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COUNTY COUNCIL PUSH FOR HITACHI & AYCLIFFE JOBS

Durham County Council is pledging to do all it can to support the bid which would see multi-national high-technology giants Hitachi, bring a state of the art rail

assembly plant to Newton Aycliffe. Next month the council will play a key role in the campaign, as part of a delegation meeting Transport Secretary, Philip

Hammond MP. The visit will be part of the concerted effort to convince Whitehall that the area has the necessary skills and infrastructure to deliver the best return.

The group will outline the economic case for bringing this huge investment to the town, as the Government considers whether to grant Hitachi the Intercity Express Programme (IEP) contract; an announcement that would bring production of the next generation of high speed trains to County Durham.

Director of regeneration and economic development, Ian Thompson, says "no one should underestimate what this would mean. Private sector investment on this scale is a major boost to the economy of both County Durham and the North East as a whole.

"Modern manufacturing is one of the key strengths in the county and this would no doubt play a central role in the way ahead.

"There are numerous regeneration schemes which would benefit down the line from the economic climate which would inevitably result from Hitachi coming to Newton Aycliffe; an area with a rich rail heritage.

"It is exactly the sort of core industry which we support and which would provide the future for our county, as set out in the County Durham Plan."

Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster said: "This isn't just about the hundreds of jobs, production of the next generation of high-speed trains would bring to the area. This is about thousands of jobs in the supply chain, a kick start for the county's economy, a boost for the housing market, and so on.

"We will work with major industry like Hitachi and a range of partners, to help provide the skills in the workforce required and make County Durham the place to be. Success breeds success and I have every confidence we can deliver, given the chance."

The delegation will travel to London on September 21, to make the case for Newton Aycliffe.

An announcement on whether Hitachi is successful in its IEP bid is expected in October as part of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

70 NEW JOBS AT TALLENTS



Emma Crocher, senior recruitment manager for Temp-Team & David Land, operations manager for ThyssenKrupp Tallent

MANUFACTURING giant ThyssenKrupp Tallent has revealed plans to create 70 new jobs at its Newton Aycliffe plant with the help of North East recruitment firm Temp-Team.

The German owned multinational is looking to recruit machine operators, forklift truck drivers and welders over the next two months at its Newton Aycliffe factory, which makes chassis products for the automotive industry.

Ahead of the recruitment drive the group has renewed its longstanding relationship with Temp-Team as the recruitment company looks to unearth the region's top talent on behalf of ThyssenKrupp.

To date Temp-Team has helped recruit workers to the Aycliffe site that supplies car parts to some of the world's biggest motoring brands including Ford, Volvo, Honda, Nissan, Land Rover and Jaguar.

The new posts are full time across a three-shift pattern comprising 7am to 3pm, 3pm to 11pm and 11pm to 7am and offer competitive rates of pay

with premium rate overtime available.

Emma Crocher, senior recruitment manager at Temp-Team, said: "As a local business we are pleased to be able to help in getting local people back into work. We pride ourselves on being big enough to cope but small enough to care."

Temp-Team's managing director Julie Cummings added: "ThyssenKrupp is looking for motivated, hard-working individuals preferably with a manufacturing background, although full training will be provided."

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Honest John's £500 for Nature Park

Dear Sir,
Members of the Aycliffe Nature Park / Wildlife Explorers have recently been presented with a donation of £500 from Honest John, who has worked hard over the last couple of weeks to raise this money.

This has come as a welcome donation and will be used to fund the forthcoming BBQ on the 5th September on the Nature Park, and towards hiring the services of a professional to help maintain the Nature Park pond, which has become seriously choked by plants over the last few years, and needs cleaning out.

Members would like to offer their thanks publicly for this very generous amount and would like to acknowledge the long hours and hard effort he has put into this. They would also like to bring to the attention of the wider population of Newton Aycliffe the great work carried out by Honest John in raising funds for local groups.

With his help many groups have benefited. We would like to suggest that if the public can help him in any way by donating items for his stall, please do so. This way they will also be helping the community.
Alan Warburton

COUNTDOWN TO THE GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

There's something for every member of the family at this year's Great Aycliffe Show, to be held on the Showfield at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 August. Admission is free, with ample car parking available at £1 per car. This year's show will have a nostalgic theme, with static displays and some arena demonstrations being provided by VERA, the Victory in Europe Re-enactment Association, plus World War II displays from Yesterday's Heroes and WW2 Re-Enactors North East, all of whom share an interest in the music, fashion and military life of men and women during World War II.



A variety of other live entertainment will take place in the arena, with the 'On the Edge' Stunt Show, Prince Philip Mounted Games (Sunday only), Flyball (Saturday only) and Dingle Fingle Clown Town Crime Watch shows all featuring over the weekend.

Coming right up to date, the latest dance craze 'Dance Mats' will be available for you to try, all you have to do is follow the arrows and don't get your legs in a knot!

In the Playhouse Marquee, local dance schools and young people will be showing off their talent on Saturday, while the theme of nostalgia will be continued on Sunday when Beatlemania, the Beatles tribute band and Suzanne Douglas will be performing live, taking you back to the sounds of the sixties and seventies. In addition, this year's 'A' Factor singing competition will take place in the Playhouse Marquee on Sunday, with a £250 prize on offer for the winner.



Away from the arena, there will be marquees hosting the popular handcrafts and horticulture exhibitions and competitions. If you are keen to enter a future competition but are not sure where your talents lie, then why not visit the Craft Marquee and get some inspiration and free tuition. The displays and demonstrations will include hand made soap, natural therapy tasters, greetings cards, photography and jewellery.

A wide variety of refreshments are available on the showfield and from the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and of course the ever-popular freshly baked scones, pies and other produce will be on offer from the Women's Institute.

The Environment Marquee will feature displays, demonstrations and information on Saturday. On Sunday, however, this marquee will become home to the Rabbit competition for perfectly groomed 'show' rabbits.

Durham County and Darlington Fire and Rescue will be running an exciting Inter Service Extrication Competition – for spectators only. Teams from different fire stations will compete against each other in a specially staged 'incident'. The scene of a road traffic collision, complete with a trapped live casualty, will be created, requiring a full 'rescue'. The competition will take place throughout Saturday and Sunday.

Perhaps sport is your favourite pastime – the Annual Show Golf Tournament, sponsored by Hays Travel, takes place on Sunday, with the presentation of Section Winners' trophies taking place in the Function Room at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Sunday evening. Follow the cheers and whistles to find the five-a-side football knockout competition, sponsored by Co-operative Funeralcare.

The ever popular Handcraft and Horticulture exhibition still needs your entries! So if your sausage rolls are scrumptious, your



photographs fantastic or your woodwork wonderful, send your entry form in soon. Trophies are sponsored by Deco Trophies and Engraving of Bishop Auckland and Gregg Little Testing Centre. The Oak Leaf Sports Complex will feature a range of free activities for adults and children to try – choose from archery, kurling, skittles, table tennis, indoor bowls, quoits or even a steel pan workshop. Younger children are sure to enjoy the magic of Punch and Judy and there will be free face painting for children next to the Punch and Judy show.

Retail therapy and community information will be available from a wide range of trade and organisation stands, located around the showfield. Further information can be obtained from www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk and follow the link from 'events' on the right hand side. Alternatively you can telephone us 01325 300700 or e-mail show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk - we're here to help.



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GAMP FUNDS 20 TOWN GROUPS

Twenty local groups ranging from football clubs to village halls in the Newton Aycliffe area have been boosted by a small grants fund. The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) small grants fund has been so successful that it is hoped it can be continued.

"This unique fund has helped a wide range of groups, including Aclé Scouts to help young people achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, The Friends of Senior Citizens who received New Age Curling equipment and Newton Aycliffe FC Under 18s who provided coaching qualifications for players," said Brian Riley, for GAMP. "The fund has focused on trying to help a wide range of groups and has attracted over

£50,000 in matched funding from a number of sources, including Durham County Council's Sports Development Fund and the national charity Street Games. "The success of the fund means it is now exhausted but we hope to run this successful scheme again for 2010-2011," he said.

Angela Crick, of the charity Cloud Nine, which received funding for a food bank, said: "The funding from GAMP has helped us to plan ahead to help families in Newton Aycliffe who have hit hard times through redundancy, illness or family breakdown. The food bank will supply the most needy people with essentials in a crisis." GAMP is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council.

Payback Time for Offenders

Offenders serving out Community Payback sentences will carry out a host of environmental improvements, thanks to a new partnership between Durham County Council and Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust.

In addition residents are now being asked to nominate local projects which they would like to see benefit from the scheme.

Durham County Council's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and partnerships, Cllr Brian Stephens, explains more: "This initiative has so much potential. It means residents will see improvements in the heart of their communities, at no cost, and offenders will carry out their payback in a really worthwhile way.

"In no way will these working groups replace the dedicated street scene staff but it means a whole host of additional work can be undertaken.

"I feel sure our 14 Area Action Partnerships can play

an important role in helping residents nominate projects they would like to see benefit, and look forward to lots of suggestions coming through."

The council's head of direct services is Oliver Sherratt: "I am really pleased that this partnership is already bearing fruit. The first project, at the Riverside football pitch in Chester-le-Street, is now complete and there are several more in the pipeline.

"I am sure many residents will have great ideas as to how this initiative can benefit their local communities and I would urge them to get in touch with us and let us know about them."

The completion of the first project under the new partnership has resulted in some significant improvements to the football pitch area of the Riverside.

This work was initiated by council staff and police, following complaints from the public regarding anti-social behaviour beside a popular walkway and play area for children.



Concerns were raised that groups of young people were congregating in a particular area, drinking alcohol, leaving litter and generally causing a nuisance.

Thanks to this partnership supervised offenders carrying out unpaid work, as part of Community Payback, have completed a range of tasks including cutting back the tree canopy and shrubbery, strimming high grass and litter picking. All this means the area can now be clearly seen from the road so patrolling police and neighbourhood wardens are able to spot any potential issues before they become a public nuisance.

David Eggleston, lead manager for Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust said: "It is important that members of the public have confidence in community sentences and can see that offenders sentenced to complete unpaid work hours, do so to the benefit of the communities that they have offended against.

"This new arrangement with Durham County Council provides a structure that enables the public to have a say in what sort of work offenders should be doing to complete their court order."

Local people can nominate projects either by phoning the unpaid work manager for their area: Conselt, Chester-le-Street, Durham and Peterlee projects contact Ken Hounam 0191 388 7951 and Newton Aycliffe and Bishop Auckland projects contact Helen Crosby 01325 486231, or by going online at www.dtvprobation.org.uk - following the Community Payback link and filling in a nomination form.

Bad Use of Roundabouts

Dear Sir,
When is a roundabout not a roundabout? It seems as if it is either the junction of Greenfield Way and Meadowfield Way, or Pease Way and Emmerson Way.

I use both roundabouts regularly and would say I have a near miss on both at least once a week! There have been a number of occasions I have approached the roundabout on Pease Way from Emmerson Way to turn right, when vehicles coming down Pease Way from my left have failed to give way almost colliding with the front of my car.

With regards to the roundabout on Greenfield Way, approaching

the roundabout from Bluebell Garage to continue straight ahead towards Greenfield School, I have driven round the roundabout without indicating as the Highway Code states you should, and a vehicle behind has attempted to overtake me!

I have noticed that a large majority of drivers straight line the roundabout driving over it, which is both dangerous and illegal. Even drivers of large vehicles are supposed to make some attempt to negotiate the roundabout. I now treat these roundabouts like a junction, watch my mirrors very carefully before moving on to avoid collision - Safety First
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In accordance with Rule 5 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, the said vacancy shall be filled by election if, within 14 days (computed in accordance with Rule 2 of the elections rules in Schedule 2) after publication of this notice, ten electors for the electoral area give notice in writing of their request for such an election to the Returning Officer, Durham County Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, Co. Durham. DL16 6JQ. For this purpose blank forms of notice may be obtained from the Town Clerk of Great Aycliffe Town Council or from the Returning Officer.

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Although judging takes place on the first morning of the Show, Saturday 28 August, all entries will be displayed to the public throughout the Show. For further information and entry forms, please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council, tel: 01325 300700. The closing date for completed entry forms is Tuesday 24th August.

The Right To Strike

Dear Sir,
Paul Kenny GMB General Secretary has responded to calls by CIPD (Institute of Personnel and Development) to ban strikes in public services. He said "It beggars belief that these fat cat directors, who presided over a decade of boardroom excess and greed, have the barefaced cheek to attack the rights of people who actually work for a living. These people have never had a good word to say for the decent working people of Britain and their aspirations for a better life for themselves and their families. Their vision of Britain is the Oliver Twist model - be very grateful for what we give you and don't you dare ask for more or question our judgement." Steve Pryle

GREAT FREE FUN AT THE YOUTHY FOR UNDER 13's



The Youth Centre is receiving a good response from youngsters wanting to take part in free activities over the summer holidays. The Centre is open Monday - Friday from 10am to 1pm offering very interesting events including trips to children aged between 8 and 13 yrs. Call in to see what is happening. Everyone welcome!



Am I the Only One?

Dear Sir,
Am I the only one who is saddened by the slow and deliberate dismantling of all that New Labour did to improve the quality of life of the poor and the marginalised?
Am I the only one who can remember the last Conservative administration, when schools were falling apart and were required to sell their playing fields to raise a bit of cash, leaving us with children who are obese?
Am I the only one who can remember the empty wards in hospitals unable to fund their occupation and short of nurses to work in them?
Am I the only one who remembers the railways in chaos after privatisation and the constant selling off of public utilities to provide tax breaks for the middle classes?
Am I the only one who sees the recent policies on schools as a way of allowing those, perhaps now unable to pay for private education, to create smart schools in affluent areas while the poor have to watch their own schools crumbling about their ears?
Am I the only one who realises that the recent attack on the BBC is an attempt to stifle the critical debate that it has always engaged in when the Government of the day proceeds with policies that are an offence to anyone who actually cares about the people around them?
Am I the only one who realises that the recent power given to GP's to manage their own budgets will make many redundant in the Health Service who will be immediately reemployed to manage those budgets for a Health Service that will become unaccountable and able to hide its inefficiency

as targets are removed and standards slip?
Am I the only one who has noticed that this country has started to lift itself out of recessions as the Labour Party predicted?
Am I the only one who realises that as so many in the public sector are laid off and unemployment figure rise this recovery will be put at risk?
Am I the only one who can see that unemployment will mean an increase in benefits? That the unemployed will stop spending, that this will affect businesses, taking away the advantage of raising the VAT on goods that will simply become a bit more expensive for those who can afford them anyway?
Am I the only one wondering, since 'we are all in this together', in what way the better off are going to be required to suffer?
Am I the only one who can see that the policies of this Government are a cynical attempt to make the poor suffer for the profligacy of those whose desire to look down on them is so strong that they are blind to the damage that they are causing as they desperately try to cling on to what they have?
Am I the only one who feels that compassion is dead and that it died when the Liberal Party joined forces with the Conservatives, redefining the word Liberal and stabbing in the back so many of those who voted for them?
Am I the only one who feels angry and ashamed of being part of a nation that seems so obsessed with greed and so indifference to those in need that it has abandoned everything descent and worthwhile. Where is the 'Big Society'? I pray that I am not. Vince Crosby

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Support for Mayor

Dear Editor,
I feel that I must respond to Town Councillors Warburton and Ducker who make attacks against Labour Councillors, some of whom have forgotten more than they will ever know. But the biggest outrage that these so called councillors make is the attacks against the Mayor Councillor Dorothy Bowman although not mentioned by name. Councillor Bowman is a tireless worker and supports her community, organising events for older people and children in her ward as well as all the work she does in the community attending Police and community meetings. With regards to the Labour Party or group keeping control this has always been the case and the same goes for the Conservatives or Lib Dem whichever party take the majority of seats. There was a time on this Town when the places on Committees was shared out because it was a hung Council, although to my mind the Independents were elected by telling lies to the people that they would reduce the council tax by 50%. I haven't forgotten that and will remind people at the time of the

next election. If Ducker and Warburton would like to convince people they know how to deliver services better then maybe they can deliver on a 50% tax reduction. The only reduction seen so far as come through a Labour controlled council. I am not a member of the Labour Party but I do vote Labour and will speak out for social justice and the attacks against Dorothy Bowman is an affront to good decency and the Chain of Office she carries. Mike Haley Agnew Resident

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The exhibition start on Thursday 12th August and runs to Wednesday 1st September.

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FUN DAY AND TUG OF WAR CONTEST

Tallents Charity Club are holding a Fun Day on 22nd August at the Cumby Arms, Heighington from 12 till 5pm and its FREE!

Attractions include Bouncy Slide, Sideshows, Tug of War Contest Displays, Raffle and Tombola. The Bar will be open and refreshments on sale.

There will also be a Table Top Sale and Mini Car Boot Sale. Spaces cost £4, but are limited to the first entries. Please bring your own table. To reserve your space e-mail: aycliffe.recruitment@thyssenkrupp.com

Entries for the Tug of War Contest is open to everyone free of charge. Put a team in from your organisation or street or just volunteer to be part of a team on the day.

Contact Mel Jameson or Mark Coatsworth on 313 232

COMPETITION WINNER

Dave Preston of Eldon Close won the Newton News Competition to two Free seats at the Darlington vs Newport



County match on Saturday 14th August. His correct answer to the question "Sunderland" was drawn from entries received. Dave is very well known in Newton Aycliffe as a former Committee Member at the British Legion where he served 10 years as Concert Chairman. He is now the Poppy Appeal Organiser. Mr Preston has been a Darlington supporter all his life remembering going to his first game with his Dad when he was just 8 years old. The family moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1952.

Thanks to Darlington Football Club there will be more chances to win tickets in the near future. We have a good selection of competitions to enter on the Newton News website, please visit www.newtonnews.co.uk - log in and enter as many competitions as you wish. Current prizes available are: two pairs of tickets to see England v Pakistan at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground; two pairs of Pedal Lights; in the next few weeks we will have competitions from local traders including the chance to win a car valet, a 4 ball golf game, a professionally made cake, an upholstery clean, Metro Arena tickets, Indian takeaway and many others.

Performers Wanted for Old Tyme Music Hall

Aycliffe Musical Theatre would like to thank everyone who supported their recent production of "HMS Pinafore". The show was well received with many favourable comments.

The group is now in rehearsal for their next production which will be an 'Old Tyme

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Anyone interested in joining the group would be most welcome to come along to Greenfield School at 7pm on Wednesday evenings.

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Drugs Raid on Aycliffe House

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PC Akiens who lead the operation, underlined the force's commitment to driving out drugs from our communities and stated that the Neighbourhood Policing Team here at Aycliffe will always respond to information received from within the community and will take action with their partner agencies to address those fears and concerns.

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Some Say Roofs Others say Rooves

A couple of readers called in to point out we had used the wrong word in our front page headline last week. We printed the plural of roof as rooves and they said it was a misuse of language.

Whilst we agree the word may not be found in some dictionaries it is being used more often in modern language. and as printers we are asked by people in the trade to print rooves on all their stationery. It is suggested that as we use hooves as the plural of hoof the same should apply to roof and rooves.

The jury is still out!

Cut Council Expenses

Dear Sir,
Whilst our own thoughts and feelings about the decision made on the Durham care homes has been recorded in print on more than one occasion I believe it is important to add something to a letter last week and the sentence, "the decision was based purely on economics and the fact that it costs double to accommodate people in Council Care Homes than the private sector".

No matter how many excuses the Council wish to invent the simple fact is, it was Labour Party policy to move from council care homes to other provision.

For a Unitary Authority which is one of the biggest in the country to say that £35 million must be saved by closing the care homes because of the economics, is only to divert peoples attention from the real facts.

Rest assured they will not be applying the same principal of similar economies across all parts of local government in County Durham, including expenses.

Kenneth Stubbs

Secretary

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DON'T RELY ON SAT-NAV

Over half of British drivers own or use a sat-nav, but surprisingly only 1 in 8 trust it to take them to their destination, research has revealed. That's because over a third of Brits have got completely lost whilst relying on their navigation system, with 15% missing an important event such as a job interview, wedding or first date. Findings also showed sat-nav to be a source of aggravation for many drivers with 30% admitting it caused arguments with fellow passengers. However, it's always wise to exercise a degree of caution when using one and not follow it blindly. Some destinations cannot be pinpointed exactly and we've all heard horror stories of people stuck in dangerous places because they've only paid attention to the voice and not the road around them.

Planning Ahead for Durham

After hosting over 80 events, answering thousands of questions and touring communities across the area; Durham County Council's planning team closed consultation on the vision for the future. Hundreds of residents, as well as groups and organisations representing a host of local and community groups, have taken part in the two month consultation on the County Durham Plan. The Plan outlines the options for the future development of the county as head of planning, Stuart Timmiss explains: "This Plan is a once in a generation opportunity to change the fortunes of County Durham. "For many years the county's economy has depended on aging industries and public sector investment. This highlights how we could change the focus by attracting massive private sector investment. "From dale to sea we have untapped potential which I believe could provide exactly the setting for wide-ranging industrial and business investments, leading to lasting and diverse job opportunities and quality housing. "This Plan shows how we can do all this, while protecting the county's unique and special atmosphere and heritage." North East businessman, Sir John Hall, believes the county has a great deal to offer the business world: "I have always regarded Durham County Council as the sleeping giant, with great potential, and becoming a unitary authority means the council can help

County Durham reach that potential. "There is a growing demand in County Durham for executive housing, offering something different. For the economy to grow we need these homes for the business community, because it is the business sector, which will drive the economy forward in the future. "The Plan opens the door to the discussion needed to make the visions a reality." Durham County Council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster, says the consultation has been extremely successful: "We were determined, from the start, to take this Plan out in to the communities and explain exactly what the options were. In short we can grasp the opportunities in the vision or we can continue with a declining economy, which does not keep up with others in the North East. "Through presentations at our 14 Area Action Partnerships and hosting community-based information events, many thousands of people now know about this Plan and hundreds have attended meetings and given us rich feedback. "There are concerns, of course, but many of these concerns have been allayed through us taking to the road and answering the questions people wanted to ask. That is exactly the right way to approach something as important as this." Stuart Timmiss continues: "This has been about promoting informed discussion. It is also about listening to what

communities have to say. We will now take the time to carefully consider what has been said and we will keep in touch with communities as the Plan continues to develop. "But to attract jobs and investment, we need to make sure we have the right infrastructure, the correct mix of housing and facilities, and the good will needed to win the day. I believe we have seen that good will and I am excited about the future." A further report is expected to return to Cabinet again in Spring 2011 with any final decision not expected until the following year.

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Obituary

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DRAKE, Patricia Margaret (nee Cockayne) on 10th August, peacefully in hospital after a brave and cheerful battle against many illnesses. Patricia (Pat) of Newton Aycliffe, aged 78 years. A beloved Wife of Harry; a much loved Mum of Alan; Mother-in-Law of Trudy and a loving Nana to Joshua, Ben and Emily; also a dear Sister to Mary and Lawrence and Sister-in-Law to David and Janet and a dear friend to many. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 17th August at St Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe at 2pm. Prior to Cremation at Durham Crematorium. Friends please meet at the Church. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to the Diabetes Foundation and the Parkinsons Disease Society. Any enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Service on 01325 301405

In Memoriam

Lee George El-Hakim

22nd Sept 1947-11th Aug 2006



Dearly missed by Wife Marie, Son Georgio, Kay and Baby Lee; Daughter Michelle, Alister, Baby Solomon and his family in Beirut. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effect, without the shadow of a ghost in it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner . . . All is well

RONALD JAMES CARR. 9th August. As the years roll by you are still in our thoughts. Les, David and Susan
HARDY, Marjorie. 15th August 2009. Precious memories of a loving Mum, Wife and Nan who is missed every single day and forever in our thoughts. If only we could talk one more time. Your ever loving family xx
YVONNE PATTRICK 17th August 2009. In memory of a dear friend, who is sadly missed. Love, Hazel
PATIENCE MCKENZIE (Pat). Passed away 15th August 2009. One year has passed now, but always in our thoughts and our hearts forever. Sadly missed by all of the family xxxx

Congratulations

Ian Lee (Senior)



Happy 50th Birthday
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TEGAN HEAVEY Happy 4th birthday on 11th August. Love, Mammy, Daddy, Jayden and all the family
JAYDEN HEAVEY Happy 1st birthday on 14th August. Love from Mammy, Daddy, Tegan and all the family

Births

Rosie Percival



Welcome
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FLORENCE SMITH Many happy returns on the big 80. Many more birthdays darling. All my love always, Tommy

Thank You

Richard and Becky Laheney-Proctor



Would like to thank family and friends who attended their Wedding at Barnard Castle on 3rd August and for making it a very special day. Also thank you for all the wedding gifts we received.

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Happy 1st Birthday
Rowan from all your Grand Parents, Aunties and Uncles

Leah Etherington



Happy 6th Birthday
19th August 2010
Happy birthday Princess. Love from Mammy, Daddy, Max and Macauley xxx

Romie Beanna Cowens




Happy 6th Birthday Babe
Can't believe how much you have grown up, you are so special to us, love you loads, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Sam Dixon-Dawson



Happy 18th Birthday
Love you lots. Nanna, Grandad and all the family

Glen Bowen



Happy 18th Birthday
Congratulations Glen on reaching the ripe old age of 18 at last. Love and all that from Mam, Dad, David and Grandad. Have a great day on Saturday.

Max Etherington



Happy 1st Birthday
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Happy birthday, love from Mammy, Daddy, Leah and Macauley xxx

Jason Baker



The Big 40
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Aycliffe Athletic Club Report

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time 50:58.

Aycliffe athlete Henry Johnson (12yrs) has enjoyed a fantastic week training with Olympic and Commonwealth Games competitors, including Tim Benjamin (Olympic 400m) Larry Achike (Olympic triple jump). The training camp held for 8-18 yrs took place in Hillingdon, London, during the first week of the summer holidays. Organised by Rodger Hughes of Performance Running, Henry was grateful for the opportunity made possible by the generous support from NAAC. Also in attendance was his Mum, Penny Johnson, who took part to improve her coaching skills. The finale of the week was a talk and prize presentation by Sally Gunnell (Olympic 400m H). The hard work at the training camp obviously paid



off when Henry took part in the Darlington 3K on August 8th. Competing against U 16yrs, he focused on his technique and came home 3rd boy in 11:54, only 70sec behind the winner William Crossen. James Askew enjoyed another PB over the 10k distance, with an amazing time of 33:49, and 9th place overall. Beating his previous 10k attempt by nearly 3 mins, over 65 Dave Mackenzie, enjoyed the public support to get him around the 2 lap course in 54:49. The club continue to meet on a Tuesday at the Oak Leaf at 7pm and Shildon Running Track Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers always welcome.

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LOCAL SPORT

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Aycliffe boss Allan Oliver was delighted with his side's start to the season last week. Aycliffe kicked off the 2010-11 campaign with a 3-0 win at North Shields, one of the sides tipped to be challenging for the Northern League second division title.

Goals by Josh Knox, Dan Mellanby and Fred Woodhouse gave them victory with an impressive second-half performance after new signing Warren Byrne was sent off in the first half.

"I was overjoyed with the result," said Oliver, "Looking back, I think the thing that pleased me most was the character we showed. I told the lads they can have all the ability in the world but it counts for nothing unless you can blend in a bit of character."

"Not many teams will go to North Shields and win so I'm pleased to have got that out of the way early on, and to come home with the points and a clean sheet to boot. To have two 18-year-olds on the score sheet was somewhat pleasing for myself, too, and it shows what talent we have within the ranks."

Byrne was dismissed after 37 minutes, a straight red gesturing to Shields supporters, but after half-time changes Aycliffe clicked.

Mellanby came off the bench to support Elliot Gardner whilst Danny Robinson came in alongside the impressive Josh Knox and Sean Tarling to reinforce the midfield ranks.

And just 52 seconds after his introduction, Mellanby made his mark on the game, hitting an unstoppable shot across goal.

Shields then had a man sent off shortly after the hour mark before another second-half introduction, winger Fred Woodhouse, made it two with a superb solo effort. Young midfielder Knox made it three with a late goal, prodding home from 15 yards after more good work by Woodhouse.

Sat Aug 14: Thornaby (A), 3pm

Sat Aug 21: Guisborough Town (H), 3pm

Sat Aug 28: Marske United (A), 3pm

Mon Aug 30: Crook Town (H), KO TBC

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Cricket Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe's first team lost again, this time by 27 runs at home to Belmont in the first division of the North East Durham League (7-8-10).

Belmont batted first and despite some excellent bowling from Luke Telford (4 for 31), managed to push their score to 154 before being bowled out in the last of their allotted 45 overs. In reply Aycliffe fell 27 runs short despite a gritty 40 from veteran Tom Dolan and some late order hitting from Sam Telford and Gareth Mulhearn who scored 22 and 19 not out respectively.

The second team, consisting of 9 juniors, lost away to third

division leaders Whiteleas by 6 wickets. James Clarke, Tom Stanier and Steven Stockill all scored 20 as Aycliffe were bowled out for 90 and in reply the homeside coasted to victory after just 20.1 overs.

The under 18's were beaten at home by Crook in the semi final of the Bob Hay Cup by 8 wickets. Openers Sam Telford (28 runs) and Michael Howe (20 runs) got Aycliffe off to a good start, but the innings fizzled out to a below par 72 for 8 in from their 20 overs. The visitors then easily reached their target with almost 10 overs spare.

Curtis Lowes was in fine form with a season's best unbeaten 37 and with good support from Ben Nicholson with 13, Aycliffe under 15's set visitors Evenwood a target of 79 for victory, which they achieved for the loss of just 2 wickets.

Aycliffe's under 13's were well beaten at home to Darlington despite Ben Nicholson top scoring with 16 runs.

The under 11's were left frustrated when Darlington RA disappointingly failed, without notice, to turn up for the fixture at Moore Lane, however the points were awarded to the home side by the league.

Promising Season for Aycliffe's Girl Racer



Amanda Whitaker had a promising, but ultimately disappointing weekend at home circuit Croft's fantastic 'Nostalgia weekend'. She was racing in both HSCC Historic Formula Ford 1600 in and Historic Formula Ford 2000 in Amaron Racing's Elden Mk8 and TIGA SF78.

Formula Ford 2000 started well when she qualified 4th overall and 1st in class - with Amanda a lot closer to the pace than she had been on the last outing in the TIGA due to improvements her Father (and Chief Engineer!) Ronnie had made to the handling.

In the Formula Ford 1600 qualifying Amanda placed the Elden 2nd overall after a fantastic last lap in a mixed weather session. On Saturday, in the Formula Ford 2000 race, she finished 6th overall and first in class, having gambled on the damp track drying by opting to stay on slick tyres for the race. Unfortunately, a shower mid-race prevented any chance of that happening and although she had an early spin, she slithered around to take 6th.

In the Formula Ford 1600 race, she finished a disappointed 5th - again in damp conditions - after struggling with a down on power engine. "We're still developing the car - I was pretty happy with the handling; we've got it going much better in the dry now, so we just need to concentrate on the engine power" she said.

Sunday was a dry day and she stayed in 5th place in her TIGA in the Formula Ford 2000 race although again struggled with a lack of engine power.

In the Formula Ford 1600 race, she made a good start to run initially 5th but then dropped back through the field again with engine problems. "That was very disappointing - but we had a problem in the 1st race which we hoped we'd sorted but unfortunately it was still there for this race."

I think without the problem we had the pace to finish 2nd, so it was disheartening to spend the whole race defending my position and dropping back. Hopefully we'll get it sorted for the next outing". She next races at the Oulton Park Gold Cup meeting on August 30th.

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These interactive installations have been designed by 10 groups of young people from across the Sedgefield area inspired by the www.nhs.uk/lifecheckers website. This website is for young people aged 12-15 and explores issues about lifestyle choices and feelings. It is a website that is designed to offer practical help and advice. It may contain sensitive issues and is therefore recommended for young people aged 12 and above and can be seen at Great Aycliffe Show on 28th and 29th August 2010

For more information please contact Greenfield Community and Arts Centre on 01325 379 048 or email us at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk Come on - Check It Out! This Project is a Local Children's Board Project in partnership with Sedgefield PCT, Greenfield School Community and Arts College, DCC Positive Activities for Young People and Metro-Boulton-Dodo

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