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# WORK BEGINS ON NEW £13.9m CENTRE

Work has begun on a new secure children's home in County Durham.

Residents were on hand with Durham County Council Vice Chairman Mac Williams to cut the first sod at the site in Newton Aycliffe.

The £13.9million 38-bed centre will replace the existing Aycliffe Young Person's Centre- which looks after some of the most vulnerable young people- with modern, fit for purpose facilities.

Councillor Claire Vasey, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, said: "This centre offers a vital service in helping those young people to address their problems and turn their lives around."

"It's essential that we have the right facilities to support these young people and the reinvestment also helps in the regeneration of the Newton Aycliffe area and ensures we secure the skills in the workforce that are so very valuable."

Part of the funding for the project has come from National Government and the National Treatment Agency. The remainder of the funding will be provided by the County Council and income generated by the centre. This includes a renewed contract with the Youth Justice Board through which Durham County Council will provide secure services for young people at



the centre until 2014. The new centre is expected to be in use by 2011 with the current centre operating as normal throughout the building programme. Photograph: Councillors Claire Vasey and Mac Williams with National Treatment Agency Sponsor Beverley Oliver. (red coat)

often very vulnerable, young people it will serve and I am delighted to be here at the very beginning of this very exciting project."

Photograph: Councillors Claire Vasey and Mac Williams with National Treatment Agency Sponsor Beverley Oliver. (red coat)

## Shafto House

The County Council is involved in a consultation about the future of care for the elderly. As such they are in a listening phase and welcome opinions and facts from all areas. There will be an opportunity to attend a presentation at the AAP on Tuesday 30th March at Woodham Community Centre. We welcome comments from all sources. There are various ways to comment including online: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Socialcareconsult.aspx> - telephone, email, text and also through Councillor's own Web-sites.

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3. Which pub has raised more money for local disadvantaged children than any other (£15,000+)?
4. Which pub hosts the most Weddings and Christenings?
5. Which pub, until recently was the venue for the local Labour Party (chosen because of its trouble free reputation)?
6. Which pub was recently honoured to have a visit by our Member of Parliament, Mr Phil Wilson?
7. Which pub was chosen (because of its warm and welcoming atmosphere) to host Surgeries for local Councillors and two time former Mayor, George Gray?

Answers on page 11

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Cold, Cold Christmas (1975). Tickets for this event, £10 each, are available from 'The Box Office' Tel. 01325 319098 or 01388 772604

## PARENT & TODDLER GROUP AT AGNEW

The Agnew Community Centre wish to commence this group as soon as we can establish both a suitable day and time for the majority. If you are interested then please ring Jacki Birch on 07979 746458 who will welcome you and do her best to re-establish this facility in the area of Morrison Close. The Centre is new with first class facilities and the cost will still be only £1 per family, so give Jacki a ring and join the friendly people at the Agnew Community Centre.

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# MALE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH



A special 2 day sexual health roadshow specifically for young male students was held at Bishop Auckland College main site and at the College's Skills and Employment Centre in Spennymoor. NHS staff and Teesside Positive Action group were on hand to answer questions and delivered activities which included an interactive session looking at various STIs on a large screen showing the male and female anatomy, the different infections and their affect on the body. Using beer goggles which simulated the affects of three

levels of alcohol consumption, there was a practical session to demonstrate the difficulty of using condoms while under the influence of alcohol. An opportunity was given to undertake a simulation of checking for signs of testicular cancer also. A session on considering delaying sexual activity. Students were also encouraged to take a Chlamydia test. The roadshow featured a live musical street dance act to promote an alternative fitness workout for students. Organiser Patrick Townsend (College Youth Development

Worker) said "It's vital for young men to be more aware of their sexual health. According to research by National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles the total number of new episodes of selected STIs in men and women aged 16-19 years seen at genitourinary medicine (GUM) clinics in the UK rose from 46,856 in 2003 to 58,133 in 2007, an increase of 24%. Research also showed one in five young men said they wished they had waited longer to start having sex. The event was a great success and one of the first of its kind to target an all male audience. Feedback on the event showed students appreciated and more importantly understood the message of safe sex and personal health and wellbeing".

**P.A.C.T. Meeting**  
Police & Community Together

The next PACT Meeting for Aycliffe village will be held in the Village Hall from 10-00am to 12-noon on Saturday 13th March. Anyone with concerns on community issues who wish to talk with PC Alan Thompson and Councillors are warmly invited. Durham Constabulary are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your neighbourhood Police Team then get involved in your local PACT Meeting. This is an informal discussion with the Police and local partners to resolve problems where you live. Ring 0345 6060 365

# Raising Money for Help the Heroes



On Saturday 20th February DLI, in 1958 and then the John Short had a charity party to celebrate his 70th birthday and he raised over £1300 for Help the Heroes Fund. The party was held at the Scout Hall home to the local South West Durham REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) Association. John would like to thank the Scout Association for the free use of the premises. The hall was at capacity as all his relations and friends paid tribute to John at this momentous occasion. John did not really want a fuss for his birthday, and said rather than have any presents he would like a party with a difference raising money for the Help for Heroes fund. A raffle for a football signed by the Sunderland team, raised £120. - nearly enough to buy a new player! There was also a big raffle with prizes ranging from a hamper of beer, champagne, and lots of wine and spirits as well as the usual prizes. There was a video presentation for the Help the Heroes fund and presentation showing a slide with pictures of John over the years, and there were even some in black and white where John had dark hair! Johns links with the Army began when he joined the

REME at Newton Aycliffe 1964, He went on to serve his time as a recovery mechanic, rising to a well respected Staff Sergeant who taught new recruits to be competent recovery mechanics. John retired from the Territorial Army after completing 26 years, and has been a member of the South West Durham REME Association since it was formed in the 1980's and is now chairman. The Association wish John well for the coming years.

# Lesson on Feeding Birds

Last month Steve Cooper from the Eco Centre at Moore Lane visited the children at Woodham Burn out of School Club. Steve's spoke to the children about helping birds survive the winter. Steve asked the children how you feed birds at home, and many answered 'bread'. Steve suggested f more nutritious foods, nuts, oats and sweet corn, explaining that these keep the birds healthier throughout the winter, helping them birds survive by storing healthy fats. The children followed Steve's bird pudding recipe making a delicious treat for the birds. They used softened lard and then added seeds, dried worms and sweet corn. The mixture

was added into cartons which could be hung from branches at home or put into the community garden for small birds such as blue tits, sparrow and robins. The children and staff would like to thank Steve for taking the time to visit the club and giving such an informative session. As a thank you and to show how much we had learnt, the children created a collection of artwork to display at the Eco Centre. The club is open term time and during all school holidays. Transport to and from other schools is available. If you would like to arrange a visit, book a place or speak to the manager, please contact Kendra on 01325 300080.



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Each school performed a 3 minute dance routine of their choice and special costumes were encouraged.

Parents and friends paid to spectate the festival which aims to encourage schools to share their work helping children to enjoy the benefits from dancing.

The youngest group was from Aycliffe Reception Class who received loud applause for their efforts, dressed as pirates. Greenfield School one of the oldest groups gave a polished performance and everyone enjoyed the enthusiasm of the young dancers.



## Council Need New Website

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The 113-seater construction, costing £20,000, was delivered to Moore Lane Park, on Wednesday February 24th.

The club had to make do with dropping one half of the two-part stand on the opposite side to its eventual location, but club bosses have praised the volunteers who worked hard to create a temporary road for the truck so it didn't damage the neighbouring Cricket and Rugby pitches.

Chairman Gary Farley said: "With the help of some committed volunteers and men from DK Steel, who our sponsor Kenny Green kindly afforded us for the day, we managed to get one half of the stand over in a task which proved a lot harder than we'd envisaged. "We knew it wasn't going to be straight-forward, but torrential overnight rain made the ground even softer.

"The volunteers all put a tremendous effort into creating a temporary road for the lorry, using sheets of plywood and corrugated iron mesh, so the least damage possible was caused.

"We plan to take it over to the concrete base on the other side of the ground, as well as take the second half over, when the ground firms up, but it's difficult to say now when that might be. It may seem like a negative result right now, but try telling that to the guys who bust their guts getting the first half over there!

"Some of the lads booked days off work to help out and we're indebted to them for their commitment. Our manager Allan Oliver was joined by committee men Dave Brassell, John Gaskarth and Martin Walker as well as fans such



as Peter Allison, Frankie Swinburn and Ian Hughes – a big thank you to all of them for a cracking job and a huge thanks to Kenny Green again for his support. Aycliffe's last two home games, against Crook Town and Sunderland RCA, were postponed last week and are yet to be re-arranged. They're due to go to Stokesley this Saturday and are scheduled to welcome Jarrow Roofing to MLP next Saturday

(March 13).  
**FIXTURES**  
 Sat March 6th: Stokesley (A), 3pm  
 Sat March 13th: Jarrow Roofing (H), 3pm  
 Tues March 23rd: Thornaby (A), 7.30pm  
 Sat March 27th: Washington (H), 3pm  
 Sat April 3rd: Northallerton (A), 3pm  
 Sat April 17th: Team Northumbria (H), 3pm  
[www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk)

## Students Sponsored Silence for Haiti



President of the Rotary Club Jean Thompson and John Burrows receiving cash for Haiti from five caring students.

Five students from Vane Road Junior school decided to help victims of the Haiti disaster by raising cash from a Sponsored Silence.

Classmates Eden Hancock, Robyn Teesdale, Victoria Archer, Chloe Simpson and Jack Beaton remained silent from getting up in the morning until 5pm at night. This was all their own idea and they raised £243 for the town's Rotary Club appeal to provide shelter to homeless victims of the earthquake.

Shelterbox Co-ordinator for the North East John Burrows attended the School Assembly to demonstrate the value of the contents of the box. He said 8,000 boxes had been sent and 5000 more were being prepared. This would provide homes and equipment for 130,000 people.

The children thank all sponsors and there was a special thank you from their parents who couldn't believe their ears until 5pm, when the silence was broken.

Head Teacher Sue Tobyn said: "We are all very proud of this achievement and look forward to more fundraising for the people of Haiti".



## LETTER to the EDITOR HOMES PRIORITY FOR NEWTONIANS

Dear Sir,  
 given the concerns about S.B.H Allocation Policy, they need to clarify how they allocate houses in Newton Aycliffe.  
 I hear of young Newtonians of good families having to leave Aycliffe to rent from Social Landlords elsewhere, denying them contact with close-knit families when they, or their family may need it most.  
 Now we hear of S.B.H. allocating Aycliffe housing to 'Bidders' from other districts, to the detriment of Newtonian families.

Why have S.B.H. changed a fair and proven points system which recognised good tenantry and their families, to one which allows applicants from other areas to 'Outbid' Newtonians for our homes? Then relegate Newtonians way down the waiting lists? Or, in the case of young Newtonians, no chance of a house here from S.B.H.?

S.B.H needs to explain the change of policy and why Newtonians can be 'Outbid' for Aycliffe housing by applicants from other areas?

And why we've heard nothing from Aycliffe Board Members of S.B.H. promising to represent the interests of Aycliffe tenantry?

Clearly, these are very serious issues affecting Aycliffe families and their future housing opportunities, and whether our young folk will need to leave Aycliffe to find a home for themselves.

I look forward to reading explanations from S.B.H on these issues a.s.a.p. and I'm sure many more Newtonians will be too.  
 Yours faithfully  
 Don Fraser

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# THEY'RE COMING BACK!



In December 2008 the Saltmine Theatre Company came to Neville Parade Methodist Church with their production "Angels' Delight" and had both adults and children rolling in the aisles with laughter at their novel angle on the Christmas story. On Friday 26th March at 6.30pm they are back again with a new production called "Who moved the egg" - a re-telling of the Easter story described as 'hot cross fun' for all the family. Tickets are now available and will be much in demand so get your bookings in quickly! The event is sponsored by the Churches Together Youth Forum and prices are £3 for adults and £2 for children. Ring Gwen on 301937 to order your tickets. There will be a refreshment/tuck stall and doors will open at 6pm. Come along and enjoy the fun!

# Woodham Girls Build Hovercraft



## NEED PEOPLE LIKE HONEST JOHN

Dear Sir,  
I welcome Honest John's decision to write to the Newton News, sharing with its readers, just some of my many flaws and imperfections, but I hope that I have some redeeming features. I will continue to say it as I see it, without fear or favour; being the first in the Newton News, back on December 18th, to highlight my concerns about the threat of closure to Shafto House. I still find it unacceptable that a member of the Labour Party, can stand and be elected as an Independent Councillor - evidently hiding this membership from the electorate - without any come-backs from the authorities. No matter how many hamburgers I was given by this individual, my views on that would not alter. I have known him as Honest John, John Hilton, and John Lennon, but whatever incarnation he should choose for himself, he does marvellous work on behalf of charities. Many others also give freely of their own money and time, in a voluntary, unpaid capacity, individuals who go about this in a quiet, dignified manner, without seeking public praise or thanks. I could name several who serve our community. I purposely went down to John's stall last Tuesday. I engaged him in some idle, small talk, but not a word of criticism from him then which was disappointing. I do hope that when the elections come around, Honest John will stand, though, hopefully not again, as a member of the BNP. We need people like him and at least he has a view on things, unlike many current councillors who between elections, go into a state of suspended animation. Derek G Atkinson Denham Place

High-flying pupils from Woodham Community Technology College took part in an Aerospace event at Spennymoor Leisure Centre which was delivered by the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences at The University of Manchester. The 'Hovercraft Challenge' provides an exciting, hands-on experience combining teambuilding and technical problem solving and is designed to inspire and encourage girls to consider a career in engineering. The students are challenged to design and make a working hovercraft, which will support the weight of one person as the hovercraft is moved across the floor. The girls from the Gifted and Talented group at Woodham were able to discuss the engineering career opportunities afforded by Higher Education as they worked in teams to build an operational hovercraft in a day. Team 'Am I hovered?', which included three girls from Woodham, won second place for the fastest and most operational hovercraft. One of the pupils said "I enjoyed the teamwork and making friends with new people. The people from the university were really interesting and helpful, it was exciting to see our hovercrafts work and race at the end of the day".

## New Duo Entertain Rotary Club



Former Girl Band singer Sarah Haw has teamed up with teenage pianist Georgina Stafford to provide entertainment for parties, clubs and Care Homes. Sarah was part of the very popular "Elite" group and travelled with John Melvin appearing professionally at North East Clubs. She then attended College and qualified as an Occupational Therapist, and is working for James Cook Hospital. Georgina is a Grade 8 student pianist and attends Greenfield Arts College. The duo were invited to perform at the Rotary Club meeting last week and are shown here with the President Jean Thompson. They led their audience in singing popular songs interspersed with piano solos by Georgina. "It was lovely to hear live music by two local entertainers and we enjoyed their performance" said Jean

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in the school grounds and when the weather gets better we are hoping to use it as an outside speaking and listening area.

# Race Night for Dance School

"Stepping out with Clare Walton" the Newton Aycliffe based Dance School, is raising money for new uniforms and tracksuits. Helpers have been busy collecting money in Wilkinsons with the girls bag packing. They have also sent out letters to firms in Newton Aycliffe asking for support. A Race Night will be held on Friday 12th March at 7pm till 11.15pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in the Sycamore Suite. Tickets are priced at £3 to include a raffle ticket and pie and pea supper, supplied by Walkers Butchers. There are tickets priced at £1 for just admission. Companies are asked to sponsor horses with their names in the programme. They can name the horse and the cost for this is £10. Each winning horse receives a bottle of bubbly! 6 races are to be sponsored for a donation of over £20. Everyone is really trying to make this event a success as the girls work so hard for their hobby. The parents are pulling together and the support is second to none. A big thank you for all who have contributed so far: Triple T Eng, Walkers Butchers, Northgate Estate Agents, Simpasture Fisheries, Julies Pet Supplies and Occasions.

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Obituary

**MARGERY THOMAS** (Madge), passed away at home after a short illness on 27-2-2010. Dearly loved Wife of the late Clifford, much loved Mam of Jennifer, Calerie and Marian and a dear Mother-in-Law, Gran and Great Gran. Funeral to take place on Monday 8th March, 10.45am at Darlington Crematorium. Cortege to leave 22 Lightfoot Road at 10.15am

**MARGERY THOMAS**. (27-2-10). To a much loved Gran and Great Gran, we'll miss you. Love from Gary, Sue, Stuart, Lindsey, Dawn, Michael and Haley. Hugs and kisses from Craig, Jenna, Kieran, Declan, Cameron, Noah and baby Cayden

**THOMPSON**, Margaret Rose. 7-3-10. We did not see you close your eyes, or hear your last faint sigh. We only heard that you were gone, too late to say goodbye. From your loving family

LIB DEMS MEETING

On Tuesday 9th March at 7 pm the Great Aycliffe Area Liberal Democrats will be meeting in the Cubby and would welcome others interested in improving the representation the Great Aycliffe Area receives in Durham.

If you have a local issue you would like brought to the attention of the group please attend and tell us. Alternatively please contact Paul Thomas on 01325 317581.

Thank You

**THANKS** to Jack of Jack's Driving School for getting me through my test. Chris Prior

**A BIG** Thank You to Jack's Driving School for getting me through my test. Stacey Lee

Birthday Remembrance

**GOUNDRY**, Kenneth. 6th March. No more tomorrows for us to share, but yesterday's memories will always be there. Miss you. Your loving Wife, Mary. Remembered by all his loving family xxxxx

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Congratulations

**Lionel & Mavis Musgrave**



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**Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
 Friday 5th March  
 Love, Jacqui, Iain and Girls, Mandy and Brian xxxxxxx

**Carl Vickers**



**Happy Birthday Carl**  
 Enjoy your party. Love always, Bev, Olivia, Cade and baby

**Charlotte Douglas**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
 Hope you have a lovely birthday Charlotte. A great weekend with the girls in Liverpool, a fab holiday with Tom and fun on your pamper weekend with Mam, Nana and AC. Enjoy it all Pud. Lots of love, Mam xxx

**Carl Vickers**



**Happy Birthday Carl**  
 Hope you have a brilliant party! Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Chris and Granma xxx

**Charlotte Douglas**



Make-up ropes and climbing boots, you'll see our Charlotte wear. As she climbs up every climbing wall with never any care. She's full of fun and mischief and some would call her ditzzy. But when she's out on the town, well she's really rather glitzy. Her stylish clothes, her hair so fair, it sets us all to thinking. Now that she has come of age, she can do some legal drinking! Happy birthday Charlotte. Have a fab one, love you loads and loads and loads. Auntie Claire (AC)

**Vivianne Boynton (Timoney)**



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
 Lots of love, Julie, Mark, David and Andrew

**Carl Vickers**



**Happy Birthday Carl**  
 Good luck on your second tour of Afghanistan, our thoughts and hearts will be with you every day. Lots of love from all family and friends xx

**Charlotte Douglas**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
 Wishing our special Granddaughter Charlotte a very happy 18th birthday. With all of our love as always. Nan and Grandad

**Vince Stewart**



**Congratulations to L.A.C. Vince Stewart**  
 Now you are a F.O.A.T.C. Good luck at your first posting, now your career is about to take off. Mum and Dad

**Jake Job**



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
 Lots of love from Mam and Loz xx  
**To Jake** Happy birthday. Love from Hannah xx

**Shaun Falconer**



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
 Enjoy your surprise babes, lots of love, Rach xx  
**Have** a fab time Dad. Love, Jazzy and Leyts xxxxx

**LUCY ANNE ROLLO-GRAYSON**. Happy 3rd birthday. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy, Daddy and Rocky xxxx

**LEE** Robert and Lynda, happy Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love, Jayne, Lee, Luke and Jake xxx

**LEE** Congratulations Lynda and Robert on this special Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 7th March. Love and best wishes, Mam xxx

**A BIG** congratulations Mam and Dad on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Love always, Adam, Ami, Monty and Nancy xx

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your Ruby Wedding. Lots of love, Karen, Matt and James x

**CARL VICKERS** Happy 29th birthday. Don't get too drunk on Saturday. Love and best wishes, Cath, Ruth and Amy

**LUKE PRESCOTT** Happy 9th birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Jake xxx

**LUKE PRESCOTT** Happy 9th birthday. Lots of love, Auntie Karen, Uncle Matt and James xx

**LUKE PRESCOTT** Happy 9th birthday. Love and kisses, Grandma, Grandad, Kim and Adam xxxxx

**PRESCOTT** Happy March birthdays to Luke (9) and Jake (4). Love you. Great Gran Lily

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Steven Woodward and Angela Jeffers on your Engagement. Wishing you both lots of happiness. Lots of love, Mam and Dad

**LEXIE RODGERS** Happy 2nd birthday. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xx

**LEXIE RODGERS** Special Sister, happy 2nd birthday Lexie. Love, Abbie xx

**LEXIE RODGERS** Happy 2nd birthday Lexie. Lots and lots of love and kisses from Nana, Grandad, Kevin, Kirsty and Henry xxx

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Births

**Bella**



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## Free Chips for your Dog!

Durham County Council neighbourhood wardens have hosted a pilot event they hope will help tackle the problems caused by stray dogs in the county.

Loose dogs raise a whole host of concerns amongst residents and at the top of the list is the unpleasant problem of dogs fouling on pavements and greens where children play. As part of Durham County Council's commitment to clamp down on this issue, a pilot pet micro chipping event has been held and it's hoped more will now follow.

One of Durham County Councils Neighbourhood Wardens, Natalie Davies, said, "We decided that, in

addition to regular patrols of hot spot areas, a proactive approach was needed to tackle this growing problem. The council already offers a free micro chipping service at local kennels, but the pilot event took the service directly into the community."

The aim of the event was to begin to develop a county wide educational programme which has the long term aim of eliminating dog fouling as an issue across the county's communities. Neighbourhood wardens were on hand at the event at Plambards Community Centre, Durham, to advise pet owners bringing dogs to the event about their responsibilities. They also warned owners of the penalties that they may incur if they allow their pets to foul pavements and open spaces without clearing up after them.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Streetscene, said, "The pilot event meant that wardens could share important information and advice with dog owners."

"It was very successful and we hope to host similar events across the county in the coming months".



## ALLISON "WOWED" BY SUPPORT FOR CHARITY NIGHT



Allison with MP Phil Wilson, family and friends

Dear Sir,  
All I can say is "Wow"! for the support my family and I received for the Charity Night for Leukaemia Research held at the British Legion on 25th February. We had two brilliant acts, a fantastic raffle and auction, all contributing to the magnificent amount raised of £3,311. We had a full house and I am still amazed at the success of the event..

Our MP attended and guests from sponsoring businesses including Gregg Little, Petch and many others. May I thank Syd Howarth of Newton Press for generous support, Brian Atkinson and Luke Raine who obtained signed Football Shirts. There has been so much support from local people, not forgetting the British Legion committee, members and staff for the use of their

refurbished Concert Room. I had support of friends from Barnard Castle, Darlington, West Auckland, Sedgfield and Newton Aycliffe and my family and I are so grateful. Allison White.

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## Gold Award for Scouts



Callum Howe and Simon Howe (no relation) seen pictured with Brian Moore, from Metro Radio, after being presented with the Chief Scouts Gold Award.

They received the award at a presentation ceremony at Moor House, the County Durham Scout Headquarters. It is the highest award achievable for Scouts up to the age of 14 years and involves completing at least 8 out of 9 challenges. A lot of hard work was put into these challenges and both boys are to be congratulated.

Both scouts were members of the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group and were together for 6 years before moving on. Callum moved to the Explorer Scout Group at Bishop Auckland and Simon is currently training as a young leader with Chilton and Newton Aycliffe Scout groups.

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