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## **AYCLIFFE STAND** FINALLY IN PLACE!

Newton Aycliffe FC have finally managed to get their long-awaited stand in place.

The Northern League club had originally took delivery of their new 113-seater stand in early March, but were unable to get the twopart cantilever construction across their pitch to install it due to the bad weather.

But they have now managed to get their pride and joy in place, and look forward to announcing a high-profile pre-season friendly to mark its official opening in the summer.

Gary Farley, Aycliffe's chairman, said: "This really is now the end of a longrunning saga but it's great to finally get the job done.

"The complex funding delayed the whole process but then we were badly hampered by the weather and we've had to be careful not to damage our neighbouring rugby and cricket pitches at Avcliffe Sports Club, so for one reason or another it's taken until now.

"But it's a relief to get this major job off the books so we can now concentrate on looking ahead to pre-season and getting ready for the 2010-11 season

"We're hoping to line up a high-profile pre-season friendly to mark the opening of the stand while we also hope to have another couple of friendlies at Moore Lane Park before the season

starts.
"We also hope to make one or two other improvements to the ground before we start pre-season for our supporters to enjoy.'

Aycliffe's £20,000 stand was funded by a £10,000 donation from Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and a £10,000 grant from the Football Foundation.

Photo: Front (L-R): Aycliffe chairman Gary Farley, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Treasurer Dennis Henderson and Aycliffe manager Allan Oliver

Back (L-R): Aycliffe committee members Darren Verdon, Frank Swinburn, David Brassell and Terry

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## Club Seeks More Volunteers

involved in helping to run the club. The club is currently run by a dedicated team of volunteers, but are now hoping more people will get involved this summer to help run the club in the 2010-11 season and beyond.

Chairman Gary Farley said: "We've had a tremendous season on and off the field but, as usual, we're always looking at ways to progress and develop the club.

"We can't afford to stand still so we're looking for people who are interested in getting involved, to help run the club and make sure everything off the field is taken care of."

Aycliffe are particularly looking for matchday volunteers – i.e. fans to help run the gate, sell raffle tickets/programmes and help out in the catering portacabin. They're also looking for people to help contribute articles, features and quizzes to their award-winning matchday programme. Anyone interested can call club secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501 or

Aycliffe's hopes of finishing the season any higher than eighth were damaged when they were held to a goalless draw at home to Team Northumbria recently. In a typical "end of season" game, neither side created much in the way of clear-cut chances in what was a

frustrating performance by the home side.
The draw came just three days after their heroic 1-0 win at home to Sunderland RCA arguably one of the best defensive displays of the season – which might have contributed towards a "hangover" against the Northumbria University outfit.

But boss Allan Oliver will still have been pleased to see his side keep a clean sheet and maintain their excellent recent form, which is currently the third best in the Northern League second division.

Aycliffe have won four and drawn two out of their last six league games, with their last defeat at home to Jarrow Roofing six weeks ago.

Aycliffe played their last game of the season at Northallerton Wednesday 28th April.

Meanwhile, a group of fans are looking to set up an official Supporters Club this summer.

David Black and a small number of fans are hoping to set the club up mainly to help fans get to away games next season.

The first meeting of the Supporters Club was held on Wednesday 5th May at the Aycliffe Sports Club. Anyone who'd like more details can contact David Black on 07813 536582 or

## SUGAR HILL GET **RECYCLING!**



As part of a need to reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfill and in order to make County Durham a cleaner, greener place to live, Sugar Hill pupils have been trying to get everyone into recycling by getting friends and relatives to sign the pledge . . . The recycling pledge!

"If everyone in County Durham took time to recycle more of their rubbish less rubbish would fill holes in the ground - we all need to understand the effects of our

Mr. Keith Molyneux from Recycling Rewards for Schools came to a special assembly to celebrate the fact that Sugar Hill pupils are one of the top performing schools for getting people to sign up to recycling. He talked about what we can recycle and why we need to do this to help our environment before handing out some special rewards for those children who had performed so well in getting people to sign up to the recycling pledge.

Photo: Mr Ridley (Headteacher) and Keith Molyneux with the two pupils who had the highest number of pledaes.

## Rugby Club Reach **Cup Final**

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club reached the final of the Durham County Plate after a thrilling encounter at Moore Lane. Th conditions were cool but dry

which suited Aycliffe's style of running rugby.

Aycliffe began well and were soon on the attack. A number of chances were made before Jonathan Stevens, from fullback, found an excellent line of running to take Gareth Parsonage's pass and score the opening try. Luke Tinkler added the conversion. Jack Braley then came close to scoring his first try for the club but was held up over the line. Aycliffe's further pressure brought no more points and Seaham now came more and more into the game. A try from Seaham mid-way through the half saw them close the gap. A sustained period of pressure then saw the visitors score a try with the last play of the first half to give them a 10 - 7 lead at the break.

Seaham were on top in the lineouts, while Aycliffe had the edge in the scrum. A Tinkler penalty levelled the scores. The game was close-fought but it was Seaham who took the lead again with another try after 20 minutes. Aycliffe finally began to play their more expansive game again and Drew Gibson used his speed to outpace the defence and score the equalising try. With the scores level, Seaham would still have gone through on the basis of tries scored. Aycliffe now began to pressure

the visitors defence and Craig Holmes had a try disallowed before Aycliffe were awarded a penalty. Tinkler kept his cool and slotted the difficult kick with three minutes left. Seaham were not done though and launched another attack finally spreading the ball wide the pass was dropped though and the whistle went for full time.

This was a fine game played in good spirit; Seaham were magnanimous in defeat and Aycliffe knew that they had been in a hard game. The final of the County Plate will be held at West Hartlepool RFC on Saturday 15th May when Aycliffe will play Chester-le-Street; kick-off 3pm. Aycliffe's sponsors are Fabtech Engineering and Workshop Supplies. More information is available at www.ayclifferugby

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## Saturday 15th May - "Uncle Gilbert"

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lan Gelding is taking part in this year's Edinburgh Marathon which takes place on Sunday 23rd May and is running for Sue Ryder Care.



This charity is very close to lan's heart as his son, Carl Gedling who is only 27, suffers from a progressive and advanced form of MS and is being cared for 24 hours a day at a Sue Ryder Care Home.

Ian would love to raise as much money as possible for this charity as they rely solely on charitable donations and Ian is so grateful for the fantastic care and support that is given to Carl.

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# LOCAL COUNCILLOR WELCOMES NEW BEAT BOBBY



PC Matt Stasiak has been welcomed into the neighbourhood policing team by Councillor Dorothy Bowman, PC Stasiak has been appointed the new beat officer for the Greenfield/Middridge Ward and will work alongside PCSO Mike Welch.

PC Stasiak has 5 years experience as a police officer, starting out as a core officer in Darlington before taking up a new role with the beat team here in Aycliffe.

PC Stasiak previously worked in Newton Aycliffe during late summer last year and enjoyed the experience so much he couldn't wait to return. As we now have a dedicated beat officer for Greenfield/Middridge Ward we are looking to relaunch the PACT meetings and invite any residents of this Ward to come along and discuss any fears or issues they may have which have an impact on them and the areas in which they live. These meetings will be held every 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 18th May at 7.00pm at the Evangelical Church in

Ladybower.
PC Stasiak said "I'm looking forward to a new challenge and building on the excellent

community links that PCSO Welch and Councillor Bowman have in place; it's a great PACT meeting already and the challenge is to improve upon it and take the opportunity to meet people within the community where I work".

PC Matt Stasiak and PCSO Mike Welch can be contact on 0345 60 60 365. Councillor Bowman can be contacted on 01325 308094

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Photo: PC Matt Stasiak,
Councillor Dorothy Bowman
and PCSO Mike Welch

# SBH VISIT THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

Staff from Sedgefield Borough Homes (SBH) have paid a flying visit to see the Great North Air Ambulance Service's (GNAAS) new addition. Their new helicopter used to belong to football ace Michael Owen, but has now been bought by the GNAAS to aid them in their work to save lives within the local community. SBH recently announced

SBH recently announced the start of their fundraising efforts for the GNAAS, and this decision has been welcomed. GNAAS pilot Paul Burnage says, "It is vital that generous benefactors such as the staff at SBH keep donating money to our cause, as we receive no government funding and rely on charitable donations alone. Only with the help of local businesses and local people can we keep the Air Ambulance flying."

SBH has laid out a fundraising calendar for the forthcoming year, and recently staff raised over £100 by dressing down for work. All the money raised by the staff at each upcoming event will be donated directly

on many of the towns children,

and will be completely removing itself from the

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Regards

Mrs I Porter

Newton Aycliffe



to the GNAAS as part of their commitment to support charities at the heart of their local communities. Pictured from left to right:

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public awareness. The integration of the private nursery means losing space that has proved essential in providing an excellent level of care and support to parents of under fives in the area; I know from my own experiences that becoming a new parent is difficult and it has been the welcoming, calm and secure environment offered at the centre that has allowed me to embrace parenthood and nurture my twins to be the thriving babies they are today.

Although the centre management has made assurances that activities will go on as normal, I am greatly concerned that those dedicated and caring members of staff will not be able to provide the same level of support and activities within one room as they have in three. In addition to this I feel the centre will lose it's entire ethos of encouraging parents from all socio-economic backgrounds to become truly immersed in their child's development from birth.

I hope that for once our town councillors might unite in agreement that the loss of even part of this service could have such a detrimental effect

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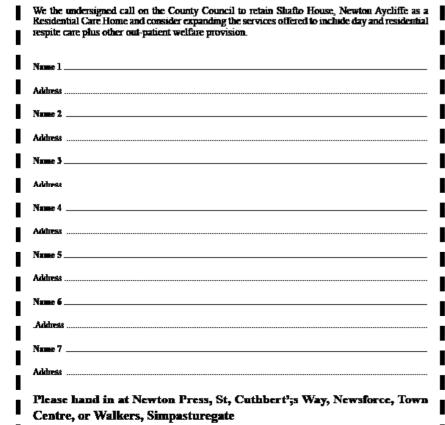
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Callum Oakes was the lucky prize winner this time, and was happy to receive his new bike from Mayor of Great Aycliffe Mary Dalton. Looks like his sister wishes it was her size! For more information on future courses ring 01325 300600.

## LIB-DEMS MEETING

The next meeting of the branch

The next meeting of the branch of the Great Aycliffe Area, Liberal Democrat Party will be held on Tuesday 11th May, at 7pm, in The Cubby.

New and prospective members are cordially invited to attend the meeting. As a special thank you to members, helpers and supporters - for all the work that you have undertaken during. that you have undertaken during the General Election campaign

- free refreshments will be provided by our Secretary and his wife, Paul and Karen Thomas.

The agenda includes such issues as the Shafto House petition, General Election feedback, new members, Focus team report, Future activities and proposed social evening. Lib-Dem councillors, Bill Blenkinsopp and Alison Palmer will give an update on GATC issues.

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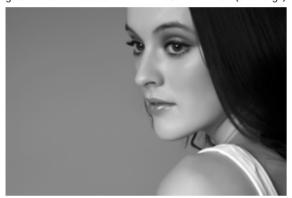
She was entered into this competition and had been selected from over 9500 entries to get to the second round. Now, she has her photo displayed on the website, where for the next 2 weeks, (dates covering 1st May to Saturday 15th May till 11.30pm), she will be voted on, to get to the finals, which are held in London in August. **This is where we need our local** communities help!
Paige is 15 years old and attends Greenfield Comprehensive

School, and has lived in Aycliffe all her life. Her main interested is dancing and attends a local dance school twice a week. We really would love for all local people to get behind Paige and to vote for her. Everyone that knows her, is behind her and wishing her the best.

Her picture can be seen by visiting the site: www. missteenqueenuk.com and visiting the section 2010 Teen Princess Heats. Voting can be done by phone on 0901 656 1530 then chosing Paige's number which is 08 or you can text your votes by entering her name, PAIGE KELL and sending to 84205. Calls/text votes cost 60p + usual standard message rate. If each person could vote just once for her, this would be huge

support from her local town and very much appreciated by Paige and all her family and friends.

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## **Davey Makes Double Signing**

Simon Davey has made his first two signings as Darlington manager.

The Quakers boss has agreed deals with Sunderland midfielder Jamie Chandler, who will join the club on July 1 on a two-year deal.

Davey has also signed German left-back Dominik Werling, who played 19 games under Dayey at Barnsley, on a one-year deal.
"I'm absolutely delighted to
get both Jamie and Dominik

on board for next season," said Davey.
"I've heard a lot of good reports

about Jamie from his spell with the club earlier in the season and I've also watched DVDs and been to see him play for Sunderland's reserves

"He comes from good stock. He has England youth caps behind him and he's been brought through a fantastic football club in Sunderland so he has a terrific in Sunderland so he has a terrific

grounding.
"He's just the type of player and character we want at this football club. He's hungry to succeed and as soon as we spoke to him he made it clear that he was desperate to come back to the club which was a

great sign. "I signed Dominik on Ioan from Turkish club Sakaryaspor in summer 2007 and he spent half a season with us at Barnsley. He's a left-sided player and can play either as a left-back, a left wing-back or left midfield so he offers us plenty of options down that side. He's very powerful, quick and has a fantastic left foot and he'll add some balance to the side. He also chips in with the odd spectacular goal! He'll offer us some valuable experience having played at a top level so he'll be another quality addition for us."

Chandler, 21, played 14 games on loan with Darlington during a four-month loan spell in the first half of the current season before returning to the Stadium of Light in November. His senior deal with the Black Cats expires this summer so becomes a free agent.

Werling, from Ludwigshafen in Germany, last played for Huddersfield after his spell with Barnsley. The 27-year-old had previously played for Sakaryaspor and TSV Crailsheim, FC Union Berlin and Bielefeld II in his homeland.

## **Huntsman H-Factor**

The competition has ran all the way through April and concluded on Sunday May 2nd. Over 50 local people entered. The final had 10 contestants performing and competition was fierce with all artists performing outstandingly. After some deliberation the final result was:

Heather Whitfield (trophy - £100) 2nd Anne-Marie Appleby (medallion - £60) 3rd Hollie Smaldon (medallion - £30)

All contestants received a bottle of wine.

Over the length of the competition over 300 people have observed or taken part in the heats and the Final and the new landlady of the Huntsman "Mickala" would like to thank everyone for there support. It is envisaged that the "H" Factor will be an annual event so

plenty of time to practise for next year.
Well done ALL



Heather Whitfield (trophy - £100)



Above: Anne-Marie Appleby (medallion - £60) Right: Hollie Smaldon



## **AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS CLUB REPORT**

On a warm and sunny morning on Sunday 11th April two Avcliffe runner's attempted the challenging Gisborough Moors Fell Race

First home for the club and putting the ghost to rest after suffering a nasty fall and bad injury a few months ago on this event was Sue Milburn whose mission was to get round without falling over. She ran the 12 mile event well and finished in 2 hours 6 mins. Sue was followed by Stewart Vernon who battled his way round in 2 hours 12 mins.

Runaway Success at the

# Neptune Relays! Newton Aycliffe Athletics

Club fielded no less than 7 teams, over a fifth of the total, at these relays held on a warm sunny evening on 21st April. Not only did the men's 'A' team lead the whole way to beat teams from Billingham, Crook, Durham, Sedgefield, Shildon and Sunderland, but the 'B' and 'C' teams finished 5th and 7th respectively, and the 'D' and 'E' teams were 16th and 17th from 32 teams. There were also 2 ladies' teams finishing 4th and 7th in the ladies' event. James Askew recorded the 2nd fastest time of the evening - 8:34 - to set the

'A' team on their way. A fantastic turn-out - thank you

to all who ran and to all who supported.

- James Askew - 8:37. Shaun Bell - 9:16, Floyd Jones - 9:28, Des Fielding - 9:09 'B' - Daniel Inglis - 9:24, William Crossen - 9:13, Richard Campbell - 9:57, Peter

Milburn - 10:06 'C' - Mick Beadle - 10:27 Matt Heron - 10:10, Lee Wren -11:14, Steve Dawson - 10:44 'D' - Kevin Greenall - 11:30. Simon Robinson - 12:40, Stuart Vernon - 11:50, John Burnside - 11:19

'E' - Mike Brunskill - 11:37, Jim Wilson - 13:44, Richard Harvey - 12:31, Michelle Scott - 11:20

LA - Sue Milburn - 11:35 Trish Kay - 13:12, Gail Vernon - 14:34, Penny Johnson -

LB - Margaret Greenall - 14:29, Rachel Greenall - 15:25, Tracy McKenna - 15:43, Julie Nisbet

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## STUDENT IPOD WINNER

Bethany Stoker 17 from Newton Aycliffe a Performing Arts student at Bishop Auckland College was very pleased she attended a Foundation Degree Awareness event held in the Higher Education Centre at the College in April.

The event attracted over 200 visitors who were able to access information about HE courses the College and Universities in the region have to offer.

Bethany a former pupil of Woodham School, went along to find out information about Performing Arts degrees offered at the University of Sunderland, while at the event she entered a free prize draw

and won a Nano Ipod.
Bethany said: "I am well pleased my name was drawn out to win, I didn't have an Ipod of my own and as well as listening to my favourite music at home I will be able to download suitable tracks to use in my dance routines."
"I love dancing and hope

one day to make a career from it."

Bethany was presented with her prize by Bishop Auckland College's new Principal, Anne Isherwood.

The event, supported by Aim Higher helps to raise awareness and participation in Higher Education in the region



#### Children from Aycliffe Village Primary School dug deep to help local employers 3M with the planting of 100 young trees on land next to the company's Heighington Lane site

The nak beech and cherry trees are the latest addition to 3M's Centenary Field, which the company first established as a traditional meadow and woodland in 2002, the year of the diversified technology

company's centenary.
The new planting was part of 3M's activities as a member of the Prince of Wales' May Day Network, the UK's largest business-led collaboration to take action on climate

change. Martyn Harvey, the site's environment health and safety coordinator, said one of the aims of the Network is to raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment by taking positive action. "We were delighted that the children came along to help us with the planting," he added. The purchase of the saplings was coordinated through the Tree Appeal and representatives from the

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there to show her support was the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton.

Aycliffe Village Primary School headteacher Jed Gargan said the children enjoyed the planting. "We have been working on a number of environmental projects at the school and are developing our grounds so that they can be used as an outdoor classroom. We now have raised beds for the pupils to use and have a wildlife/ habitat area that the Eco club looks after.

"It was a very good experience for them to see what is also being done in the wider community," he explained. 3M, which makes respirators

for worker safety at its Aycliffe site, recently received a Gold Class distinction in the 2010 Dow Jones Sustainability Index for its practices and policies that are beneficial to the environment.

## Woodham Mini-Beasts

Over the next few months the children and staff at Woodham Burn Out of School Club will be developing a garden area with plants, shrubs, trees and flowers. There is currently an area with rotten logs which will attract minibeasts, however the children hope that a garden area alongside this will help attract

even more creatures.
Steve Copper from Moore
Lane, Eco Centre has kindly agreed to help us plant flowers and seeds which will then be planted into the garden area. We are hoping that the new garden area will attract wildlife such as butterflies, ladybirds and bees.
Steve talked about the type of

plants and flowers that attract minibeasts into an area. He showed the children how to plant the seeds, talked about how we can look after them and help them to grow.

Steve plans to return to the club in the summer to see how the flowers have grown and what insects we have attracted into our new garden.

The club is open in term time (before and after school) and school holidays (7.45am to 6pm). If you would like to arrange a visit, find out more about the club or enquire about our drop off/pick up service to/from other schools, please contact Kendra on 01325

## NORMAN CORNISH "A SEAM OF LIFE"

The Greenfield Gallery, Newton Aycliffe are hosting a selection of work by artist Norman Cornish. This exhibition, "Norman Cornish-A Seam of Life", features work from the permanent collection at Northumbria University Gallery, Durham County Council and also work from private collections. Work will include the exploration of North East communities, pit life and the social fabric that makes up rich and diverse life

in County Durham. There is an educational resource that has been developed alongside this exhibition which is accessible at the official Norman Cornish com. As part of the exhibition programme we are running free primary school workshops,

Norman's biographers will be doing an illustrated talk on Monday the 24th May



at 7.00pm and copies of the book will be available throughout the exhibition. Tickets for the book talk are £2.00 each and must be purchased in advance from he Greenfield Community & Arts Centre The exhibition runs from Thursday 6th May 2010 until Thursday 10th

June 2010 with a Preview Evening on Wednesday 5th May (invitation only) The Greenfield Gallery is open from 10am-9pm Mon-Thurs and Fri 10am-4pm. You can contact the Arts Centre for more information on 01325 379 048 or by email at info

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#### **London Mini Marathon**

25th April 2010

A Year 7 student form Greenfield Arts College, Newton Aycliffe, has just returned from London after competing in the mini marathon. Henry Johnson, 12 years old, was selected to represent the North East of England over the 3 mile course. Running against top runners from all the regions of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as the 33 Boroughs of London, Henry gave it his best shot in the U13 boy's category. Selection for this event was based on his excellent cross country performances since October 2009, coming 1st for SW Durham, 2nd at County level and 3rd at Inter-county level.
The rainy conditions on the day did not deter young Henry and

he was spurred on by the large crowds which had gathered. The course covered the last 3 miles of the main marathon route and the loud music and cheering helped Henry to maintain an excellent pace to achieve 18.25 as he crossed the finished. "I was amazed how tough the run was, but I just kept a few people in sight and tried to catch them up!" remarked Henry. His position overall was 35th out of 287 U13 boys and he was 2nd home for the North East.

"It was a great experience to be part of the marathon, and I would love to do it again!" reported Henry.

Well done to all those children who represented North East England







## Make-Over for Local Stage Ready for Town's First Play

Situated in the heart of Newton Aycliffe and unaware to most people, St. Clare's Church has had a gem of a stage that has been sitting vacant for many years, well except for church use. This ideal 'little theatre' is now at long last getting a make-over by Stage One Productions in preparation for their forthcoming comedy play 'Kissing Sid James', which is not only a first to Newton Aycliffe but, also to the stage itself. Over the past few weeks the stage has undergone extensive clearance, maintenance and refurbishment, which includes large quantities of black paint. All this has brought the stage up to modern theatre standards minus the aspects of sound and lighting, the final step now is to build the scenery in time for the show, fingers crossed!

'Kissing Sid James' playing from Wednesday 2nd - Sunday 6th June. Tickets £7.50 Cons £6.00 Ticket helpline: (01325) 324932

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## MILLER SAVES THE DAY WITH BIRTHDAY GIVEAWAY

UK house builder Miller Homes is celebrating its 75th birthday and the green shoots of a reviving housing market with holidays, iPods and £7500 in cash, all up for grabs in the developer's big 'Birthday Bonanza' this summer.

Launching on 8 May, anyone visiting one of Miller Homes' County Durham developments including Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe, The Meadows in Framwellgate Moor, Durham, The Pastures in Darlington and Heather Lea Green in Crook will be entered into a 'birthday bonanza' free prize draw for the chance to win £1000 worth of summer holiday vouchers and £7500 in cash

People have until Saturday May to enter and one holiday winner will be chosen from each of the eight Miller Homes regions. These eight winners will then go forward to win the top prize of £7500 with visitors to millerhomes. co.uk choosing the ultimate winner in an x-factor style competition.

Voting will open on 7 June and it is hoped that people in County Durham will get behind the regional finalist to help them scoop the top prize.
The North East region is

guaranteed one of the holidays meaning someone could be swapping Durham for Dominican Republic at some point this summer and potentially scooping the big cash prize when the competition comes to an end on 20 June.

Those who are unable to make it down to a Miller Homes development can register their details online to win an IPod – one will be given away each day of the competition via the Miller Homes Facebook

page.
Miller Homes North East sales director Debbie Dunthorne said; "It's not every day that we get to celebrate our diamond anniversary – so we thought we should celebrate in style and give househunters the chance to really enjoy the occasion with us.

"We've got eight holidays, lots of iPods and of course £7500 to giveaway, which should put a smile on people's

"We're not picking the winner of our birthday bonanza prize draw, but letting our customers, Facebook fans, Twitter followers and website visitors vote for the people

# GIRLS FOOTBALL IN AYCLIFFE

More girls than ever are now playing football with the girls section of Newton Aycliffe Youth

Yr 5 & Yr 6 - under 11's had there first competitive friendly against Leam Rangers from Gateshead. A very competitive game showed all the hard work the girls had put in over the Winter months. Every girl played very well and despite hitting the woodwork on 4 separate occasions we couldn't get off to a winning start. However with 5 months till the start of the season there is plently of time to progress.

Yr 7 & Yr 8 – Coaching sessions have now started with the Under 13's with the aim of entering the league in September 2010 at 11 a side. The girls have started well with new girls coming to

the sessions every week. Friendlies will be organized in the near future

Yr 9 & Yr 10 – These girls are preparing for 11 a side under 16 football starting in September 2010. A squad of girls have been playing this season but more girls are always welcome All girls coaching are on a Wednesday at the Oak Leaf Sports Fields.

If you want to play girl's football, you will be made welcome at our coaching sessions. contact Berni 07939045242 or visit our website www.nayc



#### SBH New 'On the Phone and In the Home' Service

Local people are set to benefit from an improved range of opportunities to access the services Sedgefield Borough Homes (SBH) delivers.

Shortly after transfer SBH carried out a comprehensive consultation exercise with local people and the results showed that an overwhelming majority prefer to access SBH services 'On The Phone and In The Home'

In response, SBH has carried out a full review of existing access arrangements and is currently tailoring them to meet people's needs.
Their initial focus being on

offering more home visits, improving telephone access, introducing easier ways to pay rent and developing online services. Alan Boddy, Director of Corporate Services for SBH

says, "We have always been committed to delivering high quality services direct to our local communities, but we are always looking for ways to improve. I'm delighted that by offering our new 'On The Phone and In The Home' service, people will have more opportunities to access services directly via home visits, on the phone and through the SBH website"

The improvements will be phased in this year and SBH will give regular updates as services are introduced.

#### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

#### Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held

TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010 commencing at 6.00pm

The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The meeting will primarily be to discuss the Parish Performance Plan together with Aims and Targets.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: christine.walton@ great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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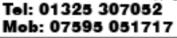
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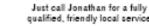
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The latest `news` is that the Labour government has decreed that all work should

#### **Blockbuster** Closes

Dear Sir.

What a pity another shop has closed down in the town centre, Blockbusters Video Shop has been there for as long as I can remember, and it certainly will be missed by a lot of people on this town, I for one will be one of them.

It's also a pity that Blockbusters couldn't have moved to one of the big empty shops in the other part of the town centre and still continuing trading. I don't know the ins and outs of why it has closed probably due to bigh route ate. to high rents etc.

But if we continue to lose any more of our shops which have served the community of this town for a lot of years especially in the town centre then our little outlet, shopping centres such as Neville Parade, Simpasture, Woodham and Cobblers Hall will probably end up with a lot

customers going there.
I know the closure of the shops has nothing to do with any of the council, whether it be town or county, as the town is privately owned by Freshwater, I just hope that we lose no more of our shops especially those that have given loval service to the town over many years. Yours faithfully

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Our analysis of your concerns has pinpointed many issues. We are currently taking action on these. After our GAA Lib Dem branch meeting on May 11th, we will write again giving full details of any action taken on your behalf.
As stated previously, we have been bowled over by your

response to our Focus magazine. Remember, it is your magazine, reflecting your views and concerns. In general, I am very happy with both the quality and accuracy of Focus.

However, in all honesty, I must apologise for one inaccuracy. This weed amongst many flowers, is our section entitled 'Oak Leaf Golf Club'. Great Aycliffe Town Council owns and runs the golf complex. It does not run any golf club, within this complex. It is not subsidised by any council, certainly not by Durham County Council.

In recent years the golf complex has operated at a small surplus and has not been a drain on resources.

Of course, during periods of prolonged Winter bad weather - when revenue is down - it does receive help, as do other council-owned facilities. But the good times far outweigh the lean times. Schools such as Greenfield are heavily involved in using the golf course, as a part of their sports programme. Once again, many apologies for these inaccuracies. We are happy to put the record straight. Derek G Atkinson

Lib Dem Focus team

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## Cat Shot by Air Rifle

I live in Fewston Close and I have two cats. In the early hours of Sunday morning my 18 month old female tabby cat

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In desperation, King George

6th called for a National Day of Prayer to be held on 26th May. In a national broadcast he called on the people of the UK to pray for Divine Intervention. Together with members of the Cabinet, the King attended Westminster Abbey, whilst literally millions of people across the British Isles queued to get into churches pleading for

What happened next was the strangest deliverance ever to occur in the history of any nation with two peculiar phenomena following the Day of Prayer. The first was a great storm which broke

out over the area on 28th May, hindering the assault of the German airforce and the second was the great calm which settled on the English channel, the likes of which hadn't occured for decades. This calm enabled an armada of boats to rescue 335,000 men. Four years later this deliverance further meant that Britian was able to provide a "launch pad" the liberation of Eruope. If the British Army had been destroyed at Dunkirk the UK have been occupied and the liberation of Europe would never have happened.

The violent storm and Channel calm immediately following this Day of Prayer made possible what historians call the "miracle of

During the war there were so many examples of Divine help at crucial moments that in October 1942, Churchill actually commented. sometimes have a feeling of interference. I have a feeling somethimes that a guiding hand has interfered. I have a feeling that we have a guardian, because we have a

great cause and we shall have that guardian so long as we serve that cause faithfully". Rather than fear for the future of our country, let us be encouraged by these events of the past. Today we face numerous social, economic and political problems, but they are nothing compared to what we have successfully overcome before!

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## 24 Hour Wheelchair **Swimathon** Success

Following the huge response to the 24 Hour Swimathon at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on the 24th/25th March organised by Sandra Wheatley and the Staff of the Leisure Centre, the sponsorship and donations are just about collected and the final total will be over £4000!

## That is double the amount

that was hoped for! All the money will go to a Clean Water and Sanitation Project in the Village of Kigezi in South West Uganda overseen by Tearfund.

The event was an incredible success with many people swimming beyond what they had achieved before and enjoying every moment!

Staff members from the Leisure Centre swam through the night with Sandra and many friends came along to take part, as well as 'clap and cheer'!

Everyone who was able to take part contributed to a very unique and special occasion, there were many people who travelled over 70 miles just to take part!

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Well done to Glen Bowen who follows in the footsteps of his brother David to achieve the level 2 BASI Ski Instructor's Certificate, after gaining a scholarship with Interski in Italy, through his attendance on the annual ski trips with Greenfield Community & Arts College.

Congratulations also to Justin Meighan who achieved the same qualification with Glen and is also an ex pupil of Greenfield. Glen will hopefully travel to Italy this winter to teach, and pursue his passion for skiing.
Thanks go to Greeenfield School for giving him this great



In Memoriam

TOM TOLSON 6th May 2007.

Time goes by, but memories stay. We miss you every day. Your loving Wife Margaret and all the family xxx MICHAEL STEVENS 13th May 2004. Beautiful memories cliently kept of the sen year level.

silently kept of the son we loved

and will never forget. Miss you so much. Mam and Dad

AGNES MORTON 8th May

AGNES MORTON 8th May 2007. Although you can't be here with me, we are truly not apart. Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart. Sadly missed, lovingly remembered. Richard xxx AGNES MORTON 8th May 2007. In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly tender, fond and true. There is

memory lingers, sweetly tender, fond and true. There is

not a day, dear Mother, that we do not think of you. Thoughts

**AGNES MORTON** 8th May

2007. You still live on in the hearts and minds of the loving

family you left behind. Loved

always, your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx

and Great Grandchildren xxx
SPECIAL DAUGHTER
Kirsty Bell. 6-5-09. A year
has passed since the day you
left us all alone. The nights are

cold and days are long. The day you left a light went out in everyone's life. You brought so much love and laughter into everyone's life. There is a huge hole in all our hearts that can

never be filled. You will be

remembered in everything we

do. Through the tears we weep

and the joy you brought us. Loved and remembered every

day. We will always miss you darl. Love you, Mam, Dad,

KIRSTY BELL Fell asleep

on 6th May, age 20. Precious memories of our lovely Granddaughter. We once had something special, that money

could not buy, a Granddaughter in a million, but we had to say goodbye. Your love was

special and so were you. You are with always in all we do.

Love and miss you, Grandad

and Grandma xxx

RAYMOND BRIGGS 10th

May. A smile can hide the sadness, a tear can be wiped

away. But the heartache of

losing you will never go away. Love always, Doris

Jade, Steven

forever

Stephen,

today, memories Christine, Carol,

John. Peter and Gail xxx

#### Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late Patrick Murphy wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind words of condolence, sympathy cards and beautiful floral tributes. Your thoughtfulness has comforted us in our sad loss.

the Co-op, after the sad loss of Dad (Jack).

TONY, TRACY and Josh would like to say a huge thank you to all friends for the lovely flowers, cards and for being there, during the sad loss of Nana Flo xxx

## Births

**DAVIES** Andrew and Sarah Davies are proud announce the arrival of their son "Sebastian Mason Davies", born 18th April 2010 in Adelaide Australia, weighing 7lbs 4oz. We would like to thank our family and friends from the north east of England for their messages of love and best wishes

you for our beautiful first Great Grandchild "Daniel". We are very proud of you all. Well done. Love, Nana and Grandad

CULLING Ian and Alison (nee Busby) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter "Chloe Maddison" on April 21st 2010, at 7:54pm,

Chloe. Your mam would have been so proud son. Love Dad/

Grandad xx CULLING Congratulations to lan and Alison on the birth of their daughter "Chloe Maddison". First Grandchild for Geoff and Pauline and second Great Granddaughter for Bessie. Love from us all.

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Happy birthday little bro

Happy birthday Joe. Hope you enjoy your day. Lots of love and kisses from Nan and Grandad, Lee, Shellie, Callum and Morgan xx

#### Sonya Ingledew



Happy 40th Birthday love from Mam Dad, Tony, Sisters-in-law, Brothers and Nieces xxxx

Happy 40th Birthday To a very special Auntie. Love you loads, Callum, Brodie and Abby xxxx

LIAM MONTGOMERY Congratulations on completing your first London Marathon in 4hrs 22mins, and raising over £2300 for Barnardo's. We are very proud of you. Lots of love from Lyn, Erin and Ciara EMMA PERRY 18th May.

Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love, April, Ric, James, Stephanie and Ciaran xxxx

Stephanie and Claran XXXX LEANNE MAUGHAN Happy 18th birthday on th May. Best wishes from Mam, Dad, Colin, Grandma, Grandad and boyfriend Ashley

JOEDY Happy birthday. Lots of love and kisses, Aunty Mavis xxx

ROB CHAMBERS 7-5-10. Happy 30th birthday. Enjoy your day and night. Lots of love, Liz xx

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#### Jordan McCabe



Happy 13th Birthday 8th May 2010
At last a teenager.
Love and best wishes, Great Gran xxx Happy 13th Birthday 8th May 2010 Love from Auntie Emma, Uncle Matt, Griegan and Natham

#### Jordan McCabe



Happy 13th Birthday 8th May 2010 To a great Son and Brother now you are a teenager. Lots of love, Mam, David, Amber and Bump xxx

#### Jordan McCabe



Happy 13th Birthday 8th May 2010 We are very proud of you. All our love, Grandma and Granda xxxx

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CULLING Congratulations to lan and Alison on the safe arrival of their first child

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## **AYCLIFFE U13's CHAMPIONS**

A hectic schedule finally came to a conclusion as Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13s, sponsored by Premier Community Care, were crowned champions after a topsy turvy week. After beating Greatham 10 – 0 and Billingham 8 – 0 a hundred percent record seemed on the cards, but this was dented in a tough encounter at Prissick Rovers with the town coming off second best in a 2 – 1 defeat. The champagne was on hold as Youthy travelled to nearest rivals Eaglescliffe for a title decider on a cold, rainy night in Teesside.

Management team George Fenwick and Kevin Cane realised their ambition as Aycliffe overcame a tough team in a highly charged game. It was the home team who struck the first blow with a goal following a corner mid way through the first half. Keeper Jack Mclaren was called into action making a fine save to keep the scoreline at 0 - 1 but it was Youthy who scored the next goal to level the score. Skipper Tom Gledhill met a superb corner by Jake Cane to head home and settle the nerves. With Sam Pascoe, Ben Nicholson and Connor Halford running the midfield the Town held on to go in level at the break. Top scorer Dan Kenyon led the line against a tough home defence.
After the break Aycliffe pushed forward and, with Ryan

Mercer and Cane testing the defence, it was no surprise when they took the lead. Following great link up by full back Jordan Howe it was Cane who fired the town into the lead. Mercer added a third with a pin point header and Halford put the game beyond doubt with a deft chip. Kenyon finished the job and the game ended 5 - 1 to Youthy Man of the Match Billy Bradley, Sweeper James Skerett and Richard Howe restricted Eaglescliffe to few chances and when the whistle went Aycliffe were promoted. A comfortable 4 – 0 win against Guisborough saw the team crowned Champions to complete a fantastic season.

Thanks to our sponsors, the management, parents and players for making it all happen and we can look forward to next season and the challenge it brings.

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## Vane Road Children Samba at The Sage

Eighteen children from Year 3 and 4 at Vane Road Primary School performed at The Sage, Gateshead on Sunday as part of Durham Music Service Showcase. The children had been taking part in a Wider Opportunities programme and had Samba drum lessons in school with Mr Ian Wvnd since January

On Sunday the children took part in the main evening concert in Hall 1 at The Sage.

- Comments from the children include: "Thanks Mr Wynd, Sunday was the bestest day ever, no day has ever been better"
- "I had a brilliant day, I loved it!"
  "I had a fantastic day thanks to you"
- "It was a brilliant opportunity and we all loved it!"
  "I had a brilliant time at The Sage, thank you!"
- "Thanks Mr Wynd, I couldn't have had a better day in my life"



## Sports Club Junior FC U13's Win Fair Play Golden Cup

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Junior FC under 13's attended the annual football tournament organised by R & T Tours at Haggerston Castle during the bank holiday weekend. The team played well but were unable to reach the top two places in the league of 9 after two wins, two draws and five defeats. The top two challenged each other for the division winner's trophy. Teams came from as far as Scotland and North West and East of England.

However the team did win the Fair Play Golden Cup award for the year group, for excellent behaviour on the field throughout the tournament. The trophies were handed out

by special guest Ossie Ardilles, who played for Argentina when they won the world cup in 1978, and of course went on to play for Tottenham Hotspur and Managed several English clubs

The Fair Play Golden Cup was awarded by all the referees and the tournament organisers Needless to say the lads were in buoyant mood after receiving this. All credit goes to them for the way they conducted themselves during all nine matches and not forgetting the Manager, Colin Coulthard, Coach Stuart Mclean, and parents who kept them all in check. Well done everybody.

## Stars Flock to Darlington Arena for Charity Match

A host of household names are set to flock to the Northern Echo Arena for a charity football match on Sunday. Former football stars such as Les Ferdinand, David Ginola,

Peter Beardsley, Colin Cooper and Chris Waddle are all being lined up for the All-star XI v North-East XI game on Sunday May 9 at the Arena (1.30pm kick-off), which is raising funds for Help the Heroes.

Ex-Darlington stars Craig Liddle, Neil Maddison, David Speedie, Kevan Smith and Kevin Stonehouse will also be involved in the match, alongside Newcastle legends John Beresford and Rob Lee and ex-Sunderland players Steve Agnew and Martin Scott. Coronation Street stars Alan Halsall (Tyrone) and Ryan Thomas

(Jason Grimshaw) as well as Ralf Little (2 Pints) and a number of Hollyoaks cast members are also set to play in the game. "It promises to be a fantastic occasion," said organiser Andrew

Scullion. "There'll be a load of household names on show. Some of them are travelling 300 miles to take part for nothing and that's fantastic.
"Help for Heroes is a charity which is close to my heart so that's

the main reason for organising it, as well as hopefully taking part myself!"
Entry to the game is just £5 each, which is payable on the gate

on the day, with all proceeds going to Help for Heroes. There's also a corporate package available from the club. Fans

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## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe first team were well beaten by 96 runs away at Hunwick in the first division of the North East Durham league. Chasing 247 for victory, Aycliffe could only muster 150 for 9 thanks to good innings from Captain Chris Palmer and veteran Alan Mitchie who scored 41 and 36 respectively. Scored 41 and 36 respectivery.
The second team, began their season with a heavy home defeat against Coundon in their third division match. Aycliffe, who had 8 junior players in their side, were bowled out for just 61, with only Daniel Weldon offering any resistance with 16 runs and in reply, Coundon easily reached their target for the loss of one wicket.

The clubs juniors had mixed results this week with the under 15's team having a great start to the season defeating much fancied Crook by 24 runs. Aycliffe Captain Daniel Weldon carried on from where he left off last season with a superb unbeaten half century and with good support from Curtis Lowes (22 not out) and Adam Hickey (18), the homeside finished on 110 for 2 from 20 overs. In reply Crook were dismissed for 86 with Craig Robertson taking 3 for 22 and Adam Hickey

bowling four overs and taking 2 wickets for just one run. The under 18s lost their opening game at home to Tudhoe by 3 wickets in an exciting game. Michael Howe hit 40 and 13 year old Adam Hickey finished unbeaten on 29 as Avcliffe posted 110 for 3 after 20 overs. The visitors reached their target in near darkness with 11 balls to spare, despite a valiant effort from bowlers Michael Howe and Adam Hickey who both took two wickets.

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