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HITACHI DELEGATION GETS BIG SEND-OFF



A large crowd turned out last Saturday at noon at Amazon Park, the preferred site for the proposed new Hitachi Railway Factory. They gathered to give moral support to the deputation travelling to London to convince the Government Transport Minister to support the Aycliffe bid. Our M.P. Phil Wilson and County Council Cabinet Members led the delegation from Darlington Station on Tuesday with an important appointment with Transport Secretary Phillip Hammond to request

Government to allow the investment to come to Aycliffe. It would create 200 construction jobs, 800 direct jobs in manufacturing and up to 7000 supply chain jobs created or safeguarded locally or regionally throughout the project. An estimated 70% of the supply chain group are likely to be in the manufacturing sector. Normally we would expect no hesitation for this major inward investment, but as the Government would be part of the project it has been referred back to the October Spending Review.

NEWTON NEWS JOINS APPEAL TO "KEEP SHOPPING LOCAL"

Newton News is supporting the Town Centre Management in a campaign to help our shopkeepers get over the difficult period while the centre is being redeveloped. In this issue and others to follow, we feature what is available and give readers the opportunity to enter an easy competition to win a £100 voucher. The shop owners and staff are already suffering from an economic downturn and on top of this they are having to deal with

some inconvenience while necessary demolition takes place and all this is affecting trade and viability. The future is positive with indications of new interest in our town centre, but meanwhile the current traders have to keep going and are trying hard to keep their customers stating "business as usual" during the upheaval.

Newtonians are asked to maintain their support for our shops and their staff, most of whom are our friends and neighbours whose livelihoods depend on these jobs. Wherever possible please give your custom to our town centre, helping the local economy, keeping our shops and preserving the jobs of staff.

Fun for Juniors at The Youthy

Junior Sessions are very popular at the Youthy with a club for 11-13yrs each Tuesday from 6 till 8pm. The 7 to 11yrs meet on Thursdays from 5.30-7pm. Youngsters can meet in a friendly atmosphere supervised by qualified staff. They enjoy Pool, Table Tennis, Big Screen films, Arts & Crafts, Trips away etc. Please phone for more details on 307522 or just pop-in to see what is it all about.

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FIGHTING HARD TO BRING HITACHI APPRENTICE EVENT

Phil Wilson MP writes... I led a delegation from Durham County Council, North Eastern Business Forum, North East Chamber of Commerce, the Northern TUC, Federation

of Small Businesses and Durham County Council, to London to meet with Philip Hammond MP, the Secretary of State for Transport to present the case for train building in Newton Aycliffe.

Hitachi has already selected Newton Aycliffe as the preferred site for the factory to build the new rolling stock for the East Coast and Great Western railway lines known as the Intercity

Express Programme. If the Programme is to go ahead it must first have the sanction of the Government. We put the economic case to the Secretary of State. The Programme will create 800 direct jobs in Newton Aycliffe including some apprenticeships. Thousands more will be created or secured in the supply chain many of them in the North East. One North East estimates that for every £1 of public investment £48 will be generated in the economy over a twenty year period. The economic case for the programme is massive and will see the biggest investment in the North East since Nissan. The Secretary of State told the delegation that Hitachi had submitted a revised proposal. This is an indication that the Government is continuing to talk to the company. I believe we made a strong case for the North East. Hitachi has chosen Newton Aycliffe because we have the right workers with the right skills and I will continue to

fight the case for Hitachi to come to Newton Aycliffe. The Government will make a final decision at the time of the Comprehensive Spending Review on October 20th, meanwhile the fight continues.

TOWN CENTRE

Tuesday 7th September, a historic day for Newton Aycliffe, as we watched Ann Laverty begin the demolition of the Health Centre and start the long overdue rejuvenation of the Town Centre; however, we now have what is in essence a building site at one end of the Town Centre with the entrance next to Julie's Pets store closed. This is unavoidable during the demolition period but the town centre is very much open for business. I know the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas understand the situation and will continue to use the Town Centre shops and businesses in ever more numbers making the Town Centre the success it deserves to be.

Coffee at the Care Home

Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall is holding a Coffee Morning at 10:30am on the 29th September. Home made cakes from 20p and cream

scones from 30p along with other refreshments will be available. There is also a tombola and everyone is welcome to come along.



The annual Young Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care Conference was once again a resounding success. Held in The Work Place, Heighington Lane, over 40 Y10 students from ASSET, the partnership of Woodham, Greenfield and Sunnydale schools, participated in a week of activities which introduced them to health and social care. Activities included first aid, team building, a carousel of workshops with health, social care and early years professionals and a visit to the Thackray Museum in Leeds. The week ended with a celebration and awards ceremony which saw Sarah Blenkinsopp of Greenfield school being named as Most Promising Young Apprentice.



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Town's Pet Shop Visit Club



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Julie's Pets brought in a lot of animals like 2 snakes, 3 lizards a hedgehog, a tarantula and Timmy the tortoise, who made a great escape, eating the grass outside.

It was great fun at Woodham Burn out of School Club and the other children's comments were:

Daniel.P: "I liked seeing the hedgehog, I haven't seen a white one before."

Sarah.M: "I liked to be able to hold the white snake, I never thought I would be able to do that."

Lucy.M and Lauren.R: "My favourite animal was the rabbit."

Faith.R: "I liked all of the animals"

Joe.D-D: "I hope they visit the club again, it was great."

Story by Tom Roberts, age 10 years and Joe Dixon-Dawson, age 9 years.

Staff and children at the club would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Julie for taking the time to visit us. To find out more information about the club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time or school holidays, please don't hesitate contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

PLACE FOR ALL IN ST. MARY'S PARISH

The Parish of St Mary and St Joseph's has two Mass Centres - St Mary's itself and the Chapel at St Joseph's School on Stephenson Way and Garburn Place. Over 400 people attend the two Masses celebrated every weekend - on Saturday



evening (5.30) in St Joseph's and on Sunday mornings (9.30) in St Mary's. The parish also has two Junior schools - St Mary's on Central Avenue and St Joseph's on Stephenson Way.

Since he came to the parish in 2008, Fr Michael Campion is fond of reminding

parishioners that "young or old, married, single or divorced, and whatever your sexuality, there is a place for you in our parish and all are welcome".

Fr Campion told Newton News: "Whatever one hears about the decline in religion and the UK now being a secular country, my own

experience in Aycliffe is that the Christian faith is strong here. Our church, for one, is thriving with enthusiastic, committed and very generous parishioners who also are active throughout the community. And so it is with gratitude for the past that we look forward with confidence to the future."

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Andrews Church at Aycliffe Village celebrates Harvest Festival with "Praise!" on Sunday 26th September at 6pm.

On Monday 27th a Harvest Festival will be held in the Village School with a Service at 9.30am.

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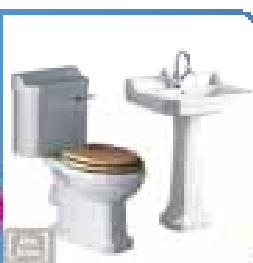


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On Saturday 2nd October another spectacular music event will see the Centre host the Darlington Big Band at 2.30pm. Admission £4 Concessions £3.

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

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COMMUNITY CENTRE RECEIVE KURLING GAME FROM GAMP



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Double for Arnold Family

Ruby Arnold was among four students from Greenfield who achieved 5 years full attendance during their time at Greenfield. Furthermore, in 5 years Ruby was never late! There was a presentation at St. James Park on Monday 13th September where two of the four were presented with a certificate, a crystal pyramid bearing details of their achievement, and £30 cash.

The celebration was a double for the Arnold family as Ruby's older brother Simon received the same award two years ago. The presentation was opened by Dave Ford,

head of achievement service, and the awards were presented by Karen Wright of Galaxy Radio and Councillor Mac Williams, Chairman of Durham County Council. The evening concluded with a buffet.



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'Lagoon' Hair & Beauty at Woodham are pleased to welcome back Vicky from maternity leave and congratulate her on the birth of her second daughter and recent marriage. As a welcome back we are offering all of Vicky's clients, old and new; 10% off their next visit. Our team now is 2 Senior Stylists: Christine and Vicky and Beauty Therapist and junior hairdresser Sian, who has now been at the salon

4 months. As well as being the nail technician she is also continuing her hairdressing training. Sian is confident and passionate towards her work and is showing great enthusiasm and skill in her new career.

We have recently changed the range of colouring products to 'Fudge' which includes 5 Intense Fashion Colours; 'Oz Rock Reds' inspired by the intense tones and shadows of the Australian outback. This enables the team to offer a superior colouring service to our customers.

The Salon also offers nail enhancements using IBD, an easy soak off system with a variety of coloured Gel Polishes which can last up to 4 weeks.

Coming soon; Beauty @ Lagoon Open Night, the unveiling of our NEW Beauty Room with demonstrations of available treatments and the chance to meet staff and have a look around the Salon.

Live Music for Care Homes

Honest John's Stall has raised £420 to provide live musical entertainment for six Care Homes in Newton Aycliffe.

Funds are now being raised for Lee Green Dance School. John thanks Newtonians for donating items to sell in aid of good causes.

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This September is a very important month in the life of the parish of St Mary's and St Joseph's.

It is exactly fifty years since St Mary's Church was officially opened to serve the Catholic community of Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding villages.

Events to celebrate this Golden Jubilee have been going on all year. These have included a Summer Ball, Family Fun Day and a Mass and Lunch for the elderly and housebound parishioners in July.

There have also been a number of day trips to Osmotherly, Holy Island and York and fifty parishioners have just returned from a seven day pilgrimage to Rome.

A number of ladies have met each Wednesday to work on a magnificent patchwork depicting events and groups in the parish.

The culmination of these events will be a weekend of celebrations at the end of September beginning with a Flower Festival held in the church on Friday September 24th and Saturday September 25th from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. (entry £2) when

the patchwork will also be displayed for the first time. On Sunday September 26th a Mass celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham and other priests will take place in St Mary's at 10.30am. A history of the parish and

a photographic exhibition is also planned.

We are sure many people in the town have their own memories of the church and the part it has played and continues to play in Newton Aycliffe.



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YMCA GIVE TO GAIN SCHEME

Town organisations can earn cash by collecting unwanted items for the YMCA Charity Shop to sell and 8 local clubs have so far benefitted from the scheme.

In recent times charity bag donations have reduced so the YMCA have introduced a payment system to clubs who are looking to swell their funds.

Jonathan Saunders of Green Dragon Taekwondo told Newton News they had raised sufficient money to buy much needed equipment for the young people he trains. "The 'Give to Gain' scheme has brought us together raising money for the club and showing us the importance of recycling unwanted goods." said Jonathan.

Other clubs raising cash for themselves include Jayenell Gymnastics, Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders, Woodham Burn School, Woodham Burn After School Club, Totally Kidz and Newton Aycliffe Army Cadets.

If your group wishes to participate contact Emma at the shop or ring 321580.

The Biggest in Town?



4 year old Allisia Ainsley-Weighell who attends Stephenson Way Nursery has grown an 11 foot Sunflower and wants to know if it is the biggest in Newton Aycliffe.

She grew the sunflower from seed given to her to bring home from Nursery School. She waters the plant every day at her Grandma's garden in Reeth Place. Great Grandma Eunice is shown in the picture with parents Daniel and Stacey who live next door.

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competition where they had to build a scarecrow from scratch, and a sock puppet competition. At the end of the afternoon all the schools gathered to hear the results. St. Mary's won 1st prize for their display of vegetables, grown in their school garden, and Grace Bain won 2nd prize for ladybird sock puppet. They would like to say a great big thank you to

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The new telephone payment service is part of the housing provider's ongoing commitment to providing easy access to services 'on the phone and in the home'. For all the different payment methods available to sbh tenants please visit sbh's website at www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk and follow the links to "how to pay your rent".

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Alf Wight was born in Sunderland and despite leaving the city aged only a few months, he was a lifelong supporter of local football club, Sunderland AFC, and became Life President of the club in 1991. News came earlier this year that the BBC is to produce a three part series, Young James, based on Herriot's early life, ensuring that Wight's stories - loved by millions across the world - are enjoyed by a whole new generation. Wight's former practice at 23 Kirkgate in Thirsk is now a museum dedicated to his life and works and is operated as The World of James Herriot by Hambleton District Council. All Creatures Great & Small runs from Thursday 30th September until Saturday 16th October 2010. Tickets are priced £15 (£13 concessions), £12 First Night, Matinee and Friends. Pay What You Like Night is Monday 4th October. For bookings visit www.galadurham.co.uk or call 0191 332 4041.



FREE TICKET COMPETITION

Newton News readers can win four tickets for the performance on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm by answering the following competition question: **What is the name of the Village where the play is set?** Hurry closing date for this competition is 1st October!!

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'A' Grade Spanish at 11



Greenfield staff and Governors congratulate Leah Nicholls on her brilliant success at GCSE in Spanish this summer. With an 'A' grade at only 11 years old when she took the Exam.

Mr Priestley, Headteacher, said "we were very pleased to support Leah's learning outside of school and are very proud of her result. Well done."

100% School Attendance Record for Four Greenfield Students

Four students from Greenfield have achieved a 100% attendance record over the last five years. Ruby Arnold, Matthew Emmerson, Melissa Marsay and Alexander Vallis were invited to a special celebration to mark their achievement at St. James Park, Newcastle recently accompanied by their Head Teacher David Priestley. He proudly stated the school values good attendance and works hard to ensure pupils are able to access the opportunities available to improve their chances of achieving quality outcomes for themselves and their parents.

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NEWTON PRESS HELP GALA THEATRE WITH STAGE PROP



The production team at the Gala Theatre in Durham have received free copies, on disk, of Northern Echo issues printed in the 1930's to use as props for a play based on "All Creatures Great & Small". Newtonian Brian Dunn Technical Manager at the theatre, asked Newton Press to reproduce them on our wide format printer which we have provided free of charge. Brian is seen here with Newton Press Director Paul Howarth reading the copies of the "Echo" printed 73 years ago. The play will be performed for 2 weeks commencing 30th September. Ring 0191 332 4041 for details and bookings.

New Beginnings at St. Mary's School

St Mary's staff, children and parents were particularly excited to return to school this September, as there were many new things to look forward to. A new start for both Catholic primary schools, with the Federation of St Joseph's and St Mary's, was first and foremost, but the introduction of new Associate Head Teacher, Mrs Barbara Reilly-O'Donnell was by far the most exciting change. The new Head Teacher was introduced last term but made a wonderful impact on delivering her first whole school Assembly and liturgy for parents on the first Friday. She prepared a beautiful liturgy, appropriately aimed at the newest children and staff in the school. The power point of photographs of the new Reception Class, enjoying their first days, moved some adults to tears and focused the children's attention. Refreshments were served

afterwards and many parents stayed behind to welcome Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell and introduce themselves properly. Overall this was a great success and will become a regular Friday morning gathering, with refreshments served the last Friday of every half term. Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell has said that relationships with parents is a priority, and endeavours to develop and strengthen this. Another new member of staff is Mrs Carse, the school secretary who arrived just in time to occupy the new office in the reception area, which was created over the six weeks holiday. The school has a lovely welcoming reception area that allows parents to enter school freely, out of the rain, to be greeted by Mrs Carse through her new hatched window. The visitors can then be buzzed in to the main building easily, but still ensuring the safety of the children in school. All in all this is a much friendlier and secure process. Mrs Carse has settled in

well and her approach to children, staff and parents is warm and caring, we are all looking forward to working with her. We also welcome a new lunchtime supervisor, Ms Hall and wish her good luck in her new post. Miss Shaughnessy, teacher in Year 1, is particularly thrilled this year, as her classroom has had a complete facelift. New storage, desks, chairs and equipment has been introduced, but her favourite resource has to be the interactive whiteboard, which moves up and down to meet the height of all who use it, she took great delight in demonstrating it to all the staff. Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell has plans to refurbish more classrooms over the coming months. The fresh coat of paint on the new doors, the newly laid carpet in the entrance with the beautiful stain glass window, designed by the children, signifies the fresh start to the new school year. The staff are refreshed, the children are happy and everyone is looking forward to a wonderful year.



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WIZARD C.A.T.S.

What or who is Toto? Rocks that speak? Well if you want to find out the answers to these questions you'll have to come along and see the C.A.T.S. (Childrens Amateur Theatre Society) production of the family favourite show The Wizard of Oz, at the Civic Hall, Shildon, early October. Amongst the 43 members of the cast, who are all aged between 8 and 11 years are local girls and boy, Holly Hardy who plays the part of the sweet little girl Dorothy. Aidan Robson plays Professor Marvel and Alysha - Jade Patis is the evil Wicked Witch, boo, hiss! Whilst Madalyn Patrick plays the part of the loveable Uncle Henry, Katie McLaren, Hannah Day, Nicole Sams, Naomi McKenna, and Courtney Fawcett supply the dancing. The whole production is managed excellently by Newtonian Andrew Timmiss. Performances are on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th October, 7.30pm. Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th October, 2pm. Tickets which are priced £4 Adults, £2-50 Children and Concessions, can be pre-booked by getting your little Munchkin to ring (01325) 313363, or (01388) 774838. For more information: www.cats-theatre.co.uk

Update your Free entry in the Newton Aycliffe Town Guide

Newton Press is revising the official Town Guide produced in co-operation with the Great Aycliffe Town Council. As in past issues, the publication will give comprehensive information relating to Newton Aycliffe and the immediate district, including the Business Park. It will also provide an up-to-date street map. In an effort to help Town Organisations recruit more members, they may include details of their club, group or service free of charge.

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AYCLIFFE RANGERS SUPPORT GUIDE DOGS ON NORTH RUN



On Sunday 19th September Newton Aycliffe Ranger Senior Section (GirlguidingUK) joined the Guide Dogs for the Blind supporters bus at the 30th BUPA Great North Run. We had a fantastic time using clappers, whistles and anything else to make a loud noise and cheer on all 54,000 competitors including around 600 entrants raising money for the Guide Dogs.

The bus, a vintage open-top double-decker from Keighley Transport Museum was parked

on the sea front at the 12 mile point and gave us an excellent vantage point from which to spot runners in Guide Dog T-shirts and the Red Arrows! For more information on Ranger/Senior Section, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, see the national website www.girlguiding.org.uk or locally email na2guides@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01325 311204. We have activities for girls of all ages 5-25 here in Newton Aycliffe.

MINI GREAT NORTH RUN ENTRANTS



Local boys, Fraser and Gregor Mills, Jake Mendelsohn, Adam and Tom Ord from Byerley Park Primary School ran in the BUPA Mini Great North Run last Saturday. The boys all did really well and got medals and T-shirts. Jake managed to complete the mile in 6 minutes 50, leaving his Mum lagging behind!

Thomas Takes Top Prize



9 year old Newtonian Thomas Hughes has scooped a major art prize as the overall winner of 39 shortlisted entries in a Regional ICT competition

sponsored by Northern Grid. Thomas who has ASD with associated learning difficulties, enjoys using the internet and software art packages to draw images. His favourite drawings include Spiderman, film logos, animation and adverts.

Thomas attends Evergreen School and everyone there is very proud of his achievements.

More Cake & Coffee

If you missed the World's biggest Coffee morning on 24th September there is another opportunity to raise money for Macmillan Nurses on Thursday 30th September.

A Coffee and Cake Stall is at Aycliffe Evangelical Church, Ladybower off Meadowfield Way from 10.30am - 12 noon. Everyone welcome for coffee, cake and chat among friends or family it's a great way to help the charity. More details on 07703 464971.

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SATURDAY FILM SHOW

Following the success of the KIDZ FLICKS HOLIDAY CLUB during August where numbers reached a tremendous 45 filmgoers, the club will resume its monthly shows, on the 1st Saturday of every month at 2.00pm.

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August 09 Komodo Rock Review: "Some time ago I was asked to judge a battle of the bands and this is the first single produced by the very young and yet still very creditable winners. Razor Sharp more than deserved their win due to the sheer exuberance. Competent musicians & talented live performers, still only in their mid teens, Razor Sharp have a big future ahead of them."

Saturday 2nd Oct. "Tommy & the Oddballs"

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An observant reader, watching the demolition of the Health Centre, told Newton News that when the front wall was taken away he saw the office furniture had just been left to be removed by the demolition company. It seemed to him a complete waste of money when the NHS is short of cash

and we are all facing cuts. He assumed when the staff moved to new offices they would have brand new furniture installed. We were also told that a Dentist's chair was also left. These items cost £1,000's yet it was not transferred to another unit or offered to a charity who would send it to a poor country

desperate for this equipment. This is often the case when moving to a new building and new furniture is costed into the new build project, based on

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Our local MP Phil Wilson kindly came along to open and support the event as well as Amy McConnell from TFM's breakfast show and Linsey Wood from Cash For Kids, our chosen charity.

The money is still coming in but we're over the £1600 mark to give to the charity – a huge thank you from Ally and Emma at Get Set Kids for your support – we'll definitely be organising another one!



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Now the manager of the service, Tom Cunningham, has been voted onto the advisory board of the

Alliance – the first ever representative from the North East.

"The County Council has long been at the forefront of tackling bullying and ensuring that systems are in place so that young people are safe," he said.

The service not only works with young people in schools but also in leisure facilities, transport and anywhere that children attend.

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Phil states this is a great opportunity for veterans to revisit those places that will hold special memories of World War 2, and as one veteran said of his trip "I was moved by the

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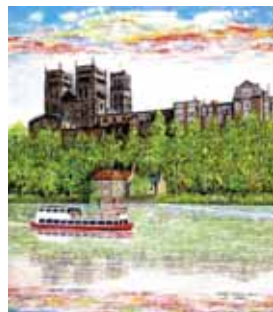
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I write with regard to sustained and systematic vandalism of young trees in the Woodham area. I refer to the path from Cobblers Hall Road down to the Pioneering Care Centre. Most of the trees planted some years ago are established and thriving but where some died they were replaced. In the last four weeks all ten have been deliberately broken, six of them over last weekend. I have reported this matter

to the police and to Durham County Council, whose workers must be disheartened by the damage done to their work. I would assume that residents of Ashtree Close and Pinewood Close have also reported this damage as the path runs past the rear of their homes. Although some residents who are car owners may never use the path I cannot believe that the damage caused cannot have been heard and/or noticed.

If those who are damaging it are young people it is a shame that they are destroying trees that are planted for future generations; their generation. In years to come when they are young parents themselves walking with their children down that same path they may then regret the lasting and expensive damage they caused in their youth. Most of this damage is caused over the weekend and I appreciate that the police cannot be in the right place every time. I would have thought, however, that passing patrols on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights might dissuade this mindless vandalism of our environment. I have written this letter on behalf of the many people who must have been appalled by the damage caused during the last month and I hope parents will bring it to the attention of their

children if only to show them that there are people who care deeply about our town and its environment.
Name & address supplied

LOCAL MAGAZINE WINS BUSINESS AWARD



On 15th September 'Get Set Kids' magazine from Newton Aycliffe were invited along to the finals of the Star Radio Business Awards 2010 at The Radisson Hotel, Durham. They had been nominated for the Action In The Community Award and were up against two other businesses. Ally and Emma from the magazine were shocked and delighted when the envelope was opened and their name announced as winners and are proud to have received recognition for the community service they aim to provide with their magazine. They received an engraved crystal star and win a share of £50,000 worth of radio advertising.

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Obituary

ROWLAND (nee Raine). 16th September, suddenly at home, of Newton Aycliffe. Marjorie, aged 84 years. Beloved Wife of the late Richard; devoted Mum of Keith, Ian and Alan; a much loved Mother-in-Law, Nana and Great Nana. Also a dear friend of Roland. Funeral Service took place on Friday 24th September.
DOLAN 19th September, peacefully in hospital. Peter, aged 72 years of Carleph Close, Newton Aycliffe. A dear Cousin, he will be missed by his family and friends. Funeral Tuesday 28th September. Would family and friends please meet at 10.45am for a Service at St Mary's RC Church, Newton Aycliffe prior to interment at Stephenson Way Cemetery

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In Memoriam

KEITH WILSON 27th September 2009. A dear friend, sadly missed. Always in our thoughts. Brian and Christine
KEITH WILSON 27th September 2009. A year since you passed away Keith. Love and miss you every day. Love, Pauline, Ian and family
KEITH WILSON 27th September 2009. Treasured memories of our dear Friend. Loved, never forgotten. Kath, Mick and family
KEITH WILSON 27-9-2009. We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, we thought of you yesterday and the days before that too. We think of you in silence, and often speak your name. All we have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which we will never part. God has you in his arms, we have you in our hearts. We love and miss you more with each passing day. Anna, Julie, Helen, Louise, James and all the family
OLGA KIRTLEY - 24th Sept 2009, We can't believe a year has passed so quickly without you Grandma, we think about you, miss you and wish you were still here, every day. Love you always, Leanne and Janine xxxxxx
OLGA KIRTLEY 24th September 2009. Mam. I can't believe it has been a year since we lost you. We love and miss you every day. Love always, Lesley, Graham and Lauren
ANTONY HAMMELL 26-9-1974. You suffered much in silence, your spirit did not bend, you faced your pain with courage, until the very end. It broke our hearts to lose you, but it was not in vain, for God took you to his loving home and freed you from your pain. You're now the rainbow that shines through the gloom, the beautiful starlight that comes with the moon. When sadness comes we look to the sky, to remember our angel is always nearby, we think of your smile, the way you used to laugh, soon enough our sadness does pass. Although our chain was broken and nothing has been the same, as God calls us one by one, our chain will link again. Sadly missed, deeply loved. From Mam, Dad, Brothers Philip, Andrew and Michael, Sisters-in-Law Sharon and Catherine, Beloved Uncle, Gemma, Jake, Jodi. Hugs and kisses from Baby Evie

Thank You

WOODFORD-BROWN. The family of the late David would like to express their sincere thanks to all family and friends for their floral tributes and sympathy cards. Special thanks to Dave's carers, Grace, Teresa, Liz, Margaret and all the others for the support and friendship shown to him over the years. Also many thanks to the District Nurses, especially Daniel for his patience over the least few weeks. Thanks also to David Brass of the Co-operative Funeral Care for his help and support and to the Reverend Julie Wing for her comforting Service, and to everyone who attended.
ADA WEIGHELL would like to thank Daughter Penny, Mark, family and friends for all the lovely cards and kind enquiries during her stay in hospital.
KJENSTAD Paul and Claire - Thank you Mam and Dad for giving us a gorgeous little Brother "Nathan Harry". Born on 16th September 2010. Love you loads, Chelsea, Dylan and Lauren xxx

Congratulations

Carrie Howarth
Happy 21st Birthday

Have a great weekend of "partying" with your family and friends! !! Then it's back to studies at Leeds University. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Matthew xxxxxxxx

Michael Fawcett

Happy 18th Birthday
23rd September 2010
Lots of love always
Mam and Dad

CARRIE HOWARTH Happy 21st birthday. Lots of love from Grandad Syd and Barbara
CARRIE HOWARTH Happy 21st birthday. Lots of love from Uncle Stu, Auntie Joanne, Adam and Alex; Uncle Chris, Auntie Michelle, Jack and Joe
CARRIE HOWARTH Happy 21st birthday. have a great day. Love from Grandma and Grandad xx
CARRIE HOWARTH Happy 21st birthday Carrie. Love from Uncle Curtis, Auntie Joanne and Savannah; Uncle Wesley, Auntie Nova, Sylvan and Bump
CARRIE HOWARTH Happy 21st birthday. Love from Great Grandma and Grandad
MICHAEL FAWCETT - Happy 18th Birthday Michael, love from Nana
MICHAEL FAWCETT - Happy 18th Birthday Michael, love from all your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins
EMMA TURNBULL Happy 16th birthday. Yes, you were sweet once! Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Claire xxx
MICHAEL BURNS Happy 18th birthday. Love, Uncle Jeff, Auntie Lynn, Katie and Bradley xxx
MICHAEL BURNS 22-9-10. Happy 18th birthday to a very special nephew and cousin. All our love from Auntie Sue, Paul, Ryan, Leah and Macy xxx
NEIL AND ALEX Many congratulations to you both on your Engagement. Wishing you both lots of love for your future happiness. Mum, Dad and Nichola xxx
RACHEL WREN (nee Alexander). Congratulations on your 40th birthday on Sunday 26th September. Looking forward to the party on Saturday. Love, Mum, Dad and all the Alexander family x
HARRY WILD 26th September. Hip Hip Hooray, Harry is 5 today. Have a great day. Love you lots and lots, Mummy xxx
HARRY WILD Happy 5th birthday. Love from Nana and Grandad Wild, Uncle Sam and Simon

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Lots of love and very best wishes from Lynn, Derek, Julie, Kev, Janice, Nev and Granddaughters Aimee and Bethany

Michael

Happy 18th Birthday
to a special Son and Brother. Love from Mam, Mason and Todd xxxxx

Rachel's
40th Birthday

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to a very dear and OLDER friend. Have a great party. Lots of Love, Lisa and Amanda xx

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TITLES FOR TWO AYCLIFFE FIGHTERS



The 4th Lee Smith Memorial Show can only be described as the best one to date. It showed great Thai Boxing in the North East and was a sell out capacity of 650 people. Phoenix Thai Boxing club had 9 fighters on the 18 fight card. The club's fighters did the club and town proud winning 6 out of 9, but the highlight of the show was the two Phoenix fighters who fought for titles. Phoenix fighter Terrie Walmsley fought a good fight against a very strong fighter from Darlington. It was a close fight but Terrie scored so well in what was a great technical display of the sport. This was a very proud moment for

Trainer Gary McAllister, as he always knew Terrie was good enough to win a title. Second title fighter John Anderson had pushed the limits in training and proved hard work does pay. He went about the fight from round 1 with skill, strength and speed to take the title by stoppage in the 3rd round. All fighters and the Phoenix Camp would like to thank the people who bought tickets, and for the rest of the great support shown by all who attended the Show. The Lee Smith Trust has been a massive part of the Phoenix Club, and supported many of the club's fighters to achieve so much within the sport

LOCAL SPORT TWO FIRSTS FOR AYCLIFFE SWIMMERS

Two Triathletes from Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club made the journey to Eskrick in Yorkshire to compete in the Yorkshire Regional Triathlon. Modern Triathlon is made up of three disciplines of Running, Swimming and Shooting and is part of Modern Pentathlon which also includes Fencing and Horse Riding. Competing in their respective age groups Hannah and Lauren started with Hannah scoring 64/100 to lie 7th and Lauren scoring 154/200 to lie 1st. Both Hannah and Lauren won their respective swim

to be in strong positions going into the run Hannah ran 1000m in 3m44.69 and Lauren 1500 in 6m12.82 both winning best run and securing 1st place in their respective age groups. Both Hannah and Lauren can now look forward to the National Triathlon Championships in Wolverhampton on the 30/31 of October. The club is proud of them both and wish them well at the National Championships



Hannah Featherstone

Young Team Secure Good League Position

Newton Aycliffe's first team completed their final fixture of the season with splendid 68 run home win over last year's league champions Burnhope. Aycliffe elected to bat first and got off to a disastrous start with openers Graham and Luke Telford both being bowled without scoring. Dave Richardson then steadied the ship with 13, but it was captain Chris Palmer (48 runs) and Michael Howe (43 runs) who gave the innings some momentum with Palmer smashing ten boundaries and a six and 16 year old Howe hitting seven boundaries and a six. David Turgoose then continued the good work with a season's best 40 from 59 balls. The lower order also contributed some useful runs with Sean Morgan hitting 23, Gareth Mulhearn 14 and 15 year old Dan Weldon finishing unbeaten with 11 not out all helping their side to 215 all out after 42.3 overs. In reply the visitors were bowled out for 147 after 34.2 overs with Luke Telford taking 4 for 46 and veteran Alan Mitchie 3 for 17. The win confirmed 6th place in the top division of the North East Durham League for the second consecutive season, which was a commendable performance considering that Aycliffe have, by far, the youngest team in the division.

Heighington Craft Event

Heighington Village Hall Association are holding a Craft Market in the hall on Saturday 2 October from 10am - 3pm. Entry is free. There will be 22 craft stalls to explore including wood turning, walking sticks, knitting, cushions, gemstones, jewellery, gifts and cards as well as a cake stall, children's activities and a raffle. Why not end your visit with a drink, have one of our delicious bacon butties, soup and roll or one of our many tempting cakes. Proceeds are to support the upkeep of the village hall. We look forward to seeing you!!

Power Wash Firm Sponsor Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe FC will be able to clean up their act now, thanks to a new sponsorship! Dave Bell, of Aycliffe firm DJ Garden and Power Wash Services, is the latest local company to sponsor the town's football club. The firm specialise in cleaning driveways, footpaths, patios, brickwork, conservatories, fencing, turfing and graveling. They've renewed their pitchside perimeter advertising board at Aycliffe's Moore Lane Park for the 2010-11 season. And the club's sponsorship manager Dave Brassell, pictured with Dave Bell, said: "This is another local sponsorship that we're very proud of and we're grateful to Dave for his support." DJ Groundworks can be contacted on 01325 321567 or email dj.groundworks@hotmail.co.uk It costs just £295 for an advertising board at Aycliffe (annual). Anyone interested in taking out any advertising or sponsorship with Aycliffe can contact the club's sponsorship manager David Brassell on 07870 777779 or email david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk Aycliffe claimed a point with a late equaliser at home to Cumbrian side Gillford Park last Saturday. The Newtonians again had to rely on ex-Shildon striker Warren Byrne, who



grabbed two goals for his hometown club to salvage a point. Gillford took the lead before Byrne equalised with a brilliant individual effort. The visitors regained their lead shortly after half-time before Byrne got his second with an 88th-minute equaliser from the penalty spot after returning striker Elliot Gardner was upended inside the penalty box. It was a point gained given the late leveller, but on reflection it was a missed opportunity for Aycliffe as, with league-leaders Guisborough in FA Vase action, the Priorymen preserved their comfortable lead at the top of the second division, and now with a game in hand. Aycliffe now have a busy schedule of home games in the next month, with four out of the next six matches at Moore Lane Park.

FIXTURES
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