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Residents in Colburn Avenue and Russel Court have been complaining about the danger of trees near their homes for 2 years and it has taken the recent windy weather to prove them right.

The line of large trees have affected drains and caused trouble with internet reception. Residents have asked the County Council to remove or prune but were told the trees are healthy and require no work. "Neither County Councillors for the ward, Brian Stephens or Dorothy Bowman have acknowledged my e-mails" said Mr Wayne.

This week trees were blown over and branches fell off to cause damage to a fence and garage. If someone had been walking nearby their lives would have been in danger.

One large tree which was previously said to be safe has now been removed and on inspection was found to be hollow - not the usual state of a healthy tree.

Jimmy Bennett, Streetscene



Manager, said: "We are

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New Website for Music Junkies

A new local website for all music lovers has been setup by Newtonian Andrew Bush, www.northeastmusicjunkies.webs.com

His vision is to inform people of Music Events in and around the North East of England and to promote the website around the Newton Aycliffe area, North East Music Junkies



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Barbecue at the Aycliffe Nature Park

The Aycliffe Nature Park Association and the Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers (WEX) are happy to announce our late BBQ.

It will be held on Sunday 25th September and we hope to see all our friends and supporters to have a very enjoyable day as we have had in past years. Hopefully the weather will hold out and we can get the kids involved in some activities.

This year the BBQ is to be funded again by a generous donation raised by Honest John, which was presented to our Chairman Alan Warburton.

There will be one more event to be held this year on the Nature Park, a Bat and Moth Night, on Saturday 22nd October.

This will start at 8pm, and should go on until around 11pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and advised to dress warmly. Free soup and buns will be provided.

We have started to build up numbers in the Wildlife Explorers but still have a few spaces left if any young people out there are interested. If you want to know more about the Wildlife Explorers, please contact Alan.

A full list of events has been arranged for next year and can be seen on the Nature Park and published in the Newton News later in the year.

We are looking forward to meeting our friends, old and new. For further details contact Alan on 315182, or Dave: 317347.

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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, Lewthy, 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 get 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 Marky are solid as a rock at the back, Steve's got a great voice and Lewthy'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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Pub Charity Night Raised £611



Planning for The Huntsman Charity Night in aid of Great North Air Ambulance Service began back in June this year and was a daunting task for all. We had done charity events previously for Help for Heroes and for Comic Relief, but nothing on the scale of this new event. After obtaining the authority we required the hard work began visiting local businesses in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas asking for their support with our event. We obtained prizes from Cycleways (Neville Parade), The Worx (Cobblers Hall), The Olive Garden (Cobblers Hall), Stephen Russel Hair Design,

Lagoon Hair & Beauty (Woodham Village), Top Chef (Woodham Village, Mancini's (Woodham Village), Redz (Woodham Village), Elachi Restaurant and Takeaway, Pizza Cottage and Cuccina, Petals Florists, Prince's Valeting Services, Flossy Gifts (Darlington), The Hallgarth Hotel, The Eden Arms Macdonalds, Greggs, The Beauty Clinique (Chester-le-Street) and Shafto Way Service Centre. We thank all these Businesses for their help and The Huntsman customers Special thanks to Cycleways, who provided a Mountain Bike only 1 day prior to the event after we lost a prize promised by another business. The Event itself was a fantastic success, raising a grand total of £611.00 for the charity. It was very well supported and the pub was very busy on the night with many turning up in the 'uniformed' themed fancy dress, Police Officers, Firemen, Sailors, Army, Traffic Wardens, Doctors, Nurses and many more. Everybody had a brilliant night with the Karaoke, Disco, and raffle and really got in the spirit and also donated all they to the charity buckets carried round by Huntsman staff members Clark, Ellie and Kayleigh. Chris Broad (Event Co-ordinator) and Huntsman Landlady Michaela Postlewhite were invited to the Great North Air Ambulance Station at Durham Tees Valley Airport, where they presented the cheque. They were shown around the Station and the Helicopter, met all the Crew and even witnessed the Air Ambulance receiving a real-life Emergency Call, showing just how essential this Emergency Service is and how much it relies on public donations. The Huntsman plans a similar event next year for the Air Ambulance, but this time work will begin early giving us more time to make a bigger donation. Details will be published next year and anyone wishing to be involved should contact us. Once again a huge thank you to all involved in this event from The Huntsman and Great North Air Ambulance Service.

"Mama Mia" Under the Stars

Hall Garth Hotel is hosting a Charity Fundraising Cinema Night in aid of Kidney Research UK on Friday 23rd of September. "After the success of our first Cinema on the Green event in July, we are hosting our second, on Friday 23rd September. Guests can come along and enjoy a night time market selling everything from handbags and jewellery to gifts and homewares, before our open air showing of 'Mamma Mia' begins! A BBQ and outdoor bars will be open for guests to sample at really great prices! So let's encourage everyone to grab a picnic blanket and join us for a night under the stars. Tickets are only £10 each for this fantastic open air event and are available at www.eventelephant.com/cinemaonthegreeninaidofkidneyresearchukmamamia Alternatively they are available at the hotel reception.

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The menu includes paninis, wraps, meal deals, homemade cakes and scones, a take out service is also available.

The Street Café will also have exhibition space available in the near future for local art/craft entrepreneurs to display their work - anyone interested should contact The Work Place. This coincides with a brand new course range being offered at The Work Place:

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Costs include all course materials, certification, lunch and refreshments and there are discounts for group bookings. The courses are already proving popular and are set to be a great competitor in the training market.

Angela Wilkinson, Business Manager at The Work Place said 'I am delighted with the developments we are seeing here at The Work Place, the buzz of the place is a great sign for the future'. The Work Place, already playing host to meetings, conferences, training and corporate events, is a not-for-profit organisation.

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International Ltd under the direction of Geoffrey J.L.Hindmarch, who has already brought to the area stars Jimmy Cricket, Syd Little, Jess Conrad, Paul Daniels, Cannon & Ball and Danny La Rue. Marilyn last appeared for Showcase in 2007 at Spennymoor Town Hall alongside the great Danny La Rue in his final performance. Marilyn will appear with the sensational Paul Morgan (choreographer for Showcase) & the five professional Showcase

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Response to Stroke Care Consultation

Following a series of evidence gathering sessions members of the committee have agreed to support the option to have Hyperacute stroke services on a single site located at University Hospital, Durham. The committee's decision is based upon a wide range of clinical evidence put before members.

Before responding, the committee heard that the number of stroke cases in County Durham and Darlington in 2010 demonstrated that more patients experienced a stroke in County Durham than in Darlington. The number of patients going to the respective hospitals reflected this, with 925 to Durham and 683 to Darlington. The clinical evidence showed that faster access to essential diagnostic facilities such as ultrasound, CT and MRI scans is critical to ensuring stroke patients were diagnosed sooner and treatment could start quickly, particularly for those patients who needed thrombolysis (drugs used to break up a blood clot). Although facilities were available at both Durham and Darlington, the evidence pointed to more capacity

at Durham where patients would be able to access these vital tests sooner enabling quicker diagnosis with better health outcomes. Cllr Robin Todd, Chairman of Durham County Council's Adults, Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Committee said "It is clear that fast, safe access to specialist stroke services is essential to the survival and recovery of anyone experiencing a hyperacute stroke episode. Clinical quality and the best interests of the patient are always our first consideration when we look at this type of service change"

LINDEN PLACE AGM

Linden Place Residents Association are holding their Annual General Meeting at Sure Start, Stephenson Way on Tuesday 27th September at 6pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a quiz. All residents welcome. Any resident requiring a nomination form for election to the committee please contact Barbara at 107 or Linda at 134.

NEWTONIAN WEDS POLISH BRIDE IN BOTSWANA



Jonathan Laverick from Newton Aycliffe married Joanna Poweska from Poland were married at St. Paul's Church in Gaborone, Botswana on 27th August 2011. Both are teachers in Botswana and members of their families joined them for the wedding and the reception which followed at the local Yacht Club. Ex Avenue students will remember Jonathan who moved to Africa to teach Maths. He was featured in Newton News a couple of years ago when he appealed for support for a football team in Botswana. The Bridsemaid was Sylvia Warren and the Best Man Matthew Laverick-Elliott. Both sets of parents spent some time with the newlyweds on a Game and Water Drive in Kasane.

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Calling all Residents of Byerley Park

Great Aycliffe Town Council have recently taken over the management of several countryside sites in Aycliffe including Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve from Durham County Council. One of the first tasks Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to organise as part of their ongoing management of the area is to re-establish Friends of Byerley Park Nature Reserve, as they acknowledge that the community are a key factor in keeping the reserve in good condition.

Great Aycliffe Town

Council's Environment Officer has therefore organised an open meeting on Tuesday 4th October at 6pm at Greenfield Art's Centre to invite all interested parties to come along to discuss the new Friends group and how the Council can best help to facilitate the group to help maintain and improve the nature reserve. Anyone unable to make the meeting can contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 or e-mail steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.co.uk to register their interest in the group.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Environment Committee

Good news on dog bags! The committee agreed to continue supplying these free – to help prevent what can be a disgusting nuisance.

Very little vandalism over the summer – well done Aycliffe youth!

Plans for the Jubilee Woodland on Woodham Burn are proceeding smoothly; the Committee approved funding to meet a budget shortfall of £2875 (the woodland will save £1365 a year in grassland maintenance).

Finally, GAI Councillors Curtis and Ducker spoke about how dangerous the corner on Greenwell Road (by the Aldi building-site) has become, and proposed that the Council ask the developers to bring forward on health and safety grounds the intended zebra crossing. Council members feared that it would be impossible for the developers to change their schedules, but saw no harm in sending the letter. A member of the public suggested that changing the solid boards to mesh might have more effect, by improving visibility round

the corner.

Recreation Committee

Members heard that the Oak Leaf Junior Golf Team had won their League, and also the Champion of Champions match against Billingham. This is a great achievement, and the Council asked to send a letter of congratulation.

The Great Aycliffe Show had been a great success, but members were disappointed by the muddy conditions. Officers were asked to seek possible solutions, but it was feared that the cost of finding a solution would be prohibitive.

Members approved an exciting £40,000 refurbishment of Byerley Park Play Area – this scheme, budgeted for in the Council's Financial Plan, is part of its rolling programme of play-park improvements.

The Council also approved the external redecoration, and some internal redecoration, of the Oak Leaf Complex – again as part of its budgeted, rolling programme.

There has been a problem this summer with algal bloom in the upper West Park Lake. This is the unavoidable consequence of nutrient-rich water in a shallow, warm lake. Some of the nutrient is fertiliser washed down Woodham Burn, some of it is oil and other biological waste washed down from the Elmfield housing estate. The algae in the lake is NOT the poisonous blue-green variety, and it has NOT killed any ducks. In the past we used to drain and clean out the lakes (a dangerous, costly and smelly process), but since 1997 have instead suppressed the algae with a harmless additive which consumes the nutrients in the water. Cllr George Gray tried to propose that we recommence draining and clearing the lakes, but he could not get anyone to second his motion. Instead, Councillors agreed to continue the present maintenance regime as the best option available. (Incidentally, members were

informed that a number of female ducks had been killed, probably having been mobbed and drowned by groups of unattached male ducks seeking to mate with them. These unattached males are attracted to the lake because people feed the ducks.)

Finally, we had a bit of excitement about a bench in West Park. The Area Action Partnership recently funded two benches in West Park. A local resident then asked to provide a third bench, nearer to the car park, for the use of disabled people and families – a request which was declined. Cllr Gray asked for the matter to be referred back to the Council, and it was therefore discussed yet again at last Wednesday's meeting. Cllr Gray supplied a petition of half-a-dozen local people who wanted the bench and spoke in support of the bench. Speaking against the motion, Cllr Fleming stated that the proposed bench was too close to local houses – it would cause disturbance if it was used by groups of youths at night. The Council had recently refused a proposal for the other end of the park on the same grounds, that it was too close to houses.

At this point, Cllr Gray demanded a named vote. In the event, the proposal was defeated. Five GAI councillors voted with Cllr Gray, presumably wanting to support the wishes of local people. The Labour members voted against the proposal, presumably wanting to protect local people from disturbance.

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GARY'S NOT BLUE IN SECOND PLACE!

Dear Sir,

You were kind enough to feature a story in the summer about my nomination in the Best British Blues Broadcaster category of the British Blues Awards.

The winners were announced at Newark Blues Festival last Sunday, and I was runner up in my category. The winner was Paul Jones from BBC Radio 2, so I don't think I did too badly for an enthusiastic amateur!

Thanks again for your support. Gary Grainger

Apprentice Route to Success at Woodham

Two students from Woodham Community Technology College who took part in 'The Apprentice' programme during their final year of studies have excelled in their summer examination results.

Students Josh Barber, the eventual winner, and Nathan McGill, runner-up, undertook a range of industrial style challenges that

convinced Thyssenkrupp Tallent to offer them both apprenticeships in the company. The students accepted conditional offers in June, but needed to perform in their summer examinations.

They both excelled to achieve 13 A*-C GCSE grades with several at A* and A grades. They both also achieved A grades in Technology and B grades in Mathematics and English.



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Informed Choice & Facts on Future Energy

Dear Sir,
FACT: In an oil, coal or gas fired Power Station, fuel is burned to heat water and turn it into steam. The steam is then used to turn the steam turbines which then turn the generators.
FACT: Oil, coal and gas are non renewable resources and, within our lifetime, will become more scarce and expensive to import. It was ironic that in last week's excellent edition of Newton News, there was an advertisement for the Pitmen Painters Art Exhibition at the Greenfield Gallery.

The North East has paid a huge price in respect of the health and welfare of our pitmen and their families. Do we to go backwards or do we move forward? There is a definite split here and it seems that 90% of the 'Environment' issues are more about "what effect will this have on the price of my property" as opposed to "what can we do to ensure our children have more sustainable energy supplies in THEIR future". Informed choice and facts, that is what is important.
Sue, Woodham

WOODHAM COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL



From 23rd - 26th August, Woodham Community Technology College opened its doors to Year 6 pupils from their family of primary schools. The aim of the Summer School was to allow students to benefit from a week of activities in a relaxed and fun environment. It was an ideal opportunity for students to find their way around the college, meet some of the staff, and, make new friends before they even started at Woodham.

The Summer School was short and intense. The main priority was to make it an enjoyable leaning experience. Activities included making scrap books, monster puppets and having fun outdoors. Students were rewarded for their hard work on a daily

basis and at the end of the Summer School there was an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of those who had participated. On Friday 26th August, the group spent a day at the Life Centre which included the Wallace and Gromit Exhibition, "A

World of Cracking Ideas". Tracy Tait, Head of Transition/Year 7 commented, "Summer School 2011 was an excellent week and I was so encouraged to see our new students excited by their experiences and raring for the new term to start at Woodham"

VILLAGE HARVEST ACTIVITIES

St Andrew's Church hold their Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 18th September with a Service of Harvest Praise at 6pm.
A Service will also be held in the Village School on Friday 23rd September at 9.30am.
A Harvest Supper and Auction will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th September at 7pm. Admission is £4, Children under 11 years - 50p. All proceeds to "Farm Africa".



The next Shafto/St Mary's PACT Meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd September 2011 at St Mary's Church, Burn Lane at 6pm. Everyone welcome.
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make changes to improve their health and wellbeing. Drop in for a chat and find out how easy it is to change your lifestyle, it's easy when you know how. For further information please contact Angela on 07890 642 689 or email: healthtrainers@pcp.uk.net

MP Speaks in Wind Farm Debate

Phil Wilson MP (Sedgefield) spoke in a debate he secured last week on plans to build the biggest wind farm in England in his constituency near Newton Aycliffe. The debate took place in Westminster Hall on 7th September. He called on the government to "Save County Durham from too many wind turbines and that Ministers must act to stop the North East becoming the land of wind." Phil said that County Durham now have 16 wind farms with another being given planning permission. "It was time for the rest of the country to share the burden as well as the benefits of renewable energy," said Phil.

Agnew Centre NEWS

The TABLE TOP SALE on Sunday 18th September at 11am to 2pm at the Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close is cancelled! FREE FAMILY FILM NIGHT Please note starts at 6pm and not 5pm as stated last week with doors opening at 5-30pm All Families welcome. SOCIAL DROP IN SESSIONS at our Centre will be on the following dates, Wednesday October 4th at 1-30pm and Thursday October 13th at 6-30pm. The Committee/Trustee's invite all local inhabitants to drop in and pay us a visit and enjoy a free cuppa & nibbles, while having a look round our pleasant Centre, Find out what we are trying to achieve for the benefit of the local community and have a chat and tell us what you would like to happen or bring up other items you would like to discuss. Please pop in as all are welcome and we will be very happy to see you on those dates. Should you require to speak to someone prior to any of these dates then please ring our Vice Chairman, Margaret Lovelady on 01325-319857.

Nana Opens Her Kitchen in Aycliffe



Gloria Cox and family moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1970 when her husband Brian found employment in the town. She always loved to bake and cook and in between raising 5 children worked in catering when circumstances allowed. She loves homemade fresh food herself and knows how hard it is to find so decided to start her own business from home, delivering food 13 years ago.

Gloria was absolutely run off my feet and the demand was so high she couldn't cope from home and decided to close the business. Then she noticed 'The Bait Box' for sale last year and thought it would be the perfect opportunity to do what she loved doing - homemade food at an ideal location on the Aycliffe Business Park. As her husband had just retired and she had more time on her hands she took over the Cafe specialising in home-made fresh food! When looking for a new name for the business one of her 17 grandchildren insisted she call it "Nana's Kitchen" because it belongs to their Nana. "We have now become well established selling fresh home-made food to eat in or takeaway, offering free, deliveries anywhere on the town for orders over £10. We have fresh deli

sandwiches made to order, jacket potatoes, English breakfasts, pastries and have just invested in a machine to make real lattes, espressos and cappuccino's" said Gloria. All the family including hubby Brian are supporting "Nana's" with Tina as Manager, Lucy taking care of the paperwork, Son Brian as handyman and her other two sons delivering orders in their spare time.

CHARITY DINNER FOR "HELP THE HEROES"

Surgical staff from Darlington Memorial Hospital have arranged their annual Charity Ball at The Hall Garth Hotel Coatham Munderville on 30th September, in aid of Help for Heroes. Help for Heroes was chosen as many of the surgeons are linked to the armed services and have seen active service. They have seen first hand the devastation injury has on young lives. The order of the night is glamour, with red carpet, a live auction - prizes donated from premiership football clubs and local businesses. Tickets are £30 including 3 course dinner, auction, raffle and dancing. Tickets are still available from Sister Margaret Clothier, Ward 32, 01325 743515 or 01325 308114 Please help us to support our Heroes.

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See our exhibition of portraits from the Durham Learning resources collection. Work includes artists such as Norman Cornish, Sarah Jane Szikora and Elizabeth Frink. This runs from 6th Oct - 9th Nov 2011. We have lots of activities for you to try as part of this programme.

Family face painting is guaranteed to put a smile on your face as well as teach you new skills. If this doesn't attract your attention then "keeping a straight face" will in our improvisation drama workshops.

They will be a right laugh and help build confidence. These workshops are for young people. We also have break dancing, family feed your face session, free dance mats, free craft sessions and a free film night. We also have a free live performance from Jazz in your Pants - a young lively brass group on Monday 26th Sept at 7.00pm. For more information about our full programme please contact Greenfield Community and Arts Centre, Newton Aycliffe on 01325 379 048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED £625

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex on Friday, 9th September 2011.

The event was a huge success with an amount of £625.45 being raised for her nominated charities, the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations.

The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely: Gregg Little Testing Centre, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Don Walker Butchers, E.W. Knapton (Insurance) Ltd., Newton Press, John Wade Haulage Ltd., Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, The Village Pharmacy, Great Aycliffe Town Council Aslan Golf Ltd., Oakleaf Golf Club, Ellies Pies, R.F.M.D. (UK) Ltd.

The hospitality tent at the 6th tee was well received and the Mayor would like to thank fellow Councillors and friends for helping with the organisation of the refreshments.

The presentation evening and dinner was held at The Oakleaf Sports Complex



Function Room and the winners of the competition were Oak Leaf Golf Club. The Mayor presented the team with the annual 'Hydro Polymers' Trophy. Second: J.M.D. Associates Ltd. Third: North East Decorators.

Individual Winners G. Crane (R.F.M.D. UK Ltd.) Longest Drive (2nd Hole): Carl Pepper (J.M.D. Associates). Nearest the Pin (4th) John Billany (N. Aycliffe Rotary) Nearest the Pin (11th) Tony Pepper (J.M.D. Associates) Nearest the Pin (13th) Tony Whelan (Sabre Rail)

CONCERT AT BOWES

Why not join the Friends of The Bowes Museum when they host The Chanterland Players on Saturday 8th October at 7.30 pm?

The Chanterland Players who consist of Ian Denley, flute, Helen Bidden, oboe, and Robert Markham, piano, are a well known North Eastern Trio.

They play their own brand of classical music which will include pieces by Georg Philippe Telemann, Madeleine Dring and Philippe Gaubert. This should be an evening of high quality and entertaining music.

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The club's new acting general manager Jason Lees said: "This is one of a range of new promotions and offers we're looking to introduce to try to encourage more fans to use our superb facilities on matchdays, while also improving the matchday experience for supporters."

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House of Eden offers first class facilities for all pre-school aged children and is Ofsted registered. Vicky manages the new nursery after achieving 'Ofsted Outstanding' at the House of Eden Nursery in Aycliffe Village Primary School. Everyone is welcome, ring Vicky on 01325 315623 to arrange a visit.

SUPPORT FOR WIND FARMS

Dear Sir,
I would like to lend support to wind farms as I believe in them. Surely they are the best way forward along with any other technology that avoids putting pollutants into the atmosphere.

We should be considering what is best for our children and future generations especially if we can get away from nuclear power and the removal of nuclear waste. Why is it in this country when something good comes along people come out and argue against it? Some from high places should know better and start considering the lives of others and our future existence on this planet. I believe what they are really saying is don't place it here - put in somebody else's patch.

I agree with Jonathna Hall and would definitely have a wind turbine in my back garden along with the solar panels I may soon be getting. Give me clean energy any day!
Roger McNeal
Tunstall Road

Bizarre Boundary Changes says M.P.

Dear Sir,
The Parliamentary boundary changes for Sedgefield and Newton Aycliffe are bizarre. The proposals made by the Boundary Commission are provisional but do not take into consideration local communities.

According to the Commission the new constituency would contain half of Shildon and the whole of Yarm south of Stockton!

Sedgefield has always been a diverse constituency, but at least it was located entirely in County Durham. The proposed new constituency of Sedgefield and Yarm would consist of Newton Aycliffe and Ingleby Barwick near Stockton on Tees. The area of the constituency would cover part of County Durham, Darlington and Stockton Boroughs and two police authorities. It will also

cross the river Tees. Both Newton Aycliffe and Ingleby Barwick are great places to live, but where is the shared identity?

The Commission's proposals are in draft form and are open to consultation. I would like to hear your views.

Please write to me at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4EE or phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk

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ATHLETICS NEWS

Nottingham Half Marathon, thought to be the most scenic city centre half marathon in the UK, combining fast road sections, deer parks and the university campus, was the choice of race for Laura Lineton on Sunday. Laura was really happy to complete the course in 1:57:46.

Sedgefield Serpentine Trail Race Sunday 11th September.

Several members of Aycliffe Running Club braved the strong winds on Sunday to take part in the Sedgefield Serpentine race which is described as a scenic and

undulating off road route of approximately 6.5 miles on paths and fields around Bishop Middleham and Hardwick Park.

First home for the club was George Reid in 42:44 with Lee Wren on his heels in 42:45. Next was Matt Heron 46:42, Kevin Greenall 50:01 and Denise Hall 42:30. Gary Minns, feeling the effects of a hill training session on Friday, battled to the end to put in a good performance of 54:39 closely followed by Penny Johnson in 55:18. A great effort by everyone especially considering the very difficult weather conditions.

Durham Big Ride - The Beast Sunday 11th September

Organised by Durham County Council, The Beast is one of Durham's Big Rides. It is a 50 mile route to cater for the more experienced cycling enthusiast. The route starts at Sniperley in Durham and reaches it's highest point at Tow Law before returning and eventually descending into Durham. The route is challenging as it takes in most of the hills in the north and west of the county but has fabulous scenery and unrelenting climbs. Peter Milburn, a member of Aycliffe Running Club took part and was very pleased to knock 4 minutes off last years time despite the very windy conditions.

Good luck to everyone taking part in the Great North Run. Details about Aycliffe Running Club can be found at www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk/

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The Options Social Club are having a Disco- Karaoke for young adults with learning and physical disabilities on Thursday 22 September, 6pm-8pm.

The social club is run by the Options Project at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. The Disco-Karaoke is £2 entry and open to any disabled people who want to go along and have a good sing and dance, or just to meet some new people.

Colin Grainger, Disability Services Co-ordinator with the Pioneering Care Partnership said: "The Social Club is where members meet and make new friends, take part in activities such as pool, table tennis, bingo and discos. The project also gives carers a break from their caring responsibilities."

The Options Social Club is held fortnightly at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, on Thursdays 6pm-8pm.

The Options Project is managed by local charity The Pioneering Care Partnership. It provides educational and social opportunities to promote independence, choice and personal development. Anyone wanting to know more please contact the Centre on 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

Town's U18's FA Youth Cup Debut



Bids Wanted for Two Football Match Tickets

Newton Aycliffe Judo Club are looking to raise funds to send the class to see Judo at the Olympics in 2012. They have been donated 2 tickets for Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion on Saturday 1st October 2011, they are in the North Upper Stand and include 2 passes for the Black Cats Borrow.

These are being auctioned off to the highest bidder. All bids must be submitted and received by 25th September and the lucky winner will need to collect any pay for the tickets by the 27th September 2011. If more than one person submits the same bid then the name will be drawn out of the hat. Bids must be logged via text or telephone to Lisa on 07522180968. Please give generously, this is to support the children who attend the club to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Judo at Olympic level. In addition any donations would be gratefully received.

If you would like to try Judo the classes are held at Newton Aycliffe Recreation Centre at the following times.

Tuesday 16.30 - 17.30 for 5 to 8 years

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19.30 - 21.30 for Adults

Thursday 16.30 - 18.30 Mixed ages

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Newton Aycliffe FC's Under-18s will make their bow in the FA Youth Cup next week.

The youth team, managed by Steve Grocott and Craig Morley, go to Bootham Crescent to take on Conference outfit York City's Under-18s on Wednesday September 21, kick-off 7.30pm.

It will be the club's debut in the competition made famous by the likes of past winners David Beckham, Paul Scholes, Michael Carrick, Joe Cole and Paul Gascoigne.

"It promises to be a great experience for the boys," said joint-manager Morley. "The FA Youth Cup is a fantastic competition, and it will be a tough game for us but the lads should go and enjoy playing on a quality surface."

Admission to the game next Wednesday is £3 adults and £1 concessions.

TOWN COUNCIL TURN DOWN GIFT OF PICNIC BENCH FOR DISABLED

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank those residents of West Ward who supported me in trying to get a picnic bench in a convenient place at West Park for disabled people.

The Town Council turned down my original request, as they had no money, but SBH read my letter in Newton News and passed it on to Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership for AAP funding. The cash was granted and the Town Council were given six benches to locate in our parks. Unfortunately the two benches they put in West Park were too far away from the car park where the bus for the disabled people stops for picnics. Obviously being disabled they cannot walk too far from the bus.

I complained about the location and the Town Council said neighbours had objected to a picnic bench near to their homes. I visited each neighbour and raised a petition which showed no objections! I also offered to pay for the bench.

The Council reconsidered the request at the meeting held on 7th September and turned down my offer to provide a bench where it is most needed.

I believe you become a Councillor to serve the people, not your Party, when you ask for their support at elections.

Three Labour Party West Ward Councillors voted

against a member of the public wishing to provide a picnic bench for disabled people. The rest of the Labour Group on our "caring" Town Council went along with them, ignoring the petition! This is not serving the people - it is following the Labour Party's Group decision and indicating victimisation of a councillor representing the

West Ward who defected from Labour and whose wife, a former Councillor and Mayor, made the request.

I wish to thank the Independent Councillors for supporting my request, but they were outvoted by a Labour group decision which I am sure your readers will find hard to understand.

Maud Gray

Councillors Attendance Figures Easily Checked

Dear Sir,
I can allow for a bit of a misunderstanding in Arun Chandran's letter on the setting up of the Great Aycliffe Independents Party as he is a member of the Labour Party. He would not know what we did or did not do - he just surmises, hence the inaccurate statements made.

I was not the brains behind the setting up of the GAI, it was a joint decision taken by a group of like-minded Town Councillors who are dedicated to the welfare and wellbeing of the residents of our town and village.

Obviously the point about Ed Milliband proposals to take money for the Labour Party from councillors allowances hit a raw nerve. As for the allegation that GAI members used their allowance to pay to be a registered minor

political party, and used it to fight parish elections, is totally untrue.

The GAI members each made a personal contribution for the set up costs to register the party with the Electoral Commission and the by-elections were paid for by the candidates themselves.

Attendance of Councillors is an easy area to attack but can also give wrong impressions. Great Aycliffe Town Council publish these figures for anyone wishing to check.

Like most other taxpayers, I like to see value for money, even from councillors, but Arun's question completely misses the instances where a genuine illness can have an impact on attendance records.

Kenneth Stubbs
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Has common sense gone out of the window? I parked in a disabled bay and had to reverse onto the footpath to get out as some thoughtless driver blocked me in and I spent a month recovering from an injured spine.

A vehicle RY04ZFP blocked me in and I missed taking my medication on time. I was very angry and worried as I waited for the driver to return. Where are traffic wardens or car park attendants? - Four times it has happened to me. Where did these people learn to drive? Tesco's disabled bays are used by people who are not disabled and who have no conscience. They are putting more stress and strain on disabled people having to carry their shopping. Why do they enjoy hurting people?

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for the renewable energy subsidy the government has promised the electricity companies (out of our pockets)! So we pay THREE times for wind power – once for the wind power, once for the standby station, and a third time for the subsidy. Secondly, I was dismayed that Mr Hall attacked retired people, whom he seems to think are hugely rich! In fact it is retired people, with their limited, often fixed incomes, who will be most harmed by the rises in fuel costs associated with a shift to wind power. As we slide into recession, those rising prices are

going to throw millions of people into fuel poverty – and it is pensioners, and those on benefits, who will be first and WORST-hit. And why are we building these monstrosities – is it for electricity WE need? Not at all! The electricity they produce will go to the energy-guzzling south. But don't worry. As we retired people sit in our cold houses, we will be able to gaze eastwards at the dozens of wind turbines, and know that we are keeping the southerners in the lifestyle to which they have always been accustomed.
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Coming Soon! Line Dancing and Boot Camp, watch local press for details.

For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

Neville Methodist Church Activities

Saturday 24th September - Table Top Sale

Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October Industrial Harvest Festival

Monday 3rd October - Quiz Night

Saturday 15th October - Craft Fayre

Saturday 12th November - Christmas Fayre

Friday 16th December - Saturday 17th December - Journey to Bethlehem

Wednesday 21st December - Christmas Messy Church

We extend a warm welcome to you to come along and join in any or all of our coming events in the next few months. For further information tel. 313397

Don't forget the table top sale. There is still time to book a table, there will also be craft stalls and delicious bacon butties on sale.

What's on in Aycliffe Village

The second breakfast club held at Aycliffe Village hall on Saturday, September 10th, was another success with £230 being raised for village hall funds.

Thanks go to Joy-Marie Unisex Hair Design for sponsoring the event. The morning saw the launch of a second-hand book club when visitors could take their old books and browse for some new ones. Children were helped to make some colourful kites which were flown in the village hall grounds. The next breakfast club takes place on Saturday, October 8th.

Other dates for your diary include Tuesdays (next one is September 20th) at the village hall when there are three activities to choose from. People who would like to learn how to use a computer or browse the internet can attend sessions at the village hall from 6-8pm in the computer room. One-to-one assistance will be available and the cost is 1 per session. For details, call Alan Harley on 01325-315733.

On the same night, burn away some calories by attending Zumba classes. The classes take place in the main room at the village hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm; the cost is £4 a session. And wind down at the end of the day with yoga classes which take place in the main hall, from 8pm-9.30pm.

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Obituary

Eleanor Barker (Nellie)



Passed away peacefully at Aycliffe Care Home on 15th September 2011. Rest peacefully. Will, Christine, Norma, Jimmy and families

Thank You

Andy and Lou Got Hitched!!

2nd September 2011



Thanks to everyone who made our day so special
... xxxx

ON BEHALF of Alan Smailes who passed away on 10th September, Anne and family would like to say a special thank you to Dr Jose and all the staff at the Jubilee Medical Centre and the staff at the Village Pharmacy. Heartfelt thanks to Sister Andrea McFadden, “the Nurse with the Golden Heart”.

DOT FRASER would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers she received from her recent stay in hospital. A special thank you to Dr Stephenson and all the staff at James Cook Hospital and to all my family for the care and support before and after my operation.

JOHN & ANN and David & Brenda Moore wish to thank Fred Robinson and the Funeralcare from Ferryhill for their kindness in looking after our Mum, Lilian. A special thanks to Michael Pullan who gave us a loving and thoughtful Service at Durham Crematorium. Thank you to the carers at Rose Lodge Care Home for looking after Mum for the last three and a half years, and especially the last days of her life. Thank you to all relatives and friends for the cards, flowers and donations to the Alzheimers Society. Thank you all for your kind thoughts during this sad time

GEORGE WHEATLEY and family would like to express their deepest gratitude for all the cards and phone calls received following Kath Wheatley’s death on 27th August. The family would also like to say a very special thank you to Dr McKinty and Dr Hewitt of Bewick Crescent Surgery for their care and support. Also a huge thank you to all the carers from Dale Care and to Whitehouse Funeral Services for their incredible support too.

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Sarah Clark



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Adam



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In particular the Under 7's had an outstanding start to the Season by scoring 13 goals at their very first league game. They hosted Ferryhill Town and both teams were very excited at the start of the game refereed by a former club member, Jack Slatcher. He started playing with the club at the age of 5 in the Development Team and progressed through the years playing his last game with the Under 16's last season. It was a very windy day and both teams adapted well to

the conditions. NAJFC got the upper hand very early on in the game by scoring the first goal. At half time the Management team changed the players around and they continued scoring throughout the game, putting the ball past Ferryhill Town's goalkeeper 13 times! The final result was NAJFC 13, Ferryhill Town 0.

Manager Craig Turnbull and his Coaches Marc Addy, Adam Cayless are very proud of the team's attitude and performance at this game and would like to thank everyone who came and supported them. Well done boys. Our next League Game is on Sunday 25th September Away to Newton Aycliffe Youth, kick off time to be arranged. The team is sponsored by AC Door Systems www.acdoorsystems.com. Visit us at www.najuniorfc.co.uk

AYCLIFFE F.C. WELCOME CONSETT TO MOORE LANE

Newton Aycliffe will re-start their Northern League campaign this weekend with a tough tie at home to Consett. The Newtonians will entertain last season's first division runners-up on Moore Lane Park at Aycliffe Sports Club this Saturday (September 17, 3pm kick-off). The difficult league test comes seven days after Aycliffe's 0-0 draw with neighbours Shildon in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase last Saturday.

Boss Allan Oliver will be hoping his troops can build on what has been a steady start to life in the top flight, with three wins and three draws in their opening seven games placing them eighth in the table.



"It's another big ask for us but that's what the first division is all about," said Oliver (pictured).

"Consett are a seasoned Northern League club with a top manager and some quality players which finished second last season, and have boosted their squad with the signing of ex-Hartlepool United striker Michael Mackay this summer.

"So it'll be another hard game but, as always, we're looking forward to the challenge. This is why we wanted to win promotion last season, to welcome quality sides like Consett.

"Our supporters continue to back us and the support we're getting never ceases to amaze us – our players are reminded of that every week.

"Let's hope we can reward them with a strong home performance on Saturday, and if we can get anything out of the game I'll be pleased with that."

Consett are currently fifth in the table, level on points with Aycliffe but with a slightly better goal difference, and lost their first away game of the season at West Auckland last Saturday, going down 2-0.

Aycliffe's draw with Shildon

Football as it is Meant to be Watched

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Board of Management of Shildon Football Club I would like to publicly thank NAFC for the hospitality they showed the officials, players and supporters of our club when we played them at Moore Lane in the FA Vase.

Both teams play in the Northern League, which throughout the South West Durham area in general is an untapped source of passion and commitment. If your readers have not yet taken in a Northern League game, I urge them to do so where they will find the commitment and passion as great as that at more senior levels, and opposing supporters mix freely in a safe environment.

Football in our league is played and watched in the manner it is meant to be, and everyone parts at the end of the game with a handshake. Give it a spin and take the kids.

Norman Smith
Shildon AFC

FIXTURES

Sat Sept 17: Consett (H) 3pm
Weds Sept 21: Team Northumbria (H), 7.30pm Cup
Weds Sept 28: Billingham Synthonia (H) 7.30pm
Sat Oct 1: Marske United (A), 3pm
Weds Oct 5: Shildon (A), 3pm
Sat Oct 8: Newcastle Benfield (H), 3pm
Sat Oct 15: Dunston UTS (A) 3pm
Sat Oct 22: Penrith (H) 3pm
Sat Oct 29: West Auckland Town (A), 3pm

last Saturday attracted a crowd of 379 to Moore Lane, the biggest attendance in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase competition (the next highest was Merthyr Town with 261).

The goalless draw meant they had to replay the tie at Dean Street on Wednesday night.

Team: Pocklington, Oliver, Campbell, Tarling, Close, Peck, Broom, Gardner, Appleby, B Wood, Gray. Subs used: Mellanby, Robson. Unused: Owen, McMullen. Star Man: Mark Peck.

Aycliffe's midweek league game at home to Jarrow Roofing this week had to make way for their FA Vase replay. The Blues also face another two home games next week – against second division side Team Northumbria in the league cup on Wednesday, followed by Billingham Synthonia in the league next Saturday. www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training, continued their recent good form with an easy eight wicket victory at home to Burnhope in the top division of the North East Durham League.

Playing his 400th game for Aycliffe, captain Chris Palmer won the toss and had no hesitation in asking the visitors to bat first on a damp pitch. Veteran Aycliffe medium pace bowler Alan Michie proved almost unplayable as he dismissed five opposition batsmen for just 28 runs from his nine overs.

Slow left arm spinner Luke Telford also bowled well taking 3 for 22 and 17 year old Michael Howe chipped in with 2 for 23 as Burnhope were skittled for just 88 after 27.4 overs. In reply opening batsman Luke Telford lead the way with a typically aggressive unbeaten 54 to earn him the man of the match tag. He was given good support from his brother Graham, who scored 18 runs as Aycliffe romped home to an emphatic win in the 19th over. Aycliffe travel the short distance to champions elect Coundon for their final game of the season on Saturday 17th September and will be hoping to spoil the home team's party.

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