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Each year the turnout for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday in Newton Aycliffe increases as the sacrifice of our soldiers, particularly in recent conflicts, touches more people.

The heartbreaking scene of young people on parade wearing the badges of their father, killed in action, is more poignant than any words we express. The Church Service in St. Clare's was less cramped this year due to a new arrangement where children had their own informal Remembrance Sunday in another hall and soldiers and cadets heard the Service relayed into an adjacent hall. Perhaps live video coverage on a large screen might be considered for next year to help them feel more involved?

The large Parade made one proud of a town which respectfully mourned the death of our service men and women. The Church Service completed that homage



with rousing hymns led by our Town Brass Band and solemn prayer.

It was heartwarming to see our young uniformed organisations on parade and they are to be commended for their smart appearance and excellent behaviour. Revd Linda Potter in her address asked the congregation if we had earned the freedoms won for us and whether or not we are making the best of the life we have been given from sacrifices made by others. She recalled the well worn phrase: "Greater love has no

man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". She called on everyone to pursue justice and peace and never question the valour of those who give their lives in conflict. More photos page 7

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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... Joezias 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 'Keylight' inspired 'Emerald'. Awesome guys, made my hellbeast 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 Smoot Review.
Tracks covered by - Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Def Leppard, Guns N Roses, Linkin Park, Metallica, Ozzy, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and More
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Saturday 3rd December - "RUSS TIPPINS"

'His first set was done with an acoustic guitar, and it has to be said it was just like an intimate unplugged session you see on MTV, the atmosphere was amazing (As was his guitar playing) all the songs he covered were ideally suited for an acoustic set. Russ just oozed confidence. The second set was back to the electric guitar and back to rock, all the classic rock bands were covered, Floyd, Zep, ACDC, Purple, Stones, Santana. In summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub.' - DAVY'S ROCK PAGE review

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Woodham Footballers in Spain



Footballers from Woodham Community Technology College have once again spent the October half term break on the Costa Brava in Spain. The 20 strong group, many of whom were returning after the success of the trip the previous year, enjoyed the Spanish sun whilst visiting the world famous Rambla shopping street. The students spent a day at the Port Aventura theme park, but the undoubted highlight was the extensive tour of the home of the European Champions, Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium. Students enjoyed viewing the pitch and stadium from the main stand before they made their way to the changing rooms, visiting the press room on the way where they were photographed with a replica Champions League trophy. From the changing rooms, students followed in the footsteps of world stars such as Messi and Iniesta and made their way down the tunnel and onto the pitch side before a climb to the top of the stadium

to see the media centre. The trip is proving such a success that plans are in place for next year to extend it to students in all year groups, incorporating a wider range of activities.

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OLYMPIC TORCH CARRIED THROUGH NEWTON AYCLIFFE

The Olympic Torch will pass through Newton Aycliffe, Sedgefield and Middridge on 17th June next year Phil Wilson MP said "I am delighted that we will play our part in this historic occasion and this will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole community to come together to celebrate the countdown to the Olympic Games. I am urging everyone in my constituency to start thinking about the ways that we welcome the Olympic Flame in a truly local way. We will be inviting neighbouring communities to join us in these celebrations and to cheer on the inspirational individuals from our area that will carry the Olympic Torch through our streets" Readers can access information about the route of the Olympic Flame at- www.london2012olympictorchrelaymap

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Charity Zumba Raised £416



On Monday 7th November, Aycliffe Dance Academy held a Zumba Fitness & Circuit Training Charity Night to help raise funds for a local non-profit charity called the 'Just Say Yes' Fund. Both classes ran as normal on the night and all of the money that was taken in from the two classes, drink sales and charity goodies went straight to the fund. Karen Cowper, a regular Zumba participant, said: 'Wowww! What a Zumba class that was tonight! The atmosphere was amazing! A very big well done!' The Dance Principal, Emma Cox, and Circuit Training

Instructor, Anthony Cox would like to express their thanks to all those who helped to make the Charity Night such a huge success. The sum of £416.50 was raised and this will go a long way to help young people living with cancer! If you would like to help out or find out more information about the 'Just Say Yes' fund please contact Sue on 07738 259 220. Or for more information about the above classes or any of the Academy's classes, please contact Emma on 07908 162 868 or visit the ADA website www.aycliffdance.co.uk

Christmas Concert

The Andreas Ensemble presents a Christmas Concert in St. Andrew's Church, South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Friday 2nd December at 7.30 pm.

Proceeds for restoration work within the Parish, particularly the organ in St. Anne's in the Market Place, recently severely

damaged by rainwater following theft of lead from the church roof. Repair will cost upwards of £7000. A really pleasant social occasion is promised, with a varied programme of music to suit everyone.

The programme will include: Marc-Antoine Charpentier: Messe de Minuit. - A set of three Northumbrian folksongs, choruses from Christmas Oratorio (Bach) and Messiah. (Handel) Music for two flutes and harpsichord continuo plus a variety of well-known choir carols and polyphonic motets for the Christmas Season.

Tickets £10 include a glass of wine and mince pies in the Interval.

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Russian Teachers Visit Village School



Pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary School have had the opportunity to learn about the Russian City of Kostroma. The school is host to a visitor, Mrs Elana Guseva, a teacher from a much larger school.

The pupils have been learning about Russian Culture, they have tried reading the cyrillic alphabet and have been involved in an assembly where they learnt about life, past and present, in the world's biggest country.

Mrs Guseva teaches English in a school that has over a thousand pupils. Her school does not have a name, just a number. (There are forty schools in Kostroma.) The age of pupils in Russian schools ranges from seven to eighteen. There is a nursery phase, pre seven, but this is managed in a separate building.

Mrs Guseva was presented with gifts to take back to her school from the pupils in an assembly. The pupils from Aycliffe Village hope to develop e mail links with the pupils from Mrs Guseva's school once she returns home.

It has been an excellent opportunity for the pupils to learn about the traditions and cultures of a society that they have never had contact with before.

J.P. Gargan
Head Teacher,
Aycliffe Village School

Family Event at the Legion

The Wecan Parent Group are holding a Family Fundraising event at the British Legion Club on Saturday 3rd December from 12noon - 3pm. Raffle, Bingo and lots of things to do!

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The festive fun packed event takes place on Saturday 3rd December from 10.00am – 2.00pm. There will be a variety of market stalls including Christmas crafts, jewellery, cards, scarves, woodturning, home baking, preserves and much, much more.
Not only is it free entry, children can visit Santa for

free too!
He'll be making a special appearance from 11am – 1pm. So why not bring the family along for a Christmas treat, make a personal Christmas card and do some Christmas shopping whilst soaking up the festive atmosphere in this pleasant venue.
You can also relax with friends in the spacious conservatory over a cup of coffee and freshly baked scone from the Mall coffee shop.
For further information contact: The Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net visit: www.pcp.uk.net.

MP's New Boundary Proposal for Aycliffe

Our MP Phil Wilson has come up with a new proposal for the Boundary Commission to consider following their own submission that Aycliffe should be joined with Ingleby Barwick, south of the River Tees.
Phil Wilson wants to align us with Billingham, instead, - another large town with which we have more of an historical connection. It also gives the required population total of around 76,000.
We would still be joined with Yarm, but the proposal is more acceptable and we could hopefully end up with the new constituency being called Aycliffe & Billingham?
If you support this new proposal get in touch with the Boundary Commission and submit your views. The consultation ends on 5th December.
The website is: *consultation boundary commission england independent gov uk*

JUBILEE WOODLAND TREE PLANTING



As part of Great Aycliffe Town Council's Project to plant a woodland to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 local residents are being invited to help plant some of the first trees on the site in Woodham Burn.
Over the coming months over 6000 trees will be planted to help transform the area of rough grassland behind Woodham Technical College into an area of woodland with wildflower meadows created in glades surrounding the trees in the spring.
The majority of the trees will be British native species to help attract and encourage local wildlife, in addition several specimen trees will also be planted to increase arbocultural variety including several species of fruit trees.
A public tree planting event will take place on Sunday 20th November between 10am and 12 noon. Any local residents wishing to help with this event are being invited to meet at the Kendrew Close entrance to the site at 10am. Please wear old clothes and wellies if you have them as the ground can be muddy.
If you are a member of a community group and you think they may be interested in getting involved with the

tree planting please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer on 01325 300700 to arrange a separate planting session.

Permission Granted for Houses Near Pub

Dear Sir,
I am able to inform readers that despite my recent campaign in the Newton News outline planning permission has been granted for the plot of amenity land next to the Huntsman Pub car park.
I regard this as a small setback for the community; it is yet another bit of green open space we have lost forever. We live in a spacious 'garden' town and (along with many people) I am concerned to try to prevent 'infilling' as far as possible.
However, it is general government policy that housing development should not take place in 'the countryside' but on land within town boundaries – so although this is utterly inappropriate for our community, we can only achieve as much as planning rules allow.
I regard this as a class issue. Rich people live in the country, and know the benefits of looking out on green and healthy vistas. The government would be quite happy to let us 'ordinary people' live in overcrowded warrens of concrete and tarmac. But Newton Aycliffe was specially built as part of a post-war vision which said that ordinary people too have the right to space and greenery so whilst not wishing to hinder proper development I will continue to campaign to keep Aycliffe 'green and pleasant'.
Now that the Town Council has a Planning Sub-committee, Aycliffe people can know that Town Councillors are monitoring every single planning application. However, it is Durham County Council, not the Town Council, which is the Planning Authority and makes the final decisions. The Town Council can only make observations (like any private individual).
What all this does convince me is that, when we are allowed, we need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Act, so that we can protect our green spaces and define where we want development to take place.
John D Clare
John D Clare is Deputy Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, but he writes here in a personal capacity.

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Julie, the Activities Coordinator went along to meet John and he gave her £200 for the Resident's Comfort Fund. All at Aycliffe Care Home would like to say a big thank you to Honest John for all the hard work he does.

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Spend More Money on Leisure Centre

A couple of regular users of the Leisure Centre are complaining of its general run down appearance. Peter McNaughton and John Metcalfe are dissatisfied and believe standards have dropped in recent years. They blame counter-productive cost cutting measures which have seen the maintenance of the centre contracted out.

“As a consequence day to day repairs seem to take too long as we have to wait for outside workers to fit the job into their schedule, whereas it used to be carried out on the spot” said John.

The couple complained that the Jacuzzi had been out of use for 2 years and the Sauna had to be closed recently because of a faulty door handle which could have been repaired instantly by a handyman, but had to wait for a workman to be called in. Some of the men’s lockers cannot be used for the same reason.

“Our Leisure Centre is in poor condition compared with Spennymoor which appears to have received much more investment over the years.” said Peter.

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Cash on the Rocs for the Wealthy

Dear Sir,

Whilst North Easterners endure increasingly hard times and thousands apply for far too few jobs, the over-paid, gold-plated pensioned, all expenses-paid coalition government gives the thumbs up, or two fingers?, on ever-increasing fuel bills to pay for wind farm developments that are questionable value for money.

Latest figures highlight a dramatic hand-over of cash from the increasingly impoverished customers to wealthy land-owners and big power companies posting soaring profits by way of ROCS, the Renewable Obligation Certificates. Plus feed-in tariffs, said to ‘Throw money at power companies and landowners’.

One wealthy landowner will get £720,000 a year from 48 turbines, another will get £435,000 from 29. It is said “money just pours in whether turbines are working or not”.

Unbelievably, £9,453,249, was paid over in September to Power Companies to KEEP TURBINES SWITCHED OFF due to the GRID BEING OVERLOADED! No wonder their profits are being posted in Billions! Meanwhile at ‘Grass-roots level’, that means you and me folks, the fears are for real fuel poverty for those facing crippling fuel bills and real-life choices between buying food or freezing!

A National Conference is being spoken of to challenge developing lucrative Wind-Farms to enrich a few by impoverishing the many. Never have so many poor been forced to pay so much to a wealthy few for so little a return on their hard-earned cash.

And more and more are saying Wind-Farms are not only an environmental disaster for their afflicted areas, but Daylight Robbery to boot! If a National Conference was to be organised to oppose this truly scandalous transfer of cash from the impoverished majority to a very wealthy few, everyone affected should back it to oppose Cash on the Rocs for the Wealthy.

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should others suffer? If we were to start parking on Tallent's premises, I am sure that we would be asked to move. Surely Tallents could approach other factories in the surrounding area to ask if any of them had spare car parking

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FUNDING WILL HELP CARERS TAKE A BREAK

A new fund could help some of the 57,000 unpaid carers in County Durham take a break from their responsibilities.

The Government has made funding available to pay for respite care for people with a range of conditions so their carers can have some time to themselves.

Durham County Council and NHS County Durham and Darlington are working together to ensure eligible carers in the county can access the funding.

Cllr Morris Nicholls, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adults services, said: "The council and the NHS recognise and value the support provided by unpaid carers in the county. This new funding should give them the chance to have a well-earned break from what can be a very demanding role."

For more information about funding opportunities for carers' breaks, visit www.durhamcarers.info or call Social Care Direct on 0845 8 50 50 10 during office hours.

Schoolchildren Remembering

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to staff and pupils at Byerley Park School who arranged their own Remembrance Service last Friday.

It was good to see the whole school involved and a lot of them taking the lead in the organisation and technical side of the presentation.

Well done to everyone, it was a job well done!
Peter & Elsie Beaty.

New Business Off to Great Start



Aycliffe's latest salon has enjoyed a booming opening fortnight, with ladies and gents taking advantage of a 50% discount in its first two weeks of business.

Noir Hair and Beauty, based at St Cuthbert's House on Aycliffe Business Park has two full-time specialist hair stylists and a fully-qualified beautician.

Newtonian Daniele Morris, pictured in her new salon, is delighted with the firm's start, with stylists Kayla Forster and Helen Barry kept very busy at her new premises, based in block 2 next to the Little Acorns Nursery. "I'm absolutely delighted with the first two weeks of trading," said the 29-year-old. "Appointments are coming in thick and fast which is keeping everyone really busy."

As well as hair styling, Noir Beauty's range of services include waxing, spray tanning and nail treatments (Gelac and Minx), with fully-qualified beautician Jade Copelin.

Noir Beauty's opening hours are 9am-6pm (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays), with late nights Wednesdays and Thursdays (9am-8pm) and 9am-4pm on Saturdays.

To book an appointment with any of the girls, call 313391.

Neighbourhood Watch & Residents' Group

Do you live in the Town Centre area of Newton Aycliffe? Stead Close, Silkin Way, Walcher Road, Tunstall Road or any of the surrounding area? Do you care about your Community? If so read on! Over the previous few weeks some residents in the town have received a letter and a welcome pack from Neighbourhood Watch.

So successful has Neighbourhood Watch become that some residents have enquired about setting up a New Residents Group to campaign for better facilities such as: Improved off road parking, better dropping off facilities adjacent to schools and community projects such as a street party for the 2012 Jubilee celebrations.

Everyone is welcome and we would appreciate your involvement, so please

come along to the Leisure Centre at 2:30pm - 4pm or 5pm - 6pm on Thursday 24th November

We have received lots of local encouragement in building a revitalised neighbourhood spirit. If anyone representing a local group would like to set up a stall to promote a cause or interest please feel free to contact me for details

We look forward to seeing you at this event and working together

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400 Letters of Objection

Sir,
I read with amazement that our MP was backing Woodham Golf Club's proposed development. To say that there is now support for this application is just not true, I understand that there have been over 400 letters of objection.

If given the approval by the planners, the entrance to our town would be spoilt for ever, as a previous letter said "it would be sheer VANDALISM to give the go ahead to this scheme"

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Katie McLean and John Flanagan were married at St Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 10th September 2011.

Katie and John met in 2006 when they both worked at Aycliffe Fabrications. John is a time served Sheet Metal Worker and Katie was working in the office before moving to her current position as Centre Manager at Communicators Training on Aycliffe Business Park. The best man was John's brother Ian and the Chief Bridesmaid was Jessica, Katie's little sister.

John's niece Becky was also a bridesmaid and his nephew Reece and Katie's nephew Jackson were page

boys.

The ushers were Katie's twin brothers Paul and Shaun.

The reception was held at Bowburn Hall Hotel and the couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Turkey, returning to the place where John asked Katie to marry him in 2009.

The highlight of the wedding reception was Katie and John's first dance to Annie's Song. They had been taking dancing lessons and wowed everyone with their magical dancing.

Katie and John wish to thank all their family, friends and everyone involved who made their day so special.

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Unfortunately this facility is not very well signposted and we took a few wrong turns before it was found. We understand the Council will not allow directional signs and this is absolutely wrong!

This is a public amenity and should be properly signposted and a new business such as this should

be receiving the maximum support from the Council.
J.H.
Name & address supplied

Helping Town Care Homes

Dear Sir,
May I thank Honest John and his supporters for the generous donation to our Residents' Amenities Fund. It is heart-warming to know that during these hard times people still like to help others. We shall spend the money wisely for the benefit of all our residents.
Carol Jones
Home Manager

Golf Course Plans Should be Opposed

Dear Sir,
Our Member of Parliament Phil Wilson has quite recently been strongly and quite rightly to the fore in the campaign to prevent the building of a substantial wind farm in our locality. He has used very valid environmental and green arguments against the proposed scheme. The vast majority of people support him in this view as they do care very much about the area in which they live. It does therefore seem to me very inconsistent of him and rather odd that another equally controversial planning application for development on the Golf course which would have a similarly large negative impact upon the local environment, has apparently attracted his support. If allowed, this planning application would blight a large section of green wedge countryside at the edge of

our town just as much as the wind farm. Many of the same environmental arguments apply but there are also other additional arguments such as lack of infrastructure and adequate road traffic access against the proposed Woodham development. The proposed building of a large hotel and around 50 luxury houses in open countryside on Woodham golf course would have a very significant detrimental impact on our environment and should be opposed for many of the same reasons as the wind farm. Many of the residents of Woodham I know oppose this development so please Mr Wilson, come on, reconsider your position and show a more consistent approach to planning issues that affect our local environment so much. Woodham Resident.
Name & address supplied

Christmas Comedy Night at Aycliffe FC!

Newton Aycliffe FC will welcome two top comics to the town for their annual Christmas Comedy Night in December.

For the first time, the football club will welcome a female stand-up comedienne, with radio show star Sue Sweeney joining popular comic Terry Joyce at the Aycliffe Sports Club gig on Thursday 29th December. The double-bill promises to make for a cracking night of laughs after the club started the inaugural festive comedy event last year, with impressionist Kevin Connolly and comedian Rudi West providing the entertainment then.

Organiser Martin Walker said: "We're really looking forward to what should be a hilarious night of laughs. "We've organised a number of events over



the last few years, and a female stand-up comic will be a first for us, but Sue is a well-known act who has a regular slot on BBC Newcastle, has appeared on TV and has her own DVD coming out later this month.

"Terry is returning to the Sports Club for the second time after starring with Joe Allon a couple of years ago and his side-splitting routine promises to be just

as funny."

Sweeney was a professional singer who turned to comedy over 12 years ago and went on to win Comedy Artiste of the Year on three occasions. She has appeared on television and performed at top venues around the UK and abroad, and has been a popular choice for various cruise lines with her stand up routine.

Joyce combines jokes and impressions with hilarious mimics of Roy "Chubby" Brown and Billy Connolly. His sporting impressions include well-known stars from the world of football and boxing and a very funny horse racing episode.

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Panto in Shildon



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A spokesman for the group said, "last year's total was amazing but we feel we can improve on it with the help of townfolk of Shildon and neighbouring towns. We promise you a great time at our Panto and with your help can help this worthy cause."

The Panto starts this Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm, Children in Need day Friday 18th also at 7.30pm with further matinees on the Saturday and Sunday starting at 2pm. The doors open half an hour before the curtain opens so get there early to get the best seats. Please come and have a great time, hissing and booing and of course cheering, and we hope giving generously to Children in Need.

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Sunday 20th November - Wedding Open Day
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Sunday 8th January - Wedding Open Day
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MEETING OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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Chris Lloyd, Deputy Editor of The Northern Echo, is our speaker for the evening and he will give a talk titled "Of Fish and Actors - 100 Years of the Civic Theatre Darlington".

Admission is free for Society members and £1.00 per person for non-members.

Light refreshments will be available.

For further details please contact the Chairman, Keith Bell on 01325 307905

TOWN GROUPS BENEFIT FROM GAMP GRANTS



Community groups in the Great Aycliffe area came together to say thanks for the thousands of pounds which granted from the GAMP small grants fund. GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership) has supported 47 local voluntary and community organisations in a wide range of projects with a massive £97,142.08 which has in turn generated a further £109,304.19 match funding.

Sports coaching, support for those in debt and adult learning are just some of the projects supported since GAMP, one of 14 partnerships set up when Durham County Council, was created in 2009.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "Supporting the town's voluntary organisations is a priority for GAMP. The small grants fund has provided many groups

with valuable funding and helped to support a diverse range of valuable community initiatives."

CAVOS helped to distribute the cash and Laura Agar Wilson, development manager, said: "As the organisation administering the funding we wanted to make the process as effective as possible so that all groups in the area could apply."

"The projects supported have not only benefited the community but have contributed to strengthening the organisations themselves. "Locally based pots of funding such as this are very helpful to voluntary and community groups as the funding climate get tougher."

Brian Riley and Laura Agar Wilson, are shown with some of the representatives from groups who came to celebrate the project at Aycliffe Youth Centre on 10th November.

Leisure Centre Staff Wear Moustaches

Leisure Centre staff in County Durham are bristling with enthusiasm for their latest fund-raising activities. Workers at Durham County Council leisure centres are taking part in the national 'Movember' campaign, which is aimed at raising money and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer. The campaign is urging people to have moustaches – real or fake – during the month of November and throughout the month staff at Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe and Freeman's Quay leisure centres will be taking part.

And they're urging their customers and members to join in and support the campaign. Those who do get involved will be entered into a prize draw to win a weekend in London with tickets to the 'We will rock you' musical and £100 spending money.

The prize has been funded by the council's partner company Competition Line, which operates Lifestyle Fitness suites at the three leisure centres on behalf of the council.

Steve Lister, strategic manager for indoor leisure facilities at Durham County Council, said: "So far we have about 100 people taking part in the campaign and we'd love to get more of our customers involved to help raise money and awareness for these important issues."

Volunteers Wanted!



The Colour Your Life – Arts on Prescription Classes on Fridays at the Pioneering Care Centre are now in full swing and have proved to be very popular.

They provide access to arts activities aimed at promoting positive mental health and wellbeing using professional artists.

A fair amount of work is needed in preparing the room setting up tables and laying out materials prior to the start at 10am and helping to clear up at the end of the sessions at 2.30pm.

If anyone has an interest in arts and crafts and would like to volunteer their services helping the participants and with the above duties, for all or part of the day then please contact Bev Gent on 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net.

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Durham County Council is reminding residents that the last collections of garden waste are taking place this month.

Garden waste is collected from around 156,000 properties in County Durham between Spring and Autumn. The last collections for 2011 will take place between 14 and 25 November and resume next spring.

Between April and September this year, over 18,000 tonnes of garden waste was collected from homes across the county which has been turned into compost.

Residents are being asked to store their garden waste containers safely over the winter until the collections

resume next spring and those with garden waste over the winter period can take it to one of the 15 household waste recycling centres across the county.

Durham County Council collects the garden waste from households in the Easington, Sedgfield, Chester-le-Street, Durham, Derwentside and Wear Valley areas. In Teesdale a local organisation, Teesdale Community Volunteers (TCV) also known as Rotters, provides the service.

Heighington Xmas Fair

St. Michael's Church Christmas Fair is to be held at Heighington Village Hall on Saturday November 26th from 11am-2pm.

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Sally Symons

CHECKING IT OUT



"Check it Out" is a project developed to help young

people think about teenage issues and enable them to make informed choices. The interactive experience uses light, sound, film, and graphics to explore issues such as body image, peer pressure, alcohol and smoking.

Check it Out has been on tour with over 2000 students participating in the experience. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response from young people, many of which have said that it has had an enormous impact on the way in which they view themselves and how they treat other people. Students from Greenfield and Woodham Colleges and Sunnydale School explored these issues and have followed them up in PSHE lessons.

"...the bullying station made us change our minds because you can see the feelings of the people who were getting bullied, for example depression, stress and even suicide." (Year 10 Student)
"...the experience really does affect your view on things, as the issues on the videos and speaking exhibits were an engaging way of putting the point across on how you can change yourself." (Year 10 Student)
"...it made me feel and realise that I could be in danger if I drink alcohol a lot and that there is some massive affects in drinking including death."
"...a thought provoking, multi-sensory work of art." (Headteacher Woodham College).

The project was originally commissioned by Sedgefield Locality Childrens board and was developed and managed by Katy Milne at Greenfield Community and Arts Centre. This tour is funded by GAMP AAP For further information please contact 01325 379048 or info@greenfieldschool.net

Aycliffe Maintains Promotion Challenge

Chester-le-Street 10 Newton Aycliffe 38

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club produced their best fifteen minutes of rugby this season to blitz Chester-le-Street at the outset of this Durham and Northumberland Division 3 match and, despite going off the boil, recorded a comfortable win with a crucial bonus point.

On a fine day by the Durham Riverside Stadium, Newton Aycliffe were quickly into their stride; good, quick rucking and precise running from the backs saw James Thacker score two tries in the opening minutes. In both cases his good lines of running saw David Gibson set him on the way to the line. Stephen Middlemas converted the first of these. A third try followed soon after as Gibson found a gap in the defence for

a try converted by Middlemas. With Aycliffe continuing to dominate, Ronnie Gilyeat won a lineout ball 5m out, good mauling saw the pack drive forward and Middlemas was able to dive over in the corner. After twenty minutes the bonus point had already been won. Aycliffe now relaxed and let Chester back into the game, but neither side threatened the line before the break. At half time Aycliffe led 24 - 0. As the second half started, Aycliffe came out strongly again and Gibson repeated his first half try. Now Chester really began to fight back and their aggressive play saw Aycliffe lose their shape. Two tries were the result of their pressure. Aycliffe had the last say, however when Thacker completed his third hat-trick of the season. Middlemas added a total of four conversion to make the final score 38-10. Manager Cymon Lee added "this was a good performance today we had to really battle it out in the 2nd half, we are going to have to work on keeping the tempo going all game. All in all it was a well deserved win"

Aycliffe stay in third place with this result, but are now within striking distance of the top of the table. On 19th November Newton Aycliffe are away from home again at Houghton, 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

Christmas Social

Friends of St. Mary's R.C. School will hold a Christmas Social on Friday 9th December from 6.30 - 10pm. Santa will be around between 6.30 - 7.30pm and you will receive a gift and a photograph.

Enjoy socialising with a licensed bar, and snacks while children are entertained with face painting and balloon modelling. A Disco will provide music after Santa's visit, and all of this just for £3 per child and £2 per adult. Face painting and balloons an additional 50p.

All proceeds to School funds. Tickets available from the school.

SPEED KILLS, KILL YOUR SPEED!

Dear Sir,
The speed of vehicles on the roads of Newton Aycliffe is becoming more and more serious, and it is mainly local drivers who seem to be the main culprits.

If you have to drive to work or take your child/children to school, why not leave a little earlier, then you will not need to speed.

SLOW DOWN NEAR SCHOOLS, PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & WHERE PEDESTRIANS CROSS. Remember, it could be a child or someone you know who could be a victim of your folly.

KILL YOUR SPEED, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE AND YOU KILL SOMEONE.
Reader

Engineering Success



Two students from Woodham Community Technology College attended an awards ceremony at South West Durham Training recently to be awarded "best student of their year group". Students Joshua Scott, year 10 and Nathan McGill, year 11, were awarded for their progress with the double award engineering course at South West Durham.

Nathan McGill who left Woodham in the summer, having achieved very successful GCSE grades, has gone on to obtain an apprenticeship programme with Tallent Automotive. Both students were delighted with their awards.

TALENT CONTEST AT YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre Management Committee have been very busy behind the scenes over the past months with bookings for rooms which are increasing, and there is a new buzz around the place.

Members of the Marketing Sub Committee are organising their first event with "Young Newton Aycliffe's Got Talent". This is open to all young people in the locality. Singers, dancers and musician have registered to take part in the event. Contestants must be under 10 years of age. Heats will commence on Saturday 19th November at the Youth Centre at 7 p.m.

and members of the public are welcome to attend. Entry will be £1 per person with accompanied children under 10 free. The second and third heat will take place on 26th November and 3rd December.

There will be tea/coffee available and a raffle will roll over from the first heat to the grand final which will be in the New Year.

It is not too late to register for the event. The cost of registration is £2 per act. For more information contact either Joan or Michael on: newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@live.co.uk

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 30th November 2011

Environmental Committee
and Recreation Committee
7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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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, 30th 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.

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Legion Raffle Raised £1302

The Royal British Legion's Grand Raffle in aid of the Poppy Appeal raised the sum of £1302. Thanks to the following for their donations: Occasions, Wilkinsons, Aycliffe Engravers, Boyes, Stephen Russell, Tesco, W. Slater butchers, Walkers Butchers, Simpature General Stores, The Telegraph, RBL Restaurant, Creations, Club Committee and Members. Winning Ticket numbers: 612, 1228, 852, 378, 1295, 1171, 979, 857, 1070, 382, 592, 225, 654, 350, 1400, 1189, 1094, 171, 1236, 611, 1177, 148, 824, 305, 1286, 1146, 936, 505, 641, 405, 227, 395, 922, 762, 745, 356. Please contact 01325 312876.

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College. The bulbs were funded through the Great Aycliffe Way Improvement Project from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). Chair of the Friends Group Fred Traice said "This was an ideal opportunity to allow local residents and the community to get practically involved in the improvement of this fantastic site. We hope to organise a series of these practical events in the future to encourage people to get more involved with the assistance of Great Aycliffe Town Council". He continued "We are aiming to ensure the nature reserve is maintained and

conserved for the benefit of local people and wildlife through practical involvement. Anyone wishing to help us can contact our secretary Steve Cooper at Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 and he can suggest

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Pigeon Dirt Problem in Town Centre

Audrey Humble, a resident of the town for over 50 years asked Newton News to investigate the disgusting sight of accumulated pigeon dirt outside the Heron shop. She believes it is also a health hazard and feels so strongly about it she is prepared to take a bucket and shovel to remove it herself!

We spoke to the Town Centre Management and they have made the following reply:

Dear Sir,
We are aware of the problem and have been looking at a variety of means of containing it.

The issue arises because pigeons are sitting on the pitched roof and also on the leisure centre ledges areas to which we do not have access.

When the detritus (dirt) builds up on the high roof or it rains this then falls onto the lower canopy causing the problem. The canopy is cleaned regularly but the build up still continues.

We are working on Monday to clear the high gutter and lower canopy completely and are looking to institute a pigeon prevention regime in the near future.

I would like to add that the main reason we have pigeons on the Centre is that members of the public feed them hence attracting more of them.

They are messy and cause damage to the Centre and I would ask people to think of this before feeding them

I'm sure most of those who do feed them would not like this detritus on their building on in their garden.

Regards

Bryan

Bryan Haldane

Centre Manager

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RITA ANN CHAPE 18th November 1953 to 12th June 2006. Happy birthday darling. Still miss you so very much. All my love, Vaughan

RITA ANN CHAPE Birthday memories treasured forever of the love and happiness we shared together. You would have loved your Grandchildren. You would have been so proud. We all miss and love you Rita. You are never forgotten. From Mam, Colin and family xxx

BETTY THORNEBERRY 19th November would have been your BIG 90 Mum. So from all your family a big happy birthday. Eight years next week since you fell asleep for good. We love and miss you always. From Lynn, John, Tony, Mary, Alex, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

SARAH TEMPLE 21st November. To us you were so special, what more is there to say. We only wish with all our hearts that you were here today. Happy birthday Princess. Loved and missed so much. Love always, Mam and Dad xx

SARAH TEMPLE 21st November. Happy birthday Sarah. Love and miss you loads, Love always, Michael xx

SARAH TEMPLE 21st November. Kiss her on her birthday Lord and when you see her smile, tell her that we love her and miss her all the time. Happy birthday sweetheart. Love from Nana and Uncle Barry

SARAH TEMPLE 21st November. To me you were so special, what more is there to say. A special smile, a special face. In my heart a special place. Memories are a gift to treasure, mine of you will last forever. Happy birthday Sarah. Love, Na-Na

SARAH TEMPLE 21st November. Thinking of you on your birthday Sarah. Never forgotten and loved always. Uncle David, Auntie Ruth, Andrew, Nathan and Niall xx

SARAH TEMPLE 21-11-1986. Loving birthday memories I have of you Sarah. Love and miss you every day. Wendy xx

In Memoriam

LESLEY SERRY Dear Friend, time passes, memories stay. Love always, J xx

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LESLEY SERRY (nee Somerset). A loving Sister and Aunt. Your happy smile, your heart of gold are the memories we will always remember. Love, Gary, Lynn, Gary, Emily, Clare, Sarah and Laura

NIGEL PATTISON 15th November 2010. A year has passed, hope you have found peace. Remembered by Graham, Kay, Jill and Sammi xxxxx

JOE ROBERTS 19.11.2010. My heart still aches in sadness, My silent tears still flow, For what it meant to lose you Joe, No one will ever know. Your loving wife Lorna

JOE ROBERTS 19.11.2010. Your smile has gone forever, And your hand I cannot touch, I have so many memories, Of you Dad, I loved so much. Miss you Dad, Beverly

KATH HALL 20th November 2001. 10 years ago our loving Mother was taken from us. The loss of a parent never gets any easier over time, the thoughts and tears become part of our lives after all these many years. The unconditional love you gave us is still in our hearts, we love and miss you so much it always hurts. You were the backbone of our family, the most wonderful Mother any family could wish for. All our love, Billy, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim and Glenda

NANNA KATH We all miss you and love you with all our hearts. Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben and Alfie

GREAT NANNA KATH We wish we could have met you, it would have been amazing, all our love. Kate, Jazmin and Harry

KATH HALL Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family on this sad day. Matthew, Janelle, Dan, Bailey, Evie and Joey

JOHN WATSON 07-11-22 to 19-11-04. Years pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. Loved always, Joe, John, Lorraine, Karen and families

Seeing Spots at Little Cubs



Everyone at Little Cubs Nursery is getting very excited while planning the fundraising activities for the week beginning the 14th November for Children in Need. The children will be baking cakes and biscuits which will be sold all week from the reception area of Little Cubs. There will be a raffle for the Children in Need Bear'Blush' that can be seen in the photo with some of the children from the nursery. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket please call into Little Cub's which is based at the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park. The children will be carrying out other fundraising activities throughout the week hoping to make a great contribution to this worthwhile cause.

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SUSANNE McKERR would like to say a huge thank you to her big Sister Lisa Gibson who was her birthing partner. Thank you for being there at the birth of baby Evan. Love ya always xxx

Also thank you to Mam and Dad for having the boys and doing all the driving around xxx

SUSANNE McKERR would like to announce the safe arrival of baby Evan, born on 8th November, weighing 8lb 11oz. Little Brother to Jordon, Kurtis and Nial McKerr also little Brother to Sarah and Peter Oliver and son to Paul Oliver

FAHEY Steph, Bernie and Family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the comfort and sympathy and the many cards and flowers received during the sad loss of their Father, Eric Wearmouth. Special thanks to the staff of Aycliffe Care Home, the Rev. Linda Potter for her kind support and lovely Service and John Meynell Funeral Service for their professional and personal help at our sad time.

DUNN The family of Emme would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness, support, cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement. Also for generous donations to Cancer Research UK, which reached a total of £436. Special thanks go to the staff of Rose Lodge Care Home and Shafto House for the loving care given to Mam and to Father Michael Campion for the comforting Service.

LONGSTAFF Billinda would like to say thank you to Brian, all my family and friends and the girls at Peters for all the lovely cards and gifts received on my 50th birthday. Thanks for making Saturday night a great night thanks also to the County at Aycliffe Village. xx

Obituary

GEORGE SMITH. 11th November, suddenly in hospital. George, aged 63 years of Newton Aycliffe. Dearly loved Dad of Steven, Graham, John and the late Jimmy, and loving Grandad. Devoted Son of Jean and the late Norman, beloved partner of the late Lynn, adored Brother of Margaret, much loved Uncle and former Husband and dear friend of Irene. Funeral Wednesday 23rd November, would friends please meet at 10.15am for a Service at St Clare's Church, prior to cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon

BOB DOUGLASS. 12th November, peacefully in hospital. Bob, aged 77 years of Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe. Dearly loved Husband of Grace, loving Dad of Alan, John, Tracy, Rob and the late Neil. Also a dear Father-in-Law, Grandad, Brother and Brother-in-Law. Funeral on Thursday 24th November, would friends please meet at 12.15pm for a Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church, prior to burial in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in church for the Macmillan Nurses

ERIC WALTON. 11th November, peacefully. Eric, aged 68 years of Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Husband of the late Edna, much loved Dad of Paul, Lisa and Tim. Dear Father-in-Law of Sarah, Dave and Mandy. Treasured Grandad of Ian and Ollie. A loving Brother of Enid and the late Doug and Mike. Also a dearly missed friend of Jim and Sheila. Funeral on Monday 21st November, would friends please meet at 2.45pm for a Service at St Clare's Church followed by Cremation at Darlington Crematorium for family and close friends only. Flowers or donations if desired for Help for Heroes

MONA HODGSON aged 82 years. Peacefully in Darlington Hospital on 15th November 2011. Much loved wife of the late Arthur, Mother and Mother-in-Law to four very proud sons and their wives, Nanny, Nan, Great Nan, Great Great Nan, Sister in Law and Aunt. Originally from Bishop Auckland has lived in Newton Aycliffe since 1958 in Priestman Road, Walker Lane, Dixon Road and Simpature Court. Service at St Clare's Church to be arranged (see Northern Echo).

Congratulations

Emma Sarsfield



30 on 18-11-11
Happy birthday. Can't believe our "Baby" is 30! Have a great birthday and party Emma. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Nanna, Grandad, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces and Nephews

Ashley Isaac



Happy 16th Birthday
24th November
Lots of love from Mum xxx
What a cutie! PS: Love the hat

Brandon Lee Dightam



Our son 'Bam'
We hope you have a wonderful 2nd birthday. We love you lots and lots, you're our little miracle! Love from, Mam, Dad, Grandma, Grandad, Albert and Rocky. x x x x x x x

Connie Davies



Happy 21st Birthday Sweetheart
22nd November 2011
Lots of love from Mum, Norman, Katie, John, Si and Nana, Grandad and all the family xxxx

KIMBERLEY SMITH Happy 7th birthday. Love from Dad and Mam

KIMBERLEY SMITH Happy birthday on 17th November. Love, Grandma, Grandad, Uncle Ian, Auntie Anita and Auntie Christine xxxx

CYMON SWORDS-LEE Happy 30th birthday to the best Husband and Daddy in the world. Loads of love and kisses, Lindsay, Sophie and little Legs xxx

ASHLEY ISAAC Happy 16th birthday on 24th November. From Gran and Granda Petticrew and all the family in Greenock, Scotland. Lots of love xx

GARY PARTRIDGE (29th November 2011). Happy 40th birthday! Lots of love from Michelle and all the family

GARY PARTRIDGE (29th November 2011). Happy 40th birthday Daddy. Love you lots and lots, Rachel xxx (and not forgetting Fudge xx)!

EMMA SARFIELD Happy 30th birthday baby Sister. Love, Claire and Noel xx

EMMA SARFIELD Happy 30th birthday Princess. Love you millions, Amanda and Tony xx

EMMA SARFIELD HaHa Aunt Emma's 30! Love, Luke and Chloe xx

THOMAS DAVIES Happy 18th birthday to a special Grandson. Love, Grandma and Grandad xxx

DAMIEN HARPER To a special little boy on his 3rd birthday. Have a lovely day. Lots of love from all your family xxxx

Stuart Howson



THE BIG 50
19th November 2011
Have a brilliant 50th birthday. All my love, Denise xxx
Happy 50th Dad. Enjoy your day. All our love, Thomas and Georgina xx

Carl Morfoot



Happy 18th Birthday
19th November 2011
Happy birthday Carl. All our love today and always. From Mam, Dad and Stacy xxx
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Thomas Davies



Happy 18th Birthday
17th November 1993
Happy birthday Son. Love, Mam and Dad xxx

Happy 18th Birthday
Happy birthday Bruv. Love, Jack and Kal xx

Katie and Kray



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On Sunday 11th November 2011 NAJFC Under 7's and Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 7's met for a second local derby of the season. Local rivalries were put to one side so both teams could unite together and observe a minute's

silence on Remembrance Day to remember our fallen and injured heroes and all those who served our country past and present.

The referee Jack Slatcher started the minute's silence which saw both teams joined together in one big circle with all the supporters observing the tribute also. NAJFC and Newton Aycliffe Youth lined up for this local derby with Newton Aycliffe Youth looking eager to overturn the defeat in the earlier game of the season. Both teams cancelled each other out in the earlier stages of the game.

Both keepers being very busy with some great saves. Newton Aycliffe Youth opened the score line with a well worked goal down the right hand side. NAJFC kept their heads up with their goal keeper being the busier of the two, which encouraged the team to push harder for the equaliser.

At half time the Management team made a couple of changes and the team responded by hitting the posts on a number of occasions. Both keepers again were very busy and both made some excellent saves keeping the score line level. Determination by NAJFC paid off with a further goal close to the final whistle.

In the second match on Derby day both teams made changes to the teams. In the first half both teams played end to end football with both keepers again being kept very busy and making a number of saves. Half time saw the score line level.

NAJFC made a couple of changes at half time and the team came out fighting, resulting in a corner which saw NAJFC scoring the first goal. Newton Aycliffe Youth kept their heads up and continued to fight back. NAJFC broke free with the ball with some very good passing resulting in a goal.

Both teams continued to play end to end with NAJFC getting the upper hand and scoring the last goal of the match. Well done to both teams on a fantastic advert for Junior Football.

Swimmer Breaks World Record!

Caroline Saxby and Elisabeth Yaneski representing Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club. Elisabeth had missed a lot of training due to illness and only competed in the 800 metres FS coming 5th. Caroline enjoyed a great lead up to the championships and looked to be in the best form of her life. Going to the meet as NER Champion our expectations were high.

On 29th October she competed in the 100 and 200 FS taking bronze in the 100 and Gold in the 200 setting a British and European Record in the 200 in a time of 2:01. On Sunday she competed in the 50 FS and the 400 FS taking bronze in the 50 and Gold in the 400. Her time of 4:18 was a World Record.

This is the best result in the clubs 37 years history.

Both athletes complement their swimming with a very specific weight training programme and we would like to have on record our appreciation of the support given by DCC and in particular the staff at Life Style Fitness NALC.

Caroline is passing on her skills to the young children of Newton Aycliffe in her role as Volunteer Coach of B and C Squad.

Both Caroline and Coach John Moore will have to wait until they have calmed down to decide where they go from here.

RUNNING CLUB



Andrew Robertson and John Young at Gibside.

Several athletes from Aycliffe Running Club turned out for the second of the North East Harrier League fixtures at Sunderland.

In the Men's 8k handicap race, Martin Knox reaped the benefits of all his training to produce a superb run finishing 229th in a time of 44:01.

Also finishing for Aycliffe were George Reid, 41-04, Matt Heron, 43-42, Kevin Greenall, 47-18, Colin Gibson, 48-49 and Trevor Needham, 50-25.

Andrew Robertson and John Young tackled the tough Gibside 6 mile trail race, coming home in 48-30 and 54-06 respectively. The muddy banks made the course even tougher than usual. The previous day Aycliffe was represented at the Albert Park 5k.

A wet but fast course saw some

good times with George Reid, 19-03 and Penny Johnson 23-00 both winning their categories. Richard Campbell was fifth senior male in 21-16.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



PC 1452 Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT meeting at Aycliffe Village Hall on Sat 26/11/2011 from 11am to 12noon.

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