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Anyone wishing to attend this Service should assemble outside of Barclays Bank in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45am on the 11th. A short Service will be led by Revd. Linda Potter, Rector of the Parish of Great Aycliffe.

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## New Manager Mary Takes Over 'Iron Horse'



we offer".

Mary is planning to hold quiz and poker nights, but for now features music groups every month. The function room is available for weddings birthdays etc.

Mary Appleton (nee Wade) is the new Manager of the Iron Horse pub at Simpasturegate and she is intent on reviving the once very popular venue. She first moved to Aycliffe with her parents in 1971 after growing up in Shildon. Her Father worked at Tallents as a security guard and her Mother was a nurse at Aycliffe Hospital and later a cook at a number of

old peoples homes in the town.

Mary married, had a Daughter and started her married life in Aycliffe and her Husband played the drums in a number of clubs on the town.

All her five children (a girl and four boys) attended Elmfield School and then Greenfield. She moved away from the town for a short time but returned and over the following 24 years, after being divorced, continued to bring up her children.

Mary's Daughter attended Mary McAdam School of Dance and became a professional dancer. She met and married an American and has lived there for twenty years. Her sons all live locally, the youngest has just left the Army and is helping in the pub. Mary lived in Woodham for the last sixteen years with her second husband. She worked for GEC Rayvack and also drove a wagon for John Spinks for four years. Mary also worked as a receptionist for Premier Inn and travelled the world.

She became good friends with Mickaela the landlady of the Huntsman, and last year when asked to manage the pub agreed without any hesitation. Said Mary: "When I stood behind the bar on my first night I felt I had come home. I can't explain it but I love the place and I want people to come in and love it too. I employ local girl Lyndsey Sherwood who also feels quite at home at the "Horse".

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**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 Crowes, Snow Patrol, Kaiser Chiefs, Rolling Stones, Feeder, Kings of Leon, Stereophonics, Primal Scream and much much more.

**Saturday 19th November - "THYN LIZZY"**  
 'Just got back from the THYN LIZZY gig at the Sandy Outdoor Tent. All I can say, is Phil Lynott dead? I don't think so... Joezoes H Christ, the dual guitars were incredible and the drummer was outstanding and I was totally humbled by Glenn on bass. Don't believe a word was cool as out with a blues intro (5 mins) and then the usual version to finish it off was such a contrast and skilfully done. 'Boys' was great and 'Dancing In the Moonlight' with Kenny Sax guesting was sublime as was the 'Kayeigh' inspired 'Emerald'. Awesome guys, made my halloween weekend!' Glig Pitt review

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but everyone, is invited to come and enjoy 24 hours of everyone's favourites. The event will start at 6-30pm on Friday 18th November with poetry readings by the Brownies, who meet at St Clare's Church hall every Friday. Some of the adults will then start reading through the night and on into Saturday, ENDING AT 6-30pm. The great news is that they will be joined by Pudsey Bear, he heard about the event and is coming to be with us for the whole weekend. There is usually a Coffee Morning on a Saturday morning but on the 19th it will be an extra special one. As well as Pudsey being with us again there will be a Tombola stall, Raffle, Cake stall, Produce and preserves stall, second hand jewellery stall and book stall. Come along and support a great event and have fun.

# Cultural Experience for Woodham Students

As part of their studies at Woodham College, health and social care students were delighted to be invited to visit a Hindu temple in Newcastle, the Newcastle Reform synagogue and Darlington's Sikh Gurdwara. During their visits, the students were introduced to a personal overview of the religion as well as a wide range of customs and traditions from each of the religions. The tours of each of the buildings and the talks, given by priests and followers of each religion, have provided the students with a greater insight into the diversity of beliefs and cultures in surrounding communities. At Woodham, all students are taught Religious Education to GCSE level. The College believes this is crucial in students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, an area in which Ofsted rated 'good' in Woodham's recent inspection.



# SWISHING FOR CHARITY

Ladies of the North-East will have the opportunity to grab themselves a new outfit when a charity 'swishing' event comes to Bishop Auckland on 11th November. Swishing refers to swapping an item or items of clothing, shoes or accessories with friends or acquaintances. The Park Head Country Hotel in Coundon will host this fabulous event, which has been organised by Butterwick

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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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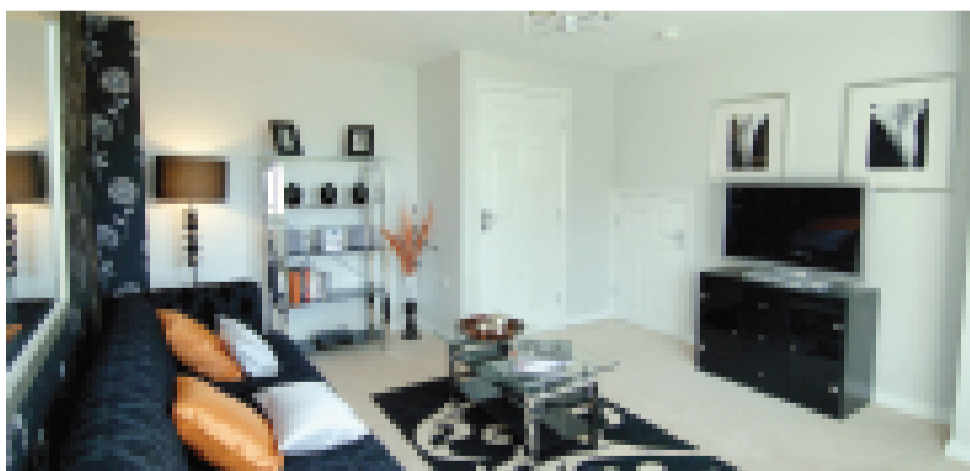
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The RBL are promoting John's offer nationally via their branches and website.

## POLICE TACKLE METAL THEFT

Members of Durham Police Authority have expressed support of Durham Constabulary's commitment and forward-thinking initiatives tackling metal theft.

Durham Constabulary has developed a clear strategy in response to metal thefts, developed under Operation Hansell. Policing teams have been set up within each area as well as dedicated Road Policing staff targeting specific offenders and scrap metal recycling yards to reduce metal thefts across County Durham and Darlington.

Police Authority Member Counc. Richard Bell highlighted the urgent need for a change in the law, urging the public to sign up to the government's e-petition initiative (<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/>) to influence government policy.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 was intended to regulate the scrap metal industry; however there are limitations which means a lack of identification being required. The British Transport Police have approached Durham Constabulary to lead on delivering an enhanced identification trial with scrap yards as a pre-cursor to potential legislation changes, and to assist with identification of good practice in relation to problem solving metal theft.

On recent increase in metal thefts affecting members of the public nationally, Councillor Eddie Bell, congratulated Operation Hansell's response to the complaints of local people, from both rural and

built-up areas. Instances such as theft of drain covers, which can cause serious hazards to pedestrians and vehicles, is just one example of metal theft local police have had to deal with.

Chief Superintendent Dave Orford said: "From a policing perspective, we not only see the impact metal theft has on individual victims but also the impact this has on the infrastructure (e.g. metal stolen from railways or BT phone cabling) which affects the wider community. Metal theft continues to be a force priority with performance targets managed on a weekly basis". Counc Garry Huntington said there are genuine dealers in the region and enquired how they can take steps to work co-operatively with the police in the future. Chief

Superintendent Dave Orford responded: "The outcome for legitimate dealers is they can have a very positive impact on their local community and work with the police, as this is an industry that is based on trust.

The dedicated metal theft teams set up through Operation Hansell are already starting to have an impact with 46 people arrested within the first two weeks, 10 of whom have been charged with additional crimes and nine currently on bail".

Tony Thompson, a serving magistrate and Chair of the North Durham Bench, commented on the work going on in the courts, with progress being made in regard to metal theft and expressed the view that both victim and community impact statements are valuable in the decision making process.

## Jimmy Cricket at Shildon

JIMMY CRICKET, star of the Pantomime in Darlington this coming season returns to Shildon on Wednesday 9th November 2011.

For the second time this year Shildon Civic Hall will welcome the return of Jimmy Cricket to star in the variety production by Showcase Entertainments International Ltd. Jimmy who last appeared for Showcase here in Shildon in June is back by popular demand – his last appearance there was a sell out – don't miss this performance. He had everyone roaring in the aisles from the moment he walked on the stage last time as the

packed audience was taken back to family entertainment like we used to see on the television.

Also on the bill this time will be a top UK male vocalist Mr. Neil Hurst, who has been appearing all this season in Blackpool at the Grand Theatre. The show will include the Showcase dancers and Paul Morgan who have just finished their 16 week run at Blackpool starring with the legendary Joe Longthorne.

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## Training Firm Benefits From Oktoberfest



An Aycliffe-based training firm who attended last week's Oktoberfest event on the town has hailed it a huge success.

Companies from around the North-East flocked to Newton Aycliffe for an engineering and manufacturing exhibition at the Excel Centre last week.

Baltic Training Services, based on Aycliffe Business Park, was one of more than 90 exhibitors at County Durham Oktoberfest, which is part of a national drive to boost manufacturing industry.

Baltic's Business Development Manager Dave Chadwick, pictured at the Oktoberfest event, said: "It was a very well-organised event which was very

productive for us. It was nice to meet with businesses throughout the region. We made more than 50 new contacts throughout the day and had very positive responses to our services, hopefully resulting in new business for us.

"So from our point of view it was a huge success, and we'll definitely be attending the next one."

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

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**Bowen Road Newton Aycliffe £29,000**

Three bedrooms detached house. Modern kitchen, longlisted, new, modern flat roofed, garage, C/D, C/P, garden, garage.

**Pinchale Road Newton Aycliffe £198,000**

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## UNFULFILLED PROMISES

Dear Sir,  
I beleive Unitary Authority was forced upon us by the Government and since the formation of this monolithic organisation Newton Aycliffe appears to be losing out! The Burnhill development from Cobblers Hall to Horndale promised by the Borough Council has disappeared into the proverbial black hole. Now we are losing the flower beds on roundabouts and islands with no notice given to allow alternative arrangement to be made.  
What else are we going to lose through this Unitary Authority?  
Cllr B. Haigh (GAI)



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

### Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2011**

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on Tuesday, 15th November 2011 commencing at 6.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

"At this meeting the Finance Manager and Chairman of the Environment, Recreation and Policy & Resources Committees will be in attendance to discuss the Council Budgets".

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting – we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700, e-mail: [Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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



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, 16th NOVEMBER 2011  
at 4.00p.m.**

#### QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

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".

## REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

### Aycliffe Jobless Figure Worst in County

The first item on the agenda of this important meeting was a presentation on the local economy by Mr Graham Wood from the Regeneration team at Durham County Council, who spoke of the efforts made by his team to 'move the economy on'.

Generally, it was a depressing talk. In Aycliffe, one-in-twenty people of working age are on Job Seekers' Allowance, and one-in-seven is workless – both figures are worse than the County average, and significantly worse than the UK average.

There are upward-trending areas of the economy (health, business services, tourism and wholesale and retail) and even successful areas within manufacturing (food, glass and mechanical and automotive engineering) ... but there is a lack of skilled workers. When he was asked about the prospects for unskilled workers, Mr Wood simply reiterated the need to skill up the workforce – work is going on through SEMTA to develop skills, with a focus on youth unemployment and apprenticeships.

Hitachi is, of course, a bright spot – at the moment the parties are going through 'contract closure' and beginning to move to 'mobilisation' – but the 7000 associated supply jobs are expected to go across Europe, and not just to the north-east. When he was asked about attracting distribution warehouses, Mr Wood talked about the need to have appropriate sites to offer – this is something we MUST insist on when the next version of the County Plan is published.

There is obviously a need to revisit this issue. An Industrial Estate 'Occupiers Forum' is mooted but not organised. A Business Enterprises and Skills Strategy is 'in preparation'. Most disappointingly of all, Mr Wood found it difficult to tell us what role the Town Council might play in advancing the economy, beyond perhaps 'pushing the positive message'. The Councillors were worried, and supportive, and it was agreed to ask the Regeneration Team back again in a few months to investigate these issues more thoroughly, and to see what progress is being made.

NORMAL BUSINESS  
The Council decided not to give a grant towards restoring memorials in St Andrew's Churchyard; the Council already looks after the graveyard, and it would set a precedent to start looking after the gravestones as well. The Chair allowed Cllr Blenkinsopp, who is not a member of the Committee but always attends, to speak to say how disappointed he was. Members voted unanimously not to send anyone to a conference on Europe (irrelevant), but agreed unanimously to send the Town Clerk to a conference

on the government's 'Localism' initiative (vital). Councillors also unanimously – whilst recognising, of course, that the Council is not able to positively fund private businesses – confirmed for another year the reduction in the fee the Council charges to the Market Traders, in order to encourage the continuance of the Tuesday market.

CCTV: The creation of the Unitary Authority created a problem about who should pay for the CCTV cameras in the town, which has been rumbling on ever since. If the County Council paid, there was no doubt that Aycliffe is getting a substantially better service than anywhere else in the County ... but if the Town Council pays, it is a clear 'double taxation' issue. The County Council 'recently published a consultation exercise recommending that DCC pay for all the cameras in the town save two – those at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and at the Council Works Depot (which were judged to be the responsibility of

the Town Council). This was felt by Councillors to be a very fair result, which they accepted; the Town Council will now fund the monitoring and maintenance of those two cameras.

BUDGET: Finally, the Councillors agreed to accept next year's Overall Revenue and Capital Budget. They heard that officers expected to make a small net reduction (£3,750) in the Council's administration/corporate services budget. Overall, however – taking into account the inflationary increases in the Environment and Recreation budgets (explained in last week's Council Report) – in order to set what the Finance Manager called 'a prudent budget in the current economic climate', it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept for 2012/13 by 2.5% (about £3 a year for a Band A house). (You can see the preliminary Budget report under the meeting minutes on the Town Council website.)

## Greenfield Exhibition



Greenfield Arts Centre would like to introduce our new exhibition! 'Surroundings' by Alan Hardy this is an exhibition of photographs of the landscape and surroundings, each with its own unique look and feel to it. The exhibition starts Thursday 17th – Wednesday 7th December 2011. The Gallery and Arts Centre is open Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm and Friday 10am – 4pm. Contact us on: 01325 379048 or email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) Alan Hardy describes his work. "Photographing the

landscape is for me partly a process of simplification, refining what I see with the camera until I have an image that resonates with me in some way, or that suggests something of the essence of a particular place. Whatever the subject, I would hope my photograph might go beyond simple illustration and be seen as a personal response, an acknowledgement of our primal connection to our surroundings, and if any of my photographs can make a positive contribution to someone's perception of the landscape, then I feel I have achieved something."

## Helping Hand for Aycliffe Scout Group



The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group would like to thank local butcher, John Allison, for the loan of his van to transport their camping equipment back to Newton Aycliffe after their weekend camp at Windlestone.

Without the van, they would have had to make several journeys by car. We are presently trying to raise funds for a large box trailer in order to transport all the equipment, but we still need a large amount of money as they don't come cheap.

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## £1,750 for Heroes Fund

Hospital staff at Darlington Memorial attended their annual Surgical Ball on 30th September at The Hall Garth Hotel to raise money for Help for Heroes.

The theme was glamour, with live auction and raffle. Speakers from Help for Heroes and surgeons working at the hospital who are also in the TA advised the group how valued their contributions were to wounded service men and women.

A total of £1,750 was raised, with thanks to all attended and to those who could not attend who bought raffle tickets.

Local firms helped including Husqvana, 1st Stop Party Shop, Middlesbrough FC, Sunderland Dogs, Newton News. Many others supported this event by donating quality prizes, Thank you all!

## MP's on Sponsored Walk for Poppy Appeal



Three North East Members of Parliament took part in a sponsored walk for the Royal British Legion on Saturday 29 October.

Kevan Jones, M.P. for North Durham, Phil Wilson, M.P. for Sedgefield, and Ian Mearns, M.P. for Gateshead, joined ex-service personnel from

around the North East in the '90 for 90' challenge, to mark the Royal British Legion's 90th Anniversary Appeal.

Participants walked, cycled, ran or wheelchaired a 10 mile route along the Tyne, from the Millennium Bridge to the Scotswood Bridge and back. Phil said "I was very pleased to join the Legion, and ex-service personnel from around the North East to raise money for the 90th Anniversary Appeal. The Legion does outstanding work both supporting and campaigning on behalf of ex-service personnel, and I think today's event not only gives us the opportunity to help raise some much needed extra funds, but also celebrated the immense contribution the Legion has made over the last 90 years."

## Council Attendance

Dear Sir,  
Labour Councillors are not getting Councils mixed up: Cllr George R. Gray former Labour, former Great Aycliffe Independent now just Independent, attended 9 meetings last year out of a possible 38 and stays for less than an hour so £1059 allowance claimed divide by 9 hours = £117.66 per hour.

Do the Public think this is right? He argues that they can only attend the Statutory Council meetings which is 38, but the 3 Independents only attended 9 of those meetings last year.

The Government have changed the elections to 2013 to coincide with the next full Unitary elections throughout the entire country, to save money. Councillors can stand down anytime.

The Mayor did not lose the chain of office it is still hanging round the current Mayor's neck! Four Independents left the Great Aycliffe Independents Party - why? Three joined the Labour Party - why? Could it be that Labour is more tolerant and inclusive? Three more members of the GAI Independents group have enquired about joining the Labour Group, I won't name and shame them here but they were rejected when they asked "What's in it for us?"

The GAI is only registered as a minor political party so they can only contest the Unitary elections as Independents, and as Cllr Ducker explains they are not a loose group of Independents. I am not quite sure what they are, but I can inform Cllr Ducker we don't have a whip in the Labour Group, The GAI say they have parted company with their previous web hosting company but anyone can see that their last host was the Remploi website,

using only a demo page.

That is why their website never worked and the new website is the same and still not working, a bit like the GAI. Unfortunately you can't learn anything from their non functioning website about their values etc. (or perhaps you can!)

Two Labour members left to join the GAI, but one left before facing possible expulsion for bullying and harassment, the other because of family loyalty, but I notice that they then left the GAI group of Independents - why? George Gray's letter said that there are 20 Labour Councillors on the Committees, but there are only 18 Labour Councillors on the Labour Group! His figures are wrong and this speaks volumes about his veracity and his grasp of facts and figures.

A M Chandran

## Heighington Xmas Fair

The Friends of Heighington School will be holding their annual Christmas Fair of Craft & Gifts on Saturday 19th November from 2pm - 4pm in the school hall. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and festive shopping, with lots of lovely stalls for Christmas gift ideas and fun for the children.

Tickets in advance are £2.00 from the Spar in Heighington and the school office or on the day £2.50, refreshments are included in the ticket price.

If you would like a stall at our fair please contact the school on 01325 300326

## Fabulous Production



On Wednesday 26th October, the curtains opened at St. Clare's Church Hall stage for the first performance of Stephen King's 'Misery'.

After four months of weekly rehearsals, local amateur theatre company Stage One Productions successfully staged four perfect performances that were well received and highly praised by all who came to see this remarkable psychological thriller.

Some of the comments made include; Fantastic! Absolutely amazing! Outstanding performance! An excellent production! Well worth the money for a great night out! We are grateful for all comments made and pleased that our hard work and dedication to this project has been appreciated. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe

Mary Dalton attended our Thursday evening performance and was equally pleased by it. It is a clear testament that those who didn't get to see this one off opportunity have truly missed a very rare treat for our town, which wouldn't have been possible without our small but committed team; Joe Berry (Assistant Director and Lighting Op), Richard Ross (Stage Manager), Linda Tough (Assistant Stage Manager) and everyone front of house.

A huge thank you to two of the best actors this town has ever seen; Dean Brennan and Katy Baker, who without question captivated the audience perfectly from start to finish. To find out more go to www.stage-one-productions.co.uk Or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Stage1p

## AYCLIFFE DOCTOR HELPS CHARITY IN NEPAL

Dr Martin Jones, GP at Bewick Crescent Surgery is shortly to leave for 3 weeks in Nepal, teaching healthcare workers in a very remote and poor mountainous area.

The people of Nepal are warm and welcoming, but the level of healthcare provided by the government is practically non-existent in the remote hill villages. Having done similar work 2 years ago, he is flying out with the help of a charity called PHASE, which runs 10 clinics around Kathmandu, Gorkha and Humla the most remote area in the far west of the country.

Here there are no roads, no hospitals and many of the children suffer from malnutrition. The clinics are run by nurses with only 18 months training and the



Dr. Martin Jones

purpose of the visit is to improve the quality of care given, particularly to the children. Most women give birth with no trained help. On Dr Jones' return, the practice is raising funds for the charity and would be grateful for any gifts for a raffle from local businesses or individuals. Please contact Katie Harris at the surgery.



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# Mrs Claus? POINT OF PRINCIPLE Xmas Meal

On Saturday 12th November Mrs Claus will be calling at Agnew Community Centre between 10.30am and 1.30pm to collect letters for Santa her husband. There will also be lots of stalls with gift suggestions for Christmas. There is a Tombola and a Cake stall and if you want to hire a table for £5 to sell your goods ring Margaret on 319857 or Ron on 321504.

Dear Sir,  
I was astonished by last week's letters from the Great Aycliffe Independents about the Labour Group's joint declaration about attendance. The Labour Group was not criticising the GAI's, but were making a simple point of principle. Town Councillors are paid £1059 a year of the public's money – YOUR money. For this, one undeniable duty, surely, is to turn up at meetings and contribute to the decisions.

Three Councillors are conspicuously not doing so, and we asked them to reflect on their position. Any Councillor can attend any meeting and, with the permission of the Chair (which is never withheld), can speak – Councillor Blenkinsopp does so all the time. So there is no excuse for non-attendance apart from things such as illness. Do the GAIs really say it is OK for a Councillor to take the money and hardly ever turn up? The joke is that – from the three Councillors themselves – we heard nothing! Press Secretary to the Labour Group on the Town Council

Looking for somewhere different to take the family and friends for that special pre Christmas Outing? Oak Leaf Sports Complex could be what you are looking for. Our 2-course Traditional Christmas Lunch is available on Sunday, 27th November, and Sunday 4th and 18th December. At only £9.50 for adults and £6.50 for children it's great value for money. Lunches will be served between 12 noon and 2.00pm, in our festively decorated function room, which has panoramic views of the surrounding area. Party hats and crackers are provided, and with a choice of meats and delicious desserts how better to begin your yuletide celebrations. A warm welcome awaits you. Pre-booking is essential, and payment is required at time of booking. For further details and to make your booking contact Reception on 01325 300600.

## Table Top Sale

Simpasture Court will hold a Table Top Sale on Saturday 12th November from 9am-3pm. Many new items, Home made Cakes and Pies, Tea & Coffee. All welcome.

## TEACHER ADVISES GOVERNMENT ON SPORT



Last week, assistant head teacher, Jon Tait, from Woodham College, was invited to attend the House of Commons in London. Jon, along with ex-student Josh Stephenson, was invited to the 'All-Party Parliamentary Group for American Football' to talk about the positive impact the Woodham Warriors American Football programme has had on students and the memorable experiences it provided. The Parliamentary Group meeting began with a reception in the House of Commons, attended by the Deputy Leader of the House, David Heath MP; members of the APPG and other MPs; officials of the British American Football Association and the NFL; and some very high profile former Super Bowl winning NFL players. Also present were representatives of the Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who met in the NFL's International Series game at Wembley Stadium last weekend. Introducing the aims of the APPG, Chairman Richard

Fuller, MP for Bedford, said: "There is strong support for American football within Westminster and a group of us felt that we should get more involved in developing the sport here at both the amateur and professional levels. We will be working closely with BAFA, the NFL and other organisations to promote and increase official recognition of American football within the UK sporting landscape. We hope to be able to develop participation in the sport at grassroots level, create opportunities for British players to reach their full potential in the sport and support the pathway to having eventually a UK-based NFL team." Jon and the Woodham Warriors programme were specifically mentioned in an address to the 150 VIP delegates by the chairman of the British American Football Association as a leading light of good practice in how the sport can grow in schools and be an integral part in the development of the game in the UK.

## NOT SO INNOCENT!

Dear Sir  
Whilst I do not doubt being subject to a torrent of abuse was distressing, please treat your recent road rage experience as a lesson not to unnecessarily block roads again. When queuing in heavy traffic, one should always take care to leave a space for cars turning right into junctions. The 'yobbish driver' may have been wrong to shout at you, but you were in the wrong first by being a discourteous driver - a problem far too familiar in Newton Aycliffe.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE & SERVICE

SUNDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2011

The Annual Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40am and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church. The Parade will halt outside the Church and the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded, followed by the silence at 11.00am. Wreaths will be laid followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church. At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Lt. Col. Ian Adkins, REME. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard. It is hoped the townspeople will gather around St. Clare's Church for this occasion to take part in showing respect for those who have given their lives in service to our country.

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The professional and enthusiastic delivery from Martin Gray's team helps to improve the children's motor skills and encourage confidence within a fun atmosphere.

Nursery manager Donna Martin said, "We are always looking for ways to expand and enhance the activities we offer and this is already proving a bit hit with the children!"

Little Cubs offers full day care alongside free nursery education places and Wildcats breakfast, afterschool and holiday club.

For more information contact 01325 312288 or visit them at Xcel Centre, Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

## POPPY CROSSES

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M & Co in the Town Centre held a Fashion Show in aid of charity at the end of October and raised £500. Volunteers acted as models



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## Website for Footballers

Dear Sir,

After struggling to get the right number of players each week to play a friendly game of football, I noticed it's not just me who has this problem.

Finding players and ensuring everyone is reliable and turns up on the day is a challenge and there's nothing worse than not having a full team.

So I've set up a website called [www.sportingplay.co.uk](http://www.sportingplay.co.uk) - a non profit website that is completely free for members. It connects players in the local community to other players, finds games or helps create games.

It makes organising sport easier and I have focused on football first as it is the most popular. However, this website can be used for organising virtually any sport.

If you want to play more football or need players because someone has dropped out at the last minute use this website! Sign up now it is FREE! [www.sportingplay.co.uk](http://www.sportingplay.co.uk) Stephen Waddingham

## Race Night in Aid of Boys' Football



Heighington AFC Boys would like to invite you all to a Race Night with a difference! This event has been planned to raise funds for the club and is for adults only and requires audience participation.

It will include lots of fun, lots of laugh's and prizes for winning owners of the horses and their jockeys.

Tickets are £4 and are available from the Managers of the Teams or Paul Soakell/Jim Barr

Horses are priced at £10 each and you will be able to name it as you wish (the funnier the better) and will entitle you to a chance of winning a prize. Race sponsorship is also available and will also secure an advert in the race programme on the night at The Cumby in Heighington at 7pm, the first race will begin at 7.45.

If you are interested please speak to Paul Soakell (07848 932989) or Jim Barr (07899 862079)

## Greenfield Workshops A Half Term Hit!

Greenfield Arts Centre celebrated half term with a variety of arts and crafts workshops for children and their families. The activities were entwined into the Face Off Festival, making the theme of the week 'Faces'. To kick off the week a craft workshop was held. The children created faces using plaster mould and finished it off by adding a variety of colour. These brilliant faces are now taking pride of place as our new display in the Art Centre entrance.

Another great activity was 'Family Face Painting'. Parents had just as much fun as the children painting each other's faces! The finished result looked like the work of professionals.

Thursday's special treat was the 'Family Feed Your Face' workshop. Parents assisted the children in cooking a very tasty meal which consisted of 'Toad-Face in the Hole' followed by 'Face Cakes'.

A fantastic time was had by all who came along to meet up with the young people involved in the making of a film about the history and development of Newton Aycliffe.

The highly successful week was rounded off with a viewing of 'Gnomeo and Juliet'.

We would like to extend our thanks to all those people who participated in the workshops and who helped to make the Face Off celebrations a great

success. Please check out our Christmas holiday activities by contacting Greenfield Community and Arts Centre. Tel: 01325 379048, Email: [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or visit our website: [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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## P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

PC 1452 Alan Thompson is holding a PACT meeting at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 8th November 6.30-7.30pm. Councillors and Rep's from Great Aycliffe Council, Durham County Council & Sedgfield Borough Homes have been invited.

## YOUTHY AFC SPONSORED

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC under 8 Falcons would like to thank local firm TR Fastenings for sponsoring the team.

The team are very grateful for the support and would like to thank Phillip Hall for keeping in touch and offering a helping hand with team fund raising. A big thank you to Kelly Gray for putting us in contact with TR Fastenings and sorting out all the funding.

The Falcons are a new team and have developed as a team and are progressing really well in the short time we have been together.

With help from experienced coach Craig Buist and parents chipping in (Karl Edwards and Kiley Smalls), we have a good set up and are enjoying the challenge of league football.

Any children who would like to come along and train are more than welcome to attend. Contact details can be found on the club website [www.naycafc.co.uk](http://www.naycafc.co.uk)

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls football in Aycliffe continues to march forward after an important weekend of games. **The Under 12 Girls** travelled to play in form Washington. A tight game saw the teams remain 0-0 until the final 5 mins when Lucy Postle controlled the ball in midfield and rifled an unstoppable shot into the top corner to gain a vital 3 pts. This sees the girls in 3rd place with games in hand. Their season record so far is Won 11 Drew 4 Lost 5.

**The Under 13 Girls** were in cup action against Hartlepool and everyone played their part on a cold day and heavy pitch. The girls quickly took charge with 3 goals for Rubi Alderson and 1 for Taylor Sewell to give half time score 4-0.

The second half continued with the girls creating chance after chance before another goal each for Rubi and Taylor and the game was effectively over but Hartlepool rallied with 2 quick goals. This forced the girls to move up a gear with Frayah Munro scoring 2 superb goals and see out the game for a final score 8-2.

Their record so far this season Won 6 Drew 1 Lost 1

**The Under 15 Girls** are only starting their second full season in competitive football and are improving with every game. The visitors this week were Barnes Angels from Sunderland and the girls raced into a 3-0 lead with goals from Shaz, Sammi and Charlotte but as the girls thought they were in for an easy game Barnes hit back with 2 goals before half time. The second half started with Aycliffe piling on the pressure only for Barnes to be awarded a penalty which they converted 3-3.

As full time approached Aycliffe were awarded a penalty Drew stepped up and it was saved by the keeper only for the ref to order a retake for defenders encroaching in the box. Drew made no mistake with the retake 4-3, minutes later the final whistle blew and the first points of the season were secured.

Newton Aycliffe YC junior football club have set up a development section for girls in school years 4, 5, 6, to prepare one or more teams to compete in the Russel Foster Summer League starting in June 2012. The experienced Level 1 & 2 coaches are assisted by girls who have played for the football club and have now returned to coach, having gained the Level 1 qualification.

If you are interested in joining this growing girls section and be part of the fastest growing part of our national game contact Berni 07939 045242 or via [www.naycafc.co.uk](http://www.naycafc.co.uk)

## Newtonians Come Home

Dear Sir

I recently returned to Newton Aycliffe and pleased to see the Newton News is still flourishing. I was an avid reader when we lived here in the 60's.

I worked at Bakelite/BXL from 1959 to 1969 and would like to catch up with anyone who worked there during those years or indeed anyone who knows anyone who worked there.

I can be contacted at [bruce@lakedge.com](mailto:bruce@lakedge.com) or 015394 42861. My wife Marsha (Stanford) would be similarly interested in old friends from that era.

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**Closing Date for Applications:**  
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## AYCLIFFE VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE DAY

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 13th November 2011 commencing at 3.00pm.

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name and image. Now  
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plans to diversify into  
new business areas to  
benefit people living in its

communities.  
Colin Steel, chief executive  
of livin, said: "This new  
identity marks the start of  
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such as unemployment,  
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# Editorial You Could be Snowed in Again!

The severe weather in America signals the fact we can expect much the same in a few weeks time. If so we may experience similar problems to last year when residents could not get their cars out of their streets to go to work. Newton News made the point that whilst gritters and snow ploughs may have cleared the main roads it was not much use if people could not get their cars out of the streets to use them! We suggested the responsibility for clearing streets should be placed with the local authority and that County Hall should fund the expense. Some movement has been made in this regard, but doubtful if it will suffice. The Town Council has agreed to assist DCC: - fill salt bins with salt provided by DCC and will assist with snow clearance from certain strategic footpaths with salt supplied by DCC. This will take place Mon-Fri. Weekends are not certain as there is no staff at work and the Town Council cannot pay for standby staff just in case it snows. It is also dependant on DCC arranging to pay for snow clearance equipment such as mini ploughs and mini salt spreaders. Town Council equipment is limited, as all, except one machine operates on red diesel which cannot be run on highways. From information received streets will not be cleared and many will not get to work, unless residents get together and do it themselves! Last Winter some did that and gangs of shovellers saved each other from being snowed in!

# Obituary

**MORTON** - 27th October 2011, suddenly but peacefully in hospital surrounded by her loving family, Christine aged 63 years, of Newton Aycliffe, much loved Mam, Nan, Sister and Aunt. Funeral Thursday 10th November. Would friends please meet 11.45am for Service at Darlington Crematorium. All floral tributes may be sent c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., 59a Bondgate, Darlington DL3 7JR  
**EMME DUNN** aged 93. Beloved Wife of the late Jimmy. Loving Mam of Eddie, Ann and the late Walter. Mother-in-Law of Dulcie, Denis and Val. Most treasured Nana, Great Nana and Great Great Nana. Requiem Mass at St Mary’s RC Church, 9.30am on Wednesday 9th November. Followed by Cremation at Darlington. Plate at the Church for donations in aid of Cancer Care UK. Most sadly missed

# NOVEMBER RAMBLES

**Sunday 6th** - Wolsingham (NZ077376) Demesne Mill Car Park at 10:45 - Wakerley Beck Valley, Tunstall Reservoir, 7m - Dave Bedford. LSCP 10:00, no dogs. Tel 01325 488968  
**Friday 11th** Group AGM, 7pm at Heighington Village Hall – all welcome  
**Sunday 13th** - Muker (SD908978) layby west of village at 11.00 - Oxnop Gill, Satron and Ivelet Bridge - Keith Wilson - LSCP 10:00. Tel: 01325 240306  
**Sunday 20th** - Cotherstone (NZ013195) at 10.45. Field, Riverside and Woodland paths in Teesdale. Bob King. 7m, LSCP 10:00. Tel: 01325 359110  
**Sunday 27th** The Spennymoor Line (NZ228301), New Coundon Station CP (off a688) at 11.00. Circular via Binchester. David Hardaker, 7m, LSCP gt 10:15, no dogs. Tel: 01325 314442.

# In Memoriam

**MAXINE COUSINS** 5-11-10. One year today since left us and we miss you so much. We’ll be lighting up the sky tonight for you! All our love, David and Mandy xx  
**AUNTY MAXINE** We miss and love you so much, you were always smiling. Lots of love, Gabi, Charlotte and Joey xxx  
**MAXINE COUSINS** One year on we miss you so much, we treasure the laughs we had together so much. Miss you always. Love, Diane, Stuart, Katy and Adam xxx  
**MAXINE COUSINS** 5th November 2010. In loving memory of a dear Wife and Mother. A year today the angels came, the Lord looked down and called your name. Now Heaven has its brightest star and in our hearts and thoughts you are never far. All our love forever. John, Jack and Harry  
**MAXINE COUSINS** Always in my thoughts Maxine. Miss you so much. Love, Leigh xxx  
**MAXINE AINSLIE** 13/9/65 to 5/11/10. A year ago the angels flew down and took you up to Heaven, where you would be at peace and free from pain. Tha pain of losing you will never fade and neither will your memory. You will always be my beautiful angel, my brave Auntie Maxine, my best friend. All my love and kisses always from Laura xxx  
**MAXINE COUSINS** Treasure her Lord in your garden of rest. For while on earth Maxine was one of the best. Loved and remembered always. From Pat, Dave and family xxx  
**MAXINE COUSINS** 5-11-2010. Always in our thoughts. Love from Anthony, Angela, Gavin, Zoe and Ebony  
**MAXINE COUSINS** A beloved Daughter. If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane. I’d walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. Always loved, Mam xxx  
**MAXINE COUSINS** 5-11-10. Sadly missed, always in our thoughts. Miss you loads. Love, Paul, AnnMarie, Emma and Laura  
**MAXINE COUSINS** 5-11-2010. Treasured memories today of our friend Maxine, who is always in our thoughts and will remain forever in our hearts. Sadly missed by Dorothy, Joan and Nicola  
**WINTRELL** Jenny and Eric, both of whom died on the same date, 7th November. A year apart, 2009 and 2010. Sadly missed and forever in our hearts. Steve, Val, Paul, Karen and all the family  
**ERIC WINTRELL** 7-11-2010. Memories are treasures no one can steal. Death leaves a heartache, nothing can heal. Remembered always. Brother Reg and Sister Jean  
**SANDRA ANN FARRELL** Born 3/4/1965, died 8/11/2001. Dearest Sandy, ten years ago you were taken from us. The heartache, sorrow and hurt are still with us, but you are free from pain and lifes burdens. May the angels watch over you. All our love always, Mum, Dad, Sister Helen, Nieces Laura and Millie xxxxxxxxxx  
**ALBERT ANDREW** 6th November 2009. You are the biggest shining star in the sky. Miss and love you every day Dad. I blow you a kiss and send you a prayer, we love you. Julie, Susan and family xxx  
**CHRIS GARRITY** 1928-2011. Though his smile is gone forever and his hand we cannot touch, we still have so many memories of the one we loved so much. His memory is our keepsake, with which we’ll never part, God has him in his keeping, we have him in our hearts. Our love to you always. Glenys and family  
**ADARICHARDSON** Died 1st November 2005. The memories never fade, my love you for is forever. Your loving Husband, Brian  
**DAVID COLLIER** 6-11-1998. A beautiful memory dearer than gold of a Brother whose worth can never be told. It’s been 13 years David since you went away. But in my thoughts you will always stay. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Your loving Sister Irene, Brother-in-Law Bill and all the family xx  
**DAVID BAYNE** Died 6-11-2005. Time has gony by, but memories stay. You are loved and remembered every day. Love always, till we are together again. Loving Wife, Julie and family

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# Congratulations

**Dylan Howarth**  
  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
5th November 2011  
to our special little boy.  
Have a wonderful day. Lots  
of love from Mammy and  
Daddy xxx

**Dylan Howarth**  
  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
to the best Brother in the  
whole world. Lots of love  
and kisses from Loren,  
Aimee and Kameron xxx

**Olivia Payton**  
  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
Princess  
Hope you have a lovely  
day. Lots of love, Mummy  
and Daddy xxx  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
Sweetheart  
Lots of love from Nan and  
Granda xxxxx

**SONNY FIELDING** - 8th  
November. We may be far away  
but we are sending massive  
hugs and kisses for your  
birthday. You are so special to  
us and we love you lots. See  
you in Sydney arrivals! All our  
love, now and always, Auntie  
Leigh-Ann, Uncle Craig and  
Daisy Boo x  
**EVIE DOONAN** Happy 2nd  
birthday to our precious Great  
Granddaughter. Have a lovely  
day. From Great Grandma and  
Great Grandad xxxxx  
**PAYTON TEDER** Happy 1st  
birthday to our gorgeous Niece.  
Lots of love from Auntie Lisa,  
Uncle JP, Loren and Aimee xx  
**PAYTON TEDER** Happy  
birthday Payton. Love from  
your birthday buddy, Dylan x

**Thank You**  
  
**SUSAN ADDISON** wishes to  
thank all family and friends for  
making her birthday so very  
special xxxxx  
**MacGREGOR** (Briggs).  
Cliff, Gary, Carole and Kevin  
would like to thank family,  
friends and neighbours for their  
support during and after their  
sad bereavement. Our thanks  
also to Father Campion, John  
Meynell Funeral Directors  
and Isobel and staff of Newton  
Aycliffe Sports Club

**Mia Wilson**  
  
**Well Done Mia**  
on coming  
1st at Blackpool.  
  
We are all very  
proud of you.  
  
Lots of love from  
all your family  
xxxx  
  
Big Thank you  
to Hayley and  
Brenda xxx

**Annette June  
Davies**  


**BIG 50!**  
Still looking good! Happy  
50th birthday Mam. All  
our love, your Mam, Dad,  
Connie, Katie, Norman,  
Simon, John and all family  
and friends xxxxxx  


**Evie**  
  
**Happy 2nd Birthday**  
to our beautiful little  
sunshine Evie, hope you  
have an amazing day! All  
our love always, Mammy,  
Mama, Grandad, Jake and  
Jodi xxxxxx

**Sadie (Sweet Pea)**  
  
**Happy 21st Birthday**  
“So proud of you!”  
Have a lovely party. Lots  
of love, Mam, Dad, Callum  
and Gran xxxxx

**Evie**  
  
**Happy 2nd Birthday**  
4th November 2011  
Have a fantastic day.  
Lots of love from Daddy,  
Grandma Liz, Grandad Baf,  
Uncle Ryan, Uncle Keiran  
and all the family xxxxx

**Christine Dawson**  
  
**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Enjoy the cocktails on your  
cruise! Love from Mam,  
Dad and Amanda  
**Happy Birthday Babe**  
Love from Simon

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## More Rugby Players Wanted for the Tigers



Durham Tigers is a Rugby League Club based at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre and currently caters for five junior squads, under 9's, u11's, u13's, u15's u17's and an open age squad covering 16 upwards with many of the players coming from Aycliffe.

The Tigers are currently recruiting for all age groups for next season, so anyone interested, why not come along to the training sessions for a taster.

Training throughout the winter is on every Saturday morning from 10 till 11:30 for the juniors and Tuesday nights at 6:30 on the stadium pitch for the

seniors, weather permitting. Come along "Give it a Try". We have players from all around the region, Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, Ferryhill and with some coming from as far afield as Sunderland.

Saturday 15 Oct saw the culmination to a fantastic season for the junior squads with u12s and u14s both of which won their respective leagues, cup, nines and were in the finals of the Playoffs for their respective age groups, the u12 were runners up and the u14s won giving the team the Triple and having been undefeated for over thirty eight games over the last two seasons

## AYCLIFFE FC GROW HAIR FOR CHARITY!

### FIXTURES

Sat Nov 5: Whitley Bay (H) 3pm  
Sat Nov 12: Guisborough Town (A) 3pm  
Weds Nov 16: Jarrow Roofing (H), 7.30pm  
Sat Nov 19: Tow Law Town (H) 3pm  
Sat Nov 26: Spennymoor (A) 3pm  
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

There'll be a distinct lack of shaving foam around Newton Aycliffe FC's dressing room this month, as their players join forces to raise money for the Movember cause.

Captain Sean Tarling (pictured) is behind the idea, strongly supported by Darren Craddock, Dale Jardine, Stuart Owen, Chase McMullen, Scott Pocklington and Elliot Gardner in the 30-day amnesty.

And after some last-minute pressure, the boys managed to convince the entire dressing room to give the growth-fest a go and refrain from shaving for the whole of the month.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world.

The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

To donate, log onto the webpage <http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1703224/> and click the secure Donate button, or see any of the lads on a matchday as they will also be carrying sponsor forms. Meanwhile, Aycliffe knocked West Auckland off the summit of the Northern League with a well-deserved 2-1 victory at Darlington Road last Friday.

The defeat avenged West's win at Moore Lane Park earlier in the season and moved Allan Oliver's side back up a place to seventh, albeit temporarily.

Paul Broom lashed the visitors ahead in the first half while former West forward Dale Jardine blasted



what was to turn out to be the winner midway through the second period.

Alex Francis netted a hotly disputed penalty with five minutes remaining to set up a tense finish but the Newtonians held on for the three points, which in truth should have been wrapped up long before the referee's final whistle.

Team: Pocklington, Gibson, P Gray, Tarling, Close, Craddock, Broom, Portas, Jardine, Gardner, Owen. Used subs: Robinson, Knox. Unused: Oliver, Robson, McMullen. Star Man: Darren Craddock.

■ Aycliffe welcome FA Vase giants Whitley Bay to MLP this weekend, followed by a trip to Guisborough Town next weekend.

## Music Night

St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham are presenting "Marie Lloyd & the Edwardians" a Musical Evening not to be missed. The show starts at 7pm on Tuesday 8th November in St. Elizabeth's Church. There will be Wine, Cheese and Nibbles to follow. If you would like a ticket please contact Eunice on 01325 317035

## CLUB CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY



Zanshin-Kai Karate held their third club grading of 2011 on Sunday 30th October and instructors Dave Noble and Marc Harrison say "well done" to everyone who graded. Fantastic to see a 100% pass rate on the afternoon.

Congratulations to: 9th Kyu Red Belt - Jason Durham, Robert Durham; 8th Kyu Yellow Belt - Christine Bennett, Rachel Bennett; 7th Kyu Orange Belt - Erin O'Brian; 6th Kyu Green Belt - Julie Nisbet, Chris Nisbet; 5th Kyu Blue Belt - Michelle Dowson; 3rd Kyu Brown Belt - Fiona Alton, Mackenzie Alton, Katie Fenton, Liam Collingwood 2nd Kyu Brown Belt - Kieran Newbery

6.00pm - 8.00pm & Sundays 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Beginners are welcome every Sunday, first two classes free! This month the club celebrates its tenth anniversary.

## CAR DRAW

The Great BIG Small Charity Car Draw was on the 25th October by FSI and sponsored by Zurich and won by Wendy Roach of the 7th Dudley Scout Group.

The Agnew Community Association thanks all of our friends and supporters how bought tickets from us and to let you know that we receive 95.2% of the money for our funds. For those of you who would like to check on the internet go to [www.smallcharitycardraw.co.uk](http://www.smallcharitycardraw.co.uk)

## Athletics News

There was success for Aycliffe at the Richmond 10k with George Reid coming home first in the over 55 male category in a time 40:18 and Trish Kay winning for the over 50 ladies in 52:36.

The race is renowned as one of the toughest in the region so everyone was delighted with the positive results. Also competing for the club were Lee Wren, 40:52, Penny Johnson, 52:09 and Gary Minns, 55:41. Andrew Robertson and Michelle Cockburn both made their debuts in the Durham Parkrun series finishing in 23:06 and 27:30 respectively.

The races at Durham's Maiden Castle continue to be an excellent source of competition for Aycliffe's athletes as we move into the Winter season.

Aycliffe Running Club's track session takes place every Thursday night at 6:15 at Stadium 2000, opposite Sunnydale School in Shildon. Go to [www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk) for details on training.

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