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The squadron would like to thank Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Aycliffe Town Council and Spennymoor RAFA for their kind

donations without which the visit would not have been possible. The ATC meets at the Barnard Armoury on Monday and Thursday evenings 7 - 9.30. If anyone aged 13 to 18 would like to join please come along for a chat or phone Commanding Officer Flt Lt Karin Scott on 0776 1611456.

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# PANTO AT AYCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE

This winter, theatre company Actonepanto are planning to bring a lot of fun to families throughout the UK with a highly original and entertaining

new production, "Alice in Pantoland". With apologies to Lewis Carroll, its inventive plot features characters from

Wonderland yet has echoes of other well known stories, such as Cinderella and the Snow Queen.

The script has been specially created for Actonepanto by Steph Hodson and artistic director Jule Watson, whose cast of 5 professional actors will be on tour from 3rd to 24th December 2011, performing at various venues.

One of the first stagings of Alice will be at 7pm on 4th December at Aycliffe Leisure Centre and it promises to be quite an event!

Jule has always loved pantomime and wanted to create all the magic of this seasonal entertainment with less of the adult content so common today. "After all, panto is for children and, while grown-ups will appreciate the humour of our production, there's nothing in it to make them blush – just good clean fun all the way through."

"Alice in Pantoland has a quirky, slightly contemporary theme which will strike a chord with many," says Jule. "Yet all the traditional aspects are there with plenty of visual gags and audience participation."

Several schools have already booked the new pantomime as a seasonal treat for pupils and parents, and the company will be performing across a wide area – from Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham and Cleveland to North Yorkshire, East Riding and West Riding of Yorkshire and South Yorkshire.

If you want a rip-roaring night out for all the family, book now by calling Newton Aycliffe's Leisure Centre on 300800.

## Head & Shoulders Above the Rest



Aycliffe Fabrications were delighted to receive the Community Award at the recent 'Star Radio' Business Awards held at the Excel Centre.

The award was for work Aycliffe Fabrications did with local schools during the manufacture of 'In our Image' the sculpture by Joseph Hillier which is known as the 'Head'.

The sculpture was built in Aycliffe Fabrications specially designed workshop

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Aycliffe Fabrications carry out work in many local schools, providing a variety of products from handrails, fencing and gates, to stainless steel cladding in the kitchen to canopies which can extend the teaching area into the outside environment.

They are very grateful for the contribution the work from local schools makes to their company and constantly look for ways to put something back into the community by taking part in school workshops, Young Enterprise, Future Business Magnates etc.

## Kettlewell Exercise

An exciting new class 'Kettlebells' has been added to the vast mix of activities taking place at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

The Kettlebells workout starts on Wednesday 16 November, 5:15-6pm and costs just £3.50.

Kettlebells are cast iron weights that look a little like cannonballs with handles and that range in weight. A Kettlebell workout can burn more calories more quickly than a lengthy cardio session because the constant movement naturally combines weight work with cardio.

Donna Kelly, PCP Health Trainer who will be running the session says "I've been using Kettlebells in my own workouts with clients and the results have been fantastic. Kettlebells are a fantastic all body/core exercise tool. The best way to start is with a qualified fitness instructor who has experience."

Boxercise has also moved to a new time and now takes place every Wednesday 6-7pm. This class combines boxing moves with aerobics to achieve better overall body tone and fitness. Why not do both classes for a full mid week workout!

The Pioneering Care Centre is run by the local charity the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) to help people of all ages and abilities to improve their health, wellbeing and quality of life.

To find out what is on offer contact the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234 or visit www.pcp.uk.net

## New Live Music Venue

Dear Sir,

"North East Music Junkies" is on the Map! I attended the inaugural event at the Iron Horse on Friday and although the advertised band had to pull out because of illness the replacements "The Purnells" were excellent. The band let rip with "Mark Feltham" style harmonica and a pulsating drum and bass vibes which carried the enthusiastic crowd through the night.

A great start to a regular monthly event, well hosted by "Mary" and all the staff at the Iron Horse. Great venue, great atmosphere and original music played by an excellent local Band. Already looking forward to next month.

Kevin Hannant

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**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... Jesus 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 'Kayeleigh' inspired 'Emerald'. Awesome guys, made my hellbest weekend!' Gig Pit review  
**Saturday 26th November - "THE KILL"**  
'The band took to the stage, from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance. Vocalist Gregg took centre point on stage and really went for it. Not just vocally but physically too! I've said it before and I'll say it again, the Office stage is bigger than most pub set-ups and it needs a band with a genuine physical presence to attract the audience's attention in a building of that size. They had that charisma about them. The rock style of the band continued on with a commercial AOR feel on such songs as Def Leppard's 'Animal', and even though the group did generally go down the path of recognisable rock anthems, it never became too cheesy or entirely predictable. I think they hit a marvellous balance of choosing songs that would have a larger appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next' - Colin Smooth Review.  
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# Rockin' All Round the School



On Wednesday and Thursday of the half term week year 11 Greenfield students studying BTEC Music Course did the little extra that can turn a good performance into a GREAT one! Yep it's the old gem of practice, practice, practice! The students

all volunteered their time and talent to rocking the deserted school with the sounds of Rock and Roll through the decades which is the theme for their forthcoming Music Concert Production due to raise the roof in December. Hits from Buddy Holly to

the present Chart Sounds are being dusted off and given a great Greenfield polish.

## Great Show

NewtonNews have received many complimentary comments on the play "Misery" performed at St. Clare's Church Hall recently:

"Congratulations to the cast, crew and producer - it was excellent!"

"Thanks for bringing such a brilliant show to Newton Aycliffe."

"Well done to Stage One and all involved - it was very enjoyable."

"This production should have been better supported - A good job done by local talent. Come on Aycliffe you missed out!"

# A FREE XMAS EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The Rotary Club are again organising the town's annual Christmas Community Concert and thanks to the generous offer of their premises it will again be performed in the fabulous concert facilities provided by the Xcel Centre.

This popular event is in its 24th year and last Christmastime attracted nearly 1000 people to listen to a programme of music by local schools and sing popular carols and songs with our town band.

It is a special community occasion for all the family, admission is free of charge and gives all a great start to the Christmas festivities and the children a chance to meet Santa.

Make a note in your diary for Sunday 11th December from 2pm till 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy the happiness that the Christmas spirit can bring. Please bring the whole family and why not invite an elderly neighbour who might not be able to travel.

# Aycliffe D of E Gold Awardees



## St. Andrew's Gift Day

Come and support your local church, have a cuppa with a mince pie then relax and listen to bagpipes in Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 26th November from 10am - 2pm.

The Piper plays at 12 noon and all donations on the day will be used for the upkeep of St. Andrew's Church. The Patronal Service is on St. Andrew's Day Wednesday 30th November at 7pm when the Revd. Bill Broad will return to preach.

Congratulations to Max Aldred, Savana Armitage, Jermaine Bruce, Shannen Craddock, Sam Hallimond, Rebecca Harris and Christopher Prior who completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition. They walked on an 80km route from Patterdale to Askham in the Lake District over 4 days in unfavourable weather and challenging terrain.

Many thanks to Keith, Sue, Sara and Kim at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre who trained them for many months! Keep an eye open in the Newton News for our invitation to new Bronze, Silver and Gold D of E members in the New Year.

  
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## Halloween Fancy Dress Party at Big Club



The "Just Say Yes" Fund held a Halloween Fancy Dress on Saturday 29th October at Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club. The night was a great success and everyone had a fabulous time with lots of fantastic costumes.

Local Band 'The Raindogz' provided entertainment along with Melissa Cavanagh, who despite having a sore throat still pulled off a stunning performance! Backed up with Inaspin Entertainment providing the disco.

Over £1300 was raised on the night and thanks go to everyone involved in organising, also to Aycliffe Dance Academy, Tesco, Tallent Engineering, J&A Headstart, Cineworld, Hollywood Bowl, Jason Steele, 'My Sweet Cupcakes', and many friends for donating raffle prizes. There are still 6 unclaimed prizes for tickets sold on the night! numbers. 359 ~ 273 ~ 302 ~ 321 ~ 215 and 34 please contact 0773 8259220 to claim your prize.

Aycliffe Dance Academy teachers Emma and Anthony Cox organised a Zumba Fitness and Circuit Training Charity Night on Monday 7th November 2011 to raise money for the 'Just Say Yes' Fund.

Their Zumba Fitness and Circuit Training classes ran as normal on this night and all of the money taken in for the two classes went to the 'Just Say Yes' fund.

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## RETIREE BECOMES COMMUNITY CRIME FIGHTER

An Aycliffe resident has decided to become involved in community activities to benefit his neighbourhood. Ken Robson has lived and worked in Newton Aycliffe for 46 years and is so passionate about his town and neighbourhood, that as he approaches retirement wants to devote some spare time helping keep the area safe and a good place to live. Ken read an article promoting the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch and his subsequent enquiry with Durham Constabulary lead to his involvement as a co-ordinator. His decision has since snowballed and his area now covers over 700 homes. He said, 'I heard about the excellent work of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in other parts of the town, in particular the scheme in Washington Crescent area and thought, why not on my estate?'

'I am keen to work with the police and local residents to ensure the area remains a safe place to live, but I also have ambitions to develop this further by creating a Residents Association to foster good community spirit. The new scheme covers the streets between Stephenson Way, Burn Lane and Greenwell Road and is free to join, offers potentially safer neighbourhoods and reduced levels of crime and members often enjoy reductions in household insurance premiums. Neil Langthorne (Police Community Liaison Officer) said, 'Ken's commitment knows no bounds, however he can only do so much and any scheme is only as good as the members in it. We encourage everyone to play their part, remain vigilant and if need be report suspicious activity to the local police' Anyone interested in joining

Mr Robson's scheme or finding more out about Neighbourhood Watch can do so by contacting Neil on 0345 60 60 365

## Honest John's Helping Hand

**Honest John reports that proceeds from his Tuesday Market Stall has given £750 to Clare Walton's Stepping Out Dance School, £700 to Lee Green Dance School and £1000 shared between Care Homes in the town. He thanks Newtonians who donate items to sell and keep the stall fully stocked.**

Next in line for help is Jam Youth Club at Neville Parade, Jaffa Youth Club at Burnhill Way and MIND.

## Exciting Projects at Greenfield College



Four Year 8 pupils embarked on a cookery challenge for the 'Make It With Mince' competition.

Leoni Wong, Milli Greener, Kara Elston and Samantha Ashcroft all worked hard to create a culinary dish with the base ingredient of mince and with a twist of something special. The smells of delight floated across the school site

inviting staff to come in and share the experience.

Above are the outcomes of the one hour cook off which will be entered into the competition to hopefully meet and spend a day with celebrity chef James Martin off Saturday Kitchen in London. Congratulations to all competitors!

Miss Curran, Specialist Technology



In October Dr. James Blowey, Director of Natural Sciences at Durham University came to work with 9E1 on a rubik's cube project. The group spent 2 hours looking at how to 'solve' parts of Rubik's cubes and then developed this idea to create pixelated pictures. They worked together and by the end of the session arranged over 100 Rubiks cubes to create the Mario Bros picture.

The group have come away with a Rubik's cube keyring to

practice for their next session, when they will choose their own image to work on and produce a piece of artwork twice as big to be kept and displayed in school (Mrs McKie is trying to convince the group we want to make a huge picture of Gary Barlow for her classroom!)

We look forward to showing our finished masterpiece after half term.

Mrs McKie, Specialist Maths

## Orphans Speak Out Against Sex Trafficking

This Sunday, November 13th, Stella's Voice, an organization determined to be a voice that speaks for the orphans of Moldova, will arrive in Newton Aycliffe. Founder Philip Cameron, along with 5 Moldovan orphans, will visit the Xcel Centre to share their personal stories.

Stella's Voice began in response to the horrific conditions Philip Cameron witnessed while visiting a Moldovan state-run orphanage. Not only are orphans neglected, abused, and mistreated, they are turned out at 16 years old.

An easy target, these orphans are often snatched by sex traffickers and sold for as little as £2,200. They are then used 30 to 40 times per day while their trafficker profits as much as £233,000 per year.

In 2007, Philip Cameron opened Stella's House, a safe house for aged-out orphan girls. The home gives orphans a chance at a new life. They receive their education, learn life skills, and function as a family.

In 2010, Simon's House opened to house aged-out orphan males who are often sold into Russia. In addition, Philip opened Stella's House Two and acquired Cupcui Orphanage in 2011. The state-run orphanage was recently renovated and named Providence House and has the capacity to house 130 children.

"My heart's desire is to offer a loving Christian home for every orphan in Moldova—all 12,500 of them," said Philip. "There is a place for every aged-out girl and boy to go."

Philip and the orphans will speak at 10.30am & 6pm on Sunday, November 13th at Xcel Church in Aycliffe and at 11am at Xcel Church at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington.

For more information about Stella's Voice, contact Mark Morgan at 0845 230 4673 or 07554 418250



Pupils are making the most of attending the Classic Games Lunchtime Activity and fun is had by all.

Pupils from all years are packing on T1 (Mrs Ward's Textiles Room) and creating a fun and exciting atmosphere. All pupils who have attended so far have demonstrated positive attitudes and a buzz amongst coloured Houses.

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Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club will be running another Community Draw next year as part of the Jubilee celebrations to help town charities and organisations including schools and uniformed groups. This year's draw raised over £8,000 with 50% of the money retained by the ticket sellers for their own club or group. The Rotary Club obtained all the prizes, printed the tickets and held the draw at the British Legion club. Macmillan Cancer Care

and The Great North Air Ambulance each received £2000. This year to get more local organisations involved 75% of the proceeds will be retained by the club or organisation selling the tickets. "We realise town clubs are going through a difficult time so we have decided to help them help themselves", said Alan Crawshaw President of the Rotary Club. The Jubilee Community Draw will have 60 valuable prizes

donated by the generous businesses in an around the town who wish to support local charities and clubs. Those who took part this year will be asked if they wish to participate in the draw and others interested are advised to get in touch with Syd Howarth on 300212 or 320901, syd@newtonpress.net. The tickets will be available in the New Year and the draw will be held around the Jubilee Celebrations early June 2012.

## Ousted Boxing Club Appeals for Help

Dear Sir,  
Could you possibly help our boxing club which as you know was eased out of the Youth Centre and since then have struggled to find suitable premises for our club sessions, At the moment we are renting a small hall at St. Clares church which is totally inadequate for the number of lads we have on our books. Given the right venue we could almost double the intake. We have been running this club for over 24 years providing training and boxing facilities for countless hundreds of young people in our community, but we are really struggling to stay afloat. Most of our training equipment is currently stored in a double garage as we have very little storage area. Please put out a general appeal asking if the council or someone could help us find suitable premises. Maybe a local business could come up with a solution. This is a genuine heartfelt plea to the general community for help. We realise boxing is a minority sport and not everyone embraces it like football, but the vast majority of young and not so young people use our

proven techniques to attain a level of fitness, discipline and healthy wellbeing. Peter Cheesbrough Aycliffe Boxing Club.

## FOOTBALL CLUB FUNDRAISER

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club are holding a fundraising event featuring Andy Curtis the ex "Mid Life Crisis" front man.

It is on Friday 18th November, 7.30 pm at The Big Club, Newton Aycliffe  
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PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT meeting at Neville Parade Church Hall on Thursday 17th November from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. Councillors & Representatives from Great Aycliffe Council, Durham County Council & Sedgfield Borough Homes have been invited.

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**Ungard Walk**  
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## Volunteers Needed at "The Cubby"



The Cubby will hold a Sale of Work on 29th November from 9am till 2pm.

The Drop-In is looking for volunteers to help out due to the increase in customers and now adding Saturday opening. The new cooks are

preparing some very tasty home-made meals at very reasonable prices.

Kitchen Manager Sally Symons and her assistant Jo Milne have made a great difference to the popularity of the Cubby since offering their services and hope others will come forward to help. The Cubby now has an e-mail address and any suggestions to improve the service are welcome: "the\_cubby@hotmail.co.uk" The premises are available for hire for meetings etc. Tel: 307449.

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## FIREWORKS SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

### School Entries Disappointing

With such obvious artistic talent among our young people, but the very poor response to this year's competition from the town's schools was extremely disappointing.

However, this in no way detracts from the calibre of entries received from 'home' and those from Vane Road School and Woodham Burn Out of School Club all of which were recently judged by

Mayor Mary Dalton and her Consort, son, Michael Dalton. This was still an extremely hard task with so many wonderful posters to choose from.

The winners (seen here with their entries) were presented with gift vouchers at the OakLeaf Sports Complex just prior to the Fireworks Display on Saturday 5th November. Well done to all of you - don't

forget to try again next year! Pre School/Reception No entries

Y1/Y2: 1st Nathan Maughan, 2nd Millie Barnes, 3rd Ashley Hancock.

Y3/Y4: 1st Alana Thornton, 2nd Jessica Pugh, 3rd Charley Greenwood

Y5/Y6: 1st Jak Kennedy, 2nd Aimee Laycock, 3rd Kate Reynoldson

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# M.P. SUPPORTS £32m WOODHAM GOLF CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Support for the proposed £32.1 million development at Woodham Golf and Country Club continues to grow as a local MP shows his approval of the plans.

Labour MP for Sedgfield, Phil Wilson, is the latest in a long line of supporters of the investment in his constituency, which if approved, would see the redevelopment of Woodham Golf Club, as well as the construction of a luxury 75 bed hotel, 50 executive homes and extensive environmentally-friendly landscaping to the surrounding area.

Should plans go ahead the development would create a significant amount of new permanent jobs as well as safe-guarding approximately 30 existing positions. In addition a further 145 positions will be created during the construction phase of the development. Phil Wilson, MP, said "I fully support the scheme at Woodham and agree that the creation of up to 70 new permanent jobs and the capital investment of approximately £32.1 million would be an excellent



economic benefit to the community, especially in these difficult times"

The local community is at the heart of the plans for the new development and extensive measures have been taken to ensure that local schools and groups will have access to the refurbished facilities at a reduced cost for certain hours of the day.

Mr Wilson added, "I'm pleased to note the social

benefits the proposal brings, particularly the community use agreement to develop links between local schools and disadvantaged groups. I encourage everyone to give this proposal their full support."

Washington Developments, alongside planning, design and economics consultancy Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners, Ryder Architects and environmental consultancy Wardell Armstrong, are hopeful that the additional support and enthusiasm for the proposal will positively influence the decision that will determine the future of the development, after the planning meeting date was postponed once again this month.

Emma Walker, Planner and Urban designer at NLP commented, "We're confident that every measure has been taken across all aspects of this proposal to ensure that it is successful.

We're working with the council to update and finalise the proposal in line with their recommendations and we're confident that they will be convinced of the benefits this development will bring to the community in the Woodham area. We look forward to confirming a new meeting date and hearing the Council's decision on the plans."

The planning application was submitted to the South and West Durham Planning Committee earlier this year and following approval, initial construction work would commence towards the end of next year should the application be successful.

# LOCAL MP PROPOSES AYCLIFFE JOINS BILLINGHAM IN NEW CONSTITUENCY

By Phil Wilson, M.P.

The Boundary Commission for England has redrawn parliamentary boundaries based on legislation passed by the Government. Under the legislation constituencies must have equal sized electorates of approximately 76,500 voters plus or minus 5% of this figure.

As a consequence, Sedgfield constituency has been drastically changed. It still includes Newton Aycliffe, but could take in Ingleby Barwick south of the river Tees if the proposal goes

ahead.

Sedgfield has always been a diverse constituency, but always within County Durham.

The initial proposals from the Boundary Commission, which are open to consultation until December 5th, can be changed and I will be putting forward a proposal which I believe makes more sense.

The new constituency will still need to include part of Stockton Borough because of the electoral quota set by the government and cannot go

further into County Durham for that reason. But I firmly believe any changes should be made to ensure as much of the new constituency stays north of the river Tees.

Therefore I am recommending that Ingleby Barwick remains part of a new Stockton seat, while Billingham joins the Sedgfield constituency along with some of the small villages nearby such as Wolviston and Wynyard. This will ensure that almost all of the Stockton Borough destined for the new constituency will be north

of the Tees and in the area once designated as County Durham.

Billingham was in the Sedgfield constituency between 1918 and 1974 and so was Eaglescliffe.

In the 1970s, Eaglescliffe was in the Easington seat stretching from Peterlee down to the River Tees!

Moving Billingham into a new Sedgfield seat makes sense as Newton Aycliffe and Billingham have several factors in common. Both are towns which grew out of industry and developed significantly during the 20th Century. Both are linked by the A689. Both have major industrial estates. Both have their own town council. And with the arrival of Hitachi in Newton Aycliffe, the factory will use Teesport as a gateway to export markets. Transferring Billingham into a parliamentary seat which includes Newton Aycliffe I believe will ensure the vast majority of the constituency's electorate is north of the river Tees.

Sedgfield, for long periods of time in the 20th century covered the area now occupied by the two towns. I also believe these changes to the Boundary Commission's initial proposals will help put Newton Aycliffe on the map in parliamentary terms.

No one likes change, and for someone who has lived in the Sedgfield constituency all of his life and who has represented the area for the past four years, I want to ensure the new constituency and the community network in it makes sense.

I hope this proposal achieves just that and the Boundary Commission listens. If you support this proposal or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 4 Beveridge Walkway in the town centre. You can also ring my office on 01325 321603 or email me on phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk

# STUDENTS DESIGN MP's CHRISTMAS CARD



Children from Woodham Burn Primary School took part in an exciting competition to design a Christmas card for our local MP, Phil Wilson. Over one hundred children submitted entries, with subject matter ranging from traditional Christmas scenes to more contemporary designs.

Mr Wilson came into school to judge the entries and, after much consideration, picked three as finalists. Two were chosen for the inside cover of the finished card, and the winning design for the front cover.

The proud winners, Ellie Greenwell (7) and Ellie McCabe (8) (inside designs), and Caitlin Overfield (11) (front cover) were invited to meet Mr Wilson personally and were presented with prizes of gift bags and signed copies of the finished card. Head teacher Mrs Rowe said she was impressed with the standard of entries and that it was an honour for her school to be chosen for this very important task. It was a complete Newton Aycliffe effort as Newton Press was selected to print the Cards.

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Twenty firms took part in the event, held at the college's £32m main campus, which gave participants the opportunity to not only learn a new skill, but to speak to employers direct and find out firsthand what it is like working in a particular trade or industry.

They included unemployed father-of-two Mark Smith, 35, from St Helen's Auckland, who took part in taster sessions in bricklaying and joinery under the instruction of Mears Group site supervisor Barry Chapman. Mark said: "I came along to have a go and try something new, see what I thought about it, and it's been very good. It takes a lot of practice to pick it up but I think after today I'll enrol on a bricklaying course."

Residential care worker Mandy Hepperle, 45, was trying her hand at tiling with Ian Dobson of The Mobile Tile Company. She said: "I came along as I fancied updating my DIY skills, and I'm thinking of doing a DIY course next year, but this may open up new opportunities for me if I find I'm any good at it."

Ian who also ran sessions with 14 to 16-year-old students from Tudhoe Grange School, said: "We are looking to expand and may be taking on an apprentice. We've seen a couple of really good little tilers today - one or two seemed real naturals. Lots have been putting their names down for training courses."

Elsewhere, Farm Fresh Direct offered a flavour of work as a chef in a business commercial kitchen, preparing high quality, healthy food within a budget, while dog lovers met qualified canine behaviourist Becky Armstrong from Bright Paws, and learned tips in how to communicate and work with animals.

Bishop FM allowed budding DJs to have a go at working in commercial radio with live broadcasts from the college's radio broadcasting suite throughout the day. Other firms taking part included web developers Wish Design, print design agency Print North East, personal fitness and physiotherapy experts

Platinum Physiotherapy, Aycliffe Fabrications and Alan Clarke Photography. David Walters, Customer and Community Manager for Mears Group, said the event had been very useful for the firm: "We've had about 70 people through today - it's been very popular. We have over 20 apprentices at the moment, but have been taking details of people attending today for our next phase of apprenticeships."

"Today has been very useful for the college but for us as an employer too. We would definitely attend if the event was run again." Bishop Auckland College Principal Anne Isherwood added: "It has been a fantastic event today, great to see so many people try their hand at new skills. Clearly the employers taking part got as much out of today as the participants, and hopefully today will lead to new opportunities for those who came." The "Have a Go" event is part of the Regional Skills Festival World Skills 2011, and has been funded by the European Social Fund.



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# DADS COME TO NURSERY!



Dads, granddads, uncles and male carers enjoyed 4 sessions at their child's nursery to find out all about 'People Who Help Us.' Working in partnership, Stephenson Way Community Primary School Nursery and Newton Aycliffe Children's Centre have delivered a number of projects to help encourage dads to get involved in their child's education.

Last week saw the completion of a 4 week

project around Staying Safe where the fire brigade, police officers and guide dogs all came along to help children understand about their roles and how they help people stay safe.

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## HELP SHAPE LOCAL PRIORITIES

People across County Durham can find out what's happening in their local communities at a series of forum meetings being held this month.

The county's 14 Area Action Partnerships are holding their forum meetings during November to enable people living or working in the area to find out about local issues and have their say on projects that take place.

The meetings will also give people the chance to help set the priorities for their local AAP for the coming year.

Those attending will be asked to rank 10 priorities in order of

preference to develop a list of the most important local issues. The list will then be passed to the AAP boards which will decide on the priorities for 2012/13.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact their AAP in advance. Contact details and arrangements for the meetings, which all start at 6pm unless otherwise stated, are as follows:

Great Aycliffe and Middridge – 22 November – Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Contact 01325 327 441 or gampaap@durham.gov.uk

## Making Grandparents Proud



Newtonians Anne & Mel Harland are very proud of their Grandson Mitchell who completed his training as a new recruit at HMS Raleigh. He received three awards, one for the highest standard of shooting, breaking the record. He is following in the footsteps of another Grandchild Rachael who is a Naval Officer, shown here with Mitchell and her husband Martin.

## New Social Care Guide

A new online guide to care, support and community services will be launched this week.

Durham Information Guide (DIG) is a free database of local, regional and national organisations offering a range of help and advice to people in County Durham. Visitors can use the site to find and select services that meet their social care needs.

Cllr Nicholls said: "DIG is a fantastic way of helping people to take control of the care and support they receive, giving them more independence, flexibility and choice over who provides the services and when they are delivered. "The site is a major resource, offering details of a wide range of organisations as well as direct links to other relevant websites."

Topics covered by the website include getting out and about, managing disability, keeping safe and legal, financial and general help.

DIG also includes community information on arts, leisure and sports and social groups and organisations.

Site users search by organisation, service, geographical area or using key words. Visit the site at [www.durham.gov.uk/dig](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dig)

## Independent Independent

Dear Editor,  
Has A. Chandran nothing better to do but sit at the back of the council meeting and put the independents down?

What will he do and say, if, at the next election he is not selected to stand as a Labour Councillor? He says he will go Independent but who will he pull to bits then?

I was in the Labour party for 40 years, but it is not the Labour Party it used to be, it is made up of Independents, Conservative and Lib Dems, a coalition Labour Party.

The reason I resigned and went Independent, was because I was threatened and bullied by a Labour Councillor, because I would not vote a Labour member to be Deputy Mayor. I did not join the GAI the way Arun said. Now I am an independent Independent.

I still have the minutes, where the Labour member swore and threatened me, for anyone to see. I also have a letter to prove I was being bullied and threatened and in my opinion I am still being victimised.

I apologise for the mistake in saying 20 Labour Councillors instead of 18 and I do grasp all the facts and figures. Labour members are on all committees leaving Independents and Lib Dems off.

I apologise to the Newton News readers that I have to reply to these letters, but they are untrue, and I do not bully

anyone.  
Alderman George C Gray  
West Ward Independent Councillor

## £700 Raised at Auction

The Silent Auction held in Redworth Village Hall went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Bidding was slow and cautious to start with and then as time moved on people started to compete and bid against each other.

The Middlesbrough football shirt went to a telephone bidder, a Kiefer backpack donated by Swimshop was bid for by three people in the same family. A local councilor successfully bid for a voucher from Peaseway Skin and Laser Clinic. A bid was also made for a microdermabrasion voucher donated by Peaseway.

There will soon be younger looking men in Redworth and Heighington!

We are very grateful to all our donors and also to Mr. John Clow of Barclays Bank who will double our £366.70. A very successful day.

## Aycliffe Girl in Barbra Streisand Tribute Show

"Strictly Streisand" is the UK's premier tribute to the world's ultimate diva Barbra Streisand and what's more this tribute is by Christina Simone from Newton Aycliffe.

Christina Simone has been a lifelong fan of Streisand and people always remark on her resemblance both visually and vocally to the "Funny Girl" star.

Christina found herself adding Streisand classics to her repertoire after numerous requests culminating in this full tribute show.

For Christina this was a labour of love as she adores singing the songs of her idol and 'Strictly Streisand' is a must for all Streisand fanatics or simply anyone who enjoys fantastic vocal ability.

Christina was voted best female artiste of the North East and is no stranger to the entertainment business. She has worked with numerous bands as lead vocalist and has a varied portfolio of clients from The Mayfair Group and Best Western Hotels to The Princes Trust who hired her to work with Frank Carson and Brendan Healy.

In addition Christina enjoys a healthy career in theatre playing numerous lead roles from the Killer Queen in 'We Will Rock You' and Nancy in 'Oliver'. Christina Trained at Teesside University and holds a B.A. (hons) degree in Performance and Events Production. She has directed and produced numerous musicals.

The Show on Friday 23rd December also includes a tribute to the Rat Pack. A



Three course meal is provided and is a perfect Christmas treat. Tickets (£22.50) are available from Shildon Civic Hall or can be collected from Lee Green Dance School on Friday Evenings. Tel: Shildon Civic 01388 772902. Aycliffe 07980 387068

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The Hydrotherapy Pool is also a great way to improve mobility, relieve pain or simply de-stress from everyday life. It's safe for non swimmers and fully accessible. Gift vouchers can be purchased from Reception in the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF. Alternatively ring 01325 321234 and pay by debit card.

The Pioneering Care Centre is run by the local charity the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) to help people of all ages and abilities to improve their health, wellbeing and quality of life to find out more visit their website [www.pcp.uk.net](http://www.pcp.uk.net).

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# Town Council Launch Useful New Website

Great Aycliffe Town Council's long awaited new website will be launched on Friday 4th November.

We think it is easy to navigate. If you can't find what you are looking for it has a comprehensive in-site search facility to assist you.

The only thing that hasn't changed is the web address [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The site has all the information on it that you would expect to find on a local authority website, eg minutes and reports of meetings, financial information, descriptions of the services we provide but it also has several new areas

which might interest members of the public:

- Burial records of all interments in Stephenson Way and West Cemeteries
- Our Community – links to local community groups for everything from sport to art
- Forum – discussion venue for current affairs and 'happenings' in Aycliffe (will be moderated)
- Find your councillor – just enter your address to find out who your local representatives are on the Council.
- Historic pictures of Aycliffe – more to add yet
- Apply for services on line (where no cost is involved)

Additionally, the Oakleaf Sports Complex and the Oakleaf Golf Complex's new websites will also be launched on Friday 4th November.

The Golf Complex site has the latest course reports from the greenkeeper, so you can find out easily whether buggies are allowed, if any holes are closed and even what the weather is like.

If you want expert advice, check out the Course 'hole by hole' guide with the Golf Professional's tips on how to play each hole.

The Golf site also has a section specifically for the Oakleaf Golf Club which has individual sections for the Adult, Senior and Junior sections too with fixture lists for the rest of the year.

If there is any information you would like us to include in any of our three sites, please let us know.

## SANTA FUN RUN IN HARDWICK PARK

Runners of all ages are being invited to take part in a 3km Santa Fun Run which will take place at Hardwick Country Park in Sedgfield, on Sunday 4 December at 10.30am.

The run is being organised by Durham County Council events team in partnership with Butterwick Hospice as well as Sedgfield Harriers, who will be providing support around the course on the day.

Despite the arctic conditions, last years event attracted over 260 brave runners who were decked out in Santa Claus costumes together with 14 dogs, many wearing reindeer antlers, Santa capes and coats, and fairy wings.

Beryl Anderson, Events Officer at Durham County Council said: "We had a great time last year and we'd love to see even more people come along and join in the fun this year. Entrants can run, walk or take a leisurely Santa stroll through the idyllic grounds of Hardwick Country Park."

Adult entry is £10 which includes a full Santa suit, and children (aged 15 and under) will be charged £5 which includes a Santa hat, a Santa medal and commemorative certificate. All junior entries aged less than 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For an application form and further information, please contact Durham County Council events on: 0191 3729196 (email: [events@durham.gov.uk](mailto:events@durham.gov.uk)) or contact Butterwick Hospice on 01388 603003.

The closing date for applicants to register is Thursday 1 December.

# Local Female Runners Lead the Way



Shildon Running Club were celebrating over the Halloween weekend, with four 1st positions and 7 promotions to the fast pack category after the Farringdon Cross Country Race.

This event proved very popular and the senior men had over 300 competitors. Dan Hardy (U20) powered around the 3 lap course, conquering the stream and the hills, to gain promotion to the fast pack with 1st place and an amazing time of 33.28.

The second event in the North East Harrier League is a tough course and the windy conditions on the day were an added challenge. Henry Johnson, ran well and stormed up the hills to win by 4 seconds finishing the 1 lap course in 9.33.

The other members of the Under 15 team ran extremely well and won 1st team place. Joseph Bell displayed a spurt of energy towards the end and completed the course in 3rd position with 10.19. Jake Findlay and Jack Wade showed determination and crossed the line in 11.24 and 11.54 respectively.

Under 17 athlete Matt Coulthard battled the hills and crossed the stream like a true cross country runner to deserve his promotion to the fast pack after he finished in 2nd place with 21.23.

The female runners showed they are a force to be reckoned with. Lizzie Cramb (U13) gained first place, a promotion and took the lead by 20 sec, with 11.56. Under 15 girls saw Georgia Hirst battle the muddy conditions and finish the 1 lap in 13.16.

Amy Etherington, took a convincing win in the Under 17/20 women's event. Her finish time of 15.56 saw her promoted to the fast pack. Zoe Hewitson, already competing in the fast pack, had a 2min handicap. Not deterred by this, she gave it her best and achieved the 4th fastest time on the day with actual running time of 15.52. Elizabeth Wood, fast pack, competed against U20 women, she took the hills well and finished in actual time of 18.09. The Under

17/20 ladies won 1st team prize. Natalie Owens (SW) ran around the 2 lap course in 25.15.

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](http://www.shildonrunning.co.uk) for nights & times to suit your age group. If you require any more information please call us on our new number 07592 611600 or e-mail: [secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk](mailto:secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk)

# Good Results for Aycliffe Swimmers

Sedgfield 75 had six of its swimmers compete at the Sunderland Aquatics Centre as part of Sunderland Amateur Swimming Clubs Firecracker gala on the 5th and 6th of November.

On Saturday Sam Dixon (14) started the day with a good 400 metres Individual Medley swim achieving a time of 5.21.92. Sam then went on to achieve a time of 1.12.14 in a good swim in the 100 metres backstroke.

Sam returned on Sunday where he competed in the 200 Metres freestyle event achieving a time of 2.12.14 and finished his events with a time of 1.04.44 in the 100M butterfly and achieved a 4th place.

Rhiannon Foulds (15) competed in the 200 metres Individual Medley gaining a time of 2.44.59. Rhiannon then went on to the 50 metres freestyle achieving 7th place with a time of 30.34. Both times were personal bests.

Hannah Featherstone (12) took part in the 100 metres backstroke and achieved 1st place with a time of 1.11.83. Hannah took 2nd place in the 100 metres freestyle with a time of 1.04.33 under difficult conditions when her goggles failed. Hannah rounded her swims off with a 1st place in the 200 metres backstroke with a time of 2.31.99. Hannah also broke the existing record for this swim.

Matthew Bradley (13) competed on both days starting his races with the 400 metres freestyle. Matthew took 1st place and broke the current record with a time of 4.23.29. Matthew also gained 1st place and meet records in the

50 breaststroke, 200 metres individual medley, 200 metres freestyle and 100 metres breaststroke. Gaining Nationals Age Group qualifying times in the 200 metres individual medley and 100 metres breaststroke. He also gained 3rd place in the 50 metres backstroke.

The weekend was successful for all swimmers and coach Caroline Saxby was pleased with all. Head Coach John Moore was delighted with the swimmers performance over the weekend.

## NET GAIN

Protech Windows Direct, a member of The BB Group of Aycliffe have recently purchased the domain name and assets of [www.doubleglazing.net](http://www.doubleglazing.net) from an Australian company.

Whilst the website is now under reconstruction managing director Brendan Bermingham is more than pleased with the acquisition saying that it fits in perfectly with the company's strategy of securing premium and generic domain names.

The company owns domain names such as [www.secondaryglazing.com](http://www.secondaryglazing.com) and [www.double-glazing.com](http://www.double-glazing.com), and [www.diyplastics.com](http://www.diyplastics.com) plus many many more (around 300 plus).

Brendan commented that you should secure domain names to protect your interests including the .CO.UK and .COM, and further comments that apart from your company name and product brands you should also register your own name as well,

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# Panto at Shildon

Well Halloween and the fire works have passed us by and we now enter the season to be Jolly, so why join us for our annual Family Pantomime which this year is Jack and the beanstalk.

Shildon Civic Hall will be having a great family fun time following Jack Trott in his adventure with the world in the sky. Don't miss out - bring the whole family as Jack will need encouragement from the kids to go that extra mile and find the riches to save his mother's dairy.

We promise there will be lots of audience participation, so prepare for cheering, booing and foot tapping along to the songs. We are keeping the prices affordable so the whole family can have a great enjoyable time. The show runs for 4 days, Thursday (17th Nov) and Friday (18th) both shows starting at 7.30pm. The weekend sees 2 matinee's

starting at 2pm on the Saturday (19th) and Sunday (20th), the doors open half an hour before the curtain goes up. Adults £4 and the kids £2.50 so book your tickets today by any of the following means, Phone: 01388 774838 / 01325 313363 or on the web, shildontheatretickets.webs.com.

Please note that the original Saturday evening show has been replaced with an afternoon show due to unforeseen circumstances at the venue.

Please join in the fun and help Jack find his Princess, played by Jess Woolley from the town. Panto Director Andrew Timmiss from Aycliffe says, "We've had loads of fun rehearsing this panto so I'm sure the fun will go into the show itself and will be great for everyone. "Oh yes it will"

## In Memoriam

**HARRY DENHAM** 11th November 2010. Thinking of you today and always. Love Marian, Wendy, Valerie, Julie and all the family

**HARRY DENHAM** To a wonderful Grandad, it's unfortunately one year today since you passed away. I've missed our daily chats and your "Fox's Mints"!!! We have all missed you a lot and love you loads. All my love, Daisy xxx

**HARRY DENHAM** 11-11-2010. Thinking of you always and missing you lots. "Love you". Connie and Paul xxx

**HARRY DENHAM** 11-11-2010. Special memories of a special man. Love always, Keith, Paul, Shirley and families xxxx

**RAY FLETCHER** 10-11-2007. A much loved Husband, Dad, Grandad and Brother. Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on. Cherished memories never fade, because, one we loved, is gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart. For as long as there is a memory. They live on in our hearts xxx. Also our eternal love of our Anthea xxx

**THOMAS DUNN** 10-11-05. I am missing you more and more each year. And thinking of you each and every day. Your loving Wife, Margaret

**THOMAS DUNN** 10-11-05. I miss you and think of you every single day Dad. Michael, Abbie and Erin

**THOMAS DUNN** 10-11-05. Resting at the right hand of the Father. Rest well father till I am at the right hand of you. Gerard, Carolann and Jamie

**FRED MOUNSEY** passed away 12th November 2004. Time slips by and life goes on, but from my heart you are never gone. Never forgotten. Wife, Edna and all the family

**NATHAN SOWERBY** 16-11-06. Deep in our hearts memories of you are kept. To love and to cherish and never forget. From Dad and Sister Joanne

**JULIE REED**, 8th November 1999. In loving memory. Today, tomorrow our whole lives through, we will always love and remember you. Love you, Mam and Dad xx

**GRANT EDGAR** 16th November. Our loving Son died so tragically. All these years have passed, but still remember that special smile and heart of gold. We miss you more than words can say. Always loved, Mam, Paul, Lee Andy and family

## Thank You

**TINA-MARIE** and Dave would like to thank all of their family and friends that attended the Christening and celebration for their special little girl. Luscha-Isabella. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts received and also to Stacey-Lee and Mark for completing their Godparent duties. Debbie at Truly Crumbitious for an amazing cake and Lynda for a delicious buffet. You all made our Princess' day extra special x

## Obituary

### Peter Townsley

6th November 2011

Peter of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully in Hospital on 6th November 2011, aged 53 years. Dearly loved Son, Dad, Brother and Grandad. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Thursday 17th November at 1.15pm. All floral tributes to Cooperative Funeral Home, Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe

### CLARK

Maxine, aged 51 years, peacefully on November 4th surrounded by her loving family of Newton Aycliffe. Much loved Mam of Anita, Shaun and Michael and will be sadly missed by her loving Grandchildren, Ellie, Isabelle and Connor. Funeral Tuesday, 15th November. Would friends please meet for Service in Darlington Crematorium at 2.45pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired may be made for St. Teresa's Hospice C/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington DL3 9EJ. Tel: 01325 482999.

**SMITH** 5th November, peacefully at home. Joe, aged 89 years of Lyon Walk, Newton Aycliffe. A much loved Husband of the late Joan, also a dearly loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral on Thursday 17th November. Would friends please meet at 10.00am for a Requiem Mass at St Mary's RC Church prior to burial in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe

**MARJORIE WOOD** 7th November in hospital. Marjorie, aged 86 years of Aycliffe Village. Beloved Wife of the late Syd, dearly loved Mother of Marjorie, dear Mother-in-Law of Victor, also Nana and Great Gran. Funeral on Friday 18th November. Would friends please meet at 9.45am for a Service at St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village, prior to private family cremation. No flowers, by request

**TOM BAILEY** 8th November in Hospital, aged 81 years. Funeral to be held on Wednesday 16th November at 1.15pm, Darlington Crematorium

**TERRY ROBSON** 7th November, following a long illness, Terry, aged 70 years, much loved partner of Billy, Sister of Cathy, loving Mother of Sharon, Anthony, Bernice, Brian, Susan and Michael. Much loved Mother-in-Law, Nannie, Nannie T, Great Nannie and Auntie. Will family and friends please meet for Service and Cremation at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 15th November at 12noon

## Congratulations

### Rachel Grieves



**Happy Birthday** to Rachel for Sunday 13th November. Lots of love from Paul xxxx

### Lesley Anne Chappell



**Congratulations** on gaining your BA with Honours in Psychology. We are very proud of you. All our love, Mum, Dad and family. Thanks to Sugar Hill, QE and Northumbria University

### Aimi Smith



**Congratulations** on gaining your Degree. We are all so proud of you. Love from Smiths, Firths, Jenkins and Birch families

### Ross Dixon



**Congratulations** on your new job as a Singer and Entertainer on the Fred Olsen Cruise Ship, Balmoral. We are all so proud of you. Our love always, Mam, Brian, Dad, Michelle, Drew and all the family xxx

### Lindy and Pauline Happy 50th Birthday



We fell very lucky to have such a special friendship with you both. We have lots of happy memories to treasure and look forward to many more!! From the "Never Let Go" Girls xxxxxxxx

### Thomas Williamson



**Happy 16th Birthday** 11th November 2011

**Happy 16th** to a fantastic son. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx

**Happy birthday** Tomma. Love, Jack, Jack and Muffin xx

**Happy birthday**, to a brilliant Grandson. Lots of love, Nan xxx

**To the best looking 16 year old out there!** Lots and lots of love, Auntie Nic, Uncle Craig, Fin and Nina

**Happy birthday** Tom. Love, Uncle Geoff xxx

**Have a fab day** Tom. Love, Grandma and Grandad xx

### Lucy Pollock & Niall Smith



10th November 2011

**Congratulations** Lucy on your 21st birthday and Niall on your 18th birthday. Love and best wishes from all the family xxx

### Ben Taylor



**Happy 18th Birthday** Happy birthday Ben. Hope you have a great time. All our love, Mam, Dad and Emily xxxx

### Lauren Powles



**Happy 21st Birthday** To a very special Daughter. Love from Mam and Stewie xxx

**Lauren Powles** To the best Sister in the world, happy 21st. Love from Sophi, Luke and Ruby. A big kiss from Betsy xxx

**Lauren Powles** 21 at last, enjoy your birthday. Love from Lesley, Dave and Sam xxx

### Payton Olivia



5th November 2010 **Happy 1st Birthday Princess**

Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xxx

**Happy 1st Birthday Sweetheart** Lots of love from Nan and Grandad xx

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# Academy Brings Good Results to Greenfield



The Martin Gray Football Academy at Greenfield Community College is already reaping rewards both on and off the pitch. Launched earlier this year and now six months in operation, the Academy is encouraging improved results throughout the academic spectrum and other sports as well as football. Greenfield are seeing fantastic results among the children on the Academy as well as their peers, as a result of introducing the MGFA. And it's also producing results on the football field, with their teams beating local derby rivals Woodham recently. The combined year 9 and 10 team won 3-2 with goals by Jack Mitchell, Connor Halford and Jake Nicholls. The year 8 team romped to a 4-0 victory thanks

to a brace by Corey Denton and goals by Zak Barrigan and Morgan Collier. The year 7 team drew 2-2 with Woodham, with goals by Harry Condren and Kallam Cook, but that was a marked improvement after conceding 21 goals and scoring just two in their previous three outings. Greenfield PE teacher Martin Butterworth, manager of the year 7 team, said: "Martin Gray has a really positive effect on individuals involved in his Academy, as well as school football generally. The difference in self-belief and confidence among pupils is also very evident, both on and off the pitch, and has undoubtedly made a significant contribution towards the improvement of them as teams as well."

# Debt Free Christmas

Dear Sir,  
We are not a wealthy community. Councillor Clare told us recently that 1-in-20 Aycliffe people of working age are on Job Seekers' Allowance, and 1-in-7 is workless. It is only going to get worse. Wages are failing to keep up with inflation, and the government's Office of Budget Responsibility recently issued a report warning that household debt will grow 36% in the next four years. Debt is an absolute evil. It damages and destroys lives, and once it has got you it is very difficult to escape. Jesus was born in a stable, and one of the Christmas messages is that He knows what it is to be poor. So if He had a Christmas message this year to the people of Aycliffe, I suspect it might be to: 'go careful with the money'.

Christmas is about the miracle of salvation and the joy of family. You do not need to buy huge, over-the-top presents which take the rest of the year to pay off. Instead, show your love by giving more of yourself. Do those jobs your loved ones have been nagging you to do. Cut down on the alcohol, and spend more time as a family. There is no point in the children having Wiis and Blackberries in the bedroom next year, if the parents are down in the front room quarrelling about money. This Christmas does not need to be more extravagant than last Christmas to be better. Speak to your loved ones and insist that this year you will give each other, first and foremost, the best gift of all – a debt-free Christmas. Careful  
Name and address supplied

# Aycliffe March On

Newton Aycliffe 33  
Darlington 3rd XV 5

After a raft of league and cup matches, Newton Aycliffe rugby Club hosted Darlington 3rds in a friendly match at Moore Lane. The match gave Aycliffe the chance to try out a number of players in different positions. Aycliffe began strongly with debutant Chris Richards at scrum-half well to the fore and Warren Parsonage also made a number of incisive breaks. The first score came with a try from David Gibson who also added the conversion. Richards increased the lead cutting inside and scoring under the posts; Gibson again converting. At this stage Aycliffe we dominating, but poor handling was costing them the chance to increase the lead. Gareth Parsonage then showed the defence a clean pair of heels to score two tries, with Gibson converting one. At half-time Aycliffe led comfortably 26 – 0. At the break both side made numerous substitutions and the game became rather untidy. Darlington struck back with a try in the corner after a period of sustained pressure. Aycliffe again wasted chances but Lewis McCormick added to his growing tally with a try after battering through the defence. Gibson's kick made the score 33 – 5. Mark Makin, on his debut, then saved his side with an excellent tackle. Tommy Cooper, on his first start of the season also had a fine game. The match finished without further score. With harder games to come, Aycliffe will have to be more precise with their finishing, but the winning run was stretched to six. On 12th November Newton Aycliffe return to league action with a trip to Chester le Street, kick-off 2.15pm. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the new website at [www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe).

# AYCLIFFE BEAT LEAGUE GIANTS

## FIXTURES

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  
Saturday 3rd December: Sunderland RCA (H), 3pm

The Newtonians beat Northern League giants Whitley Bay 2-1 at Moore Lane Park last Saturday – a week after winning 2-1 at table-toppers West Auckland. And with a Durham Challenge Cup victory at home to Chester-le-Street sandwiched between the two league wins, it rounded off a superb eight days for the club. But Aycliffe boss Oliver insists he's far from content, despite sitting sixth in the Northern League first division with 18 games played. Aycliffe's good run came after back-to-back defeats against South Shields, who are 12 places below them in the table, and 15th-placed Penrith. "The penny has to drop with the players," said a reserved Oliver. "You can't get away with dropping your game against so-called lesser opposition because you'll get hurt, and we're finding that out the hard way. "We've showed what we're capable of with some fantastic results this season, and our last two performances were outstanding, so credit goes to the lads where it's due. "But we have to learn to be more consistent, week-in, week-out, if we're to be considered an established first division side.

A crowd of 233 watched an 'edge-of-your-seat' spectacle at MLP last Saturday, as Dale Jardine put Aycliffe ahead only for Robbie Dale to draw Bay level. But Elliot Gardner smashed home a dramatic late winner to bag another precious three points for Oliver's men. Left-back Phil Gray has returned to Darlington after a successful one-month loan spell, playing seven games for the club. The 18-year-old joined the Newtonians on October 5, just in time to produce a man-of-the-match debut display in a 4-1 win at Shildon and featured in the club's latest victories over West and Bay. "Phil's loan has been a fantastic exercise for both parties," said Oliver. "He's been a quality addition to our squad, helped to stiffen things up at the back and had some very good performances for us. We hope Phil enjoyed his time with us and we wish him all the best for the future." Aycliffe confirmed this week that coach Brian Atkinson has taken a break from his coaching duties with the club, due to personal commitments. Chairman Gary Farley said: "Brian has got other commitments which have come up recently which are wholly understandable, so he's taken a step back for the time being. Aycliffe go to Guisborough Town this weekend. The Supporters Club bus leaves the Sports Club at 1.30pm and returns at 5.30pm. The fare is just £5 for members and £7 non-members. To book, call Yvonne Wood on 07500 866535. Aycliffe then have two more successive home games next week, when they entertain Jarrow Roofing on Wednesday followed by Tow Law Town next weekend.

# WOODHAM SUPPORT JUST SAY YES CHARITY



A cheque for £498.06 from Woodham School was presented to the 'Just Say Yes' fund organiser Sue Birkin. A big "Thank you" to all Staff & pupils at Woodham Community Technology College who contributed to a non school uniform day earlier in the year.

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