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£3.6m Advanced Manufacturing Facility Opens in Aycliffe

A new manufacturing and product design training centre offering state-of-the-art facilities for students and employers opened this week. Newton News was surprised on how quiet this new development has been kept, having received no notice of its existence until the day before it opened. More than 100 guests, including manufacturers and education providers from across the region attended the Open Day and taken on a tour of the impressive new vocational centre. CORE (Create Opportunity, Realise Excellence) is based



at SW Durham Training on the Business Park and has been funded by the Department for Education in partnership with Durham County Council. Other partners include Bishop Auckland College, schools, universities and employers. Using the shell of an existing SWDT building enabled the company to maximise expenditure on the latest high tech equipment, including 3D laser scanners, laser cutters, rapid prototyping machines,

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Jarrow Marchers in Aycliffe



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Final Word on West Park Picnic Bench

Dear Sir
 May I make a final comment in reply to Counc Clare's report on my offer to purchase a Picnic Bench for disabled people. He is obviously unaware that my first approach was to the Town Council where the clerk could see no objection, but said it had to go before the Council and that is when the Leader Bob Fleming led the objection. He said it would cause problems and the residents did not want it located near their houses. I proved him wrong by obtaining a petition from those neighbours supporting the picnic bench location, near to the car park for the convenience of disabled people. The benches they have placed near the Boathouse are a waste of money and will not get the usage expected. I am also informed by residents they've had no problems with young people at West Park and I would like to see the complaints which moved the Council to deny my request. Counc Clare's final ignorant remark was to suggest I ask for a picnic bench elsewhere! How could that benefit the disabled group visting West Park for a picnic?
 Maud Gray

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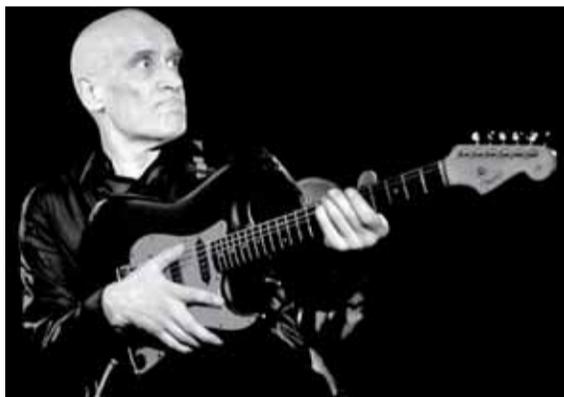
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£100 for Macmillan

THANKYOU to all volunteers and customers who attended the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at The Cubby. A total sum of £100 was raised for the cause. Thanks also to the Mayor for attending and Lyn Swyft from the W.I for the lovely cakes

WIN GUITAR LEGEND SHOW TICKETS



After his amazing TV performance on LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND this week, the blues guitar legend WILKO JOHNSON will play a one off special North East show on SATURDAY the 22nd of OCTOBER at SHILDON CIVIC HALL,

His band feature former IAN DURY and CLASH members, WILKO has just starred in the Julian Temple movie "OIL CITY CONFIDENTIAL". The night also includes local support bands, NEWTON NEWS have a pair of tickets to give away for the SHILDON Show. To go in the draw just answer the following question.
 What band did WILKO JOHNSON found? Was it
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Half-Term Activities at the Library

On Tuesday 25th October at 2pm Expo Chef is coming to the Library with an interactive Halloween food demonstration for all the family.

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On Thursday 27th Oct. 10:30 Story Time for Toddlers Newton Aycliffe Library 01325 312856

ROTHMAN'S REUNION

The dates of the reunions for Rothman's pensioners from the Darlington, Spennymoor and Peterlee factories are, Darlington - Wednesday 23rd November 2011, 1pm-5pm at the Central Hall Dolphin centre (bull Wynd entrance). Contacts: Giulio Pontone 01325 300942., Liz Ohern 01325 486566. Ken Storey 01325 269128.

Spennymoor/Peterlee Thursday 24th November 2011, 1pm-5pm at the Town Hall Spennymoor.

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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 they play 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, Jans, SLF, D'need, 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 & lively 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 reeking 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."

Sat 22nd October - "RELOAD"

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Kayleigh Coulthard from Newton Aycliffe has won a place in the 'Miss Galaxy England' final in March 2012.

19 year old Kayleigh now lives with her partner in Darlington and is currently pursuing her ultimate passion, to be a Paediatric Nurse in Australia. She is at Teesside University and loving every minute!

She always had a dream to be a beauty queen. After doing a bit of modelling and this year found the Galaxy Pageant website and a contest for the 'Miss England' title.

All she had to do was to send in a few photos, but months passed by and Kayleigh heard nothing. Then a letter arrived saying 'congratulations, we think your blonde hair is lovely and your blue eyes are beautiful' and offering a



place in the 'final. "As you can imagine I was very excited and could not wait to show everyone, I started looking for gowns and sparkling shoes" said Kayleigh.

Her family questioned whether this was the right thing for her to do, and would it affect her studies, but she is very determined and has never failed to meet a challenge.

The family also had concerns that Kayleigh wouldn't be like all the other girls, not being skinny, but she explained these competitions are no longer stereotyped.

Kayleigh is also organising charity events and if anyone would like her to make a guest appearance she is more than happy to help!

She is holding a charity event for Children in Need, called 'Stars from another Galaxy' with two break dancing groups and a Karaoke! Leg Waxing, Games and some wonderful prizes to be won donated. by: 'The Works', 'Bishop Auckland Golf Club', Free MOT, Hair Supplies, Wine, Chocolates etc.. 'A1Roadshows' from Darlington have donated the Disco for the event at the Big Club on 11th of November. For tickets ring 0759 5944927

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Coffee Morning Raised £424

Bethany House raised, £424 for Macmillan Cancer Care last Friday. Thank to everyone who attended, donated and gave their time. It was much appreciated. Jay and Michelle.

£32m WOODHAM DEVELOPMENT WILL CREATE JOBS

The proposed re-development of Woodham Golf and Country Club in Newton Aycliffe will create almost 300 jobs in an area that has experienced significant economic decline over the past ten years.

The re-development and improvement of the Club proposes a mixed-use development which would include improvements to the golf course, the construction of 50 executive family homes, a 75 bed, four star hotel with conference and spa facilities and extensive landscaping amongst which would be the re-establishment of Woodham Bridleway and new community footpaths.

The proposals, which have been developed in conjunction with Ryder Architects and Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners planning consultants, would

create almost 100 new permanent jobs as well as safe-guarding approximately 30 existing positions, if plans are approved later this month. In addition a further 145 positions will be created during the construction phase of the development.

Jonathan Walker, Head of Member Relations at North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC), commented, "It's well documented that the construction sector in particular is suffering as a result of the economic downturn so any opportunity for sustainable development in the South Durham area or anywhere in the North East would be welcomed."

Research into typical job density in the area has identified that the local economy is currently underperforming and that there are approximately 57 jobs in the for every 100

residents of working age, a total which is significantly lower than the national average of, 79, and the North East average, 69, indicating that out of work residents are likely to find it comparatively difficult to find employment in the local area.

Ross Lillico, Senior Economics Consultant at Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners explained, "The proposed development represents a significant economic opportunity for Woodham and the wider South Durham area, a location which has suffered from major job losses over the past decade. The scheme is forecast to create almost 100 new jobs and safeguard many more and will provide the business infrastructure to support major employment locations nearby. It will also help to create a more

sustainable, year round tourism offer in the area, raising the profile of South Durham as a destination and bringing an additional £1.6m of visitor expenditure into the local economy annually." Robin Beveridge, Head of Policy and research at One North East said of the proposed development, "The Agency welcomes the private investment and potential employment opportunities offered by the new development and investment proposals relating to the golf and leisure facilities at Woodham."

The planning application was submitted to Durham County Council Planning Committee earlier this year and will be decided upon in the coming months, with initial construction work commencing towards the end of next year should the application be successful.

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New £3.6m Manufacturing Training Centre at SWDT

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business improvement techniques, maintenance strategy and industrial skills, with CPD courses delivered to teachers and manufacturing/engineering companies. SWDT's Head of Operations Charl Erasmus said: "The future prosperity of the UK and our ability to compete successfully within the global economy depends on the development of a highly skilled, well informed and motivated workforce. The primary purpose of CORE is to address the skills needs of young people for the manufacturing, engineering and product design sector. "Manufacturing is the cornerstone of the County Durham and the North East economy, providing one in five job opportunities. CORE's key objective is to bring together learners and employers in a range of teaching, learning and working scenarios which stimulate and inspire everyone who touches the centre, in whatever capacity."

SWDT partner Bishop Auckland College has already enrolled 36 students aged 16-19 on to an Engineering and Manufacturing Diploma at CORE which leads to an Advanced Apprenticeship. SWDT will be offering businesses the chance to hire CORE facilities, ranging from the Rapid Prototyping Design Suite to an 80-seat auditorium and fully IT-equipped boardroom, with a full launch event planned in November.



Handbag Snatcher

Police in Newton Aycliffe are investigating a handbag snatch in the town earlier this month. At around 2am on Sunday, September 18, a woman left the DL5 bar carrying her distinctive black leather handbag with silver studs.

As she walked along St Cuthbert's Way towards Sheraton Road a man has snatched the bag. At 6pm that day the bag was found on the Blue Bridge on St Cuthbert's Way, having been set alight.

A quantity of cash and a Blackberry mobile phone was taken. The suspect was dressed in a dark hoodie, of slim build and approx. 5ft 8ins tall.

Anyone who may have witnessed the theft or seen anyone acting suspiciously

around the bridge around the time the bag was set alight is asked to contact PC Matthew Stasiak at Newton Aycliffe Police Station on 0345 60 60 365 or ring the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Disco Event at Sugar Hill

The annual 'Little Big Event' will take place at Sugarhill School on Friday 7th October for years 1 and 2 and on Friday 14 October for years 3 to 6.

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On Saturday 15th October an Autumn Craft & Gifts Fayre will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church. There will be over 25 stalls attending hoping to attract you with their various displays of crafts & gifts. Items on sale will include cards, jewellery, woodturning, soaps, photography, needlework, toys, toiletries, craft materials, sweets, jams, paintings, door plaques, knitting, cookware, cakes etc. Some of the stallholders will be demonstrating their crafts and there will also be face painting. You can also try your hand at crafting by taking part in card & jewellery making workshops being held throughout the day. And don't forget to sample our bacon butties plus great value Methodist lunches and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you from 10am - 2pm. A warm welcome awaits you.

Councillors Donate £200

The JAFFA Club for children which meets at Burnhill Way Methodist Church would like to thank Councillors Mike Dixon and Enid Paylor for their generous contribution of £200 to the club. This wonderful gift will go towards the club's weekend trip to Seahouses where we take 15 - 20 children.

Guarantee to Cover Funeral Costs

AGE UK are holding an event in Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Wednesday 19th October between 1.30 and 3.30 pm. This is to give an opportunity for people aged 50 and over to discuss the Age UK Guaranteed Funeral Plan with an arranger. The Plan guarantees to cover cremation or funeral costs in full. The cost of the Funeral Plan is going up on 1st December and this is an opportunity for the people of Newton Aycliffe to save up to £185. Those wishing to attend can ring 0191 374 0931 for an appointment.

MIND's Successful Year in New Home



Aycliffe and South East Durham Mind held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 27th September. Having successfully relocated to their new Silverdale House premises in March 2011, the meeting was a chance to reflect upon the last year's developments. Though the service is well-used, Mind hope to increase the number of people enjoying the facilities that are on offer. These include activities such as fitness package equipment, entertainment, computers, software, therapies and wellbeing. A local walking group has also been formed,

with the Friends of Mind completing a Volunteer Walk and Leader Training Programme. Mind intends to extend its activities beyond a 'drop-in centre' by offering a more diverse range of resources. Chris Wheeler maintained his position as Chairman, Paul Jackson was nominated as Treasurer, and Katrina Waud was re-elected as Secretary of the branch. Funding remains an issue, however the Northern Rock Foundation, Durham County Council and Sedgfield Borough Homes were thanked for their continuing support. The service has been recently renamed as Aycliffe & South East Durham Mind to reflect and strengthen its relationship with the community. Bids have been made to fund the ongoing progress of the service, particularly in a climate of government cutbacks, which threaten to compromise the stability and efficiency of mental health-based services. Aycliffe & South East Durham Mind would also like to express their gratitude towards the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton, for her attendance at the meeting and are delighted that she chose to support the charity. The Centre is open between Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 6pm Wednesday 10am-7pm for anyone who wishes to use its services. It is available to any member of the community who is experiencing feelings of isolation, sadness, loneliness, grief and wishes to discuss their emotional wellbeing in a non-judgemental environment. Volunteers are also always welcome. Mind can now be found at 10-11 Silverdale House, Silverdale Place, They can be reached by e-mailing aycliffemind@googlemail.com, and telephoning (01325) 300121. They are also online at www.mind.org.uk.

C.A.B. - A.G.M.

Sedgfield & District Citizens Advice Bureau will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th October 2011 at 3pm in the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe. All welcome.

Tallents Fined £100,000 + Costs Employee's Tragic Death Was Avoidable

An Aycliffe engineering firm has been fined £100,000 plus £44,000 costs after a worker was crushed to death while clearing a jam on a production line. Father-of-two Paul Clark, 52, of Newton Aycliffe, was a multi-skilled fitter at Tallent Automotive Ltd-Gestamp Automocion (formerly ThyssenKrupp Tallent Ltd), where he died on 8 July 2009 after becoming trapped between a moving carriage and its tracks.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive found that a pneumatically-powered carriage, part of a large press which produced chassis components, had jammed. The carriage, known as a destacker, was used to remove empty magazines which had previously contained metal blanks, away from the press. Mr Clark was attempting to clear the jam after the carriage had stopped halfway along its tracks. He had opened the interlocked safety gates to gain access within the fenced enclosure of the machine. This isolated the equipment from the electricity supply, but did not isolate and make safe the pneumatic power element of the machine. The equipment for controlling movement of the carriage was located within the tracks the carriage ran on, which meant he had to work in a dangerous area in order to try and establish the cause of the jam.

While working on the equipment between the tracks, the carriage moved suddenly and trapped Mr Clark between the carriage and the support structure at the end of the tracks. He died as a result of traumatic asphyxia due to crush injuries.

The HSE investigation found that there was no safe system for carrying out work within the destacker area, as the pneumatic power for the machinery was not isolated before entering the interlocked enclosure.

Although the electrical hazards were recognised by the company, the risks from the pneumatically operated equipment were not. It was also found that the controls for adjusting the destacker carriage were located in a position of danger. There was also insufficient information available to Mr Clark to show how the pneumatic supply worked and how he could safely make the necessary adjustments. HSE Inspector Martin Baillie said:

"This tragic death could have been avoided had the company put in place a safe system of work in place which ensured that risks from all energy sources had been identified and made safe before employees could gain access to the enclosure where the equipment was located.

"It is vitally important that safe isolation procedures are developed and used before attempting to make repairs to equipment.

"In this instance, Tallent Automotive Limited-Gestamp Automocion has instead relied on the training and experience of individuals without providing a safe system of work or adequate information for them. This was a significant cause of the incident which led to Mr Clark's death."

Speaking after the case Mr Clark's wife Carole said:

"Paul was a tremendous husband, father, family man and friend to so many. What happened that fateful day has not only devastated the lives of those nearest to Paul but affected the lives of many others.

"We as a family believe Paul's death was completely avoidable. He was working in an isolated, hazardous area alone. When the accident happened his vital organs were not damaged, in fact he had only broken a few ribs and the Coroner felt his death could possibly have been

avoided had he been extricated earlier. What he must have gone through in those minutes doesn't bear thinking about. "We would hope that since this accident Tallents and other companies nationwide will introduce measures to have another worker close by to raise the alarm immediately when workers are in hazardous conditions. This could prevent further fatalities.

"We are pleased to now be able to draw a line under this process and try to re-build our lives. The final word has to be for Paul, who we miss so much. He leaves such a big void in our lives. He led such a full life but had so much more to live for, he has already missed his son's graduation, birth of family members and won't be present at his son's wedding next year. Nobody expects their husband to go out to work on an ordinary day and not come home."

NEW CLUB FOR SCHOOL AYCLIFFE

New Friends - New Places are starting a new group in School Aycliffe Community Centre. This is for older people in School Aycliffe and surrounding area to meet up and have a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Activities include Armchair Aerobics, Talks, Live entertainment, trips away. Don't sit in the house all day during the winter - come and join us. If you have difficulty getting to the Community Centre we will arrange to have you picked up. Our club at the Navy Club has been running for 3yrs. and many friendships have been formed. Come to our AGM on the 8th November. Ring Dorothy Bowman on 308094 for further details.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2011
at 6.00pm**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings.

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

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 19th October 2011

**Environment Committee
followed by Recreation Committee
7.15pm**

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.

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

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

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

A meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**THURSDAY, 13th OCTOBER 2011
at 7.15pm**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

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



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that:-

A meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2011
at 4.00p.m.**

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

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Running a Marathon Carrying Sandbags



Two Gym Instructors at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Joe Allinson and Andrew Roe, are taking on the challenge of a 26 mile sandbag run for Help the Heroes. They have done a lot of endurance events before, most notable being the Tough Guy Race when they came in the top 30 out of 4000 people. They estimate the run will take 6-8 hours to complete and they are carrying out 2 hours training a day in preparation carrying a sandbag, sledgehammer, kettlebell while running. They have invited gym members to run along with them for as many laps as they fancy (to keep them sane). Inspiration for charity choice is due to large number of service people using the gym and also those within our families.

VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast club takes place on Saturday, October 8th, at Aycliffe Village Hall from 9am to midday, when visitors will be offered a choice of breakfasts and the chance to catch up with friends. It is being sponsored by Extreme Performance Solutions. There will also be activities for children including making Hallowe'en decorations for the village hall disco later this month, and a book club for anyone wanting to buy some more books. All money raised will go towards village hall funds.

AYCLIFFE COMPANY KEEP COUNTY CRICKETERS COOL



John Elliott from Ebac and Scott Borthwick (DCC player) and one of the EBAC water coolers at the Riverside ground

Ebac of Aycliffe has joined forces with Durham County Cricket Club to provide its facilities with six bespoke water coolers.

The North-East de-humidifier and water cooler producer has installed its water coolers throughout the club in areas such as the gym, media centre, offices and hospitality box making water easily accessible for everyone. The coolers will be serviced regularly by a team of trained professionals.

Ebac is the market leader in the European water cooler production market and is no stranger to the health benefits its products can have.

John Elliott, chairman of Ebac, said: "Ebac has had a long relationship with Durham County Cricket Club and we are delighted to be supplying them with water coolers.

"Everyone recognises the health benefits that drinking plenty of water can have and it is pleasing that we can assist Durham County Cricket Club in providing these new facilities. Water coolers are an essential of today's modern workplace."

Mike Elliot, at Durham County Cricket Club, said: "These water coolers are a great new investment. As the interests of not only our players and employees, but our visitors too, are paramount we are glad to be able to offer them a healthy glass of chilled water."

Contact Caroline Walker on 01325 363436

Beware Installing Solar Energy Panels

Dear Sir,
Following our investigations into solar panel electricity generation at Woodham Community Centre, I consider the public would benefit from some points of caution.

Whilst the financial benefits seem too good to be true proper investigation should always be undertaken, before any decisions are made. My late father in-law told me a wonderful story which highlights this point. When he was a young man, an elderly lady in his street suffered from an embarrassing red veined nose. A national newspaper advertised "A cure for red noses, send seven shillings and six pence". To the ladies horror, the cure sent was a paint brush, and a small tin of blue paint with the instructions "paint the red nose BLUE!"

Under the Government's clean energy cash back scheme, householders who install solar panels are paid a feed-in tariff for the electricity they make, whether you use it or not. This is set at 43.3 pence/kW if your system is under the 4kilowatt peak. This tariff, which is due to be reduced after April 2012, is guaranteed for 25 years tax-free, and is index linked. As most people are paying about 14pence per kilowatt from their electricity supplier this is the obvious major benefit. However, you also have the use of any energy that is being produced, and then any surplus is exported to the National Grid at 3.1p/kW.

Solar panels, in my opinion are the modern equivalent of the double glazing boom, and of course this can attract non reputable Companies into the market.

Make sure that your potential installer has a MCS certificate.

Don't fall for a hard sell or offers of discounts for a quick decision.

Make sure a proper site survey and inspection takes place on your property.

There are schemes where

suppliers will install their panels on your roof, if you do not have the capital to install them yourself. However, I would advise to take independent legal advice on any possible contract.

You have to consider who would own these systems, what if you would want to end the contract? Are you liable for damage, and who has to pay for insurance and repairs? Under most of these "Rent a roof schemes" the main benefit, which in my opinion, is the feed-in tariff would be going to the installer not the householder.

David Sutton-Lloyd

Be Happy Don't Worry

To mark World Mental Health day on Monday 10th October, Aycliffe & South East Durham Mind are looking for confidential submissions to a 'worry box'. Submissions can be posted to their office at Silverdale Place, or handed in personally. They will then be disposed of. This is in order to raise awareness of mental health issues and the Mind service itself. Mind also hope that this will allow individuals the opportunity to free themselves from negative emotions, and to feel that their concerns have been released for someone else to deal with.

Submissions can be offered anonymously. Aycliffe & South East Durham Mind, who recently moved from their base at St Claire's Church Hall at St Cuthbert's Way, can now be found at the following address: 10-11 Silverdale House, Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe. They can also be contacted on 01325 300121, e-mailed at aycliffemind@googlemail.com and found online at www.mind.org.uk.

SILVERDALE COMMUNITY HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Drop in for a cup of Tea/Bacon Sandwich etc. every day from 9.30am until 1.30pm

Mother & Baby Toddlers Group

Starting Monday 10th October and Thursday mornings from 10.00am until 11.30am.

Come along and have a cup of Tea/Coffee/toast/bacon sandwich etc., meet other parents and let your children meet and play with

other youngsters. Everyone welcome.

Adult Bingo starting 13th October from 6pm until 8pm. Come along for a game and enjoy refreshments etc.

Junior Youth Club takes place every Wednesday Night 6pm until 8pm

AGM - New Friends New Places Tuesday 8th November 2011 2pm. Navy Club Burnhill Way. Members of the public welcome. Ring Dorothy Bowman on 308094

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ROUTE 2:- Thursday and Friday Only
6.15pm ~ Central Avenue Vane Rd Bus Stop
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YOUTHY UNDER 7's NEW KIT



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC under 7's would like to thank Michael Coates (Director) of Commercial Expert who gave a very generous donation to help buy the football kit for the very grateful kids in the picture.

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AYCLIFFE SPARTANS SHOW PROMISE



On Sunday 2 October the Newton Aycliffe Spartans took their courage in both hands and actually travelled to Birmingham to play their first organised games of baseball, friendlies against the Birmingham Maple Leafs and the West Midlands Razorbacks.

I expressed the opinion beforehand that arranging to play outdoor ball in England in October was taking something of a risk with the weather, however it turned out to be one of the warmest October days ever, and a wonderful day for baseball.

Once the travelling Northern contingents had navigated their way to Marston Green, start of play had to be delayed until noon to allow a children's football match to finish - it was then decided that Spartans would play two hour timed games against both Midlands teams in succession, after which Birmingham and West Midlands could play each other in whatever time was left.

So as soon as the goalposts were cleared from the outfield and the fences set up, Spartans coaches put together their first ever lineup and ... "play ball!" As to be expected Newton Aycliffe lost both games, being beaten 18-0 by the Maple Leafs and 12-2 by the Razorbacks (who made up their numbers with a couple of Spartans substitutes). However they were far from outclassed, and seemed to be improving as the afternoon went on, and took great delight in various landmark achievements: The first ball

hit fair, by number 2 hitter Mike Holton, the first man on base, a walk drawn by Franco di Bartolo, the first base hit, a double by Estil Peniche in the 2nd inning, the first strikeout by pitcher Dave Atkinson, the first hitless inning pitched by Lee Hill in the 2nd game, and eventually (in the 3rd inning of the 2nd game) the first run scored by Stuart Bradon on a 2RBI double by James Reilly. The Spartans gained a lot from competing against a decent opposition for the first time, and were given plenty of tips on the complex arts of base running and positioning of fielders by Maple Leafs manager James Moran.

The Spartans can be proud of how far they have progressed in such a short time and they have now handed the BBF the interesting problem of where they can be fitted into the League structure.

Local Author's New Book

The 'Commanders', an E/Book by Aycliffe author Bernie McCormack is now available and also sold by his ex/regiment headquarters whom he served with in Malaya many years ago. The price is £12 with half donated to the regiment who help families whose loved ones died in Afghanistan. Log on www.bermac.co.uk - click on the E/Book banner and the word 'here' at 'Commanders' by clicking on the picture. Others books by the author are priced at £10.

CALLING ALL AYCLIFFE LADIES

The "Girls Big Night In" on Wednesday 12 October at Xcel Centre is proving very popular with local businesses. Get Set Kids girls Ally and Emma tell us they have had a huge demand for stalls and are now full with over 50 stalls and they've now started a reserve list! Tickets will be on sale next Monday and Tuesday in Tesco, Newton Aycliffe or they will be available to buy on the door or by ringing Ally on 07971 577572. A new addition this year is the fully

licensed bar so we'd suggest you book a taxi and enjoy a Girls Big Night In cocktail or two!

Ally and Emma were overwhelmed by the support from local ladies at last year's event and need your help to make it even bigger and better this year and raise more money for their chosen charities, Cash for Kids and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

They look forward to welcoming you all to the Xcel Centre on the 12th.

Aycliffe Energy Company Completes Major Contract

A green energy company based in Newton Aycliffe is celebrating after successfully completing a major North East landmark project.

Leading suppliers of renewable energy products and services, Revolution Power, has installed 10 square meters of solar thermal, 1000 square meters of under-floor heating and 20kW solar Photo Voltaic (PV) panels to generate energy in the £2.5million building. This six-month community



project required the second largest installation of Mitsubishi Air Source Heat Pumps in the North East, which were designed and installed to ensure optimum efficiency and provide a comfortable environment for visitors, while keeping the Centre's carbon footprint to a minimum.

The PV on the Centre will produce 12,972 kWh of electricity per year, which saves approximately 11,463kg of Carbon Dioxide per year and provides a significant proportion of the Centre's energy requirements.

Revolution Power provides renewable energy products and services to domestic, commercial, community, educational and agricultural projects, and its work on the Newbiggin Maritime Centre is just one of the many projects that it has successfully completed this year. It has also worked on the Durham University Science Department as well as various schools and colleges in the North East.

The Company has more than doubled its turnover year on year, with hopes to continue this growth over the next year, which will be its sixth in business. Its team currently consists of 14 members, having increased by five over the last year alone. Delighted to have completed such a significant project,

Revolution Power managing director Wayne Richardson said: "It was a genuinely rewarding experience to be carrying out this work for the Newbiggin Maritime Centre, working closely with the team and our clients to make sure that all the work met our highest standards and the client's requirements and expectations.

"The renewable systems installed on the Maritime Centre will not only benefit the environment but will help maintain low running costs during times of escalating energy prices."

Following on from Revolution Power's recent success, Wayne is now planning to add another six members to his team, which will include up to two more apprentices emphasising his commitment to training the next generation of renewable installers. The Company's most recent appointment was taken on just last month.

For more information on Revolution Power, please visit www.revolutionpower.co.uk.

Holiways Continue Support for Aycliffe Squash Club



Big thanks to Ford Garage Holiways for another year backing our local squash club at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. This sponsorship enables Aycliffe Squash Club to have a strong presence in the Durham and Cleveland Squash Leagues both in the Mens and Ladies leagues as well as supporting links with the community to encourage new members.

Duncan Robson, Sales Director of Holiways was presented with this year's club T-shirt by our youngest member Alex MacFarlane and our oldest member Kev Martin as a token of our appreciation.

Duncan said "By backing the Club, we can see how it has an effect on supporting our community and developing sport in our local schools and we are proud to be part of it." Aycliffe Squash Club has provided a strong link to the community since starting in 1974. Back then there was just 1 team in the Durham and Cleveland League, now they are proud to boast 3 mens teams and 3 ladies teams which include some outstanding young players that have developed through the junior section.

The Oak Leaf runs beginner sessions for juniors on Tuesday afternoons and advanced coaching for more capable juniors on Thursday afternoons. As a result of this training we have produced

county champions in the boys under 15 and under 17 as well as the girls under 19 county champion.

This just goes to show you are never too young or old to get into the game. Come and join us on a Tuesday evening between 6.15pm and 8.30pm for our club night, we welcome any age and

experience and have an open informal session every week for anyone to enjoy.

Checkout the website aycliffesquash.com for more information and for details regarding Mens, Ladies and Junior training, or to show your interest speak to our Club Chairman Jed Hodgson on 07774279971.

Situations VACANT

NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

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Cat Found!

Sara Beith wishes to thank the lady at 21 Eskdale Place who found her cat "Mitzee" and gave her back to them. "We are very happy to have her back and couldn't be more grateful to her". said Sara

Get Set Kids



Girls Big Night In

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CONSULTATION ON PLANNING

Is this the end of our 'green and pleasant land'?

The Planning Framework is a Licence to Build:

The Framework is the outcome of a basic Tory feeling that planning rules are restricting much-needed economic growth and development. So the Framework proposes to replace the existing 1,300 pages of rules with 52 pages of general principles. Running through the Framework (its 'golden thread') is 'a presumption in favour of sustainable development' - which means, basically, that where planning permission is sought for infrastructure, industry, housing, or local services, 'the default answer to development proposals is yes', as long as the development is 'sustainable'. Some developments - such as wind farms - will be 'sustainable' by definition, since they provide low-carbon renewable energy.

This principle - this 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' - is, by the way, not up for discussion. The consultation is not asking us whether we agree with the principle - only whether the Framework document explains it properly.

The Framework explicitly requires authorities making Local and Neighbourhood Plans to keep them flexible and minimal ... and yet contains the terrifying provision that 'where the plan is absent, silent, indeterminate or out of date', the Planning Authority must grant permission - in other words, if you can find a loophole in all this, go ahead. Worrying.

There are some Positives:

There is much in the framework which makes sense.

1. People in Aycliffe will presumably want to support Paragraph 19, which overturns the current requirement that developers use brown field sites first, before they are allowed to develop green field sites. Here in Newton Aycliffe there are a number of brown field sites, long unused, which we now see as valuable green space within our communities, and we would prefer to see 'islands' of development beyond the current boundaries of the town, rather than 'infilling' on brown field sites which will 'fill up' and overcrowd our community.

2. I found myself nodding in agreement with most of Paragraphs 76-80, which set out principles for the development of town centres.

3. Also, as in Paragraph 109, I would welcome the right to 'set housing density to reflect local circumstances'. This is what we have been trying to get for ages; why should we in the north-east (where land is plentiful) be forced to build cramped, overcrowded housing estates at the high densities required down south (where land is scarce)?

The Framework, however, includes some Alarming Negatives:

There is just so much in this Framework which simply hands us over to the developers to whom, it appears to me, we will simply

be powerless to say no as long as their building has a wind turbine on the top to make it 'sustainable'.

4. Paragraph 119 restricts our right to reject ugly buildings as long as they are 'high-quality'.

5. Paragraph 151, similarly, prevents planning authorities refusing permission on the grounds that a new building does not fit within an existing townscape, as long as it has a social, economic or environmental benefit.

6. Paragraph 146 will make it virtually impossible to stop renewable energy development on green belt land, since it defines renewable energy as 'sustainable' by definition.

7. Similarly Paragraph 153 essentially allows energy companies to build wind farms ANYWHERE they can show they would be possible.

8. Finally, where pollution is an issue, Paragraph 172 instructs planning authorities to assume that pollution control regimes will operate effectively, and to judge the application only on whether the development is an acceptable use for the land, and not on what would happen if things went wrong.

Please Respond:

Generally, my fear is that this Framework will render us powerless to prevent predator development on our most beautiful and precious sites because the Framework has taken away all our powers and rights to say no.

And specifically, I remain convinced that - if the Framework becomes law - the Town Council MUST develop a Neighbourhood Plan, taking advantage of its proposed power to define WHERE development will take place, and also the 'Local Green Space' where our community might wish to rule out development.

You can respond to the Framework online, or you can send in your comments by post (to Alan C Scott, NPPF, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU) or by email (planningframework@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

Consultation ends 17th October and I urge readers to respond.

John D Clare

Greenfield Girls at Dance City



On Tuesday the 4th of October a group of year eleven BTEC Performing Arts Students from Greenfield Community College went to visit Dance City in Newcastle.

Upon arrival they were greeted by Mel Cook, events & facilities manager, who then took the group on a full tour of the buildings studios/offices and performance

spaces. The group are currently studying the Performing Arts Industry so gaining an insight into job opportunities within the arts first hand was extremely beneficial to them. On completion of the tour the BTEC students participated in a musical theatre dance workshop. All students involved gave a great performance and represented their school exceptionally well.

HELPING DISABLED WITH TRANSPORT

Dear Sir,

Thanks to Newton News for helping find transport for disabled people.

There is a service called Link 2 provided by the County Council who, by appointment, will pick you up at your door, and take you to the shops or wherever you need to go. If wanting to travel further you can pay a small fee, 50p a mile. Their phone number is 0191 383 383

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For people who are disabled and would like to know what buses are available contact Arriva on the morning you want to travel, to see what buses will be operating with Disabled Access. 0844 8004411.

If you are disabled you are eligible, depending on category, for a FREE bus pass, to travel locally. Arriva are aiming to make all local buses, disabled accessible by 2013.

Mrs. Sarah Dightam.

£250 for Cat Protection



Ian and Clare Midgley presented the Wear Valley and Darlington Cats Protection League with a cheque for £250 in memory of their son Steven who died suddenly on September 5th 2011, aged 31.

He was an accomplished musician and songwriter, but his first love was for his cat Kia. She came from the Cats Protection League in Shildon in 2000. Throughout Steven's periods of ill health, Kia was a close companion and would cry if he was not at home.

If you would like to donate

to the Darlington and Wear Valley Cats Protection please contact Marion Maychell on 07792699918.

The donation was made possible by the many people who chose to give cash for this purpose in Steven's memory.

Ian and Clare thank them all again. We would also like to thank The Co-op Funeral Service who were professional and supportive and the staff at Bewick Crescent Medical Practice, particularly Dr Robert McKinty and Dr Ruth Hewitt for their patience and support.

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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
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LOCAL BAND SUPPORTS CLUB

Aycliffe Sub Aqua Club is holding a Social Night on Saturday the 15th of October at the Moore Lane Sports Club.

The event is designed to raise funds which will enable the club to continue to train new divers. Popular local band 'RIVALRY' have agreed to provide part of the entertainment for the night. There will also be a raffle, quiz and money draw held on the night. The event is due to start at 7:30pm and tickets are only £5 per person and are available either on the door or preferably by pre calling Stuart Hackett on The club has held similar events to this in the past all of which have proven to be both successful and enjoyable.

The Clubs Diving Officer

'Peter Haden' has asked for as many people as possible to make contact and come along and join in the fun. It will also be a great opportunity to listen to a popular local band as well as being able to find out more about Aycliffe Sub Aqua Club.

The Club was recently awarded the coveted 'GOLDEN CLUB' award by the SUB AQUA ASSOCIATION.

This award is a 'National Award' presented to the club which has contributed most to training and developing new and existing divers over a year. Club Chairman 'Martin Green' said that '...this award is something that we at the club are really proud of. A great deal of time and effort went into training and developing both new and existing members last year and this award is recognition of that fact.

We hope to continue in a similar way this year but like many local clubs, we need to attract new members as well as raise funds so that we can continue to deliver the high standard of training that has become the norm at Aycliffe Sub Aqua'.

The club meets every Thursday night at the Recreation Centre in Newton Aycliffe at 9pm and anyone interested in coming along for a FREE TRY DIVE should contact Martin on 01325 319008.

Schools Receive Gifts from Tesco



Phil Wilson MP visited the presentation of gifts from Tesco to four Primary Schools in Newton Aycliffe. The goodies were given to St. Josephs, St. Mary's, Stephenson Way and Woodham Burn Schools as part of Tesco for Schools & Clubs Scheme. The scheme now in its 20th year enables schools to redeem vouchers from Tesco shoppers. Paul Davies Customer Services Manager said the team at Aycliffe were proud to be part of this scheme and looks forward to the next presentation.

Poor Reason for Denying Picnic Bench

Dear Sir,
I would like to add my comments on the subject of the Picnic Tables at West Park. My wife and I visited the park to see where they have been placed and immediately agreed they were too far away from the car park for disabled people to use. Didn't anything click in the council's mind that this was not the ideal place for the tables? They would have us believe they are a caring council, but

only care about what they want. I thought they were there to serve the people and it would be a good idea if now and then they asked our opinion or listened and acted on sensible suggestions when they are made.

Industrial Festival at Neville Parade Church

Neville Parade Methodist Church held an Industrial Festival last weekend with displays and presentations from Aycliffe Industries including Tallents, Ineos, Newton Press, Flymo, and Aycliffe Fabrications.

A Service was held on Friday night followed by a Buffet. The various displays were available for viewing throughout the weekend and attracted great interest.



Agnew's New Nursery

Aycliffe Community Nursery has just opened at the Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close, Newton Aycliffe. It is run by enthusiastic staff, fully qualified up to Early Years Professional Status.

The Nursery is Ofsted Registered and open 5 mornings a week from 9:15am to 12:15pm. Parents can leave their child in the knowledge that they are safe and well cared for. Children can attend for one or more sessions during the week, fees are £8.50 per session. There are places available for children aged from 2 years to 5 years. Your child receives a

variety of stimulating activities and experiences from painting, playdough, dressing up, music making, crafts, story time, dancing, building and lots more. The nursery follows the EYFS and have their own secure play area.

An Open Event is on Sunday 9th October from 5pm to 7pm for you to have a look around and have a chat with our staff.

If you would like further information or to reserve a place for your child please call Jane or Nicola on 07761 818514 or pop in and see us during opening hours Monday to Friday 9:15am to 12:15pm.



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Great Charity Show by MAD Productions at Xcel Centre



MAD Productions, a group of teenagers who meet at the Youth Centre to sing and dance, put their talent to good use by organising a Charity Show at the Xcel Centre on Monday 3rd October.

Supported by the Xcel Choir, dancers and church members the youngsters put on a magnificent night of entertainment with all proceeds to the PC David Rathbone Foundation which aids public service personnel injured in the line of duty.

The Police Swing Band were part of the Show hosted by Duncan and Luke. The event featured superb solos from Josh Barr, Evelyn Lodge, Rachael Mawston and 'Sinatra of the North' Michael Crick.

There were exceptional performances by the MAD Singers and the Xcel Choir which had everyone tapping their feet to the beat.

A representative from the Foundation accepted a cheque for over £1500 which was a splendid result for which MAD Productions and organisers Sonia and Maureen should be very proud.

Swimathon Raised £10k for Clubs & Charities



Bewick Crescent Surgery won the annual Swimathon Trophy for raising the most money for charity. Two of the swimmers along with their Captain retired doctor, Brian Jones attended the Presentation last Thursday at the Cumby Arms. Rotarian Godon Howe Swimathon Chairman is shown right.

Over £10,000 was raised at the event held last May and £2,500 was donated to Macmillan Cancer Research and Michelle Muir received the cheque on behalf of the charity expressing her gratitude to all the swimmers.



CUBS VISIT 3M TO LEARN ABOUT INDUSTRY



Cubs George Halliday and Ben Ryan try out respirators under the watchful eye of 3M's Hannah Seaver

3M Aycliffe welcomed the inquiring minds of a party of cubs who visited its Heighington Lane manufacturing site recently. Thirty cubs and their leaders toured the site and learnt about the diversified technology company and its range of respirator and safety products.

The visit was informative for the cubs - showing them how products are constructed from raw materials to the finished product. They were all thrilled to see the production line and learn about a company that makes so much of what they use every day; placing the company into perspective in their everyday lives.

The site's learning and development leader Mairead Minto helped organise the

visit with the aid of a team of colleagues. "The cubs were very enthusiastic about all we had to show them and we hope it will have sparked their interest in thinking about industry for their future careers," she added.

£50 Reward for Return of Stolen Bike



Stephen Waddingham's bike was stolen between 10.15am and 11.45am on Monday 3rd October outside Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. It was locked to the railings at the bottom of the steps, near the bus stop.

He used the bike to do a charity bike ride earlier this year and was training to do another next Summer. Stephen offers a £50 reward for information leading to the return of his Carrera bike. Phone 07914 410844

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Additional financial support includes help with course study costs, such as equipment and uniforms, and vouchers for stationery, with other incentives including free gym membership and free hair and beauty treatments. The college has topped up the allocation made available from the Government's new £180m Bursary Fund to pay for the new support package. The national Bursary Fund provides £1,200 a year for young students from disadvantaged backgrounds or who have certain disabilities. The move was designed to ensure school leavers from less affluent backgrounds were not put off further education as a result of the scrapping of the £540m Education Maintenance Allowance, which paid eligible students with a family income below £30,000 up to £30 per week.

While many courses are already full, there remain limited places in a number of subject areas including: sport; construction; engineering; IT; business and administration; public services; music and performing arts; art and design; and travel and tourism.

Principal Anne Isherwood said: "Across the country there is evidence that the withdrawal of the EMA grant may have put some school leavers off going to college to pursue further education, because they are worried they will not be able to afford to study.

"Our message to those young people is come and talk to us - we may be able to offer up to £2,000 a year in financial support to cover everything from bus fares to meals. While many subject areas now have a full allocation of students, we do have limited space in others. So it's not too late to enrol."

In an announcement to coincide with national Colleges Week, Bishop Auckland College has also today pledged to maintain the same student support package next year, so students enrolling on two year courses who are eligible for financial help know it is in place for the full duration of their course.

Mrs Isherwood added: "Over half of our students were last year awarded EMA grants, which shows just how important this financial support is. We don't want young people being deterred from giving themselves a great chance in life because they are worried they can't afford to come to college.

"With a bursary of up to £500, free travel, free meals, free childcare and additional support for other study costs we believe we have a comprehensive support package in place which should ensure everyone, whatever their background, can take advantage of our superb facilities and teaching."

The college's £32m Woodhouse Lane campus, which opened in 2007, includes impressive sound recording, music & performing arts facilities, construction and motor vehicle training workshops, salons, and a sports hall.

The first class facilities are to be further boosted this October with the addition of a new Sixth Form Centre to the second floor on the main campus for Level 3 Students.

The centre, which will include an advanced study area, a research area with new computers and a socialising hub, is centrally located adjacent to the £500,000 Gateway for Higher Education centre opened last year by the University of Sunderland.

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Any school leavers wanting to find out more about enrolling at the college should visit www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk or call free on 0800 092 6506.

Football Club Secretary & Treasurer 'Matched'



Yvonne Rennard married Robert William Wood at Darlington Register Office at Darlington Registrars Office on Friday 3rd June 2011 at 12.30pm
Both are Local Government Officers - the bride is a Legal Executive and the Groom a Technical Systems Manager employed by Darlington Borough Council.
The Best Man was Colin Barron the groom's brother-in-law) and the Maid of Honour and Chief Bridesmaid was Avril Rennard (sister of the bride). Debbie Barron the groom's sister was also a bridesmaid. The Usher was Kieron Barron the groom's nephew.

After a Reception at St George Hotel, Durham Tees Valley Airport, the couple left for their Honeymoon in Jersey. The married couples returned to their new home in Newton Aycliffe.
The Bride is a member of Cockerton Prize Silver Band who played at the wedding. Yvonne joined them to play at the Reception.
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As part of its overall mission to ensure the youth centre's continuing success as a valuable asset to the local community, the management committee cannot overlook the long-term financial sustainability of the centre.

With that in mind, the committee's responsibilities include arranging outside bookings around the centre-based sessions provided by Durham County Council's "Positive Activities For Young People" youth workers, so that the maximum potential of the physical space and available resources is realised.

Due to ongoing enquiries,

the management committee is unable to publicly comment on any specific allegations concerning the boxing club but wish to point out that we are still open to negotiation regarding the club's use of the facilities currently on offer at the centre.

The management committee is more than willing to answer individual concerns on this or any other relevant issue, should any of your readers wish to contact us directly.

Furthermore, the management committee would be equally happy to hear from any of your readers who are interested in joining the management committee and who would like information about the procedures involved in membership application. *Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Management Committee.*

In Memoriam

PAUL GIBSON 9-10-09. You are still a big miss Son and are always in my thoughts. Love, Dad xxx

PAUL GIBSON 9-10-09. It's been 2 years today since we said our goodbyes, to you my Brother I'm sending my love up the skies. Love forever, Mandy and family xxx

BARBARA BUTTLE 8th October 2010. Gone, but not forgotten. We will always miss you. Love, John, David, Pauline, Andrew, Jacqui, Soliel, Tracy, Ellie and Alistair

BARBARA BUTTLE 8-10-2010. One year has passed, miss you lots. Always in my heart. Your loving friend, Edna xxx

BARBARA BUTTLE 8th October 2010. Dear friend, time passes, memories stay. Love, June

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MILLER Debra and Geoffrey would like to thank everyone for the cards, texts, messages and well wishes they received following Geoff's heart attack on 26th July. Geoff underwent surgery on 30th August and is now back home recovering. **GEOFFREY MILLER** would like to thank his Wife Debra and Daughter Stevie Lena, who along with the paramedics were responsible in saving my life in the early hours of the 26th July.

MILLER, Geoff, Debra, Joel and Stevie Lena would especially like to thank family and friends for all their help and assistance in arranging lifts and visiting Geoff in both Darlington and Freeman Hospitals. Also for all the help with shopping and transportation to appointments. We really appreciate all the help and kindness extended to us during this difficult period. **MY HUSBAND** and I would like to say a big thank you to the lady in Whinlatter Place for finding our Westie "Sophie". We can't thank you enough, from Lisa and Darran xx

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6-10-2011
Have a great day. All our love, Mam, Dad and Joe xxxx
Happy 21st Paj
All my love, Matt Matt xxx
Happy Birthday
Lots of love on your 21st birthday. The Fisk's & Teasdale's x
Happy 21st Paj
Lots of love, Ash, Christy, Carrie and all the girls xxxxx

Sara Firth "21"

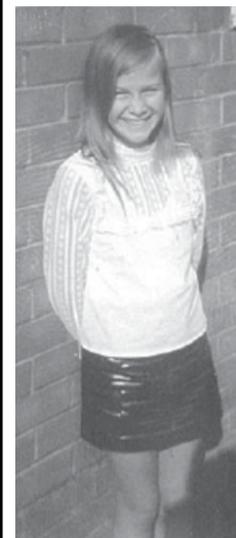


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to a very special Daughter and Sister. Happy birthday and wishing you every success for the future. Love always, Mum, Dad and Andrew xxxx
Happy 21st
Hope you have an amazing week. Love you, Marc xxx
Happy Birthday Sara
Lots of love, Auntie Carolyn, Uncle Garry, Nicola and Tom xxx
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Happy 50th Birthday
10th October 2011
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Beverley Mercer



Happy 50th Birthday Sweetheart
Have a great holiday with the girls in Magaluf. All my love, Russell xxx
Awww, what a cutie! Love you Mum. From Ash xx
Have a nice birthday Bev. Love, Danielle and Ryan xxx

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GAMP £4k DONATION BOOSTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Newton Aycliffe FC have again benefited from a sizeable donation towards a number of ground improvements.

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) has supported a number of new projects at the club's Moore Lane Park at Aycliffe Sports Club, with a £4,000 donation from Cllrs John Moran and Sarah Iveson's Neighbourhood Budget allocation.

The cash has gone towards brand new box goals for the Northern League club as well as new flooring for the dugout areas, seating for their new hospitality cabin, matchballs for the season and a new flagpole.

It's the latest donation to the club by GAMP, which is set up in conjunction with local stakeholders and funded by Durham County Council, after handing over £2,000 from their small grants scheme towards earlier this year.

"We're absolutely indebted to GAMP for their fantastic support," said chairman Gary Farley.

"This donation enabled us to make some vital ground improvements ahead of our first season in the Northern League season, which further enhances the facility all-round.

"It helps us to maintain one of the league's best grounds to make it an enjoyable place for everyone to visit, whether it's our many regular home fans or away supporters."

AAP support officer Adam White, pictured with Cllrs John Moran and Sarah Iveson and Aycliffe goalkeeper Scott Pocklington, added: "This is a fantastic project that helps the town's football club.

"Funding will provide a number of benefits not only for the club but also the hundreds of supporters who enjoy following their local team. GAMP wishes Newton Aycliffe FC success in their first season in the Northern League first division."

Aycliffe's unbeaten away record was chalked



off with a 3-1 defeat at Marske United last Saturday. All four goals were scored in the first 20 minutes of the second-period, as the players struggled to cope with the sweltering October heat in the first-half.

Anthony Campbell went from villain-to-hero, first giving away the penalty which gave the home-side the lead, before firing an unstoppable 25-yard volley to equalise two-minutes later.

But a spectacular own-goal from John Close and a Chris McGill header meant Aycliffe tasted defeat for just the second time in their inaugural first division campaign.

Team: Pocklington, Gibson, Campbell, Close, Craddock, Tarling, Broom, Knox, Jardine, Robson, Owen. Subs used: B Wood, Oliver. Unused: J Gray, Black. Star Man: Josh Knox.

FIXTURES

- Sat Oct 8: Newcastle Benfield (H), 3pm
 - Sat Oct 15: Dunston UTS (A) 3pm
 - Weds 19: South Shields (H) 7.30pm
 - Sat Oct 22: Penrith (H) 3pm
 - Sat Oct 29: West Auckland Town (A), 3pm
 - Sat Nov 5: Whitley Bay (H) 3pm
 - Sat Nov 12: Guisborough Town (A) 3pm
- www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Aycliffe Rugby Team Scrape Home

Jarrovians 10
v
Newton Aycliffe 15

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club visited old rivals Jarrovians in their latest Durham and Northumberland Division 3 match. With Jarrovians having been out of the league in recent years, this was the first game between the teams for a while. Aycliffe were able to pick from a squad of 23 for the match, which was played on a hard ground in scorching conditions. Despite having arrived well before kick-off, Aycliffe had their usual slow start, within 90 seconds the big Jarrovians forwards had made ground and poor tackling had seen them score a try. Again, the Aycliffe backs looked dangerous, but, with the home team on top in the rucks, and slow scrummage ball, good quality possession was at a premium.

Finally getting some possession, Aycliffe inched their way towards the Jarrovians line and were awarded a penalty near the line. With the opposition expecting a forward drive, the ball was flung wide, slick handling saw the ball quickly along the back line, where Darrell McLaren was able to set up Ben Fowler for his first try for Aycliffe. Stephen Middlemas added the kick from wide out to take the lead. Soon after, Jarrovians missed a penalty kick in front of the posts. At the break the score was 7-5. The one area which Aycliffe dominated was the lineout, and Craig Holmes was making a number of line breaks. James Thacker increased the lead with a try before Jarrovians fought back and again took advantage of week tackling to score a try. Needing the conversion to tie the scores, they again missed an easy kick.

With Aycliffe's next attack producing a penalty 30 metres out, Middlemas's kick ensured that Jarrovians would need a try to get back in the game. This was to prove beyond them and Aycliffe held out for the narrow win although Jarrovians did get the losing bonus point.

Again this season, Aycliffe showed they have the spirit to win tight games, a failing in the past. They are now third in the league, having beaten some of the stronger teams and can now be optimistic of a high finish, but it will take more work on the training ground and sharper finishing. On 8th October, Aycliffe host Richmondshire, 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

KITCHEN FIRM SPONSORS AYCLIFFE YOUTH SCHEME



Darlington Sport In The Community is currently running a scheme aimed at 16 to 18 year old youths that are out of work and unemployed.

The scheme is minimum 16 week course and trains the youngsters up to level 1 sports coaching with qualifications in first aid level 2, employment and key skills level 2 whilst also being paid £75 per week.

It requires students to complete 16 hours work experience per week on placement. We currently have 16 apprentices who are from Newton Aycliffe and on placement at the Youth

Centre, helping with sports coaching, youth work sessions and fitness sessions. It's a great success, providing free help to the Centre whilst gaining valuable "hands on" experience.

We approached local bespoke kitchen manufacturer T & S Kitchens based on Aycliffe Business Park to sponsor the scheme. They thought it was a fantastic project and were proud to be associated donating £500 on the spot which gave each student a tracksuit and training kit. The students are pictured wearing their tracksuits and kit with many thanks to T & S Kitchens.

Hall Improved 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 Middridge Partnership (GAMP) is using 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 took place on Thursday 29 September at the school on Washington

Crescent. Councillors Joan Gray, Paul Gittins, Enid Paylor and Sarah Iveson were present along with assistant headteacher Danny Morgans and GAMP Co-ordinator Brain Riley. GAMP is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

The partnership has supported the project with a massive £32,456 from Councillors, Joan Gray, Mike Dixon, Paul Gittins, John Moran, Enid Paylor and Sarah Iveson's Neighbourhood Budget allocation.

Brian Riley, AAP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic project that will provide a first class sports facility for Woodham Community Technology College and provide a valuable resource for the whole town."

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