Lane. To date I have seen 1 patrol.

If drivers using Moore Lane can keep the speed down and have some courtesy when people are parking.

Yours, a concerned resident
Name and Address supplied

Cubby Volunteer Goes Back to School



Aniela McGrath, aged 16, is due to continue her education after a busy summer break volunteering at the Cubby. Aniela will return to the Cubby during the October holidays to help out again.

"I am lactose intolerant, so to be able to eat anything such as cakes, I have to make them myself. During the summer holidays I have volunteered my time to make cakes and scones for sale at the Cubby. I wanted to volunteer my time to give something back to the community and to do something helpful with my time" said Aniela.

CLlr Blenkinsopp added "Aniela has helped to establish the Cubby as a great place to drop in for a chat and a snack. It demonstrates how well young people can do if they put their minds to it. Aniela's help has been invaluable and I would like to thank her for all the wonderful work she has done over the summer."

Finley Complete £870k Car Plant Site



Finley Structures managing director John Finley outside the Nifco site at near Eaglescliffe, Stockton.

Finley Structures have completed work on their latest high-profile contract in the region.

The County Durham firm has just finished its 700-tonne construction on a new £8.5m state-of-the-art car production site on Teesside – completing the job within a tight five-week deadline.

Tolent Construction are developing the site near Eaglescliffe for Stockton-based company Nifco, which will produce car parts for the firm and create 120 new jobs.

Newton Aycliffe firm Finley Structures won the £870,000 contract to supply, fabricate and erect the structural steelwork for the factory, which is expected to be fully completed by the end of the year.

Managing director John Finley said: "The Nifco project is another example of how far Finley Structures has come in the last few years.

"We've reached a stage where main contractors have recognised us as one of the market leaders, both in the North-East region as well as nationally. Our reputation out on site and in delivering projects within budget and deadline is becoming one of if not the best.

"While feeding the Nifco site, we also had other large-scale contracts on the go around the North-East region, including a 300-tonne site at the Sunderland Software Centre and a 315-tonne site at NETPark in Sedgefield

as well as major jobs at Nissan's new site at Washington and another site at North Shields Metro station, and none of these jobs were adversely affected during our time on them.

"Contracts between 300 and 1,000 tonnes are now run of the mill to us, which is a glowing testament to our highly-skilled and dedicated workforce."

Nifco is creating 120 jobs and safeguarding a further 180 with the expansion of its site on Durham Lane.

The Japanese car component firm, which makes parts for Nissan, Toyota and Honda, currently operates from a 44-year-old site. The new 11,750m-square injection moulding facility is expected to be completed by November and will start production in the first quarter of 2012.

Have your 'Treasures' Valued at the Bowes Museum

If you have always wanted to know the value of your family treasures then bring them to the Bowes Museum on Tuesday 11th October.

The Friends of the Museum with the help of Tennants' Auction House in Leyburn have arranged for Adam Schoon from BBC's 'Antique Roadshow' together with other valuers to be available from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

They will provide a wide variety of expertise to enable them to put a value on your antique. You will be able to bring up to two portable items but not textiles as they are not allowed to be brought into the Museum. Photographs of large items and paintings will also be acceptable.

This is a unique opportunity so please put the date in your diary and contact the Friends Office for tickets, Tel: 01833 690606, email: friends@thebowesmuseum.org.uk - Ticket Price: Friends £5.00, Guests £10.00 (includes entry to the Museum).

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Wilko at the Civic

Dr Feelgoods guitar legend Wilko Johnson returns to Shildon Civic Hall on Saturday the 22nd of October, fresh from his sold out UK tour with The Stranglers. Wilko, who is the star of award winning movie "Oil City Confidential"; the band features members from Ian Dury and The Clash. Tickets on sale now from the Civic Hall, more details Tel 07836 350507.

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Bike Ride Raises Money for Sue Ryder



A sponsored bike ride held on August 3rd raised much needed funds for national charity Sue Ryder.

Staff and volunteers from the Newton Aycliffe branch joined staff and cyclists who attend the Pioneering Care

Centre and members of the community in a cycle ride and together they achieved a total of £364.00. Sue Ryder and the Pioneering Care Centre are committed to making this an annual event and hope it will grow

each year. The ride was part of the Ride for Ryder yearly fundraising campaign. Sue Ryder Newton Aycliffe would like to thank all participants and sponsors who also supported a fashion show, homemade cake stall and a come dine with me evening which saw the total rise to £520.00.

Funds raised will go to helping the charity continue to deliver 4 million hours of care each year to people suffering from cancer, strokes, Parkinsons disease and other long-term and end of life conditions.

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Quakers Chairman to take on Boss

Darlington chairman Raj Singh will go head-to-head with team manager Mark Cooper in a corporate golf event being held by the club. The Quakers golf day, to be held at Wynyard golf club on Wednesday September 21, will also include a number of Darlington players and local celebrities taking part.

A four-balls team, consisting of three fans plus a 'personality', will begin with bacon rolls and then a shotgun tee-off before the full 18-hole round at Wynyard, followed by a meal and presentations.

"The event was a big success for us last year," said Mr Singh. "I'm looking forward to it again this year and, hopefully, I'll be able to beat Mark this time!" Cooper added: "I love a round of golf and we had a great time last year, mingling with fans on a lovely day out



at what is a top drawer course at Wynyard.

"The golfers in the squad are already looking forward to this year's event so it should be another cracker."

The whole day costs £300 per team (three people), and interested parties can contact Jason Lees on 01325 387000 or email jason.lees@darlington-fc.net

Funding to Help Narrow the Achievement Gap



Hundreds of children and young people in County Durham are benefiting from unique education enrichment programme thanks to various funding pots.

Michelle Postma, Extended Schools Co-ordinator for schools across Shildon and Newton Aycliffe, is working in partnership with the Martin Gray Football Academy to deliver courses to more than 500 youngsters across the two school clusters.

The sessions include football coaching with former Sunderland and Darlington pro Martin Gray, while his qualified teachers also work with the children and young people using football as a vehicle to engage them into education.

Michelle, pictured with Gray, said "Securing the funding will help narrow the achievement gap between the higher performing and lower performance boys and girls and football is a vehicle to encourage children and young people to learn. "Martin is brilliant at delivering the courses, the youngsters all look up to him and he has a way of motivating them."

Through the funding sourced from Local Shildon Councillors Huntingdon and Hancock, Awards for All, GAMP AAP, Shildon and Bishop Auckland AAP, and the disadvantage subsidy, it has enabled Gray's Academy

to work with children and young people from six schools in Newton Aycliffe (Greenfield Community College, St Mary's primary, Byerley Park primary, Stephenson Way primary, Vane Road primary and Walworth school) and three in Shildon (Sunnydale Community College, St John's primary and Timothy Hackworth primary).

Gray, who holds the UEFA Pro Licence coaching badge, uses football-related activities as a tool to improve numeracy and literacy skills, self-esteem, emotional wellbeing, teamwork and football coaching skills.

"It's a pleasure to deliver these courses, and hopefully they do have a real impact on the children and young people," said Gray.

"But we couldn't deliver them without the fantastic support we get from Michelle who has enabled the courses to take place by sourcing all the funding, so I'm grateful to her for the backing. The programmes are already proving to be a big success, so hopefully we can continue to work together in the future."

Anyone wanting more details about the Martin Gray Football Academy and its services, call Martin on 07738 131914, email info@martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk - or go to www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk

Athletics News

This summer, Durham County Council organised a 5K Trail Race Series aimed at runners of all abilities ages 16 and over who wanted to take on a challenge. Around 200 participants donned their trainers for the races which took place at Riverside Park, Chester-le-Street, Teesdale Leisure Centre and Hardwick Park, Sedgefield.

It was a good turnout for Aycliffe Running Club for the last race of the series at Hardwick Park on 24th August. Described as a trail race, it turned out to be more of a cross country and was a one lap course around East Park in Sedgefield. An early downpour left the course slippery in places.

The race was won by James Askew in 15:58.

Times for Aycliffe included, George Reid 19:35, Michelle Scott 20:50, John Burnside 21:25, Robert Young 22:13, Andrew Robertson 22:23, Trevor Needham 23:09, Gary Minns 23:50, Georgette Reid 24:16, Penny Johnson 24:27, Julie Nisbet 25:15, Gareth Richardson 25:28, Craig Robinson 26:10 and Rob Nicholson 27:07. Julie Nisbet completed all 3 races and was awarded a prize for 2nd overall female for the series.

Darlington 10K - 14th August 2011

16 members of Aycliffe Running Club lined up with over 1300 other runners for the start of the Darlington 10K road race on 14th August 2011. A sudden downpour before the start left the roads wet but otherwise good running conditions.

First home for the club was Floyd Jones in 36:19 followed by Lee Wren in 39:02. Next was Martyn Knox 43:16, Robert Young 46:18 and Mick Brunskill 47:35. First lady home for the club was Laura Lineton with a PB of 49:43. Next was Gary Minns 50:01 closely followed by the injured, but determined, Trish Kay in 50:21. John Young and Simon Robinson, also recovering from injury, completed the course in 51:32 and 51:42 respectively. Julie Nisbet 52:56, was followed by Matthew Phillippo 53:59 and Craig Robinson 54:54. Beverly Phillippo set herself a target of 60 minutes to complete her first 10K and was delighted to finish in 58:19. David Thompson completed the course in 58:34 followed by Ronnie Pluck in 01:00:05. Thanks to all other Aycliffe Running Club members who showed their support by cheering them on and taking photographs some of which can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/78discopete/sets/72157627432365176/detail/>

Middlesbrough Tees Pride 10K - 4th September 2011

Members of Aycliffe Running Club joined over 3000 others at the start of the 7th Middlesbrough 10k road race on Sunday September 4th. It was very warm and sunny and the water stations were a welcome sight. There was great crowd support from spectators and bands playing along the route and in the Athletes Village. First home for Aycliffe was Floyd Jones in 36:26. Next was Penny Johnson in 50:18, using this as a training run for the Great North run. Trish Kay, although still struggling with fitness and injury, finished in 50:54 followed by Matthew Phillippo in 50:55, Simon Robinson in 50:58 and Gary Minns 51:06. Julie Nisbet was delighted to achieve a PB of 51:55. Beverly Phillippo completed the course in 58:56.

For details of Aycliffe Running club visit their website www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk

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INGA EALES Would like to thank family and friends for get well cards and good wishes during her stay in hospital. Special thanks to Sharon and Paul for being with me every step of the way. Also thank you Evelyn for the shopping and odd jobs you have done. xxxx
A BIG Thank you to the Kennedy, Whitfield and Coulson families for our trip to the Highlands, it was great. Love from your Mams. Special thank you to Paula for arranging it all. Love, Mam, Pat, Maria and Mary xxx
THE FAMILY of Lee Smith would like to say a huge thank you to Lorraine Moore for putting on another fantastic memorial Thai Boxing show last Sunday. A massive thank you to Gary and Reece McAllister for a brilliant bout. Also a great big thank you to everyone who turned out to show support. It's nice to know so many people remember and love Lee. Anne, Brian, Karl and Debbie

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ROBERT WAITES 8th September 2001. Ten years have passed, but in my memories you will always stay. All my love, Ruth
KIPLING (Sheila and Robert). Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear to us all. We miss you Mam and Dad. Love, Colin, Val and family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

DARIN HUBERY A big happy birthday to my northern lad lots of hugs and big fat kisses. Love from your Welsh Wifey Fleur + Girlies xxxxxx <3 :D

MAXINE COUSINS Thinking of you on your birthday. Always in our thoughts. Never forgotten. Love from Anthony, Angela, Gavin, Zoe and Ebony
MAXINE COUSINS 13th September. A dearly loved Wife and Mother. Your special day we cannot share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love always, John, Jack and Harry

MAXINE COUSINS 13th September. We cannot send you a card, but we send all our love through our hearts. Miss you loads. Diane, Stuart, Katy and Adam xxx

MAXINE COUSINS 13th September. No birthday cards or presents to give, just all our love we send to you. Always in our thoughts Maxine. Love, Pat, Dave and family xxx

MAXINE COUSINS 13th September. Even though you are not here, I think about you every day. Miss you loads. I'll have a glass of rosé for you. Love always, Michelle xxx

MAXINE AINSLIE 13th September. Happy birthday Auntie Maxine. I'm sending big birthday kisses up to you in Heaven. I miss you more than words can say and love you so much. All my love and kisses always from Laura xxx

MAXINE COUSINS 13th September. Thinking of you on your birthday and every day. Miss you always. Love, Mam x
COUSINS 13-9-1965. Maxine always in our thoughts. Lots of love, Paul, Ann Marie, Emma and Laura

ALBERT ANDREW 12-9-1934. So high in the sky this lantern will go by, as we let go and have our cry. Reach out touch the messages inside filled with love and sadness as you are not by our side. We miss and love you Dad. May the angels keep you safe. Happy birthday Dad. God bless you. Love from your Daughters, Julie and Susan and your family xxxxx

DONNA we met on the 14-09-77 and married on the 09-09-09. I am so very happy and lucky to have someone special like you. Happy anniversary. Love, Mark x
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BRYAN LAUREN Happy 18th birthday on 12th. Love from Auntie Ann, Uncle Tony and family

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MICHAEL YOUNG Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love, Mam (Nellie) xxx

MICHAEL YOUNG Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love, Stephanie, Ian, Benjamin, Ava, Caroline and David xxxx

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HAPPY 18th Emma, Lynny and Danni. Lots of love, Mam and Gareth xxx

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CONNOR MATTISON Congratulations on Passing Out. You made it! I will miss you when you go to Bordon. Love, Brogan xxx

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BURNS & BLACKBURN 9th September 2011. Congratulations to my Sister Susan and her Husband Paul on their Wedding Day. Lots of love, Gillian and Andy xxx

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STACEY DICKINSON Happy 21st birthday Stacey. Lots of love from Nana Cath, Grandad Tommy, Craig, Julie, Charley, Lexi, Jean, Gary, Susan, Nana Doreen and Grandad Jack

MITCHELL WRIGHT 21st congratulations Son on your 21st birthday. Dad would be so proud of you. Enjoy Amsterdam and leave the cake (birthday) till you get home. Love forever, Mam xxx

MITCHELL WRIGHT Happy 21st birthday. Don't get too amsterdamage. Lots of love, Yvonne and Maz

LAUREN MILLER Happy birthday Lauren. Love from Grandad Roppy xxx

LAUREN MILLER Happy birthday Lozza. Love from Christine and Auntie Linz

REBECCA NELSON Happy 16th birthday for 11th September. Hope you have a great day. Love you loads from Mam and Dad xxx

Jamie Forster



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Happy 16th Birthday 10th September Lots of love from Dad, Sarah, Lucy, Leighton and Amelia xxxx

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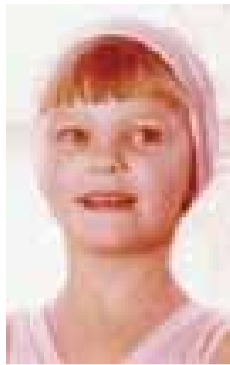
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Congratulations & Birthdays

Joanne

14th September 2011



Happy 40th Birthday Happy birthday to the best Mam in the world. Lots of love, Jack xxx

This is where life begins! Have a great time Joanne. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx

Happy birthday Joanne, with love, Donna, Bri, Bobbie and Charlie xxx

Congratulations Joanne, have a great time from Scott, Rachel, Leo and Emma xxx

Shelby Elizabeth Hubery



Happy 18th Birthday 15th September 2011

Congratulations sweetheart on your 18th birthday. We are so proud of you, enjoy your weekend of parties and legal drinking. Love you loads, Mam and Dad xxx



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Happy 18th birthday to the best big Sister in the world. Love you lots, Rory xxxx

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Gabrielle Teal

12th September 1993



Happy 18th Birthday Gabrielle

Hope you have a fantastic day. Lots of love, Auntie Julie, David, Stephen, Kady and Harley xxx

Gabrielle Teal

12th September 1993



Happy 18th Birthday

to our beautiful Granddaughter. Lots of love, Nana, Grandad and little Nan xxxxxxx

Liam John Williamson



Happy 9th Birthday 14th September 2011

Happy birthday to the BEST Grandson in the world. Yes! Liam, that's you! Lots of love from Nanna Yvonne and Grandad John xxxx

Ronnie and Karen Smith Wedding Anniversary



Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary 12th September 1981

To Mam and Dad, enjoy your day. Lots of love from Emma, Marc, Aimi, Craig and Meika. Also congratulations from the Firth, Jenkins and Birch families

Stacey Dickinson

Happy 21st Babe!

Hope you had a fab day! Lots of love always. Daz and Jodie xxxxxx

Richard Dolan

10th September 1990



Happy 21st Birthday

Started celebrating early. Hope you enjoy your birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Alie and all the family

Alwyn Wilson

10th September 1951



Happy Birthday Alwyn

All my love, now and always, Ken xxx
To a very special Mam on your 60th birthday. Love you always, Kirsty and Andrew xxx
To a very special lady on your 60th birthday. Love always, Louise and Peter xxx
To our Nanna! Love always, Jordan and Alannah xxx

Jon Elwell

14th September



Happy 40th Birthday

We love you so much! Lots of love, Tracey, Jayden, Mam, Dad, Abi, Liz and all your family and friends! xxxxxx :0)

Connor Mattison



Congratulations

on Passing Out as a Junior Lance Corporal from Winchester ATFC. Good luck for your Phase 2 Training as a REME Recovery Mechanic. Love, Mam and Tom xxx

NAJFC Under 7's Prepare for New Season



The Under 7's are preparing themselves for the start of the new season, by playing a friendly match against NAJFC Under 8's. On Thursday 1st September, both teams met at Woodham Community Technology College to play two games of 30 minutes (15 mins each way).

Both teams played extremely well which reflected in the results. The Under 7's won the first game and drew the second game. Well done to both teams.

The Under 7's played this friendly in their new strips which have been sponsored for the 2011/2012 season by AC Door Systems www.acdoorsystems.com - The team have trained throughout the summer and over the next month will continue to train at Woodham Community Technology College.

The Under 7's play their first game at Home to Ferryhill Town on Sunday 11th September 2011 and all the team is very excited and we look forward to seeing everyone there supporting the teams. We have some tough and exciting times ahead. Good luck boys. Visit us at www.najuniorfc.co.uk

FA VASE'S TURN TO MAKE FIRST AYCLIFFE VISIT!

This weekend will see the arrival of another famous trophy as Aycliffe prepare to welcome one of their biggest derby rivals to Moore Lane Park.

Just three weeks after the famous FA Cup came to Aycliffe, the Newtonians will welcome FA Vase football to the town for the first time, when they take on Shildon at home on Saturday (3pm kick-off).

The club are expecting a large crowd for the game, with admission £5 adults and £3 concessions, and they're advising fans to give themselves plenty of time to avoid any delays.

They're also asking visitors to show consideration to nearby residents when parking.

Chairman Gary Farley (pictured) said: "This is another big game for the club and we're expecting a healthy attendance."

"A small local police presence is again very much appreciated by the club, as it provides peace of mind, while traffic cones should alleviate parking potential problems."

"But the message to all visitors is to give



FIXTURES

Saturday 10th Sept.: Shildon (H), FA Vase R1Q, 3pm

Wednesday 14th Sept.: Jarrow Roofing (H) 7.30pm

Saturday 17th Sept.: Consett (H) 3pm

Wednesday 28th Sept.: Billingham Synthonia (H) 7.30pm

Saturday 1st Oct.: Marske United (A), 3pm

Wednesday 5th Oct.: Shildon (A), 3pm

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yourselves plenty of time or, better still, have a walk down and enjoy a pint in the bar before the game!"

Aycliffe suffered their first league defeat of the season at home to West Auckland last Friday night, losing their 100% home record to boot.

Daniel Hindmarsh's second-half double put the visitors two clear and Aycliffe couldn't find a way back into the game despite Ben Wood's 73rd-minute penalty.

Team: Spence, Oliver, Campbell, Tarling, Craddock, Peck, McMullen, Gardner, Wood, Appleby,

Gray. Subs used: Mellanby, Cooper. Unused: Close, Owen, Pocklington.

Star man: Mark Peck.

• Saturday's game at home to Shildon is the first of four back-to-back games at Moore Lane Park, followed by Jarrow Roofing on Wednesday, Consett next Saturday and then the return of Billingham Synthonia, who hammered Aycliffe in the FA Cup three weeks ago.

LAST GASP AGONY FOR AYCLIFFE

Newton Aycliffe 17 v Sedgefield 18

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club suffered an agonising last second defeat at home to neighbours and rivals Sedgefield in the first Durham and Northumberland Division 3 match of the season. After a promising pre-season, Aycliffe were forced by unavailability to make a number of changes to their squad.

The early exchanges set the pattern for the game, with Sedgefield being more robust and savvy in the forwards, whilst Aycliffe had an obvious pace advantage in the backs. The wet weather made handling very difficult which was to count against the home side as passing moves were usually ended by handling errors. The scoring began when Sedgefield went over for a try. The quality of the play remained poor and no more points were added in the half, leaving the score 5 - 0 to Sedgefield at the break.

Aycliffe fought back early in the half when newcomer Michael Dunn chased a downfield kick, his good work in driving the full back off the ball saw Chris Wilson pick up and score in the corner; Dave Gibson added the conversion from the touchline. Sedgefield regained the lead with two penalty goals. Aycliffe were back in the lead again when a well worked move saw Paul Ellis pop the ball to Darrell McLaren for the try. The lead was increased when Aycliffe's man of the match Craig Holmes made a fine break and Phill Sangster, in support, scored the try. The missed conversion saw Aycliffe 17 - 11 ahead with time running out.

Aycliffe had been conceding far too many penalties and, with Sedgefield desperately trying to get back in the game, they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts as time ran out. A quick tap saw them set up a maul and former Aycliffe player, Paul McCormack was able to just touch down. This left the conversion for Sedgefield to snatch the victory. As the kick went over, the Sedgefield players' joy was matched by Aycliffe's despair. Aycliffe seriously under-performed in this match and will have to improve when they host Seghill in their next match on 10th September. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the website at Aycliffe-rugby.co.uk

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