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Above are just some of the partnership members who have worked on this project which will bring

great benefits to the Centre and the local community, which hopefully others will follow.

In the photo are Paul Gittins Ward Councillor, Brian Riley Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Partnership, David Glossop Woodham Trustee, Joan Gray Ward Councillor, and David Sutton-Lloyd Community Centre Treasurer.

Many others have been involved and Woodham Community Centre would like to thank the following: Durham County Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Team led by Ian Bloomfield for excellent technical advice and the Funding Support Team from Durham County Council.

We are very grateful to David Glossop, one of Woodham Community Centre's Trustees, and a scientist by profession, who took on the task of examining and advising the Committee on technical points.

David Glossop and David Sutton-Lloyd will be happy to assist and advise any other voluntary organisation.

AUCTION

A Grand Auction Sale at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham is to be held on Saturday 8th October from 10 am until 1 pm. Tea and coffee will be available.

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The healthy cooking, smoothie sampling and exercise sessions were popular and over 60 people took advantage of the free health check.

The event was also well supported with many local services having 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.

Further Roadshows are scheduled for:

Ferryhill, Mainsforth & District Community Association on Tuesday 11 October 2-6pm

Spennymoor Community Fire Station on Friday 28 October 2-7pm

Shildon Locomotion Museum in November and Cornforth Community Centre in February 2012

The Healthy Life Roadshows have been arranged by the Pioneering Care Partnership and supported by the Sedgfield Health



Network which is made up of many partners including Durham County Council, NHS representatives, the Fire & Rescue Service and Voluntary and Community Sector. Jane Hartley, Chief Executive for the Pioneering Care Partnership said: "As the dark nights approach this fun events will give children and adults a taster of the many indoor physical activity opportunities available in this area. People will also find an array of information on what is available in the Sedgfield area to help you make a difference to your life and your family's life." For further details contact: the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net, www.pcp.uk.net

A rail museum is on the right track for the future after bosses renewed an agreement with the local authority.

The National Railway Museum and Durham County Council have agreed to continue their partnership as managers of Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon.

The venue, which opened in September 2004, houses part of the National Railway Collection and the local history collections of the former Timothy Hackworth Museum.

The renewal of the joint agreement safeguards the future of the attraction and the collections currently housed there for the foreseeable future.

Steve Davies, Director of the National Railway Museum, said: "The renewal of the partnership agreement between the National Railway Museum and Durham County Council is a milestone event in the management and continuous development of the site."

"Since opening its doors to the public in 2004, Locomotion has established itself as a strong North East attraction, enhancing the cultural experience available to both local residents and visitors from further afield as well as providing significant benefits to the regional economy."

"We look forward to building on our close relationship with Durham County Council and celebrating many successes for years to come."

Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon is part of the National Museums of Science and Industry group of museums, which include the



Science Museum, in London, the National Media Museum, in Bradford, and the National Railway Museum, in York.

However, it is the only one of the venues to be run as a formal partnership between a local authority and national body.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "Locomotion is a fantastic venue and the renewal of the joint agreement means this unique partnership can continue."

"The popular steam shuttles between Locomotion and York over recent weekends are just one of the many examples of how the museum enables visitors to experience the wonders of steam."

"Despite the difficult financial times, we are operating in it is important that we continue to offer our residents quality attractions like Locomotion."

The formal signing of the joint agreement at Locomotion: the National Railway Museum at Shildon was witnessed by

Steve Davies; Cllr Simon Henig; Brian Greenwood, Chair of the Locomotion Museum Board; Cllr Dennis Morgan, Chairman of Durham County Council; and Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development.

Kurling & Quiz Night

The Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club in Newton Aycliffe are holding a joint event at Neville Community Centre on Saturday 8th October at 7pm. Come along and enjoy indoor Kurling and a Fun Quiz Night.

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"The first set was a good mix of well known songs from Mottos, Jethro Tull, Golden Earring, Free and AC/DC. Second set was Deep Purple as this is their trade mark. Cliff on drums (ex White Noise) and Gaz on bass have created a really tight and punchy rhythm section. Mr. Big was excellent, really showing off Gaz's skills. John on vocals, was suffering with a chest infection but it didn't stop him delivering, with a good, high and gritty rock vocal. Mal... is Mal. Looks and plays like Blackmore, has all the moves and the sound of Mr. B, but can also show he's really good at the other stuff as well. All in all it was a good show, good crowd, nice choice of rock classics mixed with the best of Purple." - Jarekmao Review

Saturday 15th October - "1977"
ROCKERMOUTH REVIEW FROM "STORMIN THE CASTLE"
"For me probably the band I was looking forward to seeing the most at Stormin'. Simply because I knew that the punk covers that they play would be such a great alternative musical taste, and that the typical assembled Stormin' audience would absolutely lap this lot up. Sure enough 1977 did the job splendidly! Lots of classic late 70's punk anthems from the Sex Pistols, Clash, Jars, SLF, D'med, plus many more. Again it was just a brief one-hour slot in which to deliver a show, but with some of their songs clocking in at 3 minutes or less than they managed to bang in a multitude of tunes with plenty of variety. This crowd just grew and grew as the group continued to belt out anthem after anthem, and obviously the audience were becoming a lot more animated & lairy too, ha-ha. I was just as happy watching the crowd having a great time as I was watching the band play. There was a fantastic atmosphere building up in the main tent, and 1977 were making it to the max. The sound mix for them was even better than the previous band, and now I could say that the quality of the rig was easily as good as any prior years of this rally. Bill's bass guitar sound was huge, Cass' drum kit had never sounded bigger nor better, and Jakka's guitar tone cut through the mix like a broadsword. This was big step forward from their typical pub gigs using their own small vocal P.A. systems. Stadium rock had finally arrived for 1977 after 15 years of slogging their backsides off around the north east, and boy didn't they suit it so well! This 3-piece band came alive on this bigger stage, and the crowd absolutely loved them."

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a final decision, which is likely to be demolition due to the cost of repairs, the Town Council would like to hear from community groups who may have a use for the building and may be able to undertake the refurbishment/repair works. For further information, please contact the Town Clerk, Andrew Bailey, at the Council Offices on 01325 300700.

GREEN FINGERED AYCLIFFE FAMILY WIN REGIONAL PRIZE



A FAMILY from Newton Aycliffe have been awarded first prize in a gardening competition by house builder Miller Homes that aimed to find the best garden across its 10 developments region-wide. Kevin and Jill Chatt along with their two children Lauren aged nine and Amy, eight, beat off stiff competition to win with their woodland themed garden, which boasts a fruit and vegetable patch, animal feeders, a water feature and rock garden. Judged by BBC Newcastle gardening show presenter Marian Foster and Newcastle-based Cowell's Garden Centre manager Martin Cowell, the family have won £100 worth of plant vouchers and a 4ft acacia garden bench by designer Alexander Rose for their efforts. Mrs Chatt, who along with her husband Kevin, run their own home improvement business Durham Design said: "We are so thrilled to have won the competition - the children are especially excited as they helped put the vegetable boxes together. The accolade of owning the best garden across all of

Miller Homes' North East developments is something we are very proud of. "The children have really enjoyed watching the garden grow from an un-turfed piece of land to a beautiful and colourful place they can play and grow their own fruit and vegetables for their packed lunch boxes. "We take immense pride in our garden, utilising our space by growing a range of wonderful plants, vegetables and fruit full of foliage, with different textures, shapes, and colours." Miller Homes launched the competition last month to encourage residents on its developments to roll up their sleeves and make the most of their new gardens. The competition presented an ideal opportunity for home owners to get creative with their garden and see them evolve from a blank canvas to a self-created leisure space. BBC Newcastle's Marian

Foster said: "We chose Kevin and Jill's garden because of its beautiful and thoughtful design with good shapes and areas of interest. It has a good choice of plants and an attractive rock garden. Every space is visually interesting." Cowell's Garden Centre manager Martin Cowell said: "All the entries were of a very high standard and I was thrilled to see so many people making the most of their gardens. I hope the bench and vouchers will create even more enjoyment for the family in their beautiful garden."

Boxing Club Badly Treated

Dear Sir,
May I add my support for the boxing club, on behalf of the Independent Town Councillors. It is disgusting that such a long serving club should be evicted because the youth centre wants a dance club instead. It could be that a Management Committee member who is councillor has something to do with it as I know she does not like boxing. The boxing club had many people go through its doors over the years and has enjoyed much success with no reports of trouble. The Youth Centre is run, like all things on the town, by a Labour Group quango whose sole aim is to stop things happening, just like the disabled group who were denied the gift of a picnic bench in West Park. Alan Warburton Great Aycliffe Independent Councillor.

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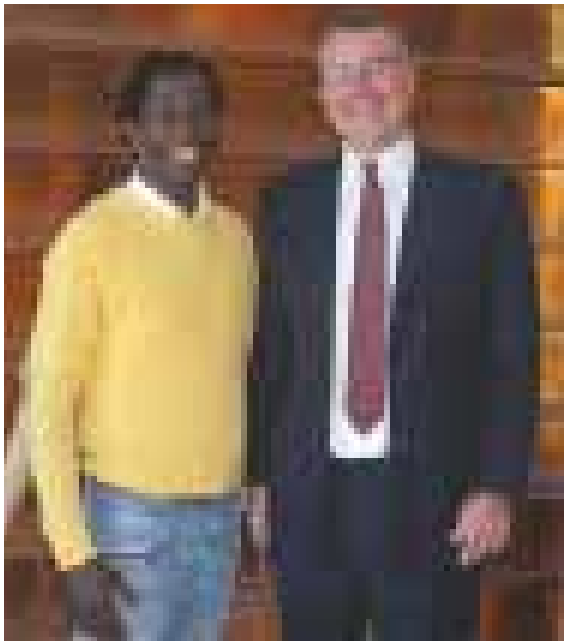
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Aycliffe Firm Wins Valuable South African Contracts

A workplace training firm has expanded into South Africa and landed a string of contracts with multinationals including global security group G4S, confectionary giant Mars and BAE Systems within months of being the subject of a takeover deal. Nine months ago Newton Aycliffe based High Force Training (HFT) was acquired by North East businessman Simon Williamson to complement his existing firm, Boardroom Consulting. The company has since enjoyed a period of rapid growth at home and overseas as Mr Williamson continues towards his target of turning what was a £60,000-a-year business last year into one with a turnover of £500,000 by 2013. Alongside G4S, HFT is hoping to work with a number of firms in South Africa such as supermarket chain Pick n Pay, FMCG group Nampak and a department store chain called Woolworths which is no relation of its UK namesake. The group has also submitted proposals to work with Boots International which, if successful, would further boost the company's global credentials. HFT runs teambuilding events and emotional intelligence coaching for businesses of all sizes from independent entrepreneurs to national and international



corporate heavyweights. Mr Williamson said: "South Africa is an ideal market for us given the small time difference, the fact that English is the language of business there and the strong appetite among large and small businesses to learn more about emotional intelligence. "We are also looking to train coaches there who could go on to deliver their own courses under our banner." According to HFT's research, there is currently an increasing demand for corporate and

executive coaching in South Africa, fuelled by a political history which has created a shortage of black people with the necessary skills, experience and expertise to take on senior management roles within their companies. HFT believes that most companies are recognising the need for coaching and – although many firms provide internal training – a growing number of businesses are turning towards external experts. Virtually all of HFT's target companies are headquartered

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Agnew Centre NEWS

DROP IN

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Just a quick note in praise of Bargain Buys of Neville Parade. As any busy mum knows, losing your washing machine is almost as bad as your internet going down! When mine was pronounced dead on Monday morning, Tesco was my first port of call. There was nobody available in the electrical department to talk to so I picked up a catalogue and became confused! I remembered Bargain Buys on my way home and dropped in, was greeted at the door by a nice guy, was shown around the washers, got an explanation about the differences and was even shown a working model. I came out with a brand new machine, which would have cost me £61 more had I bought it in Curry's (I checked their website the same day). Bargain Buys even delivered it free and took my old washing machine away. Support you local shops - buy from Bargain Buys! Miss Harris, Aycliffe Village

Newlyweds Enjoy Honeymoon in Mexico



The Wedding day weather for Maria Jane Molyneux and Neil Quigley on Saturday 17th September was not particularly nice but before the bride arrived at St. Mary's Church at 12 noon, the sun came out in all its glory. "Our prayers have been answered" said two of the bride's aunts in delight! And so it was the start of a perfect day. Maria Jane arrived on the arm of her proud father, Peter Molyneux, to be united in marriage to Neil Quigley. The bridesmaids were: Susan Wells (Jane's cousin), her sister-in-law Ashleigh Molyneux and Emily Petroczy (a friend). The Best Man was David Dent (the groom's best friend) and the Ushers were: Jack Quigley (son), Luke Molyneux (son) and Philip Molyneux (brother). Fr. Michael Campion conducted a beautiful and meaningful Service. As a surprise for his parents, Luke and his friends sang The Beatles "Let It Be" supported by musicians on the drums,

keyboard and guitar. Jane is the only daughter of Anne and Peter Molyneux. She has lived in Newton Aycliffe all of her life and for the past 16 years has worked as an Administration Assistant for Aldi in Darlington. Neil is a Shildon lad and is the only son of Norma and Tot Quigley. He is employed by Durham County Council as a Health & Safety Officer and is also a part-time referee for Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club. Their son, Luke, has inherited his football skills and is currently on trial at Middlesbrough Academy. The reception was held at Hardwick Hall, Sedgefield. After an overnight stay at the hotel with family and friends, the happy couple left the next day for a two week honeymoon in Mexico. The couple currently live in Hamsterley Road and plans are under way for them to move into another house in Hamsterley Road shortly after their return in October.

PARISH YOUTH BIKE TRIP



On Sunday 25th September a New Parish Youth Project began. Young people from the parish met and cycled to St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village. "It was great fun riding to the church together with my

friends. When we go there, Rev'd Julie told us lots of interesting facts about St. Andrews. It is an extremely old church with some parts dating back to Saxon times. We were allowed to explore and had a quiz sheet. There were cards round the church to explain what the different areas were all about which was a good idea. Jennifer gave us a tune on the organ and Jane was the first to find the little wooden mouse! We all had a go at ringing the church bell but you had to be very strong, as it lifted you up and it was funny. Gordon was brave enough to climb the bell tower! We just had time to eat our picnic and thank Rev'd Julie for a great afternoon before taking our bike ride back. I would love to go to St. Andrews again, it was lovely. Thank you! Parish Youth meets on the last Sunday of every month, 4-6pm and has an exciting programme lined up. For further details contact Helen McCormick at St. Clare's Church

Watch Out for Bogus Hedge Trimmer

A bogus Hedge & Tree Trimmer is calling on unsuspecting people asking to be paid up front for the work. After 20 minutes he says he has to take the chippings to the tip, but does not return. The man in his 30's who is small and dark, operates in a white van and calls himself Churchill Tree Care. He called on a lady in Byerley Park this week who after part paying him £70 he did not come back. Newton News advises everyone never to pay any worker until the job has been completed to your satisfaction

Re-live Darlo's FA Trophy Win

On Saturday 1st October at 7.00pm join the Darlington FC Team to review their FA Trophy win on DVD in the Ron Greener Suite and re-live their 7th May victory. Watch the Wembley DVD in the company of Mark Cooper and other first team players over a superb Dinner. If you would like to attend the price is £200 + VAT per table and is inclusive of a two course meal. Places are becoming limited, so if you would like to reserve a table please ring 01325 387007.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

GREENFIELD/ MIDDRIDGE WARD

Wednesday 5th October 6.30pm
Evangelical Church Ladybower

Members of the beat team will be in attendance as well as local councillors and neighbourhood wardens. This will give residents the opportunity to come along and discuss any issues that you may be having in your area and working together look at ways of tackling such issues. We look forward to seeing you there. PCSO 6859 Mike Welch Newton Aycliffe Beat Team 0345 60 60 365

New Toddler Park Invaded by Older Kids

Dear Sir,
We read in Newton News about the new toddler play area at Tesco Park. and as we were babysitting for our two year old granddaughter that day, decided to take her there. She absolutely loved it but unfortunately also 'enjoying' it were two burly teenage girls about 15 or 16. They were spinning round and monopolising the little roundabout, but then to my horror, started going down the tiny slide leaving black scratch marks off their footwear on this lovely new play equipment. I lost my temper at that point and asked them to get off it but no doubt they and others like them will return to continue to spoil things when no-one is around. Another boy about 12 years old was climbing onto the roof of the little play-house. I know from personal

experience that the same thing happened at St Oswalds new park when it was first completed, and also at our first visit to the toddler park at Simpasture. Where was the park warden to stop this area being ruined? We saw his van but no sign of anyone in person? It upsets me so much that after spending thousands of pounds creating these lovely new parks and play areas, Great Aycliffe Town Council then leave them unwatched and unsupervised to be immediately vandalised by some of our less 'intelligent' teenagers. Can the park warden please enforce the ruling that this new play area is only for our little children before it becomes another target for idiotic behaviour by those far too old to be in it. Disappointed Name and address supplied

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Friday 21st October - The 80's Experience
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Monday 24th October - Wedding Open Evening
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Saturday 29th October - Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person

Sunday 30th October - Great North Air Ambulance Wedding Fair & Designer Dress Sale
Event begins at 10am, Fashion Show 11am - 12noon. View dresses 12 - 2pm, Auction 2pm - 4pm. A great opportunity to try before you buy and purchase on the day. Pre-book for a champagne afternoon tea and receive it at a discounted price of £18.95 per person.

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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

This week's Full Council meeting addressed issues of HUGE importance for Aycliffe.

1. The meeting started with a presentation from Mrs J Hartley from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Aycliffe is one of the worst places in the County for premature death, and she outlined some of the strategies the Partnership is pursuing to reduce early death from smoking, cancer, strokes and heart disease. Her talk was worrying, and the Council agreed to ask her back next year to see how successful those strategies have been. The Council also resolved to ask to send a representative to sit on the Partnership, so that we might keep up-to-date with what is happening in this matter which, literally, is of life-or-death importance.

2. Next, the Council considered the Annual Audit letter, which formally delivered an 'unqualified' (i.e. excellent) verdict both on the Town Council's finances and on its value for money. Council leader Bob Fleming recorded the Council's delight at the verdict, for certain people have in the past foolishly and unjustifiably claimed the Council finances were 'chaotic' - this letter

proves how totally wrong they were.

3. The next thing the Council discussed was the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. This government initiative hopes to replace 1300 pages of planning rules with 52 pages of general (arguably wishy-washy) guidance. Councillors expressed fears that its 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' - along with automatic permission 'where the plan is absent, silent, indeterminate or out of date' - would amount to a green light to unrestrained development.

Councillor Clare pointed out the consequent vital importance (if the Framework becomes law) of the Town Council developing a 'Neighbourhood Plan' - its 'Neighbourhood Development Orders' and designation of 'Local Green Space' will be critically important in ensuring that development takes place in a restrained and responsible way, as the community wishes. There was some discussion of the expense and expertise which such a Neighbourhood Plan would require, but there seemed to be a general consensus that it was essential that we will need to write one.

4. The Council agreed to

light a beacon to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and to write a letter supporting a campaign to safeguard carers' allowances against government cuts.

5. Next, the Council approved a Licence agreement to take over maintenance of Durham County Council environmental areas in the town. Readers will be aware that the Town Council has been seeking such a Licence for a number of months; it yields us no financial benefit, but we hope to be able to instigate a regime of more frequent maintenance (so you should see a difference). Most of all, we will be able to integrate the County Council land into our Environmental Strategy (which will give us a healthier environment).

6. Finally - when we heard the reports from all the outside bodies - we were delighted to be asked by the Cubby to nominate a representative to serve on their Committee. The Town Council takes a genuine interest in all voluntary organisations on the town. JCL

PS: May I adjust a misimpression from last week's report? The boathouse has inadequate utilities, but it does have a light and a tap.

TALLENTS START SEARCH FOR 100 MORE EMPLOYEES



Tallent Automotive Ltd has revealed plans for a further 100 jobs at its Newton Aycliffe plant with the help of a North East recruitment firm. TEMP-TEAM is helping the Spanish-owned multinational to recruit more machine operators, forklift truck drivers, trainee press setter operators and welders at its Newton Aycliffe factory, which makes chassis products for the automotive industry.

The agency has already helped Tallent Automotive add 141

workers to its permanent team in September 2011, at the site that supplies car parts to some of the world's biggest motoring brands including Ford, Volvo, Honda, Nissan, Land Rover, VW and Jaguar.

The 100 new posts are full time across a three-shift pattern comprising 7am to 3pm, 3pm to 11pm and 11pm to 7am. Tallent Automotive Ltd is also looking to add to its weekend crew and is offering competitive rates of pay with premium rate overtime available.

Scott Barnes, business development manager at TEMP-TEAM, said: "It's great news that Tallent has offered permanent contracts to 141 staff, and also that numbers continue to steadily increase with a further requirement of 100 operators."

TEMP-TEAM's managing director Julie Cummings added: "Tallent Automotive is looking for motivated, hard-working individuals preferably with a manufacturing background, although full training will be provided."

Tallent Automotive engineering and operations director David Land said: "It's important that we attract good people into our organisation. TEMP-TEAM has provided great support and helped us develop our temporary employees."

"Transferring 141 people onto our books has been very rewarding. We now need to add further agency workers to help meet the current demand. It's not only good for the region but an excellent opportunity for those in and around the Aycliffe area to become involved in manufacturing."

If you are interested in any of the vacancies at Tallent Automotive please call 01325 328466 or email your CV to: lwe@temp-team.com

For more information on TEMP-TEAM please visit www.temp-team.com.

WIND FARMS - NOT THE ANSWER

Sir,
I reply to the letter from the lady last week who said she supported the application for the Isles wind farm as she was thinking of her grandchildren and their future.

I would like to say to this lady that I absolutely agree that as a country, we need to think of future generations. It is one of many reasons why so many are opposed to over reliance on wind power.

Wind power is NOT the answer to this country's need for renewable energy. At best, the turbines in Durham operate at 23% capacity. Back up is always needed from traditional power stations that cannot just be turned on and off as required.

As a country we need to invest in reliable, consistent forms of renewable energy. Wind is not, and never will be, reliable.

The only reason the turbines are being built is the huge subsidies being paid to the energy companies. E.ON expect a generated revenue of half a billion pounds over the 25 year life span of the Isles wind farm. (Assuming 45 turbines.) 54% of that will come from subsidies. Subsidies that are funded by all of us who pay utility bills. As more families are affected by fuel poverty, we cannot expect this generation and those to come to keep paying for this hopelessly inadequate form of energy.

The first stage of the consultation period ends on 7th October and I would ask all Newton Aycliffe residents to consider letting E.ON know that we do not want any more of these expensive and useless turbines in our County.

Susan Fox
The Isles Communities
Turbine Action Committee

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Sports Hall Revamped for Community Use

A sports hall has been given a revamp turning it into a fantastic community venue for a whole town to enjoy. Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership (GAMP) is using its neighbourhood budget to install new flooring at the sports hall at Woodham Community Technology College as the current flooring is in need of repair. The floor will enhance the schools community programme by providing a new venue for local sports clubs including Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club, Durham Wildcats, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club and other voluntary organisations and after school clubs.

A launch event will take place on Thursday 29 September at the school on Washington Crescent. Councillors Joan Gray, Paul Gittins, Mike Dixon, Enid Paylor, John

Moran and Sarah Iveson will be present along with assistant headteacher Danny Morgans and members of the partnership, one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

GAMP has supported the project with a massive £32,456 from its neighbourhood budget.

Brian Riley, AAP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic project that will provide a first class sports facility for Woodham Community Technology College and also provide Club, Durham Wildcats, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club and other voluntary organisations and after school clubs."

Members of the public are invited to a launch event on Thursday 29 September at 6.30pm at the school on Washington Crescent.

For further details call 01325 327 441 or send an email to: gampaap@durham.gov.uk

Trip to Tynemouth



During the summer holidays children and the staff from Woodham Burn out of School Club arranged a trip to the Bluereef Aquarium in Tynemouth.

We were kindly greeted by the staff at the aquarium and during the morning the children had the opportunity to see different exotic sea life, many of the children and staff had not seen before, learning lots of new and interesting facts. The children were asked to use crayons, provided to take rubbings of some of the fish which were on boards around the aquarium, this also gave the children the opportunity to find these fish in the tanks.

The tour took us outside to the seals and we were lucky enough to see them as they swam close to us. Towards the end of the tour, the children and the staff had the chance to walk through the glass tunnel and above their heads and to the side were all kinds of fish, including sharks. The children found it very exciting watching how the fish move around in the water.

At the end of the tour, we had an educational talk arranged for the children. During this talk the children had the opportunity to hear, see and touch different sea creatures, finding out how they live and feed. All of

the children asked lots of inquisitive questions and found the crab and star fish fascinating.

After this the children and staff washed their hands ready for lunch which we had outside in the sun. As the aquarium was across the road from the beach, we decided to spend the afternoon playing there building sand castles, and of course having a chance to splash in the sea!

The time on the beach was lots of fun, as the beach at Tynemouth is very clean and tidy.

All of the children had a lovely day and Woodham Burn out of School Club would like to thank J & C Coaches.

To find out more information about the club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time or in the school holidays don't hesitate to contact Maureen or Sandra on 01325 300080

U3A Over 50's Mystery Tour

The U3A Third Age Trust for people over 50 request that members already signed up for the Mystery Tour to meet on Wednesday 5th October at St. Clares Church at 10.30am

COUNCILLOR CONCERNED ABOUT TAXI SERVICE

Dear Editor

I have received several complaints from disabled people living in the Newton Aycliffe area who tell me there isn't a single taxi in Newton Aycliffe that is adapted for their use.

I have queried this at County Hall, and the information is not good. There is no law to ensure taxis are adapted, this legislation is not expected to take force until 2020! This certainly does not help our people and I appeal to our taxi companies to adapt one of their vehicles for the disabled, I know there would be an initial cost, but the need for this service would more than compensate.

In the meantime I have compiled a list of taxis that are adapted and hope they are useful.

AbbiesTaxis, Spennymoor 01388 818519

Birds Taxis, Shildon 01388 776969

Kwik Taxis, Ferryhill 01740 652900

Shildon Taxis, Shildon 01388 778877

Thank you
Councillor E. Paylor

Councillor Responds to Complaints

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the complaints in last week's Newton News about the Town Council's decision concerning the West Park bench. Actually, it was G Sowerby who, in his letter, hit the nail on the head – how much, he asked, did it cost to site and then remove the Youth Shelter?

The answer is £11,300 to erect the Shelter (funded from the County Council Members' Fund), and £100 to remove it. It is not all wasted money, because the shelter can be reused, but it is still waiting for a new site. We had thought that – at more than 160 metres* – it was far enough away from houses not to be a nuisance, but the behaviour of the youths using it was so extreme that we had no option but to remove it.

With this in mind, therefore, on 23 May, the Council resolved to site the West Park benches next to the boathouse, equidistant between – and therefore as far away as possible from – the houses on the two nearby estates. The Town Council had to take into account the fact that the benches will sometimes be used by groups who may be rowdy and badly-behaved.

It is worth noting that, even next to the boathouse, at 120

metres, the benches are still nearer to houses than the Youth Shelter was.

Anyway, readers know what happened next. The Town Council was twice asked to put a bench in an alternative location, and there has been an angry outcry.

However, what readers may not realise is that Cllr GC Gray's proposed alternative location for this bench was only 50 metres from the houses in Ashfield. This – much as people might wish the Council to respond to Mrs Maud Gray's offer – is too close to people's homes to be feasible.

Consequently, on 7 September, the Council reaffirmed its decision that the best place to site the benches was by the boathouse, on the grounds that the proposed alternative location was too close to houses. In my view, that was the correct decision. One of the difficult jobs of a Councillor is to do the CORRECT thing, even when it seems not to be the popular thing.

If Mrs Maud Gray wishes to present a bench to the people of Aycliffe, there are many places where it would not be too close to houses, and I am sure that the Town Clerk would be delighted to discuss possibilities with her.

John D Clare

AYCLIFFE FAMILY DONATE BENCH TO SCARBOROUGH

Gift to Holiday Resort in Memory of Barbara Bennett



Husband Martin, Daughter Katherine, Mother Sheila and Son Darren.

The family and friends of the late Barbara Bennett raised nearly £1,000 to purchase a public bench to be placed in a place she loved to visit, North Bay, Scarborough.

Barbara, who lived with her husband Martin in Mills Close was a valued member of the community who helped to raise money for charity and schools. She worked at Aycliffe Fabrications for 21 years and was very proud to be part of the "Aycliffe Head" sculpture. She

was a caring person, loved by everyone and clients from as far away as America donated towards the bench erected in her memory.

Martin and all the family wish to thank those who donated to the fund and also Scarborough Council who were so co-operative - welcoming the gift of a public bench and placing it exactly where requested, just below the flat Barbara and her husband rented on their holidays.

WILL ANYONE OBJECT TO BIZARRE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY PROPOSALS?

The Government has given the Boundary Commission directions to change MP's constituencies to reduce their numbers in Parliament and create new areas representing a population of approximately 76,000. Our constituency faces radical change and is being called a blatant and cynical move to break a Labour stronghold.

It will ally us with an area with no connection at all with our county - joining us with Yarm and Ingleby in Teesside where we have no affiliation whatsoever. The consultation will give us hardly any say in the matter apart from the opportunity to speak at one of the hearings to be

held in Darlington.

We should be up in arms in protest over the new boundary and no one is taking a lead. Our MP can protest, but he is a lone voice unless we get behind him to object to this ludicrous carve-up of our constituency severing links we've had for years with towns in our own County.

Perhaps the lead should come from the County Council or our Town Council, but little is being said and it may just go through on the nod.

If the worst comes to the worse and the new boundaries are formed we as the biggest town in the new constituency

might be part of the new name. Currently we are hidden behind the title of Sedgfield, a small village often featured on TV as the hub of the constituency.

In fact Newton Aycliffe with the largest population should have taken the lead, and it always seemed rather silly to see

the media taking a straw poll from this small rural location.

The new set-up linking us with Yarm and Ingleby could be named Aycliffe and Yarm, but then again the Boundary Commission might come up with another obscure title for the constituency.

Have you clicked?

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FACE OFF EXHIBITION



Greenfield Community and Arts Centre have a new and exciting exhibition for you to come and see! FACE OFF is an exhibition of portraits from the Durham learning resources collection, which includes work from well-known artists such as Norman Cornish, Sarah Jane Szikora and Elizabeth Frink! The exhibition runs from Thursday October 6th to Wednesday November 9th. Alongside the exhibition we have a festival of events including: Let's Face it Craft workshops, Family Face Painting, Face to Face film day, Family feed your Face, let's Face the Music Break Dancing classes and Keeping a Straight Face drama workshops. For

more information please contact the Arts Centre. The Gallery and Arts Centre is open Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm and Friday 10am – 4pm. Contact us on: 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

CAT SHOT!

Dear Sir,
I want the person that shot my cat to know she is so traumatised she won't even go in the garden
I am told the shot was from a B.B gun and I hope one day the sick person gets their just deserts. Cat owners beware in Silkin way and Wright Close area.
ANGRY

OBJECTION TO NEWTON NEWS COUNCIL REPORTS

Dear Editor.

I must complain at the article printed in Newton News 16th September 2011. The report on Council Meeting Wednesday 7th September were not passed by the Council and are not a true record.

I am very concerned as to why a Labour Councillor is writing these reports. To me this is the Town Clerk's job after the minutes have been accepted by the full Council.

West Park Bench:

I have not missed any Recreation meetings that refused the proposal for the benches at the other end of the park on the grounds of being too close to houses

John Clare reports the petition had only 6 names, but these are the only houses that are near to the proposed picnic bench. All signed that they have no objection.

I could fill a petition with hundreds of names on it, and these would be ratepayers that are fed up of the Labour Party doing what they want and not what the people want.

John Clare also stated I demanded a named vote. Sorry but I requested a named vote, to let members of the public that read the minutes see that it is the Labour Party causing the

problems.

West Park Lakes

As the West Ward Councillor I have received many complaints on the state of the water. So, I went through the Council procedure and placed a motion on the agenda to improve the lakes. I put the proposal forward but no one would second the motion, so it meant I could not speak on it, even though there are another four councillors representing the ward who could have seconded my motion.

They had to abide by their Party's decision taken before the meeting. As an Independent I do not have to do that. I did try to have the algae removed from the lake every three months

Policy and Resources Meeting Wednesday 14th September 2011

Asset management working group meeting is a committee that looks at council buildings and other assets.

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the asset managing members working group held on the 27th July and 10th August 2011 were considered and it was proposed by Councillor J Clare and seconded by K Henderson that budget provision be sought for the demolition of Simpasure

toilets

The future of the Boathouse at West Park was considered given the cost of repair to the roof. On value for money, it was agreed a site visit be arranged for the members of the asset working group.

No site visit took place, and it was decided by photos in the council officers as the weather was too bad.

I had it recorded in the minutes that the selling of the boats and the demolition of the West Park Boat House should have been a matter for the ratepayers and a public consultation.

I have requested for the past four years to have the boats put back on the lake during the six-week school holidays, but the council said it could not be afforded.

This is not the only pleasure activity removed from the West Ward and I have a long list.

Alderman George Gray
West Ward Councillor.

Newton News requested Councillor John Clare provide reports on Council Meetings for general interest. They are just for information and the full Council minutes are available to the public.

CHILDREN'S COURSES AT THE OAK LEAF

The October half term holiday is coming soon. It may be too cold to play outdoors, so why not come along to the OakLeaf Sports Complex?

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Honest John's Charity Stall Helps Football Club

The Cumby Rovers Junior Football Club wish to thank Honest John for his donation of £500. The money will be used to refurbish the changing rooms at the ground for young footballers aged 12 to 14 years.

Aycliffe Couple Married in Kenya



Amanda Mulley and Ram Chatha were married in Kenya on the 7th September followed by a Honeymoon. The couple who both work at Durham Police Headquarters hold their Wedding Reception this weekend at Hardwick Hall and will begin their married life in Church Close, Newton Aycliffe.

"We chose Kenya to get married as we both love to watch Wild at Heart and wanted to experience the Masai Mara Safari which was breathtaking" said Amanda
Ram and Amanda have been together for 4 years, after meeting through a dating agency.

Ram's father is a retired shop owner. Amanda's father is also retired from the RAF and her mother works in Greggs.

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Tickets are now available for Get Set Kids "Girls Big Night In". The event takes place on Wednesday 12th October, 6.30 to 9.30 pm at Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

House of Fraser are presenting a fashion show and bringing along Benefit cosmetics to do mini makeovers on the night. Over 40 stalls have booked a space and this week confirmation of a Zumba display by Jaime Hume and her Greenfield ladies plus an acrobatic cheerleading squad who are coming along.

TFM's Amy McConnell

from The Wake Up With Wayne Breakfast Show is coming along and their Drive Time DJ Antony Collins will be running an auction. There will also be a fully licensed bar.

It's a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping or treat yourselves, so get your tickets now. Money is being raised for Cash For Kids and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Tickets are £5 to include a welcome drink and entry into a prize draw. Ring 07971 577572 or 07534 997875 or email info@getsetkids.co.uk for tickets.

Junior Dancer Collects Nine Awards



8 year old Millie Turly of School Aycliffe who we featured last year continues her successful run of achievements in dance with nine major awards since July.

The Heighington School student has excelled at every level and has a promising future since gaining distinctions in Ballet, Lyrical and Modern dancing.

Her parents are particularly proud of her Grade 1 Ballet and

Platinum Award with Distinction for Primary Lyrical Dancing.

Millie was selected as the most outstanding dancer in her troupe at a recent event and she appeared in a Show at Newcastle Tyne Theatre last Saturday. Millie dances with the "Born to Dance" School in Darlington. Her other interests include Gymnastics where she also shows great talent, but her main love is dancing.

Ramsey's Appoint Workshop Manager

NEWTON Aycliffe based car garage and service centre, Ramsey's Limited, have appointed Chris Nesham, as their new Workshop Manager. The family run business, on St Cuthberts Way, which also includes a used car dealership alongside the workshop, appointed Chris due to his expansive knowledge and background experience. Chris, of Newton Aycliffe, previously worked for a Darlington based garage for 13 years and is a fully accredited Automotive Technician and Master Technician.

Chris's training has seen him undertake further qualifications and he has clocked up 600 hours of training to become a VW, Audi, SEAT and Skoda specialist. He will head up the team in Ramsey's workshop. Gillian Ramsey, Director of Ramsey's Limited, comment: "We very happy to welcome Chris to the team. He has already come up with a number of ideas for the business and is extremely enthusiastic. His past experience and



qualifications will make him a real asset to the business." Chris commented: "It is a great pleasure to join such a warm and friendly team. Ramsey's is at the heart of the local community and they have an abundance of loyal and long-term customers from the local area. It will be fantastic to work for a business which has such a great reputation locally and I'm keen to also inject some of my own ideas and experience into the business." www.ramseysgarage.co.uk Tel: 01325 300200

RAMBLERS OBJECT TO WIND FARM - OPEN LETTER TO E-ON

Dear Sir,
Thank you for consulting the Ramblers on the above proposal. Darlington Group Committee have considered the information initially forwarded by you together with the additional plans from you which show the proposed turbine positions in relation to the Public Rights of Way (PROW) network.

We are unsure if the proposed positions of the turbines are indicative only. If this proposal continues to and beyond Stage 2 it will be a necessity for the turbines to be located away from any PROW in line with Government guidelines. I wish to inform you that Darlington Group on behalf of the Ramblers objects to the entire proposal.

The proposed development site is within an area we know as 'The Carrs' and is bordered to the north and north east by Chilton and Bradbury Village, to the east by Mordon Village, to the south by the Preston le Skerne area with Newton Aycliffe (pop. approx. 28,000) on the western side. The East Coast Main Line and the A1(M) pass through the proposed site and the main watercourses are Rushyford Beck, Woodham Burn and the River Skerne. The whole of 'The Carrs' including the proposed development site within it are traditionally farmed with the retention of small fields and their boundaries of hedges and fencing. There is no industry within the site other than

as described above and tranquillity is afforded when walking on the Public Rights of Way Network in the area.

The Ramblers main charitable aims are: To promote walking, To safeguard paths, To increase access for walkers, To protect the countryside, To educate the public.

With these in mind and the nearness of Newton Aycliffe and the other communities we consider

the erection of any turbines in 'The Carrs' with the visual impact of them in addition to the noise of them creating a loss of amenity would be detrimental to us promoting these aims to and for the benefit of the general public.

Walking as a good medicine for health and wellbeing is promoted by Central Government.

Peter Robinson
Footpath Secretary
(Sedgefield Area)

Free Family Filmshow

The next film for Great Aycliffe and Middridge Community Cinema is on Saturday 1st October at Neville Parade Community Centre at 6pm.

The film is RANGO starring Johnny DEPP. It is a family film so everyone is invited to come along and bring your own popcorn and refreshments. This is a perfect opportunity for families to watch a film completely FREE OF CHARGE.

If you require any further information please contact amyjorgeson@durham.pnn.police.uk or michael.welch@durham.pnn.police.uk or visit our facebook page just search Newton Aycliffe neighbourhood police team. We look forward to seeing you there.

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BOXING CLUB FUTURE AFFECTED BY YOUTH CENTRE'S ACTION

Dear Sir,
I am writing to express my disgust at the manner in which Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Management Committee ousted Aycliffe Boxing Club, a club motivated only to bring a minority sport to the young people in this area. It is hugely successful and has stood the test of time, and for almost 24 years of dedicated volunteering, in particular from Les Gibson his coaches and gym helpers. Now the club is floundering due solely to the Management Committee allocating the twice weekly training slots to a new incoming organisation (dance school). Why they were not offered untaken/slots for their sessions and given the boxing Club's times instead is a mystery. This action was taken by the Committee without warning or consultation with the Boxing Club. They did offer alternative times and dates which were unacceptable for numerous valid reasons.

Editor:

Getting no response from the Management Committee Newton News asked the County Council to comment on the expulsion of the Boxing Club from the Youth Centre. They could not comment as the Youth Centre Management Committee alone are responsible for the hiring of the premises. Despite requests we have not received any comment from them, but it appears the County Council Youth Leader Litza Johnson now has control over who uses the premises, a responsibility given to her by the new Management Committee which took over in May. The previous committee controlled the hiring of the facilities, fixing times and rentals which are a vital source of revenue. They also confirm the cupboards in the Gymnasium were designed to store equipment for the Boxing Club which was an affiliated group with representation on the Management Committee.

This is a shameful way to treat a club that is affiliated to the Youth Centre and has used both the past and present Youth Centres for the last 23 Years. I hope this letter serves as a warning to other groups and organizations including the dance school that were given the Boxing Club's "slots" that the Youth Centre Management Committee are answerable to no-one for their actions and decisions. At a whim they can act entirely as they wish, without thought or consequence, bringing disappointment, exclusion, and sorrow to so many young people. No matter what the Management Committee may say in their defence, they have been disingenuous in their dealings with the Boxing Club. People should think carefully before booking or hiring their facilities as you could quite easily be subjected to the same "shoddy" treatment as the unfortunate Young Boxers. P Cheesbrough

Woodham Warriors Heroic in Defeat



On Saturday 24th Sept, the Woodham Warriors American Football team from Woodham Community Technology College were making their second consecutive BritBowl appearance at the national finals. The finals, held at the National Sports Centre in Crystal Palace, were the culmination of another wonderful season where the Warriors finished the regular season winning the Northern conference and being ranked as the number 1 seeded team in Britain going unbeaten all season.

The team were treated to an overnight stay in London prior to the finals, staying at the Hilton Hotel. In their quarter final tie, the Warriors overcame strong opposition from fellow Northern group team, the Chorley Buccaneers, winning 20-13, setting up a semi final clash against the highly rated Clyde Valley Falcons from Glasgow which the Warriors won 34-19. This now meant a 2nd successive BritBowl final

appearance against the number 2 ranked team in Britain, the Highland Wildcats from Inverness. Trailing by 12 points at half time, the momentum was with the Scottish side as they controlled the opening exchanges, but back came the Warriors in the second half with an amazing display of character and determination. With under 30 seconds left on the clock, the Warriors took the lead for the 1st time in the game making the score 34-32. The Wildcats got the ball back with only 6 secs and 1 play to try and score. The tension around the ground was unbearable when the Wildcats heaved the ball the length of the field in a do or die fashion and unbelievably came down with the ball in the endzone to score the winning touchdown and win the game and the national championship. A tough way to lose any game, let alone a national final, but the spirit the team showed to come back at half time and put themselves in a winning position was incredible. For the last two years now, the Warriors have made it to the BritBowl final but have finished runners up. Let's hope next year is 3rd time lucky!

Jon Tait, Head Coach of the Warriors and assistant headteacher at Woodham Community Technology College, said "I am so proud of all of my players today. They have had a wonderful season and have today showed why they are called Warriors. Their grit, strength and determination to claw their way back into the final was incredible and will be remembered by us all for a very long time. They should all be very proud of their achievements, not just for themselves, but for their families and for the people of the North East". For photos of the team in their BritBowl appearance, log on to www.woodhamwarriors.com

Aycliffe Rugby Club in Fine Victory

Newton Aycliffe 18 Prudhoe & Stocksfield 10

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club hosted Prudhoe & Stocksfield in their latest Durham and Northumberland Division 3 match. The visitors came down from Division 2 last season and were sitting in second place in the League. Despite some unavailabilities, Aycliffe were able to pick from a squad of 24 players.

The early territorial advantage was all Prudhoe's, as Aycliffe struggle to get control in the rucks, but good defence saw that the line was never truly threatened. It was Aycliffe who took the lead with a penalty from Stephen Middlemas. Prudhoe fought back though and scored a try. Aycliffe now began to settle down better, they had the edge in the scrums and Ronnie Gilyeat was taking the lion's share of the lineout ball. James Thacker's mastery of running through gaps saw him score under the posts to regain the lead for Aycliffe, the conversion giving them a 10-5 lead at the break.

Aycliffe began to get further on top in the second half as Prudhoe fell foul of the referee; another Middlemas penalty extending their lead. Man of the match, Thacker saved the day with a try-saving tackle; turning the attacker on his back over the line. Aycliffe then further extended their lead after Drew Gibson turned the ball over, allowing his brother David to run in a try from 70 metres out.

Prudhoe now fought back strongly and they scored a second try. With 5 minutes left, Darrell McLaren had the opportunity to increase Aycliffe's lead but his penalty kick was hooked well wide. With time running out, the

visitors tried desperately to at least get the losing bonus point but Aycliffe's defence proved good enough to secure the 18-10 win.

This good team performance saw Aycliffe climb to 3rd in the table and shows that, with a bit of consistency, a high league

finish is well and truly on the cards. On 1st October, Aycliffe visit Jarrowians, kicking off at 3pm. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the website at Aycliffe-rugby.co.uk

Wildcats at Byerley Park School



On Tuesday 20th September, the children of Byerley Park Primary School received a visit from members of the newly promoted 'Durham Wildcats' basketball team. An assembly was led by their head coach, Dave Elderkin along with two team members DJ and Mike. A Year Four pupil, Cameron Harrop was selected to take part in a range of basketball skills and dress like a WildCat player, although displaying that there was still a little room

for growth! The players gave an extremely motivational and inspirational talk and encouraged the children to challenge themselves when it comes to physical activities. Many of the children are looking forward to the start of the Professional Basketball season on the 1st October, when they will be attending Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre to show their support for the Wildcats and 'be part of their journey!'

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the lack of quality services for older people, this blatant disregard for their views by councils is appalling. We understand that there is a squeeze on Local Authority budgets but it is not the most vulnerable, those who receive social care from their council, who should suffer without due regard to their needs. Councils should be listening to the voices of older people as it is their duty to meet the needs of those who rely on them for care services."

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WOODHAM'S RECORD EXAM RESULTS

Many individual students had outstanding success stories in this years' GCSE results, but 25th August was a remarkable day for the entire College as Woodham swept to record examination results. Many of the key indicators reached all-time highs and, in all respects, there was a marked increase on 2010's results.

A record-breaking 80% of students gained 5 or more Grade A* - C GCSEs or their equivalent, a huge 12% increase on the previous year. On average each Woodham student returned 501 points, the equivalent of better than 12½ Grade Cs each. 52% of students gained 5 A* - C including English and mathematics (49% achieved this solely on the basis of GCSEs). All students gained at least 1 GCSE demonstrating the College's commitment to "Achievement for All". 97% gained 5 A* - G including English and mathematics, significantly ahead of the national figure.

However, perhaps the most striking results came in the most demanding areas, which represent real excellence in the face of high levels of challenge.



27% of students gained 3 or more A* or A grades and 25% achieved English Baccalaureate recognition. Both are College records, being more than 10% higher than last year. The English Baccalaureate result was a particular source of pride, representing success for so many in a package of highly-regarded subjects such as languages and humanities. Students are admirably equipped for the entry requirements of the most prestigious universities and careers. Deputy Headteacher, Ian Bickerdike, said, "We are thrilled by the successes of all our students and are delighted that all their hard work has been so well rewarded."

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The Pre-Schools are open to all children from their 3rd birthday, and if you should require any further information, please call into the Pre-Schools or contact Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880.

In Memoriam

NEIL BELL 2nd October 2008. We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Mam, Dad, Judith, John and family
BOBBY JOHNSON Died 1st October 2010. Silent thoughts of times together, hold memories that will last forever. Love, Jenny xxx

ANDREW WOODHEAD 1963-2003. Beloved Son. Sometimes life can be unkind, when hearts are torn in two, but nothing could compare to the pain of losing you. God Bless. Love and miss you, Mam and Dad

ANDY WOODHEAD 5th October. In our hearts your memory lingers. Sweetly tender, fond and true, There is not a day, dear Brother, that we do not think of you. Love and miss you so very much. Mandy and John xx

GRAEME COOPER 6th October. It has been 5 years since you left us. Feels like yesterday. We miss you now and always will. Love, Mam and Dad xx

GRAEME COOPER 6th October 2006. Remembering the happy times. Those times we used to share. We miss that smile upon your face, so much Coops it's hard to bear. Miss you Brother. Love, Clive and Grace xxx

PEGGY GASKARTH 29-9-2004. Mam. As each day begins and starts anew and as each day ends we think of you. Loved and missed by your loving family

KEITH WILSON (27-9-09). Treasured memories of our dear friend Keith. Loved and remembered always. Mick, Kath and family xxx

SCRAFTON Treasured memories of Robert William (Robbie). Died 30th September 2009. A devoted Husband, Father, Grandad and Great Grandad. Sadly missed
LARRY LAING 1-10-2005. Dearest Husband of Gladys. Loving Dad of Julia and Lawrence. Dear Father in Law to Susan and Keith. Much loved Grandad to Chris, Marc and Adam. Special Uncle to Layla and Holly. Loved and remembered always

Births

JAMES and ANGELA congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Son "Jamie Hayman". Born on 24th September. A very special first Grandchild and Nephew. Love always, Nana Cheri, Grandad Gary, Uncle Benjamin and Uncle Oliver xxxxx

FAULKNER Duncan and Hayley (nee Thomson) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of "Lucas Jake" on 22nd September weighing 8lb 13oz. A welcome Brother for Calum. Many thanks to Midwives and Maternity Unit at Darlington Memorial

JAMES & ANGELA Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby boy "Jamie Lee". Lots of love from Uncle Carl, Auntie Val, Amy and Kate xxx

Thank You

Mr & Mrs Quigley
(Jane and Neil)



would like to thank all their family, friends and relatives who joined them to celebrate their marriage on Saturday 17th September. Thank you to Fr. Campion for a beautiful Service, the organist, altar servers, flower arrangers. Also friends of Luke's and the music group for their rendition of The Beatles "Let It Be". It was a wonderful day and one we will treasure for always.

MANY THANKS to the lady who handed my purse in at Tesco on Thursday 22nd
CHARLEY HAIGH would like to thank all family and friends for cards and presents received on her birthday. Also a big thanks to the girls for Saturday night xxx

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Congratulations & Birthdays

Loren Olivia Ballantyne



Happy 8th Birthday Princess

Hope you have a fab time bowling. Lots of love from Mam and John-Paul xxx

Happy 8th Birthday

Lots of love from Aimee, Dylan and Kameron xxx
Happy 8th Birthday to a very special Granddaughter. Hope you have a great day. Lot sof love and kisses from Nan and Granda xxx

Happy 8th Birthday

Hope you have a day full of fun. Love always from Gran and Granda xxx

Happy 8th Birthday

Have a lovely day. Love from Paul, Bev, Carrie and Matthew x

Paige Pearson
4th October



Happy 18th Birthday

Lots of love from Mam, Mike, Courtenay and all the family xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

With love from Dad and Darcey xxx

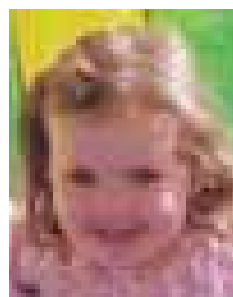
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Happy Birthday

To my Wife. All my love, Hugh xxx

Millie Dryden



Happy 13th Birthday Treasure

All our love always. Gran and Grandad xxxxx

Samantha Owen
Sweet 16



Happy Birthday

Hope you have a fab birthday on 1st October. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx

Happy 16th Samantha

Hope you have a wonderful day. Lots of love, Grandma xxxx

Happy 16th Birthday

little Sis. Hope you enjoy your day. Love, Stuart, Joanne and family xxx from Ruby

Happy 80th Birthday



All our love, Alan, Helen, Andy, Holly, Katie, Janice, Stewart, Clare, Louise, Slinky and Murphy xxx

Katie Emmett

Happy 18th Birthday to a special Niece. Love always, Aunty Janice, Uncle Stewart, Clare, Louise and a big kiss from Heath xxxx

Katie Emmett



Happy 18th Birthday

Love from Mum, Dad, Holly, Grandma and Grandad xxx

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Happy 1st Birthday

Have a great day Princess and a great party. All my love and big hugs, Mammy xxx

Happy 1st Birthday

to our little Sister. Loads of love and big hugs, Paige, Brooke and Leighton xxx

Happy 1st Birthday

Have a great day. Loads of love, Nana, Grandad B and all your family and friends xxx

SCOTT WALES 04/10/1971 Happy 40th Birthday Papa Smurf. Love you loads, Rhino Hornz xxx

SCOTT WALES Happy 40th Birthday, have a great day. Love always Sarah xxx

HOWARTH, John-Paul. Happy birthday Handsome. Have a fab day. All my love, Lisa xxx

HOWARTH, Happy birthday to a very special Daddy. Lots of love from Kameron, Dylan, Loren and Aimee xxx

HOWARTH, Happy birthday JP, love from Karen and Fraser xxx

HOWARTH Happy birthday John-Paul. From Fred and Freda xxx

HOWARTH Happy birthday John-Paul. Have a great day. Love from Dad, Bev, Carrie and Matthew

Helen and Andy Emmett

Silver Wedding Anniversary

May 25 years of happy memories shine through like silver on this special anniversary. Congratulations. Love, always, Janice, Stewart, Clare, Louise and Heath xxxx

Helen and Andy Emmett



Silver Wedding Anniversary

To Mum and Dad on your anniversary. All our love, Holly and Katie xxxx

TOP AWARD FOR AYCLIFFE RUNNER

Aycliffe Running Club member Andrew Robertson has been awarded the 'Physical Activity Achievement of the Year' award, for the Durham and Chester-le-Street area, at a prize giving evening on September 23rd.

The trophy is presented to an individual that has achieved a specific goal through leading an active lifestyle whilst facing personal barriers and challenges.

Forty-one year old Andrew has continued to run throughout his recovery from the rare disease Wegener's Granulomatosis, which sees the blood vessels become inflamed restricting blood flow.

Andrew has raised over £8500 for the Arthritis Research Campaign and continues to race and train, completing this year's Great North Run in a personal best 1:49:43. He now advances to compete against other local winners, including Mark Allison better known as 'Run Georgie Run', for the county award at the 'County Durham Sports Partnership' awards dinner



at Ramside Hall.

Aycliffe runners are continuing to enjoy the weekly Durham parkrun at Maiden Castle. Penny Johnson took part this week, completing the 5K course in 23:35 placing her 3rd for women aged 40-45. Lee Wren was fourth over the line in 18:35. Aycliffe's popular Winter Hall Circuit training sessions start on October 4th and will run every Tuesday night at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex between 6 and 7pm. The sessions are varied for all abilities for everyone aged ten and over. Entry is £1 for Aycliffe Running Club members, £2 for non-members.

Pleasing Aycliffe League Form

Newton Aycliffe chairman Gary Farley has praised the team's league form in their opening two months of the season.

The Newtonians picked up another away point at highly-rated Newcastle Benfield last Saturday when they arguably deserved all three.

Despite trailing by the one goal at half-time, and it admittedly could have been more, Aycliffe completed dominated the second-half at Sam Smith's Park in Heaton. New signing Dale Jardine (pictured in action at Benfield), poached from local rivals West Auckland last week to ease the striker crisis, grabbed his first goal for the club to draw Aycliffe level.

And the newly-promoted side pressured Benfield for the remainder of the game, missing a number of chances. But the result maintained Aycliffe's unbeaten away record this season, and Farley was quick to sing the players' praises.

"It's very encouraging that we've been able to continue our excellent league form," said the chairman.

"We could arguably have won at least three of our four away league games up to now. We had plenty of chances at Ashington and bucket-fulls at Bishop, and we completely dominated



FIXTURES

Saturday 1st Oct: Marske United (A), 3pm
Wednesday 5th Oct: Shildon (A), 3pm
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Saturday 22nd Oct: Penrith (H) 3pm
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the second half at Benfield. "We'd rather lose two of those games and win two, because four points from a possible 12 isn't that good on the face of it, even though you could argue they were all good points.

"But generally speaking our early league form has been very encouraging and we'd have to be pleased with the start we've had to date – and as much as it sounds like a cliché, we'd have taken this start when we were beginning the season seven weeks ago."

With defenders Mark Peck and James Oliver back in the starting line-up at Benfield, Steve Gibson and Anthony Campbell stood down while Sean Tarling returned to the midfield after a two-game absence.

Aycliffe started the brighter and Paul Broom headed just wide after four minutes when found from the right by Jardine, who was a constant thorn in his marker's side all game.

Benfield stole ahead on the midway point of the first half when the lively Johnny Mann outstripped Darren Craddock down the right and sent a teasing ball across which Andrew Spence and John Close failed to deal with allowing Kane the opportunity to score.

Benfield could have doubled their advantage as half-time approached but following a neat one-two with Michael Chilton, Brian Dodsworth stabbed wide as Spence narrowed the size of goal down.

A different Aycliffe came out for the second period and after just eight minutes parity was restored. Tarling floated a free-kick to the back post where Close was positioned to head into the centre. Jardine controlled the ball and in one move swivelled and fired in off the far post to register his first goal in Newtonian colours.

The same man should have scored seven minutes later after Ben Wood sent him through, but the 26-year-old striker lofted his shot too high and watched it drop the wrong side of the gaping goal with 'keeper Andrew Grainger stranded.

Mark Peck headed over and Wood had a couple of

sightings on goal and then in a frantic finish from the visitors, both Knox and Tarling stung Grainger's hands but couldn't find a way past the home custodian. Aycliffe go to Marske United this Saturday (October 1, 3pm ko). The Supporters Club coach leaves the Sports Club at 1.45pm (cost is £5 members, £7 non-members, return). The trip to Shildon on Wednesday night is £3 members (£5 non). Call Bob Wood on 07766 808407 to book your place.

Your County Needs You!

Durham County Council is launching a recruitment campaign to get residents closer to the hearts of their communities. Currently, thousands of local people and organisations are members of the 14 AAPs across the county but the council wants to increase this number by the end of the year and is encouraging more people to sign up.

Those signing up to their local AAP will be able to have a say on which priorities are tackled while at the same time taking part in projects, events and debates or simply find out what's on in their local area. All 14 AAPs are involved and are doing different things to encourage recruitment. Lee Copeland, principal AAP co-ordinator, said: "The AAPs have been running successfully for over two years now.

"We've worked on projects worth millions of pounds to local areas, but we really want to encourage more people to get involved. AAPs are the one place where everybody in an area, including councils, communities, health, police and fire services, can get together and work on actions to improve the area, so if anyone wants to get involved in their community, their AAP is the place to do it."

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