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Wednesdays - 6-30pm to 8pm - Tai Chi - contact is Brett Lambert on 01325-320239 after 6pm

Thursdays - 7pm eyes down to 8-30pm - Bingo - contact is Margaret Lovelady on 01325-319857

Saturdays - 10-30am to 12noon - Elevate Youth Club for 5 to 11 year olds - contact is James Ross on 01388-601013 evenings

Mondays to Fridays - 9-15am to 12-15pm - Aycliffe Community Nursery for the 2 to 5 year olds - contact is Jane Taylor on 07761 818514 and from the start of 2012 this service will expand to a service from 8am to 5pm so please

contact Jane on the above number.

Birthday Parties available on most weekends, all welcome, please ring secretary on 01325-321504 office or 01325-301033 home for details and booking.

Do you need a place to hold your activity, then we have both a Hall and a Meeting Room for hire and to find out if we can help you then please contact the Secretary.

Junior Disco

A Children's Disco is at the Leisure Centre on Friday 2nd December from 6pm until 9pm. Parents are welcome and Admission is £2 each with children under 1 year free. The age limit for young people 10yrs. The entertainment is by KDO DISCO. 308094 for further details

AYCLIFFE FEATURES IN QUALITY CARE AWARDS



Left to right: Jane Hartley, Tracey Roberts and Heather Carter of the Pioneering Care Partnership and the Wishing Well Club, Diane Hindson of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, and Susan Hogg of Hadrian Healthcare.

A club that helps people with learning disabilities improve their health and wellbeing, a care home operator and the providers of a special hospital gown have been honoured at an awards ceremony.

Durham County Council's Personalisation Awards are presented to the private, independent and voluntary sector organisations that best support individuals in taking control of their own care and support.

During a ceremony at the Gala Theatre, Durham, Cllr Morris Nicholls, Cabinet member for adult services, presented the following awards:

Best Example of Personalised Services in a community setting - Pioneering Care Centre and the Wishing Well (Gateway) Club.

A joint project by the two

Newton Aycliffe based organisations has helped 120 people with learning disabilities improve their health, wellbeing, confidence and skills by enabling them to overcome barriers which can prevent them accessing services.

Highly commended: Creative Support, Barnardo's Disability and Inclusion Services, Neuro Partners and Stonham - the care and support division of Home Group.

Best example of personalised services in the use of food and nutrition - Hadrian Healthcare.

The care home operator promotes healthy eating and hydration through a number of innovative methods, including taking residents to

the shops so they can choose their own foods, which they can then cook themselves as part of organised activities. Residents are also encouraged to talk about their individual food preferences and put forward their favourite recipes. All bedrooms include fridges where residents can keep their own food and drink.

Best example of a service that promotes dignity - County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation.

The foundation's Back Care Advisory Service helps patients who are elderly, disabled or have a drip to maintain their dignity through the use of 'pygowns' - an item which combines pyjamas and a gown.

HOW TO BEAT THE WINTER BURGLARS

POLICE in south Durham are urging homeowners to be vigilant in the protection of their homes throughout the winter months.

Officers across the Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor policing districts are encouraging people to tighten home security during the hours of darkness.

Dubbed 'Winter Nights' - the initiative aims to cut the number of house break-ins and remind people to lock property securely.

Inspector Graham Milne, of Spennymoor police said: "This is a very safe area to live in and we don't want to alarm people. Crime figures are at an all-time low and we want to keep it that way"

"But because it gets dark before people get home from work, we want them to take some simple precautions to ensure that their home appears occupied. He said: "The message is simple. Don't give the criminal the excuse to give your home a second look. Residents must take responsibility, and keep their homes locked and

illuminated."

The Safe Durham Partnership advises residents to use timing switches to turn on lights or a radio around the house while they are out and ensure doors are locked at all times.

And after Christmas, gift packaging, such as computer boxes, which could alert potential thieves to items inside the house, should be carefully disposed of.

Burglars are also being targeted in the seasonal offensive as teams of uniformed and plain-clothed officers will patrol crime hot spots, targeting known offenders. Police beat teams and Neighbourhood wardens will also play a part. As they patrol their beats this year, they will be leaving calling cards at homes found to be vulnerable.

The Newton Aycliffe area has seen the most significant reduction in dwelling burglary across County Durham and Darlington this year, with offences down 42% on the same period last year and members of the Safe Durham Partnership are continuing their efforts to ensure this continues.

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 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, Steeler, Santana. In summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub." - DAVY'S ROCKPAGE review

Saturday 10th December - "1 0 1"
 We are pleased to welcome back one of the Tobs favorite bands, who play a great mix of modern and classic rock. Tracks covered by Led Zepellin, Kiss, AC/DC, Kings of Leon, Lynyrd Skynyrd, KISS, Chiefs, Nirvana, Razorlight, Pink Floyd, Green Day.
 Davy's rock page review: "All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to have some covers with a good mix of older rock 101 deliver."

For more information on bands go to
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Forthcoming Events at Burnhill Way Church

November 26th - Christmas fair, 10-1pm. We will have a variety of stalls, games, hot and cold drinks and snacks, as well as a visit from Santa himself! All children bringing a homemade Christmas Hat with them will receive a small present.

December 2nd - a representative from the NHS will be visiting the Baby and Toddler Group from 1pm to discuss Breast and Cervical Cancer screening and awareness, and we would invite any

women with any questions or concerns, or who are simply not sure about any symptoms, to come along and find out more.

December 10th - Free Community film, in conjunction with Durham Constabulary, we will be showing the smash hit festive favourite 'Nativity!' starring Martin Freeman and Ashley Jensen (Cert 'U')

December 13th - join us at the Turbinia Pub 8-9pm for 'Beer Carols and a Quiz' with a collection for the Ladies Refuge, Bishop Auckland

December 18th - 10am join us for the Nativity service with Rev. Emma Morgan and the children from Jaffa and the Brownies unit - sure to bring a flavour of festive cheer to any heart!

December 24th - 3pm Carols around the Christmas Tree, and a showing of the short film 'Its a Boy' with Rev. Graham Morgan, to be followed by Tea and Mince Pies

If anyone has any questions on any of the above, please contact Susan Mills on 07881684713 or at2x98@hotmail.com or Gwen Morrison on 01325 301937.

Midridge Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair to be held in Midridge Village Hall, Saturday 26th November, 10am - 12.30pm. Range of craft stalls including jewellery, cards, woodturned items, cakes.

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Knit & Natter every Tuesday 10-12noon. Just pop in to observe if you wish.

The same applies to Decoupage every Thursday, 10.20. It is fascinating to watch at your first session.

We are open for ideas for new clubs, ring Peter on 313924.

This is for us or you to start up a club of your own.

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Dangerous Boundary Proposals

Aycliffe is in danger and needs your help. We know that the government is changing the constituency boundaries and that is unstoppable.

However, you may not have realised that there is a real danger in this that Aycliffe will lose the Greenfield-Middridge electoral district (i.e. most of the town west of Burnhill Way/Westmorland Way) to the Bishop Auckland constituency.

The problem affects the 'Shildon East' ward, which sits on the boundary between Bishop Auckland and Sedgfield. It includes both Thickey (in Shildon) and Greenfield-Middridge (in Aycliffe).

If 'Shildon East' is placed in Bishop Auckland, 4232 Aycliffe voters are stripped out of whatever constituency the rest of Aycliffe is in.

At the recent Boundary Commission hearings in Darlington, I made an impassioned plea for the commissioners to split 'Shildon East' down the middle (as, in fact, it was split in the 2010 General Election). This would allow Thickey to go into Bishop Auckland, and Greenfield-Middridge to go with the rest of Aycliffe.

But readers need to know that splitting a ward like this is not allowed under the Commission's rules (unless I have managed to convince them that there are 'exceptional and compelling reasons' to do so).

Sadly, what readers also need to know is that many of the other speakers at the hearings argued that it would be better to move Shildon East into Bishop Auckland. If that happens, we will 'lose' 4232 Aycliffe voters to a different constituency. This would, of course, only affect General Elections - Town and County Council elections will remain unaffected - but being split between two MPs will divide and disadvantage Aycliffe.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
 If you agree with me that it would be a tragedy to lose Greenfield-Middridge back into the Bishop Auckland constituency, then please write to the Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ, or email northeast@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk.

Tell them that you want

ROSE LODGE XMAS FAIR

Rose Lodge will be holding a Christmas Fair on November 26th from 2pm. Entry is free and there will be a wide range of stalls from toys, raffle, wood craft, home made cakes, tombola and a visit from Santa with lots more.

Aycliffe to remain a 'discrete electoral grouping' - in whatever constituency it ends up in.

Readers will be delighted to know that - unlike many 'consultations' - the Boundary Commission really DOES listen to what

local people want. So they WILL be influenced by a strong desire from Aycliffe not to be split.

If ever there was a time when Aycliffe needed you to put pen to paper, or to send an email, it is now!

John D Clare



John Clare's proposal keeps Aycliffe together

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Activities include treasure hunt, craft activities, lollipop game and tombola. Families will also get the chance to browse the Christmas gift stalls, buy from the bake sale, or eat in the Gingerbread Kitchen. Children are encouraged to dress up, but isn't essential.

The Winter Wonderland event takes place at Butterwick Hospice on Saturday, 10th December from 12 noon. Price is £5 per child and £2 per adult, under 1's free. For more information, contact Julie Nisbet on 01388 603003 or email julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk

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LOCAL STUDENT IN CULINARY COOK-OFF

Leonie Wong (12) from Greenfield Community College was chosen by celebrity chef James Martin as one of the talented finalists for the national search to find the country's next top cooking talent for the "Red Tractor beef and lamb Mmmake it with Mince Challenge 2011". After receiving hundreds of entries from across the country, those that were shortlisted took part in six regional heats in the hope of eventually being crowned National Champion of the Mmmake it with Mince

Challenge 2011. James and his fellow judges were blown away by Leonie's creative dish, Peppercorn Burger with Egg Fried Rice and Salad and she competed in a regional cook-off against fellow finalists in Harrogate this week and came second. "This competition is something I'm really passionate about as I think it's so important to encourage kids to experiment in the kitchen and develop their food skills," said James. With a recent study

showing 60% of young people leaving home without the skills to cook a basic meal like Spaghetti Bolognese, it's important, now more than ever, to give young people the support and skills needed to cook simple recipes. www.5by25.com is a new campaign, sponsored by EBLEX, helping to support young people in mastering five basic recipes by the age of 25. The Challenge gives students aged 11-16 practical experience in the kitchen, giving them essential life skills". Congratulations to Leonie on doing so well for Aycliffe in this competition.



Leonie with Food Technology Tutor Emma Curran and Holly Storer (right) Trainee Teacher.

Students Design Agnew Community Centre Logo



Class members and their winning design with the Agnew Centre Committee

Agnew Community Centre asked Greenfield Art students to design a logo for the Community Centre. They were pleasantly surprised with the results and found it very difficult choosing the winner. "They were all very well done, and it was great to see two of the design groups add a touch of drama in the presentation of their logo," said Paul Gittins Chairman. "All the judges were impressed and thank all the students for their help" he added.

MONEY FOR XMAS MEAL

Rose Lodge Care Home received £200 from Honest John. He invited Clare, Social Life Facilitator and Annie Cowen a resident along for a cup of tea and cake. Clare said "it was a great pleasure to meet John, who with help from local people has made this kind and generous donation. The money will be used to help with the Christmas activities entertainment and Christmas meal at the Bay Horse. Rose Lodge thank John and all involved".

Honest John Does it Again!

Once again, through our local paper, we find Honest John still doing a magnificent job fundraising. Last year his fantastic effort made a huge difference to our group "The Acorn Players". So on behalf of the group and, I would imagine everyone he has helped, we would like to wish him every success for the coming year. Good wishes John From Anne Harland and all the Acorn Players

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE NEWS

NEW WI MEETING

The first WI meeting at Aycliffe Village takes place on Wednesday, November 30, at the village hall at 7.30pm. This meeting will welcome the newly-elected committee and plan what activities and events the group would like to see in the future months. So come along and meet some new friends and enjoy some refreshments.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Children and parents are invited to visit Santa in his grotto at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday, 10th December, at the Christmas Breakfast Club. There will be lots of festive food and fun from 9am to midday. Tickets for the grotto cost £2.50 per child. There will also be the usual bacon, egg and sausage butties to be enjoyed with a cup of tea or coffee and the morning papers. For more details, email aycliffevillage@btinternet.com

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"100 MPs SHOULD GO, NOT 50"

Dear Sir
 Whilst I agree totally with Arun Chandran regarding the dog's breakfast relating to the proposed boundary changes organised by some bean counter in London, I find his comments concerning the reduction in MP's frankly riseable. It is a matter of record that if the proposed 50 MPs disappear, the majority of those will be Labour, as they are impacted by the changes. To use this as a screen to say that it is undemocratic and will reduce back benchers thus stopping the same to hold the Govt to account is a joke! What happened to all these democratic back benchers when they were to

have a vote on a referendum on the EU? Oh, that's right, a 3 line whip by all parties told MPs to vote against it or abstain. At least 81 Tories voted in accordance with their constituents wishes. What happened to ours? He probably followed the Party line as he has done in the past. He may sign petitions, but when it comes to his career prospects the voters don't count. We should be losing 100 MPs, not 50. Why? Because most laws are now made by Europe. Scotland, Wales, NI have their own assemblies yet still have MPs in Westminster who vote on matters affecting the English but those English

MPs have NO say over domestic matters in the other parts of the UK. Also, at the last election in 2010 NEW MP posts were created so this reduction will include numbers that were NOT MPs before 2010 - kind of a fake saving methinks. Also, look at the size of the USA and the number of politicians there, compared to our little island. It's jobs for the boys once you look at the number of related MPs, husband and wife teams, politicians that have gone from Uni to political assistant then a safe seat for life in Parliament. It's an exclusive club and in the last 3 elections voters were given MPs by their respective parties who had little or no local contact, were listed by their gender or race rather than ability and who, for the main part, once elected ignored said voters. Why? because in areas of the South as well as the North East/North West as long as you wear a Blue or Red rosette you will get voted in. Furthermore, regarding democracy, remember Harriet Harman imposing women only lists for Labour? Didn't count when she wanted a safe seat for her old man when he left the Union. The sooner that some of this shower in all 3 parties are given their P45's the sooner they may start responding to the electorate that got them the job in the first place. Wilf Emmerson

Sporty Clothes and Spotty Faces



The children and staff at Horndale Infants School celebrated "Children in Need" by wearing sporty clothes and having their face painted with spots. They also participated in various "Pudsey" activities throughout the day and raised £137.00p

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XMAS OPEN MEETING

Shildon and District Flower Club will be holding their Christmas Open Meeting on 28th November 2011 at The Civic Hall, Shildon. Doors open at 6.30pm and the demonstration begins at 7.30. 'Christmas Delights' is the title of the demonstration by Tony Brown a national demonstrator from Derby. There will be stalls and a raffle and admission is £7.00 for visitors. Rita Goundry for Shildon Flower Club.

BE SAFE - BE SEEN



Recently Dave Scott funeral director and Hazel Skelton administrator at The Co-operative Funeralcare in Newton Aycliffe met up with police support officer Gavin Laycock to visit the children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club to talk to them about road safety and to give them each a reflective "Be Safe Be Seen" badge as part of the annual safety campaign supported by BRAKE the national road safety charity. Last year they supplied over 55,000 badges to infant and junior schools around the country and hope to beat that this year. The children were celebrating Halloween and some were in fancy dress.

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Our Forum Is Lonely!

Great Aycliffe Town Council launched its new Website on 4th November and it has been received really well by members of the public. The statistics show a steady stream of visitors to the Website, but the Forum remains totally empty! You can add your thoughts on issues such as the proposed windfarm, any Council service or add your own topics under the 'general' heading. So come on Aycliffe, let's hear it on www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Greenfield College Awards Night



The mayor of Great Aycliffe Councillor Mary Dalton joined the guest of honour Sir Arnold Wolfendale at Greenfield Community College last week to recognise the efforts and commitment of the class of 2011 on their record GCSE results.

All pupils in the year group received their GCSE certificates and some, in individual subject areas were nominated for star prizes. The class of 2011 enjoyed a 'red & black' reception with teachers and friends of the school to celebrate their success and reflect on their experiences during their career within the school, with colours mirroring those of their school uniform.

Headteacher David Priestley welcomed the students back to Greenfield and paid respect to their hard work and commitment throughout the duration of their academic studies.

Each subject area was recognised in 'Oscar' style with subject leaders announcing the overall winner of the subject prize. Special awards were presented for whole school issues such as attendance, social contribution, progress and the Mayors trophy for academic achievement which this year went to Amy Hardy who achieved a staggering 14 A

and A* grades at GCSE. Greenfield Community College was delighted to welcome Sir Arnold Wolfendale to present the trophies. Sir Arnold was elected a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1973, and a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1977. He retired from teaching in 1992 and was knighted in 1995. In 1996 he became Professor of Experimental Physics with the Royal Institution of Great Britain. A lecture theatre in Durham University's new Calman Learning Centre has been named in his honour. He was head of department at Durham where he remains an emeritus professor. He was Professor of Physics at Durham from 1965-92. Sir Arnold Wolfendale served as Astronomer Royal from 1991 to 1995. Sir Arnold gave a wonderful speech on his experiences and memories including the time that he had to reprimand a very young Tony Blair in a local museum. He congratulated all winners and spoke of his delight at being invited to 'this wonderful school.'

Winners of awards were:

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| Design & Technology | Alice Henderson |
| English | Laurie Greetham |
| Geography | Joe Haines |
| History | Sian Beeston |
| ICT | Alice Henderson |
| Mathematics | Charlotte Bromley |
| Modern Languages | Stacey Natrass |
| Performing Arts Dance/Drama/Music | Rosie Hill |
| Physical Education | Linzi Davis |
| Religious Education | Charlotte Bromley |
| Science | Chris Hallworth |
| Visual Arts | Leanne Stapleton |
| 'A' Level Art | Vicky Wright |

GENERAL AWARDS

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| Attendance Award | Julian Hatfield |
| The Dave Tate Award | |
| Progress Award | |
| The Peter Beaty Trophy | Rosie Hill |
| Highest Academic Achievement | |
| The Mayor's Trophy | Amy Hardy |
| Social Contribution | |
| The Fred Leight Trophy | Alice Henderson |
| | Jasmine Campbell |
| | Rachel Ayre |
| The Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Award | |
| Mike Thornton Trophy | Joe Haines |



Aycliffe Nurse Retires After 32 Years



Dr. Ramsay and Jean

Popular Practice Nurse, Jean Watson, has retired from Bewick Crescent Surgery after completing 32 years service.

A special Farewell Party was held at the Surgery last Wednesday afternoon attended by friends and colleagues who took the opportunity to present cards and gifts to mark their affection and her retirement.

Dr. Peter Ramsay made a presentation on behalf of the doctors and staff, recalling the very significant role Jean had contributed to the success of the practice over 32 years.

Jean spent her working life in the Treatment Room, but specialised in Diabetic and Asthma care. Dr.

Ramsay said she has been a wonderful nurse and will be greatly missed.

Jean said she had enjoyed working with everyone at Bewick Crescent and was sorry to be leaving them. "I will also miss the patients who I have got to know over the years - from all angles" quipped Jean.

Jean told Newton News she will spend more time with her husband David, but will continue her voluntary work with children's groups at St. Luke's Church, Ferryhill. The couple have a daughter and two grandchildren who live nearby.

On behalf of the community we thank Jean for the service she has given and wish her a happy retirement.



Church Christmas Fayre

St. Elizabeth's Church Woodham are having a Grand Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 3rd December. There will be lots of stalls including Homemade cakes and Produce, Tombola, Bric a Brac and Handmade Greetings Cards. Games for the children and Tea/Coffee and homemade scones. The doors open at 10am. The Soup-a-Lunch at St. Elizabeth's Church will be Wednesday December 7th at 12.45pm, it will be a special Christmas event. With seasonal soup and sweet followed by a glass of Sherry and tea and coffee. The charge will be £3



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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
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Wednesday 7th December 2011

Policy & Resources 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.

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

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Editorial

ILLOGICAL CHANGES TO TOWN BOUNDARY

The new Parliamentary boundary proposals are confusing and totally illogical, but it is fairer to have constituencies of the same size.

However it is preposterous to suggest Newton Aycliffe could lose an area west of the town yet gain a similar population size by adding Yarm!

Common sense demands the whole of Newton Aycliffe stays within the same constituency.

We need Newtonians to voice their objection to any other proposal and the more protestors we have the better!

Then we hear once the boundaries are decided another shift will follow a year later. Who decides on this nonsense and is it just keeping the 'boys' in jobs?

The government is squeezing money from all sections of the community yet wastes millions on these unnecessary changes. They may have been budgeted for, but in the country's current difficult financial situation such blatant waste of public money is deplorable and schemes like this should be postponed.

It wouldn't hurt anyone, but the bureaucrats to put a halt to the high cost of boundary changes. The idea is to reduce the number of M.P.'s in Parliament but there is no real saving if you consider the cost of the commission and its consultations.

Councillor Clare's letter this week highlights the danger to Aycliffe in the Boundary Commission review - that the town might be divided between two constituencies, but we know Aycliffe needs to stay united in the same constituency.

Newton News supports Councillor Clare's appeal for as many people as possible to write to the Boundary Commission to request that whatever happens to the constituencies, Aycliffe remains a 'discrete electoral grouping'.

You can write to the Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ, or email northeast@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk

LEE GREEN REPRESENT NORTH EAST



Some of the dancers from Lee Green Dance Centre travelled to Blackpool to represent the North East at the IDTA Nationwide Freestyle Finals 2011 held at the Winter Gardens, during the weekend of 12th and 13th November, 2011. Our youngest dancer, Amber Skye Fenwick, managed a fabulous 2nd Place in 3-5 years Girl Rosette Freestyle and also came 3rd in the 3-5 years Rock and Roll syllabus category partnered by Georgia Wakefield. Amber's older sister, Summer, won her category of 6-8 years Girl Rosette freestyle. In the 6-10 years Girl Stardance Solo group, Abbie Kennedy was placed 5th and Reece Atherton came 3rd in his category of 6-10 years Boy Stardance Solo. In the Under 9 years Freestyle Pairs Kira Watson and Summer Fenwick were placed 5th.

Well done to all of you who took part. It is always a very tough competition with some categories having up to 6 rounds. You all danced your best.

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



EVENTS AT THE CUBBY

Medium Mystic Mop on 30th November 6.30-9.30. Group event, £3.00 entry on door. Single Entry £10.00. Ring the Cubby (9-12pm) to reserve a seat to avoid disappointment. Refreshments available.

Sale Of Work Day on 29th November from 2pm. Stalls include bric a brac, bottle, tombola, raffle (Xmas hamper + many more prizes). Refreshments available.

Christmas Dinner - Chicken + pudding will be served in the Cubby between 1-2pm for £4.00 per person. Please ring to book a dinner to avoid disappointment, Tel: 01325 307449

Under 15 Footballers Wanted

Newton Aycliffe Junior FC Under 15's require new players

If you are currently in year 10 and are interesting in a joining a friendly football team then the manager Colin Coulthard would like to hear from you.

They need 6 new players including strikers and defenders. The team currently train indoor at Greenfield School and play competitive football in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance league each Sunday against teams in the Teesside Area.

Please contact Colin on 07736 686594.

DO WE NEED A TOWN COUNCIL?

Dear Sir,
 I was interested to see that no one appears to have come to the defence of the Great Aycliffe Town Council, when a reader asked "Why do we need a Town Council?"

Indeed, we are told that in some instances, by paying a precept to the Town Council, we are duplicating payments for services we already pay for in our Durham County Council rate.

Some would say that by retaining the Town Council, we are "keeping local decision making with the people of Newton Aycliffe". So why did Durham County Council set up these costly Area Action Partnerships? Take a look at the Town Council's new (expensive) website and see what they are actually 'responsible'

for. Basically, lots of grass, allotments, brick bus shelters, Great Aycliffe Way, cemeteries, some flower beds, play areas and the Oak Leaf Centre. Speaking of the Oak Leaf, go back into the last two years' financial reports and see just how much money is being soaked up by the this amenity. If that were a private business it would have been sold off years ago.

Do we REALLY need to be paying 30, yes 30 councillors for this? Staff such as Messrs Bailey, Austin and Thompson plus the ladies: Walton, and Robinson et al, do all the real work anyway. I wonder if anyone dare let us Newtonians vote on this "yes we do/no we don't" issue?
 Sue, Woodham

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2011

25th November 2011

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As Mayor of Great Aycliffe I would like to take this opportunity to wish residents of the Parish a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

It has been a great honour to be elected as Mayor and represent the town. I have been given so much support by the people and organisations and have attended so many memorable functions that I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help, goodwill and wonderful support.

My nominated charity for my year in office is the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) together with local town charities and I thank everyone who has supported or made donations to the fund.

My Civic Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 18th December in St. Clare's Church commencing at 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the Christmas Festivities.

Finally, on behalf of myself, my Consort Michael and Great Aycliffe Town Council we wish you compliments of the season.

Councillor Mary Dalton



Councillor Mary Dalton
Mayor of Great Aycliffe
2011 - 2012

LETTERS TO SANTA

Send your Santa lists get special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that the boys and girls can post their letters to Santa.

When everything is quiet and nobody is looking, try to get away to town and take the letters to Santa's place in Cleveland. Please remember to check the date on the envelope and the address of the Post Office. It is very important that you remember to put your address and return to your letter.

The boxes will close on Monday 19th December but if you can't get to town then the Christmas cards will be accepted right up to noon on 20th December. Please use a special envelope with the words 'Letters to Santa' and the words 'Please bring me' written on it.



We have been told that the boys and girls will never be sleeping in December in the following locations:

- Town Council
- Knowledge Way
- Bowditch Farm Office
- Post Office
- Health Centre
- Welfare Free Office
- Regent Court

CHRISTMAS GARLAND WORKSHOP

On Monday 26th December Great Aycliffe Town Council will be organising a free event for you to make your own Christmas garland. It is a fun and easy way to make your own high quality garland from 100% natural materials.

The event will take place at School Lane from 10.00am to 12.00pm and will be held in the school hall. The event will be held in the school hall and will be held in the school hall.



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Participants are invited to bring along their own decorations such as baubles to help personalise the garland and give them the finishing touch.

SANTA'S COMING



Santa and his helpers will be touring the town on a special Christmas Eve. Which will be more information on routes and times. These will be advertised in the *North East News* and on the Council Website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Enhancement Awards for residential Christmas Lighting displays which portray the spirit of Christmas.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications - Monday, 19th December 2011.

I would like to nominate the house below for a Christmas Lights Enhancement Award for its display of Christmas Lights 2011.

Address _____

Roadside Name (if any) _____

Christmas And New Year Office Closures

THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AS LISTED BELOW:

Monday and Tuesday, 26th / 27th December 2011 - CLOSED.

Monday, 2nd January 2012 - CLOSED.

Councillors & Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

"These Council meetings are being held because the Government has an intention next year" The Town Council has the power of making effective budget cuts in order to be able to pay for the level of the Council's services in the future.

The Council has a number of other responsibilities which are set out in the Local Government Act 2000. It is therefore not possible to place a limit on the number of meetings which can be held in order to save money. The Council has a number of other responsibilities which are set out in the Local Government Act 2000. It is therefore not possible to place a limit on the number of meetings which can be held in order to save money.



1. To ensure that the Council's budget is not exceeded and that the Council is able to meet its financial obligations.
2. To ensure that the Council's services are provided in a way which is consistent with the Council's policies and objectives.
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"These Council meetings are being held because the Government has an intention next year"

The Town Council is currently in discussion with the County Council and the Local Government Association regarding the possibility of a merger with other local authorities.

The Council has a number of other responsibilities which are set out in the Local Government Act 2000. It is therefore not possible to place a limit on the number of meetings which can be held in order to save money.

"These Council meetings are being held because the Government has an intention next year"

The Council has recently received a grant from the Local Government Association for the 2011/12 financial year which will be used for the maintenance of the Council's services.

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All in all, the Town Council will continue to work towards the Council's vision of providing a high quality of services to the community.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1st Mon. 2011	Planning Sub-Committee	7.00 p.m.
1st Mon. 2011	Executive Sub-Committee	8.00 p.m.
1st Mon. 2011	Finance Committee	7.00 p.m.
1st Mon. 2011	Planning Committee	7.00 p.m.
2nd Mon. 2011	Planning & Finance	7.00 p.m.
8th Mon. 2011	Full Council	7.00 p.m.
15th Jan. 2012	Planning Committee	7.00 p.m.
15th Jan. 2012	Finance Committee	7.00 p.m.
15th Jan. 2012	Planning & Finance	7.00 p.m.
22nd Jan. 2012	Full Council	7.00 p.m.
29th Feb. 2012	Planning Committee	7.00 p.m.
29th Feb. 2012	Finance Committee	7.00 p.m.
29th Feb. 2012	Planning & Finance	7.00 p.m.
7th Mar. 2012	Full Council	7.00 p.m.
14th Apr. 2012	Planning Committee	7.00 p.m.
14th Apr. 2012	Finance Committee	7.00 p.m.
14th Apr. 2012	Planning & Finance	7.00 p.m.
14th Apr. 2012	Full Council	7.00 p.m.

* The Executive Committee will convene immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting.

1st Mon, 2011 - FINANCE COMMITTEE - 7.00 p.m. (77)

2nd Mon, 2011 - FINANCE COMMITTEE - 7.00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING CIVIC EVENTS

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will hold her Civic Carol Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday, 18th December 2011 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Following the service refreshments are available in the church hall and members of the congregation are invited to join the Mayor and other civic guests for the Christmas Festivities.



MAYOR'S CHARITY DINNER

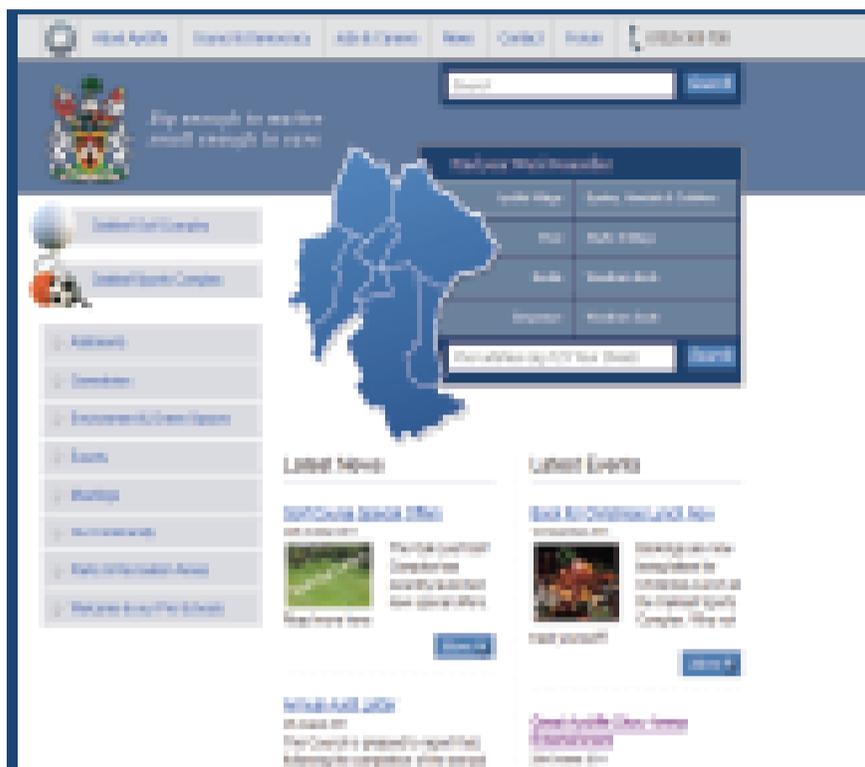
Friday, 17th February 2012
The Hall Garth Hotel & Country Club
Coatham Mundeville

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner and Dance. The venue for this year's event will be The Hall Garth Hotel and Country Club, Coatham Mundeville. Entertainment and Dance Music provided by 'John Mobby' until 12.30 a.m. Tickets are on sale from the Council Office and are priced at £27.50 each.



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED

Great Aycliffe Town Council's new website was launched on Friday 4th November.



The new website is a self-managing, robust, professional Council website. It 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:

- Social events of all interests in Great Aycliffe, Wray and West Cheshire
- Our Community - Links to local community groups for everything from sports to...
- News - Developments in the council area and 'happenings' in Aycliffe (will be updated)
- Find your councillor - Just enter your address to find out who your local representative is on the Council.
- Website photos of Aycliffe - areas to add yet
- Apply for services on line (wherever available)
 - o Allotment
 - o Football pitch
 - o Ice-rink, glass
 - o Public Houses/Tenants
 - o Great Aycliffe Caravan
- Writing Applications for allotments

Additionally, the Colindale Sports Complex and the Colindale Golf Complex's new website was also launched on Friday 4th November.

The Golf Complex also has the latest scores reports from the professionals, as you would expect, whether trophies are allowed, if any holes are closed and even what the weather is like.

If you want to participate, check out the Colindale Leisure Club's page with the Golf Professionals' tips on how to play well.

The Golf Club also has a website specifically for the Colindale Golf Club which has individual reviews for the club, professional advice and more with future links for the future of the year.

If you want more information, you would like to know about any of our services, please let us know.

The only thing that hasn't changed is the web address www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL

Aycliffe Youth Council elections were held in September at the start of the new financial year. The Youth Council is responsible for representing young people on the council's behalf. The Youth Council also has an equal role of advising, promoting and representing young people. This website helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the visibility of projects with the young members helping to create a better future for their town.



Aycliffe Youth Council is a group of young people who are involved in many projects, including a lot of work around representing, promoting and advising young people on the council's behalf. A representative of the Youth Council is also a member of the council's Executive Committee.

Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small job of many available to give you a hand in your town or village's growth with the Great Aycliffe area.

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL - GRANTS AWARDED

Aycliffe Youth Council have given small grants:

- M&P Foundation to assist with the 'War Camp Charity' rally drive which was held at the Ward Centre in October.
- J&C's Parents help garden & allotments.
- Royal Air Force Club to assist the children who put in the Commemorative Market at Ashton, Wigan. Funding here was shared with the Wigan Youth.
- The Youth Council also received various grants from the Great Aycliffe Area.

If you would like to apply, please visit the council's website for more information. You can also apply for grants, which you are usually doing in your own time and you can apply for grants from the Youth Council and also from the council's website.

Please get your request in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council or Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, 100-102, West Street, Aycliffe, Wigan, W16 9JF.

Aycliffe Youth Council



James Brunsley



Thomas Ross



Megan Cole



Stephen Canning



Rebecca Cuthbert



Olivia Ross



Andrew Price



Tom Skerif



Sophie Roberts



Lisa Thomas



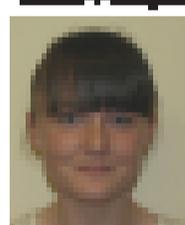
Jordan White



Edward Reynolds



Jack Smith



Emma Wilson



Lucy Wilson



Marcus Roberts

If you would like to know more about the Youth Council, contact 01325 300700

ALLOTMENT ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Allotment Meeting took place on Thursday, 7th November 2012 at the Council Offices.

All allotment holders were invited to the meeting of the Allotment Group, which was held at the Council Offices on Thursday, 7th November 2012. The meeting was held from 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

Councillor Steve Crisp, Chairman of the Allotment Group, presented the winners with the 'Allotment' Trophy, a small certificate and monetary trophy.





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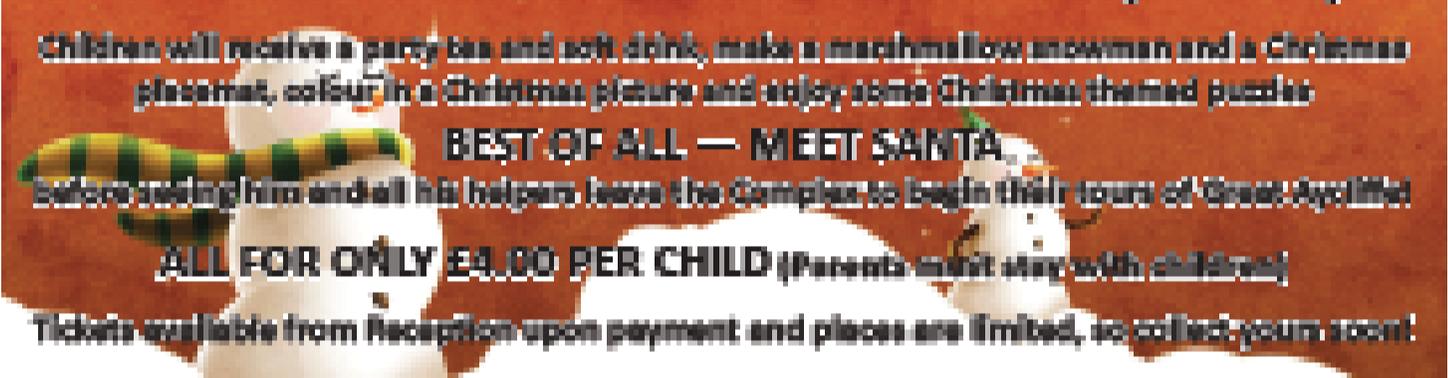
Pre Christmas Party with Santa at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex!
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Traditional Christmas Lunch
On Sunday 27th November, 4th and 11th December only we will be serving Christmas Lunch in the Function Room between 12noon and 2pm.

Two Course Menu
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Activity Day
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9.30am to 11.30am
12noon - 3.00pm
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Mini Activity Day
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Busy Pudsey Cakemakers



Kira, Leah and Jennifer Banks made and decorated cakes for Children in Need. All 240 of them had a Pudsey Bear head. The girls took them to Byerley Park Primary School to sell and raised £60. They thank everyone who bought a cake.

WIN TICKETS for the PUNK ROCK PARTY OF THE YEAR!

A concert entitled LONDON 1977 comes to the north east and will feature top tribute acts to THE STRANGLERS, THE JAM and DR FEELGOOD, all three acts performed at famous music venues in LONDON in 1977, including The 100 Club and The Marquee. Now almost 35 years on the bands will rock the SHILDON CIVIC HALL on Saturday 3rd December - tickets are on sale now priced £10 each. To book your ticket ring the box office on 07836 350507.

NEWTON NEWS have two pairs of tickets to giveaway to two lucky readers, simply answer the following question:

Who was THE STRANGLERS most famous guitarist? WAS IT:

- A. ERIC CLAPTON
- B. HUGH CORNWALL
- C. CAPTAIN SENSIBLE

Send your entries to Newton News c/o Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6DX
Email entries accepted to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

WHERE ARE OUR TOWN COUNCILLORS WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS?

Dear Sir,
I remember well, standing in the Polling Station and contemplating how to best cast my vote. One of my considerations was how 'local' the representatives were: surely if they lived amongst the electorate, they would have their 'finger on the pulse'. On many local events that needed to be brought to the attention of the 'locals'.

Where I live, we have no fewer than SIX Councillors who represent us at Great Aycliffe Town Council (Barbara Clare, John Clare, Mary Dalton, Joan Gray, Sandra Haigh and Keith Henderson) and TWO Councillors who represent us at Durham County Council (Joan Gray and Paul Gittins).

They are paid and paid even more, if they get elected onto various committees and sub-committees and it looks like they are all on the same ones. It seems many of them have joined so many committees now, they have no time for the locals! So it's "Can't talk, just on my way to a meeting/am in a meeting/have just come from a meeting/need to get notes for a meeting". In other words "Not my problem, I am far too busy".

I really dislike discovering issues concerning Woodham ward and Newton Aycliffe town, via the Newton News: regardless of the fact that it is an excellent publication.

I look at the work put into The Isles 'No' campaign and saw really committed, UNELECTED locals, where were the 7 Councillors? (Don't argue that the local MP was there: he would turn up for a fridge door opening, thinking it was another spotlight)

The Draft National Planning Policy Framework, in respect of construction work in Pemberton Road, was another issue. Councillors knocking on the door in high anger? No! It seems the only person to bring these and any other important issues to our attention was the erudite John Clare, again, in the Newton News.

Is he the only working Councillor in Woodham North Ward? If so, why are we paying allowances to the others? It seems the only way to get any form of response from the others, including those Councillors on the rest of the town, is by printing a letter in the Newton News and berating their performance. So.... Sue, Woodham



North East Carols by Candlelight at Aycliffe

TV weather presenter Hannah Bayman will be the special guest at an evening of carols, music and festive readings held in Newton Aycliffe to raise money for Breast Cancer Care.

The event will take place in the beautiful candlelit setting of St Clare's Church, on Sunday 4th December at 6pm.

It has been organised by the North East Network of Breast Cancer Care to bring people from across the region to celebrate the festive season, while raising money to provide vital support and information to the thousands of people affected by breast cancer every year.

The evening - suitable for the whole family - promises an entertaining programme of traditional and modern Christmas readings, which will be delivered by Hannah Bayman and supporters of Breast Cancer Care. There will also be performances by St Clare's Church Choir, St Clare's Junior Choir, and Byerley Park Junior School Choir, together with the opportunity to join in with traditional Carols. Refreshments of wine, soft drinks and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Tickets (including refreshments) are £5 adults and £1 children available from Sue Brodhurst on 07801 279608 or email: susan.brodhurst@btinternet.com. There will also be limited tickets available on the door but people are advised to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

RUNNING REPORT

Aycliffe's Trish Kay continued with her busy race schedule with a run at the Town Moor Memorial 10K. Trish was pleased with her time of 50:13 over the 2 lap course around the Town Moor in Newcastle which was slippery in the miserable weather.

The latest cross country event at Summerhill in Hartlepool, saw Penny Johnson and Michelle Scott compete in the 4.6K ladies race. Penny improving on last year's time coming home in 22:04 behind Michelle who finished 15th in 19:10. Peter Milburn made his return to racing in the 8.9K men's race finishing an excellent 58th in 39 minutes flat. Other club results as follows:

- James Askew 32:19
- George Reid 37:42
- Matthew Heron 39:50
- Andrew Sedgewick 41:07
- Martyn Knox 42:04
- John Burnside 42:36
- Richard Campbell 44:02
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Saturday 7th January - Badness
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a Fabulous Retro 80's Night. Evening includes a two course buffet and disco.
Arrive at 7.00pm buffet served at 7.30pm - £17.95 per person

Sunday 8th January - Wedding Open Day
Come and take this opportunity to view the Coleman Suite and John Burdon Suite set up for Wedding Receptions and a Civil Ceremony.
No appointment necessary just come along anytime between 11.00am and 4.00pm

Friday 13th January - 80's Sensation
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Evening includes a two course buffet and disco
Arrive 7.00pm, Buffet served 7.30pm - £17.95 per person

Friday 13th January - Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet - £10.95 per person

Sunday Lunch is served in the Boyne Suite accompanied by music from our resident pianist.
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THANK YOU FROM LITTLE CUBS NURSERY

Donna and the team at Little Cubs Nursery would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked/bought cakes and donated money to help raise £147.00 for Children in Need. The children had a fun packed week which included baking cakes and dressing in spots for this very worthwhile cause. A raffle also took place to win 'Blush' the giant bear, this was won by Adam Brown's 'Grandad Spud'. The staff at Little Cubs would also like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to their Manager Donna for graduating with Honours this week from Teesside University. Diane Daglish the Deputy Manager of Little Cubs told us that the whole team were very proud of Donna who is also about to embark on future training which will give her the Early Years Professional Status. For more information about Little Cubs or to arrange a visit please call 01325 312288



"LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE"

Dear Sir
As one of the "400" objecting to housing on Woodham Golf Course, we now have to fight on two fronts - and divided forces make easy targets for big guns and publicity of determined developers. SBC local plan policies aimed to conserve and protect areas on which the Wind Farm is proposed and the invaluable Green Wedges in and around Great Aycliffe, Woodham Golf Course amongst them. SBCs plan is the valid, objective, reference for our planning objections. A rock on which we can stand firm in convictions and hope for the future until DCC agrees a new updated plan. Anyone setting those policies aside for Woodham Golf Course then upholding them to object against a Wind Farm, gives developers a contradictory breach to exploit, undermining our planning defence. Thereby opening up Aycliffe to similar high profile developments. Spiking Woodham's Golf Course Guns may please the developers, but what of Woodham residents? And, do we NEED homes for the wealthy? Or do we need affordable homes for Aycliffe youngsters forced to live elsewhere, breaking up Aycliffe families and causing heartache and supportive problems for bedrock community in Aycliffe? Labour needs to listen to the people, NOT to the developers publicity. Donald Fraser, Woodham

St. Marys Basketball

On Saturday 19th November 10 children were invited to play in a Primary Basketball Tournament at the Leisure Centre. We then got to stay and watch the Durham Wildcats v's Glasgow Rocks the game was very exciting even though the Wildcats lost 92- 75.

Taylor said "We had great fun at the match, even though we came third, we won one game 6-2 .It was a lot of fun the best part was getting to watch the Wildcats game"

Cameron said "Even though we didn't make the final we had a good time"

We would like to thank Steve Jones from the Durham Wildcats for his coaching sessions in school, he taught us lots of new skills.

Good luck to Durham Wildcats for the rest of the season Sean Brown and Matthew Bright .

Year 6

St Mary's Primary



India Comes to Woodham



Woodham students continued with their insight into Indian culture when the school was visited by internationally renowned chef, Das Sreedharan. Das, who is the owner of a chain of restaurants in London and the north east, works with many schools and families.

The students were enthralled as Das told them about his life in India and his relationship with food and spices. Students and staff were amazed at the way Das brought simple vegetables to life by using a blend of different spices.

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A STAR COMES TO ST. MARY'S



On Wednesday, 16th November St. Mary's Primary had a special visitor- the poet Coral Rumble. Our Key stage 2 pupils had a special poetry day organised with the help of our local library; each of our classes had a one hour workshop. Coral Rumble is a famous poet who works for the BBC, writing 'Poetry Pie' for Cbeebies and she has also done some BBC schools radio broadcasts.

In our workshops we did lots of exciting activities. Coral performed some of her famous poems, such as 'My Teacher's as Wild as a Bison'. We played Simile and Word Chain games and learnt some useful tips on how to improve our poetry writing. Some of us were lucky enough to buy a signed copy of her book, 'My Teacher's as Wild as a Bison'.

These are some of the comments from our friends in different Classes-
Y3: "Her poems were funny"
Y4: "We enjoyed playing the games"
"She was a great poet and we had lots of fun!"
Y5: "Our favourite two

poems were 'When my dad watched the news' and 'My Teacher's as Wild as a Bison'.

Y6: "We enjoyed using our imagination playing the games"

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EX-PLAYERS LAUNCH NEW BTEC SPORT DIPLOMA

Young people in Newton Aycliffe will get the chance to study sports development for the first time as part of an exciting new two-year course in the town. The Martin Gray Football Academy will work alongside Greenfield Community College in partnership with Darlington College to deliver the full-time BTEC course at Greenfield and at the Excel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park. The two-year Level 3 Diploma, equivalent to 3 'A' Level qualifications, will cover a variety of areas including physiology, sports coaching, nutrition and sports performance, and will provide scholars with a route to university as well as enhance their footballing ability. The qualification will enable them to go on to study a degree in Health and Fitness or Sports Coaching, providing career pathways within the sports industry, health and fitness, sports development and coaching sectors. Martin Gray and his team, including former Sunderland and Darlington midfielder Brian Atkinson, will work with Greenfield College's teaching staff

to deliver the course, beginning September 2012. Atkinson will coach the scholars every morning at Greenfield's state-of-the-art 3G football facility before they head to the Excel Centre's education suites for afternoon tutorials with the Greenfield PE team. Gray, who also works as Greenfield's director of football, said: "This is a unique course in that it's the first of its kind being made available in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. "It will give school-leavers in the town who love sport the opportunity to study their passion full-time, while improving their education and career prospects in the long-term. "The course is focused on elite young footballers giving them the opportunity to progress within the game whilst having a clear focus of academic attainment to help them to the next tier of higher education or employment. "We're really excited by this and we're looking forward to starting the trials next April before narrowing the applicants down to 30 for the inaugural year, starting next September." Atkinson, who played more

than 300 career games for the Black Cats and Quakers and also won six England Under-21 caps, currently coaches his hometown club Newton Aycliffe, helping them win three promotions from the Durham Alliance League to the Northern League first division in the last four years. He said: "I have a passion for football and for coaching, and both Martin and I share the same philosophies on playing football the right way. "It will be my job to work with the scholars on a full-time basis, to improve them as players but also as people, and it's something I'm really looking forward to." Greenfield College's assistant head teacher Stuart Dixon added: "We're delighted to be working with Martin again on another exciting programme which will give school-leavers in Newton Aycliffe the chance to study within this model, on their door step for the very first time. "Previously, pupils have had to travel outside the area to study this field, so we're excited at the prospect of delivering a new course for young people in Aycliffe and surrounding areas. "Another fantastic by-product of this course is that it will bring together 30 young footballers of exceptional quality who will then play together in the National Colleges League, bringing a higher standard of performance to the game in our town." Darlington College Principal Tim Grant added: "I welcome this opportunity and I know it will have a really positive impact on young people who are passionate about their sport." Applicants must gain at least five GCSEs (grade C or above) to be eligible for the course, and can get more details, and apply, at www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk

Woodham Raise Record Breaking Amount for Children in Need



Friday 18th November saw the return of the annual Children in Need fundraising event at Woodham Community Technology College. The College has been raising money for the charity for the past five years, under the supervision and organisation of Jenny McLean, Student Welfare Officer. However, this year surpassed all previous attempts with regard to the effort of the students, teachers, staff and parents. The whole school actively participated in the event, in terms of sponsored silences, fancy dress and the sale of raffle tickets in order to win a cake made by Chef Linda Vipond. In addition to a raffled cake, other treats were made and sold during break time. The day was a resounding success, allowing a day of fun which both raised money and awareness for the cause of Children in Need. The day started with a guest appearance from Pudsey himself, who welcomed the students into college. He was so impressed with the students that he decided to stay for the whole day spending time in lessons and enjoying lunch in the dining hall. Throughout the day, students were witnessed braving the cold dressed in their pyjamas. Y10 boys, Rhys Morton and Jake Marshall, dressed as Matt Lucas and David Walliams, with Jake being pushed in a wheelchair for the day. Y11 student Faye Hutton raised £102 selling cookies in her community. Y10 boys James Beal and Jordan McCabe, who have raised money every year, decided to wear Morph suits and between them raised £150. Well done to both boys for their continued support year after year. All Y7 students were encouraged to take part, some organising sponsored silence, fancy dress and dance competitions. The students made a massive effort in raising money and in their positive attitude towards the event. As a result of the Children in Need event hosted by Woodham College, the students, teachers, staff and other contributors managed to raise a very impressive amount of £2000. This is a remarkable achievement, and typifies the generosity of Woodham students towards children less fortunate than themselves.



FALCONS FLYING HIGH

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC under 8 Falcons wish to thank TR Fastenings for sponsoring the team. They are very grateful for the support and would like to thank Phillip Hall for keeping in touch and offering a helping hand with team fund raising. A big thank to Kelly Gray for putting us in contact with TR Fastenings and sorting out all the funding. The Falcons are a new team and have developed well making great progress in the short time they have been together. With help from experienced coach Craig Buist and parents chipping in (Karl Edwards and Kyley Smails), we have a good set up and are enjoying the challenge of league football. Any children who would like to come along and train are more than welcome to attend. Contact details can be found on the club website www.naycafc.co.uk

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE

Please be aware that due to industrial action being announced for Wednesday 30th November 2011, the following meetings of the Great Aycliffe Town Council will now be held on:

- Thursday, 1st December 2011
Planning Sub-Committee – 4.00pm
- Environment Committee – 7.15pm
Recreation Committee
(following the Environment Committee)

Great Aycliffe Town Council



Notice of an

EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that:

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011 at 6.15pm

The item on the agenda will be:

A Notice of Motion to further consider a response to the Boundary Commission in regard to their review of Parliamentary Boundaries with particular reference to Great Aycliffe. (Standing Order No. 11(a) Recession of Previous Resolutions refers). 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. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".



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YOUTHFUL FOOTBALLERS AT THE BORO



On Saturday 19th November, Middlesbrough Football Club invited

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club to provide the Guard of Honour at their home game v Blackpool. 75 Players and parents travelled to the Riverside Stadium and were all made very welcome by Middlesbrough officials. The day started with our young players walking around the perimeter of the pitch waving flags to applause from the Boro crowd, they then made a Guard of Honour as the players ran on to the pitch. Darren Williams u9 Coach gave a massive thanks to everyone at MFC who made this a memorable occasion and an experience that these young players

will never forget. We are a Charter Standard Community Club providing football for boys and girls of all abilities, from 4 – 18 years old. If you need any more information about our teams check out our website www.naycafc.co.uk

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3 BEDROOM semi detached house in School Aycliffe. 2 reception rooms, large rear garden overlooking fields, uPVC double glazing, gas central heating, recently fitted contemporary bathroom with shower. £550 per calendar month. Tel 01325 481519 or 07812 658854

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3 BEDROOM property to let, Bates Close, £475 per month, £300 non refundable fee, no DSS. Tel 07724 314498

2 BEDROOM house in Stephenson Way. £475pcm + Bond and References. Tel 07770 865227

STUDENTS VISIT LUMIERE FESTIVAL

Twelve gifted and talented Art and Design students were given the opportunity to visit the Durham Lumiere Festival this year. Lumiere came to Durham in 2009 and due to its success returned this year. It is a FREE festival of light and spectacular art works that include artists such as Tracey Emin.

One student highlighted "Crown of Light", a projection piece on Durham Cathedral's façade. Emily in year 7 commented "it was really clever how they made the Cathedral look like it was on fire and then you could see them rebuilding it with the lights".

The group later enjoyed a pizza in the relative calm of the restaurant. The group are looking forward to further Arty visits which will include a trip to Baltic to see the National Turner Prize.

Miss Simpson
Subject Leader Visual Arts

Lost & Found

REWARD offered for return of sandy, white and brown Saluki x Greyhound, wren tmissing Thursday 17th PM in the Cobblers Hall area, wearing a white England shirt. Please call 07979 746 458
FOUND Black Tom cat, approximately 9 months old, very affectionate, Hawkshead Place area. Tel 319919 or 07792 181343

Tuition

ENJOY LEARNING Guitar, Bass or Drums at home. Tel Roger 01325 321444 - Friendly, Experienced, Local.
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DURHAM WILDCATS PRIMARY SHOOT-OUT

4 teams consisting of Durham, Chester-le-street, St. Mary's and Stephenson Way School were to contest this tournament. A great display by Stephenson Way saw them win their three games, without them conceding a point, and advance them through to the final, which was to showcase the half-time slot of the Wildcats league game. True to form Stephenson Way won the final, and did not concede a point with another fantastic performance. The team consisted of five members, front, from left to right, Caitlan Barber, Sam Thompson, Jessica Catlough, Tamara Gayle, James Kovaks. Coached by Miss Whitfield of Stephenson Way School.



"Keep Aycliffe Green and Pleasant"

Dear Sir
I fail to be convinced the Town Council Planning Sub Committee will bring about any observations that will keep Aycliffe "green and pleasant". My assumption is based on the fact that the majority of Town Councillors, including the leaders, voted for the proposed houses, hotel, etc. on Woodham Golf Course which will be a scar on the landscape for ever and maybe just the thin end of the wedge. Some of those Councillors were on the Council many years ago when the then owners of the course wanted to build the original bungalows, to which they vehemently objected, and should be fully aware that there was then a covenant on that land preventing house building. This seems to have disappeared or been forgotten! The golf course itself would seem to be rather under-used, from observations when travelling past, and this is not just in wet conditions which seemingly cause drainage problems. Should planning permission be granted and, if as the owners of the course maintain, the increased usage of the course does not come about we could see further houses being built there in years to come as a precedent will have been set. I do not want to be able to say I told you so. I sincerely hope the County Council Planning Committee is not swayed by a free new roundabout as a County Council engineer told the Town Council several years ago that this was not the problem with the C35, the problem is the undulating nature of the road. If as Bill Owen stated there has been over 400 letters of objection to the course that is a very significant percentage of the town's adult population. I am given to believe that there were only 5 residents who individually objected to the A&E Department being moved

from Bishop Auckland to Darlington and that was, at the time, a very contentious issue. Four hundred letters should show the level of feeling towards the proposal and should not be ignored. Our MP and other objectors to the wind farm on the Council would seem to be very inconsistent when it comes to green areas surrounding the town. Whatever your views on the proposed wind farm it will only be there for 25 years we are told. However, the lovely green wedge of land at one of the entrances to our town will be lost forever if planning permission is granted for the proposed building on the golf course. I await with interest the written report for the Newton News on the Planning Sub Committee meeting taking place on 30th November 2011 and of course future meetings.
Yours faithfully
A.J.Bergg

Birthday Remembrance

LESLEY SERRY 23rd November 1955. For a very special Mam, Daughter, Sister and Auntie. Thoughts and love on your birthday. From all the family xxx
PAULINE ANNE WATSON 27th November 1947. Always remembered, never forgotten. Love always, Joe and family xxx
JEAN PARKER 25th November 1933. Always in my heart. Always in my thoughts. Love, Alan xxx
JEAN PARKER 25th November 1933. Thinking of a special Mam. Miss and love you always. Love, Mandy xxx
JEAN PARKER 25th November 1933. Memories of a beautiful Mam, Miss you with all our hearts. Love you always. Love, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx
BRIAN FIRTH 28th November. Happy 75th birthday Bri. To me you were so special. Love and miss you every day. Loving Wife, Hazel xxx

PHIL WILSON MP VISITS THE INEOS NEWTON AYCLIFFE SITE

Phil Wilson MP visited the INEOS Newton Aycliffe site on Friday 18 November 2011. During the visit, Mr Wilson received presentations from Paul Coleman (Site Manager) and Barry Wilkinson (QA Manager) on INEOS and its contribution to the local economy and was interested to see that the company employs over 300 people and many more through its supply chain. The site tour took in the "Aycliffe Angels" Memorial which is of particular significance to Mr Wilson because his Grandmother was one of the valiant ladies who worked at the site during the Second World War. *Phil Wilson (Centre) is pictured with Paul Coleman (Left) and the Production Manager, Andy Heyes (Right) near to the PVC Resin manufacturing plant*



In Memoriam

PAUL (LOCKEY) WADE 27/11/2003. Sunday will mark another year gone by without you. The pain will never ease. Thinking of you always. Love, Mam and Dad
BARRY BELLAS 25-11-11. In loving memory of a wonderful Dad and Grandad. We miss you so much. All our love, Marie, Chris, Leanne and Grandkids

DENIZE CROFT 27th November 2009. Years pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. Loved and missed always. Barbara xxx
ROBERT MORRELL Died 26th-11-2009. Granda, it's been 2 years since you went away, still think of you every day. We love and miss you loads. Anne-Marie, Andrew, Jodie and Jack xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-2009. Two years today the angels came, the Lord looked down and called your name. Now Heaven has its brightest star and in our hearts and thoughts you are never far. Love, Julie and Les
BOBBY MORRELL. Dad. Love and miss you every day and always in my thoughts. Love, David, Jenny and Brogan

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-2009. Granda, always in our thoughts, never a day goes by that we don't think of you. Lots of love, Lindsay, Neil, Chantelle, Josh and Lily xxx
BOBBY MORRELL In loving memory, 26-11-2009. Losing a Husband as special as you has left my heart aching, it's broken in two. No words can describe all the grief and the pain. I'd give all I have just to see you again. But you are with the angels and for now I can wait, for we will meet again dear, beside Heaven's gate.

BOBBY MORRELL In loving memory, 26-11-2009. There is a bridge of golden memories from to Heaven above. It keeps us very close to you, it's called the bridge of love. The best Granda and Great Granda in the world. Love and miss you forever. Adelle, Orin, Rhys and Ava xxxxx
BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-2009. Simple words but true, we will always love and remember you. Love and miss you always Dad. Love, Roberta and Reggie xxx
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Congratulations

Joanne Cant



Happy 30th Birthday

21st November
Joanne. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Craig, Nanna and Grandad xxxxx

Dale McCaffrey



Happy 18th Birthday

Son
25th November
Enjoy your weekend. Don't get too drunk. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Nathan and Liam xxx

Sophie Amber Hobson



Happy 2nd Birthday

28th November
to our beautiful Princess. Love you lots and lots. Mummy, Daddy and Izzy xxx

Katrina Grindlay



Happy 30th Birthday

Wishing you a very Happy 30th Birthday Kate, enjoy your day. We love you loads love from Mam, Dad, Jordan, Aaron, Naiomi and Luke xx

TURNBULL Sheila (nee Bennett) congratulations on your 50th birthday on 26th November. Have a good night at your party. Lots of love to our lovely Daughter. She's a star !! Mam
NICOLE BREMNER To our gorgeous Daughter on your 14th birthday. Love always, Mam, Dad, Lewis and Lilly xxx
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Emily Elaine Wise



Happy 1st Birthday

23rd November
To a special little Princess, happy 1st birthday. Lots and lots of love, Mummy and Daddy xxx

Liam Shaun Hunter



Happy 18th Birthday

Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Gary and Kelly-Ann xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

Lots of love, Grandad, Michael, Philip and John xxx

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE

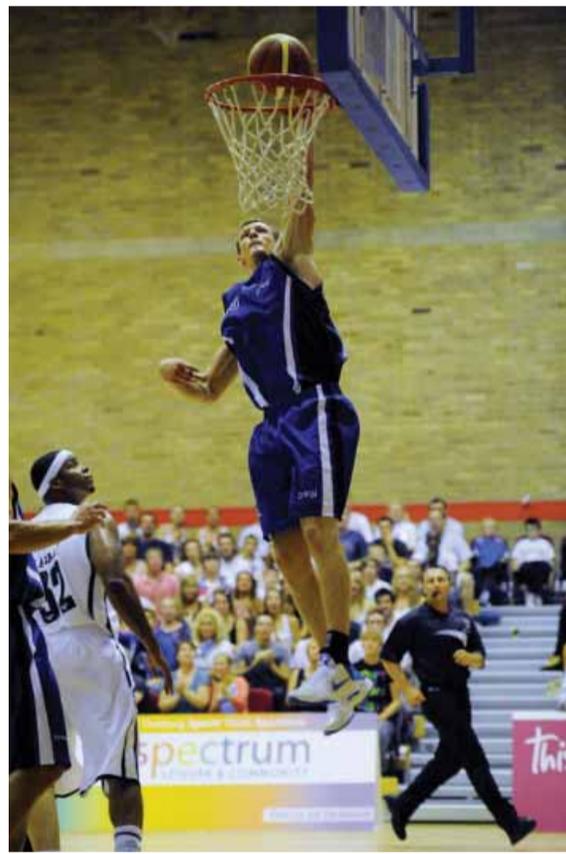
Durham Wildcats 75
(24,41,60) (Capocci 19, Bucci 16, Hinnenkamp 12)
Glasgow Rocks 92
(24,49,71) (Green 35, Huffor 19, Wedemire 11)

Despite a valiant effort from the Durham Wildcats the Glasgow Rocks made it four wins from their last five BBL Championship games after a thrilling game at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in front of a growing number of passionate Wildcats fans. It is the third time this season that the Rocks have beaten the Wildcats, after doing the double over them in their BBL Trophy group, but the Wildcats continue to improve as they adjust their game to meet the demands of Britain's top basketball league. The Rocks took an early lead in a high scoring and tight first quarter, at 2-6 with Green scoring 4 points. The hosts drew level at 9-9 on Ralph Bucci's

score before three quick lead changes ensued up to Stephen Jones's three-pointer making it 16-12 to the hosts with three minutes to play. The Rocks took the lead back on Sterling Davis's triple, before four more lead changes and a Gareth Murray buzzer-beater tied the teams at 24 at the first quarter break. After that it took two minutes to register a score in the second quarter, with the Wildcats going up through Notis Chalkidis. But things soon picked up as the Rocks hit 8 quick points, including 5 for Huffor to take the lead at 26-32. Capocci ended the two-minute barren spell for the hosts, and they were soon level once more, at 37, on a pair of Bucci free-throws with Paul Elderkin

scoring five points in that run. The Rocks pushed on in the third, with Green scoring their first six points, but that didn't last long as, typical of this game, the hosts came back with an 8-2 burst, all scored by Capocci and including two triples, to force a time out from the Rocks. But despite getting the deficit down to 4 points, at 60-64, the Rocks finished the quarter the way they started it with a 7-0 tear, sparked by a Davis three, to lead 60-71 going into the decisive period. The lead would not diminish to single figures again as the Rocks opened the fourth with a 7-1 run, including 5 more for Green, with the lead hitting its peak at full-time on another Green triple. The Wildcats were led by 19 from Mike Capocci; Mychal Green and Danny Huffor combined to score 54 for the Rocks with some brilliant outside shooting. Once again the Wildcats put on a great show both on and off the court justifying the leagues decision to award a franchise to play BBL basketball at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Dance group 'Dance it Live it' entertained before and during the match, local Primary Schools enjoyed a pre match tournament. Newton Aycliffe had something to celebrate as Stephenson Way Primary School beat Durham 6 - 0 in the final which was played during the half-time break of the Wildcats Rocks match. To catch the action and check out the entertainment the next home match is:

Saturday 26th November 7.00pm
DURHAM WILDCATS v PLYMOUTH RAIDERS
Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre



Aycliffe Ask For More Support

FIXTURES

Saturday 26th November: Spennymoor (A), 3pm
Saturday 3rd December: Sunderland RCA (H), 3pm
Saturday 10th December: Bedlington Terriers (A), 3pm
Saturday 17th December: Norton & Stockton (H), 3pm
Monday 26th December: Bishop Auckland (H), 1pm
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

High-flying Newton Aycliffe are appealing for more support from the town to help sustain their current top-five position in the Northern League. The Newtonians, promoted from the second division as champions earlier this year, stretched their unbeaten run to six games with a 1-1 draw at home to Tow Law Town last Saturday to go fifth in the first division. And recent victories over table-toppers West Auckland and FA Vase giants Whitley Bay have also raised eyebrows following their dramatic elevation through the leagues in the last four years. The club have been shortlisted in final three of the Senior Team award at next week's Northern Echo Local Heroes Awards dinner, further highlighting their impressive recent progress. But now chairman Gary Farley (pictured) says the club aren't getting enough support from big employers on the town - and he's asking them to rally round. He said: "We enjoy brilliant individual support from the people of the town and also some tremendous support from small to medium-sized companies such as Newton Press, Finley Structures, Collins Seafood and Eastern Spice, to name just a few. "But it's disappointing that we don't enjoy the same level of support from the town's bigger firms, who, with respect, turnover a hell of a lot more money than some of our sponsors do! "The message at the minute is quite simple, we need more support if we're to maintain our current position. "We're delighted with how the season is going so far, but we face constant challenges on and off the field. "As with everything in life, you get what you pay for, and to service a team competing in the top five of the first division comes at a price. "We're trying to be competitive and it's reaping rewards, but we really need everyone's support, from

small firms to large, as well as with all our non-football related initiatives, if we want to maintain what's been an excellent first season in the Northern League top flight up to now." • Any firms or individuals who'd like to support the club can contact any member of the committee, or advertising and sponsorship managers David Brassell (07870 777779, david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk) or Barry Waters (07864 718243, barrywaters212@msn.com). • Aycliffe extended their unbeaten streak to six games in all competitions last weekend with a draw against Tow Law, thanks to a late Elliot Gardner goal which cancelled out Ian Davison's thundering first-half free-kick. Team: Pocklington, Gibson, Peck, Tarling, Close, Craddock, Broom, Knox, Robson, Gardner, Owen. Subs used: McMullen, Oliver, Campbell. Unused: Black. • Aycliffe take their unbeaten run to neighbours Spennymoor in an eagerly-awaited local derby at Brewery Field this Saturday (3pm kick-off). The Supporters Club bus leaves the Sports Club at 2pm and returns at 5.30pm, costing just £5 for members and £7 non-members. To book, call Yvonne Wood on 07500 866535.

AYCLIFFE BATTLE TO VITAL BONUS POINT WIN

Houghton 17 Newton Aycliffe 28

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club visited fourth placed Houghton in the Durham and Northumberland Division 3 and came away with a bonus point win. Despite a number of players being unavailable, Aycliffe fielded a strong team with Mark Shepherd making his first start in many years at scrum-half and Chris Richards making his league debut. Initially, Aycliffe played with little cohesion, despite being well on top in the scrums and they went behind to a converted try after 10 minutes. Gradually, they began to tidy up the mistakes and Craig Holmes beat a number of men to go over beneath the posts after good work by Jeff Hodgson; Stephen Middlemas added the conversion. Aycliffe had now settled down and played some excellent rugby. A quick lineout ball from Stuart McIvor saw the ball rapidly find its way down the line to James Thacker whose line of running saw him add to the score. After winning a ruck close to the touchline, Richards, who had come in from centre to pick up the ball, found an unlikely amount of space on the blind side and hared off down the line, scoring from 40 metres. With Middlemas keeping up his 100% kicking record, the half time score was 21 - 7 to Aycliffe. With the game there for the taking, Aycliffe's performance then inexplicably tailed off and they spent most of the second period in defence. Even when a Houghton player was sin-binned Aycliffe were unable to impose themselves. Houghton scored two tries to reduce the gap to four points, and only a despairing tackle by Thacker to knock the ball loose as the player crossed the line saved another. Aycliffe then played for 20 minutes with 14 men as two players were sin-binned. With Houghton pressing out wide, Thacker was able to steal the ball in the tackle on the Aycliffe 22-metre line and run the length of the pitch to score. Again Middlemas converted. The game was now beyond Houghton but they still fought for a try to get a losing bonus point. Michael Welsh, who had come on for his first appearance of the season put in some big hits and David Gibson was able to kick the ball into touch to end the match with a 28 - 17 win. This was Aycliffe's eighth successive triumph and again they showed the winning desire that has been a feature of the season so far. On 26th November Newton Aycliffe visit Seghill in the National Junior Vase, 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.

BENGAL LOUNGE

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