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Families Flock to 'Active Aycliffe' Fun Day

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The free Family Fun Day took place at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Beveridge Way Arcade and Active Aycliffe Town Centre shop, 17 Beveridge Way on Saturday 22nd September. Over 83 children and adults of all ages tried the activities in the Leisure Centre from Tri dives, to Basketball, Baseball, Fencing, Swimming, Football, Gymnastics, Dance and much more all delivered by local clubs.

The Pioneering Care Partnership provided information and delivered family arts and crafts to 112 people in the Active Aycliffe town centre shop and made fruit smoothies and healthy wraps for people to try.

Just added to the many sports club activities on offer in Aycliffe, a brand new junior football session is taking place every Monday from 4.30-5.30pm and this will be FREE for the month of October for ages 6-11yrs. All the club information is available in the Leisure Centre.

All this is brought to you by 'Active Aycliffe' which involves organisations such as Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Durham County Council's Sport and Physical Activity Team, Woodham Academy and local sports' clubs who have got together to run events and raise the profile of what's going on in Aycliffe. Various activities are being planned under the 'Active Aycliffe' umbrella to enable local groups, clubs and organisations to showcase and promote their activities and encourage local children, young people and their families to join in and adopt healthier lifestyles.

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Messy Church is for all families with children and has been identified as a great first introduction for those preparing for baptism. So come along, there will be a plate for donations to the craft activities, and to the Harvest Tea which follows. All are very welcome.

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WOODHAM STUDENTS MAKE APPRENTICE AWARENESS VISITS



On 19th September, Woodham Academy, together with six local companies: Palram, Ebac, 3M, Finley Structures, Stiller Warehouse and Distribution and Tallent launched the Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge to raise the profile of apprenticeships as a possible career route.

This week, in the second stage of the Apprenticeship

Awareness Challenge, Year 9 students have visited the company with whom they are working on the challenge. The aim of the visit was to get a clearer picture of the company with which they have been linked for the duration of the programme. Students had a tour of the company, seen the manufacturing process in

action and have met current apprentices. The international career opportunities in multi-national companies have been considered. The students have all come back from their experience brimming with excitement and are really looking forward to the next stage of the competition. The scheme has been funded through the GAMP committee. Adam White, a GAMP representative, said 'The visits are proving to be very well received by students. They are allowing students to consider post 16 opportunities and are providing a deep learning experience'.

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Events at Burnhill Way Methodist Church

We would like to invite all residents of Newton Aycliffe to the forthcoming events at Burnhill Way Methodist Church.

On Saturday 13th October we will be hosting a Coffee Morning 10am-12 noon. Please come along to enjoy hot drinks, cakes, hot sandwiches, at reasonable prices.

Thursday 1st November, we will be holding a silent movie evening in the church - please come along and enjoy this taste of the past. Suggested

minimum donation of £4, to include refreshments, starts at 7pm.

Saturday 24th November is our 'Getting Ready for Christmas' Coffee Morning, from 10am-1pm. A range of stalls selling items which would make lovely Christmas gifts will be available. We have a small number of tables available to sell items from - if you are interested in having one (priced at £6 each) please contact Susan Mills on 07881 684713.

Fracas at The County

Dear Sir,
Whilst at the County in Aycliffe Village last Sunday, people were enjoying a Quiz with owners Collette and Stuart when a rather unsavoury argument broke out between two local men. It was very sudden and highly charged with swearing, punches thrown and many customers shaken by their extreme behaviour.

It was the talk of the pub once the commotion had calmed down and surprisingly, according to people who were nearby, it was over religion. I can only assume the man who threw the first punch was not the religious one as it would be a sad example on how to solve one's disagreements. It is also a shame that this should happen in Collette and Stuart's pub where they are such great hosts. As an interested historian I ask myself is it religion that causes these emotions or those people that have been blinkered by the Church? Local Resident
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Dahl'icious Dress Up Day



Pupils and staff at Vane Road Primary School enjoyed a day of literary fun on Friday 28th September when they were encouraged to attend school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. The school building was taken over for the day by a mix of Willy Wonkas, Oompa Loompas, Matildas and many more characters from the famous author's books. The day's lessons were theme based on Dahl and children had great fun whilst also developing their literacy skills. Voluntary donations raised an impressive £253.87 which was donated to Roald Dahl's Children's Charity.

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At an Awards Ceremony held at the Gala Theatre in Durham on Sunday 23rd September, Paige Trimmer from the Beaver section received the Chief Scouts Bronze Award. Tom Brown and Daniel Robson from the Cub Scout section received the Chief Scouts Silver Award. And Lorna Bennett from the Scout section received the Chief Scouts Gold Award. These are the highest awards in the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Scout sections respectively. Congratulations and well done to everyone from all the Members of the Group. Bill Goudie
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Saturday 13th October - "MUGSHOT"

Bio: MUGSHOT - a four piece band from the South Shields area playing modern and classic rock covers by bands such as Bon Jovi, Chilli Peppers, Kings of Leon, Metallica, Muse, U2, Van Halen and Whitesnake, to name but a few.

"We hadn't seen this band before so we didn't know what to expect and boy did they rock 'The Hearts'! Something for everyone in the set that had the dancers on their feet, the one's I remember were U2, Whitesnake, Killers, Kings of Leon, Tom Petty, Nirvana, Guns 'n' Roses, The Cult, Radiohead... etc, all played and sung brilliantly. If you haven't already seen this band, go and see them, you won't be disappointed!!
www.myspace.com/mugshotrockband

Saturday 20th October - "ELENBAK"

"We do covers by the likes of Bad Company, Free, Sabbath, Poison, Brian Adams, Eurythmics and many more".

Review - "Elenbak: What a bunch of fighters these guys are! Back again after previously strong showings in past BOTBs, Elenbak return with yet more melody driven and insanely catchy soft rock. More new material in their excellently delivered set, but still it's the wonderful 'Samantha' that gets under your skin and refuses to be ignored - a summertime hit single if ever I heard one. Partnered to familiar favourite 'In This World' these are two great songs that really show the quality running through this band. Closing with a triumphant 'Someday' you have to believe that there is a cracking AOR album in this band just begging to be unleashed."

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PETITION TO BRING BACK BUS ROUTE

A petition has been signed by over 300 households in

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The petition was handed in to Brian Riley the Great Aycliffe & Middridge AAP partnership. Co-ordinator. He intends to pass the complaint to the Town Council, Durham County Council and our M.P. Newton News has often criticised the Bus companies for the lack of communication and consultation when making changes or cancelling bus routes.

Last week we reported the Town Council were making an approach to a bus company who had made the announcement of a service to be changed, but they had not consulted on, or considered, the difficulties this will cause passengers. It had to be brought to the Council by a councillor speaking on behalf of residents in his ward. One would have thought the local authority would have been first on the list to advise or consult before a public announcement was made.

M.P. AT OPENING OF CAFE FOR DEMENTIA PATIENTS & CARERS



Our MP Phil Wilson helped to launch a new Memory Lane Café for people with dementia last week.

Social care and housing charity, the Hospital of God at Greatham, launched Memory Lane Cafés in Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

It offers lunch, entertainment and the chance to chat, with support for dementia patients and their carers in an informal setting.

Monthly get-togethers will be held from noon to 3pm, from Thursday 25th October, at Aycliffe Youth Centre on Burn Lane with the first taking place on 11th October 10am to 1pm. For more details, call 0191 581 0880.

FAMILY LEARNING MONTH AT GREENFIELD

Autumn is here and it's definitely chilly but Greenfield Community & Arts Centre will give you a warm welcome: it's family learning month, this October, which is a fantastic opportunity to try something new as a family and polish those skills!

So beat the chill and join us for some great activities; we have Family Learn to Knit (Wednesday 10th 4pm-6pm FREE) - we'll provide the knitting needles and yarn don't worry!

Also on offer is a FREE Family Film on the 16th, 6pm start, and a Halloween themed Family Face Painting on Monday 22nd October, 5pm-6.30pm which is also FREE - and much more!

If you'd like to find out more or book a place; ring us on 01325 379048 or email us at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Cooking With Class



Walworth school recently opened its new kitchen for children. An aged kitchen was replaced with an ultra - modern facility. The kitchen has been designed to allow children from the age of 5 to 11 years the opportunity of working within food technology.

Walworth were successfully supported through the design and installation process by Custom Design. The kitchen allows for opportunities to extend the curriculum making this practical aspect more meaningful and realistic. Mr Peter Wallbanks, Head Teacher, said that, "this allows all our children to develop life skills from a very early age.

They engage in practical learning developing knowledge and knowhow. Walworth would like to thank Michelle Postma, Extended Schools Co-ordinator for Newton Aycliffe and Shildon, for all her support in the kitchen becoming a reality and for opening this exciting new venture".

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Local Artist Exhibits at Greenfield Gallery



A new exhibition in The Greenfield Gallery at Greenfield features "Patriot Art" by local artist John Palliser. John qualified in graphic design at Stevenage and studied in Plymouth, lecturing in Great Yarmouth, and has painted patriotic art, military scenes for over thirty years. Whilst his work isn't restricted to military subjects, his passion for this subject shines through every piece he painstakingly and lovingly produces, many paintings taking months of planning, research and effort to get the details absolutely correct.

John recently organised the Great North Arts and Culture show in August 2012, raising money for The North East Autism Society and Veterans At Ease. This exhibition will showcase a variety of John's work. The Greenfield Gallery is open Monday to Thursday, 10am – 9pm and Fridays 10am – 4pm. For more information visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

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North East Teachers Flock to Woodham Academy



Over 100 teachers from across the North East came to Woodham Academy last Thursday evening to take part in the 'Woodham TeachMeet' event. The event was designed for teachers to come and share their good practice and learn from highly skilled classroom practitioners. Teachers sign up to present to the audience or just sit and take notes.

Out of the 12 presenters on the evening, 5 were from Woodham Academy presenting and sharing their outstanding practice from the classroom. Although teachers came from all over the North East to attend, the event was also followed by teachers from all over the world via a live Twitter feed. Teachers from America, Australia and New Zealand, as well as here in the UK followed the event with great interest and sent tweets and messages into the event during the evening. Organiser of the hugely successful evening, Woodham Academy's Assistant Headteacher Jon Tait commented "This has been an outstanding display of enthusiastic teachers sharing good practice with one another. Teachers have already done a day's work before they have come here tonight and this shows our commitment to improving the education opportunities for the students in our schools."

Jon also commented on how pleasing it had been to have so many interested teachers across the globe looking in. "To know that there have been hundreds of teachers across the globe following our TeachMeet event tonight is amazing. It shows the quality of the staff we have here tonight and that their experience, knowledge and innovation is a sought after commodity the world over."

SEW BUSY WITH NEW BUSINESS!



Pauline Golightly, seated, is pictured with Lesley Joss (left) and Karen Walker.

A new business in the town has opened offering personalised Santa Sacks, aprons and cushions, vintage classic soft furnishings and custom made curtains – all lovingly and expertly made in a cottage industry in Newton Aycliffe.

For the past three years Pauline Golightly, who lives at Burnhope, has run The Little Dressing Up Box, a company which specialises in dance tutus for a worldwide market.

Then people asked for soft furnishings and clothing alterations so the enterprising mum decided to launch a second business, "Ella Golightly Designs", to meet a local demand.

"I've called it after my Mam, Isabella, who is in her 80's. She used to be an amazing tailoress and I've been learning from her since I was three, and when I was at secondary school I was altering jeans for my friends!" said Pauline.

She works alongside two other local seamstresses, Karen Walker and Lesley

Joss and between them they have 80 years sewing experience.

"We've made literally thousands of tutus – we've found Australians like dark green, the French like multi-colours and the Italians like puffed balls in just one colour! It's an internet-based company and I remember one week having 546 orders!" Pauline loves home furnishings and they get fabrics from a national company which has a large range of contemporary, traditional and vintage designs.

"We can come out and measure and also add finishing touches such as matching or coordinating cushions and we've already started doing clothing alterations" said Pauline.

The sewing room in her home will soon be awash with personalised Christmas goodies with popular items such as vintage personalised oil cloth aprons as well as the Santa sacks. For more information call 01325 308314 or 07790 206760

Charity Concert at Xcel

Tickets are selling fast for MAD Productions 4th Annual Charity Concert and the charity to benefit this year will be the Great North Air Ambulance. The concert is on 8th October at the Xcel Centre. Tickets are only £5 each and children under 12 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

This year MAD productions have looked closer to home for their Charity and have chosen this Charity. Most of us know someone who has had dealings with Great North Air Ambulance and many are still around today because of their fast efficient service.

The evening will be full of excellent entertainment including the Xcel Church Choir. Those lucky enough to attend the Gospel Concert at the Xcel Centre on 29th July will know how professional they are.

Sonia Scott the President of MAD Productions said "I don't want to give too much away at this time as we want to leave those coming along for the evening in suspense as to what they can expect. One thing I can say though is that all those who come along will not be disappointed."

I would like to thank the Xcel Centre for the use of the centre free of charge to help raise more money for the Great North Air Ambulance. No charity concert is complete without a raffle and we are pleased that Great Aycliffe Town Council Mayor, Councillor Val Raw has agreed to come along to draw the prize winners.

Tickets for the concert at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre or call in at Great North Air Ambulance Warehouse, Northfield Way on Aycliffe Business Park. You can text/phone Joan Clark on 07730 471487 or even email her on joanclark2011@live.co.uk. Tickets will also be available on the door subject to availability.

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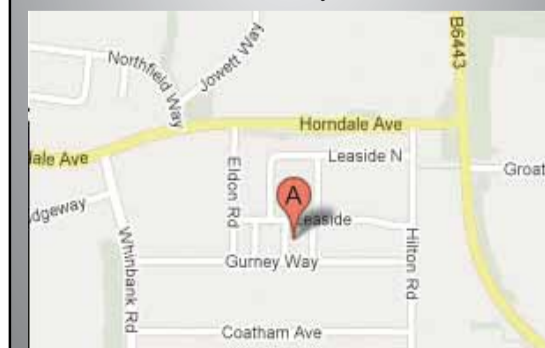
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MP Launches Britain's Newest Baby Cafe in Aycliffe



Phil Wilson has launched Britain's latest Baby Café in Newton Aycliffe! Baby Café, established in 2000, is a national network of breastfeeding drop-ins, combining breastfeeding information with a relaxed, informal environment where mums can chat and learn about breastfeeding from skilled practitioners and each other. The Aycliffe sessions are held between 1.30pm and 3pm every Thursday at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. (opposite Tesco)

Mr Wilson said, "The work of national network of breastfeeding is commendable, they've already opened centres like this throughout the country and this is the newest. I think it's great that young mums, and expectant mums, can come and spend some time with each other in a nice, relaxed atmosphere."

County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust staff have been working closely with the NCT to provide the session This initiative has been funded by Public Health County Durham

and Darlington and marks the next stage of an ambitious project across County Durham and Darlington.

Health visitor Pat Poinen said: "We are thrilled to launch the new Baby Café and recognize that breastfeeding isn't always easy, being part of the Baby Café initiative means that we will be able to provide an even better level of service and support to breastfeeding mothers."

Baby Café has over 100 drop-ins around the UK, supporting up to 10,000 mums a year. They are open to all those interested in any aspect of breastfeeding – mothers, partners, supporters – and take place once a week in children's centres or community venues.

Baby Café became a charitable trust in 2005 and then in 2010 Baby Café merged with NCT, the UK's largest charity for parents, to help more mums who want to breastfeed.

To find out about other UK Baby Cafés, visit www.thebabycafe.org

Fantastic Prizes at "Girls Night In" at Xcel

The "Girls Night In 2012" event is shaping up to be the best yet. There are 35 stalls booked selling everything from sweets, bags, shoes, jewellery and cakes plus Xcel Centre are providing a bar. Boothalicious are bringing their photo booth so you can have some fun photos with your friends. Durham Wildcats will be giving a basketball demo and have donated two season tickets for the Auction.

Debenhams Middlesbrough are working hard to provide a spectacular fashion show. Great donations have been received for the auction including a pamper session at Walworth Castle, signed football items, fantastic photo session with canvas and an evening meal at The Aston Hotel plus more to come.

The organisers look forward to seeing you all on the night and hope to raise plenty of money for "Cash for Kids". Tickets are just £5 to include entry into the door prize and are available from Ally or Emma on 07971 577572 or 07534 997875 or you can email: info@getsetkids.co.uk. It is also possible to buy tickets on the door.

MP PRAISES FIRE SERVICE'S COST-CUTTING PLANS

Aycliffe MP Phil Wilson has praised the fire brigade for introducing a new shift system which will save money without affecting service.

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service will introduce Day Crewing Plus at its stations in Aycliffe and Seaham, saving a total of almost £2m over four years.

Aycliffe will undertake major changes in the next 12 months and will see the number of active firefighters reduced from 24 down to 14.

As part of a new shift pattern, firemen do 12-hour shifts 'on site', followed by a 12-hour stint on call in a brand new £600,000 'home', which will be built next to the fire station on Central Avenue.

The Fire Service say response times will not change and that the 10 "surplus" staff will be redeployed to other stations.

Mr Wilson, who attended an Open day at Aycliffe station recently, where members of the public could go and learn more about it, said: "They have to cope with cutbacks, while at the same time preserving the service and I



think what they're doing in consulting with the general public and stakeholders is very sensible.

"There'll be no redundancies, it'll all be done through natural wastage and I think they've been very professional about it. I don't think the people of Newton Aycliffe and Seaham will see much difference."

By introducing Day Crewing Plus, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue will maintain the same immediate 24/7 response to emergencies, retain the same number of

fire appliances at each station, continue to mobilise fire appliances with 5 firefighters and save taxpayers over £488,000 per year.

The service says, because calls to emergency incidents are down by 33% in the Aycliffe area, the town is classified as a relatively low activity station. In response to reductions in government funding, the service is implementing DCP in order to reduce costs without impacting on front line service delivery.

YOUNGSTERS MEETING

Little ACORN's the junior branch of the residents association, are holding their second meeting on Thursday 11th October starting at 5:30pm and lasting no more than 30 minutes. Our meetings are relaxed and fun with youngsters mostly running the agenda with what they feel is needed. Feel free to pop in for a chat and see what we are about. Bring a grown up with you and they could stay for the main ACORN Meeting straight after.

Keith Lovejoy, Youth Co-ordinator

Ball Raised £4000 for Cancer Charity



On Friday 28th September Hardwick Hall hosted the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball sponsored by K&B Creation in support of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

The black tie, masked affair was the latest fundraising event arranged by local group The Banana Army. With the help and support of local businesses the evening was a spectacular affair with a four course meal. Guests were entertained with vocals by Steve Walls, sponsored by Aspire Fitness & Health, an outstanding performance by the showgirls of Macadam School of Dance and the photobooth fun factory 'Boothalicious'.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the auction, compered by Steve Walls. With signed sporting memorabilia including a Manchester United shirt, an Alan Shearer book and a David Beckham signed cap, bidding was fast and furious helping take the overall raised on the night to over £4,000. This brings the overall raised so far in excess of £20,000. Additional thanks to Beckwith Events Ltd, Hope You Can Make It and Hardwick Hall Hotel.

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Zumba at Breast Cancer Care Charity Pink Night

Aycliffe Dance Academy invite you to become breast aware and raise funds for a fabulous charity - Breast Cancer Care!

The charity night is on Friday 12th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bethany Centre, Woodham Way.

We will kick start at 6.30pm with an awareness talk by a caring and supportive volunteer from the Breast Cancer Care charity. Then we get hot and sweaty, having lots of fun and giggles in an hour's Zumba Fitness class with Aycliffe Dance Academy Instructors.

After all of our hard work we sit back, relax, enjoy a cuppa whilst receiving Breast Cancer Awareness leaflets and getting the chance to ask our charity volunteer questions.

Want to come along and support this worthy cause? Then all you need to do is turn up on the night and wear something PINK (Pink Friday!) It's just £3.50 to take part in the ZUMBA class (any extra donations are welcome). There will be refreshments, Breast Cancer Zumba Bands and Pins available to purchase on the night.

All proceeds will go straight to the charity! Please feel free to invite lots of your 'girl' friends to come along and join in the fun too! If you have any questions regarding the charity night please call Emma on 07908 162 868.

European Day at Nursery



As part of our European Day of Languages celebrations, Sugar Hill Nursery, have enjoyed participating in themed activities relating to various European countries. These included getting messy in our spaghetti bath, creating collage flags and making pizzas.

The week came to a grand



finale with a 'European Party', giving the children the opportunity to taste a variety of foods and dress in the colours of their favourite flags. If you would like to enrich

your child's experience, the nursery, have limited spaces available for an immediate start. Please feel free to contact the school to arrange a visit with your child.

EMP Hughes to Retire

Stephen Hughes, Labour Member of the European Parliament for the North East region has announced he will not be standing at the European elections in 2014 after 30 years service.

Stephen Hughes said: "It has been an absolute privilege for me to represent the people of the North East in the European Parliament. I have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the region's hardworking, community-minded people in the face of massive economic, political and social challenges during that time. I have worked hard to find ways of supporting communities through the best and worst of times since 1984 by promoting European actions and funding that aided the coalfield



communities, shipbuilding and maritime areas and provided much needed investment in infrastructure and training and employment opportunities."

His cause has always been to improve the quality of life of working people, he can look back on his career with an enormous sense of pride and achievement, it is difficult to think of another individual politician who recently has had such a positive, meaningful and long-lasting impact.

Fr. John Caden, Catholic Priest in Sedgefield, Alderman of Durham County Council said: "Stephen is a North East lad of integrity and great conviction. He is a keen advocate of social justice and has been a champion for the marginalised and vulnerable at home and abroad. I had the honour of representing our region in Europe on the Pensioners Parliament and saw then the high esteem in which Stephen Hughes is held by his colleagues from across the EU. Stephen has been and continues to be a credit to this region and to our nation as Member of the European Parliament."

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES TO HIT & RUN

Between 1pm and 1.30pm on Friday 28th September a blue 2003 Audi A3 3.2 litre Quattro (the owner's pride and joy) was left parked near Greenwell Road.

Upon the owner returning virtually the whole nearside appears to have been caved in causing extensive damage as the result of a hit and run RTA.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2012
at 6.00pm**

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

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 17th October 2012

Environment Committee

Followed by

Recreation Committee

from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2012

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on TUESDAY, 16th OCTOBER 2012 commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting the Finance Manager will be discussing the future budget and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor R.S. Fleming will be discussing the Neighbourhood Plan'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting – we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

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

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

TOP FOOTBALL FACILITY



Local football legends Martin Gray and Alun Armstrong have announced this week that they are joining forces to deliver first rate football coaching to local youngsters. In partnership with Darlington Football Club, they will also launch the much anticipated Martin Gray match day Academy, which marries together expert football coaching with the added bonus of a FREE match ticket to the Darlington FC home games. Both ex-professional players have themselves risen through the ranks of grass roots football to play at top flight and, as such, understand

the importance that the right coaching can play in the progression of young footballers. As experienced coaches who both hold UEFA pro coaching licenses, the highest accreditation in football coaching, Gray explains, "I pride myself on the fact that my team deliver the best possible coaching experience to every child as an individual. My specialist coaches, are also part of my Darlington FC coaching team and include Assistant Manager Brian Atkinson, defensive coach, Sean Gegan and goalkeeping coach, Tony Norman. Together with the rest of my

team they provide enjoyable, skill based coaching that, above all else, is fun for the kids who take part." The move to the fantastic 3G indoor pitches at the Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre in Shildon comes at the right time of year for the many parents who already bring their children along to the Academy sessions. Karl Hume who attends with his 3 boys said, "The prospect of being sheltered from the Great British weather and being able to enjoy refreshments from the on-site café is much anticipated!" With Gray's links to both Darlington FC and Sunderland and Armstrong's firm ties with Middlesbrough, this partnership will undoubtedly provide the best progression prospects for young talent in the area. The BRAND NEW Academy sessions start on Tuesday 9th October and will run every Tuesday and Friday between 5pm - 6pm at the Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre in Shildon. The sessions are suitable for both boys and girls from 5 years old and new faces are always welcome. More information can be found at www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk or by emailing mgfa@hotmail.co.uk

AUCTION

St Elizabeth's Church in Woodham are holding an Auction Sale on Saturday 13th October in the church hall. Viewing the Lots will be from 9am and the hammer will be coming down at 10am prompt. Refreshments will be available. Donated articles can be brought to the Church on Wednesday evenings between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. The Church will also be open on Saturday 6th October at 10am for the monthly Coffee Morning and also to receive donations of goods. On Sunday the 7th October the Church will be open again to receive donated items from 10.45am to 11.30am. Collection can be arranged by contacting Charles Taylor on 07547 764967. Proceeds for the continuing work of the Church in the Woodham Community

Greenfield to Perform Original Musical

Plans are underway for another show stopping production from Greenfield Community College featuring students from partner primary schools. Greenfield will be performing an original musical entitled 'Penmore Place' a tale of secrecy, injustice and sacrifice making its debut in December on the newly fitted stage with updated lighting rig.

For 15 years Greenfield has enjoyed a world class Performing Arts Department providing curriculum tutoring in Dance, Music and Drama gaining national recognition for their contribution to the arts.

It is currently led by advanced dance skills teacher Alison Dixon who trained at The Royal Ballet School and Elmhurst School for Dance; feeder school to The Birmingham Royal Ballet, and the department continues to achieve results of the highest quality. Performing Arts is a real strength at Greenfield and they are looking forward to another fabulous performance nearer Christmas. Alison and the performing arts team are excited to exhibit the talents of Greenfield students and the feeder primary schools on two evenings which they expect to be a sell out. "We are fortunate to have such a fabulous performing arts department with a tried and tested reputation for delivering the very best results. Alison herself has come back to Greenfield following a period of employment setting up and advising the other secondary schools in County Durham in dance delivery," said Headteacher David Priestley. At the age of eight Alison was accepted to be a junior associate of the Royal Ballet School and before her tenth birthday had become national junior champion in Ballet, Modern and character dance. At eleven she successfully auditioned for one of only 23 places at The Royal Ballet School in where she continued rigorous training in classical ballet as well as other disciplines. After further training and qualifications the professional world of dance beckoned and Alison successfully auditioned for her first commercial contract touring USA with Irish dance sensation 'Spirit of the Dance'. Other professional contracts include The Brit Awards (performing with Westlife), An Evening of Gershwin at the Coliseum; The Nutcracker at The Royal Opera House (Royal Ballet) Peter Pan & Cinderella Pantomimes, a wealth of experience to pass on to students at Greenfield Community College.

At Greenfield Community College, dance is taught as a subject in its own right alongside drama and music. ALL students have the opportunity to participate in performing arts subject for



up to three hours per week throughout key stage 3 and have a multitude of choices thereafter including fast track GCSE dance in Year 9, GCSE dance, drama and music in year 10 and a brand new GCSE performing arts course for those students who like all three disciplines.

In addition Greenfield has its own Youth Dance Company which in 2010 beat off hundreds of entries to become the only non-professional dance company group, to be represented at the National U-Dance platform at The Birmingham Hippodrome.

But it's not just about Dance! Lesley Watt subject leader for drama is also an advanced skills teacher and examiner for GCSE drama. She has an impeccable record of students gaining fantastic results (last five years 100% A*-C) well above expectation and again inspiring a new generation of

actors.

The department has two new Music teachers. John Tobin, a professional musician, has made the subject the most popular one in the college according to a recent student survey and John Gomez brings part time expertise to GCSE music, dividing his time between Greenfield and St Leonard's School in Durham. Together they have a wealth of skills including tuition in guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, brass and music technology. The department is supported daily by artist in residence John Melvin who provides one to one singing tuition and technical support to production work.

'Penmore Place' an original Greenfield Community College production will take place on 12th & 13th December 2012. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the school office on 01325 300378.

RESIDENTS' MEETING

ACORN Residents Association are pleased to announce that we have two speakers for our Thursday 11th October meeting. Mr Gareth Davies Tenancy Support and Intervention officer from livin who will be speaking on the procedures involved in dealing with disruptive tenants and Mr Ron Hogg Labour candidate for the elected Police & Crime Commissioner who will share his thoughts on this important new post. Local Police, Councillors and representatives from livin will also be in attendance to help with any queries you may have and of course we will be discussing local issues including plans for our Halloween Party So why not pop along to our meeting 6pm at the Leisure Centre.

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Thursday 11th October	8.30am to 11.30am
Friday 12th October	8.30am to 1.30pm
Saturday 13th October	9.00am to 11.30am

From 1st October a new local line will operate alongside the 0844 4773708 number, it is **01325 316637**, this can be used as an alternative to the 0844 number.

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BE THERE IF YOU DARE

Juniors from the Acorn Residents Association announce that tickets are available for their Community Family Halloween Spooktacular, priced at a nominal £1 per ticket.

Entertainment is set to include a disco, bubble machine, fun and games for everyone, spooky stories, best costume, and best home made Halloween decoration competition.

We need every child to bring along a grown up preferably in costume to help us eat our buffet. ACORN are also having a raffle, numbers are printed on the reverse of tickets. Due to the scary nature of this gathering we have had to impose an age restriction of 0 to 99.

To purchase tickets Tel 01325 321471. WE'LL SEE YOU THERE from 5pm till 10pm in the LEISURE CENTRE on HALLOWEEN.

Woodham Academy Launch Apprenticeship Awareness Project



On Wednesday 19th September all Year 9 students from Woodham Academy took part in the first part of a new and exciting

apprenticeship awareness challenge which sees each tutor group linked to and working with a local company from Aycliffe Business Park. The project has been launched to educate young people about the opportunities available on their doorstep. The project has been given a £10,000 grant from the Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership and will roll out across Aycliffe's two secondary schools.

The launch event involved many guests from the local business community. A series of speed networking workshops were led by the six companies working in partnership with Woodham Academy on the project: Palram, Ebac, 3M, Finley Structures, Stiller Warehouse & Distribution and Talent. Over the next 9 weeks students will be working alongside their company mentor to research apprenticeship and career opportunities within the company.

The results will then be presented in a Dragon's Den style finale at the end of November. Dave Spensley, from Aycliffe Fabrications, said "With the development of the Hitachi site on the Business Park, there will inevitably be more opportunities in the near future in Manufacturing and Engineering industries. Students in our area are the work force of the future in these industries and it is crucial that we develop their understanding".



Comedy at Bishop Auckland Town Hall

Bishop Auckland Theatre Society is set to make a splash with its production of Derek Benfield's "Fish Out Of Water".

The comedy follows recently widowed but outspoken Agatha Hepworth and her down-trodden sister Fiona Francis on their first foreign holiday and shatter any hope their fellow guests had of peace and quiet.

Agatha's insistence on communal games, community sing-alongs and generally invading the other guest's privacy is bad enough but when coupled with late flights, double booked rooms and every other trauma possible on a package holiday you have a recipe for holiday disaster. The play, which was originally set in the lounge of an All Inclusive resort hotel on the Italian Riviera has been relocated to the South of France due to the casting of new member Charles-Elie Gorin as hotel manager and lady-loving lothario Marcel Marin. Charles, who is living in Darlington and working at PPG Aerospace in Shildon was born in Brittany and spent his childhood in Nantes before attending Engineering college in Lyon. He is visiting Britain for one year on a government led scheme which allows young people to live and work in a foreign country.

"Fish Out Of Water" is showing at Bishop Auckland Town Hall from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7 or £6 for concessions. Booking available on 01388 665177

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Marine on Standby Marries His Girl



bridesmaids were Natalie's University friends Hannah Hornigold and Emma Kelly. The groom's cousin Charlie-Joe Bates at 3 years old did a wonderful job. Andrew had two Best Men, his cousins David Bates and Scott Jones who are inseparable. Ushers were David Parker and Lee McConville. Completing the entourage as Page Boys were Kirtis and Liam Osborne. The Bride was given away by her Step-Dad Tony who was so proud to walk her down the aisle. Surprise entertainment was provided by the Bride's parents who had engaged Singer/Guitarist Val Boyers. Andrew's sister Sophie Jean brought the couple to tears as she sang to start the Evening Reception. The Bride and Groom said it was the best day of their lives and better than they could ever imagine. They thank everyone for good wishes, money and presents. They enjoyed their Honeymoon in Mexico and returned to begin their married life together in Newton Aycliffe.

Elizabeth Parker and Andrew Richardson were married at The George Hotel, Piercebridge on Saturday 11th August 2012. Natalie an administrator is from Newton Aycliffe and Andrew, from Willington is a Royal Marine based in Arbroath. He has already served twice

in Afghanistan and is due to return there at any time and it was touch and go whether the wedding would go ahead. The Bride was stunning in her Ivory gown and Andrew stood proud in his military uniform. The Chief Bridesmaid was Holly Larman with the grooms sisters, Danielle and Sophie-Jean. Other

Anniversary Visit by the Mayor

Nora and Brian Johnson of Osric Place celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 29th September. The family arranged for the Mayor to visit last Tuesday and as they usually go out on that day Nora was told she would have to stay in to receive flowers. She was pleasantly surprised when a bouquet was delivered by the Mayor Val Raw. The couple are both from Shildon and Brian got to know Nora through her brother who often joined him on cycling trips. Brian took a fancy to Nora and they started walking out and going to Dances together. Marriage soon followed with the wedding at St. Thomas Church followed by a honeymoon in Nottingham. Brian started his working life at Shildon Railway Shops and had a part time job driving for Eden Buses. After the Railway Workshop closed he became a full time bus driver for nine years before working for Bluebell Garage in Aycliffe until reaching retirement age. Brian also served 5 years in the TA as a Driver. Nora initially worked for



Morrisons Fur Factory, moving on to Taps & Dies and then finally Shraegers at Aycliffe. The couple have changed homes eight times between Aycliffe and Shildon and finally settled in Osric Place 10 months ago. They enjoy travelling, taking advantage of Brian's Railway Pass. Brian boasts of knowing his way around the midlands and south, using public transport, and camping or caravanning. The couple have a son, two daughters, five

grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Getting Married?

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After the Dance Joan Asked Future Husband to Take Her Home!



George and Joan Wales of Walcher Road received a visit from the Mayor on Friday, 28th September, who called to congratulate them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. George was among those who called at Joan's parents house to see her sister. Then one night at a dance at Spennymoor Rink Joan found herself alone at the end of the Dance. She recognised George across the ballroom and asked him to see her home safely. It wasn't long after they were married at St. James' Church, Coundon. Both George and Joan are from the Spennymoor area, George was a farmworker and Joan worked at Smart

& Browns. George took a job with Sabey Kriby at Aycliffe which entitled him to a rented house so the couple moved into their first home in Carileph Close. George is a keen football fan and at one time managed the Acorn Juniors. Now he plays Bowls, travelling to Fishburn to play outdoors and Aycliffe Oak Leaf for indoor bowls. Joan was once an expert Cakemaker exhibiting around the country with her friend Barbara Hodgson. They have two sons, Kelvin and Scott, five grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. All the family live close and enjoyed a celebration buffet meal together in the Oak Leaf Function Room.



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Dive Club Supports Local Cancer Victim

Aycliffe Sub Aqua Club is holding its 20th Annual Party Night on Saturday 20th October at Moore Lane Sports Club. The night is designed to promote awareness as well as offering an excellent night out.

Part of the proceeds from this year's event are being donated to the "Mandi Macmaster-Welsh Appeal". Readers may be aware of Mandi's failing struggle with cancer and the fund raising event held at the Big Club on the 28th September.

It is Aycliffe Sub Aqua Club's wish to try and help this good cause further by donating some of the proceeds from the Social Night.

The event is supported by local singer SAHARA a genuine up and coming talent. The night will also include a quiz, Mr & Mrs Competition and a raffle. Tickets are just £5 available from the PACE shop in the Thames Centre or by contacting Bob Carr on 07974 744748 and on the door. Please come along and show your support.

Durham Wildcats Owner Visits Walworth School



Durham Wildcats chairman and owner Quentin Sloper visited resident pupils at Walworth School, Newton Aycliffe to present them with a Wildcats team vest and free tickets for forthcoming games.

Quentin was invited to the school by pupils to view a Wildcats display they have created. He explained his role within the team and pupils asked him a variety of questions relating to basketball and team affairs. Above photo shows Quentin Sloper, Durham Wildcats

Chairman, (dark top) Walworth pupils and Paul Mansfield senior residential childcare officer Walworth School.

Clay Shoot Raised £186

The Dog Inn Clay Target Shooting Club had a successful day raising £186 for Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

The first prize, donated by The Dog Inn Clay Target Shooting Club, went to Ryan Linson; second prize, donated by Spennymoor & District Clay Pigeon Club, went to Jim Mallinson; third prize, donated by J.C. March Sporting Clays, went to Paul Wakefield. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event. Special thank you to Mel, Landlord of The Dog Inn, for refreshments and donation to the charity and Newton News for the publicity.

Our next charity shoot will be Saturday 27th October. All day shoot - lunch included - evening entertainment - raffle - tickets £35 from Clare on 07760 283151 - charity to be decided by club members.

New Fitness Centre Changed My Lifestyle

Dear Sir,
I think I have found an understanding of what makes the mind, body and soul feel at one at Aspire Fitness and Leisure. I visited this innovative, friendly and dynamic studio with my wife, and we were welcomed into a world where it isn't about the body beautiful, but taking ownership of all aspects of self through exercise with a variety of methods of membership.

Our first class was Body Combat which includes elements of Karate, Tae Kwon Do and other martial arts, all carried out to the latest chart hits and a few classics as well. We then started to attend BootCamp at 6.30 am, which is for everyone. No one is left out, and it is geared at your level, pushing you beyond what you thought possible with fitness, including the dreaded burpees.

Body Attack is a range of movements to push the boundaries of fitness through aerobic movement and again done in a way that you feel you are achieving by improving your personal fitness.

Body Pump strengthens the body whilst giving you time to strengthen your soul through calm, stepped movements that push your muscle groups in a dynamic and contemporary way to current and classic tracks.

Aspire has created a place for me to regain my self-esteem, to look at myself in a mirror and be happy with the person that is looking back. I may not have Brad Pitt abs 'yet' but I am fitter, happier and healthier for walking through the doors of Aspire 3 months ago.

Sherri and Sharon (instructors) are all about fitness and deliver it in such a way that you feel as though they are personally motivating you, albeit in a group session. It is good to be involved in fitness in my local community in an environment that is warm and friendly, but not too warm as it does get hot and sweaty in Studio One at times during a tough Body Combat Session! If any men reading this

think these kind of classes are 'girly' I can assure you they aren't. It's tough, it's dynamic, it's as hard as you want to make it. Equally they have a balance that energises you even although you leave the classes completely exhausted, taking away any negativity and leaving you feeling complete and wanting to go back for more and I suggest you give it a go.

My wife and I have improved our lifestyle and we are also making new friends. I am over 40 and my health was becoming a concern, but at Aspire I feel that I am able to peel back the years and haven't felt fitter in a long time.

Thank you to Aspire for delivering a unique framework to fitness through classes that are aimed at everyone. I would like to praise Sharon and Sherrie for organising the charity Combatathon on the 22nd September for Mandi MacMaster and family where we kicked, punched and karate chopped our way against Cancer for 2 hours solid.

David Cummins

Police Plans Come Full Circle

Dear Sir,
Newton News last week delivered the good news that the Durham HQ Police Garage is being relocated from Aykley Heads to Aycliffe Business Park. This garage has now come full circle as it was previously located on the industrial estate in the 50's.

It used to be at the East end of Redworth Way, I am not sure when it was moved to Durham but I would guess it was in the 80's.

The Police Station on the Business Park is also not the first to be there. Until the 70's the headquarters of Durham County Police force was in Ketton Way where the Ebac factory is now.

It would be interesting to find out how long both of the original facilities existed in Aycliffe.

Alan Dixon

Ed: Readers are invited to send in any interesting information on the time the HQ was at Aycliffe.

EDEN ARMS STAFF & GYM MEMBERS HELP HOSPICE



Staff and gym members from the Eden Arms Hotel, Rushyford caught the peddling bug from the success of this year's 'Tour de France' winner and London 2012 time trial gold winner Bradley Wiggins and set about raising money for their local children's charity Butterwick House Children's Hospice with a 24hr Peddlethon.

The event in August in the hotel leisure club where staff members Peter Sisson, Neil Birbeck, Nicola Gardner, Joanne Collins and Terri Carr-Wood along with gym members took turns to peddle on the cycles for an amazing 24 hours.

Terri Carr-Wood, Events Co-ordinator said "having two young boys supporting a children's charity was close to my heart and everyone at the hotel decided that our charity for the year would be Butterwick Children's Hospice.

We wanted to set ourselves a real challenge to raise money from our first big event and were pleased that our leisure club members wanted to take part." Although it was tough going everyone was up for it and were thrilled to raise £700.

Butterwick House Children's Hospice looks after children from 0-19 years of age all of whom have a life limiting illness. Children and their families come from Durham,

Tees Valley and North Yorkshire area for day care, respite care and end of life care.

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Eco Drill Keep Falcons Flying



Whilst many businesses are struggling in the current economic climate, local utility specialists, Eco Drill (England) Ltd have made a local youth football team very happy by providing a 2 year kit sponsorship deal. Newton Aycliffe Youth AFC Under 10 Falcons with players from Aycliffe, Heighington and Chilton needed a new kit and Eco Drill stepped in to help. Vicky Hodgson from Eco Drill said "We are delighted and proud to sponsor the Falcons and urge other business to get involved in supporting local grass roots football". Under 10 Falcons Manager Darren Williams said "We are extremely grateful to Vicky and Eco Drill for this vital

support. Coaching this group of players is quite simply a pleasure but we need funds in order to continue. Our focus is to play enjoyable, honest, attractive TEAM football at all times. The whole squad have developed into excellent footballers and with continued coaching and this kind of support, each has a very bright future. We aim to play every game with respect and a smile on our face and Eco Drill have certainly helped us do that". To find out more about the Falcons or to sponsor another Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC team please contact Darren Williams on 07712 134564, email darrenwilliams76@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.naycafc.co.uk Photo: With the team is Darren Williams, U10 Falcons Manager and Vicky Hodgson, Eco Drill (England) Ltd.

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Have You Seen a Cat With 3 Legs?

A lady, living in Youens Court, looking after her Mother's three-legged Tabby Cat, has lost the pet. The cat goes by the name of Lucy and could be in the vicinity of it's previous home in Aycliffe Village. If you see Lucy Please ring 07766 718640.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

A PACT Meeting will be held at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 13th October from 11am to 12noon. Please come along and get updates on local issues and have your say on any issues that you may have. Councillors and Livin Representatives have been invited. PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers please come and meet them

WOODHAM STUDENTS WORK WITH VALENCIA FOOTBALL COACHES



Director of livin Helps Sports Foundation



A County Durham housing director has completed his fourth Great North Run after taking inspiration from his staff. Alan Boddy, executive director for homes and communities organisation, livin, completed the half marathon in aid of the Tony Blair Sports Foundation, spurred on by staff from the organisation after they demonstrated their sporting prowess by winning the region's first Olympic-inspired Housing Community Games event, last month.

The event raised over £2,000 in total for North East charities, Daisy Chain, The Foundation of Light and the Tony Blair Sports Foundation with Alan's run topping the total given to the Tony Blair Sports Foundation to £1,000. Alan said: "As overall winners of the first Housing Community Games I really wanted to play my part in helping to boost the total raised for the foundation. "As an ambassador of the foundation I understand the importance of the work they do across our communities. As a company we are investing a lot of effort in supporting our tenants to live healthy lifestyles and these events are an ideal opportunity for us to practice what we preach as well as raise vital funds." Former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and Patron of The Tony Blair Sports Foundation, said: "I am very grateful to accept this donation to the Tony Blair Sports Foundation from the team at livin, and would like to thank them for their fantastic fundraising efforts. What makes this donation even more special is that it has come from an organisation based in Sedgefield, my

old constituency, which has been so supportive to me for many years. This money will be a great help to get more children in the North East playing sport."

Students Ryan Peart and Blake Airey from Woodham Academy experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity last week, working with coaches from Valencia Club de Football. The two Woodham students took part in a full days worth of football, working alongside the best coaches in Valencia's Academy structure. The highlight of the day was the coaching master class delivered by the Valencia coaches allowing students to participate in a coaching session as they would deliver with the Valencia Academy. Mr Clough, Director of Woodham Sports Academy, accompanied the students and said "It was a fantastic opportunity for Ryan and Blake to understand the different methodology and philosophy of the Spanish coaches. The day itself was both educational and practical with both Ryan and Blake enjoying the day tremendously".

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Gary said "I simply play the music I like - and it seems that other people like it too" Gary's show is syndicated worldwide on Kansas City Online Radio, and in Spain on Radio QFM in Fuerteventura. Gary frequently features

studio guests, who can range from local musicians who are just starting out, to more well known blues acts like Aynsley Lister, who is playing at Shildon Civic Hall on October

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Kurling that are not registered under Great British Kurling Association (GBKA) to please get in touch with us so that we can include your participation in the bid towards recognising the sport.

Equally if you wish to know more about the sport please contact one of the North East Representatives on either 07952 406818 or 07745 509406 (after 4pm on weekdays).

Many thanks Beverley Thomas (one of the North East Representatives on the National Executive Committee of GBKA)

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Sarah (left) with other Camp Instructors

New York City, Washington D.C, Nashville, Atlanta, Orlando and Miami - all with the help of "Camp Leaders". Sarah is a keen horserider, but due to university commitments no longer enjoys this pastime, however it helped her get the job at camp as an Advanced Horseback Instructor. She wants to finish university and teach English as a foreign

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PETER SCOTT 2nd October. The night before our birthday. Going to bed first has always been a tradition, while the rest of the house carry out their mission. Banners and balloons stretch from wall to wall. This is what's made our memory box big and so tall. Presents galore always fill the room and that dreaded camera so early with its long zoom. If only we could turn back the clock, we would be raising a cheer to a Husband and Dad in a million and another happy year. Patsy, Sophie and Alexander xxx

GRAEME COOPER 4th October 1965. We can't have the old days back, when we were all together. But secret tears and loving thoughts, will be with us forever. Love, Clive and Grace xxx

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Clare Weir



Happy 21st Birthday
4th October 2012

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Candi Melissa Scott



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Happy Birthday Sis
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Happy 1st Birthday
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Julia McLean



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Ben Wood



Happy 21st Birthday Ben
9th October 2012
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Jessica Graham



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Ben Wood



Happy 21st Birthday Ben
9th October 2012
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GRAEME COOPER 6th October 2006. A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried. If love could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one will ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. Part of us went with you, the day God took you home. Love always, Clive and Grace xxx

VALERIE DENHAM 8-10-1999. Thinking of you today and every day with love. Keith, Paul, Shirley, Connie and Families xxxx

BETTY ROBINSON 25-9-2012. You were my rock, my Mam, my friend. Don't know how I will cope. Love and miss you loads, Linda xxxx

BETTY ROBINSON Nana, you are with the angels now. Love and miss you unreal amounts. Always in our hearts and thoughts. Heidi and Amelia xxxx

NANNA BATTY I love you so much and always will. Lots of love, Olivia Smart xxx

BETTY ROBINSON Rest in peace my amazing Nanna. Will miss you always, sweet dreams. Love, Emma, Paul and Olivia xxx

BETTY ROBINSON Passed away so suddenly on 25th September 2012. Dear Mam, I hold you close within my heart and there you shall remain. Although we had differences "my love" it stays the same. You've broke my heart by leaving me, but you'll walk with me for the rest of my life. Until we meet again. All my love always and forever Mam. Your Daughter Julie xxx

BETTY ROBINSON May you rest in peace and sleep so peacefully Betty. Lots of love, Andy (Son in Law) xxxx

In Memoriam

Kevin McGlone

My good friend, I will hold my many happy memories and good times we shared together until we meet again. Les

ANDREW WOODHEAD 5th October. We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, we thought of you yesterday and will tomorrow too. We think of you in silence and make no outward show, for what it meant to lose you, only those who love you know. Remembering you is easy we do it everyday. It's the heartache of losing you that will never go away. Love, Mandy and John

ANDREW WOODHEAD 1963-2003. Son. It's hard to put on paper the feeling we have inside. Of a broken hearted family that has missed you since the day you died. To us you were so special. What more is there to say. We only wish within our hearts that you were here today. Sadly missed. Love, Mam and Dad

ANDY WOODHEAD... The years have gone by and it's still as hard today as it was then. Not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts. Miss you loads, Gary, Carol, Donna, Stuart, Gary-Dean and Chantelle xxx

DOUG WHITE The first lonely year is over without you by our sides. We struggle on the best we can, but many times we've cried. Always in our thoughts, never forgotten. From, Gill, Geoff, Michael, Becka, Tyler James

DOUGIE WHITE Died 9th October 2011. A thousand times we've needed you, a thousand times we've cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. A heart of gold stopped beating. Your loving Wife, Jean xxx

DOUGIE WHITE Died 9th October 2011. Dad. We keep a place within our hearts and there you will remain to walk with us throughout lives until we meet again. Love and missed always, Mark and Jennifer xxx

BARBARA BUTTLE Died 8th October 2010. You are not just a memory or part of the past, you will be loved and remembered as long as life lasts. God bless. Much love, Edna and Bob xxx

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P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

The next PACT Meeting for West Ward will be held on Thursday 4th October at Burnhill Way Methodist Church (next to the Turbinia) starting at 6.00pm. Police and Ward Councillors will be there to discuss local issues.

Defeat for Newtonians as Farley Shines

Newton Aycliffe suffered a crushing record defeat as they crashed at home to second bottom club Billingham Town last Saturday. The defeat compounds the miserable start to the campaign which the club has endured, but spirit in the camp remains positive amid premature talk of a relegation battle.

LATEST FIXTURES

Sat 6 Oct: Ashington (a) 3pm
Wed 10 Oct: Consett (h) 7.30pm
Sat 13 Oct: Esh Winning (h) (FA Vase Q1) 3pm
Sat 20 Oct: Billingham Synthonia (h) 3pm
Tues 23 Oct: Sunderland RCA (a) 7.30pm
Sat 27 Oct: Whitley Bay (a) 3pm
Wed 31 Oct: Spennymoor (h) (Durham Chall Cup R2) 7.30pm

Goalkeeper Scott Pocklington saw red for a professional foul just before half-time, and with the score already at 2-0, there was no way back for the hosts. Fledgling reserve 'keeper Ryan Farley stepped up to the mark, and made a string of top drawer saves - including a penalty - as he debuted for his hometown club at the tender age of 17. Aycliffe started brighter than their opponents, and top scorer Danny Earl almost hooked them ahead when he beat 'keeper Dan Molyneux to a long ball but saw his 20-yard effort cannon back off the crossbar. Stephen

Flockett and Craig Perry capitalised on two errors in the Aycliffe box, to deliver a double hammer-blow on 25 and 26 minutes, both netting from close range. Pocklington saw red when he failed to deal with a long ball towards his area, and was adjudged to have felled Nick Martin with the interval looming. Farley came on and with his first touch, saved Darlington target Jamie Owens' spot-kick, but as Aycliffe failed to clear their lines, Perry rifled home his second on the stroke of half time.

The second half was one-way traffic as Owens completed a marvellous hat trick, complemented by further goals from Craig Norman and James Middleton as Aycliffe had no answer with their one man handicap. Skipper Sean Tarling almost scored a late consolation but saw Middleton handily placed on the line to clear his goal bound left-foot effort. • Meanwhile, ticket sales for the club's latest fundraiser have shown promise in their first week of release. Hilarious hypnotist act Adam Night will perform at Aycliffe Sports Club on Friday 26th October, with tickets priced at just £10 which includes a disco and table bites. For information on the evening, or to book tickets, please contact General Manager Dan Lewis on 07581 784726.

Aycliffe Football Pro Launches Woodham Coaching Courses



Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jason Steele is helping launch a series of exciting coaching courses aimed at primary school youngsters in Newton Aycliffe. Boro's number one keeper, from Newton Aycliffe is helping his friend, football coach Lewis Marr launch the courses to help youngsters in their transition from primary to secondary school.

The Primary Football Academy, run by Marr's company Education Enterprise, will enable youngsters aged from 4 to 11 years to enjoy coaching sessions with fully-qualified coaches. For the boys and girls who don't like football, the Enterprise Academy is hosting dance classes held by qualified dance instructors at Woodham. Said Jason: "When I was young there wasn't much of a choice for young people in Newton

Aycliffe, but I think Woodham are starting to attract a lot more kids through the Sports Academy".

Lewis Marr added: "While our emphasis is based on having fun, we want to develop children's potential to become a successful football player using a revolutionary approach to primary coaching, delivered by fully-qualified FA coaches with contacts to all local elite clubs. "Boys and girls can also experience a wide range of dance styles during our lessons, from contemporary to street dance, while improving strength and flexibility. Young people who join the Dance Academy will have the opportunity to perform in the annual Woodham Show."

PRIMARY FOOTBALL ACADEMY
Key Stage 1 (4-7 year-olds)

Tuesdays 5-6pm (term-time only) - Sports Hall Cost: £3.50 per session (or £3 when block booking)

Key Stage 2 (8-11 year-olds)
Tuesdays 6-7pm (term-time only) - Sports Hall. Cost: £3.50 per session (or £3 when block booking) TO BOOK: Call Josh Ridley on 07903 679740, or email joshridley@educationenterprise.co.uk

DANCE ACADEMY
Key Stage 1 (4-7 year-olds)
Tuesdays 5-6pm (term-time only) - Arts Studio. Cost: £3.50 per session (or £3 when block booking).
Key Stage 2 (8-11 year-olds).
Wednesdays 4.30pm-6pm (term-time only) - Arts Studio. Cost: £3.50 per session (or £3 when block booking).
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