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## London Deputation to Promote Hitachi Bid

Regional economic analysis reveals the true extent of the wide-ranging benefits for County Durham and beyond should Hitachi bring a state-of-the-art rail assembly plant to Newton Aycliffe.

A report, which has been prepared by economic regeneration experts at Durham County Council, sets out the business case for the area, prior to the Government's decision on the matter next month.

Hitachi has indicated that Aycliffe is the company's preferred location, should the electronics giant be granted the Intercity Express Programme (IEP) contract in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR).

The review results are due to be announced in October, but on September 21st a delegation led by the Council and Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson, will head for Whitehall to put the case and deliver the report. The delegation will outline the social and economic benefits of bringing Hitachi to Newton Aycliffe and the urgent need for such investment in both the local and wider area.

Council chief executive George Garlick said: "This is a rare opportunity to

bring about a transformation that would have an almost immediate impact on the local economy and beyond. For every £1 invested the estimated return is £48 over a 20 year period. We could see development, with the creation of 200 construction jobs, within a year. As many as 800 jobs created, at the main manufacturing unit alone within five years and the first trains roll off the assembly line by 2014. These are real, tangible and realistic targets which County Durham has the ability to deliver, given the opportunity to do so."

Durham County Council Leader, Cllr Simon Henig said: "Private sector investment on this scale would have enormous social and economic benefits for County Durham and the wider area. The creation of hundreds of jobs, with thousands more through the supply chain, will mean a significant drop in the level of unemployment. "County Durham has seen the highest growth in the number of people claiming job seekers allowance in the North East, with 12,000 people now unemployed; nearly 2,000 of those live in the Sedgefield area. "Securing widespread

employment raises self-esteem and improves health, giving young people greater opportunities for the future. The benefits of Hitachi coming to Newton Aycliffe should not be underestimated."

The Council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster, said: "The impact of securing this exciting 20 year programme would be immense and that is why we will be doing absolutely everything within our powers to bring this contract to Newton Aycliffe. "Not only do we have a rich rail heritage, we have the infrastructure and the workforce committed to quality manufacturing. It would bring a huge number of employment options for people with a wide range of skills, boosting the local housing economy and providing the impetus for economic growth. "This is exactly the sort of private sector investment which would see the vision for our county, as outlined in the County Durham Plan, become a reality."

Phil Wilson MP Sedgefield said: "The Intercity Express Programme is massively important for Newton Aycliffe and the North East. The jobs and investment Hitachi would bring to the region, if the contract is given the go-ahead, would be the largest in the region since Nissan: 800 jobs, up to 9,000 in the supply chain, with seven out of 10 in manufacturing, the project would go a long way towards boosting the private sector. It would also ensure that train building comes back to the North East."

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Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

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## NEWTONIANS INVITED TO PROPOSED HITACHI SITE AT AYCLIFFE

Members of the public are invited to show their support for the bid to bring Hitachi to Aycliffe Business Park by attending a photo call at the entrance of Amazon Park on Millennium Way at 11.45 for 12noon this Saturday September 18th. We regret the short notice, and realise some may not have received their Newton News, but it was only announced on Wednesday.

In attendance will be Phil Wilson MP, Durham County Council Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster, local members, representatives from the North East Chamber of Commerce, Unite and Northern TUC. Please come and show how much it matters to you by being in the picture.

Of the photo call Phil Wilson MP said: "This photo is a chance for local people to get in the picture regarding the importance of Hitachi, in a quite literal sense. We hope that many, many people will see how much it matters that Hitachi is granted the I.E.P contract next month.

"If this campaign comes to fruition then there will be huge benefits for thousands of local people, so please come and lend your strength to it. It's just a few minutes but it may help bring about a life-changing opportunity for many people."

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The recent BBQ held on the Aycliffe Nature Park by members of the Aycliffe Nature Park Association and the Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers (ANPWEX) was a resounding success, with an estimated 130 people attending throughout the day. Visitors, both regular and new, had a great day with many of them making new friends, while burgers and sausages were cooked to "perfection". While the adults helped themselves to the food and drink, the younger ones spent their time mainly pond-dipping. Coming up with quite a variety of creatures in their nets. As members of the ANPWEX, we are always delighted to see people, especially young people, enjoying themselves while getting to grips with nature and the environment. A calendar of events has been drawn up for the autumn/spring period which we hope to have in the Newton News shortly. We hope that everyone who has been to the Nature Park have enjoyed themselves



this year despite the essential work which had to be carried out by the water board. As this is now recovering, we hope people will continue to enjoy coming. Thanks for attending, we look forward to seeing all our friends again soon.

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# 10 year Old Aycliffe Rider Wins Championship

Aycliffe schoolboy Owen Wallbanks has enjoyed a fantastic series of successes in the horse world this summer. He has achieved success in horse riding, showing horses in hand, and driving. Owen has been showing Dales ponies for two years and this year built on his first year achievement. He shows his horses across the north of England at country shows competing in both junior and adult classes in all three disciplines. His biggest riding success this year came at Sedgefield show where he achieved his first win against, mostly adult, opposition. Owen also competes in junior classes and has won at many shows as a young handler and rider.

Stanhope Show, last weekend, saw Owen achieve his most notable achievement in showing his horse "in hand". He won the championship for all the Dales ponies against many much more experienced competitors. As Owen is only 10, he may have been one of the youngest to achieve this accolade. Owen's pony is called Bolam Starlight, bred by his Grandfather, and stands about 14 hands. Owen's Grandfather and mentor says that, "Owen and Starlight have a great affinity and both really enjoy the challenges each show brings. The Dales pony breed is intelligent, courageous, docile, sensible, kind and hard working and this is very true of Starlight. Owen has developed his overall techniques and is now much more able to transfer these into the ring where his skills have been richly rewarded." Quite obviously Owen's parents are delighted at his success. "Owen loves all animals, big and small, and they seem to respond to his care. We hope Owen can take this year's success into next season and further develop his equine talents".



## PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

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## Real Exam Success Stories for Woodham Students

Reluctant though they may have been to return to Newton Aycliffe in July, it was well worth it for Woodham's 11 Student Leaders who had spent a large part of their summer at Camp Cody, New England.

Tuesday 24th August provided reward for the eleven ambassadors, not only for their contribution in the United States, but for all their hard work at Woodham over 5 years. Between them they amassed 130 A\* - C grades at GCSE, with everyone gaining at least eight.

Pride of place probably goes to Niall Smith, Josh Stephenson and Josh Watson, who each got 9 or 10 A\* or A grades.

The Student Leaders' achievement reflects an impressive set of results across Woodham's Year 11, with many real success stories. The exam points score, averaging 450, was a record for Woodham, as was the 68% who gained 5 A\* - C of which 49% included both English and Mathematics.

Ian Bickerdike, Deputy Headteacher, said, "GCSE Results Day was a splendid occasion with so many happy and proud faces amongst our students. Woodham wishes to congratulate everyone on a fine achievement."

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Projects like this enhance our county and help to attract business and visitors. Future Jobs Fund employees and students on work placement from Houghall College in Durham helped to carry out the renovations.

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Victoria says of his new role: "I am thrilled to be working with such an established and reputable organisation. I am looking forward to developing the Roman websites, whilst focusing on Roman's core digital marketing activities. I am delighted to be a member of Roman's Marketing Team."

## St. TERESA'S FAMILY FUN DAY

St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington is holding a family Fun Day on 25th September at Darlington Rugby Club. Blackwell Meadows, from 11.00 am to 4.00pm, admission is free.

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and finish around 4.00 and there will be many activities throughout the day to keep the whole family entertained. The day itself is split into 3 main areas, there are outdoor field activities, indoor stalls and the main arena.

The main field area will have 2 bouncy castles, one for under 5's and one for over 5's, a bouncy slide and a 6 bedded trampoline, also there is archery and a coconut shy. Durham Falconry are bringing along birds of prey where both children and adults will have a chance to hold a bird at various times throughout the day. There will also be punch and Judy performing 2 separate acts.

A mini funfair is attending, which will consist of a fun house, t-cups, sugar boats and hook a bag. You will also have a chance to try rock climbing by climbing the 25 foot wall, this event is for both novices and professional climbers. Inside the Rugby Club there

will be a number of stalls, including a grand raffle with prizes consisting of a weekend break, a spa weekend and a TV-DVD combo, there are lots of other prizes as well.

There will be a tombola, book stall and for the adults a chance to win a bottle of wine by playing our lucky dip wine game. Home baked cup cakes and general cakes will also be on sale alongside our delicious chocolate fountain offering strawberries, marshmallows and fudge.

In the main arena there are many acts to keep you entertained throughout the day including dancing schools, Police Dog Demonstration, Tug of War and a flying display from the birds of display team. There may also be a martial arts demonstration and a steel band, however these 2 acts are yet to be confirmed. Food outlets include a BBQ, hog roast and Jacket Potato Van and don't forget the ice cream van and sweet shop.

## Royal Visit Kept Secret

We were pleased to report the visit of Royalty to our town last week, but disappointed we could not tell our readers about it until after the Duke of Gloucester had left the town.

We knew he was coming to open the PCP extension a few weeks before, but we were not allowed to publish the details as the information was, in newspaper jargon, "embargoed".

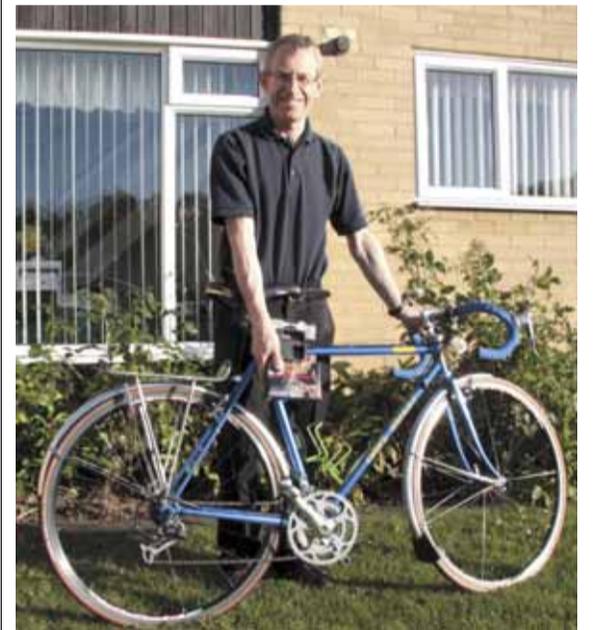
This was a great shame and we deplore the fact that Newtonians could not see and welcome a member of the Royal Family to Newton Aycliffe. Only the "Great and Good" were allowed to be present at the visit.

In times past it was a lovely community occasion when a royal personage visited a town and the general public would turn out to line the streets, some waving our national flag.

Nowadays this is denied and we have lost the opportunity to see the Royal Family up close. We understand the need for security these days, but on the same day the Prince of Wales was in the region, and everyone knew where he was going from information provided by the media.

We are trying to get an explanation and will let readers know when we receive a response.

## COMPETITION WINNERS



The winners in our competition to win safety solar pedal lights are Tony Little of Bousfield Crescent and Mrs G. Hall of Hawkshead Place. Their entries were the first drawn and received their prizes this week. Tony who bikes to work every day is shown accepting his prize at his home.

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There will also be Family Worship & Harvest Festival Service at 10 am on Sunday 19th September, tea and biscuits served after Service. once again all monies to go to MRDF and Tear Fund harvest projects. We look forward to seeing lots of new friends and old friends alike, so come and have some fun!!

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Nicola Dale - Newton Aycliffe Consultant has reached an unbelievable milestone of losing 8 Stone! Nicola who has been a consultant since 2008 has said it has changed her life. Nicola says "Without Slimming World, my life would be so bleak. I had no energy to look after my toddler and clothes were a nightmare at a size 26". Nicola lost all of her weight eating unlimited amounts of chicken, meat, pasta, rice, all veg and fruit with treats such as chocolate, wine and chinese food. "Nothing is banned at Slimming World and I was never, ever hungry". With running two groups, her members are an inspiration too. "I became a consultant to



help people lose weight and to feel great. I have members both male and female and their weight losses are truly remarkable. I have several members who have lost 5 and 6 stone and this is in just over a year - so yes YOU CAN DO IT. Nicola's groups are Monday at Woodham Golf Club 5.15pm and 7pm and Tuesday at the RAFA Club 6pm. 07791 909376

# WHY WE LOST GOOD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Dear Editor,  
 It now appears that Independent Councillors Ducker and Warburton want to distance themselves from the 50% council tax reduction

promised in 2007. This seems very strange because the election was held in 2007 and during that campaign leaflets and articles with all the Independent Councillors names showed they made a Group decision to promise cutting Council Tax by 50%. This was now, by their own admission, a lie. Irrespective of who wrote it they must accept "Collective Responsibility" and as a Group they are equally liable no matter who wrote it. This lie resulted in leading Councillors like Bob Fleming, Mal Iveson, Brian Hall and others losing their seats on

Sedgefield Borough Council. Why have they waited almost 3 years to say it was nothing to do with them? They are now in favour of an elected Mayor, and if my memory serves me correctly we held a referendum on this issue and it was voted out. An elected Mayor is all powerful and usually only applies to principle Councils not Town councils where an appointed Mayor is just a Civic position. I shudder to think what these Councillors say in Council meetings. Are they truly representative of the Independent Group?  
 Mike Haley

# SPIRAL STAIRWAY RE-OPENED

The spiral staircase in the Town Centre up to Upper Beveridge Walkway has been re-opened after refurbishment. It's closure had caused some inconvenience and loss of passing trade so shop and offices are pleased with the outcome. When the ramp is removed this will be the only access to these premises from Beveridge Way. (They will still be accessed from the multi storey car park).

# Running Track Too Expensive to Replace

At a recent Council Meeting members discussed the problem of the running track at the Sports Complex. In dry gusty weather, as demonstrated at Great Aycliffe Show, the resulting dust cloud is most uncomfortable. However the cost of resurfacing this large track would be prohibitive so unless an inexpensive method is found it is something we have to accept.

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## TOWN PARK SWING TOO DANGEROUS



The Giant Tyre Swing in the Town Centre Park has been decommissioned by the Town Council following two serious accidents where children have been injured playing on the equipment. Whilst it meets all the specifications under Health and Safety regulations the swing is open to misuse and is a potential danger. The Town Clerk Andrew Bailey advised the Council to stop children using the equipment while safety issues are considered with the possibility of replacing the item for something safer.

## Demolition Work Harms Shop Business

Gary, of Julies Pets, has complained that an important access to his shop has been closed without notice and could ruin his business.

The town centre demolition in that area is gathering pace and Gary expected some inconvenience, but this may close his shop.

We contacted Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane, but he was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, Stephen Russell is grateful to the Landlords for restoring access to his shop from the spiral staircase. He lost a lot of trade when it was closed for repair and the landlord has recognised his difficulty and offered compensation.



## Savage Cuts will be Disastrous for our Region

Dear Sir,  
The consequences of Lib-Dems collaborating with Tories to inflict savage cuts on public service finances are hitting home. There is a massive drift of voters from Lib-Dems with a landslide loss of trust in a Party promoting Tory policies it campaigned against in the Election.

The comfortable well paid and pension-secured Con-Dems have no mandate for what they propose to inflict on public services. Their contrived fiscal phycis will create wholesale pain and hardship when redundancies hit our job-starved region.

With the stink still reeking strong in the North East over Railways, Steel, Shipyards, Coal Mines, Transport, New Towns, Heavy Engineering and manufacturing all sold off, anyone expecting anything else from he Tory Party is living in "Cloud Cuckoo Land!" Any Lib Dem notions that their handful of M.P.'s will change the course set by a Tory majority will be disastrous for their Party and their collaboration deserves no less.

If what they are proposing is inflicted on our region the coalition should be sacked! Donald Fraser Woodham

## Woodham Burn PSA's Great Support

Dear Editor,  
On behalf of the children and staff at Woodham Burn I am writing to say an enormous public 'thank you' to the hard working members of the Parent/Staff association who arranged so many wonderful experiences for the children in our school during the last academic year. These included a Christmas Fair, Fun Day, Woodham Burn's Got Talent Competition, and our first ever School Prom. The PSA also raised hundreds of pounds to provide treats and extras which were enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to all who were involved, and we can't wait to see what is in store for this year!  
Riannon M. Rowe  
Head Teacher  
Woodham Burn Community Primary School

## YOUR PASS FOR FUN!

Play Active Sports Saturdays – Your Pass to fun on Saturday mornings 9.30 – 11.00am. Come along and try many different sports. Open to anyone aged 8 – 13 yrs. Only £2.00 per session, taken by our very own Coach Stephen Waddingham. For further details contact Oak Leaf Sports Complex on 01325 300600

## Top Musical Entertainment at Neville Community Centre

Durham Youth Choir will perform a Concert at Neville Parade Community Centre on Saturday 25th September at 3pm. Admission is only £3 to hear this wonderful choir.

on Saturday 2nd October another spectacular music event will see the centre host the Darlington Big Band. at 2.30pm. Admission £4, Concessions £3.

To book tickets for both these splendid events, to collect at the door, please ring 313924.

Please donate any unwanted gifts to our fundraising raffles. We also need people to bake pies and cakes which are very popular to sell in aid of funds. Bingo every Wednesday at 12 noon on Monday and Friday at 7pm. Please come and join us where a warm welcome awaits.

Free Tuition on the Steel Pan Drums each Monday from 5- 6pm. 5 week course for 12 years and over.



# Year 6 Open Evening for September 2011 Entry

## Thursday 30th September 2010 from 6.30-8.30pm

All prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to attend an evening with information from the Headteacher, Mrs. C. Forsyth, and a guided tour of the college facilities.

If you would like more information please contact

**Mrs. T. Tait, Head of Year 7/Transition  
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## AUTUMN 2010

17th September 2010

### COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

Mr & Mrs W. Bewley, 1 Stanfield Road have won the Best Overall Front Garden/Display for 2010. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Dorothy Bowman, presented Mr & Mrs Bewley with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl', and a bouquet of flowers as the winner in the Council's Annual Community Enhancement Award.

Nominations were received from the general public, which were then validated by council staff. Nominees have been issued with a Community Enhancement Certificate in recognition of the contribution that their garden or display has made to the environmental appearance of Great Aycliffe.

The photograph below shows Mr & Mrs Bewley with the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Dorothy Bowman.



### MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Dorothy Bowman, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex on Friday, 10th September 2010.

The event was a huge success with an amount of £566 being raised for her nominated charities which are the Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer Appeal Trust and Domestic Violence (WVVA).

The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely:

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| Gregg Little Testing Centre   | Don Walker Butchers         |                             |
| Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club   | Durham County Council       |                             |
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The hospitality tent at the 6th tee was well received and the Mayor would like to thank fellow Councillors and friends for helping with the organisation of the refreshments.

The presentation evening and dinner was held at The Oakleaf Sports Complex Function Room and the winners of the competition were Oakleaf Golf Club. The Mayor presented the team with the annual 'Hydro Polymers' Trophy.



Results of the day:

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Winners                  | Oakleaf Golf Club |
| Second                   | Aslan Golf        |
| Third                    | Big Golf Club     |
| Individual Winner        | Ian Gaul          |
| Longest Drive (3rd Hole) | Neil Whinham      |
| Nearest the Pin (4th)    | Stephen Lines     |
| Nearest the Pin (11th)   | Carl Pepper       |
| Nearest the Pin (13th)   | Shaun Poulter     |

### SCHOOL AYCLIFFE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

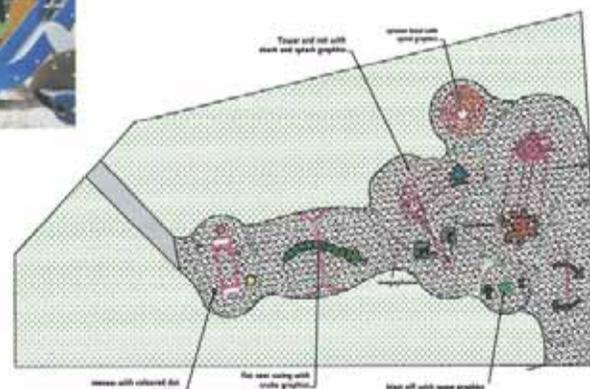
The refurbishment of the play area at School Aycliffe is due to commence at the end of September 2010.

The old equipment will be removed and replaced with play equipment that offers a more adventurous range of activities for users.

The installation work is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Pictured on the right is a copy of the layout of the new play area.

SCHOOL AYCLIFFE PLAY AREA  
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## CUSTOMER PANEL

The next meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council Customer Panel will be:

**Tuesday 21st September 2010, 6pm at the Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane**

A short presentation will be given by the Chairman of Aycliffe Youth Council.

However, the Town Council's Finance Manager will be in attendance to discuss the impact of government cuts on the Town Council and financial matters in general.

The meetings are open to members of the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Why not come along and see what's happening.

The doors will be open to the public 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

If you would like any further information please contact Chrissy Walton 01325 300700

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

22nd Sept. 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
20th Oct. 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
20th Oct. 2010	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.
27th Oct. 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
3rd Nov. 2010	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
1st Dec. 2010	Environment	7.15 p.m.
1st Dec. 2010	Recreation *	7.15 p.m.
8th Dec. 2010	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
15th Dec. 2010	Council	7.15 p.m.

\* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

**4th MAY, 2011 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m. (\*\*)**

**11th MAY, 2011 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING  
- 7.15 p.m.**

(\*\*\*) (N.B. - this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.

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

## CASUAL VACANCY WEST WARD

A casual vacancy in the West Ward of Newton Aycliffe was declared by the Council on the 11th August 2010 following the resignation of Mrs. Helen Hutchinson.

Elections for this vacancy will take place on Thursday, 28th October 2010.

## ELECTIONS

Would you like to be part of an organisation that really can make a difference?

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- Live or go to school in Newton Aycliffe, School Aycliffe, Aycliffe Village or Middridge.
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What does the Youth Council do;

- provides young people with the opportunity to convey their ideas and priorities to Great Aycliffe Town Council and other organisations;
- encourages a culture of participation in the democratic process;
- provides a mechanism for Great Aycliffe Town Council and other agencies to consult with young people from the Aycliffe area;
- provides an opportunity to give grants to good local causes;
- helps remove barriers and stereotyping about young people.

If you would like any further information or would like to become involved please contact Chrissy Walton on 01325 300700.

*Aycliffe Youth Councillors in action at a recent meeting*



## MAYOR'S CHARITY CABARET NIGHT THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Tickets are now on sale for the Mayor's Charity Night to be held in the Royal British Legion Club, Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday, 14th October. Tickets are priced at £5 and include Pie and Peas, Cabaret Acts and Bingo. Proceeds from the evening will be in aid of the Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer Appeal Trust and Domestic Violence (WVWA).



## Senior Citizens' Excursions



The Senior Citizens Excursions took place between 7th June and 16th July and the venues this year were Blackpool, The Lake District, Scarborough, Whitby and South Shields.

There were 1472 applications of which 44 people failed to show up without notification and 75 others cancelled prior to their allocated date leaving 1353 people who actually travelled.

There were insufficient applications for the wheelchair accessible coach to four of the destinations which were subsequently cancelled.

The survey forms collected at the end of each day are analysed to assist Council Members to select the venues for next year as well as making sure that the hotels and comfort stops are giving us a good service.



# FOCUS ON THE CROCUS

In early October Great Aycliffe Town Council will be teaming up with the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe to offer the opportunity to every primary school in the town to plant crocus bulbs in prominent locations around the town.

The reason behind this is for the past 25 years Rotary International has been at the forefront of Polio eradication worldwide. To coincide with their 2011 campaign the Rotary club are planting millions of purple crocus bulbs throughout the United Kingdom during October, these bulbs will then flower in February 2011.

Purple is the chosen colour as it is the colour of ink put on the finger of a child to indicate that the child has been inoculated against this deadly virus.

The aim is by planting the purple crocus this will raise the awareness of this cause. To find out more details please feel free to contact the Environment Officer at Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300 700.

# BLOOMING LOVELY

For several years Great Aycliffe Town Council have been managing areas around the town as wild flower meadows, the most notable location being near the train station. The sculpture on the grassland depicts a common blue butterfly resting on an orchid; both of which are a regular sight during the summer.

Meadows are managed by allowing the natural plants to flower and disperse their seeds before cutting and removing the vegetation in later summer, by doing this the seed bank will improve over several seasons producing a richer show of flowers year on year.

This year several new meadows have been created around the town including both the Town and Woodham parks. At the moment, these areas appear to be little more than rough grassland, but given a few years these meadows will flourish into colourful grassland like elsewhere in the town.

Other particularly species rich areas can be found through Woodham Burn and in West Park. Many people walk by these meadows and may notice the impressive display of natural colour but on closer inspection these areas are often made up of a diverse range of plant species.

If you would like to know more about these areas please contact the Environment Officer on 01325 300 700.

# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF AYCLIFFE

An Eco Centre at Moore Lane and Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environmental Officer is available to school and community groups to take part in all types of environmental studies.

Activities are tailored to the individual group's requirements and can be offered in most environmental fields including:

- Wildlife and habitat studies- ranging from fun outdoor activities such as pond dipping or minibeasting to more practical workshops such as bird box making or habitat improvements.
- Climate and seasonal change - With Autumn fast approaching this is the ideal time to offer a session on seasonal change. Themes can include autumn colour, hibernation and the various forms of seed dispersal.
- Geology- basic talk on the geology that can be found in the area and how it affects the local surroundings.
- Talks in the evenings - Various illustrated tailored talks can be provided for groups interested in the local environment.

Community groups can be as diverse as scout and boy's brigade, Woman's Institute, church groups, mental and physical health groups and general interest organisations. To find out more about these activities please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer, Steven Cooper, on 0777 9090 842 or e-mail [steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

## DANCE MATS

Great Aycliffe Show saw the dance mats officially launched by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Dorothy Bowman, who was one of the County Councillors who helped fund the mats.

The Town Council will shortly be embarking on a great new way to have fun and exercise at the same time.

A 12 mat interactive multiplayer dance mat system was recently purchased using funding from the Durham County Councillors, Neighbourhood Budget allocation and Aycliffe Youth Council.

The dance mats will be available for voluntary and community groups from the Great Aycliffe area to use from November 2010. Please contact the Oakleaf Sports Complex 01325 300 600 for details.

# GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW



Once again the Show was successful despite the high winds on the Sunday, however, most events were able to carry on with only minor disruption. Thousands of spectators who attended the show saw many forms of entertainment together with an excellent display of Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibits. This year had a record number of entries ranging from sausage rolls to scarecrow models. The horticultural show was a success and was sponsored by Gregg Little Testing Centre, who supplied a special prize of a TV for the Best Leeks in the Show, Anthony Dixon presented the prize to Gary Parsons. The handcraft exhibition was sponsored by Deco Engravers (Bishop Auckland) who supplied the trophies and engraving. The World War II exhibition had everything from machine guns to ration packs. It was an extremely lifelike display of army living during the war period with authentic costumes.

The Playhouse Marquee had performances by local dance troupes, Suzanne Douglass and Beatlemania. On Sunday the 'A' Factor took place and was judged by a panel of local judges. The winner was Eve Conway and the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Dorothy Bowman, presented the prize.



## PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES



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**For further information please contact Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880**



## NEW MANAGER

Miss Judith Simpson has been appointed as the new Manager of the Sports Complex. Judith was previously employed as one of the Duty Managers at the Complex. Best wishes and congratulations on her appointment.



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## JUNIOR HOLIDAY COURSES FOR OCTOBER

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Monday 25th October 2010

10:30-12:00

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### CRAFTY KIDS 8-15years

Wednesday 27th October 2010

15:45-17:15

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Tuesday 26th October 2010

9:30-11:30 or 12:00-14:00

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### FOOTBALL COACHING 8-15years

Thursday 28th October 2010

13:00-16:00

Members £4.50, Non Members £5.25



### ACTIVITY DAY 8-15years

Wednesday 27th October 2010

09:30-15:30

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Friday 29th October 2010

09:30-11:00

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2010. Tenants that currently pay through the County Council's cash offices or the door to door collection service and have not made alternative arrangements are being encouraged to please contact the income section on 0845 505 5500 extn 4396 for further details.

### Aycliffe Village Dance and Supper

Come along for an evening of music and dancing, featuring Sound Advice on Saturday, 18th September at Aycliffe Village Hall from 7.30pm till late. Tickets £7.50 to include supper and a licensed bar. The event is organised by Great Aycliffe Village Hall Assoc. and Acl Scout Group. Proceeds go to village hall. For more details, or to book tickets, call Margaret Lenahan on 01325 317877.

## INVITATION TO JOIN IN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 24 September health care staff from the Pioneering Care Partnership will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting two events in aid of the world's biggest coffee morning and encouraging everyone to "Come along and bring a smile".

The Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning is now an annual event. Staff will be making every cup count, having fun, meeting friends old and new, and helping to raise money to support people living with cancer.

Events will be held from 9.30am until 11.30am at the Pioneering Care Centre Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

The event will be offering tea and coffee with scones, a selection of stalls with handmade arts and crafts, tombola and a range of displays regarding various health issues. Free taster therapies will be available too. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service and Macmillan Welfare Rights Service can offer to the people of the Sedgefield Borough.

Andrea Elsbury, health improvement specialist for County Durham and Darlington Community Health Services, said: "We hope these events will encourage people living locally to come along and find out more about what the Cancer Information and

Support Service can offer residents in Easington and Sedgefield, whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

"The information and support service is available for anyone who has been affected by cancer, patients, relatives, friends, and offers a wide range of information on all aspects of cancer from

prevention to care.

"We are also currently developing a new service for people living with a cancer diagnosis who have completed treatment and want support to get back to an active lifestyle, which we hope will begin later in the year. People can find out more when they visit the centres."

### COFFEE AT BON MARCHE

Bon Marche staff are joining the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September and invite customers to the shop for Coffee, Cakes and a raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support from 9.30 till 12 noon. If you can't come for coffee on that day please leave a donation and remember every penny counts!

## NEWTONIAN RAISES OVER £5000 FOR LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH



Allison White, while fighting her own battle with Leukaemia, is raising cash for the charity researching the life threatening disease. At another Charity Night held at the Big Club last Saturday she presented a cheque for £5,200 to representatives from the charity. The second picture shows Allison with her army of friends and family who are supporting her fundraising activities.

## Have You Seen "Lucky"?

Newtonian Flor Kerins is desperate to find his lost dog which disappeared on 21st August after it got out of the back garden.

Despite advertisements and long searches, the Cross Collie, called "Lucky" is still missing. Flor, a manufacturer of a patented garden bench which converts to a picnic table, is offering a reward for the return of his dog and can be contacted on 07972 531878.



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"His first set was done with an acoustic guitar, and it has to be said it was just like an intimate unplugged session you see on MTV, the atmosphere was amazing (as was his guitar playing) all the songs he covered were ideally suited for an acoustic set, Russ just oozed confidence. The second set was back to the electric guitar and back to rock, all the classic rock bands were covered, Floyd, Zep, AC/DC, Purple, Stevie Nicks, Santana. In summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub." - DAVY'S ROCK PAGE review

**Saturday 25th Sept. "Atlantis Knights"**

**Saturday 2nd Oct. "Tommy & the Oddballs"**

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# PERFECT ATTENDANCE OVER 5 YEARS

Aycliffe student, Stephanie Hoare, was one of only 17 students in County Durham this year who achieved a perfect attendance record throughout her secondary school career. Stephanie and her parents attended a special ceremony at St. James Park in Newcastle this week where she received her award and a cash prize. Woodham Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "Full attendance over the course of five years is a hugely impressive feat. It is no coincidence that Stephanie achieved outstanding results in her GCSEs". Stephanie is now at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington where she is studying Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry.



# WIND OR NUCLEAR?

Wind in the UK generated almost as much electricity as four nuclear power stations, according to energy network operator National Grid. At peak period, UK wind farms generated 1860 megawatts, which accounted for 4.7 percent of total generation. A single nuclear power station in Britain generates around 500 megawatts. North East Lib Dem MEP Fiona Hall commented: "It's time to dispel the myth that wind energy does not make a significant contribution to the UK's energy supply. But to reach the full potential of wind energy we must now move to offshore wind. The supply chain to build and install wind turbines in the North Sea has the potential to create thousands of jobs here in the North East."

# Entertainer at Social Club



The "New Friends New Places club were entertained at their meeting at the Navy Club on Tuesday by Alan who was raising money for M.I.N.D. with singing and guitar playing.

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community volunteers and in our case the Council could lead the way. The Car Park could also be made available for community use. Councillors were generally receptive to the idea and asked the officers to provide further details in a report. Xcel Church has already adopted Heighington Station as it is near their new Conference Centre and is used by visitors arriving by train.

Comparison of costs of train travel were remarkably competitive. The Newton Aycliffe fare to Darlington is £2.90 and takes 17 minutes while the Bus is £6 and takes 28 minutes.

Newton Aycliffe to Bishop Auckland by rail is only £2, taking 11 minutes. The bus takes 43 minutes and costs £6.

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**Looking After the Elderly**

A three-year plan to improve health and social care services for older people in County Durham has been drawn up. Durham County Council's Cabinet was today (Wednesday, 15 September) presented with the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2010-13, which the authority has prepared in partnership with NHS County Durham and Darlington. The strategy looks at health and social care services for older people and identifies any gaps in provision or areas in need of review or further development.

It was put together following consultation with older people and covers six key areas: information, involvement and support; living at home for longer; maximising independence; joined-up care pathways; partnership; and fair access to local services. Cabinet was also told of new measures which will help regulate the quality of private and local authority health and social care services. From 1 October, providers will need to be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

In order to qualify for registration, they will need to demonstrate that they meet a number of quality standards relating to six key areas including personalised care, safeguarding and safety and quality and management. The county council is already well on the way to completing

registration for its in-house services in advance of next month, and is also working with independent providers. Cllr Morris Nicholls, Durham County Council Cabinet member for adult services, said: "Looking after our older population is an important part of our work. It is essential that residents have access to the right type of services and that they can be confident that these services are of a particular standard."

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# FAB TIME AT GREENFIELD



Fab Flournoy, Coach of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club visited Greenfield School this week. Fab, the most successful basketball coach in England, ever, was in school to talk to Year 10 and Year 11 students offering an incite into his life from growing up in The Bronx to travelling the world playing basketball. He gave a humorous and at times emotional account of the obstacles he faced and his determination to overcome them. The students were left in no doubt that they all had the ability to succeed if they worked hard and never gave up. The 2010/11 season begins on Friday 24th September when Eagles play Sheffield Sharks at their new home court in Northumbria University's £30 million Sports Central Arena.

## WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE . . .

Dear Sir,  
Lib Dem Derek Atkinson had a memory loss in his letter on Counc Paylor's defection to Labour considering two Independents, Councillors Blenkinsopp and Palmer have moved to his Party. Where was the outrage from the people who elected them as Independents? Furthermore Counc Palmer is now living in Aycliffe Village and could not be further away from the area she was elected to serve in Middridge/Greenfield. When Counc Paylor moved from West Ward it was well known it was to provide her severely handicapped son with more suitable accommodation. Many people still appreciate the work Enid does in fighting anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in her ward. As far as "People Come First" it is not just words with Enid. Fair Play  
Name & address supplied

## Young Family Win Nellie



The winners of the Rotary Club Draw for Nellie the Elephant at Great Aycliffe Show was won by the Anderson family of Ashtree Close. Bill Tyrens Vice President (right) presented the prize. The raffle raised over £100 for charity.

## FREE TOY LIBRARY

Mums, Dads and Carers are being reminded about a FREE library service at their local Sure Start centre. A free toy and book borrowing service is available at all Durham County Council run Sure Start centres across the county. Anyone looking after pre-school children, including Grandparents, Carers, Nurseries and Play Groups can borrow books and toys. Jill Alderson is a Family Support Worker, she said: "Come along and enjoy a variety of books and toys that will help with your child's development. The library stocks a variety of toys for all ages. Books encourage language, speech and imagination." Up to six books and three toys can be borrowed for four weeks. Board and picture books are available as well as books for Mums and Dads about weaning and breast feeding. To join go along to a Sure Start centre in your area. For more information or to find your nearest one, call or log on to the website. Tel: 0800 917 2 917 - www.surestartcountydurham.org

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**Gillian Ramsey**



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
Have a wonderful time. All our special love from Mam and all the family

**Happy 21st Birthday Robert**



Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Tucker, Milo Grandad and all the Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

**Alannah Hepper**



**Happy 13th Birthday**  
20th September  
Happy birthday to a wonderful Daughter, have a great day. Lots of love, hugs and kisses, Mam, Dad and Mia xxx  
To a special Granddaughter, happy 13th birthday Alannah. Lots of love and kisses, Nanna Carol and Grandad Alan xxx. Have a lovely day "sunshine"

## In Memoriam

**DOROTHY MARQUIS** 14th September 2009. Your memory is precious and never grows old. It stays in our hearts in letters of gold. God bless. Love and miss you, Jenny and Bobby  
**ALEX ISAAC** 17th September. Of all the many blessings, however great or small, to have had you as a Husband, was the greatest one of all. Remembered always. All my love, Margaret  
**ALEX ISAAC** 17th September. 3 years have passed Dad. Good memories always last. Never to forget. Love always, Stuart, Graham, Alex and Ian  
**ALEX ISAAC** 17th September. Grandad. Sadly gone, but not forgotten. Your loving Grandkids

**Joëlle Hubery**



**Teenager at Last!**  
17th September  
**Happy 13th Birthday**  
Love from Mam, Dad and Nana xxxxx  
**Happy 13th Sis**  
Love from Thornyn xxx

**Well done Laura Ramsay**



Well done on your BA Hons Degree. We are all so very proud of you. Lots of love from Mam, Dad & Philip. Gran, Aunty Anne & Uncle Paul. XX

**Clare Stradling**



**Happy Birthday Mummy**  
Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love, Samuel and Jorja

## Birthday Remembrance

**ALBERT ANDREW** 12-9-1934. Happy birthday Dad. Sending you a kiss and a prayer. From your Daughters Julie and Susan. We love you Dad. Love also from the family, kiss kiss  
**NATHAN SOWERBY** 21st September. Treasured birthday memories of a much loved Son and Brother. From Dad and Joanne

**Joëlle Hubery**



**Happy 13th Birthday**  
Teenager at last! Enjoy your party. From Nanna, Grandad, Susan, Mark and Kyle xxxxxx

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to my surprise 50th and for all the cards and gifts. Much appreciated, Paul Young  
**MICHAEL & ISABEL** would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards, presents and well wishes following his recent operation.  
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## Obituary

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**Jack Abe Lee Surman**



**Happy 5th Birthday**  
16th September 2010  
To our precious little boy Jack on your 5th birthday. Enjoy your special day. So glad you have settled into Reception nicely. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy, Daddy, Danielle and Harry xxx

**ELVIDGE** (Newton Aycliffe). On 12th September (peacefully in hospital), Alfred, aged 87 years, much loved Husband of Peggy, Father of Jennifer, Father-in-Law of Adam and dearly loved Grandfather of Alexander and Christopher. Will family and friends please meet for Service in St Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 23rd September at 11.30m to be followed by private cremation.

# Aycliffe Thai Boxers Take 3 out of 3



Earlier this month Aycliffe Muay Thai Club which trains at the Youth Centre attended a Show in Leeds and won every bout. Junior Ryan Bartle competed against a more experienced and advanced opponent in his first fight at Pro-Am level. He pulled off an outstanding performance to outclass his rival with speed skill and ability over three 2 minute rounds. James Black's win was equally outstanding having only trained 10 months for the bout. Volunteer Youth Worker and Trainee Instructor, Peter Steed was originally attending the show as an official Judge, but was asked to fight due to someone pulling out. He outfought a much taller opponent with great technique winning the fight over three 2 minute rounds. Muay Thai thank all those who provided help and support for the Show.

# FAIR RESULT FOR AYCLIFFE YOUTH UNDER 14's

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14s, sponsored by Southern Cross Healthcare Defoe Court, travelled to Coulby Newham for the opening fixture in the 2010/2011 season in the TJFA season. After back to back championships expectations were high against tough opponents. Missing influential midfielder Connor Halford and talisman Ben Nicholson Aycliffe started with a changed formation playing centre back and skipper Tom Gledhill in mid field. Coulby started stronger and Youthy struggled to cope with the pace and passion of the hosts, falling behind to an early goal with keeper Jack McLaren powerless to stop the visitors scoring. The next 10 minutes belonged to the hosts with man of the match Sam Pascoe and Billy Bradley battling manfully against tough midfield opposition. As the half wore on Aycliffe began to see possession and flying wingers Jake Cane and Ryan Mercer started to cause problems for the home defence. Dan Kenyon, the leading marksman, worked tirelessly without reward and saw a shot scrambled off the line. Mercer went close and a long range shot from Jordan Howe signalled a turn in the tide. Coulby Newham still looked dangerous with their midfield pace and skill but it was Matthew Marshall and Kenyon who came close as the half ended 0 - 1. With Gledhill back at centre half and James Skerrett patrolling behind it was a far more solid looking

Aycliffe that started the second half. Full backs Howe and Macaulay Aldsworth kept the dangerous Coulby at bay. It was Jake Cane who masterminded the comeback with a series of dangerous corners. From one of these corners Marshall latched onto a Gledhill header and fired home from close range to equalise. Mercer and Cane continued to open up the home defence as Aycliffe began to dominate. With the ever willing Pascoe and the midfield guile of Bradley a win looked on the cards. The unlucky Kenyon, a constant threat to the hosts, went close on several occasions and as the game stretched out Mercer forced another corner. Cane floated the ball in and the Coulby defence failed to clear it. Gledhill volleyed home to give youthy the lead. Gledhill went close twice more hitting the cross bar with headers on both occasions. Pascoe almost wrapped it up in the dying minutes and with a run from Ritchie Howe, replacing Skerrett, Kenyon almost got the killer goal. In the end a good 2 - 1 win against quality opposition was a fair result

# AYCLIFFE AT HOME IN RE-ARRANGED MATCH

Newton Aycliffe now have a home game this weekend after the league re-arranged the venue of their game with Gillford Park. The Newtonians will take on the Carlisle-based club at Moore Lane Park this Saturday (September 18), 3pm kick-off. Allan Oliver's side will be hoping to bounce back from their disappointing 3-0 defeat at Washington last weekend after previously enjoying a hugely-promising start to the new season. Although ravaged by injuries and absences through holidays and suspension - with the likes of Paul Stout, John Close, Dion Raitt, Sean Tarling, Dan Mellanby and Elliot Gardner all missing - Aycliffe lost only their second league game of

the season. The visitors might have taken the lead after 15 minutes when Warren Byrne fed Stuart Owen in the inside left channel and the winger's low, angled shot-come-cross fell at the feet of Jonathan Pennock six yards out, but his tame effort went straight into the gloves of Dan Molyneux in the host's goal. The opening goal came shortly before half-time with Will Caris hitting an unstoppable 35-yard rocket past debutant 'keeper Chris Moore. Michael Heckley almost volleyed the visitors level on 63 minutes following Chase McMullen's corner, but the sucker-punch arrived just 10 minutes later in the form of substitute Jon Sherlock, hitting a timid 25-yard effort which scrambled under the body of

Moore. The home side got their third with 13 minutes left when Martin was sent through and elegantly lifted the ball over the outcoming Moore. Aycliffe still search for their 100th goal in all competitions since their Northern League inception just 13 months ago, but their loyal band of followers may have to wait a while longer for the milestone to arrive. **Forthcoming Fixtures** Saturday 18th September: Gillford Park (H), 3pm Saturday 25th September: Hebburn Town (H), 3pm Saturday 2nd October: Horden CW (A), 3pm Saturday 9th October: Whitehaven (H), 3pm www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk



# NEWTONIAN BOXER FIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA



Reece Mcallister has been given a fantastic opportunity to travel to Australia to fight in Perth, against local fighter Toby Smith. Reece's trainer/Dad received a phone call from Australia asking for Reece to fight Toby on the 17th September. Once the fight had been confirmed, the flights were booked. Gary Mcallister, Chief Instructor of the Phoenix Thai Boxing Club made a decision to include another member of the club, Anth Shelton. Anth who had just come off a fantastic win at the Lee Smith Memorial Show, was given the chance to fly to Australia. Gary gave up his ticket for Anth to take his place to live a dream and help his team mate. Reece and Anth flew out to Australia on the 10th September, where Reece will train with Anth's help for 5 days before the fight. Reece has been training

hard prior to this fight and feels confident in his ability in what is going to be an amazing experience.

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