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TOWN'S CHAMPION VOLUNTEER AWARDED MBE

Peter Beaty of Ainsty Hunt has been awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours List. Peter, now 78 years old, has been a volunteer, raising money for charity since he was 14 years old starting by raising funds for his local church. He went on to fund raise for National Grocers Benevolent Fund, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Greenfield School, Help The Aged and more. He has organised events from small table top sales to events such as hiring the Orient Express and Concord for larger corporate fundraising events. In 1994 Peter formed Friends of Senior Citizens to look after the welfare of senior citizens in Newton Aycliffe and in 2001 he took over responsibility for management of Neville Parade Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe raising over £30,000 to refurbish the facilities, work which still goes on today.

There is no doubt these premises would not be here now, but for the vision of Peter Beaty. The building was in an awful state and would have been demolished had not Peter stepped forward to save it for the community. Peter has been recognised for his fundraising by The Rotary Club (Citizen of the Year), The Sunday Sun (Local Heroes and Volunteer of the Year Awards), CAVOS (Volunteer of the Year), and Durham County Council (Chairman's Medal for Volunteer of the Year). His enthusiasm towards raising funds to benefit the community has become a way of life for Peter. His spirit is infectious as is his motivation and commitment to any project he undertakes. He sees solutions where others see problems. He suffers with diabetes and has undergone a knee replacement but his personal situation has never come between him and



PETER BEATY

his fundraising. His door is always open and his kindness knows no bounds. As long as he is helping someone somewhere he is happy. Peter has never undertaken his work in search of any personal recognition and was shocked to receive the letter informing his of his nomination for an MBE. He said "This award in my opinion is for my family and all the volunteers who have worked with me over the last 65 years and I am delighted to receive this honour in that spirit".

Woodham's New Restaurant

The new Indian Restaurant at St. Elizabeth's Close, Woodham Village had a very successful opening last Sunday. After the official opening attended by the Mayor and other guests the restaurant was open to the general public who had booked all the tables for the whole night. The customers commented on the high quality of the food and service, welcoming this new facility to our town. We wish the owners success. To book a table at the Bengal Lounge ring 301066.



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR "AT HOME"

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Dorothy Bowman, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Tuesday, 29th June 2010 between 2.15pm and 4.30pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Councillor Bowman would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.

SUDDEN CANCELLATION

Rose Lodge Care Home would like to apologise to everyone who came for the Summer Fair which due to unforeseen circumstances had to be cancelled at the last minute. We will be arranging another date to hold the fair in the near future.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES

Residents in Newton Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership meets later this month. The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Forum will hold its next event on Tuesday, June 29 at the Sycamore Suite, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The Forum meeting will be an opportunity for the board to give an update on the progress made by the partnership during its first year of operation. The event will include a celebration and feedback of the projects already undertaken in the local area. There will then be a short presentation on local police issues from Inspector Andy Neill and an update on The County Plan. The GAMP Forum meeting will take place at 6pm but there will be refreshments and information stalls available from 4.30pm. Anyone who would like to attend should contact Paula Stockport in advance. Telephone: 01325 327441 Email: paula.stockport@durham.gov.uk

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Over the course of more than a century SSAFA has adapted and evolved to meet the changing needs of our Armed Forces. Founded in 1885 to support the troops and families of the second expeditionary force to Egypt, the charity's work is just as relevant today as it was then.

As the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan continues to

rise, SSAFA's family support groups are playing a vital role in helping relatives come to terms with loss and life-changing injuries. Our two Norton Homes allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment, giving them the opportunity to do normal family things such as eat a meal together or simply watch a film. And each year our network of trained volunteers assists 50,000 people ranging from Second World War veterans and National Servicemen to members of the Territorial Army.

You can help us to continue to provide this vital support to our servicemen and women past and present. To mark our 125th anniversary we are launching Target 125 and asking everyone to 'Be a Hero' and raise £125 for SSAFA Forces Help in 2010. Whether you can run 5km, swim a mile, parachute from 12,000ft, do a sponsored silence or sit in a bath of baked beans, every contribution will help us to meet our pledge to support our troops and their families, now and for the rest of their lives.

To find out more visit our website at www.ssafa125.org.uk or call 020 7463 9373. If you think SSAFA Forces Help can assist you or someone you know, or you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Mrs Gregory the divisional secretary on 01325 319099.

PHANTOM PHOTOGRAPHER COMES FORWARD

Dear Sir,
I am the person who in all innocence took the photograph of Councillor Nicholls, receiving the petition from the residents of Shafto House care home. Being unaware of the Councillor's ban on photography, which to me was also a family occasion, I thought that people of Newton Aycliffe would be interested that the County Council were caring enough to receive the petition from residents, who are under

threat of being evicted.

The Councillor's visit should have been open to our local press, instead of trying to stifle genuine interest in any threatened closure of some of Durham County Council's care homes.

I can also assure Councillor Nicholls that his annoyance over the photograph, will be nothing compared to mine if Shafto House is closed, and my Mother-in-Law is evicted.

Yours Sincerely,
Denis Dryden

Greenfield Tennis Reach Another Milestone



It has taken Greenfield Tennis just 9 Years to reach the latest milestone when it celebrated its 30 000th visitor. Assistant Coach, Joe Haines to commemorate the achievement, presented Carl Cox a student at St Joseph's Junior School in Newton Aycliffe with a tennis racket.

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RugbyForce Event Kick-Starts Season



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club were one of just 200 clubs throughout the country to take part in an exciting new scheme to improve facilities. The RBS RugbyForce, similar to the Cricket Force which Aycliffe Cricket Club took part in a number of weeks ago, involves players and members getting together to give their

ground and facilities a new lease of life. The first 200 clubs who registered for the 2010 RBS RugbyForce competition received goods and resources up to the value of £250 to be used towards club improvements, 50 T-shirts for the workforce volunteers, an RBS RugbyForce Plaque on completion of the Weekend and

an RBS RugbyForce Manual and Posters. Aycliffe held their RugbyForce weekend at Moore Lane last week and used it to re-vamp the scrum machine, clean and repaint the home and away changing rooms and gutted out their equipment shed. "All three jobs entailed a combined and concerted effort by all who attended," said coach Bob Malvern. Everyone got stuck in and enjoyed themselves before enjoying a veritable feast of a BBQ and a few well-earned beers! RugbyForce is a brilliant idea and has helped to kick-start our pre-season training on a positive note. A big thanks to everyone who took part."

Bargains at Summer Fair

Burnhill Way Methodist Church, near the Turbiniia Pub, hold their Summer Fair on Saturday 26th June from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy Strawberries & Cream, and then browse the various stalls for some great bargains.

Garden Party Raised £400

Milly's Royal Garden Party was a great success and raised over £400. This is a great contribution towards funds needed to replace the boiler in St. Clare's Church. Grateful thanks for the time and effort given by those involved. Thanks also to those who donated prizes for the raffle and a special thanks to those who attended.

AAP Fund Sessions for Juniors at Youthy

'There is nothing to do' is a phrase often heard from teenagers but what about young people aged seven to 13? The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership is organising sessions aimed at this age group and has funded extra youth workers and activities at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

The Youth Centre is currently funded to provide activities for the teenagers but research has shown there is little on offer for juniors Through GAMP funding, the Youth Centre will soon be offering younger people the chance to experience a wide range of activities including dance mats, computer games, sports coaching, arts and crafts, cinema and off site visits to activities such as bowling. Activities will help youngsters to develop relationships, build confidence and take active responsibility within their community. Sessions will be similar to activities held for older age groups but will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Youth Centre opposite Tesco's. George Rowling from the Youth Centre said: "These GAMP funded sessions will show that we are providing entertainment for all ages in Newton Aycliffe. "It's important that all young people are catered for and have somewhere to meet up and take part in activities which allow

them to socialise with friends in a safe environment.

"We have had a great response from young people in the area when we have provided activities for this age group and would encourage anyone interested to get in touch." Activities are currently being organised and will start in the near future on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Further details are available from the Youth Centre. Tel: 307522

What is Best Value?

Dear Sir,
I was disappointed with the Town Council's reply on bringing back boats to West Park Lake. It is easy to get rid of things on "Best Value" grounds, but ratepayers should have some say bearing in mind other services provided that the Council run at a loss. Now that the Best Value committee is dissolved why not think again? Council Hall refers to equipment provided in place of the boats, but failed to mention that money came from another source. If he visited West Park in the summer months he would see how well the Park is used now and would perhaps urge the Council to invest in children's pleasure and also provide some picnic tables.
Maud Gray

Bids Invited for Original Masterpiece



The Rotary Club were given this stunning original painting of Durham Cathedral to auction in aid of their Charity Account which benefits people in our community. The Painting is by Cec Dunn an extremely talented northern artist and it is valued at over £500. It is in a beautiful frame and can be seen in Don Walker's shop window at Simpaturegate. (Bid's over £100 accepted) If you are interested in owning this special piece of art which will definitely increase in value, please make a bid and hand it in to Don leaving your bid, name, address and telephone number. The highest bid will become the proud owner of this magnificent painting and we will publish the result in Newton News.

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After that Ian made the choice to change to a healthier way of life and lost over 13 stones by changing his eating habits and getting more active. Ian said "most people don't recognise me in the street these days", and on the opening day some of the customers asked "where is the big lad that use to work here?" They were astonished when I said "I was that man". Ian also added "Now my favourite low fat meals are available for everyone to try and hopefully I can help others turn their life around" The FeastLand concept means you can still treat yourself AND manage your fat levels, perfect for those treats on a warm summers evening. This is a healthy alternative to your lunchtime meal, or to feed those world cup parties we hope we will all be having. For more information on FeastLand and the range of low fat, healthy alternatives to takeaway meals, log onto www.feastland.co.uk or www.facebook.com/feastland or call 01325 321123.

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Three Peaks Challenge Supports Help for Heroes

Thirty staff from Durham County Council and Sedgefield Borough Homes are to 'yomp' up Yorkshire's classic Three Peaks to raise funds for local armed forces heroes.

The walkers will take on Ingleborough, Wharfedale and Pen-y-ghent, climbing over 7,000ft and covering 25 miles in 12 hours in aid of Help for Heroes and 3 Rifles.

Former servicemen, Lee Dunn, customer service manager at Sedgefield Borough Homes, and Andy Denholm, the County Council's envirocrime co-ordinator, are organising the challenge.

"Everyone taking part has some sort of connection to the Services," said Lee.

"This is not just about raising money – it's about raising awareness of our troops who are doing a fantastic job in very difficult and dangerous circumstances.

"3 Rifles is the local County Durham Regiment which has just returned from Afghanistan having lost 30 Riflemen with many more injured.

"The money we raise will, in a small way, go towards helping families and the injured," he said.

The walk, on June 26, coincides with the annual Armed Forces Day when people can show their support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces.

Anyone wanting to sponsor the walkers, or donate to Help for Heroes and 3 Rifles, can

contact either Lee or Andy at ftmleedunn@yahoo.co.uk or andy.denholm@durham.gov.uk

Positive Contribution

Dear Sir,
I would just like to say what a pleasure it was to be involved with the Stage One production of 'Kissing Sid James'. This was the sort of thing Aycliffe has been crying out for for years, no offence to other amateur dramatic productions. Everything that the Director, William Gibson, did was in order to benefit the people of this town. He put in many hours of work organising actors and crew, painting the stage, designing the set and all because he wants to do something a bit different for Aycliffe.

The same applies to the actors and crew and hopefully, those that came to see the play left happy, amused and with some idea of just how much effort was put into making this show the best it could be.

The next performance, A Kick in the Bubbles, will be a Christmas play showing the first week of December and we're all getting excited by it already. With any luck this will be the first step in getting Aycliffe notoriety for something good and will only reflect positively on the town and it's inhabitants.

Alan Bennett

Local Cheerleaders in Manchester



The KDanz Cheerleading Academy (OKCA) 'Jewels' squad did themselves and their coaches proud at the UKCA Championships on Saturday 15th May hosted annually at the famous Manchester Velodrome and teams from across Britain and N.Ireland met over the weekend to compete 'Jewels' range in age from 6 to 11 and train weekly at Sunnyside in Shildon.

The team, coaches and parents made an early start to get to the venue for their 9.40am performance. Parents lent much appreciated support from the spectators stand.

'The Sport of Smiles' place great emphasis on

team spirit and mutual support and the 'Jewels' demonstrated both qualities in abundance, cheering enthusiastically for other performing teams throughout the day.

Head coaches Kay Jones and Janine Marsh and their assistant coaches Vikkie Slee and Alison Proctor all agreed that the girls showed great energy and praised the effort and commitment they have all made.

OKCA are always looking for new members, boys and girls aged 6-16 years. If you are interested please contact Kay Jones on 07900365892 or www.kdanz.co.uk and go to OKCA Jewels.

NEW MANAGER AT 3M



The 3M plant at Aycliffe, which makes personal respirators for worker safety, has a new site manager at the helm.

Shaun Morley has relocated from the diversified technology company's Clitheroe plant in Lancashire to take over the post from Jim Grigg, who has moved to a new management position within 3M.

"My parents used to run the Nag's Head pub in Darlington at one time, so I have had some connection with the local area, but this is my first experience of working with the Aycliffe team and I'm very much looking forward to it," Shaun said.

"The site's not only got a great reputation for the quality of

its products but is also widely recognised for its excellent work in looking after the health, safety and wellbeing of employees."

One of Shaun's first roles as manager was to present a long service certificate to production trimmer operator Dave Olsen, who has clocked up 40 years service at the plant.

Dave's wife, Mary, whom he met at work, retired after 25 years service in 2004 and their daughter Amanda is now in the Heighington Lane site's planning department.

Shaun added: "It was a privilege to be able to congratulate Dave. The fact that he and his family have so many years service between

them goes to show what a great place to work this is."

Musical at Greenfield

Aycliffe Musical Theatre will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's ever popular "HMS Pinafore" at Greenfield Arts and Community Centre on Wednesday 30th June, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

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BIDS IN FOR WORLD CUP AUCTION

A number of bids have already been received for items of Newton Aycliffe FC's Ross Turnbull World Cup Auction. A £300 punt has been made for an England shirt signed by Frank Lampard, while £100 bids have also been made, by the same person, for the Michael Ballack-signed Germany shirt and Michael Essien-signed Ghana shirt. Former Boro player and Newtonian Ross Turnbull, who joined double-winners last year, is auctioning off a stunning

collection of memorabilia to raise money for his hometown club. Included in the auction is a pair of match-worn signed John Terry boots, which include the names of his children, "Summer" and "Georgie", on each boot. There is an Ivory Coast shirt signed by Didier Drogba and Solomon Kalou, an England shirt signed by Terry, Lampard, Joe Cole and Ashley Cole and a France shirt signed by Nicolas Anelka and Florent Malouda.

The auction will be held at Aycliffe's World Cup Pie & Peas Supper, with ex-Newcastle, Hartlepool and Chelsea player Joe Allon the guest speaker along with comedian Terry Joyce, on Friday July 9 – just two days before the World Cup Final. Pre-auction bids can be made by email to martinwalker50@hotmail.com – or call organiser Martin Walker on 07826 525907 – and a running update of bids is available at Aycliffe's website, www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk



TRIBUTE TO A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Dear Sir,
Greenlea Garth recently lost a great character and friend, Richard Reavley who died on 7th June. As a tribute a collection from residents was organised to buy a wreath and a sum of £196.10p was raised. As the wreath cost £40 the remaining money was donated to Diabetes UK as Richard suffered from this illness. Thanks to all those who donated cash in memory of Richard.

Village School Girls Dance Bollywood



Pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary School recently attended the Asian Dance Festival and performed in

front of a packed theatre. The girls, who had started their Bollywood Dancing only a few weeks before the event, rose to the occasion and danced brilliantly. The tutor, funded by the Extended Schools' Programme, was very pleased with the way the girls danced. The Bollywood Dance routine was practised in the school in the recent Arts Week when all pupils joined in with a range of Dance workshops ranging from Modern Dance to Ballroom Dancing.

FREE SPORTS COACHING AT AGNEW

Starting Tuesday 15th June 4-30pm to 6-30pm aged 8 to 11 and Wednesday 16th June 4-30pm to 6-30pm aged 12 to 14 FREE Multi Sports Coaching to cover sports such as Football, Basketball & Cricket at the Agnew Community Centre running weekly until the end of July. This is with Claire Todd, Learning Coordinator and Active Inclusion. The funding was secured through Neighborhood Learning [NLDC] to run an 'Active 8' programme which is aimed at training unemployed 19 to 24 year old adults to deliver 8 different sporting activities to young people at the Agnew Community Centre. All the trained candidates receive a Sports Leadership Certificate on completion of the programme so turn up and have FUN at the Agnew. Should any parent wish to discuss any issues ring the Agnew Secretary on 07535 255098.

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Remembering All Our Yesterdays



The "All Our Yesterdays" 1940's sing-along at the Agnew Community Centre was highly successful. Lindisfarne Care Home, Gilpin Court Bingo Club and many more attended and all were in good singing voice, led by Jenna Highfield from Darlington & Dorothy Lovegreen from Aycliffe who are seen in the photo performing Flanagan and Allan's "Underneath the Arches". Big thanks to all who helped out on the day, to Margaret and Shirley for refreshments and for organising the event.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL NOTICES OF MEETINGS

Wednesday 23rd June 2010
Special Policy & Resources Committee
7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 10 minutes has been set aside for electors to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.

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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that: An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

Wednesday 23rd June 2010
Immediately following the
Special Policy & Resources Committee Meeting

Items on the Agenda:
(i) To confirm the minutes of the Special Policy and Resources Committee.
(ii) To receive the Annual Audit Plan 2009/10 from the Audit Commission.

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

New Nursery Garden Created



Fiona Smith (Nursery Manager) at Little Acorns Day Nursery would like thank the wonderful people for kind donations to create the garden shown in the photograph. "Without their help our new garden would not have been possible" said Fiona.

OBE FOR FORMER COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Joanna Tait, former Principal of Bishop Auckland College (who retired in March this year) has been awarded an OBE in recognition of her services to Further Education, locally, regionally and nationally for 40 years.

Born, raised and educated in Scotland, she began her career as a European linguist working in the motor and steel industries and in 1970 changed careers and taught for 17 years in the newly formed English Polytechnic Higher Education sector.

In 1994 she was appointed Principal/Chief Executive of Bishop Auckland College and was instrumental in transforming the then small FE College into a significant learning organisation providing services to the 200,000 people living in the mainly semi-rural South West Durham.



Under her leadership Bishop Auckland College gained a high quality reputation (shown in a number of national awards and standards) and has become renowned for its commitment to working in partnership to promote increased uptake in further and higher education and today plays a very active part in the local and regional economy.

Joanna said "I am delighted to receive this honour, and I would like to thank all those who have contributed and helped me throughout my career and to receive this honour makes me very proud. I am very grateful to, and proud of the success of Bishop Auckland College's governors, staff and students, including the completion of the wonderful new buildings on Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

NOTHING HAPPENING

Dear Sir,
I have lived here for 21 years and during that time on countless occasions we have heard we are going to do this and that to the town centre. During this period we have the industrial estate being updated, with a statue at the entrance and new signs, but still no work started in our shopping centre.
We are a very big town in Durham, but look like the poor relation. When oh when will someone act, tell the truth and get on with it? Please forget all the gimmicks as we the people of Newton Aycliffe deserve better - Get on with it now!
Gerrie Selbie

CALL TO RE-OPEN PARK TOILETS



Councillor George Gray's request on behalf of ratepayers to have the Simpature Park toilets re-opened has been turned down by the Town Council. He asked that a previous decision, taken 20 years ago to demolish the toilets, be rescinded as no attempt had been made to knock the dilapidated building down and there is now an increased demand for their use.

Counc Gray's proposal comes from complaints that footballers have been seen urinating behind trees on the park and the lack of toilets is a problem to visiting families. We contacted the Town Council who say the toilets were agreed to be closed (not demolished) approximately 17 years ago following complaints by the public in regard to anti-social behaviour and inappropriate use.

The recent decision to recommend demolition has come from the council's asset management plan, which would seem sensible, given their condition and the fact they have been closed for 17 years.

The actual demolition is under investigation at present as the toilets share a party wall with SBH garages.

There are other toilets in the Simpature pavilion which can be used by the football players. The teams can also leave the main shutter door open if they wish and or have someone in the pavilion to

supervise public toilet use during matches. Alternatively, the changing rooms are separate to the toilets and both toilets and changing rooms have lockable doors so there should not be a security problem.

There is no provision for unsupervised use of the toilets in this park nor has the council received any requests directly.

The council at a full council meeting re-affirmed the decision to progress with demolition following consideration of Councillor G.C.Gray's motion.

MONEY WORRIES?

If you are you struggling to pay your mortgage, rent or any other debts the Citizens Advice Bureau Money Advice Service is here to help you.

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Pauline Chambers, Service

Manager at Sedgefield CAB said "Our team has considerable experience in dealing with debt related problems, and they can also directly refer clients who need different advice to our other specialist services in welfare benefits advice and money guidance as well as to our generalist advisers in housing, consumer, employment etc."

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Event to Help Diabetic Children

The Inner Wheel Club of Newton Aycliffe are holding a Coffee Morning and Open Garden at 46 Belford Way on Wednesday 23rd June from 10am to 12.30pm.

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Saturday 19th June - "Reload"
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Saturday 26th June - "The Kill"
"The band took to the stage, from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance. Vocalist Gregg took centre point on stage and really went for it. Not just vocally but physically too! I've said it before and I'll say it again, the office stage is bigger than most pub set-ups and it needs a band with a genuine physical presence to attract the audience's attention in a building of that size. They had that charisma about them. The rock style of the band continued on with a commercial AOR feel on such songs as Def Leppard's 'Animal' and even though the group did generally go down the path of recognisable rock anthems, it never became too cheesy or entirely predictable. I think they hit a marvellous balance of choosing songs that would have a larger appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next!"
Colin Smout Review
Tracks covered by Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Def Leppard, Guns n' Roses, Linkin Park, Metallica, Ozzy, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and more - www.thekill.co.uk

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Nice Event at the “Youthy”



On Friday 28th May, eight Y6 Vane Road pupils and I attended a fun event at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre; the purpose of which was to bring together the younger and older generations of Newton Aycliffe. After a warm greeting and welcome refreshment, the day commenced with an array of fun activities. Children enjoyed line dancing, games from yesteryear and the opportunity to introduce electronic dance mat routines to the older generation of guests in attendance. We watched a unique performance of spoon playing followed by the opportunity to demonstrate our own abilities. What fun! The day was a huge success and we thank all those involved in making this event so memorable.

The children commented on how beneficial the day had been and on their enjoyment in socialising with the older generation. Amy, Byron, Callum, Hannah, Jay, Maddie, Sophie, Victoria and Mrs Service.

Show Your Support on Armed Forces Day

Monday 21st June - Town War Memorial

An annual event designed to honour our Service personnel, past, present and future; the theme for Armed Forces Day is ‘Show Your Support’. The day aims to raise awareness and support for the Armed Forces community, which includes serving personnel and their families, veterans and the Cadet Forces, and highlights the outstanding contribution they make to this country. The national event takes place on Saturday 26 June and will be hosted by Cardiff City Council. This will be

complemented by over 170 community-led events in towns and cities across the UK on or around 26th June. Public support for Armed Forces Day is growing with over 260,000 fans on the dedicated Facebook page and almost 1300 followers on Twitter. There are lots of messages of support posted every day. Monday 21st June is the ‘Fly the Flag’ initiative where local authorities across the U.K. will be provided with an Armed Forces Day flag to fly in honour of the event. Councillor Dorothy Bowman will raise the flag on behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council and the people of Newton Aycliffe at the War Memorial at St. Clare’s Church at 11 a.m. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and show their support.

STAGECOACH SELECTED TO PERFORM IN WEST END GALA

Stagecoach Darlington and Yarm is delighted to announce that they have been chosen to follow in the steps of Billy Elliot and perform at the Billy Youth Theatre West End Gala at the Victoria Palace Theatre on Sunday 18 July 2010. As one of 14 groups chosen, Stagecoach will perform an excerpt from a shortened version of Billy Elliot the Musical which has been specially adapted for the Billy Youth Theatre. In November last year, to celebrate five years in the West End, the producers of Billy Elliot the Musical launched Billy Youth Theatre, a new initiative providing schools and youth groups around the country with the opportunity to perform their own productions of the internationally award-winning show. Since the launch 115 groups and over 5,000 young people from Stirling to Southampton have taken part in the Billy Youth

Theatre which was open to schools and established youth groups in England, Scotland and Wales, and to performers aged 10-19. Stagecoach Yarm was the school that was proud to have Jamie Bell as its student in 1998, when it sent him for his audition, which won him his iconic title role in “Billy Elliot”. Since then other success has followed for other students from the schools, as Zoe Birkett found success in Pop Idol in 2001 which has led to her appearing in the West End in “Priscilla Queen of the Desert” and now “Thriller”. Other younger students have won parts in West End productions such as “Mary Poppins” and “Oliver” and with the Billy Elliot theme still running strong, Annabelle Crosby played Debbie in the West End show for a year. A Stagecoach ‘All Boy Dance Class’ hopes to provide boys for the parts of Michael and Billy in the West End show some day in the future. They have had Elliot Allinson in extra training with the show for a year before finally losing his chance to play Billy, when he was down to the last ten.

Trudy Hindmarsh, the principal, said, “I can’t describe the pride and pleasure that it gives me to be able to say that we are taking our students to play in the West End. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. To have the opportunity to play with the show’s live band on the Billy Elliot set, in the Billy Theatre is magical.” She added, “We had a wonderful experience playing at Durham Gala Theatre in the regional “Billy Elliot” showcase on 16th May. All the groups there were amazing and the atmosphere so positive. It makes us really aware of how lucky we are to have got through to the final round showcase. I can’t wait!!” Local people can see for themselves why this group have been chosen to play in the West End when Stagecoach stages “Billy Elliot” at Darlington Arts Centre Theatre from Tues 20th July to Friday 23rd July with a 70+ strong cast. The profits from the shows will go to “Arms for Angels” to fund the purchase of a state of the art prosthetic arm for one of the students in the shows. Ring Darlington Civic Box Office on 01325 486555.

Town Centre Demolition Has Started

Whilst there is no outward sign that the demolition of our Town Centre has started workmen are inside stripping out wires and fittings ready for the bulldozers to come and knock the buildings down. “The demolition will take place as soon as possible after this work is completed.” We have waited a long time for this, let’s please remain patient” said our MP Phil Wilson.

ARMY CADETS HELP WITH LITTER PICK



Dear Editor I am very concerned that since the temporary closure to the public of the Aycliffe waste centre we noticed a considerable increase in fly tipping on Heighington Station roadside areas. We do hope that once the centre reopens in July this mindless action by the few will cease. I am delighted for our Saturday 12th June pick some 19 members of the Army Cadets REME from Newton Aycliffe joined us to pick litter on verges and banks of roads in Heighington Parish. The group met at Heighington Village Hall where a safety briefing and tools to help with the pick were given out. The young cadets assisted by 9 HPLG volunteers collected some 33 bags of litter and several large items in just under two hours. The group also found four places with fly tipping that was too much to handle and was reported to the Council. As usual our monthly pick concentrated on the main roads in Heighington, Redworth and School Aycliffe. The group, after the pick, met for refreshments and social chats to exchange experiences. We had lovely weather for the pick and the cadets enjoyed taking part. We were very pleased that several cadets expressed interest in participating in the future. Our next pick will be on the 10th of July. The volunteers can meet and join the pick starting at 10 am at three locations

Redworth, School Aycliffe or at Heighington Village Hall where a safety briefing and tools can be collected. We welcome new members and would be very pleased if residents of Newton Aycliffe could also form a litter pick group to help to make all surrounding areas in this part of County Durham tidy. Of course life would be even better if people would take their rubbish home or place it into litter bins rather than throw it onto our roads and paths polluting our environment. Lou Bedocs member of HPLG

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Newtonian John Elliott has written to the Town Council Environment Officer Steve Cooper complaining about the state of some of the town amenities along woodland walks which are not being maintained due to damage, litter and vandalism. He had also reported diseased trees to the County Council which have been left untreated for a year resulting in more trees being infected. Mr Elliott points out that by not treating the problems immediately in these areas

they get much worse and the natural beauty is spoilt. Steven has responded to all the points raised within his responsibility and improvements are taking place. We are informed that Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council are

in the process of ordering a selection of seats, litter and dog bins to replace many of the pieces of furniture which have started to look worn out throughout the entire route, this will include the woodland that Mr Elliott refers to. The furniture will be installed on site by late summer.

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Review of Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillors are being asked to consider a report into ways Durham County Council can further improve the ways it tackles anti-social behaviour (ASB).

ASB has a major impact on many communities and the council already works with a range of partners to address a whole host of issues.

The authority's Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken a review into how both the council and its partners address anti-social behaviour and focussed specifically on enviro crime (e.g. dog fouling and fly-tipping), and issues around private sector landlords.

The review gathered a wide range of evidence from council officers and members, partner organisations and private sector landlords identifying a number of recommendations to Cabinet and the Safe Durham Partnership, which it's hoped will help reduce ASB.

Dealing with ASB is a high priority for the council and a number of initiatives are already helping address issues across the county. For example there is a Landlords Initiatives Team, to support Private Sector Landlords, a Fly-Tipping Implementation Plan, and a county-wide neighbourhood wardens scheme.

The report suggests the development and implementation of an anti-

social behaviour strategy and action plan, a change in the way unlicensed landlords are dealt with, as well as a change to the way anti-social behaviour which has an effect on the environment, like fly tipping, is dealt with.

Anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces was also looked into as part of the review and comments received from town and parish councils,

as well as the police and fire service, were highlighted in the report. These included misuse of alcohol, lack of things to do for young people, and litter.

The report also recommends the development of computer systems and information sharing protocols to improve partnership working with Community Safety partner agencies.

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The museum was looking to employ Johnny Malloy, 20, to serve an apprenticeship in the workshop and SASDA was able to help fund his wages for six months with the grant from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF).

Tony Attle, education manager at Locomotion said: "The support from Sasda has been absolutely brilliant, not only is the money helpful towards paying Johnny's wages, we can't thank them enough for the extra support we've had.

"Sasda's Ann Boyd visited us to arrange the funding when she learned we were looking to recruit and she has continued to pop in many times to see everything is ok and it's really great to have them on board."

SASDA - which supports businesses in the region and creates employment opportunities for residents through various resources and has helped scores of companies in the area. SASDA have engaged with almost 600 businesses in the Sedgfield Borough since July 2009, leading to the creation of more than 140 jobs. They also offer strategic support in redundancy situations and has helped 11 people back into work and safeguarded 10 jobs which were at risk. For further information about how your business can receive support and funding from SASDA contact 01325 310730.



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A weekend full of free music is on offer at Bishop Auckland College, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland beginning on Friday 25 June from 5.30pm - 10.00pm and Saturday 26 June from noon until 10.00pm. This is the 3rd year in a row that the BACstage free live music and arts festival sponsored by Bishop Auckland Town Council is being held and organisers are hoping to make it the best yet. There will be a wonderful line-up of established bands combined with home grown talent, original pop, indie, rock, hip-hop and tribute bands. Saturday's special guest will be former Blue front man Lee Ryan. Fairground attractions, food and drink stalls, beer tent and arts and crafts stalls will be available so there will be something for all the family. On Sunday 27 June, classic music lovers can come along from 5.00pm - 10.00pm (concert starts at 7.00pm) and enjoy the free 'Proms at the College' music event sponsored by Bishop Auckland Town Council and Bishop Auckland Town Centre Forum, bring a picnic. Performing at this event is The Mowbray Orchestra with Soprano Maggie McDonald. For further information www.

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Births

SHOTTON 14th June 2010. Congratulations John and Claire on the birth of your Son "Arthur John" and a big well done to Ollie for the wonderful welcome he gave to his little Brother (Squiggles). Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Nanna xxx

SHOTTON 14th June 2010. Congratulations John and Claire on the birth of your Son "Arthur John", a brother for Ollie. Love and kisses from Lindsey, Andrew, Taylor and Gabrielle

SHOTTON John and Claire congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Son "Arthur John" on 14th June. Brother for Ollie. Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

Thank You

NANA (Nora) I would like to thank all of my family and friends for my "Surprise 80th Birthday Party" at Woodham Golf Club on 5th June. Thank you to everyone that attended and for the lovely cards and presents I received. See you all next year! Love, Nana (Nora) xxxxx

A SPECIAL thanks for all cards and gifts given at my 18th birthday party. I would also like to thank Marion for the lovely buffet, Inaspin Disco and Arnie who took some fabulous photos. Many thank, Arraon Saunders xxx

MRS COWAN would like to thank devoted Daughter Diane, Son-in-law Andrew Tweddle and family for all their love and kindness over a lot of years. A family in a million.

I WOULD like to thank everyone who sponsored me on the walk for St Clares Church Funds. Tony Churchward

Birthday Remembrance

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS May the winds of love blow gently and whisper in your ear, that we still love and miss you Mam and wish that you were still here. Scott and Emma xxx
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS (my Mam) Just a prayer for us who loved you so very much. It's your birthday Mam and I miss your gentle touch. Victoria and George xxx
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS 21/6/62-26/5/2006. Happy birthday my dear Daughter Anthea. My memories and love for you will stay in my heart forever. Your Mam and special love and thoughts of my Husband Ray xxxxxx
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS The gates of memory will never close, I miss you more than anyone knows. Phil xxx
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS Birthday wishes sent to Heaven above to my dear Sis Anthea, and love sent to Dad on Fathers Day. We miss you both so much, Glenn and Emma xxx
ANTHEAScott-ATESS 21-6-62. Deep are the memories of a Sister so dear, also my dearest Dad. Earle xxxxx
ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS Sad are the hearts that love you Anthea, happy birthday darling. Uncle Allen, Auntie Marion and family xxx

In Memoriam

FRANK McCAFFERTY died 14th June 1999. Treasured memories of a loving Husband and Father. Love, Nancy, Kevin, Frank and Tracy

GILBERT WILSON Died 19th June 1997. As the ambulance we shared drove past the Hoppings, I was feeling glum, for I knew in my heart, the day you were going to leave me had finally come. Now it's that awful time of year again, tears I will shed. But I'll dry my eyes and think of all the happy Hoppings memories instead. 13 years without you Dad, the pain is so hard to bear. But I only have to close my eyes and suddenly you are there. Love as always, Daughter Pamela xxx

KATHLEEN PAPE Died 23rd June 2009. Loving memories of a precious Mam and Gran. Always and forever in our thoughts. Sadly missed. Margaret, John, Hannah and Sam xxx

Obituary

BESNARD Nora of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on the 7th June, 2010, aged 81 years. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Service to take place on Friday 18th June at Darlington Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired to Pancreatic Cancer Research. Plate provided at Crematorium
BAINBRIDGE, Margaret. Died peacefully in St Teresa's Hospice on 7th June 2010. To my beautiful Sister who can never be replaced. From your loving Brother Brian and your much loved Niece Krystal

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Congratulations on your Wedding in Cyprus. Love, Nanna and Grandad. We were thinking of you both on your special day. Love from all your Brothers, Sisters, Nephews and Nieces xx

RONNIE GREAVES

To a wonderful Husband on his 50th birthday. Hope you enjoy Sunday. Lots of love from your Loving Wife, Jean xxx

Happy Birthday Ronnie

Start taking that tablets now that you are fifty! From your loving Mum and Uncle Ron and family

Ronnie Greaves

Congratulations on reaching 50 - hope you have a great day. Lots of love from your Sister, Jackie and Lin and Brother later Ron and all the rest of the family xxxxx



Bill Gutteridge



Happy 70th Birthday
23th June 2010

Happy birthday to my darling Husband. Love, Jean xxx

Happy birthday Dad. Love, Kim and Jamie xx

Megan Rosie Rockett



Hip Hip Hooray
Megan Rosie's 21 Today
Have a great weekend. Love, Mam, Dad, Sonny, Annie and Harry
Have a great 21st Megan. Lots of love, Granny x

Donna Coulthard



Happy 30th Birthday
20th June 1940

Have a great day. Lots of love, Dad, Lynda and Col. To a special Sis on your special birthday. Lots of love, Kayl's and Liam

John & Anne Woodward



20th June
Congratulations Mam and Dad on your Ruby Wedding. Lots of love always, Joanne, Jordan and Brandon xxx

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UNDER 18's TRIAL DATES



On the back of their first ever season in the Durham FA County Lomax Under 18's Saturday League, Newton Aycliffe FC Under 18's will be holding trials later this month to select a squad of players for next season (2010-2011). The trials are on Saturday 26th June at 10.30am and Tuesday 29th June at 6.30pm at Moore Lane Park. The team had a very successful first season competing with well established teams from Wearside and Tyneside, reaching a League Cup semi-final along the way. Aycliffe's curtain raiser to last season was a mouth watering fixture against Newcastle United FC's Academy team where the players were watched by England legends Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne. The success of the team has also seen them selected to compete in their first ever International Football Tournament representing County Durham and England in Germany, 19/20th June. With home fixtures played at

Newton Aycliffe FC's Northern League ground a number of players have gone on to play for the senior team. Aycliffe had players selected to represent Durham County Under 18's representative team and players have had trials for England College's teams. Team manager Paul Jarps, himself a UEFA 'B' licence qualified coach said, "This is an exciting time for the team. We have taken great strides in our first season and are looking to build on our success

next season. The standard of football is excellent with teams having many players previously playing for local professional clubs so players need to show their ability to be selected. The facilities at Aycliffe are second to none at this level". Players need to be born between 1st September 1992 and 31st August 1994 to be eligible to play next season. For further information, visit the club website www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk or call Paul on 07530 067335.

Library on the Ball

Sports fans could net a top of the range football by getting into a good book this summer. Libraries across County Durham will be entering into the World Cup spirit during the next month by offering visitors the chance to win one of 10 replica footballs. In order to qualify for the draw, members of the public need to borrow three books from a library HealthZone between Friday, 11 June and Sunday, 11 July. Cllr Eunice Huntington, Durham County Council Cabinet Member for Healthier Communities, said: "Raising awareness and improving standards of health are key priorities for the council and this campaign represents a fun step towards achieving this goal." HealthZones, which are located within libraries around the county, offer books and information on subjects ranging

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Generations Together

Twelve Key Stage 3 students from Woodham Community Technology College recently took part in an Intergeneration Day, held at the Youth Centre. The event was organised by Durham Police Authority who were keen to provide opportunities for young people to integrate with older members of the community. Students socialised with a lot of new people from a range of backgrounds and gained an insight into the different organisations within the community, including the work of the Pioneering Care Centre. Much of the day was lively with people of all ages participating in a range of activities including Human Bingo, Dance Mat and Arm Chair Aerobics. Students even got a music lesson from

the British World Champion Spoon Player! "I learnt that older people have similar problems to younger people. I enjoyed the dance mats because all ages got involved and it was fun" said Emily Campbell, a Year 8 student. Mrs Taylor, Assistant Head Teacher at Woodham Community Technology College commented "We are keen to involve as many students as possible within the local community. Several of our students are members of the Aycliffe Town Council and we are never short of volunteers to take part and support a variety of local events. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day and we thank Durham Police Authority for inviting us to take part."



Agnew Parent Toddler Group

Please note that from Wednesday the 16th June this will run weekly from 1pm to 3pm and will have a new co-ordinator in Alannah Colin who can be contacted on 07513368464. All are welcome and it is still only £1 per family, Alannah looks forward to seeing you all at the New Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close.

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