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## MIXED WEATHER FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW



Despite a doubtful weather forecast, we enjoyed another successful Great Aycliffe Show this year. High winds and some showers on Sunday did cause some disruption to the arena programme but overall the Show went on as normal.

The thousands of spectators who flocked to the show this year were not disappointed with the many forms of entertainment and activities on offer. The handcraft and horticulture exhibition had its highest level of entries ever with classes ranging from sausage rolls to scarecrow models. There were 1105 entries this year, including instantly recognisable portraits of Tony Blair and Prince Charles!

The environment marquee was literally a hive of information and innovation. Children's activities were very popular, they were able to make clay models, and work green wood the 'old way' or even see the goats who were only too pleased to be the focus of attention.

There was an amazing array of craft items being demonstrated in the craft marquee, everything from making jam and lemon curd to home made jewellery, while the trade tent was bristling with customers who could buy everything from a holiday to

a cup cake. The World War II exhibition was almost big enough to be an event on its own. They had everything from machine guns to ration packs. It was an extremely lifelike display of army living during the war period with authentic costumes, tents and cooking equipment as well as the essential 'battle kit'.

Crowd entertainers Lofty and Squeazy were doing walkabouts during the weekend amusing the children and adults with their agility and clowning. Professor Llewellyn attracted full audiences to see Punch and Judy at every showing and there were hundreds of children walking about with their faces painted during the weekend.



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# GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW PICTURES

The sporting competitions were hugely successful and the junior football tournament (sponsored by Cooperative Funeralcare) was fully booked by teams in both age groups whose efforts should have been watched by our England side for inspiration. The Golf Tournament sponsored by Hays Travel in Newton Aycliffe was a great success with players battling against strong winds which made play very difficult on Sunday. Local dance troupes gave wonderful performances on Saturday while performers in the 'A' Factor, Suzanne Douglass and Beatlemania filled the Playhouse Marquee on Sunday. There was a full programme of arena entertainment with high fall stunts and James Bond style shoot

outs courtesy of Action Entertainments, Comedy Clown fun with Dingle Fingle and the Mounted Prince Philip Games Team gave a wonderful display of horse riding on Sunday with Rosettes presented to the Winners. The weather did cause visitors to leave early on Sunday and a number of exhibitors took the opportunity to pack up and also leave for home. Newton News wish to congratulate the Town Council and their wonderful staff for the hard work they put into presenting this annual Show. There is no doubt the weather made their job much harder this year but they remained cheerful throughout with a reassuring presence during Sunday's blustery conditions.



# NEW DANCE MAT LAUNCHED AT SHOW

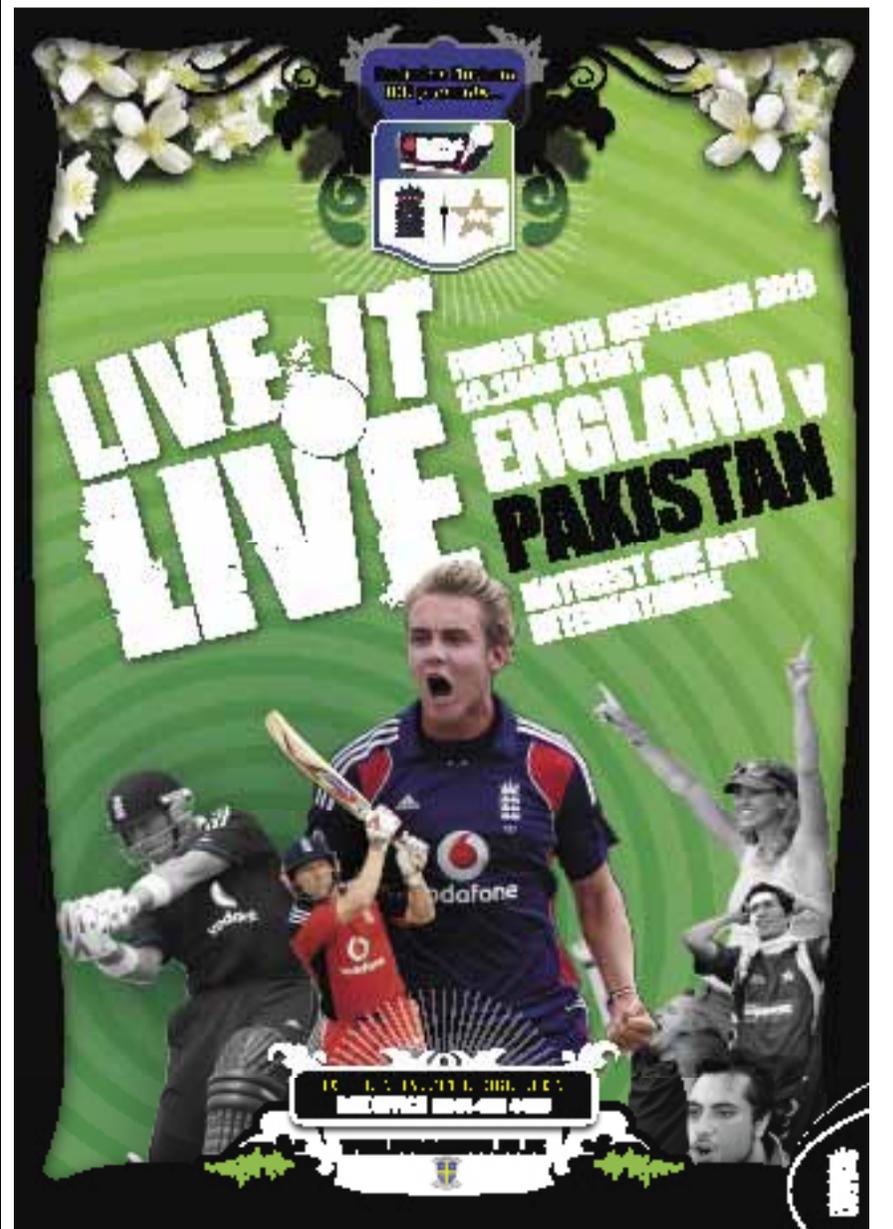


The Mayor Dorothy Bowman officially launched the SHOKK's interactive multiplayer dance mats - in a bid to introduce the community to alternative ways to engage in physical activity. The Dance Mats were funded from the Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Budget allocation from the local County Councillors and Aycliffe Youth Council.

check as you get older. I know the dance mats are very popular for old and young people alike so this is a great opportunity for all members of the family and community to take part in exercise". The dance mats will be available for voluntary and community groups to use from November 2010. Please contact the Oakleaf Sports Complex for details.

Plans to roll out a new health initiative in the area saw the Town Council offer local voluntary, community groups and staff at Durham County Council the chance to sign-up for training on the new interactive equipment. The dance mats are a great way of having fun with your friends as well as exercising. As well as dancing you can play games, competitions and have multiple users for each mat. Councillor Bowman said "You're never too old to get fit and active. Living a healthy lifestyle and exercising regularly improves your quality of life and helps keep mobility problems in

**Rotary to the Rescue**  
Newton News thanks the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe for allowing them to use part of their Marquee on Sunday at the Show. The high winds prevented us erecting our gazebo and seeing our plight they made the kind offer. It was unfortunate that bad weather conditions reduced the number of visitors, but those that made the effort enjoyed the occasion.



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**Show Handcraft Results**



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**'A' FACTOR RESULTS**



5 finalists Oli Patterson, Nick Wood, Eve Conway, Kate Greenup and Sarah Kent. It was a brilliant performance by the youngsters. The judges (shown below) found it difficult to decide the winner, but after some discussion voted for Eve Conway who received a cheque for £250 from the Mayor Dorothy Bowman.



**FUN DAY IN AID OF MACMILLAN**

Newtonians Bev Bowman and Marcia Rowland are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 12th September at the Leisure Centre in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

It will include Zumba dancing, Taekwondo Displays, Gymnastics, Face painting, Balloon making, Tombola, Raffles, Sponsored Wax and much more.

Bar and refreshments available with admission at £2 for adults and free entry for children. This event is in memory of Mick Ratcliff who was diagnosed with

penile cancer in October 2008 and despite three operations, chemotherapy and radiotherapy died on 27th October 2009 aged 46.

Hospital provided support for the family which was much appreciated. Mick left his wife Caroline, Son Gary, Daughter Bev and youngest son Jake aged 5.

**Show Golf Contest Winners**



Gents: 1st Paul Wilkinson, 2nd Collin Patton, 3rd Mark Peareth. Seniors: 1st Kevin Smith, 2nd George Robson, 3rd Ian Cutter. Ladies: 1st Linda Clay. Juniors: 1st Lewis Wing 2nd Ryan Coles, 3rd Curtis Lowes. Nearest the Pin Prize: Adrian Clark on hole 14 at 9'6".

**NEWTON NEWS GETS THE JOB DONE**

Councillor Gerald Lee of Heighington is pleased to report that Darlington Borough Council will tidy up the roundabout near the village. Newton News featured it recently as being in a disgraceful state. Council. Lee said it was almost certainly due to our coverage that work is now to be carried out on improving the eyesore. It will be serviced under Traffic Management conditions between 13th and 15th September.

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- Classes for Boys and Girls aged 2½-16 Include: Tap, Modern/Jazz, Ballet, Acrobatics, Cheerleading, Zumba, Street, and 'Little Movers'
- Classes for Adults Include: Tap (Beginners and Advanced), Modern/Jazz, Zumba Fitness and Street

All classes are held at the **Bethany Centre** on Woodham Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4UD. New members can join by coming to one of our open evenings or contact **Emma** on **01325 300119**, [aycliffedance@btinternet.com](mailto:aycliffedance@btinternet.com) - Existing members will receive a letter confirming their place in the post. Fees from £3.25+

**Rotary Receive £700 for Shelterboxes**



On Sunday 29th August 2010 Newton Aycliffe Rotarians John Burrows and Julia Barltrop gave a presentation about the work and funding of ShelterBox around the world to the congregation at Yarm Road Methodist Church, Stockton on Tees. They also displayed a specimen ShelterBox and ten man tent plus the contents of a typical box, each of which has the capacity to save at least 10 lives in disaster-torn areas of the world. Before the presentation, a cheque for almost £700 was presented to John in support of ShelterBox currently helping Pakistan. The presentation was made by Liz Foulger on behalf of HASSRA Sports and Social Club of The Benefit Delivery Centre, Stockton on Tees.

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law if their children have motorbikes. In order to lawfully ride an off-road bike you must first obtain the land-owners permission in advance. (You cannot ride an off-road bike on a public road unless it has been adapted for such use - ie indicators, number plate etc). If caught riding a motorbike illegally the rider would receive a warning initially but then if caught a second time within a twelve month period the police may seize the vehicle. The riders may also be prosecuted for driving offences. If anybody has information about the illegal use of motorcycles or would like any clarification of the law they can contact the neighbourhood policing team at Aycliffe on 0345 60 60 365

# AYCLIFFE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

St. Andrew's Church Craft and Flower Festival is this weekend with a preview on Friday 3rd from 7-9pm. The cost is £5 to include wine and nibbles. Saturday 4th, 10am till 4pm at a cost of £2 with a Coffee Morning and in the afternoon a Photo Quiz/Hunt in the village (testing residents skills of observations and knowledge of Aycliffe). Sunday 5th - 12noon till 4pm - £2, both sessions to include tea and biscuits. Village events include Table Top Sale in the Village Hall from 11am-2pm and at 2pm a Photo Hunt. Refreshments available. On Sunday in the Hall: Breakfast Morning and Fete from 11am-2.30pm with Cake Stalls, Face Painting etc. With a Duck Race at Monks End in the afternoon; £2 per duck. All welcome.

# ACUPUNCTURE AT THE PCP

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on Christine's website, www.Aycliffe-Acupuncture.co.uk. Please phone Christine on 01325 526140, or you can book an appointment at the Pioneering Care Centre on 321 234.

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## Town Council Vacancy in West Ward

Dear Sir,  
The resignation of GATC, Councillor Helen Hutchinson, probably means the local Labour Party does not now have any representation actually living within the boundary of West Ward.  
I use the word 'probably', because despite all of the hoo hah about him supposedly still being a member of The Labour

Party - when he stood and was elected as an Independent for West Ward - Councillor Ray Bowman is still down on the GATC web site as being an Independent - very confusing - confusion that Ray has chosen not to clarify.  
George Gray Snr, elected as a Labour Councillor, now stands as an Independent (understandable, given the

shabby, bullying treatment he received); Councillor Enid Paylor, who serves on both GATC and DCC (West Ward and Aycliffe West, respectively), moved out of West Ward about ten months ago; Councillor Mike Dixon, DCC, Aycliffe West representative, does not live in the West Ward area. There is a rule that as long as a Councillor continues to live within about three miles of those that they represent, they do not have to resign their seat. However, living outside the area that one represents, at least as a GATC Councillor, is hardly an ideal situation.

Given the mass resignations from the former West Ward branch of the Labour Party, it will be interesting to see who the Labour Party choose as their candidate for the now vacant West Ward seat. Either way they may be on to a winner.

If their candidate does not win the seat and an Independent does so - as with two Independents at the last GATC elections - they simply ask the Independent to join the Labour Party. Job done!

Derek G Atkinson,  
Denham Place, Liberal Democrat Party member.

## Gardens Guild Hut Re-opens

The Sales Hut at Clarence Chare will reopen on Sunday 5th Sept. at 10am and each Sunday thereafter until 31st Oct.

The usual assortment of good value garden products will be available. Onion sets are expected in the next two weeks.

## Tesco Help Disabled



Tesco have donated £1000 from their community fund to DASH who operate from the Youth Centre providing holiday play for over 100 disabled young people each summer.

The cash pays for transport to activities for children with complex needs and challenging behaviour over the holiday period giving their parents a well earned break themselves.  
The photo shows Tesco Manager Martin Butcher and Assistant Manager Paul Davies with members of the DASH team.

## Advice on Arts Funding

Help is at hand for artists and community groups hoping to secure extra funding for their work. Durham County Council will be holding advice sessions throughout September for people applying for money through its Arts Development Small Grants Scheme.

The grants scheme offers funding of up to £500 for projects that contribute to the creative and cultural development of the county and which support the council's arts development priorities.

The 20-minute consultations will give people the chance to find out whether their project is eligible and pick up tips on how to complete and submit an application form.

Advice sessions will take place on Thurs 9 Sept. 4.30pm to 7pm at

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Appointments must be booked in advance by contacting the arts team on 0191 370 8803 or e.mailing artsgrants@durham.gov.uk

The scheme is open to professional artists, community and voluntary groups, arts organisations, social enterprises, and parish and town councils. However, applicants must live or operate in County Durham and their project must also benefit the county's residents.

The deadline for applications is noon on Thursday, 30 September. Applicants will be told if they have been successful within four weeks of the closing date. For more information and to download an application form visit [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk)

## OPTICIAN WENT THE EXTRA MILE FOR VISION AID OVERSEAS



A LOCAL optician who set his sights on pedalling coast to coast has completed the epic cycle ride and raised £500 for Vision Aid Overseas in the process.

Dave Pape, a dispensing optician at Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe, rode from Whitehaven to Tynemouth with a group of friends. The money raised will help Vision Aid Overseas provide eye tests and glasses to some of the world's poorest people.

Mr Pape, 28, says: 'This was the first time I had ever done anything like this. It was definitely worthwhile as I did it for a charity which plays a big part in my job.'

Newton Aycliffe Specsavers store director Sean Hayes says: 'We are all very proud of Dave and the commitment which he made to raise much needed

funds for Vision Aid Overseas. We are also collecting unwanted glasses which will be sent to people in the developing world who have little or no access to eyecare.'

Mr Hayes added: 'It is an extremely important charity that really can change the quality of people's lives, thank you to everyone who donated money through the box in store.'

The charity cycle took place last month and lasted three days, with Dave cycling around 30 miles per day.

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# Aycliffe Show Junior Footballers



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football Club in association with Great Aycliffe Town Council again hosted a Festival of Football over the bank holiday weekend at Aycliffe Show. A total of 26 teams aged 7 – 10 years from all over the North East converged on the Oakleaf together with parents and coaches. The under 8 football festival welcomed a team from the famous Wallsend Boys Club but on the day it was Boro Rangers from Teesside who shone. The under 9 competition was equally as close but after a hard fought round of matches Willington Youth left with the trophy. The weather changed on Sunday with strong winds making football very difficult but the 12

teams in the Under 10 competition battled through a group stage to a semi final. The first semi was between Newton Aycliffe Juniors & 21st All Stars with the Juniors winning a very tight game. The second semi was between two first time visitors to the tournament with Riverside and Waldrige from Chester le Street, eventually deciding the game on penalties. It was an excellent final with 2 well matched teams but 2 goals in the second half clinched the trophy for Newton Aycliffe Juniors. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Junior Football club are an FA Charter Standard Community Club offering football for everyone. If you are interested in joining our club contact Berni 07939 045 242 or check out our web site www.nayafc.co.uk

# AYCLIFFE'S GIRL RACER WALKS AWAY FROM CRASH



Amanda Whitaker had a rollercoaster ride at the Oulton Park Gold Cup recently. The Newton Aycliffe girl racer was driving Amaron Racing's Formula Ford 1600 Elden Mk8 and the TIGA SF78 Formula Ford 2000 at the prestigious race meeting. She made a great start to take 4th at the first corner then dived past David Wilds to take 3rd at the end of lap one. A few laps later she was passed by Ian Ashley, a former F1 and F5000 driver and overall winner of the Oulton Park Gold Cup in 1974 - the year Amanda was born! However, Amanda showed her determination at her favourite circuit - and closed back onto the gearbox of Ashley. She was thwarted by a flat spot on her engine coming out of the corners, just preventing her from getting a run to make an overtaking move and finished 4th just behind Ashley and ahead of Wilds. In the Formula Ford 2000 race, she qualified unusually low in 21st position and 5th in class, but had engine problems stopping it from revving highly. On the formation lap of the race,

she felt the problem may have been cured after work done by her team. But it was all for nothing - although she made a good start to jump a number of drivers off the line, she was hit by a spinning car into the first corner, turning her car into the path of another and she ended the race in the tyre wall. She walked away from the crash but the car was damaged, although repairable. "That was such a disappointing end to what was otherwise a good weekend. In the Formula Ford 1600 race I had a really good charge, and although it was a shame I couldn't quite make the podium it was nice to be competitive," she said. "But in the Formula Ford 2000 race there was nothing I could have done more to avoid the crash - I was right across to the edge of the track and had nowhere to go - the other car just caught my rear wheel." She badly bruised her left leg aggravating the ligament injuries in her horrific crash at Mallory Park a year ago. She plans to be back in a racing car soon in time for the next meeting in November.

# CARE SERVICES GET SEAL OF APPROVAL

A 24-hour helpline for people of all ages who are vulnerable or at risk in County Durham has been given a national seal of approval. Durham County Council has gained the Telecare Services Association's (TSA) Code of Practice accreditation for its Care Connect service in East Durham. The authority has also successfully retained the accreditation for its services in the Durham area. Joy Dwyer, Durham County Council telecare services manager, said: "We are very pleased that our Care Connect services have been given the thumbs up for quality and reliability. "Accreditation approved by the TSA demonstrates our excellent customer service and is an indicator of continuous improvement. "It's a credit to the hard work of

our staff and recognition of our achievements." Care Connect offers round-the-clock support via an alarm link to a team of locally-based control room staff and mobile responders. On-call staff can contact the emergency services in the event of accident, arrange for a warden to visit a client's home if required or simply offer reassurance if someone is feeling vulnerable or alone. TSA accreditation is awarded following an on-site audit by an independent inspector. A service must pass an annual re-inspection in order to retain the standard each year. The audit considers a number of factors including the support and advice available to users monitoring of the service and the response provided by staff. For more information please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/careconnect](http://www.durham.gov.uk/careconnect)

# SBH APPOINT OFFICERS AS NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACTS

Tenants and residents in the area are set to benefit from

a new neighbourhood based service delivered by Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh).

The new service, approved by sbh' Board on 26 August, will provide a single point of contact for tenants and residents to deal with issues in their communities. A named neighbourhood officer will be on hand to help with a whole range of issues from managing their tenancy successfully to ensuring estates are clean and tidy.

As part of this new approach sbh has recently agreed with Durham County Council to extend the grounds maintenance services it provides to sbh for another year up to the end of March 2012. This work

has a value of over £300,000 and will ensure that not only are sbh' estates tidy and well cared for but that local jobs are protected.

Ian Brown Head of Communities says, "I am delighted that our Board approved this new approach to looking after our estates and this now gives sbh a firm basis to provide local services direct to the heart of our communities. The extension of our contract with Durham County Council is great news for our tenants, as we will continue to maintain the open spaces we own to the same high standard. Just as importantly we are able to protect a number of local jobs during the current financial challenges."

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# DEMOLITION DAY 7th SEPTEMBER

From our M.P. Phil Wilson

On September 7th at 11.00am a ceremony will be held outside the former health centre to celebrate the building's demolition. The winner of the Demolition Day Draw, Mrs Laverty, will do the honours. The charities who will share in the proceeds of the lottery will also receive their cheques at the event. The people of

Newton Aycliffe have waited a long time for this day. The old library and the Dalton Way end of the town centre are to bite the dirt at the same time. The complete demolition will take several weeks to finish, with preparatory work already taking place. Once the demolition is finished, Aldi are to build a store on the

site, starting next year. The ramp, which dominates the town centre, is also to come down. I believe the whole town centre will be transformed over the next couple of years. But the former health centre is symbolic. I do not think anyone will believe the town centre is to be regenerated until that building is no more. That

day is fast approaching and it's a day I can't wait to see. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked with me to see this day made a reality, including Durham County Council, the Primary Care Trust, Great Aycliffe Town Council and Freshwater. Once the demolition has taken place I will watch carefully future developments to ensure the redevelopment progresses.

## DECISION ON HITACHI

As you know I've been leading a campaign with the Northern TUC, North East Chamber of Commerce, Durham County Council and many others to ensure the government goes ahead with the Intercity Express Programme which will mean the trains will be built by Hitachi in Newton Aycliffe creating hundreds of jobs.

We need your support. The petition we have launched has gathered thousands of signatures. But we need more.

I intend presenting the petition to Parliament in October. I'm leading a delegation to the Department of Transport to see the Secretary of State on September to explain the need for the jobs in Aycliffe. Please sign the petition. If you don't have access to one please pop into my office in the town centre and sign the petition there.

# AYCLIFFE FC PREPARE FOR HISTORIC VASE GAME

Newton Aycliffe are preparing for another historic fixture for the club this weekend. The Newtonians are due to go to first division side West Allotment Celtic in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase on Saturday. Boss Allan Oliver is no stranger to the competition, as he masterminded Crook Town's run to the last-eight during the 2005-06 season. Should Aycliffe overcome 'Celtic,' they have already been paired with another first division side, in the shape of current second-placed Bedlington Terriers. That game will take place in late September at Terrers' Welfare Park. Moore Lane Park may yet have to wait for its first taste of Vase action, unless Aycliffe draw with West Allotment after 120 minutes on Saturday - in which case the replay would be next Wednesday (September 8). The FA Vase effectively replaced the old FA Amateur Cup for the 1974-75 season, and this weekend is the beginning of the 37th edition of this very popular

competition, featuring 302 clubs from Team Northumbria in Newcastle down to St Blazey in Cornwall. Aycliffe have to wait until next season to apply to play in the FA Cup, as clubs must have taken part in the Vase before they can enter the FA Cup. Aycliffe got back to winning ways on Bank Holiday Monday with a well-deserved derby win at home to Crook Town, two days after surrendering another two-goal lead against their new bogey side Guisborough Town. A week after losing 3-2, after being 2-0 with 10 minutes to go, Aycliffe went to Guisborough last Saturday and again outplayed the Priorymen, racing into a two-goal lead with goals by Elliot Gardner and Paul Broom.

But the Newtonians again succumbed to late pressure, drawing a game they should easily have won. However, they put that right on Monday, comfortably beating the previously unbeaten Crook 2-0 at Moore Lane Park with goals by Dan Mellanby and Warren Byrne. Sat Sept 4: West Allotment Celtic (A), FA Vase R1Q, 3pm. Tues Sept 7: Morpeth Town (7.30pm)\*. Sat Sept 11: Washington (A), 3pm. Sat Sept 25: Hebburn Town (H), 3pm. \* Should Aycliffe's FA Vase game at West Allotment on Saturday result in a draw after 120 minutes, the replay will be played at Moore Lane Park on Wednesday (September 8). www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

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**Saturday 11th September**  
**"SHANGHAI"**

Gig Pit Review at the Turbinia: Wouldn't have wanted to miss this gig!! The first set kicked off with Purple's 'Hush' was swiftly followed by Whitesnakes 'Fool for your Lovin'' and other tracks. Another Whitesnake track, 'Is this Love' was followed up with Purple's 'Burn'. I was taken by the effortless vocals of Russ, although he professed to have broken into a sweat in the first ten minutes, it didn't look that way. Nick on the lead looked to be thoroughly enjoying himself, I love to see that. The opening tones of 'Radar Love' made me stop in me tracks. The second set began with Bon Jovi's 'Shot Through the Heart', and the Kinks 'You Really Got Me'. Def Leppard's 'Animal' and two of my favourite Billy Idol tracks, 'White Wedding' and 'Rebel Yell' were dished out, expertly done IMO, one of THE best renditions of both I've heard in a long time. Aerosmith's 'Walk this Way' and Neil Young's 'Free World' were the last two tracks of the second set. Somewhere in amongst these, Nick showed us his plentiful guitar skills with a mega solo, his solo was interrupted for a harmonica solo by John, they then sat and had a guitar vs. harmonica competition. Fun to watch and a great way to showcase talent and entertain the troops!! Rapturous encore shouts got us another 4 (!!!) tracks, Whitesnakes 'Her I Go Again', Van Halen's 'Talkin Bout Love' and 'Jump' (the latter being one I've not heard from bands I've seen so far, brilliant version, another of my loud-in-the-car tracks that one), and finally Lizzie's 'Rosalie'.

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# LIB DEM MEP SUPPORTS AYCLIFFE HITACHI BID

A North East MEP has put her weight behind the Back on Track Campaign trying to bring train building back to the North East. The Back on Track Campaign urges the Government to award a £7.5bn contract for the next generation of high-speed trains to Hitachi, which has indicated it would assemble the trains at Newton Aycliffe, in County Durham, creating up to 800 direct jobs and a possible 7,000 more in the supply chain. Liberal Democrat MEP Fiona Hall said: "It would be great to see the next generation of trains being built in the North East, the birthplace of railways. I hope that Hitachi will firm up its commitment to the North East."

# BROKEN PROMISES!

Dear Sir, I refer to a letter by Independent Councillors Ducker and Warburton who seemed to back track on their comments, but I still say it was an attack on Dorothy Bowman. The worst, however, is the attempt by Cllrs Alison Palmer and Kenneth Stubbs giving credit to the Independents and the 'New' coalition government. They attack New Labour and a letter submitted by Vince Crosby which I thought was very good. But Mr. Stubbs asks question not on policy but on previous events. It seems that nobody has told him that Sedgefield Borough Council has been transferred to Durham along with all assets. Cllr Palmer talks about broken promises which is a turn up

# Guidelines for Disabled

Durham County Council is consulting on new guidelines to make the move into adulthood smoother for disabled young people. Working in partnership with the parents of disabled children and the young people themselves, the council has devised a set of guidelines that will help organisations work together and set out what help a family can expect and the responsibilities of agencies involved. The council is asking members of the public to come forward to comment on ways in which families can be better helped. Consultation on the guidelines will take place until the end of September. Members of the public can view the draft protocol and express their views at: www.durham.gov.uk/transitionprotocol, or telephone the council for more information. Tel: 0191 383 3785.

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Ann Dryden,

**Heighington School Road Safety**

Dear Sir  
As the school holidays are drawing to a close, could I remind all parents who will be driving their children into Heighington school, to remember and obey the School Traffic Charter that has been developed over many years. All parents should be aware of this and act accordingly. If any parents have any questions regarding the Traffic Charter or do not know anything about it, contact the school of myself for clarification. But as a reminder, I would ask ALL parents to accept the following procedures when driving a child into school:-  
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are often poor and these are made much worse in adverse weather conditions. Over the years our school population has increased dramatically and with this increase has come a dramatic rise in the number of vehicles driving into and out from our school in Hopelands. Sadly, this in turn has increased the accident risk to our school children and to our residents. Please drive with due care. Have respect for the residents who live in Heighington. Give yourselves more time to complete your journey from home into school and lower your speed on entering and driving through Heighington. Councillor Gerald Lee

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**Its Harder Being Independent**

Dear Sir,  
May I point out a few contrasts between Party and Independent Councillors?  
Party Councillors have a team of workers delivering leaflets, canvassing and taking people to the polling stations. A Party also decides on its candidates and the seats they will contest. Independents rely on family and friends to help, but in the main do the legwork themselves. This is why if there is more than one independent candidate they cut their own electoral throats. Parties will often swamp target seats with workers from outside

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## EXHIBITION

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**SPENSLEY** Sammie and Wayne congratulations on the birth of your baby girl Lacey-Renae, born 31.08.10. thank you for our beautiful Granddaughter love, Dad and Gill xxx  
**SPENSLEY** Sammie and Wayne, thank you for our beautiful Niece Lacey-Renae. Love, Emily and Abbie xxx  
**KARIS AND MARK** Congratulations on the birth of your second Son Finley Mark Jose, born 24th August 2010. Brother for Jack. With love and kisses from Mam, Abbi and all the family xxx

## Lost & Found

**FOUND - GREEN DUVET** cover, Hatfield Road area. Tel 316 218

**MISSING**



Answers to the name LUCKY, he went missing last Tuesday and has a green camouflage collar on. Please contact 07972 603 771

## Health & Beauty



**hair**

Vicki (formerly of Woodham Salon)

### OPENING DAY

13th September 2010 | 3pm - 6pm

FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL **07572 111 078**

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**BARGAIN BUYS** Take-Away Deal: new autowasher, A energy class, full manufacturers guarantee, £189 boxed and in stock, ready to load into your car boot. Tel 321 678

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**BRAND NEW** double divan with fully quilted mattress, can deliver, £120. Tel 07789 113 343

**DINING TABLE** and 4 chairs, 5' 2" extending to 6' 4", 3' wide, v. good condition, light coloured woods, £80 ono. Tel 314 921

**FISH TANK** Jewel Lido 120ltr with header, pump, lights and cabinet stand in beech plus some accessories, £60. Tel 307 530

**TRADITIONAL 2 SEATER SOFA**, solid mahogany frame, fabric colour claret, £160. Tel 07882 148 511

**SOLID PINE** double bed (mattress required) £75. Tel 07882 148 511

**HOOVER MAXI 6 DRYER**, £50. Tel 01325 320 030, 07881 614 334

**ONE WHITE PVC** double glazed window, with external sill, 1 opening sash 1.320(52") x 900 (35 3/8"), £50. Tel 01325 317 929

**3ft SLIDING** wardrobe doors, 2 white decor doors, 2 mirror doors, £20 each. 12ft track free. Tel 01325 317 929

**KITCHEN UNITS**, white shaker style doors, approx 7 base units, 6 wall units, 1 corner wall unit. £100 the lot, ring for details. Tel 01325 317 929

**ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR** Jazzy 1120, royal blue metallic trim, leather seat, all tyres have good tread. Good condition, includes charger and manual. £350 ono. Tel 07773 877 906 evenings only for details.

**NEED** An old domestic appliance removing? Can't wait for the Council? Tel. 321 678.

## Property

**DO YOU OWN** a property that is more of a liability than an asset? Please call John on 01325 778 206

**3 BEDROOM** house for rent, top condition, Kimblesworth Walk. £460 pcm, No DSS, please call 07838 151 142

**3 BEDROOM HOME** to rent on Kestrel Court. Rent £550, Bond £550. No DSS. Call 07921 214 180

**3 BEDROOM** house to rent, Aldfrid Place, £105 per week, £455 bond required. Tel 307 445

**PROPERTY WANTED.** Houses wanted in Newton Aycliffe, realistic prices paid, cash offer or part-ex your house for a cheaper one. Tel 07939 800 126

## Accommodation Wanted

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to family and friends, Clare and all the staff at the Hallgarth, Neil and Arthur at Durham Wedding Cars, Tracy and Judith at S&S Hair Salon and Donna at The Work for making our Wedding Day so special, Willie and Helen Gray

**PARSONS.** The family of the late Mary Hazel Parsons wish to express their sincere thanks to all family and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards and donations to the R.N.I.B. Special thanks to Dr Scott, Ann and Sharon, the District Nurses and Unique Carers for their guidance, care and support. Thanks to the Rev Bill Simms for a comforting service and to Gillian Marley, Christine Thompson and the Staff of Co-operative Funeralcare, Newton Aycliffe.

## Congratulations

### Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad



Lots of love, James, Helen, Sarah, Will, Louise and Andy and all the family xxx

**CHRISTINE & DAVID MILLER** Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary. Love from Rose, Bill and Nicola xxx

## Accommodation

**HANDING** back the keys? Before you do, call Carol, your local property buyer. Tel 01325 520 820

**ONE BEDROOM** fully refurbished sheltered accommodation flat, new kitchen, carpets and painted throughout, in Woodham. Over 55 or disabled, contact 01325 321 719 or 07747 004 991

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## Get Well Soon

**BARBARA HODGSON** wishing you a speedy recovery after your operation. With love and lots of get well wishes, Sarah-Jane, Craig, Madison, Mackenzie and all the animals xx

## Good Luck

**Sean Richardson**

**Good Luck on your 1st day at Big School.** Lots of Love, Mam, Dad, James, Nana & Grandad and all the family xxxxx

**LIAM HOLMES.** Good luck Liam at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate. We are so proud of you. Will miss you loads. all our love from Mam, Dad and Grant xxxx

### Christine & David



Congratulations Christine and David not many make it this far. Love your very proud Mam, Sister Sandra and Neice Rebecca xx

**MARION HUGHF.** Happy 60th Mam roll on the bus pass, enjoy your day. Love, Karen and John xx

**MARION HUGHF.** Happy 60th Nanna now you're officially an OAP, enjoy your day. Love, Adelle, Danielle and Mark

**RYAN HUGHES.** 01.09.10 Happy 11th birthday Son. Lots of love always, Dad x

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**PARKER McWILLIAM.** Happy 4th birthday to my gorgeous little boy on 8.9.10. Love you so much. From Mammy and Gaffa xxx

**HAPPY 4th BIRTHDAY** to our Brother Parker. hope you have a lovely day. All our love from Jay and Erin xxx

**HAPPY 70th GRANDA** from hopefully the only aches and pains you will ever have. Love you from Daniel and Kelly xx and the dogs

## Birthday Remembrance

**TOM SMITH** 1st September 1931. Today we remember all the birthdays past, from early years to your last. thank God we can look back with joy, for memories are things time cannot destroy. Instead of gifts this year we can only send a prayer, to let you know by all of us, you are missed beyond compare. Happy birthday Tom, sending you a kiss, all my love Your Loving Wife Norah

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### Jeff & Claire Masson



Congratulations on your Wedding Day 27th August. Everyone had a lovely day at the Hallgarth Hotel. Love from both families

**Scott Hilton**



9th September  
Happy birthday, love you loads, from Jessica xxxxxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**Lee Smith**  
7th September 1973



**Happy Birthday Lee**  
I would give my whole life to have you with us today. We love you with all our hearts and will miss you always. Love forever, Mam and Dad

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### Ces Stevens



Wishing my amazing man a great 70th birthday. Love to you always, Dorothy xx

**CES STEVENS.** To the best Dad ever, happy 70th. Love you loads from Daddy's Girl Jules xx

**CES.** Happy 70th mate, a true gent. Love, Michael

**CES.** Happy 70th on September 6th from all at 7 Pudsey

**CLIFFY PALMER**  
7th September 2008  
I never got to say goodbye, but only God knows why. You didn't go alone my Love, as part of me went too. Love and miss you always, your Loving Wife, Elsie xxx

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### NANCY GILES 90 years old



Happy Birthday Mum from Jacqueline, John and all the family xx

**FLEMING, OLLIE & ELLIS.** Happy 2nd birthday to two special Grandsons, love, Nan, Grumps and family

**OLLIE & ELLIS FLEMING.** Our beautiful Boys. Happy 2nd birthday. Lots of love and kisses, Mummy, Daddy and Jack

## In Memoriam

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**CLIFF**

**THE LEE SMITH MEMORIAL SHOW 2010**  
**THAI BOXING** **SUNDAY 5TH SEPT**  
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Lee Smith from Newton Aycliffe was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in June 2007 and his Memorial Show is now in its 4th year and growing in attendance. The show is a tribute to Lee's contribution to the sport and during his fight career he achieved the following titles in Thai Boxing: 2 British Light Middleweight Titles, 1 British Middleweight Title, World Championship - ranked 4th, European Championship - ranked 2nd. This is a large event attracting up to 500 people and will consist of 16 x 20 fights. It will take place at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 5th September. Thai food will be on sale throughout the event, and food may be purchased by Centre users as well as show attendees. There will be two Thai Boxing

equipment retailers on the day so fighters and spectators will have the opportunity to purchase custom shorts and Thai boxing equipment. Proceeds from this show will go to the Lee Smith Trust which aims to support and promote Thai boxing in the North East of England, including the counties of Durham, Darlington, Tyne & Wear, Teesside and Northumberland. The Trust furthers the education and training of Thai boxing students by providing grants and donations to individuals, clubs, associations and charitable organisations. Tickets are on sale from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at a cost of £20 per adult or £15 for under 14's. There are a limited number of ringside tables tickets available, if you are interested in ringside seating please email lozinoz51@hotmail.com

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**AWARD FOR AYCLIFFE CRICKET CAPTAIN**

Chris Palmer, captain of Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club was recently a guest of Durham County Cricket Club to receive an Outstanding Service to Cricket Award (OSCA). The NatWest OSCA's are awarded by each County Cricket Board, in several categories, to those in the local cricket community who are deemed to have contributed significantly to the advancement of their club.

Chris received his award for the work he did in planning and organising the NatWest Cricketforce weekend that took place at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club prior to the start of the season. 'Cricket Force' is an ECB (England Cricket Board) programme which encourages clubs around the country to tidy up their grounds after the harsh winter months and more than 25 people involved with Aycliffe Cricket Club, including women and children, turned out to give the Sports Club grounds a new lease of life as part of a national initiative.

Chris' name will now go forward to for the national awards which will be presented at Lord's on 18 October.



**CRICKETER WINS PRIZE**



David Richardson was one of the winners of the Cricket competition Newton News ran recently. As captain of the second team at Aycliffe Cricket Club he was delighted to win the opportunity to watch the England vs Pakistan game at Chester le Street.

**Double Win for Aycliffe**

Both of Newton Aycliffe's senior teams won by six wickets at the weekend, the firsts defeating Stanhope away and the seconds beating Medomsley at home in their last game of the season.

In their first division league match, Aycliffe bowled out the home side for just 67 after 33.2 overs with Luke Telford the pick of the bowlers taking 5 for 16 from 9.2 overs and he was given good support from Ross Dixon who took three wickets for just two runs from seven overs. In reply Aycliffe romped to victory after just 20.5 overs with opener Graham Telford top scoring with 33 and an unbeaten twelve from 16 year old Michael Howe. In their final game of the season, the second team elected to bowl first and were disappointed that Medomsley reached a seemingly winning total of 179 for 5 from their 40 overs despite 15 year old

**Town Gymnast Club Put on a Show**  
 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Aycliffe's own Gymnastic club "Jayenell" invite Newtonians to join them in celebration of their 10th Anniversary on Sunday 12th September in Newton

Aycliffe Leisure Centre from 1p.m. The Show, sponsored by Aquabiss Bathrooms, will include displays and performances from guest clubs, Deerness Valley Sports Acrobats, Grangefield Gymnastics Club and Skyline Cheer and Dance Squad. Jayenell is a voluntary organisation, led by Jean Stifman and Louise Macdougall. They cater for all ages and abilities and exist purely from subscriptions and donations. They hope this event will raise awareness of the good work the club does for our children and hope to see lots of spectators. Tickets are £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for concessions. All children get in Free! All proceeds will go to the purchase of specialised equipment. In addition to displays there will be lots of family fun with face painting, tombola, raffle including a draw for a Bathroom Suite, (value over £800) donated by Aquabiss Bathrooms; 6 month membership for two courtesy of Lifestyle Fitness worth £360. For more information on the event and sponsorship ring Val Beck on 319 262.

**Thai Boxing at the Youthy**



Students of Aycliffe Muay Thai, at the Youth Centre, have dedicated their time to attain a high standard in this traditional martial art.

All club members have attained high grades, learning all the necessary skills set by the Federation in association with the Institute in Thailand which is supported by the King. Club Leader Sean Dooney thanks all parents for their commitment to the club also Ian Dunbar and Peter Steed for their help and support in promoting Muay Thai to the highest level. Anyone interested in learning the art, contact Sean 07592 764 115.



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