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Newtonian Remembers the Day the Queen Came for Tea

Readers will know Aycliffe's Punch & Judy man, Brian Llewellyn, a regular entertainer at Great Aycliffe Show and other events in the town.

Not many will know that his father Billy, who died two years ago, started the business, part time, in the 1960's. He was a fitter in the Railway Workshops, but in his spare time was a comedian and general entertainer around North East clubs.

Even fewer people will know that Billy and his wife Lucy had the Queen to tea in their Barrington Road home, 50 years ago, on the 27th May 1960.

The Queen was on a visit to Newton Aycliffe on her first official trip to County Durham since her Coronation and took the opportunity to call in on the new town.

The Llewellyns were chosen to give the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh afternoon tea in their new home to give the Royals a rest from the hustle and bustle of the day. The Royal couple had a lovely time with Billy and Lucy staying for 20 minutes while a great crowd of press and public waited outside.

Lucy still has the cup and saucer the Queen used marked with a golden ring. "It was a great honour for us and I treasure the memory" said Lucy

After her cup of tea the Queen crossed the road to visit the RAFA Club who also have memorabilia to record the day.

The Llewellyns moved from Darlington to live in Newton Aycliffe in 1959 and were married for 63 years.



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh enter the home of Lucy and Billy Llewellyn. Older residents will remember Miss Hamilton the Housing Manager shown right of the picture



Lucy Llewellyn with the cup and saucer used by the Queen 50 years ago

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FUNDRAISING SUCCESS



Stepping Out Dance school certainly will be stepping out in style from all the Dancers and parents fundraising efforts held back in February this year.

The Freestyle dance school have pulled together to kit the dancers out with a new image uniform.

They would like to thank Newtonians for their generosity whilst fundraising. A huge thank you to Wilkinson Stores for allowing the children in to bag bag for their customers. their support was fantastic and very much appreciated.

Also special thanks to the following: Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Walkers Butchers, Simpashire Fisheries,

Occasions, Lidl Stores, DWT Heating Services, Mikes Fish Bar, Protech Windows, Triple T. Engineering Ltd. (just to mention a few), for their donations and support towards the Dancer's Fundraising Race Night.

The Girls train very hard and compete monthly all over the United Kingdom and are

over the moon with their new uniform.

The Dance School are holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 29th May at the Youth Centre. All are invited with stalls and games for everyone.

If you are interested in holding a stall please contact Rachel on 07773 493 718 for information.

FIRST AID COURSE

On Thursday 3rd June 2010 there will be an Emergency First Aid at Work Course at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre. This is a one day accredited course delivered by First Aid First, from 10.am to 4.pm centred on people who work with children and young people. For further details and to book a place telephone Dave Kelsey on 07786 245564

FUNDING WILL HELP SMALL GROUPS IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Voluntary groups in the Aycliffe area will benefit from a small grants fund, set up by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership. (GAMP)

This fund, in partnership with the local Community and Voluntary Organisations support group CAVOS, will provide a valuable source of income to all non profit making and voluntary groups within the Aycliffe area.

The overall aim of the scheme is to offer support in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area, which will give groups the opportunity to organise projects they would not usually be able to finance.

Applications are invited from charities, community groups and any non profit making organisation. The criteria is that the particular projects should directly benefit the local community and improve the lives of local people. Supporting the voluntary sector is a priority for GAMP.

All project applications will be considered but applications that support the other GAMP Area Action Partnership priorities, including: activities for young people and environment and street cleansing, are particularly welcome.

The fund is limited and will run until March 2011.

Applications packs are available from CAVOS, 01388 811115 or enquires@cavos.org.uk

Heighington Boys Clubs U10s Review of the Season

The season began well with early away wins, the team had a slight new look with some new experienced faces joining. The additional challenges for places certainly spurred all players to improve on the past performances. The good run continued toward the Christmas break with the team in the top half of the league and looking heads on for a top 4 finish.

The second half of the season was hit by the poor weather and fixtures were postponed or came with large gaps in between games and the team found this disruptive and results weren't as good as earlier. The performances began to pick up and Heighington earned some epic wins over higher placed teams. Highlights for the season was to see players develop and the team has had three players picked up by Darlington's Elite Academy and one player watched by Middlesbrough. The football that was played by the boys to halt a winning run by Fishburn was just fantastic as well as the epic cup tie against a 1st division side which saw Heighington go down to a late goal, but earning much respect from the opposition parent's and coaches.

It has been the team's lack of goals that has cost most games and we are particularly interested in recruiting a goal scorer as well as players in all positions as we make the transition from 7-a-side to 11-a-side football for next years under 11's.

Heighington is also establishing a new under 10's team for this coming season and new players are required. The club works on football as well as social events which we see as of equal importance to developing young players. Last season we were guests of Middlesbrough F.C. with coaching, food and attendance at a game, we also had a Christmas party for all players and their parents, which was a great success and even Mr and Mrs Claus were able to drop in and deliver presents.

Heighington is an FA Chartered Club with FA qualified coaches. We aim to develop the child as well as the player and would invite all young people of years 5 and 6 to contact Selwyn Morgans on 07774 624 341 for more information.

The team trains on a Saturday morning at Heighington School pitch from 9.30am till 11.00am. So if you want to have fun, improve your football and make new friends in a non-bullying environment, why not come along.



FRIDAY FUN IN AYCLIFFE

Thanks to funding from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) young people in the Newton Aycliffe area are being introduced to fun, new activities on Friday nights.

GAMP are funding sessions on Friday nights to enable youth workers to highlight local activities available. Popular activities such as sports coaching and dance sessions will then be organised at Aycliffe Youth Centre.

It's hoped young people will use the youth centre as a safe place to socialise and enjoy activities.

Youth workers are available at the Youth Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm and further details of activity sessions will be released at a later date.

Sessions have been organised by the GAMP Activities for Young People Task Group.

GARDENS GUILD

Would members please note that neither the Secretary nor Treasurer will be standing for re-election after this year (2010).

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

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Zumba classes start on Thursday 10th June from 7pm to 8pm. (7 week taster session 16 yrs +) £4.75 per session. Classes are held in the Bethany Centre, Woodham Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UD.

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THE RACE IS ON FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE ENTRIES

The organisers of Newton Aycliffe's annual 3M 10k road race have their sights keenly set on beating last year's record number of entries. The race - being sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Up & Running, and Northumbrian Water - was won in 2009 by Mongolian Olympic athlete Bat-ochir Serod, who led a field of 374 finishers.

This year, organisers Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club are hoping for even more competitors to line up for the 10am start from Greenfield Community and Arts College on Sunday, June 20.

Race director Trevor Needham said: "We have been staging the race every year since 1998 and it is growing in popularity year-on-year. "It is a flat, three-lap course and that makes it a great opportunity for runners to achieve personal best times over the distance."

The idea for the race was originally to encourage members of the community to take more exercise. As well as the region's dedicated athletes aiming for their share of £1,000 in prize money, it has proved a winner with local runners taking part for fun or raising funds for charity.

Among those putting on their running shoes for the event will be a team from 3M at Aycliffe. Facilities Manager Alan Kellett commented: "It's always a great event for the

runners and the spectators who come along to support them. "And, for those who feel 10k is a bit far, there is also a more leisurely 3k fun run that starts at 9.15am on the same day."

The closing date for pre-entries is Sunday, 13 June and there will be a £2 surcharge for any entry on the day (no later than 9:30am).

For an application form, write to Colin Gibson, 12 Ainsty Hunt, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PH (enclosing a 9"x6" stamped self-addressed envelope) or apply online at www.newtonaycliffeac.org.uk

As in previous years, for the safety of the runners, the

following roads will be affected between 9:30am and 12:00pm on the day of the race:

Burnhill Road, between Greenfield Way and Cobblers roundabout, and all roads onto Burnhill Road will be closed. Burn Lane (west of Cobblers roundabout) will be one-way east only.

Greenfield Way will be one-way north only.

All roads within the circuit will have no, or restricted, access and egress.

Newton Aycliffe Athletic Club would like to thank the town's people for their patience and support for this, the town's premier event.

LETTERS to the EDITOR GRASS OR PAVING?

Dear Sir,

Driving around the town I see mreand more ugly block paving being laid. Why wopuld someoneed tear up a lovely lawn surrounded by flowers to turn it into a bare looking yard?

Apart from all the noise, dust and labour it is environmentally unfriendly with no drainage or wild life for the disappearing bees to collect pollen.

I once had my drive block paved and regretted the twice yearly cleaning, sanding sealing and the constant removal of weeds from the cracks.

I now enjoy my picture garden again with flowers changing with the seasons, the birds, butterflies and even the six fat bumble bees. Then there is the night life of hedgehogs taking food from my hand and now and again I see a fox.

People wqith block paving are missing a lot - no colour - not a blade of grass!

J. Johnston

PROUD TO BE LABOUR

Dear Sir,

Please may I question statements made in last week's Newton News?

Firstly, unlike last week's Lib-Dems, may I make it clear that I do NOT welcome the 'hard decisions' on government spending they seemed to be looking forward to. Rather, I am very worried, both for individuals and for the region. As a Labour Party supporter, I would have wished instead for the Government to delay as long as possible before plunging in the knife. Readers will remember that (until they became Tory allies) the Lib-Dems used to think the same way.

Secondly, may I say that I was not 'venting my spleen' at the result of the general election. In fact, along with many Labour supporters, I was pleasantly surprised at the result! Media bias had left us fearing a catastrophe, but in the end the electorate proved far more loyal and sensible than the all the hype and hyperbole had led us to fear. As a result, Labour finds itself with a substantial representation in the House of Commons, with gains in Council elections, and - in this constituency - with Phil Wilson gaining an increased majority.

Indeed, I was proud to be Labour in the last election. I was pleased to be in a party which, although defeated, chose to hold on to its principles ... rather than prostitute them in the pursuit of power. I was proud of Gordon Brown, who kept going through the most venomous public denigration, and who in the end resigned with dignity. And I am happy

still to be part of a Labour party which has retained its pride, and which now - under a different leader - can set about in Opposition trying to defend ordinary people against the depredations of this new Tory Government.

Finally, I was delighted that both of last week's Lib-Dem correspondents enthusiastically supported the Tory administration.

They lost hundreds of votes by that alone, and will lose many more in the months to come.

Whenever I write in the Newton News I have to brace myself for a torrent of vitriol in reply!

Through it all, however, I would remind readers that - although it is hard to see it in the letters to the Newton News - the voting figures for Sedgfield prove that many more Newtonians agree with me than agree with the Lib-Dems!

John D Clare

Playdays Away Days



On Wednesday 12th May a group of children from Playday Nursery visited "Down at the Farm, a children's petting farm at Haughton le Spring. The children had a wonderful time bottle feeding lambs, washings pigs and topped off with a tractor ride to see the cows.

The staff and children would like to say a big thank you to farmer Sid for showing us all the animals and providing us with a fun and exciting learning experience.

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PR is the Way Forward

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In reply to John D. Clare's letter when he said the Lib Dems are in an undeserved position.

The Labour Party once defined its policy in a pamphlet on maintaining the "Supremacy of the House of Commons" by taking steps to abolish the undemocratic House of Lords. This was published in 1929 and 1931 when it depended on Liberal votes for a majority.

Labour has been promising to abolish the "Lords" for 86 years and I wonder how long it takes to keep that manifesto promise? Proportional representation is the way forward as it would take away the monopoly of power held by the Labour and Tory Parties and bring back democracy!

P. Ducker

Dance Academy Opens at Woodham



Over 80 pupils have joined the Aycliffe Dance Academy who began classes on 20th April 2010, taking up Ballet, Tap, Modern and Acrobatic dance lessons in the Bethany Centre in Woodham. A fantastic start to a new beginning! Early feedback from parents indicates that children are settling in well and working hard on their dance lessons. Mrs Shorten, one of the pupils' parents, said: 'My daughter Anna loves her Acrobatics lessons and considering she can be quite nervous about new things, I'm thrilled to bits. Thanks!' Anna loves her dancing lessons so much that she has decided to take up extra classes with the Academy. Adult Tap has been so popular that there are now three classes running per week to take account of beginner, intermediate and advanced dancers. Alison Jarps said 'I did not realise how much exercise I am getting through my tap sessions and how enjoyable it is.' Emma Cox, Principal Dance Teacher, said: 'I am absolutely delighted by the response we have had from the Community. Demand has already exceeded our initial expectations. It is so lovely to meet so many enthusiastic pupils and parents. I am really looking forward to introducing more new dance opportunities to our Academy.' It's never too late to register! You can still sign up for dance and fitness classes by calling Emma on 01325 300119 or emailing her on aycliffedance@btinternet.com for further details.

MILLY'S ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

A "Royal Garden Party" will be held on Wednesday 2nd June from 10am-3pm at 2 Thurlow Grove, Newton Aycliffe. £1 admission to include tea/coffee and entry into decorated garden. On sale will be home made refreshments, a raffle and lots more, so come along, enjoy the fun and the sun! Funds raised are in aid of a replacement boiler (now 50 years old) for St Clare's Church



Aycliffe Dance Academy is pleased to announce our new Cheerleading classes commence Thursday 10th June 2010. If you would like to join this new group then come along to our

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Thank You Mary

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Saturday 30th May - "Sabbatica"
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Davey Rock Page Review: 'The singer had great presence, the other three members of the band were excellent. It's unfair to give the lead guitarist all the limelight, but lots love it the lead guitar is like the centre forward, he gets all the attention and boy did this guy milk it and deliver some flat work that left us totally speechless. It's not often we are totally blown away but this guy did it. Some of his solos made the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. The bass was fantastic and the drummer gave an equally great performance, this may sound like we are going over the top but its not hype, we are paying £12 to see a U2 tribute band at the Customs House and to be honest after hearing Sabbatica, we would gladly pay the same amount to see them

Saturday 5th June - "T.T. Blue"
'What a fantastic night we had, TT Blue were brilliant, there was a great crowd in for them. The U2 stuff they did was awesome, we were also treated to the Stones, ZZ Top, The Who, Waterboys, INXS, the Cult, Hendrix, Billy Idol - I've seen the band a good few times and always left the gig feeling the band had given everything they had and tonight was no exception' Teen rock page review
www.ttblue.net

Saturday 12th June - "Thyn Lizzy"

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Famous Painter Exhibits at Greenfield



The preview evening for the Norman Cornish Exhibition at the Greenfield Gallery was a huge success. Norman spoke with all those present and said the newly refurbished Greenfield gallery was "just right" for his artwork. The exhibition continues until Wednesday 9th June. There will be an illustrated talk on his work on Monday 24th May at 7.00pm at the Greenfield Community & Arts Centre and tickets for this are available at the Arts Centre Reception. More details on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or 01325 379048

EX-PLAYERS LAUNCH SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL

Two former professional footballers are launching a brand new summer Soccer School for footy-keen youngsters. Former Sunderland, Darlington and England Under-21 international Brian Atkinson and his nephew, ex-Darlington star Dan Mellanby, are set to hold the Aycliffe youth coaching camps on Saturday mornings during the summer. The pair, both dads who are heavily involved with football in their hometown, are keen to help youngsters aged between five and 11 develop their football skills from a young

age. Current Aycliffe coach Brian, who played 170 games for Sunderland between 1989 and 1996 and more than 200 for the Quakers, said: "We're both keen to develop young players from an early age, but the main aim of these is to introduce youngsters to football in a fun and enjoyable environment. "The most important thing for children playing football is that they enjoy it, no matter what their age or ability, and we'll make sure those who attend our courses will enjoy it and hopefully benefit from it as well."

Dan, who joined Darlington from Bishop Auckland in 2001 and spent three seasons at Feethams, is currently in Aycliffe's Northern League squad as well as coaching Aycliffe Sports Club's Under-10s team. He added: "Enjoyment is the main aim but I'm also keen to develop young players from an early age and to encourage them to go as far as they can. "Through our experience together we'd like to think we have a lot to offer youngsters so hopefully those who come along will get a lot out of it." The coaching sessions, which cost £3 per child, will be held every Saturday morning at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane, between 9am and 12noon, beginning Saturday June 12. Parents should ensure all children have appropriate clothing, including football boots or trainers and shin pads, and plenty of juice/water. For more details or to book places, Dan Mellanby 07779 518764.



BUSY TIME FOR PHOENIX THAI BOXING



Phoenix Thai Boxing Club has expanded into a full time gym. The club's Chief Instructor Gary McCallister felt it was time to move forward with the sport, to keep up with the

top gym's in the country and abroad. The club has won many Championship titles in the past, but wants to proudly announce its newest Champion in Wendy Bake. Wendy was crowned the new UKMF Northern Area Champion on the 25th April in her bout in Darlington's Dolphin Centre. Gary has been a friend and instructor to Wendy for 15 years and was over the moon for her, as it was Wendy's destiny to become a Champion for the Phoenix Camp and feels she did the club proud. The club held its 5th Interclub, but the 1st for the new gym, which consisted of 65 bouts. This was a fantastic day with many clubs attending from Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield and other local clubs around the area. The new gym is fully matted, with Bags and a boxing ring and fully equipped with pads and gloves. The club boasts 5 instructors. Gary and Reece McCallister, Sam Mitchell, Anth Shelton and Wendy bake. Anyone wishing to train with Gary and the Phoenix Camp can contact him on 07812 737718

STOLEN T.V.

An incident took place at 16:00 hours on 24 May 2010 which the local police would like your help. A boxed, black LG 37" television, worth approximately £350 was stolen from the back of a Curry's delivery van that had returned to the depot at 5 Walworth Road, Newton Aycliffe Business Park. An unknown person was seen running from the scene. If there is any information or witnesses to this incident, please contact Newton News Office on syd@newtonnews.co.uk Thanks PC 2218 Surtees

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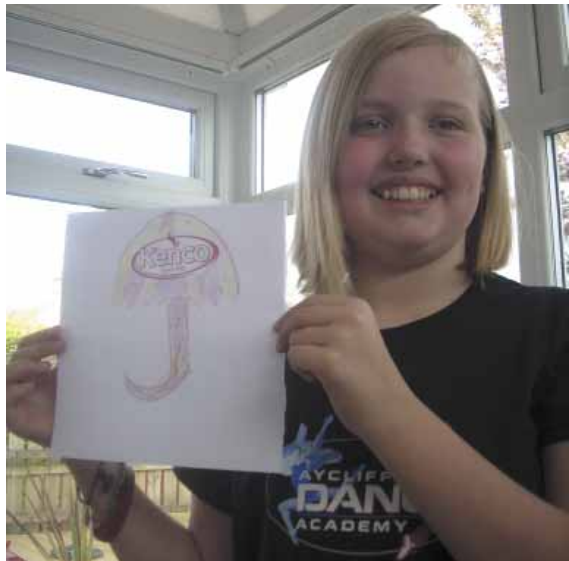
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"I thought it would be usefull to keep you dry when it rains and protect you against the sun when it gets hot and is suitable for everyone to use, I was really excited when I found out I had made the national finals after my design had been picked to represent the North East by Ben Fogle".

The design with the most public votes will win the trip to see their design made into reality. To show your support for Chloe you can vote for her design at www.kenco.co.uk and look under Young Eco Designers where there is a picture of her umbrella design. If you have any problems you can also vote by sending an email to vote@kenco.co.uk and put Chloe in the subject line. 1 vote per email and voting closes 31st May.

ROMAN BANK HOLIDAY

The Roman army will march on County Durham next week as part of the Bank Holiday festivities.

Members of the Roma Antiqua historical re-enactment group will be visiting Binchester Roman Fort, near Bishop Auckland on Monday, 31 May.

The group will be giving visitors an insight into the life of a Roman by demonstrating archery, close-quarter battle and firing a ballista, a bolt-throwing artillery catapult. Displays will take place between 11am and 4pm.

David Mason, Durham County Council Archaeologist, said: "Binchester is always a fascinating place to visit but Roma Antiqua really do bring it to life during their visits."

Built in the second half of the first century AD, Binchester was once the largest Roman fort in County Durham. A small part of the site has been excavated, exposing the remains of a bathhouse with a 1,700 year-old underfloor heating system.

For more information call Binchester Roman Fort on 01388 663 089.

New Extension an Asset to Local Community Groups



Emma Watson and Vicky Bowman, members of the Wishing Well Club who meet at the PCP Centre

Local charity, the Wishing Well Gateway Club has become the first customers to access brand new facilities at the Pioneering Care Centre.

The group, which have nearly 100 members now, are ran by volunteers to increase the number of social and leisure opportunities that are available for people with learning disabilities.

The club has previously spent their time at St Clare's Church in Darlington. However, the Pioneering Care Centre's new extension has provided the group with some much needed facilities to enable the club to develop the range of activities that are on offer.

Tracy Roberts, Volunteer for the Wishing Well Club, commented: "Moving to the Pioneering Care Centre has made a real difference. The group has taken part in a quiz night and an orienteering session around the beautiful grounds at the centre. We are hoping to introduce an introduction to the internet course and run a walking group throughout the summer months. We would like to encourage anyone to come along and see what it's all about!"

Members travel from across County Durham and Darlington to take part in activities, which used to range from quizzes to more large scale events such as fashion shows and a summer ball, which are organised by members of the group. Now they have

access to the Pioneering Care Centre's hydrotherapy pool, complementary therapies, adult learning courses, exercise classes and much more.

Jane Hartley, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "It is fantastic to be able to welcome the Wishing Well Club members to use the new facilities and activities at the Pioneering Care Centre. We are thrilled to have them here as regular users of the centre."

For more information on any of the services or activities based at the Centre, please contact 01325 321 234 or visit www.pcp.uk.net

ON THE SCARECROW TRAIL

By gummidge! A trail of scarecrows will be taking up residence along a country footpath next week.

The straw figures will line the walkway from County Hall to the DLI Museum, in Durham, from Wednesday, 26 May to Monday, 31 May.

Based on popular Disney characters, the scarecrows have been created by people living in residential and care homes and day care centres as part of a competition organised by Durham County Council's CREATE Arts and Activities Service.

Janice Pearce, Acting Manager of the CREATE Arts and Activities Service, said: "This is the third year we've organised the scarecrow competition but the first time the scarecrows have gone on display."

"The trail came about as a way of recognising the hard work the participants have put in and the overwhelming response we have received."

Members of the public are invited to visit the trail, which features children's favourites including Alice in Wonderland, the Little Mermaid and Pinocchio.

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After a highly successful championship winning season, and last 8 placings in the League and County cups, Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13s went to Blackpool for the 2010 annual tournament as a team in form. After 9 gruelling games in the red hot sun they won the final, beating Humberside team Westella and Willerby in the final of the tournament plate 4 goals to 1.

Playing 9 games in 2 days, against tough opposition, George Fenwick and Kevin Cane the Management duo, cracked open the champagne

as the final whistle blew to ecstatic scenes. They reached the final by beating Crook Town on penalties in the quarter finals.

Big thanks go to the lads who played their socks off, the parents who suffered the sunshine and the hangovers and to our sponsors Premier Community Care Ltd for their generous support this season. A special mention goes to local rugby legend, Daryl 'Macca' McLaren for his work as physio and team motivator. His ability to patch up the walking wounded got us through the final. Well done

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Meet at: Moore Lane Eco centre

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Wednesday 2nd June 10am- 12.30pm

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Meet at: Moore Lane Eco centre

Recycling Roadshow

Saturday 5th June 10.30pm - 3pm

In celebration of World Environment Day and

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Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre

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Newton Aycliffe youth centre's sports hall and leisure centre facilities will be used for the sessions to allow large numbers of young people to take part. It is hoped sessions will deter young people from gathering in neighbourhoods in large groups, causing concern to members of the local community.
Lisa Denham, Positive Futures Co-ordinator, said: "It is hoped these sessions will establish respectful and trustworthy relationships with young people and the local community by providing activities, at times when they are needed most, preventing young people from congregating in the streets."
Sessions take place on Thursday evenings between 6:00pm and 7:00pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for any young people between 10 and 19 years old.
Notes to editors: County Durham Youth Offending Service have allocated funding from the Home Office to deliver the County Durham Positive Futures programme and Darlington Football in the Community are delivering the sessions on behalf of Positive Futures.
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre are supporting and directing young people to the activities on offer.
Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre are promoting and hosting the sessions.

For further information on Positive Futures please visit www.posfutures.org.uk or contact Lisa Denham, Positive Futures Coordinator on: 0191 383 4993.
Newton Aycliffe has been identified by the Youth Crime Action Plan Steering Group as an area requiring an increased focus

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

**WEST WARD
PACT MEETING**
Tuesday 1st June 2010
Burnhill Way Methodist
Church at 7.00pm
This will give local residents the opportunity to come along and speak with your local neighbourhood policing team and discuss any problems you may like addressing.
Local councillors and neighbourhood wardens will also be invited to attend.
We look forward to seeing you there.

**GREENFIELD
PACT MEETING**
Tuesday 15th June 2010
Evangelical Church
Ladybower at 7.00pm
This will give local residents the opportunity to come along and speak with your local neighbourhood policing team and discuss any problems you may like addressing.
Local councillors and neighbourhood wardens will also be invited to attend.
We look forward to seeing you there.

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In Memoriam

Lee Smith



It's been 3 years Lee and it still hurts just as much. We think of you every day and we will love you and miss you for ever. Mam and Dad

KENNETH TELFORD Died 2nd June 2009. It's been a year since you were taken. Your passing so sudden I was left shaken. Learning to live without you here, my memories of you have become so dear. I gave you my heart and that's forever. One day dear Ken we'll be together. Lots of love from your darling Wife Margaret and all family and friends

Obituary

AISBITT 20th May peacefully in hospital Donald Guilford aged 84 years of Newton Aycliffe. Dearly beloved Husband of Elsie, dearly loved Dad of Joanna and David; loving Father-in-Law of Lawrie, also a very dear Grandad of Matthew and Faye. Funeral Tuesday 1st June. Would friends please meet at 1.45pm for Service at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired to the British Heart Foundation. A plate will be provided after the Service in church.

Birthday Remembrance

LILIAN BALDWIN Thinking of you on your birthday (1-6-10) with precious memories we have shared. You are missed more than you will ever know. Hugs and kisses are being sent to you dear Mam and Grandma. Everlasting love from Dave, Tracy, David and Michelle xxxx

LILIAN BALDWIN Birthday memories of Lilian, 69 years of age on 1st June 2010. Died 16th April 2009. You are never more than a thought away and I miss you more and more each day. From your ever loving Husband, Keith. God bless xxxx

Thank You

MILLER, Marilyn & Bill would like to thank all relatives and friends who attended their Silver Wedding Anniversary Party at the Leisure Centre on Saturday 22nd May for their company which made it such a fantastic night. Also for their kind donations in lieu of gifts - we are pleased to announce that £220 was raised for Help for Heroes. Thanks also to James and Chris for the live entertainment, and of course to the World's No.1 DJ John Melvin for his music, banter, and for auctioning the whisky he won!

TO THE lady and gentleman who helped me back onto my "buggy" on Sunday 23rd May - THANK YOU

BILLY BURRELL Remembering my Brother Billy, today and always. God bless you always. Sister Mena and Brother-in-Law Joe xx

ANN EMERY 1-6-09. Unseen, unheard, yet always near. Still loved, still missed, still very dear. Ernie

ANN EMERY 1-6-09. Look around your garden Lord, find the Mam I love and lost, put your arms around her as I only wish I could. Thinking of you always. Clare and Stephen xx

ANN EMERY 1-09. Miss you loads Nanna. Always in my heart. Forever in my thoughts. Lots of love, Jordan xxx

ANN EMERY Died 1-6-09. You are gone but not forgotten. Although we are apart, your love lives on within us forever in our hearts. Love always, Abby and Luke

ANN EMERY Died 1-6-09. No farewell words were spoken, not time to say good bye, you were gone before we knew it and only the good Lord above knows why. Love, Angela and Trevor

FOTHERGILL, Lawrence. 3rd June 2004. Loving memories of my Husband. Missing him always. Your loving Wife, Jenny

FOTHERGILL, Lawrence. 3rd June 2004. Six years since we all said goodbye, love and miss you. Brenda, Douglas, Stephen and Helen

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. Living life without you is the hardest task to bear. But the deep love we shared makes you live on through me. Son, Scott and Emma. Sleep sweetly Grandad xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. (my beautiful Mam) We never part from those we love, no distance can divide with memories dear and love sincere, we still walk side by side. Victoria and George. Also memories of our dear Grandad xxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. 26th May 2006. In memory of my dearest Daughter, Anthea. Softly the leaves of memory fall. Gently I gather and treasure them all. Unseen, unheard, you are always near. So missed, so loved, so very dear, you are Mam. Special loving thoughts of my dearest Husband Ray xxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. Four years ago I had to part with a Sister I loved with all my heart. We still love and miss you every day Anthea. Leigh and Roger

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. In Heaven you rest in our hearts you live. The most wonderful Sister, God could give. Will always love you, your Brother Phil xxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. Dear Anthea, I miss you so much. I realise more and more every day what a wonderful Sister you were. Love you little Brother Glenn xxxx Keep the messages coming Dad, love you xxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. Sad are the hearts that love you. Silent the tears that fall. Living life without you is the hardest part of all. Special thoughts of my Dad too. Love you Anthea. Brother Earle xxx

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. (our dearest Niece). The gates of memory never close. We miss you more than anyone knows. Uncle Allen, Aunt Marion and family xxxx Thinking of all our loved ones.

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS. 26th May. A special friend, loved too much to be forgotten. Mandy, Gary and family xxx

CRICKET SCOREBAORD

Newton Aycliffe first team were well beaten at home against top of the table Whiteleas by 111 runs with only Luke Telford (40 runs) and Kyle Robinson (25 runs) producing the only individual

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performances worth noting. The firsts did better however, when they travelled to Tudhoe in the TG Denham Trophy as the homeside fell 10 runs short chasing Aycliffe's impressive 144 for 9 in 20 overs. Aycliffe were thankful for aggressive innings from both Graham Telford and Michael Howe, who scored 36 and 32 respectively as the visitors progressed to the next round.

Aycliffe's second team had their first win of the season away at Tantobie by 8 wickets. The homeside batted first and were bowled out for 140 with 16 year old James Layfield-Carroll the pick of Aycliffe's young bowling attack, finishing with the commendable figures of 3 for 12 from his 9 overs. In reply captain Dave Richardson lead from the front hitting a superb unbeaten 67 and with good support from Adam Gittins (27 not out) romped to victory with more than 10 overs in hand.

Aycliffe's under 18's lost by 20 runs away at Etherley, despite a good all round performance from Ross Dixon who took 3 wickets with the ball and then top scored with 19 as Aycliffe failed to chase down a modest victory target of 87.

The club's under 13's team had their first win of the season away at Barnard Castle by 11 runs, but unfortunately the under 11's lost away at Stockton despite an excellent team performance from the youngsters.

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ALAN BENNETT Happy 40th birthday Sweetheart. All our love, Janine and James. Love you loads, Daddy

ABBIE RODGERS Abbie. Happy 6th birthday darling. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Lexie xxxxx

ABBIE RODGERS Happy 6th birthday Abbie. To a special Granddaughter. Lots and lots of love from Nana, Grandad, Kev and Kirsty xxx

ROBINSON Karen and Neil, 27th May. Happy anniversary. Love, Mandy, Gary and family xx

WESTON, Francesca Louise, 31-5-1995. Our 1 in a million gorgeous Daughter, happy 15th birthday. All our love, Mum and Dad xxx

WESTON, Francesca Louise, 31-5-2010. To my big Sister, happy birthday. Loads of love, Evie (little Sister) xxx

WESTON, Francesca Louise, 31-5-1995. To our beautiful and funny Granddaughter. Happy 15th birthday. Enjoy your holiday. All our love, Nana, Granda, Perdy, Fudge and Clover xxxxx

DARREN WATKINS Happy 40th, 29-5-1970. Can see the grey now! Love from Beverley, Annie and Millie xxx

ADDY Congratulations Marc and Cath on your wedding in Cyprus 20-5-2010. Love and best wishes Gran and Grandad xx

HYMAS Happy 40th birthday Tara also your Wedding Anniversary on the 28th. Love always, Mam and families - life begins at 40!

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Births

MELVIN Congratulations Simon and Emma on the birth of your beautiful baby girl "Pippa". Born on 18th May 2010, a much loved Sister for Solomon. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Lindsay xx


Thank you Mammy and Daddy for my cute baby Sister "Pippa". Lots of love, hugs and kisses from Solomon xxx

Darren Watkins



Happy 40th Birthday - 29th May 2010
SO CUTE!
Love from Mam and Dad xxx

Christine Fenwick



Happy 60th Birthday To a special Mam. Love, Elizabeth, Darren, Tracy, Denise and Steve - Enjoy your day xxx

Happy 60th Birthday to our lovely Nanna. Love, Chloe, Daniel, Mark, Leah, Amanda and Tyler xxx

Kay Armstrong
aka "The Ruler"



Congratulations on your promotion! But, we are sorry to see you leave. Enjoy your holiday and keep in touch. Love and best wishes, all your friends at Wilkinsons

Lee Surman



Happy 40th Birthday 3rd June 2010

Happy 40th birthday, couldn't resist the photo! Enjoy your day. Love always, Angie, Danielle, Jack, Harry and Sooty xxx

Happy 40th birthday Lee for 3rd June. Lots of love and best wishes, Mam and Dad xxx

Happy 40th birthday, have a great day. Love, Emma, Chris and family. Marc, Sarah and family xxx

Alan Bennett



Happy 40th Birthday 30th May 2010

Have a really good night on Saturday. All our love, Gill, Pete, Mam and Dad

Public Notice

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Happy 13th Birthday 29th May 2010

Kennedy Peacock

Hope you have a great disco. We love you loads, Mam and Dad, Holly and Lilli xxx

To a special Granddaughter happy 13th lots of love nanna xx

To our Granddaughter on her 13th, have a lovely disco. Lots of love Grandma and Grandad xx

Happy 13th Birthday Kennedy. Love, Uncle Mark, Auntie Val and Lewis xx

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"This vehicle makes for an effective, efficient, quieter and reduced emission collection fleet. That is a benefit not just for us but for householders and the environment," he said.

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Other valuable prizes include a £125 Voucher at Specsavers, altogether there are prizes to the value of £1,000. 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 are on sale now at the Legion and from Rotary members

Tickets are limited to just 150 so please buy early to avoid disappointment. You can ring Newton Press on 300212 to book tickets or call at Walkers, Simpasturegate. Rotarians will also be selling the draw tickets at Tesco's.

All proceeds from the raffle and Charity Night will be divided between the four charity shops in the town centre and the Rotary Club's charity fund.

Coochie-Cou-Me Along to Darlington's Baby Fair

Coochie Cou is holding its Darlington Pregnancy, Baby and Toddler Fair, one of the largest baby shows to come to the area, at the Dolphin Centre on Sunday 30th May.

It will be exhibiting new and innovative products and services in baby care, presenting the opportunity to purchase baby goods, research what is available, and seek advice about topics and activities in the area, all under one roof.

Cari Parker, busy Mum of two said: "By bringing the event to Darlington I feel like I'm coming back to my roots as I spent so much time here as child. The area holds some great memories for me and so its success means all the more.

"As a working mum myself, I understand how time consuming it can be to shop around for the best products for you and your baby. I decided to start running these events to bring the best of everything to families rather than them having to spend their precious time searching.

"The success of other events has proved that this is just the sort of thing new families and local businesses are looking for."

The event is one of the largest of its kind in the area and will help local businesses showcase their talent and reach out to potential customers by interacting face-to-face in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

If you have a pregnancy, baby or toddler related business and are keen to exhibit, or you are interested in coming along to the event please go to www.coochiecou.co.uk or call Cari on 01765 618061. The Darlington Baby Fair will be held in Central Hall at The Dolphin Centre, in the Centre of Darlington, 10am - 3pm on 30th May 2010. There is free entry and free parking for all the family.

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When we initially put up the fence we had loads of comments from passers by about how much of an improvement it was and how better the walkway looked. I work very hard to support my family and have the same financial constraints as other working class families. We spend our hard earned money on making our lives nicer. I am disappointed that someone decided to steal my fence to build their own fence at NO cost to them. I thought our town was a nice place to live...maybe not. This is a police matter now and I hope the robbery has been caught on the CCTV at the rear of the town. If anyone has been offered my slats or has any information can they contact Newton Aycliffe Police Station and state incident 50. Name & address supplied

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