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Budget totalling £60,000. Further funding has come from Bishop Auckland College, Sedgfield Borough Homes, South Durham Enterprise Agency and MEARS bringing the total to £147,910. The project will be launched on November 1st at Newton Aycliffe Learning Centre. Representatives from GAMP, Bishop Auckland College, Sedgfield Borough Homes, South Durham Enterprise Agency and MEARS will attend with some of the Councillors. Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "One of GAMP's key priorities is Employment, Job Prospects and Enterprise. "This project is unique to the GAMP area and brings together a wide range of partners to address barriers to employment and it is hoped that the project will be of immense benefit to the town's job seekers."

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International Event at Woodham



Sunday 23rd October was an amazing day at Harvest Christian Centre as the church held an International Celebration Day. The nations of India, Sri Lanka, Lebanon and Nigeria were represented at the event. Church leader Geoff Walvin said, "We already have church members who are from different cultural backgrounds adding to our dream to be an international church."

Sunday was exceptional as we had over fifty people, mostly from India and Sri Lanka, worshipping with us. It was an amazing day of celebrating unity and learning from one another (plus, we got to eat some seriously good curries and Lebanese food!). For more information on the next International Day phone 01325 308284 or check out www.harvestchristiancentre.org.uk

HITACHI VISIT RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Aycliffe Village Local History Society would like to thank everyone who called to see a Railways Exhibition that was held in Aycliffe

Village Hall last weekend. The success of the event was due, in no small part, to the dedicated and hard working members of the

Shildon Model Railway Club who brought and demonstrated three of their wonderful model railway layouts. A handsome model Hitachi 395 train, a gift from Hitachi-EU who will build full size 395 locomotives at Aycliffe, attracted a lot of interest. Mr Jim Brewin, Hitachi's Development Engineer for Projects and Operations, made a special effort to visit us. He stayed a full hour and a half and spoke to everyone who was curious to know when Hitachi will be established here.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society. First Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Annual membership: £5.00.

Tea Dance: Tuesdays, weekly 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Cost: £2.00.

Evergreens Over-50s Club: Wednesdays, weekly 10.30am. Annual membership: £25.00 or £2.00 per session.

Wear Valley Writers: Wednesdays in term time, 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Free event in the library.

Reading Group: First Thursday of each month 10.00am – 12noon. Free event in the library.

Print Workshop: Second Thursday of each month 10.15am – 12.15pm, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, £6.00 per session.

Family and Local History: Last Thursday of each month, 10.00am – 12noon,

2.00pm – 4.00pm. Free drop-in event in the library. Knit and Natter: First Saturday of each month, 10.00am – 12noon. Free event in the library.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Story Time: Tuesdays, weekly during term time, 10.30am – 11.30am. Stories and crafts for under-5s. Free event in the library. Book Buddies: Thursdays, fortnightly in term time, 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Aimed at 8 – 12 year olds. Free event in the library.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday 3rd

Film: Just Go With It

Thursday 10th

Print Workshop

Thursday 10th

Film: Hanna

Saturday 12th

Exhibition Launch: Time Slides: The Wartime Memories Project

Saturday 12th until Saturday 3rd December Exhibition: Time Slides Wednesday 16th Folk: Megson Thursday 17th Film: Potiche Friday 18th Theatre: Reform Theatre presents 'Housebound' Tuesday 22nd Bishop Auckland Civic Society Talk: Mary Ann Cotton by Tom Hutchinson Thursday 24th

Film: Submarine Sunday 27 to Tuesday 29th Pantomime: Fame Factory Jack and the Beanstalk Tuesday 29th Book-it! Meet Paul Torday **FILM CLUB** Join our Film Club for special offers (watch two films and watch a third free!) events and a chance to have a say on the films shown. It's free to join – just pick up a membership card on your next visit.

ART AND CRAFT FAYRE

To be held on Saturday 26th November, from 1pm to 4pm, at the Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close. DL5 4QZ. Shirt Painting, Tea, Coffee & Cakes will be on sale during the event. All profits will go towards the funds of the Elevate Youth Club. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

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There is a training event for the group on 26th November 12 till 5pm at the Scout Centre in Bluebell Way. Between 12 and 2pm we are inviting local scouts/cubs to come and look at the weapons we use, and do a bit of shield wall training and have a go at some of the crafts.

New W.I. for Village

There is an Open Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd November 2011 at Aycliffe Village Hall from 7pm when Sue Fox from the Womens Institute will be giving a talk about setting up a group in the village.

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Tracks covered by The Who, Bryan Adams, Thin Lizzy, Free, Hendrix, Stones, Bad Company, Kings of Leon and much much more. Should be one of The Gigs of the year. Don't miss it!! www.tommyandtheoddballs.website.orange.co.uk

Saturday 5th November - "UNCLE GILBERT"

RIFFS ONLINE REVIEW: 'An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill and Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance - as did all the other punters in the venue tonight. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right. This band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league' Covering tracks by: Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Gary Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, Santana, UFO, ZZ Top and much more www.unclegilbert.co.uk

Saturday 12th November - "2-80s"

Great local band that's starting to attract a large following, constantly playing to full gigs. A fantastic mix of modern and classic rock. Playing tracks by Foo Fighters, Thin Lizzy, Killers, Bad Company, Black Crows, Snow Patrol, Kaiser Chiefs, Rolling Stones, Feeder, Kings of Leon, Stereophonics, Primal Scream and much much more.

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Region's Firms Flock to Aycliffe's Oktoberfest

Companies from the region flocked to Newton Aycliffe for an engineering and manufacturing exhibition last week. The Excel Centre hosted County Durham's Oktoberfest, part of a national drive to boost manufacturing industry.

The exhibition provided a platform for companies to promote their talent and capabilities, make new contacts, initiate new commercial prospects and provide an opportunity to meet buyers.

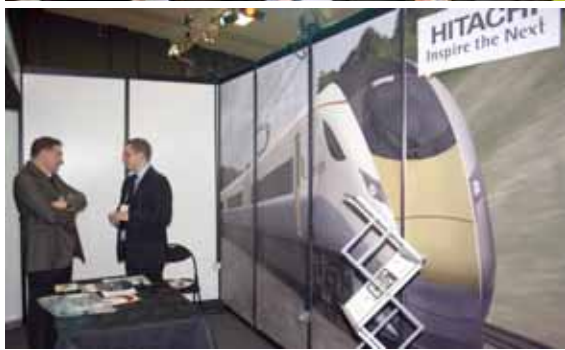
Now in its fourth year, Engineering Clusters County Durham hosted the Exhibition supported by the North East Engineering & Manufacturing Alliance (NEEMA).

Among those attending were representatives from investor NEL Fund Managers, which is responsible for the management of the £20m Finance for the Business North East Growth Fund.

Jane Siddle, investment executive at NEL said: "The Growth Fund provides a fantastic opportunity for ambitious regional businesses to access investment capital they need to develop their services."

"Manufacturing and engineering businesses form the backbone of our investee portfolio, and we've made several Growth Fund investments in these sectors over the last 18 months."

This year's County Durham event was hosted close to the site of Amazon Park currently being developed by Merchant



Place Developments which will be the new home of Hitachi Rail where the next generation of high speed trains for the European market will be assembled and manufactured.

The event showcased the wealth of engineering and

manufacturing excellence across the region and featured more than 90 exhibitors including Hitachi Rail and Merchant Place Developments, as well as some of the biggest premier manufacturing company names, providing a fantastic opportunity to inter-trade, win new business, find new suppliers and showcase expertise.

It also provided visitors with the opportunity to book one-to-one appointments with buyers from more than 20 companies.

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LABOUR GAG INDEPENDENTS

They Hog Power & Stop Free Speech

Dear Sir,

The Labour Party have got it wrong, again, and they only tell half of the story. How can they condemn poor representation by some Independents when the Labour group decide on the formation of committees making sure they have the chair and vice chair and a majority of Labour Councillors on each committee?

Environment Committee: 8 Independents, 20 Labour.
Recreation Committee: 8 Independents, 20 Labour.
Policy & Resources Committee: 8 Independents, 20 Labour.
Personnel Sub Committee: 2 Independents, 7 Labour.
Appeals Sub Committee: 3 Independents, 7 Labour.
Audit Sub Committee: 1 Independent, 7 Labour.

Asset Management

Working Group:

3 Independents, 6 Labour.

Charges Working Group:

0 Independents, 3 Labour.

Golf Course Working

Group:

0 Independents 3 Labour.

(I am the only Councillor that plays golf and was on this committee for years, but the Labour Group would not vote me on).

Show Working Group:

2 Independents, 7 Labour.

Planning Sub Committee:

2 Independents, 7 Labour.

Independents do speak at these committees and put things forward, but are always out-voted.

Independents put their names forward to stand for Mayor and Deputy Mayor but never make it, because they are not Labour.

The allowance for

Councillors was decided

by an independent panel which stated that all should be reimbursed to cover the cost of travel to meetings, home and mobile phone calls and the time they spend representing residents of their Ward.

They also may attend other meetings like Sure Start, PACT, School Governing bodies etc. As an Alderman I attend Durham County Council meetings and also represent and deal with residents complaints.

The Labour Party have created their complaint against some Independents by keeping them off committees.

Meetings go on for more than 1 hour, sometimes 2 or 3. A Councillors work is not just attending meetings and never ends.

Asking for Independents to stand down is ridiculous! Only 3 weeks ago, in this same paper, there was a complaint of a Labour Councillor not returning phone calls.

How many Labour Councillors really work for the people in their Ward? Some residents do not even know who their Labour representatives are, and has never been seen in the Ward.

It is time that the Labour controlled Council stopped trying to put the Independents -down and give them fair representation.

It was the people who put them there, not the Labour group.

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Walking is a great way to explore everything the British countryside has to offer. Whether it's one mile or a hundred miles,

Macmillan has plenty of opportunities for you to get your trainers and boots on. This is especially so in the County Durham area with our mix of city and rural walks.

Why not register and hold your own? You can set the distance and ask your friends and family to join your event, and Macmillan will support you by providing hints and tips as well as Promotional materials. Perhaps you want to get fit and feel healthy

in the lead up to Christmas. If you have had a cancer experience yourself or know someone who has, physical activity can help with some of the side effects people may experience during and after cancer treatment - walking is a great way to do this.

Perhaps you want to walk in memory of someone or in celebration. Whatever your reason, you can make a real difference to the lives of people affected by cancer and Macmillan Cancer Support will help you every step of the way.

You may have your own ideas, but if not, you could walk around your home estate with your neighbours and friends, or around your business park at work or do one of the following:

Try a midnight walk or a dawn walk for early risers. Choose a theme and get everyone to go in fancy dress. Finish your walk with a warm meal at a restaurant. Pick a country pub you want to visit and start the

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Visit our suggested routes page at www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/walkingevents for ideas of routes and links to more information. Simply decide when and where to walk, and register, get your family and friends to join you, and then get sponsored for your efforts. It's that simple! For more information you can call the Fundraising Office on 0191 214 5444.

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23rd November
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REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER

Council meetings run in 6-week cycles, with three weeks 'on' and then a gap, and I always find the start of the new cycle exciting - it reminds me a little of the start of a new term at school!

The first meeting of the cycle is the Environment Committee, and Wednesday's meeting heard pleasing updates on the Environment volunteers, community and school groups, and the new Jubilee woodland. The Council is in discussion with Durham County Council to improve winter maintenance (snow clearing), but we wait upon DCC to fit the necessary snow ploughs and gritting equipment.

We were also told, similarly, that the Council is ready to adopt the train station as agreed last September, but that we are waiting for Network Rail to do the preliminary work it pledged to do. (Thus we wait on both matters.)

Finally, members received the Draft Environment Budget for next year. They heard inflation had added £9,700 to costs over and above last year (£2,600 net after efficiency savings), and that an additional investment of £1,000 had also been made to provide for the purchase of the free dog bags which the Council issues to the public. A further £15,000 has been put aside to enable the Council to take over flower beds which may be removed by DCC (the Council is firmly of the opinion that in these times of

economic recession it is more important than ever to keep our township looking colourful and attractive). The Council agreed the Draft Environment Budget unanimously.

The Recreation Committee follows immediately after the Environment Committee.

After a number of reports, including an encouraging Golf Complex report, but an Oak Leaf Sports Complex report which revealed a dip in usage and takings, the Council took two important decisions.

The first authorised officers to seek tenders for laying a tarmac surface on the Oak Leaf running track. Every year, after the Great Aycliffe Show, the Council receives complaints about the running track - either it was dry and people had been sand-blasted in the wind, or it was wet and like a quagmire. Surfacing the running track with tarmac would solve this,

and provide a hard surface for the Aycliffe Running Club. At £45,000, such a track will not be cheap, but when Labour Councillors Brian Hall and Enid Paylor brought a motion that a permanent tarmac surface be put in place, members unanimously agreed that it should be done out of next year's budget.

Which brought us, of course, to the Draft Recreation Budget for next year. Members heard that inflation had added £73,250 to costs over and above last year (£28,750 net after efficiency savings) including provision in case Sports Complex income was further hit by the recession. Officers also announced the proposed capital budget spending, mainly to meet the Council's rolling maintenance programme. Again, all Councillors, of all political persuasions, agreed the Budget unanimously.

PCP Receives £50,000 Grant

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is celebrating thanks to a £50,000 grant from the Department of Health's Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund.

This vital funding will help the PCP enhance their work in the local community through the use of volunteers. The PCP have 64 volunteers, more than paid staff, and are experienced in recruiting, supporting and training volunteers working in activities across the organisation.

This funding will assist PCP to further develop its volunteering support and training programme as well as enabling PCP to work towards Mentoring and Befriending Services to an Approved Provider Standard. The Pioneering Care Partnership is one of only 51 organisations across England to receive funding from the HSCVF Local Grant Scheme 2011. The HSCVF enables these organisations to increase their capacity in volunteering in the health, public health and social care sector.

Each successful organisation was selected for excellence in one of the following criteria: Patient-Led NHS; Delivering Better Health Outcomes; Improving Public Health; or Improving Health and Social Care.

Care Services Minister Paul Burstow said: "Volunteers are a great asset in promoting and improving health. The funding I have announced will mean the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) can get volunteers involved in providing real support that will help local communities and give the volunteers invaluable experience and skills."

Jane Hartley, PCP Chief Executive said, "We are delighted to have been successful in our application;



this funding will enable PCP to develop a new volunteer re-ablement buddy scheme over the next 2 and a half years.

Through this funding we will recruit and train 30 buddies to support people who leave hospital to access a range of services to enhance their health and quality of life."

The Pioneering Care Partnership is a local charity and company limited by guarantee. Set up in 1998 to support people who may have become disadvantaged through caring responsibilities, age or ill health and within disadvantaged communities across County Durham, Darlington and beyond.

Their mission is to 'improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life and reducing inequalities in health.'

The HSCVF is innovative as the grant package includes integral capacity building support. The HSCVF funding programme is designed to help voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations (VCSEs) become more sustainable in order to deliver an effective role within their local community.

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TESCO HELP WITH CHARITY COLLECTION

Dear Sir,
On 19th and 20th of October a bucket collection in Tesco Newton Aycliffe raised a magnificent total of £1263.32 for Macmillan Cancer Support. All of the money collected will go towards helping those people whose lives are affected by cancer. Kevin and Chris who are local volunteers from Macmillan Cancer Support would like to thank the Tesco management and staff for allowing us to hold this event and for the hospitality shown. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their free time to stand with collection buckets. Most of all we would like to thank the public from Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas for giving so generously. Yours sincerely
Kevin & Chris Richardson

Aycliffe Energy Firm Expands

A Newton Aycliffe renewable energy firm is powering ahead in its plans for growth by moving to bigger offices and increasing its number of apprentices to further its commitment to the wider community. Revolution Power, established in January 2006, has moved to a bigger office to accommodate its expanding workforce, which includes three apprentices with plans to recruit a fourth. They are Stuart Hackett, a plumbing apprentice from Newton Aycliffe, second-year electrical apprentice Ross Cleave from Middlesbrough and Claire Wier, a second-year sales administration apprentice from Aycliffe Village. In addition to these appointments, Lois Prest, who joined as a second-year apprentice back in early 2010, has now been promoted to office supervisor. Managing Director Wayne Richardson is now looking to appoint an additional apprentice in business administration and aims to have one apprentice for each of his full-time staff members. Having taken on what will be five appointments in the last year alone, Revolution Power's workforce now consists of 16 staff members, but the



company's new office means that up to 30 staff members can be accommodated in total, both office and field-based. The company's growth has been fuelled after its successful completion of major projects both nationally and regionally. It has recently been involved with the new build at Tresham College in Corby, Northamptonshire, by adding 38.5kW solar Photo Voltaic (PV) panels to generate the building's power. Wayne said: "These commitments are important to us as we are not just in it for the quick buck, but in it for the long haul. We intend to build a friendly, family-run business which does and will continue to support all of our installations throughout their life time, giving peace of mind to our clients. "It's been really exciting to build a team of dedicated

staff and apprentices here at Revolution Power, and bringing in apprentices has had a positive and lasting effect on the company. "At a time when concerns about climate change are growing, I have been committed to training the next generation of renewable energy installers so that Revolution Power can continue to make business and private properties as environmentally friendly as possible. "Our new warehouse also provides a lot of room to enable us to work on our projects more efficiently, and we'll also be looking at adding more renewable energy sources to our own office, too." Revolution Power provides renewable energy products and services for domestic, commercial, community, educational and agricultural projects.

UNNECESSARY ROAD RAGE

Dear Sir,
I was recently in a queue of cars approaching the roundabout near Tesco and it got held up due to the number of cars at this busy time of day. I came to a halt in the queue just at the junction of Hardinge Road. Obviously this stopped cars turning right into that road for a few seconds while the traffic cleared. A yobbish, impatient driver who found he could not turn immediately into Hardinge Road wound down his window and hurled a torrent of abuse at me for having to wait. As I had a car behind me I could not improve the position I was in and felt he acted like a hooligan, showing a very bad example to the child he had as a passenger. Innocent Driver
Name & address supplied

EXERCISE FOR OVER 50'S

Exercise Classes for older residents, particularly those who are 50 and over are held at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre opposite Tesco.

Tuesdays, 12 to 1pm - Dancercise

Wednesdays, 12 to 1pm - Tai Chi

Fridays, 10 to 11am - Dancercise

Drop in to any of the classes for a taster session, or for more information telephone our Chilton office 01388 720064

Autumn Poem

by Emilie Dunn, aged 8

Pumpkin orange,
Pumpkin fat,
Goosey insides,
SPLAT SPLAT SPLAT!
Halloween,
Scary faces,
Grow in gardens
And other places.
Pumpkin pie,
Pumpkin spice,
Mixed together,
Really nice!

ROAD CLOSURES AND CAR PARK CLOSURES

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2011

Please Note:

In order that the **Annual Remembrance Day Parade** can take place the following roads will be closed for the short period when the Parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

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Stephenson Way & St. Cuthbert's Way.**

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.30pm for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

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To highlight that we have parted company with our previous web hosting company and created a new website for the GAI party at www.gaiparty.org.uk There you can learn more about us and what we stand for and hopefully join and support our aims.

One of our aims is to ensure the candidates who get elected share our values. Labour, who are obviously kicking off the election campaign early, should really get their own house in order first!

Cllr Paul Ducker
Leader G A I Party

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**North Road
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**Kestrel Court
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**Lee Green
 £560 pcm**



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**Karles Close
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**Dork Place
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**Bewick Crescent
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**Clover Court
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A most improved 3 bedroom detached house, conservatory, oil, modern bathroom/WC, private enclosed garden.

**Hellaby Crescent
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Most improved three bedroom and terrace house, West Kitchen, double glazing, modern bathroom, garage, central.

**Emerson Way
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**Beechfields
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**Sunnydale
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GUTHRUM PLACE
 3 bed end link - £89,000
ANNAND WAY
 3 bed detached - £160,000

CHANGE OF NAME FOR MUSIC GROUP

After more than 60 years Bishop Auckland Amateur Operatic Society has changed its name to Wear Valley Musical Theatre Company, with a view to attracting new members who can act or dance, as well as sing. They would also welcome anyone interested in working behind the scenes.

In November they will be performing a concert, "Thank you for the music" from 10th to 11th 2011 at 7pm, in Bishop Auckland Methodist church. Tickets are priced £7 and under 14's £5 and are available by calling 01388 604285 and 01325 374714.

This is an opportunity for them to celebrate the name change and showcase their excellent singing, with a selection of songs, ranging from easy listening to Gilbert and Sullivan, from Abba to songs from their next show "When the lights go on again".

The storyline follows the lives of 2 families as they cope with the highs and

lows of living in World War II; intertwined with well-known songs from the period making it a thoroughly enjoyable family show. It will be performed from May 15th to 19th 2012 at the Civic Hall Shildon. Tickets are available nearer the time from 01388 604285.

Just a Distraction

Dear Sir,
The Labour group's article on the Independents is a load of manure and sent in just to distract the public from the in-fighting among themselves.

The reason the Council is run in well is because we have Andrew Bailey as Town Clerk, excellent officers and staff who do the real work and residents should be proud of everyone employed by the council. Alan Warburton Independent Councillor Proud to serve the people!

LEE GREEN DANCE CENTRE COMPETITION RESULTS

FREESTYLE AND ROCK n ROLL TROPHY DAY



Below are the latest results from Lee Green Dance Centre for the IDTA Freestyle and Rock N Roll Trophy Day competition held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday, October 9th, 2011:

3 – 5 yrs Rosette Solo - Robert Barton 1st Place
6 – 8 yrs Rosette Solo - Summer Fenwick 1st Place
Amy Dolan 3rd Place
6 – 10 yrs Stardance Solo (Girls)
Beatrice Lineton 1st Place
Charlotte Rowley 3rd Place
Abbie Kennedy 5th Place
6 – 10 yrs Stardance Solo (Boys)
Harrison Evans 2nd Place
10 – 13 yrs Solo (Girl) - Chloe Farley 4th Place
10 – 13 yrs Solo (Boy) - Reece Atherton 5th Place
14 – 17 yrs Solo - Annis Race 1st Place
Kalya Shaw 4th Place
Lauren Archer 5th Place
Special Needs Category - Rubianna Sim 2nd Place
Rosette 6 – 8 yrs Rock n Roll Syllabus
Amy Dolan 1st Place
Romie Cowens 2nd Place
Amber Fenwick 3rd Place
Stardance 6 – 10 yrs Rock n Roll Syllabus
Harrison Evans 2nd Place
10 – 13 yrs Rock n Roll (Girl / Girl)
Reegan Henn and Daniela Winwood 1st Place
10 – 13 yrs Rock n Roll (Girl / Boy)
Rachel Bennett and Harrison Evans 5th Place
14 – 17 yrs Rock n Roll
Annis Race and Kalya Shaw 1st Place
Lauren Archer and Charley Haigh 5th Place
10 – 13 yrs Pairs (Girl / Girl)

Daniela Winwood and Reegan Henn 7th Place
10 – 13 yrs Pairs (Girl / Boy)
Libbie Anderson and Reece Atherton 5th Place
Rachel Bennett and Harrison Evans 6th Place
14 – 17 yrs Pairs - Annis Race and Chloe Farley 1st Place
Up to 9 yrs Team "Spirit" 2nd Place
The team comprises 9 dancers: Amy Dolan, Romie Cowens, Kira Watson, Rachel Bennett, Abbie Kennedy, Beatrice Lineton, Kasia Shaw, Charlotte Rowley and Harrison Evans.
10 – 13 yrs Team "Party Rockers" 3rd Place
The team comprises 13 dancers: Hayley Archer, Megan Cross, Rebecca Lowes, Olivia Archer, Charley Haigh, Libbie Anderson, Reece Atherton, Annis Race, Daniela Winwood, Reegan Henn, Chloe Farley, Georgia Wakefield and Lauren Archer.

Anyone who has an interest in joining Lee Green Dance Centre can contact Tel No. 01325 318239.

Too Personal to Respond

Dear Sir,
I note Alistair Welsh's response to my letter in the Newton News, but wish that he could have addressed the political issues without resorting to personal abuse. As regards my pension, may I point out that I made a contractual agreement with my employer when I was 17 years old, that for more than forty years I fulfilled my obligations under that agreement, and that when I retired I received the accrued benefits by right. That is the end of the matter. My personal pension arrangements are not any business of Mr Welsh. My pension does not in any way relate to my role as a Councillor, is not in the public domain, and is most certainly not an appropriate topic for discussion in the Newton News.
John D Clare

IN THE PINK

Bon Marche staff will be dressed in pink next week raising cash for Breast Cancer Awareness. They will also hold a raffle and invite readers to call in and show support for the charity.


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AYCLIFFE SUPPLIER SAVES THE DAY

Dear Sir,
In keeping with readers who have sung the praises of local firms/retailers may I put my sixpenneth in for Barry of Northfield Appliances on Aycliffe Business Park. In September we were due to go on holiday on Wednesday when our upright freezer went on the blink on the Monday morning. No problem, simply ring round for a replacement. Not that simple. Many shops have a couple of display models but get the sale items for delivery 2-3 days later. I tried Lennards, Argos etc but they either did not have the size to fit our kitchen, or a replacement would not be available until after we had departed on holiday. I rang Domestic Appliance Retailers who has an ad in the Newton News and spoke to Barry. He was very helpful, but again did not have the

right type of freezer we required. However, he said he could loan us a small freezer from the shop in the interim if that would help, order a replacement for us and deliver that on our return from holiday. That solved the problem. The freezer was delivered within the hour, I unloaded half from our defunct appliance then bagged up the remainder which I took to my mother's at Ferryhill as she had spare capacity at the time. On our return 2 weeks later they delivered a new upright and took away the shop model we had used at no extra charge. I wish to publicly thank Barry and his staff for their help and for saving us from dumping food which would have cost quite a lot to replace. Wilf Emmerson Lowther Drive

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Praise for Police

Dear Sir,
I recently had to contact Durham Constabulary to report a crime being committed in the early hours of the morning and wish to use your paper to thank the officers involved. From information passed to me by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, the response times of the officers involved exceeded my expectations. From my first contact, to arriving on scene, it took less than four minutes for PC 2393 Rogers and PC 2634 Towler to arrive. As a result, the officers made several arrests and the situation was contained, nipped in the bud before it got truly out of hand. So credit where it's due, well done to both of them. Thank you
Alasdair Carter

DANCERS CONNECT WITH FRENCH SCHOOL



On Wednesday 18th October Greenfield Community College performed for a Secondary School in Friville-Escarbotin France, as part of the connecting classrooms project. The year seven students involved have been working really hard creating an innovative movement based questionnaire and a welcome dance and are really excited to be sharing their ideas and questions with a secondary school in another country. "Well done Year 7 Comenius" said Miss Wingfield

APPLICATION FOR THREE HOUSES NEAR PUB WOULD TAKE AWAY GREEN AREA

Dear Sir,
Enterprise Inns Ltd have applied for outline planning permission to build three houses on the plot of green open space next to the Huntsman Car Park at the bottom of Pemberton Road in Woodham.

I don't know what you think about this, but as far as I am concerned it is yet another attempt to fill up the green open spaces in our town with buildings. Most readers will know that I have no objection to an outward expansion on the outskirts of town, provided

it is surrounded by a green buffer zone, but I'm against this constant infilling, which threatens the 'green' nature of our garden town. However, this was not what worried me most about this application, but the fact that the company's agents

had submitted an 18-page document in support of the application – citing, no less, the Draft National Planning Policy Framework (DNPPF). The document cited the Framework's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and stated the benefit to the community of providing housing. It even noted that Durham County Council had not yet produced its Local Plan, and quoted the DNPPF's provision that planning authorities should look to grant permission 'where the Local Plan is absent, silent, indeterminate or out of date'. Now – apart from the outrage that the application is citing a document which was still under consultation, never mind not yet law – does this not worry you? Did I not warn that if the DNPPF became law we would see a rush to build on every green space, citing this 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'? I fear it is impossible to underestimate the danger that the DNPPF poses to our green town environment, and we must continue to lobby the Government to see sense. I for a start will be writing to the Government to point out this misuse of the DNPPF and its implications.

In the meantime if you, as I, oppose this infill housing on the green field land next to the Huntsman car park, email planningspennymoor@durham.gov.uk, quoting case number 7/2011/0380/DM (DL5 4UE), giving your name address and telephone number, and saying simply that you object to the loss of green field amenity open space. Your objection will have more impact if you add why you value and wish to retain this open space. (You can see the full application on the Durham County website at http://www2.sedgefield.gov.uk/planning_search/alldetails.php?ID=32556.) You have until 3rd November, when the consultation period ends.

John D. Clare

"Outstanding" After School Club

Woodham Burn Out Of School Club opened in January 2003, recently underwent a very successful Ofsted Inspection.

The judgement of "outstanding" across all areas is a reflection of the hard work and dedication by the staff in providing high quality childcare for parents/carers and their children.

Kendra Green the manager said "The staff team and I are thrilled and very proud of this achievement. We have all worked extremely hard to ensure the continuous improvement of the setting". During the inspection the inspector commented on how our documentation is impeccable and the resources are excellent. It was also noted how well the club works closely with parents/carers other schools and agencies including, social services and the health authority who work exceptionally well with the group to support children with special educational and / or disabilities. "This all inclusive approach creates excellent opportunities for the children to reach their full potential".

After the report was sent to all of the parents some of the quotes we received back via email were "second to none", "the range of activities are amazing", "the group seems to get better all the time". Children's comments were "it is great" and refer to it as "our club". The Inspector also commented overall effectiveness, "children's needs are exceptionally well met through the excellent understanding staff have of them in this highly inclusive environment, children's welfare flourish and they make outstanding progress in their learning and development".

If anyone would like to read the Ofsted reports just access the Ofsted website.

Mrs R Rowe Headteacher commented "I am delighted to note the comments made by the Inspectors following the recent inspection of our excellent Out of School Club. The standards achieved reflect the hard work and commitment of staff. We all value this facility at Woodham Burn and look forward to the club moving from strength to strength".

Any enquiries about the club please contact either Maureen or Sandra on 01325 300080 or Email: woodhamburn.outofschool@gmail.com



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Beauty Salon Opens on Business Park



Noir Hair and Beauty, based at St Cuthbert's House on Aycliffe Business Park, will be the newest salon in the town when they open for business on Monday 31st October.

With two full-time specialist hair stylists and a fully-qualified beautician, Noir Beauty is celebrating its opening by offering 50% off all hair, beauty and spray tans in the first two weeks of trading.

Newtonian Daniele Morris, pictured with stylists Kayla Forster and Helen Barry and beautician Jade Copelin, will fulfil a long-held ambition by running her own salon.

She's hoping her new premises, in block 2 of St Cuthbert's House on Durham Way North, next to the Little Acorns Nursery, will prove popular. "It's something I've always wanted to do," said

Daniele.

"It's an exciting new venture for me and I'm delighted to bring Kayla, Helen and Jade on board to begin with.

"We'd like to think that, between us, we'll be able to offer a brand new and exciting all-round beauty service for boys and girls in Aycliffe!" Daniele, 29, who went to Woodham School, studied at Ysatis Salon on Grange Road in Darlington and spent six years as salon co-ordinator at Elite in Bishop Auckland.

As well as hair styling, Noir Beauty's range of services include waxing, spray tanning and nail treatments (Gelac and Minx). The opening hours are 9am-6pm (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays), with late nights Wednesdays and Thursdays (9am-8pm) and 9am-4pm on Saturdays. To book an appointment call 313391.

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS EXPLAINED

Knowledge of how to appropriately access medical treatment, within our Trust area, is something many people find confusing, especially when they are confronted by a serious medical situation.

I hope in this article, to offer some basic guidelines as to when and how to access either Accident and Emergency, or the care and treatment offered by Urgent Care Centres.

First of all let me put your mind at rest regarding which telephone number you should ring (be it 999 or 111). Do not worry if you get it wrong, experienced operators will assess your medical situation and channel you towards the most appropriate pathway to treatment. It is 999 for Emergency and 111 for other non-life threatening medical problems.

Accident and Emergency began in the 1960 s, and was known as Casualty, later Accident and Emergency and now increasingly to avoid confusion, will be known as The Emergency Department. When should you ring 999.? When a person is badly injured or showing signs of critical illness, such as poisoning or a heart attack. Other conditions suitable for 999,would include severe blood loss, chest pains, shortness of breath, choking and blacking out, or other situations where speed is of the essence.

Within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust area, there are two Accident and Emergency centres: Darlington Memorial Hospital and the University Hospital of North Durham, Durham City. A. and E. is staffed on a 24-hour basis, with a mix of different doctors, nurses, consultants and other senior staff on call throughout the night.

We are currently collating statistics to see if the closure of one A. and E. department, in Hartlepool, has meant an increase in pressure on A. and

E. services, within our area.

There are six Urgent Care Centres in our Trust area. I have visited them all and they offer outstanding medical facilities, offering provision, in no way inferior to that given by Accident and Emergency for situations that would not be considered life threatening. They were set up to take the pressure off Accident and Emergency Departments, not to replace them. The nearest Urgent Care Centres to us are at Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Dr Piper House, King Street, Darlington, as well as the University Hospital of North Durham.

You access these if it is not a medical emergency, but are still needing treatment fairly quickly. You should ring 111. Your situation will then be assessed and is known as Triage. You will be offered an appointment time that is most suitable for you and your condition, at whichever Urgent Care Centre is the most convenient for you.

Ambulances are provided for 999 cases only, but dependent on the age or infirmity of the patient, any assistance required would be assessed during '111' Triage.

If you have a chest infection, urinary infection, suspected eye infection, cuts, bruises, sprained ankle, toe, hand or wrist fracture, you probably need to phone 111 and then get yourself to an Urgent Care Centre. They are open 24/7 and are manned by a doctor (usually a GP) as well as senior nursing and paramedic staff (primary care practitioners). Several have X-ray provision, though this usually closes during the late evening/night time hours. If you turn up at an Urgent Care Centre without an appointment, you will not be turned away. They try to triage you within twenty minutes and either treat you then and there, or ideally offer you an agreed appointment time.

Urgent Care Centres are there

for the whole week, however, they often come into their own from Friday evening onwards. Especially so on a weekend and at other times when your surgery is closed or when the provision offered by the Urgent Care Centre is more appropriate.

There are grey areas and potential overlaps between the services offered by A. and E. and the Urgent Care Centres. However, be assured, whether

you phone 111 or 999, you will receive the appropriate advice and help.

I hope that this information will be of some benefit to you and I will try to keep you informed about other developments within our Trust area.

Derek Atkinson, Newton Aycliffe Elected Governing Council member (Sedgefield area) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

Village Xmas Fayre

Middridge Village hold a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November in the Village Hall from 10am - 12:30. Craft stall, Chocolate tombola, Treasure island etc. Refreshments available. Entrance 50p. If you would like to book a stall for £5 please contact Marion Cleland on 321753 before November 5th.

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Peter Beaty at Neville Parade Community Centre has cause to be grateful to the Co-operative Society for their generous donation of £500 towards the replacement of fire doors in the centre. "We are constantly ploughing money into improving the premises and fire doors was a necessary expense. John Sims Chairman of the Co-op's Durham Committee said he was happy to help and stated any charity could apply for help from the Community Fund.

FIRMS OFFER FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR NEW JOB

People in Newton Aycliffe looking for a new job or change in career are being invited to a day of free taster sessions with local employers.

Twenty firms have joined forces with Bishop Auckland College for the "Have a Go" event being held on Friday November 4. Each is offering a free hour-long introductory workshop using the first class training facilities at the college's £32m main campus.

Over 2,000 places are available on the day and in addition to learning a new skill, participants will also get the opportunity to speak to employers and find out firsthand what it is like working in a particular trade or industry.

The sessions include bricklaying, where instructors from Mears Group will demonstrate basic techniques and give participants hands-on experience of how to build straight walls that won't fall down.

Warburtons are sending staff from their Stockton bakery to teach people how to bake bread, while Farm Fresh Direct will offer a flavour of work as a chef in a business commercial kitchen, preparing high quality, healthy food within a budget.

Matt Boyd, a partner in

Jones Boyd Chartered Accountants, will give an introduction covering the key elements of bookkeeping and exploring the opportunities for a career in accountancy.

Meanwhile dog lovers can meet qualified canine behaviourist Becky Armstrong from Bright Paws, and learn how to communicate and work with animals.

For those looking to apply for jobs, the CfBT education trust will offer advice on preparing a CV and if you want to start your own business, entrepreneurship consultancy Actif will be giving tips.

Other firms taking part include web developers Wish Design, print design agency Print North East, personal fitness and physiotherapy experts Platinum Physiotherapy, the Mobile Tile Company, Aycliffe Fabrications and Alan Clarke Photography. Bishop FM will allow budding DJs to have a go at working in commercial radio, Touchstone Leads MD Kevin Ireson will deliver a session on effective selling, and Butterwick Hospice will offer tips on fundraising. Bishop Auckland College Principal Anne Isherwood said: "This event is an ideal opportunity for people looking for a new job or

change of career to meet employers and have a go at something new.

"I'd urge people to register early to secure their place via our website at www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk where they can find a full list of employers and activities."

The "Have a Go" event is part of the Regional Skills Festival World Skills 2011, and has been funded by the European Social Fund. For more information visit the website at www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk or email paula.wilson@bacoll.ac.uk or call (01388) 443085.

Good Job!

Dear Sir

I wish to thank Mr Jason North's Gardening and Property Services for their excellent work. They arrived to tender my over grown garden hedges promptly at 9am on 20th October and worked non stop until 4pm.

Good workmanship is very hard to find these days, but I wouldn't hesitate to recommend Jason, who is a local lad, to anyone. Also special thanks to Anthony and Ebony, a job well done. Stevie, Langdale Place

People's Parliament Take Ideas to London



People from the North East have taken their ideas on health service reforms to the heart of Government. Three members of the People's Parliament in County Durham met up with Health Minister Andrew Lansley to discuss their suggestions for improving services for people with learning disabilities.

Helen Smith, Brian Devine and Julia Smith, who all have learning disabilities were invited to visit the Ministry of Health as part of an initiative to involve the public in changes to the NHS.

The trio were accompanied by Professor Gyles Glover of the NHS North East Quality Observatory, who worked with them to submit their ideas for more effective monitoring of services for people with learning disabilities.

Brian Smith, Durham County Council People's Parliament project officer, who also took part in the visit, said: "Our group was one of only three singled out for praise by the minister.

"It was a real privilege for us to be invited, particularly as the minister took time out to speak to the People's Parliament members and ask them questions about their suggestions."

Helen, from Newton Aycliffe, Brian, from Peterlee and Julia, from Sedgfield, also had tea with Baroness Hollins at the House of Lords, where they discussed their thoughts on the Health Bill.

The People's Parliament has 25 members, all of whom have a learning disability. Members hold regular meetings and events to promote disability issues both locally, regionally and nationally.

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XMAS FAYRE AT AGNEW

This will be on Saturday 12th November from 10am to 2pm and will be for New or Good as New Toys and other suitable gifts for Christmas. Tables are only £5 each and to make sure you do not miss out, book your table by ringing Margaret on 01325 319857 or 07910 058891 and if not available try Ron on 01325 321504.

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Excellent Start to Season for N.A.J.F.C. Under 7's



NAJFC have had an excellent start to the 2011/2012 Football season by winning three and drawing one out of there 5 games that they have played. They have had a

Aycliffe Cup Defence Begins in Style

West Hartlepool Amateurs 0 Newton Aycliffe 90

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club began the defence of the Durham County Plate with an easy victory at West Hartlepool Amateurs. This was the third time in four years that the cup journey had started here and, despite fielding a weakened team, Aycliffe were confident of victory. However, the magnitude of the win came as a big surprise. After the early sparring, Warren Parsonage made a break but with little support he unleashed an audacious cross field kick for James Thacker to score from well out. Gareth Parsonage repeated then added the 2nd soon after, and Craig Holmes scored after stealing the ball at a ruck.

The tries now began to flow even more quickly with Adam Gascoigne and Phill Sangster scoring before Thacker and Holmes each added their second. The Amateurs' day went from bad to worse when, in attempting to keep a wayward kick-off in play, they could only knock it into the hands of Ronnie Gilyeat who ran the try in from the half way line.

A hat trick for Thacker was followed by Parsonage's second before Michael Dunn scored his first try for Aycliffe, picking up a pass from Mark Silvester and crossing the line unopposed. At half time the score was 71 – 0 to Aycliffe and a record score seemed certain.

Amateurs, to their credit, refused to give up and more committed forward play coupled with Aycliffe going off the boil, saw no points added in the first 15 minutes of the second half. After a number of chances went begging, Darrell McLaren got the scoreboard ticking over again with Aycliffe's twelfth try. Mark Shepherd came on to deliver a cameo performance at scrum-half.

Now the front row got into the action as debutant prop Lewis McCormick scored two fine tries on his way to winning the man of the match award. At this point, the referee decided to end Amateurs' suffering fifteen minutes early and blew for full time. Sangster added 4 conversions and Parsonage 6 in the final score of 90 – 0.

1st Team Manager Cymon Lee added "The first half in particular saw some excellent lines of running and support from guys, but there will be far harder tests ahead especially

couple of very tough games, the weather conditions have not been great but the team's grit and determination has shown in the final score lines.

Craig Turnbull (Manager) is very proud of the team, not only for the results that they have achieved but also at every match they have behaved impeccably and supported each other throughout, a credit to the club.

The Under 7's now have their very own pitch at Woodham Community Technology College which they played on for the very first time this week. They won't need to pitch share now!

Every week the team trains in all weathers in preparation for there Sunday morning matches. At training the coaches ensure that the team spirit and attitude towards

the game and each other is emphasised. This reflects in the way in which they all play as a team whether it is in a league or friendly game. As a treat for the boys the secretary of the team arranged for them to go bowling at Planet Leisure, a good time was had by all.

Craig Turnbull (Manager) would like to thank all the parents, family and friends for their continued support throughout training sessions and league matches. The parents certainly make sure that we all know that they are there. Thank you. The Under 7's play there next game away to Ferryhill Town on Sunday 23rd October 2011.

You can find NAJFC under 7's on the web at www.najuniorfc.co.uk - The Under 7's team is sponsored by AC Door systems www.acdoorsystems.com.

ANGIE IS AIMING HIGH!

When most people stop at weekends or take their annual leave, they want rest, relaxation and perhaps even some sun, sea and sand.

Angie Sowerby from Middridge spends every weekend and most annual leave small-bore target shooting training, air-rifle training or competing in shooting competitions, from Club Level, up to National Level. For the past year Angie has been focused on training at Bisley and competing in many England shooting team selection matches all over the country to gain qualifying scores for a possible team placing.

"To represent England is a lifelong dream for me and this year I have been training hard towards England team selection, and early in September I received an email from the England Small-bore Shooting Union (ESSU) informing me that I have been selected to represent the country in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation European Division (ED) Championships 2011 held at Bisley. I will be competing in the woman's 50m Prone Individual and Team Pairs, also as an Individual Development Shooter in the 10m Air Rifle".

On 24th and 25th September Angie was at the Lord Roberts Shooting Range in Bisley along with Pairs Shooting partner Zoe Bruce, and went on to win



the Gold medal for England in the 50m Prone Woman's Pairs scoring an impressive 1168 leaving Wales to take the Silver medal with a score of 1163 and Scotland the Bronze scoring 1161. In the Individual 50m Prone Shoot, Angie came a respectable 6th scoring 580 and just missing out on medal positions by 5 points. In the 10m Air Rifle she scored a PB of 374, winning the Development Shoot. Angie is now hoping to

gain a place in the England Shooting Academy at the end of this year and has got her sights set on the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. She will be concentrating on training and competing in the forthcoming compulsory selection championships. It is fantastic to see small-bore shooters from the North East representing the county and even better bringing gold medals home.

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people to recycle their
garden waste.

Rachel Gatland, waste
strategy and policy
officer at Durham County
Council, said: "At this
time of year people are
thinking about tidying
up the garden and it's
an ideal time to start
composting."

"There's plenty of garden
waste available – such
as spent bedding plants,
grass cuttings, autumn
leaves and prunings –
which can all be recycled
over the coming months
to produce nutritious
compost ready for use in
the garden next spring."

"Adding waste to your
compost during the cooler
weather helps to keep the
process going at a time
when the decomposition
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Autumn Fair Service of Remembrance

At St Clare's Church on Saturday 5th November 10am – Noon.

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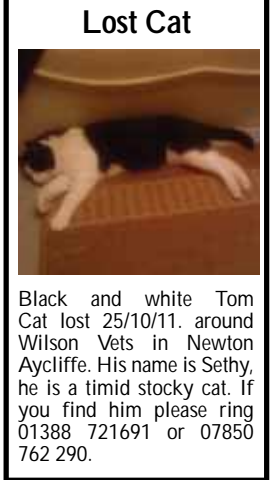


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Obituary

ERIC WEARMOUTH
On 25th October, peacefully in hospital. Eric, aged 84 years. A beloved Husband of the late Cicely and a dearly loved Dad to Stephanie, Father-in-Law to Bernie and a dear Grandad and Great Grandad. Would friends please meet for Funeral Service at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 2nd November at 2pm. Prior to committal at Durham Crematorium. Any enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Service 01325 301405. "A true gentleman to the end".

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Congratulations

Ian Chapman and Nicola Botsis

CONGRATULATIONS
Ian Chapman of Heighington (Ex-Woodham student) married his Australian girlfriend Nicole Botsis in Perth, Western Australia. The ceremony took place in the beautiful gardens of Nicole's Grandparent's home. Family and friends from both the UK and Australia joined in the couple's celebrations. Ian works as an IT Consultant for Woodside, an Australian gas and oil company. Nicole is a research chemist at one of Perth's leading Universities. The couple toured America prior to the wedding so they could spend time with their families afterwards. May they enjoy a long and happy life together.

Shirley Mitchell

Happy 50th Birthday
27th October 2011
Love always,
Tracy, Nathan and Hannah

Hannah White

Happy 18th Birthday Sweetheart
Lots of love and kisses,
Mam, Ian and Ava

Happy 21st Birthday David

All our love,
Mam, Dad and Rebecca

Kelly Elizabeth Keane

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The Tazz has come of age, 18 and getting wiser (not!). Slow down smiler! All our love, Mam and Dad xx

Happy birthday Sis, pack of 24 from Tesco please. Daniel

Happy 18th on 3rd November to our lovely Granddaughter "Kelly". May your future be as special as you are to us. Love you so very much. Grandma and Granda xx

Kelly Have a great 18th birthday on 3rd November. Love, Uncle Tony, Dot and family

Kelly Happy birthday to a very special friend. Hope your many birthday wishes come true. Lots of love, Stacy xxx

Harrison Dunn

Happy 4th Birthday
to our Cheeky Monkey!
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AYCLIFFE PREPARE FOR VISIT OF VASE LEGENDS

Newton Aycliffe are preparing for one of their biggest home games of the season, when Whitley Bay visit Moore Lane Park next weekend.

The FA Vase legends make the trip to Aycliffe next Saturday as Aycliffe look to get their Northern League second division campaign back on track following consecutive defeats in the last week.

Allan Oliver's side hope to bounce back from their 2-1 defeat at home to Penrith last Saturday, which saw them slip to eighth in the table, when they go to local rivals West Auckland Town this Friday night.

They then face Chester-le-Street at home in the Durham Challenge Cup on Wednesday night, followed by the visit of fourth-placed Bay on Saturday. The Seahorses won the FA Vase at Wembley in May for a record fourth time, their third successive Vase triumph, and boast the biggest following in the Northern League, averaging 500 home gates. They take the biggest following of fans to away games, so Aycliffe are expecting their biggest league attendance of the season. Aycliffe's biggest league crowd this season was when 291 watched West Auckland win 2-1 at Moore Lane in September, while a crowd of 379 watched Aycliffe's FA Vase draw at home to Shildon 8 days later.

Chairman Gary Farley said: "It's another big date in our calendar but every game is a big game in this league. We went to Whitley Bay as a second division side last season and beat them 4-1 in the cup, and our results this season have proved we shouldn't fear anyone."

Aycliffe crashed to a third-successive home defeat with a disappointing 2-1 defeat against Penrith last Saturday. The Newtonians led through debutant Phil Robinson's first-half goal, but the visitors struck twice in two second-half minutes to snatch the three points and ensure an enjoyable

FIXTURES

Wednesday 2nd November: Chester-le-Street (H), 7.30pm, DCCup1
Saturday 5th November: Whitley Bay (H) 3pm
Saturday 12th November: Guisborough Town (A) 3pm
Wednesday 16th November: Jarrow Roofing (H), 7.30pm
Saturday 19th November: Tow Law Town (H) 3pm
Saturday 26th November: Spennymoor (A) 3pm
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long trek home.

Aycliffe recalled Sean Tarling and Steve Gibson to the starting-line up in place of Josh Knox and Paul Broom. Robinson went straight into the team in place of the injured Dale Jardine.

And the new-boy got his name on the scoresheet within half-an-hour of his debut. Skipper Tarling won possession on the edge of the Aycliffe area, before exchanging passes with Gardner and sending a lovely ball through for Robinson, who tucked his shot past James Holland to give Aycliffe the lead.

It was the only bright spark in an otherwise scrappy first-

half, with neither side having a clear-cut chance, other than the opening goal.

Aycliffe nearly doubled their lead two minutes after the break, but Darren Craddock could only head wide, after he connected with Tarling's deflected effort from the edge of the area.

But just as it looked Aycliffe were going to earn a scrappy three points, the visitors struck on 73 minutes, to level the contest.

Aycliffe were still reeling when Penrith took the lead two minutes later. Coleman was the architect and his pass left Davidson with the simple task of slotting into an empty net.



NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR LEISURE CENTRE POOL OPEN

A new fun inflatable "The Olympian" funded by GAMP has been installed at the Leisure Centre Pool and was ready for the school holidays.

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership was set up in conjunction with local stakeholders and funded by the County Council.

The partnership has supported this initiative via Councillor Mike Dixon and Councillor Enid Paylor who used their Neighbourhood Budget allocation to pay for this piece of equipment which will bring lots of pleasure to the children.

GOOD RESULTS FOR JUNIOR RUNNERS



The notorious Sherman Cup and Davison Shield events were held at Temple Park, South Shields on Saturday 22nd October. Although inclement weather had caused disruption to last year's fixture, this year athletes only had to contend with strong winds. Shildon AC members including runners from Newton Aycliffe were out in force for both sections of the competition, and some pleasing results were gained. Under 15 boys are proving to be a team to be reckoned with as they claimed 1st team place. Henry Johnson ran a tactical race and although he has just moved up to this category, was delighted with his silver medal. The 1 lap course was tough in sections with some steep hills; this sorted the men from the boys as Henry crossed the line in 10.41. Jake Findlay had a pleasing performance with 11.22 closely followed by the ever improving Joseph Bell, with 11.53. Completing the team was Jack Wade with 14.00.

Under 17 boys were represented by Matthew Coulthard who worked his way through the 2 lap course to gain an amazing 9th place with 23.23. Dan Hardy proved his place in the cross country competition as he crossed the line in 31.32, an outstanding achievement over the 3 lap course he was 10th over the line against U20 and Senior Men.

U13 girls saw Lizzie Cramb romp around the 1 lap in 13.35 and achieved her 6th place comfortably. Battling against the strong winds, Rosie Findlay narrowly missed out on 3rd place, but was happy with her time of 12.35 and 4th position.

Georgia Hirst also clocked 14.41. Zoe Hewitson showed her true colours gritting her teeth to be 4th over the line for U17 and U20 women. Her amazing time of 25.59 over the 2 lap course gave her 3rd place in her under 17 category. Elizabeth Wood continues to improve and the leap to U20 women has not knocked her confidence back, with 3rd in her category with 29.52.

Shildon Running & Athletic Club is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards.

If anyone is interested in joining the club please come along for a free try-out session.

For details please check out our website, www.shildonrunning.co.uk for nights & times to suit your age group.

If you require more information please call on our new number 07592 611600 or e-mail; secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk

DERBY WEEKEND AT "THE SPORTY"

Three more big derby matches will keep football fans entertained this weekend – and, as usual, Moore Lane Sports Club will be showing them in Sky Sports HD.

Chelsea entertain Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on Saturday (12.45pm), while in the Championship Burnley take on Blackpool at home in a North-West

derby (5.20pm kick-off). On Sunday, Leeds play Cardiff City (1.15pm) in a big Championship clash before Tottenham entertain QPR in another London derby at 4pm.

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