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Re-elected M.P. Thanks the People of Aycliffe

Dear Sir,
I am grateful to Newton News for this opportunity to thank the people of Sedgfield for re-electing me as their Member of Parliament. It is a great honour and responsibility and I assure everyone I will continue to represent the constituency to the very best of my ability. I will listen and address all concerns brought to my attention as I have endeavoured to do in the past. My office, as always, is open to everyone. My priority for Newton Aycliffe will continue to be the regeneration of the Town Centre and I am looking forward to the initial stages of demolition due to begin very shortly. I also intend to press for private landlords to take proper responsibilities for

both their properties and their tenants for the benefit of the community. At the time of writing, there is no certainty about the shape of the new Government however I can say that I will be raising issues and concerns with Ministers regardless of which party eventually Governs as I have always done working for the constituents of Sedgfield. I will continue to be a local MP and to that end I fully intend to meet with as many constituents in person as possible. I can be contacted either through my constituency office at 4 Beveridge Walkway Newton Aycliffe on 01325



321603 or during the week via my London office on 207 219 4966. Once again thank you for giving me the privilege of representing you.
Phil Wilson

New Mayor Chosen



Odd Election Results

The General Election result for our constituency was difficult to forecast, but no one would have guessed the actual outcome except to say the Labour candidate would have won, but with a reduced majority. Phil Wilson was returned to Parliament with a majority of 8,696 and 45.1% of the vote. The Conservative candidate Neil Mahapatra surprised everyone coming second with 9,445 votes pushing the Lib Dem man Alan Thompson into third place with 8,033 votes. The BNP received 2,075, UKIP 1,479 and local man Paul Gittins a disappointing 1,049 votes. Labour's majority was 8,696.

The Town Council chose a new Mayor this week at their annual Meeting and Dorothy Bowman finally received the honour after missing out last year when she fully expected to be appointed. Mary Dalton the outgoing Mayor had an outstanding year although it was somewhat marred by the death of her husband and Consort Reg.

Bravely she continued and carried out her duties representing the town in an exemplary manner raising £7,690 for her nominated charities including the Army Benevolent Fund, the Rotary Club, Newton Aycliffe Mobility Club, Friends of Senior Citizens, Girl Guides, 1st Baden Powell Group, 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts, and Aycliffe Village Scouts. All were present to receive their cheques and expressed their thanks to the Mayor.

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GREENFIELD PARTNER SCHOOL IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Greenfield School has begun a partnership with a school in Papua New Guinea. The school has already received visits from Papuan dignitaries over the last two years. This year it was the turn of Co Durham to send representatives to Madang. As part of this phase of the exchange, the delegates aimed to develop links between their respective institutions and a partner institution in Madang Province. After an initial journey of 2 days and nearly 14 thousand miles, Mr. Matthews-John visited Tabel School on Karkar Island which lies 25 miles off the coast. Karkar is a huge, rainforest clothed volcano which is awesome to view from the little boat that carried the delegates to the beach. The school itself lies just off the sea, behind a curtain of coconut palms and surrounded by cool grass lawns. Mr. Matthews-John said that it was very strange having travelled over such a huge distance to meet people in a place so different to home who know already about Newton Aycliffe and Greenfield School!

The wet season, the delegates were unable to ford the river on foot safely and were forced to postpone their journey. Greenfield look forward to the forthcoming visit to Co Durham by teachers from Kawa College before the end of the year, and to an active relationship with our new friends at Tabel School.

Demolition Day Draw

Tickets for the Town Centre Demolition Day Draw organised by the Rotary Club will go on sale next week in the Charity Shops and other outlets. The first prize is a 40inch flat screen T.V. donated by Tesco. Other valuable prizes include a £125 Voucher at Specsavers. The first prize winner will also be involved in the demolition, having the pleasure of knocking down one of the old buildings. The draw will be held at a special Charity night to be held at the British Legion who have given their premises free along with entertainment and bingo. The Rotary Club will have a Tombola Stall and the kitchen will provide their famous home-made Pie & Peas all included in the ticket price of £5 on sale now at the Legion and from Rotary members. These will be limited to just 150 so please buy early to avoid disappointment. You can ring Newton Press on 300212 to book tickets.

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square out. Mrs Clausen then helped with stitching all the pieces together. They went over to church on Wednesday to the Quilt Sewing Group, to present their squares to the group, who were delighted with their efforts.

A big thank you to the girls and all the ladies who are coming to the sewing group. We have about 30 squares either completed or ongoing, but we still need more. Anyone interested in helping out with a square please come along on Wednesday's to St. Mary's Church meeting room, 1.00 - 3.00pm. All are welcome.

"JIM JAMS" FOR A PARTY

Lots of fun, music and laughter for all the family is promised at the Civic Hall, Shildon, early next month, when The "Kids Pyjama Party Show" takes to the stage. A spokesperson for the event said "We are asking all the younger children of Newton Aycliffe, and School Aycliffe to come to the show dressed in their pyjamas, and to bring a teddy bear along too. The show is full of great fun, lots of dressing up for the children, mums and dads to do. There's a lot of well known characters taking part in the show, like Scooby Doo, Barbie, Old McDonald, Harry Potter, and many more, including a large teddy bear". Performances are Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th June, at 7pm, and Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th June, at 2pm. Tickets priced £4 Adults, £2-50 Children (3yrs +) Concessions, can be pre booked on (01388) 774838 or (01325) 313363.

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Aycliffe Juniors Compete in Gateshead



Competitors gathered in Gateshead over the weekend to take part in the North Eastern Championship for the track and field. The cold and often windy weather did not hinder many of our local athletes who continue to progress and beat their personal best times. Newtonian Henry Johnson (12yrs) debuted in his first championship event. Now running for Chester le Street, he took part in Under 13 boys 800m, 1500m and 200m. The competition was tough against rival local hero Markhim Lonsdale (11yrs) who lives in Crook and runs for Gateshead Harriers.

The two boys have become the best of friends, but still remain extremely competitive on the track. They ran a fierce race on the Saturday in the 1500m with talented runner Markhim gaining gold with 4.49.33, closely followed by another Chester le Street athlete Daniel Pickering taking silver medal with 4.55.55, Henry gaining bronze and a PB with 5.01.49. The same boys were pitched against each other on the Sunday in the 800m. A tremendous battle for gold and silver, pushed Lonsdale to achieve a new course record with 2.17.92, hard on his heels was Johnson with silver medal position 2.19.88, and Pickering with Bronze 2.27.68. The closest run race of the whole weekend proved to be the Under 13 boys 200m. A photo finish separated Pickering and Johnson by only 0.02 of a second. Johnson gained Silver with 28.30 and Pickering Gold with 28.28. Bronze position was Birtley AC runner Adam Riley with 29.82.

Under 20 Men saw Newton AC James Askew compete against Marcus Cram in 800m. Closely watched by famous father Steve Cram, Marcus (Morpeth) collected Bronze with 2.02.01 and Askew had a valiant time of 2.05.16, gaining 5th position

over the line. A wonderful event sponsored by Start Fitness gave rise to many new course records and many young athletes are ready for the track and field season ahead.

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This includes activities such as arts and craft sessions, book clubs, book review groups and

the council's annual summer reading challenge.

Anne Timothy, North East Regional Co-ordinator for Quality in Study Support, said: "Activities provided for children and young people outside of school time can have a significant effect on their self esteem and attitude to learning; they can build positive relationships which create engagement and help to develop social and emotional learning."

"In County Durham, the library service plays an important role in delivering a wide variety of activity in different settings and at different times of year."



"The service understands the need to build partnerships with schools and communities and is ahead of the field in many areas of provision for children and young people."

Silver certificates have been awarded to libraries

at Spennymoor, Cornforth, Chilton, Newton Aycliffe, Shildon, Trimdon, Wingate, Crook, Willington, Ferryhill and Sedgefield. Libraries at Barnard Castle and Wolsingham, meanwhile, have received bronze certificates.

Aycliffe Seek Volunteers

Newton Aycliffe FC are inviting fans to get involved in helping to run the club. Aycliffe are currently being 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 of 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 email stecunliffe@aol.com

Bad Start for Town's Cricketers

Both of Newton Aycliffe's senior teams continued their winless starts to the season in the North East Durham Cricket league. The first team lost at home to East Rainton by 7 wickets despite a superb innings of 72 from captain Chris Palmer and good support from Dave Atkinson with 31 helping Aycliffe to 163 all out. The second team were chasing 169 for victory at Hunwick, but were bowled out for 68 with only Adam Gittins offering any resistance with 14 runs.

The under 18's had an exciting tied match away at Crook in the Durham County junior league. Captain Sean Morgan's four wickets helped restrict the homeside to 107 from 20 overs and in reply Aycliffe were struggling until an aggressive 38 from Sam Telford gave the innings some much needed impetus. In a tense final over, Aycliffe chasing 7 runs for victory, lost 3 wickets, but man of the match Sean Morgan (22 not out) kept his nerve and scored 6 runs to ensure that his team didn't lose the match.

Aycliffe under 15's lost for the first time this season, going down by 8 wickets away at a very strong Willington team. Aycliffe were restricted to 49 for 8 in their 20 overs with only Joe Haines reaching double figures, scoring a patient 15 and in reply the homeside romped to victory despite the efforts of Aycliffe captain Daniel Weldon, who took two wickets for nine runs.

The clubs under 13's team lost at home to Darlington RA and the under 11's home match with Darlington was a casualty of the weather and abandoned with no play possible.

Successful Swimathon



The annual Swimathon co-organised by the Rotary Club is on course to raise in excess of £10,000 for charity. It was held at Spennymoor last Sunday and was well supported by local groups and organisations who keep half the money raised in sponsorship for their own club or a charity of their choice.

Among them was a team representing the town's Boys Brigade shown above. Annette and Jamie Gibson, Gerard Crossen Snr. and Gerard Jnr. They completed 130 lengths and had an enjoyable swim.



The team "3's Company", is made up of three friends that train together weekly. Denise Baker 51 a kidney transplantee, Julie Leonard and Debbie Charge both 46 yrs.

"Rotarian John Jones approached us to form a fundraising team for Swimathon and we were glad to help raise funds for St Teresa's and help me represent the North East in the Transplant Games held this year in Bath to raise the awareness for the need of organ donation. We swam 202 lengths and raised £313" said Denise (2nd from left).

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Dear Sirs,
Now that the General Election is over I would like to thank the people of Newton Aycliffe and the Sedgefield constituency for the warm reception and kind consideration that I enjoyed from almost every one of the hundreds of people that I met throughout the campaign.

It would have been a great honour for me to provide the political leadership needed to advance the prospects for the people of the Sedgefield constituency in particular and our region in general but it was not to be, however, I am sure that the complacency that has held back the North East for decades has been shaken.

Again, I would like to say thank you to all those who voted for me and also to those who did not.

Yours faithfully,
Alan Thompson
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Family Walk in Aid of Macmillan Nurses

The town's Rotary Club is organising a sponsored Family Fun Walk along a section of Great Aycliffe Way on Sunday 11th July at 2pm.

The proceeds from this event will go to the Macmillan Nurses a branch of which is at the PCP Centre.

Barry Dobson, Head Teacher of Stephenson Way School, has kindly offered the school grounds as the start and registration point. The start of Great Aycliffe Way is opposite the school and will comprise a short

walk of a mile and a longer one of 3 miles.

It is hoped families and individuals will support the Cancer care charity by walking and obtaining sponsors.

The Rotary Club will make it a fun day with stalls, refreshments etc on the school site. They will also provide signage marshalls where needed, and first aid etc. Sponsor forms will be available soon - please watch for details in Newton News. Registration is 50p per walker.

GETTING FIT & HAVING FUN

Rock climbing sessions aimed at bored Newton Aycliffe youngsters are proving very popular.

Young people in Newton Aycliffe are being encouraged to get fit and have fun at the same time thanks to Durham County Council's Positive Futures scheme, which has launched a series of weekly Friday evening sessions at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, on Beveridge

Arcade.

It is hoped the sessions will reduce the amount of young people on the streets and subsequently lower crime levels and antisocial behaviour and so far up to seven (out of a possible ten) young people per session are taking part.

The sessions are aimed at encouraging all young people in the town to build relationships and take part in organised activities and

as a reward, those who have regularly taken part are being rewarded with a trip to Beamish Wild next week.

The project has been set up in partnership with Rock Antics climbing group, based at the leisure centre, and is part of the national activity-based Positive Futures programme funded by the Home Office. Lisa Denham, Positive Futures Co-ordinator, said: "It's excellent to see young people rising to new challenges, the group have been fantastic and have shown considerable improvement over the weeks."

Sessions run on Friday evenings between 07:00pm and 08:00pm.

For more information about Positive futures log on to: www.positivefutures.org.uk or contact Lisa Denham, Positive Futures Co-ordinator, on: 0191 3834993



Woodham Sport Event

Three students recently represented Woodham Community Technology College at the Sedgefield

School Sports Partnership Boysport Event at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. Sean Hewitt (yr7), James Dean-Miller (yr7) and Curtis Wilby (yr8) joined students from Greenfield, Sedgefield Community College and The Oaks at this fun and inclusive event. During the event the boys took part in a variety of activities including squash, golf and bowls.

These were delivered by coaches from the clubs based at The Oakleaf who were able to promote their junior sessions. The boys also got the opportunity to experience goalball, a sport designed for blind people. The new Sedgefield Football Development Officer led a football session and Russell Shaw, a taekwondo instructor, who is based at Spennymoor Leisure Centre, finished the day by delivering a fast and furious self-defence session. The students had an amazing time. "I really liked the golf and the football for blind people. We had to wear a blindfold and roll the ball with our hands. There was a variety of activities for us to play. It was lots of fun". Curtis Wilby. "It was an awesome day. I really enjoyed the golf and made a lot of friends" James Dean-Miller. Sean Hewitt also added "I was really excited. PE is my favorite lesson at Woodham. I had a fun day. Golf was the best"

Petition to Keep Shafto House

The consultation period on the closure of Care Homes is now over and Newtonians who have petition forms to retain Shafto House are urged to hand them in as the signatures are to be handed over soon.

Rambert Dance Company at Greenfield



On Friday the 23rd of April the dance department was extremely lucky to have an Animateur from the Rambert Dance Company visit and deliver a workshop. There are currently 12 Animateurs working for Rambert on a freelance basis.

The Animateurs are not dancers with Rambert, but they are professional dancers and teachers, responsible for the delivery of the practical education work. They are called Animateurs rather than teachers because the job combines dancing, choreography and teaching.

The workshop included learning set choreography which the Rambert Dance Company is currently performing as they tour around the world. The students were given lots of opportunities to then develop the dance material in their own way exploring various methods of choreography and embedding current knowledge. All of the students who took part in the activity thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said that it had helped to improve their choreography skills and has given them lots of great ideas for their exam pieces.

Those who took part in the workshop included Year Nine Fast Track GCSE, Year Ten BTEC Dance and GYDC (Greenfield Youth Dance Company.) All of the students who were involved worked exceptionally hard and represented the high quality and passion for dance that exists here at Greenfield. Well Done!

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SPORTS CLUB JUNIORS DID US PROUD

Over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend NASC Junior FC were split up for their annual football tournament due to many of the local tournaments not being able to facilitate the older age groups so teams competed at opposite ends of the country.

The Under 7's, Under 11's, Under 12's and Under 13's travelled to Haggerston Castle to compete in the Haggerston Cup with over 200 people in attendance. The weather was quite kind and all teams played competitive football against teams from across the country. All the teams played good football but unfortunately we did not make it to the final and it was thought there would be no silverware for us. On the Sunday evening at the R & T presentation the guest speaker was Ossie Ardiles and the children were excited to receive their trophies from this well known sportsman.

What made the evening more magical was that the Under 7's who played in an one age group above their age and the Under 13's were both awarded the Fair Play Golden Cup a very prestigious award for the best sportsman like behaviour both on and off the field. NASC JF are extremely proud of these awards and shows what a credit these young footballers are not only to their parents and their club but to Newton Aycliffe.

The Under 10's and Under 15's took part in the Mitre Cup and around 70 people travelled to Clacton On Sea and made the 600 mile round trip in order to compete. It was certainly worth the distance since both teams came away with silverware!

The Under 10's played 3 teams NASC 1 Bronbourne 0, NASC 1

Holland Ajax 0, NASC 1 Potters Bar 0. This gave us a great chance to win our group and go on to the final. Our first game on Sunday was against Muswell Hill which again we won 1 nil. This meant a draw would be enough for us to go through to the final. We played John Warner Sports Club and had all the play but could not score and it finished 0-0. That was enough to put us through as group winners and the final whistle saw parents and players celebrate as if we had won the final.

The weather on Sunday was dreadful and as we dried the kids off and prepared them for the final the cold and wet conditions were starting to affect both players and parents. We played the highly rated Barking Colts and looked the better team, with Blake Airey going close with a header. Another good move saw Harry Duggan finish with a sublime chip that put us 1-0 up. They were dangerous on the break but James Frankland, Thomas Gallagher and James Nesbitt were outstanding in defence.

We were awarded a free kick Jamie Lovegreen blocked the keepers view and Sam Dawson sent in a free kick that deceived everybody and ended up in the bottom corner. 2 nil to us. Just before the break they got a goal back to make it 2-1 at half time. With the rain still pouring down the second half was one of few chances and it looked as if we had finished them off but with a minute left they broke and a looked to have scored but our keeper George Slatcher somehow tipped it around the post. This lead to 3 corners for them in the last 30 seconds all of which were cleared bravely by Jake Catchpole. The



final whistle went with 2-1 to us and wild celebrations followed! The weekend was completed when former England keeper Ray Clemence awarded the trophies. I would like to thank all parents and players who represented the Club, town and the North East they were outstanding! Weekend Squad - George Slatcher, Thomas Galagher, James Frankland, Sam Dawson, Jamie Lovegreen, James Nesbitt, Jake Catchpole, Blake Airey and Harry Duggan.

The under 15's faced 7 teams from Lancaster, Coventry, Hoddesdon, Basildon, London & Croydon. The football played by all the teams was of a very high standard and the u15's finished the first day in second place having played 4 matches and winning their first 3 games. They lost their last game of the day 0-1 against a very competitive Highgrove Juniors side in what turned out to be our closest contest of the day. Although we were all disappointed having just been beat we knew we were still in the driving seat to make the Sunday afternoon final. Despite torrential rain and a cold wind the Aycliffe players responded well on the Sunday with an excellent performance against Old Coulsden Colts in their opening game of the 2nd day and ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Andrew Vincent and a brace from Peter Wharton. Our next game was against Christ The King who were sat top of the group and had won this competition for the last 4 years and despite Aycliffe matching them in every department we eventually lost the game 0-1 despite a great penalty save from Lewis Wing. To make the final we knew that we had to win our last game against Croydon Junior Eagles and despite a sluggish start Aycliffe soon found their rhythm and went on

to win 3-0 with goals from Peter Wharton, a 30 yard scorcher from Aycliffe centre back Connor Lyon and Andrew Vincent completing the scoring. Aycliffe now faced 4 times tournament winners Christ The King from Coventry in the final on a very wet and muddy pitch. Both teams had been at the pitch side since 10am and with the final not kicking off until 17.30 looked wet and tired! Christ The King scored first but to Aycliffe's credit they soon equalised from a Stuart Cameron corner which was headed on by Peter Wharton before Jack Slatcher headed home at the near post to draw Aycliffe

level. Aycliffe started the second half the much better side with Andrew Vincent causing all sorts of problems for the opposition defence and when Peter Wharton scored Aycliffe's 2nd of the game there appeared no way back for Christ The King.

As the seconds ticked down Christ The King mounted one last desperate and rare attack which resulted in them winning a throw in deep into Aycliffe half and as the ball was launched into the Aycliffe penalty area the unthinkable happened and they scored the equaliser with less than 15 seconds to go and the score remained 2-2 as the final whistle was blown.

10 minutes of extra time now followed with neither side able to force a winner so this final was decided on penalties with each side taking an initial 5 penalties each. Unbelievably both teams ended up scoring 3 and missing 2 of their 5 penalties with Aycliffe goal keeper Lewis Wing making 2 excellent penalty saves.

Both teams now faced the prospect of sudden death penalties with the same 5 players from each side having to take a 2nd spot kick each in the same order as before. The tension was unbearable and as both teams stood on the half way line Aycliffe centre half Haydn McKenna stepped up to take the first of the scheduled spot kicks and Cooley placed his kick into the bottom right hand corner to give Aycliffe the advantage. Christ The King then stepped up and their player also struck a good shot to his left but Aycliffe GK Lewis Wing guessed the right way to make an excellent save diving to his right to give Aycliffe a 4-3 win on penalties scored.

As you can imagine the players were ecstatic and went to mob the hero of the hour Aycliffe GK Lewis Wing as the celebrations began. Aycliffe were awarded their winners cup that evening at a formal presentation evening by Ray Clemence who passed comment on how well turned out both our players and coaches were as we went on stage to collect the trophy.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more about Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Junior FC or have a child interested in playing competitive football from 5-16 years then please log onto our website nasccjuniorfc.co.uk for details of the individual managers and their contact details.

SLAM DUNK AT BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE

Bishop Auckland College's Sports Department is in the process of establishing a Basketball Academy beginning September 2010. The College already operates a successful Football Academy whereby students study for a formal qualification (usually over 2 years) but will now be able to master in basketball instead of football.

Internationally experienced and National League and Community basketball coach Joe Riley, who coaches the U14 Durham Wildcats basketball team, made a guest appearance and took some young hopefuls through their paces in the College's sports hall this week. As well as coaching the Durham Wildcats Joe is involved in the coaching of the England U15 Girls Development Squad.

Richard Hinch, Manager for Sport at the College said "This new course is open to male and female students who are keen to play basketball, we have the ideal facilities for the sport and Joe will be helping us train the squad. For further information on the Basketball Academy please contact Client Services on 01388 443000

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People have been eager to show their support by signing the petition. Remember, it is not too late to show your feelings on this matter. However, the

'consultation' period - for what it was worth - is now over. In another abuse of the democratic process, rather than asking our elected representatives to take the decision, DCC Labour Party Cabinet, will alone make the decision. Of course, sitting in their leather seats, rubbing their

elbows on the polished wooden desks, they will be divorced from the reality of it all. They won't have to look into the eyes of the old and frail residents at Shafto House, as they rubber-stamp their decision - more's the pity.

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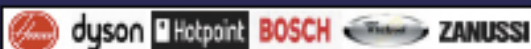
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During feedback on the
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the percentage increase in
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Cuthbertson, Focus Team
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following feedback from
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arranged with Arriva, the
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Following the success of the
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STEPHEN and KELLY would like to announce the safe arrival of our Son "Ollly Hudson", born 7th May, weighing 8lb 10oz. A lovely Brother to Owen and Brandon. Thanks to everyone for all our lovely cards, gifts and wishes. **KELLY and STEPHEN** congratulations on the safe arrival of our 3rd Grandson "Ollly". Love, Nanny and Grandad Simpson **PEARSON** Jane and Lee (nee Ramsden). Congratulations on the birth of your lovely Daughter "Evie". Love from all your family

NEW BUS PASS RULES

Important changes to the rules for applying for a free bus pass will come into force next month. From 6th April, the age at which people can apply for a pass through the National Concessionary Travel Scheme will change. New legislation means that people throughout the country will no longer be eligible to receive a bus pass when they reach their 60th birthday. Instead, the age at which both men and women qualify for a bus pass will gradually rise from 60 to 65, between April 2010 and 2020. The change is being introduced by the Government in order to

bring the age of eligibility for a bus pass in line with the new state pension age of 65 for both men and women.

Richard Startup, Passenger Transport Manager, said: "Although this is a national policy, the county council is responsible for implementing it and, therefore, we are trying to make sure that everyone is aware of and understands the changes."

Residents who turn 60 before 6 April will still be eligible for a pass from their 60th birthday and should apply to their local Durham County Council customer service centre. If they submit their application after their birthday they will still qualify.

Anyone due to turn 60 after 6 April, however, will not become eligible for a pass until a short time after their birthday.

This means that everyone born between 5 April, 1950 and 6 April, 1955

will now qualify for a pass sometime between their 60th and 65th birthday. The exact date when they will be eligible depends on their date of birth.

Full details of when you can claim your bus pass are available from the Durham County Council's customer service points and the council's website www.durham.gov.uk

Those who already hold a free bus pass will be unaffected by the changes, and the rules for receiving a bus pass due to a disability will also be unchanged.

Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late Florence Dunn (Flo) would like to thank friends, family and neighbours for their flowers and kind condolences. Also the Co-op Funeral Parlour (especially Julie), The Rev. Linda Potter for the lovely Service. Thank you one and all. Wendy and family

ARROWSMITH May and family of the late Colin wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, many friends, neighbours and colleagues for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad bereavement. Also cards, flowers and letters of condolence and donations to Cancer Research. Many thanks to Delphine and Dr Peedel at Darlington Memorial Hospital. Also Dr Ramsey at Bewick Crescent, Rev. Linda Potter for the comforting Service, Paramedic, Ambulance service, also PC Jason Quye for their support, thanks to Newton Aycliffe RAFA Club, Don Walkers and the Co-operative Funeralcare, Newton Aycliffe. £250 donations received for Lung Cancer Research. Thank you

THANK YOU to Adam, Daniel, Charlie, Emily and Kym for the lovely birthday presents and cards. Hope you all had a great time. Zoe and Sam Thompson

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Licence Applications

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Dorothy Bowman applied to Durham County Council on 9th May 2010 for a license to use the premises at Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale House, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ to show films, teach music, disco, childrens party entertainers, singers. Times of opening Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am until 11pm. Thursday and Friday 9am to midnight. Sunday 12noon-10.30pm. Representations should be made in writing to Durham County Council Licensing Section, Council Office, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ by 5th June 2010. Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 09.00-17.00 Monday to Thursday and 09.00-16.30 Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000.

Dated: 14th May 2010

Congratulations

THE BIG 40 !!



Happy Birthday

Have a great weekend with love from Sharon, Connie, Gav, Scott, Sarah and Reuben xxx

Happy Birthday Dad
Lots of love, Kathleen, Chris, Ellie, Ged and Stu xxx

Paul Gardner



GOTCHA !!

Happy 60th Birthday
Enjoy your day.
Love from Doreen and Dean xxxxxx

Daz Miller



Happy 40th Birthday

17th May 2010
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Congratulations on your birthday George. Have a nice day. Your loving Wife, Mima. After 65 years I love you to bits.
Happy 90th birthday Dad. Lots of love and enjoy your day. Lesley, Billy and Charlotte.
Hi Paps, congrats on the big one. Cheers, have one on us. Jon-Paul and Bobby.

Have a nice day on this your special birthday Gramps. Our thoughts are with you and we love you. Your Granddaughters, Diane, Pauline and Samantha from Scotland.

Marc Addy



Happy 30th Birthday

13th May 2010
Love from Cat, Jim, Teresa, Gary and Roxy xx

Laurie Guthrie



Happy 18th Birthday

Lots of love, Grandma and Grandad xxxx

Laurie Guthrie



Happy 18th Birthday

Love, Mum, Dad and Daniel

Katy Hutchfield



Happy 18th Katy

We are so proud of you. Lots of love, Mam and Stuart xxx
To my big Sister
Happy 18th. Lots of love and kisses, Adam xxx

Katy Hutchfield



Happy 18th Birthday

To our favourite Granddaughter, Niece and Cousin. Enjoy, take care. Love you loads, Nanna, Grandad, Jeanette, Marshall and Andrew xxx

Hoax Call Drama Production at Greenfield

Drama students from Greenfield School Community & Arts College have written a play which they performed to primary school pupils in years 5 and 6 throughout the Sedgefield area.

An excellent initiative by the young people of Greenfield have looked at ways to make their community a safer place to live.

Mrs Watt, Head of Drama, was delighted with the response from the primary teachers and pupils, "the primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed the play and the workshop afterward. From the written evaluations it is clear that the children now understand how hoax calls can cost lives".

Mrs Watt said "My students

are studying for a First Diploma BTEC in Performing Arts and as part of the course we have created a Theatre in Education group, STARS. 'Theatre in Education' is a form of drama which uses the drama process to explore issues with young people. The talented group came up with the idea of hoax calls because they felt it would be the most interesting. As we researched the details and statistics we realised that the topic could help to develop understanding of the emergency services."

"The students have worked hard on the project and I feel very proud of them".

Brian Pearson, Partnership & District Co-ordinator, Community Safety.

Going Batty in Aycliffe!

Did you know that a bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in a single night and that the common pipistrelle bat weighs less than a £1 coin!

If you are interested in learning more about these fascinating creatures here is your chance. We will be exploring the woods around Moore Lane Eco Centre this Friday 14th May in search of bats and moths that live in the area.

This family orientated event will begin at the Eco Centre at 8pm where a brief informal introduction will be given about the life of bats before going on a short stroll through the woodlands towards Aycliffe Nature Park in search of these misunderstood

creatures. A moth trap will be in operation at the centre to round off this event which should finish at about 10pm. Environment Officer Steve Cooper said "This free activity is always great fun; children love to explore in the dark and enjoy using the bat detectors. I'd highly recommend that people wrap up warm as the temperatures can start to drop and bring along a torch if you have them".

In the event of poor weather conditions this activity may have to be cancelled at short notice, if you would like to attend but are unsure about the conditions please contact Steve Cooper on 0777 9090 842 prior to the activity start time.

Great Season for Youthy U/10's



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre under 10's finished a fantastic season with a 4-0 home win against local rivals Heighington. The home team played some great passing football and despite some determined play from the visitors took control of the game through goals from Cameron Copeland 2, Cameron Hall and Lewis Race.

This win completed an outstanding season for the team which has seen them finish runners up in the TJFA Durham division 3 with a record of 12 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses. They also reached the quarter final of the league cup losing to Division 1 champions Stocton town A.

Their reward for their success is an invite to the TJFA presentation night which takes

place at the Tall Trees Hotel in Yarm. The whole squad have played an important part in the teams success and have been a credit to the club in their hard work and enthusiasm.

Special thanks go to the parents and supporters who have cheered and encouraged them every step of the way and are without doubt the best in the league.

We are now looking forward to the challenge of next season where we go to 11-a-side football if you are under 11 and are interested in joining the club and improving your footballing skills please contact Kevin on 07867 537 232 or Craig on 07901 718 135 or alternatively by e-mail to kevin@naycafc.co.uk

Colourful Roundabout Near Town Park



People visiting Tesco, the Youth Centre and the Town Park get a unique, colourful welcome thanks to an artistic design aimed at instilling a sense of pride into the local community.

Landscaping work has just been completed on the Town Park roundabout thanks to funding from the Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Area Action Partnership.

Durham County Council's Street Scene Team have created a unique design in coloured stone with evergreen planting which has given the town an artistic and eye catching focal point.

GAMP have tackled the project because street cleaning and the environment is a key priority. Brian Riley, Area Action Partnership co-ordinator with GAMP, said: "The feedback from local people has been very positive and this improvement will benefit both residents and visitors to the town."



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