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## One Point Opens in Aycliffe

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## Police Seek Air Gun Assailant

The Police have issued a request for witnesses or possible suspects to come forward following an incident at the Boating Lake, Newton Aycliffe on the evening of 21/11/2011 whereby a young girl was hit by a projectile believed to be an air weapon. Just prior to the incident two male youths were sighted across the other side of the lake and appeared to be shooting an air compressed weapon at the lake. The girl was struck on the leg causing her to fall to the floor sustaining minor injuries. Males were described as male, white, 5'7" tall skinny, wearing a black beanie hat, dark waterproof jacket and dark bottoms. The other described as male, white, 5'7" tall skinny, bright light blue hoody, grey tracksuit bottoms. Any information contact Police on 0345 60 60 365

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## Xmas Frost Fair at The Work Place



The Work Place is getting into the festive spirit by hosting a Christmas Frost Fair on Monday 5 December 2011. The fun packed event, open from 12noon until 7pm, will include a variety of stalls, entertainment and a mouth-watering range of food and drink for visitors to enjoy. The Work Place, managed by Durham County Council will also be supporting The Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland on the day with some of the profits being given to the worthwhile local cause. Over 60 stalls will be selling everything from seasonal gifts and crafts, home baking, fashion, jewellery, toys, beauty products and lots more! Massages will also be on hand for weary heads and feet. The Street Café will be open to sit and relax with a drink or a snack whilst savouring the atmosphere. There will be face painting, a tombola with some fabulous

prizes, a Santa's Helpers Lucky Dip Room and entertainers will be performing throughout the day so it promises to be a great afternoon. Admission is only £1 for adults, with free entry for children. For more information contact The Work Place, Aycliffe Business Park on 01325 375900.

## BOXING CLUB NEEDS SPONSORS FOR FIGHT NIGHT AT BIG CLUB

Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club are looking for sponsors for their Christmas tournament to be held at Newton Aycliffe WMC on the 9th December. This is an annual event and a great night out with an electric atmosphere. It showcases the exceptional talent there is in the northeast of England with many national champions from 11 years old to 34. There has been an amateur boxing club in Newton Aycliffe for over 50 years and is solely financed by charity/donations and events like this with volunteer coaches.

## COFFEE MORNING AT WOODHAM

Dear Sir,  
I would like your readers to be aware of a great group of people who meet every week at Woodham Village Community Centre to run a charity Coffee Morning raising funds for local charities. They receive support from similar groups some travelling from Chester le Street. They serve tea, coffee, cake and scones at 50p each, and their cream and jam scones just have to be tasted! The Shildon based Innovations group helps adults with learning difficulties and includes people from Newton Aycliffe. Kelly and her friends, Ian and Stuart have asked if we could run a special Pudsey Bear Christmas Coffee Morning for Children in Need as they believe needy children are more vulnerable at this time of year. We invite readers to support this event on Thursday 8th December from 10am to noon. at Woodham Village Community Centre. Dave Sutton-Lloyd



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**Saturday 10th December - "1 0 1"**

We are pleased to welcome back one of the pub's favourite bands, who play a great mix of modern and classic rock. Tracks covered by Led Zepellin, Killers, AC/DC, Kings of Leon, Lynyrd Skynyrd, KISS, Cheap Trick, 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 hear some covers with a good mix of older rock 101 deliver."

**Saturday 17th December - "THIS MACHINE"**

"Well, I don't know what to say, apart from... THIS MACHINE were absolutely amazing last night, one of the best... especially when the guitarists were on the tables and bar, hah! Every song was awesome, perfect sound and just all round excellence. Also it was the best atmosphere I've ever seen, everyone was having fun." - GIG PIT REVIEW  
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# One Point Opens in Aycliffe

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and one single telephone number will make it easier for families to get the support they need. Newton Aycliffe Hub is located at the Youth Centre and opens on 8th Dec, 3.00pm – 6.00pm. Tel: 03000 26 11 18. Services included in

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# Young Aycliffe's Got Talent



The Young Aycliffe's Got Talent competition is well on the way with two of the three heats already completed at the Youth Centre.

An appreciative audience of parents, grandparents and friends of contestants, joined the judges in expressing their support for the acts of young people from the local area taking part in the event.

The first prize has been sponsored by Nordic Pioneering of Darlington and the Management Committee has sponsored the second prize and the raffle. The third prize has been sponsored by Great Aycliffe Town Council Youth Council.

David Brittle, chairman of the judges said "I am happy to have been asked to chair the judging of Young Newton Aycliffe's Got Talent. I am constantly thrilled by the talent of young people in our community. The

Management Committee of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is to be congratulated for supporting the development of young people in our community"

David delighted the audience with his own rendition, in heat one of Stereophonic's Dakota and in heat two of Lana Del Rey's Video Games.

In heat one singer Shanaya Z Atkinson Jones and dancers Georgia Armstrong & Kim Watson were successful in progressing to the finals of the competition.

In heat two the judges could not decide on which two acts to choose for the final, but eventually chose three acts, Ballroom and Latin dancers Dominic Clennell & Danielle Rowe, singers Samantha Lavery, and Annis Race were all selected to go through.

The final heat of the competition will be held on

Saturday 3rd December at the Youth Centre at 7.p.m. There will be a charge of £1 on the door with accompanied under 10 year olds admitted free of charge.

The finals of Young Aycliffe's Got Talent will take place at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on 21st January 2012.

# Reply from Tallent on Staff Car Parking

Dear Sir,

Due to the increased demand in the automotive industry our build levels have been growing which has resulted in our work force increasing by over 30% in the past twelve months.

Whilst this is always a pleasing and rewarding situation especially for the local work force and region, we have to acknowledge that accommodating this level of increase has not come without its challenges.

The increased number of employees has created a short term car parking problem at the Aycliffe site especially on shift change overs. Some of our employees have been parking close to the site but in other companies car parking places. Whilst the long term solution

has been initiated through the development of the old Great Lakes site, where a further 100 car parking places will be provided we still have to resolve the short term issues.

We are working hard to find a solution and discussions are underway to find alternative sites that could be used in the short term, we are also looking at better ways in which we can reduce the high demand at shift over times, as soon as we have a solution we will make the necessary changes as quickly as possible.

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## Newton News Praised

Dear Sir,

The letters in last week's Newton News from 'Sue of Woodham' reveal the exasperation (and, admittedly, some of the miscomprehensions) of many people who feel themselves disenfranchised. As the Tory cuts bite, I expect the number of people will increase who want to become interested, and even involved, in politics.

Humbly, may I offer some practical suggestions how you might do this:

If you have a specific issue which involves the Council, contact your local Councillor direct. Some Councillors still hold periodic 'surgeries' (advertised in the Newton News) where you meet them face-to-face. Otherwise, you can phone or write (numbers and addresses are on the Town Council website).

Don't worry if you get the wrong Councillor – they'll pass the issue on to the correct one!

If all you want is to be kept informed, probably the best way is to follow me on twitter @johnclare.

You will receive a stream of comments, reminders and

links, which you can pursue or ignore as you wish.

If you want a debate, then the Town Council website has a forum page, but you will probably have a more exciting time if you join the 'Newton Aycliffe Labour Group of Branches' facebook page.

Remember that it helps debate to raise one issue at a time.

However, if you want to CHANGE things, by far the best way in Newton Aycliffe is to join the Labour Party and attend the local Branch meetings. There you will meet people who, too, are interested in what is going on, and who will probably agree with you and lot more than you expected!

And don't forget the MP's office is in the town centre.

**One final comment. When I see the free newspapers of other local communities, I realise how lucky we are to have the Newton News – it keeps us up-to-date with local politics in an even-handed and all-for-Aycliffe way, and I cannot praise it highly enough.**

John D Clare  
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## GAMP Forum Votes on 2012/13 Priorities

Boosting the local economy, providing activities for young people and supporting the community and voluntary sector have been chosen by the people of Newton Aycliffe as their priorities for the coming year.

More than 100 people attended a Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Forum Meeting to discuss the issues they thought needed the most development in 2012/13.

A vote identified the following three areas as priorities:

**Activities for young people**

**Employment, enterprise, education and training**

**Support to the community and voluntary sector**

Those who attended the meeting also heard from Lorraine O'Donnell, Durham County Council's Assistant Chief Executive, who gave an update on the authority's Medium Term Financial Plan.

Presentations were also made on the council's community building review and housing association livin's Neighbourhood Plans.

The GAMP board will now meet to formally agree the priorities. Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "This was an excellent opportunity for people to influence decision-making and set local priorities for the AAP and its partners. We are grateful to the town's residents for supporting the event and setting GAMP challenging priorities for the forthcoming year. It is now up to the board, task groups and the GAMP team to take these priorities forward into 2012."

To find out more about GAMP or get involved in its work call 01325 327 441 or email gampaap@durham.gov.uk

## Help for School Garden Club



During October Northumbrian Water came to Vane Road Primary School's rescue. Aided by workers from Lumsdens and Carroll and managed by Christine Taylor the new tech support advisors; Henry Dixon, Dean Blackburn and Greg Lee worked hard as a team to construct the framework for a plastic bottle greenhouse. They also levelled and relaid paths around the plant beds as well as plant shrubs and bulbs kindly donated by Kwikflow. Members of the newly established Garden Club at the school are now adding plastic bottles (donated by pupils) to the greenhouse and look forward to growing a variety of fruit and vegetables in their garden.

## LANDLORD "LIVIN" EXTENDS CONTRACT WITH MEARS



One of County Durham's largest registered housing providers agrees a two-year repairs and maintenance contract extension after securing over £150,000 in added benefits for its tenants. livin (formerly sbh) awarded the extension to maintenance and repairs company Mears in a contract worth over £31 million.

In addition to maintaining and repairing the 8,500 housing stock, the two companies will work in partnership to deliver a number of initiatives to tackle issues including unemployment, health and financial inclusion.

Chief executive of livin, Colin Steel, said: "When we originally let the contract to Mears in 2008 it was about maintaining and improving homes. Now it is about much more than this. As an organisation we are committed to improving the lives of people that live in our communities and it is important that our partners work to the same ethos.

"Mears reputation nationally is excellent for delivering this type of work and we are looking forward to launching a number of new schemes to benefit people locally."

The new initiatives will see the introduction of a number of employability programmes including work experience schemes, enterprises coaches

and a young person's skills programme, as well as a commitment from both companies to continue to employ apprentices annually. Colin Middlemass, regional managing director for Mears, said: "Mears are delighted to have been awarded the contract extension and look forward to delivering further tangible benefits to the communities in which we operate. We place substantial faith in partnerships and through this lasting and mutually beneficial arrangement are confident we can offer services that will strengthen our partnership further."

Mr Steel, added: "The level of service we have received from Mears since we began working together has been outstanding and we are looking forward to continuing to work together as part of this new venture."

## John Thanked

Residents at Defoe Court Care Home wish to say a big thank you to Honest John and everyone who supports his local stall in Newton Aycliffe town centre. Val Scowen received two hundred pounds from John which will go towards making this Christmas an extra special occasion for our residents

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*Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings  
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**Wednesday 14th December 2011**

**Council Meeting - 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 of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings, members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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

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

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## AYCLIFFE COME UP SHORT IN NATIONAL VASE

### Seghill 9 Newton Aycliffe 7

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club produced a below par performance to lose their first match in the National Junior Vase at Seghill. The first phase of the competition features a round robin between representatives of County Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire to qualify for the North Division final, with the promise of a National Final at Twickenham.

Aycliffe travelled north of the Tyne with a much-depleted squad but still should have had the firepower to defeat a workmanlike Seghill side. Initial scrappy play saw neither side gain an upper hand, but it was apparent that the speed of the Aycliffe backs could be decisive if they could break through the well-drilled defence of the Seghill line. The strong cross wind meant that lineout options were reduced and the game became a forward battle. The deadlock was broken when Dave Gibson gave an inside ball to Phill Sangster, who was able to beat three players before drawing the full-back and laying the ball off to James Thacker who scored under the posts; Stephen Middlemas added the conversion. Aycliffe nearly added to their lead soon after when Thacker broke clear but was held just short of the line, he fed Chris Knight, who crossed the line but was unable to get the ball to ground. Near the end of the half, Seghill

kicked a penalty to leave the score 3 - 7 at the break.

Aycliffe never really got going at all in the second half, Gareth Parsonage had one break, but again the defence was good. Seghill piled the pressure on and, despite losing a man to the sin-bin, added another penalty. Aycliffe's goal line defence was inspired as the Seghill forwards attacked again and again, but, even when the pressure was relieved when Gibson turned over the ball on the try line, Aycliffe could not get out of their half.

Seghill had a man sent off, but still they attacked and, with 2 minutes to go were awarded a penalty nearly in front of the posts. The kick was good and, although Aycliffe came straight back and attacked desperately, it was enough for a narrow 9 - 7 victory.

This was a very disappointing game for Aycliffe as the 8-match winning run came to an end. It is still possible to qualify, but this would need a significant win over Baildon from Yorkshire in January.

On 3rd December Newton Aycliffe host league leaders Seaham in the most important game of the season so far, kick-off 2.15pm, and so a great improvement will be required. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the new website at [www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe).

## ID's FOR YOUNGSTERS

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## HEIGHINGTON LITTER GROUP ENVIRONMENT AWARDS



Dear Editor  
 I am delighted to report to you and your readers that the Heighington Parish Litter Pick Group (HPLPG) have made its annual "Environment Awards" to villagers who have made a difference to our environment and is especially praiseworthy. This year the premier award the "MacLean Silver Rose Bowl" was presented by Peter Smyth (Chairman) and Kit Bartram (Secretary) to Brian Anderson. Brian has worked to maintain the sports field; refurbish the public toilets when the village took them over from the DBC; planted the rose garden in front of the Village Hall, planted and maintained flower beds, tubs and mangers around the village. He regularly collects bags of rubbish that volunteers pick from the roadsides around the village. These achievements are all the more remarkable as this is the second time Brian has received this award. Peter Smyth and Kit Bartram visited Heighington Primary School on 25th November to present certificates to two remarkable boys Jack Dawson and Samuel Wallis. These two boys cycle to school and have encouraged many other children to do

the same. They opened up the bike shed and this resulted in far fewer children being driven to school, as they now cycle instead. They also helped to raise £3000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust during the year and are now heavily involved in the creation of the skate-park and scooter-park at the Heighington sports field. They will move to secondary school next September and to ensure that their good example continues to be followed, they and the school teaching staff are busy preparing and training for succession. It is heart warming to see that the next generation are doing their bit to improve the environment. On Saturday 26th November during St Michael Church's Christmas Fair, Environment Award certificates were presented by Peter Smyth to Mike French, Colin Teare and John McGuckin for undertaking the refurbishing of the public toilets; the upkeep of the sports field and maintaining the floral displays in the village. The HPLPG was formed over seven years ago to make monthly litter picks around the parish and in this period members have collected more than 2000 bags of rubbish as well as many



## Aycliffe Firm Helps Olympic Hopeful

A talented young canoeist is one step closer to the Olympics after being given a significant career-boost by an Aycliffe renewable energy firm. Having shown over four years of dedication to slalom canoeing, 13 year-old Kris Wilkinson, from Great Ayton, has been selected to be a part of the Great Britain team next year. Newton Aycliffe-based Revolution Power will be buying and sponsoring a brand new canoe for him in time for the competitions. Kris, who is a member of the Tees Active Sports Academy, undergoes a rigorous training and fitness regime which involves practicing on the water and completing various circuit sessions several times a week. This commitment to the sport has earned him the recognition as an athlete which his father Mark, Revolution Power's Photo Voltaic (PV) sales manager, has also been helping him to achieve. Kris said: "Being selected for the Great Britain team is something I never thought

would happen to me. As this is such a huge achievement, the support of my dad and his entire company is incredibly important as I know that there'll be a lot of people inwardly cheering me on through each step of my career." Revolution Power managing director Wayne Richardson said: "I have been getting the low-down on Kris' progress since Mark started with Revolution Power, and I just decided that as an individual and a company, I wanted to help them in whatever way I could. "We as a company like to assist local people who are looking to make a difference and who have a link to the business. At the same time, when Kris makes it to the Olympics it will be great to know that I personally helped him in a very little way. It's always nice to have your name associated with a high achiever as well." For more information on Revolution Power, please visit [www.revolutionpower.co.uk](http://www.revolutionpower.co.uk)

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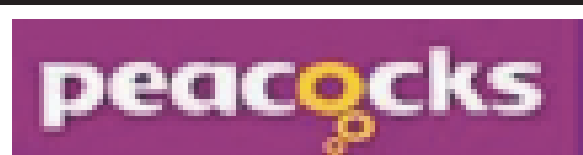
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## Community Centre Seeks New Chairman

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Kit raised a fantastic £500! Half of this was raised for Great North Air Ambulance

and half went towards the Playground fund at his school, Byerley Park Primary.

Kit says "It was hard work but fun camping, and the weather was great. We met some really interesting people along the way, and saw some amazing wildlife!"

Kit was able to try his hand at steering an 1892 Skiff, and rowing (standing up!) an Italian Mascheretta, thanks to boaters on his journey who were very impressed by his fundraising idea. Kit would like to thank all those who sponsored him, especially all his class mates who followed his journey on his blog-site, longwaydownthethames.blogspot.com, and sent messages of encouragement.

## Stray Dogs & Their Mess

Dear Sir,  
I have noticed a problem around the Rowan Place/Beechfield area of Newton Aycliffe, but do not single it out as I am sure the problem is more widespread. I write to complain about irresponsible dog owners who either leave their dog mess for anyone to walk into or leave their dogs to roam free to attack other dogs.

I should not have to wonder when walking my dog where the next animal is going to come from and surely these owners should know where their pet is? It is beyond me how they can leave them to roam free and do as they feel and where are the Council dog wardens?

I know there are responsible dog owners and thank them but for those who aren't I urge you to start taking responsibility please, before someone's pet or even worse a child is hurt. Name & address supplied

## Wonderful Community Occasion

Readers should make a note in their diaries to attend the annual Christmas Community Concert at the Xcel Centre on Sunday 11th December at 2pm. This popular event attracts up to 1000 people to sing Xmas carols and songs with our Town Band and listen to school choirs and groups perform Christmassy items.

Santa will be calling before the event finishes at 3.30pm to wish everyone a happy Festive Season. The Mayor, our M.P. and Councillors will be there and Father Campion from St. Mary's will give the Christmas Blessing.

The town's Rotary Club organise this event and are hoping for the usual great support from the community. It is a fantastic programme and Admission is FREE, but there is a collection and raffle to help purchase Christmas Hampers for our town's needy families.

## Free Filmshow

A free Christmas Film Show is offered at Neville Parade Community Centre on Sunday 11th December at 2pm. Bring the whole family to this event run by the Police

## Children's Xmas Party

Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters and Community Association will be holding their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 4th December 2011, 1pm until 4pm. The party is usually for members children only, however this year we have decided to open up the invite to members of the public. Children only up to the age of 14 and must be accompanied by an adult.

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## 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, 14th DECEMBER 2011**  
at 4.00p.m.

### QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!



A huge well done and congratulations to both Kendra Green, Manager at Woodham Burn Out of School Club, and Stephanie Calvert Nursery Nurse Practitioner also working at Woodham burn Out of School Club, on passing your BA (Hons) Degree in Children and Early Childhood. You have both worked extremely hard and this undoubtedly will be a fantastic asset to the club! All the staff, family and friends are so very proud of your achievement. For information on the club please telephone Maureen or Sandra on 300080 or Email [woodhamburn.outofschool@gmail.com](mailto:woodhamburn.outofschool@gmail.com)

## Byerley Park Support Children in Need



Pupils at Byerley Park Primary School dressed up in their best spots in order to help Children In Need! Activities were planned for pupils based around famous Pudsey Bear and 3 pupils really went the extra mile by baking 240 cakes and decorating them in the shape of Pudsey. Pictured are a small group of pupils sporting their spots. A grand total of £285 was raised. Well done to all concerned.

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American Flag Football is the non-contact version of the popular NFL-style American Football that the Warriors play, and is the same style that the team played when they won numerous British Championships and represented the UK at the World Championships in New Orleans, USA in 2007, becoming recognised as the 7th best team in the world. Interest in the sport over the last ten years at Woodham Community Technology College has always been high and this year is no different, with boys and girls of all ages giving up their time to stay back after school to develop their skills and knowledge of the game.

Not only is interest in the sport high within the school, it is starting to be recognised further afield with head coach and assistant headteacher at Woodham, Jon Tait, being invited to the Houses of Parliament to speak to politicians about the growth of the game. The school has also been approached by other local schools and universities to offer its expertise and guidance in setting up similar programmes for young people within the region. As well as performance on the field, the American Football programme has also been a key driver in raising personal aspirations of young people, enabling them to take part in a successfully run and well organised activity. During the last 8 years, 20 students have volunteered as coaches, returning to the school for many years afterwards to help out every week after the normal school day. They have progressed far enough to obtain their national coaching badges in American Football, thus being able to pass on their skills and experience to younger students at the school. This has enabled these young coaches to develop in character and maturity, becoming role models in the community. For more information on the Woodham Warriors American Football Programme at Woodham logon to [www.woodhamwarriors.com](http://www.woodhamwarriors.com)

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Recently we carried a letter of complaint from two Leisure Centre users who said our centre suffered from a lack of investment compared with others in the County. The following is a reply from Steve Lister, Strategic manager for Indoor Facilities at Durham County Council.

"Despite the difficult financial times the council is operating in we always try to provide the best quality leisure experience to residents and members at all our facilities. We are continually working with private sector partners to improve our offer, as seen recently in the major investment by Competition Line in new fitness suites at our leisure centres in Spennymoor and Shildon.

"While we appreciate that repairs can't always be carried out instantly I would like to reassure everyone that we do take their concerns seriously and endeavour to get things done as quickly as possible. Understandably more serious repairs have to be prioritised.

"We are always happy to listen to concerns from leisure centre users and will do what we can to respond in a timely way. In fact Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre has recently had several areas redecorated, new fire doors installed and a revamp of the former café area is also underway.

Investment in the main hall has also helped us to secure the centre as the home venue for the prestigious Durham Wildcats Basketball team.

"In the case of the Jacuzzi, it is not part of the current membership offer and the council's policy is not to provide them in any of its centres in the future."

Steve Lister

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This featured the museum throwing open its doors free as part of the national appeal. This was the club's second appearance at the museum in less than a month, following a helping hand at their Halloween Nights at the end of October.

## Talk Before You Walk

During the next couple of weeks all County Durham and Darlington residents will receive a leaflet through their letterboxes encouraging them to use the new NHS 111 service that has been successfully piloted across our region following its initial launch in September 2010.

NHS 111 is a new free to call phone number which makes it easier for the public to access the local health services they need when they need them.

If you think you should go to A&E or another NHS urgent care service, because you need help fast but it's not life threatening; you need help but your GP surgery is closed or you are just not sure which local service could help you best then you should call NHS 111.

By dialling 111 your needs will be assessed and you will then be quickly directed to the service that can best meet your needs. Obviously in the case of an emergency which is life threatening people should not hesitate to call 999, however in cases of Emergency if you call NHS111 an ambulance will also be dispatched immediately without the need for any further assessment.

Berenice Groves, Programme Director NHS 111 Service North East said: 'People are often confused by the number and type of healthcare services available to them locally and NHS 111 is designed to simplify this decision making process.

By encouraging people to talk to us before they set off we aim to ensure patients are reassured and then directed to those services that are closest to them and which can best meet their healthcare needs.

We hope that by making sure patients access the most appropriate service in the shortest possible time we will be able to deliver a positive patient experience and higher levels of patient satisfaction.'

At the moment the NHS 111 service is only available across the County Durham and Darlington area but will be rolled out over the North East area by April 2013.

NHS 111 is a simple, easy to remember number which is free to call and means that people will have one number for accessing urgent health care services. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and all calls from landlines and mobiles are free.

For further information please contact Tina Balbach, Communications Manager, NHS 111 (North East) on 0191 374 4202 or 07920 765 037.

## XMAS PARTY FOR KIDS

**13 year old Tiffany Thompson** who raised over **£1,000** climbing **Hellvellyn** for an **Epilepsy Charity** in memory of her dad, is now organising a **Kids Xmas Party** on the 10th December in the **Oakwood Bar**, in the **Leisure Centre** from 11am-1pm.

There will be a visit from **Santa**, face painting, disco and party games. Tickets are **£3.50** per child available on **07718 281563**. There will also be a raffle, tickets **£1** a strip and anyone wanting to donate a raffle prize would be greatly appreciated.



# Aycliffe Tot Lights up County Hall



A plucky little Aycliffe girl flicked the switch this week, lighting up County Hall and the Christmas trees on the Roundabout outside. 4 year old Rosie Foster brought some festive cheer to the task at 4.30pm yesterday at County Hall alongside the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Dennis Morgan. Rosie's story began at her 12 week scan in August 2006, when mum, Louise, was told that her unborn baby had a cystic hygroma and fetal hydrops. Further scans revealed that the baby was very poorly and the prognosis was very bleak - indeed two separate consultants gave the baby only a 5 per cent chance of survival. In addition, Louise and husband, Chris, were advised that, even if the baby did reach full-term, he or she could have a chromosomal disorder. Faced with this potentially devastating news, Louise and Chris decided to let the baby determine its own fate and agreed to be positive asking their relatives and friends to do likewise. In late October, at a routine scan, the hydrops had disappeared and the hygroma began to reduce - positive thinking had worked. In December 2006 Rosie came

into the world, albeit seven weeks early, a little girl who fought against long odds to defy the medical profession. Dad is understandably hugely proud of his little angel: "Rosie is completely healthy and full of life. When asked if she would like to undertake this important festive role Rosie said simply: "Yes please, thank you!" and ran back off to play. Durham County Council Chairman, Cllr Dennis Morgan, said: "Rosie is without doubt an inspiration. I had every confidence that she would not only light up the tree and roundabout, but the lives of everyone lucky enough to meet her"

## Births

McDonald and Chapman

The above families are delighted to announce the safe arrival of "Isobel" to Paul and Nikki McDonald in Australia. Congratulations and best wishes from both families

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**NEIL AND KIM** Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Daughter "Ella". Love, Mam, Dad, Gary, Kelly, Matthew, Lincoln, Nanna, Grandad and Pebbles xxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**STEPHEN IBINSON** (Ibbo). Birthday memories for 30th November. Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way. Though absent you are always near, still missed, still loved and always dear. As time goes by we miss you more. Loved always, Mam, Dad and family

## In Memoriam

**HAZEL YOUNG** We should have been celebrating your 68th birthday on the 27th December, but, 4yrs ago on the 7th you closed your eyes for the very last time. We love and miss you so much. Carol, Gary and the kids x  
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**GRACE DOUGLAS** and family would like to thank everyone for cards and condolences received during their recent sad bereavement of Bob. Grateful thanks to Rev. Emma Morgan for a comforting Service and all at Co-operative Funeralcare. Donations in lieu of flowers raised £242.16p for Macmillan Nurses. Thank you everyone.  
**ERIC WALTON** The family of the late Eric wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness, sympathy and support shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes received and donations to Help for Heroes, raising £200. Thanks to Doctors and staff of ward 43 Darlington Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to Sue's Florist and Isobel for catering at the Moore Lane Sports Club. Thanks also to Linda Potter for a comforting Service and to Julie Guest and the staff of the Co-operative Funeralcare, Newton Aycliffe for funeral arrangements  
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**TOMMY** - Lorraine and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support, messages of sympathy and cards received during their sad bereavement. Thanks also for donations which will be shared between Cancer Research UK and the Stroke Unit at Bishop Auckland Hospital. Many thanks to Martin J Dancey, Tyne Tees Celebrants for his comforting Service and to Andrea Todd and all the staff at the Co-operative Funeralcare for there excellent and professional service. Also Daz and Adele Greenwood for the catering and all their support

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Happy 21st Birthday  
1st December  
Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Chris, James and all the family

Laura Rodgers

Congratulations on your Graduation. We are very proud of you! Well done, Lots of love Nanna and Uncle David xxxx  
Congratulations on Graduating! All your hard work paid off! Proud of you, Love Gem & Andy  
Congratulations on Graduating. Love you, Love from Dan xx

John Douthwaite

Happy Birthday  
Love from Mum, Jacky, Alan, Julie, Robin, Jaden, Harrison and Maya xxx

Lucas Antony Mudd

Happy 1st Birthday  
6th December  
Happy 1st birthday to our gorgeous little boy! Love n big hugs n kisses from Mammy, Daddy, Michael, Chloe and Arron

**LUCAS ANTONY MUDD** Happy 1st birthday. Kisses n snuggles from Grandma Jan, Grandad Keith, Aunty Caroline and Layton x  
**CHARLTON & GRAY** Congratulations on your Engagement Mam & Chrissy, loads of love Bekah & Sol, Jamie & Smidge xxx  
**DENISE GARTLAND** The Big 50. 2-12-1961. Congratulations to a beautiful Daughter. Love from Mam and Dad  
**DENISE GARTLAND** To an amazing Sister and Aunty. Happy Birthday. Love, John, Lyn, Ian and Lauren  
**PATRICIA COULSON** Happy 70th birthday to a wonderful Mam and Grandma lots of love from all the family xxx  
**CUNLIFFE & BROWN** Congratulations Mark and Lauren on your Engagement. Also best wishes for your future together. Lots of love from both families xxxx  
**LINDSEY ADDISON** To my gorgeous Wife on her 30th birthday. Love you more than ever. Craig xxx

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**DJ LIGHT REMOVALS** also household items removed free of charge, old TVs cookers, washers, fridges, mattresses, bikes etc. Garage clearances undertaken. Tel 321567 or 07984 817 111

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Monday 19th December	5.30 - 7.30pm	Harrodale: Eskdale, Whinlatter, Langdale, Kirkstone, Silverdale, Howister.
Tuesday 20th December	5.30 - 7.30pm	School Aycliffe, The Chestnuts
Wednesday 21st December	5.30 - 7.30pm	Bluebell Way, All Estates
Thursday 22nd December	5.30 - 7.30pm	Silkin Way/Westmorland Way Areas



# Sedgefield Water Polo

Sedgefield Water Polo Club played Carlisle at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at under 14 and under 12 age groups. In the under 14 game Sedgefield dominated throughout to win comfortably 14-2. Sedgefield as usual had a very strong press in defence restricting the Carlisle to long distance shots. In attack Jake Plant was Sedgefield's best player with strong breaks into space to score 4 goals. He was ably supported by Ben Turnbull with 4 goals, John Pratt with 4 goals and 11 year old Kristopher Egginton with 2 goals. Josh Lowther playing his first game in goal had an encouraging debut.

In the under 12 game it was much a much closer game which Sedgefield had to fight hard to win by 5-3. Luke Curley was excellent in goal while Michael Cousins and Connor Keeble were tight in defence. Cathal Maciness, Hugh Matterson and Ben Stephenson continue to show potential for the future. Kristopher Egginton once again showed great awareness in attack with 3 goals. The other 2 goals were scored by Terri Millington and Emily Pilkington.

Anyone interested in playing this fun and exciting game and enjoy swimming can get more details on 07818554449, or come along on Saturday evenings to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at 5pm.

# BYRNE RETURNS TO AYCLIFFE!



## FIXTURES

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  
Monday 2nd January: Stokesley (A), 3pm  
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Star striker Warren Byrne last week completed an emotional return to hometown club Newton Aycliffe. The 29-year-old has re-joined the Newtonians just six months after leaving the club for Shildon, where he had spent the previous three seasons.

Although he couldn't stop Aycliffe from losing their four-match winning streak when he was a second-half substitute in their unlucky 1-0 derby defeat at Spennymoor last Saturday. But Byrne could make up for it this weekend when he makes his home return against Sunderland RCA at Moore Lane Park.

Byrne scored a club-record 45 goals during his one-year stay with Aycliffe last season, inspiring them to their historic second division title.

He was also the club's record all-time scorer until recently, when Elliot Gardner surpassed his total and has subsequently moved six goals ahead in the record books.

"As soon as Elliot overtook my goalscoring record, I had to come back!" joked Byrne. "But seriously, I'm an Aycliffe lad and was proud to have helped the team to the title last year."

"Now I'm back and will be doing my utmost to help them continue the great start they've had to life in Division One."

Byrne was the league's top scorer in two of the previous three campaigns, and has netted 16 times in 26 outings so far this season for the Railwaymen, including two goals in three games against Aycliffe.

Byrne returns to the club as injuries have set in at Moore Lane Park, with Dale Jardine and Dan Mellanby both struggling, while Ben Wood remains sidelined with a broken arm.

Boss Allan Oliver said:

"We're obviously delighted with what is a tremendous addition to the squad."

"Warren was a crowd favourite last season and played a major part in our promotion to the first division, so we were sorry to lose him in the summer."

"He's a natural goalscorer and he will only complement what's already a quality young squad."

Aycliffe's unbeaten run during the November campaign came to an end away at reigning Northern League champions Spennymoor last Saturday, with Sonny Andrews' dubious 30th-minute penalty the difference between the two sides.

tween the two sides.

Team: Richardson, Gibson, Peck, Craddock, Close, Talling, Broom, Knox, Jardine, Gardner, Owen. Subs used: Robson, Byrne. Unused: Oliver, Campbell, Black. Star man: Craddock.

Aycliffe entertain Sunderland RCA at home this Saturday, followed by a trip to Bedlington Terriers next Saturday (December 10, 3pm), when the Supporters Club bus leaves the Sports Club at 1.15pm and returns at 5.30pm, costing just £7 for members and £9 non-members. To book, call Yvonne Wood on 07500 866535.

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