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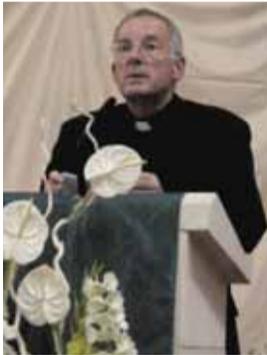
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Flower Festival Celebrates St. Mary's 50th Anniversary

Newton News were invited to attend the preview of St. Mary's Flower Festival commemorating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Catholic Church in Newton Aycliffe.



Father Michael Campion welcomed everyone and praised the work of all who had contributed to the beautiful display of flowers, all with different themes. He made particular mention of displays mounted by other churches in the town, presented to the Festival in true ecumenical spirit.

Father Jack Caden was invited to open the event as he was the first minister to have pastoral care of Catholics in the new town. As a young priest he remembered those early days with great fondness. He was also appointed RC Chaplain to the largest mental hospital in the country, Winterton at Sedgefield. Usually priests remain in a parish for about 5 years, but this secured his ministry in this area for 44 years.



St. Mary's celebrated their 50th in style by installing new carpets and redecorating the church throughout to present a beautiful setting for the Festival.



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There was a large number of visitors to the PCP Coffee Morning held last Friday in aid of Macmillan Nurses and the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed and made it a great success. Over 120 people attended the coffee morning and an amazing £400 was raised. The tea and coffee and tempting aroma of freshly baked scones proved to be very popular and gave people a chance to have a sit down and relax whilst also raising money for a worthwhile cause.

Throughout the morning there were a variety of stalls selling hand-made items such as cards, jewellery, wooden gifts and cakes, as well as therapists from the Centre giving hand massages. The tombola and raffle were also a big hit, with a selection of sought-after prizes being donated by staff, volunteers and friends of the Pioneering Care Centre, all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

LIB-DEM MEETING

The next meeting of the Aycliffe Branch of the Lib Dems will take place on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm at the Cubby on Greenwell Road, everybody is welcome.

A big thank you to Christine who organised the Charity Stall on September 14th to raise funds for The Cubby. Thanks also to everybody who helped on the day. Counc Alison Palmer

Author Visits Town Library

Local Author John Watson will be talking about writing and the publication of his first novel, "The Rocks of Scarr" at Newton Aycliffe Library, Thursday, Oct 7th, at 3pm. Refreshments provided.

"The Rocks of Scarr" is a satirical tale of adventure spurred by greed. It deals with the efforts of European Border Agencies to find the source and route of smuggled diamonds that are appearing on the European market."

Newton News Honoured



The new tapestry used as a backcloth behind the altar at St. Mary's Church is a brilliant piece of local art with untold hours of painstaking work put in by church members.

Each square of the quilt depicts part of the life of the town and "Newton News" is honoured to be featured in the work among fifty individual hand made squares.

Our sincere thanks go to the artist Penny Robson and the Church members for recognising their community newspaper in this way. "The Howarth family are deeply touched by the gesture" said Editor Syd.



THEFTS FROM VEHICLES IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE FORD FOCUS CARS TARGETED

Overnight between 9pm 21st September and 7am 22nd September 2010, vehicles had been broken into in Vane Road and Wolsey Close Newton Aycliffe.

A Ford Focus saloon was broken into outside of 29 Vane Road, Newton Aycliffe. A quantity of Compact Discs a jack and wheel brace were also taken from this vehicle. It was unknown how thieves had gained entry as there was no damage to the vehicle. The locking nut for the vehicle was left on the floor close to the vehicle.

The same evening, thieves gained entry to a Ford Focus estate at Vane Road. The front passenger side window was broken to gain entry to the vehicle.

A silver Hewlett Packard 3 megapixel compact digital camera was taken from the glove compartment of the vehicle.

A small blue tool box containing an upholsterers tools was taken from the boot of the vehicle. These were: A claw hammer with an orange handle; 1 x red 'Clarke' Air compressor, 1 x Black Staple Lifter (with red cloth pad on top).

The same evening a white Renault Clio was broken into at Wolsey Close Newton Aycliffe. Thieves broke the rear passenger window to gain access. A Wharfedale CD/USB player and a quantity of Compact Discs were taken from the vehicle.

If anyone has any information about these incidents, please contact

PC Brown 2210 at Newton Aycliffe Police Office on 0345 60 60 365.

Owners of Ford Focuses are also advised to lock and secure their vehicles as it is believed that thieves

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Thursday, 14th October	8.30am to 12 noon 2.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday, 15th October	8.30am to 12.30pm 1.30pm to 5.30pm

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AYCLIFFE RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

Molly (Mary) Colling, former Aycliffe Village resident, now in Defoe Crescent Care Home was overwhelmed by family visitors last Sunday when they gathered to celebrate her 100th Birthday. She was born in Cockerton and at 14 went into Domestic Service where she met her Husband Chris. After being married in 1936 they moved to Aycliffe Village and raised five children. Chris, worked at Bakelite, but unfortunately died at 58 and Molly has been a widow for 42 years. Their children in turn have given Molly 8



Having a sip of Champagne before blowing out the candles and photographed with her son and three daughters.

ROTHMANS REUNION

The dates for the forthcoming reunions for ex Rothmans pensioners from Darlington, Spennymoor, and Peterlee factories are Wednesday 17th November 2010, 1pm-5pm at the Central Hall Dolphin Centre, (Bull Wynd entrance) Darlington. Spennymoor/Peterlee: Thursday 25th November 2010, 1pm-5pm at Spennymoor Town Hall. Those pensioners who wish to attend please contact the following organisers to confirm their attendance.
 Darlington: Giulio Pontone: 01325 300942, Liz Ohern: 01325 486566 or Ken Storey: 01325 269128
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Grandchildren, 10 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great, Great Grandchildren. Molly loved village community life and joined in many of the activities until she needed extra care 3 years ago and moved into Defoe Court. She was always a hard working lady and very houseproud. Before she became wheelchair bound recently it was not uncommon to see her cleaning and dusting around the care home.



Photos above: Top: Molly with some of her off-spring. The Mayor Dorothy Bowman called with flowers and Molly read the card from the Queen. Molly later held her youngest 7 week old Great, Great, Grandchild.

New Police Sergeant for Aycliffe

Mark Edwards is the new "Sarge in Charge" at Aycliffe and after two weeks in the job is getting to grips with local crime and producing results. He was born in Darlington and has been in the force for 13 years after gaining his degree at Sunderland University. Mark lives with his partner, a Policewoman, near Durham and members of his family live in the town. Recent successes include charging a couple identified by CCTV stealing cycles. Under investigation is a spate of thefts by someone targeting items from Ford Focus cars. Sgt. Edwards who enjoys playing guitar and Sci-Fi short story writing, looks forward to meeting residents at PACT Meetings, but is also available by appointment at the Police Station.



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Beauty Therapy Available to Men!



The Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe is continuing to expand and has now added beauty treatments to its extensive range of services. Fully-qualified beauty therapist Debbie Borg has joined the professional therapy team at the Centre, offering beauty treatments on a Tuesday from 9.30am - 5pm. From manicures and pedicures, to tanning and hair removal, Debbie is on hand to help enhance people's appearance and improve their well-being and self esteem. She also provides treatments for men, such as facials and waxing, in the Centre's brand new therapy suite. The Centre is also now offering extra complimentary therapies on Thursday evenings from 5.30 - 7.30pm and alternate Saturdays from 10.00am - 1.00pm,

for those who are unable to attend during the working day. During these additional sessions, run by therapist AJ Hancock, customers can choose from aromatherapy, Swedish massage, reflexology and reiki. Other therapies available throughout the week include acupuncture, osteopathy, homeopathy, cognitive behaviour therapy and medical herbalism. The Centre also boasts its very own hydrotherapy pool and Mall Coffee Shop, as well as running a variety of classes and courses such as Zumba, Boxercise, Street Dance for Kids, Introduction to the Internet and Family History. For further information on any of the therapies, or to book a place on a class or course, please contact 01325 321 234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net, or visit: www.pcp.uk.net

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FC to offer one lucky reader a pair of tickets to see the game. Pre-match tickets for the game cost £16 adults, £10 concessions and £5 under-16s, while tickets bought on the day of the game cost £18 adults, £12 concessions and £5 under-16s. To stand a chance of winning our pair of tickets, answer the following question: **What is the name of the League Darlington are in this season?** Send your answer including name address and phone number either by email to dfc@newtonnews.co.uk or hand in at Newon Press, or our agents Newsforce in the Town Centre or Walkers, Simpasturegate. Date of draw Wednesday 6th October - 5pm.

Swimathon Presentation Night



The annual Swimathon, organised by Rotary and Lions Clubs, raised over £8,000 for charity. The Presentation Night was held at the Cumby Arms last week where in addition to the various trophies £2,500 was handed over to St. Teresa's Hospice. Local winner of the trophy for the most money raised was Bewick Crescent Surgery and Anne Gamblin is shown here receiving the shield on their behalf.



LEGION LEEK SHOW



The winner of the British Legion Leek Show was E. Forster and he is shown here receiving the trophy from Keith Sams. The Trench Leek winner was Gilly Askew, Intermediate winner R. Robinson and the most improved grower was Jeff Cairns. Please note the AGM is on 3rd October at 10.30am at RBL. New members welcomed at 11.30am.

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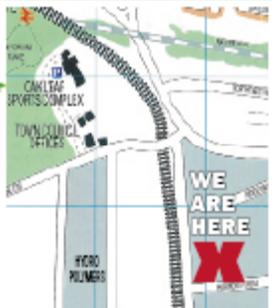


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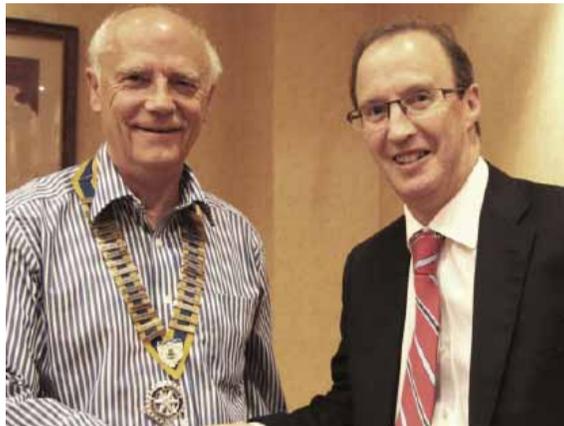
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Town Clerk, Andrew Bailey gave a very informative talk to the Rotary Club at their meeting this week outlining his role and that of the Town Council. Evidence of how interesting, was indicated by the number of questions from members of the club he competently handled. Andrew (right) is shown here with Rotary President Barry Hutchinson.

SDEA FUNDING HELPS SIX PEOPLE INTO WORK

A growing North East business has recruited six long-term unemployed staff thanks to help from South Durham Enterprise Agency and the Working Neighbourhoods Fund. Medical Services North East, which started in May 2002, has grown rapidly in the last three years. Working with the regions main hospitals, the business offers a private ambulance service - taking patients to appointments and transferring them both in the region and further afield.

Approved by the British Ambulance Association, the team of 26 staff use a fleet of 16 ambulances to move up to 1200 patients a month, taking patients as far as Cornwall, Manchester and London. Unlike similar companies Medical Services North East operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week - a service which is very well received and recommended by their customers.

After working for a private ambulance service, business partner Wayne Hall spotted an opportunity to offer a similar service and started the ambulance service with his wife, Joanne. With lots



of hard work, family support and a passion to succeed, the business has grown considerably and boasting some prestigious awards.

"We are in daily contact with poorly and sometimes terminally ill patients, we want to make them feel comfortable and try our best to brighten their day and make them smile. These are important values that I pass onto my staff," said Mr Hall.

"It's great that there is support out there to help businesses employ people. We've received fantastic

support from SDEA - the funding has helped us with inductions and uniforms for new staff."

Paul Hetherington, WNF advisor at South Durham Enterprise Agency - formerly The Enterprise Agency and SASDA, which have now merged, said: "We are delighted to have been able to offer support to Medical Services North East with help from the Working Neighbourhood Fund. We will continue to support them to ensure the success is long-lived."

South Durham Enterprise Agency - which supports businesses in the region and creates employment opportunities for residents through various resources including the Working Neighbourhoods Fund - has helped scores of companies in the area.

For more information about Medical Services North East visit www.msne.co.uk or contact 0845 8331823. For further information about how your business can receive support and funding from South Durham Enterprise Agency contact 01325 310730.

RAISING FUNDS FOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Newton Aycliffe JFC have organised a fundraising event on Saturday 8th October 2010 at the Working Mens Club (The Big Club). The evening will kick off with a disco kindly paid for by the Cooperative Funeral Service followed by music from The Green Band from Sunderland.

Tickets are only £5 and includes pie and pies. Please support this event as all proceeds will be handed to NAJFC. The club is a voluntary organisation and in the winter months outgoings rapidly increase due to the cost of indoor/floodlit pitches required for training over 120 budding footballers. Tickets available

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Nature Park Activities

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Programme of activities:
2nd October 2010 - Bat & Moth N (free soup & bun) Meet at Nature Park 7:45pm. Wear appropriate clothing. We will be looking for evidence of bats and attempting to identify them by sound, using bat detectors. We will also be trapping and identifying moths for our town records before releasing them.

13th November 2010 - Small Mammal Trapping Meet at Nature Park 2:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing. We will be looking for signs of mammals and inspecting small mammal traps, which will have been previously sited.

11th December 2010 - Winter Bird Feeding and Identifying Meet at Nature Park 1:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing. We will be looking for Winter visitors and native birds. We will be explaining which foods are best for them and will be putting some food out for them to eat.

12th March 2011 - Amphibians and Pondlife Meet at Nature Park 11:00 am. Wear appropriate clothing & Boots. We will be looking for early signs of frogs, toads, and newts returning to the pond after hibernating for the winter. We will also be looking for first signs of insect life.

16th April 2011, Spring Birds & Butterflies Meet at Nature Park 1:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing. We will be looking for early butterflies and Spring visiting birds. Contact Alan - 315182 or Dave - 317347 Come along, all welcome.

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The Coffee Morning at Woodham Community Centre for Macmillan Cancer Care, last Friday, raised £140, and further contributions from groups using the centre raised this to £168.

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COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10

In accordance with Regulation 18(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations: 2003, I hereby give notice of the conclusion of the annual audit of the Council's Accounts for 2009/2010 by the Audit Commission and the availability of the Accounts for inspection by local government electors.

Anyone wishing to inspect the Accounts should telephone the Council Offices on 01325 300700 to make an appointment with the Finance Manager. Appointments are available between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

In addition the Statement of Accounts has also been made available for inspection on the Council's website at parishes.durham.gov.uk/greataycliffe

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A group from Newton Aycliffe Branch of Sunderland AFC Supporters Association held a sponsored walk in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance on Sunday 26th September.

Having adopted the Air Ambulance as their charity the supporters followed up a money raising World Cup Prediction League with a sponsored walk around Great

Aycliffe Way. Members donned their Sunderland shirts and one member entertained other walkers with his impersonation of Bananaman during the walk. Early estimates are that pledges have been received to the value of £1200 and this will be added to other money raised up until next May when a cheque will be presented to the Air Ambulance. Newton Aycliffe Branch of Sunderland AFC Supporters Association operate from the Royal British Legion Club and meet on the first Thursday of each month as well as running buses to all home and many away games. New members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings or contact Stan Hall on 01325 313172 for more information. Information on the Branch can also be obtained from the Branch website www.readytogo.net/aycliffe. Members are reminded that the Branch AGM will be held at the Royal British Legion Club on Saturday 9th October starting at 12noon.

Coming Clean in Newton Aycliffe

A waste amnesty, litter picks and a crackdown on dog fouling will be among the activities taking place next week during a community clean-up.

The five-day campaign will see residents in the Agnew area of Newton Aycliffe joining forces with a range of organisations to tackle environmental problems and neighbourhood nuisances. Lasting from Monday, 4th to Saturday, 9th October, the clean-up has been organised by Durham County Council and Sedgefield Borough Homes (SBH), with funding from Great Aycliffe and Midridge Area Action Partnership. Residents are invited to get involved in the following activities:

Wednesday, 6 October
Doorstep collection of unwanted furniture - by Durham Furniture Help Scheme. Donated items, which should be left out for collection before 10.30am, will be refurbished and sold

on at a minimal cost to families on a low income.

Thursday, 7 October
Estate inspection - with representatives from the County Council, SBH and the Police. Meet at Ida Place car park at 10am.

Bulky waste amnesty - free doorstep collection of unwanted bulky household waste. Items must be left out for collection before 8.30am.

Saturday, 9 October
Free dog micro-chipping session in partnership with Stray Aid - at the Eco Centre, Moore Lane, from 10am to 2pm.

Pupils from Vane Road and St Mary's Primary Schools will be learning about environmental issues and taking part in litterpicks and storytelling sessions.

Officers from Durham County Council will also be visiting traders around the area to talk about the Tidy Business Standards initiative, which encourages

firms to dispose of waste responsibly and look after the environment.

Clare Hubbard, Durham County Council Senior Civic Pride Officer, said: "This is one of a number of clean-up weeks we will be organising in the Newton Aycliffe area over the next six months."

"We want to tackle the community issues that most concern residents, so we'll be particularly focusing on cracking down on litter, flytipping and dog fouling next week."

Anyone who would like to get involved in the clean-up week can contact Clare Hubbard on 01388 816166 ext 8913 or Julie Kent, Estates Officer, on 0845 505 5500.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Sunday 3rd October we are celebrating Harvest at Neville Parade Methodist Church. Rev Emma Morgan will be leading the All Age Family Service at 10.30am and Andrew Robinson will be leading the Evening Service at 6pm.

On Monday 4th October there will be a Quiz Night and Quiche Supper at 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you.

Make a note in your diary of future coming events at Neville Parade there is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 13th November and a Festival of Nativities on the weekend of December 4th.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

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

WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2010
at 6.00pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

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

M.P. VISITS AGNEW CENTRE

Our MP Phil Wilson will be visiting us on Saturday 30th October at 11.00am. Our partner Xcel Church run the Elevate Youth Club on Saturdays 10.30am to 12.00noon for 5 to 12 year olds. Last week 17 youngsters attended this well run club and James Ross says his team can handle more so why not pop along for a visit, the first visit is Free and then only 50p per session after that. There is a variety of activities to enjoy.

Our Digital Photograph group are looking for more members on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm. Please ring Keith Blundy on 307783 or 07900 583 131.

We still have plenty of room at the Parent/Toddlers group held on a Wednesday 1pm to 3pm at a cost of only £1 per family. Lots of toys including a bouncy castle in a clean and spacious hall with every convenience such as a baby changer, disabled toilet and even a loop system should you have a hearing problem. A drink and biscuits are provided for all the family, so pop in and see us this coming Wednesday.

CRICKET CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club held their annual Presentation Night for U15, U18 and Senior teams at Moore Lane Sports Club on Friday 24th September. Special guest for the evening was Barry Hutchinson, President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club who presented the trophies to this year's winners. Luke Telford (pictured front 2nd right) won the 1st team Player of the Year Award and Adam Gittens uniquely won both the 1st and 2nd team Batting Awards.

Members of the Cricket Section are reminded that this years AGM is to be held on Sunday 3rd October at the Sports Club starting at 6pm. All players, parents or anyone interested in becoming involved or supporting the Cricket Club are invited to attend.

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Are You Related to a Dales Family?

Dear Sir,
It may seem rather a long way from Aycliffe to Wensleydale but since a lot of Dales families moved up into the new town it's probable that many of their descendants are still around. The Upper Dales Family History Group covers the Swaledale & Wensleydale areas of North Yorkshire. In October the group marks its 10th Anniversary with an exhibition at Tennants Auction Centre in Leyburn, on the theme of 'Those Who Left The Dales'. Over the last year group members around the world have been collecting and transcribing letters and will

that record those journeys and the lives of the migrants and these will form the basis of the first ever Dales Migration Archive. The Exhibition is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm and Saturdays, 10am to 2pm (closed Sundays) from 2nd to 16th October. Admission is free and there is a programme of talks and workshops during the fortnight for which advance booking is advisable. To find out more or to book a place contact Glenys Marriott 01969 663738; e-mail: glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk or see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk Tracy Little



TREES CAN BE A NUISANCE

Dear Sir,
I write with regard to the letter in your paper regarding so called vandalism of trees. Perhaps the people involved are like me and have issues with planting trees in the wrong place.

I have a large Oak tree right outside my house which over the last 20 years has grown to block out the light and also spoil what was an open view. The falling leaves cause my guttering and drains to get blocked and cause a mess on the public footpath and in my garden and can be slippery when wet. I don't know what sort of damage the roots might be causing to the drains and the foundations of my house, but it does affect my house insurance. Nobody asks the people who's lives are affected. I am obviously not a tree hugger, yet I have nothing against trees planted in the right place as long as they are not near houses. I have written this letter on behalf of the many people who are in the same position. Perhaps if I had been a vandal 20 years ago I wouldn't be in this position now. Name and Address supplied

LABOUR RECOVER OFF FALLING LIB DEM SUPPORT

Dear Editor,
In response to Wilf Emmerson's letter who made some points on which I can only agree to differ, but it is interesting to note that most of the letters in Newton News come not from Labour but opposition members. My letter simply pointed the good things done under Labour, however Wilf may be interested to look at the recent YouGov on voting intentions and let's see what happens after the 24th September when Labour gets a new Leader. On the 24th August 2010 YouGov voting intentions and government approval ratings were the worst for Conservatives since the election. The net government approval rating is zero. 40% of people approve of the government's performance, but 40% disapprove. On voting intention the Conservative lead is down to 2 points, the lowest since the election campaign. Top line figures are CON 41%, LAB 39%, LIB-DEM 12%. Government approval has been on a slow downwards trajectory since its peak straight after the emergency budget in June. This has been partially down to Labour voters' hardening disapproval of the government, and falling Liberal Democrat support. Some Liberal Democrats say they approve of the government's performance, but there are far fewer of them. The level of Conservative support remains strong. Daily polling has shown them consistently at or above 40% since the budget, significantly

above the 37% support they received at the general election. Their narrowing lead in the polls is down to Labour increasing their support off the back of the collapse in Liberal Democrat support. Labour are consistently polling around 37%, up 7 from their general election score, while Liberal Democrat support stands at just over half their general election vote. The drop in government approval is to be expected, and with the exception of the Blair government after 1997 (and to some extent 2001, when the government's approval dropped, but then spiked after the attack on the Twin Towers), no British government sustains a positive approval rating for long. The Conservatives rating in the polls remains quite positive, but I'd expect that to start falling at some point once the cuts really start to bite: again, it is clearly what they expect, the Conservative strategy appears to be to take the unpopularity to start with and hope to recover once the cuts have been digested and the economy is in better shape. Right now, the interesting poll rating is that of the Liberal Democrats - the Conservatives have 5 years to get over low poll ratings... unless the coalition falls apart. To date the Lib Dems have been pretty sanguine about the collapse in support, despite stories about Charles Kennedy's non-defection or Simon Hughes's semi-regular soundings off, there is no obvious sign of panic. Vince Crosby

Under 14's Unbeaten

After losing the previous weekend, in the League Cup to high flyers Stockton Town, it was back to the League programme on Sunday. Youthy, sponsored by Southern Cross Healthcare Defoe Court, entertained Middleton Rangers in a battle of two contenders. With influential midfielder Ben Nicholson and winger Ryan Mercer not available, Aycliffe were still unable to field their strongest team. They did, however, welcome back keeper Jack Maclaren and midfielder Connor Halford. Middleton showed why this was a big game as they matched Aycliffe blow for blow in the early exchanges. An early run by playmaker Jake Cane forced a corner but nothing came of it, at the other end Middleton almost struck the first blow but their effort was ruled offside. Maclaren was confined to dealing with long shots as the mercenary back four of Tom Gledhill, James Skerrett, Jordan Howe and Richard Howe kept Middleton at bay. Hot shot Dan Kenyon created the few chances that Youthy had firing just over on a couple of occasions but the midfield trio of Halford, Macaulay Aldsworth and Billy Bradley found life difficult against a lively Middleton midfield. It was skipper Gledhill who broke the deadlock late in the half, latching onto a loose ball and hammering it into the roof of the net to send them in with a 1-0 half time lead. A great run by Halford almost put Kenyon in as they reached the break. In the second half Bradley began to open up the visitors with a series of telling passes but the wind, which had picked up, continued to make it difficult for the two teams to play football. Matthew Marshall went close latching onto a flick from Kenyon and, man of the match, Jordan Howe produced

some telling tackles to thwart Middleton. Kenyon broke the visitors hearts with a thunderous shot as the half wore on and Youthy began to take control of the action. Halford, Aldsworth and Bradley began to run the midfield as they tried to maximise the pressure. Sam Pascoe, who picked up an injury in the warm up, joined the game and almost scored straightaway. It was Cane who finished things off with a telling run, following a great long ball by Bradley, his powerful cross field shot leaving the keeper with no chance. A well deserved win leaves Youthy unbeaten in the league so far.

PACT Meeting Police & Community Together

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Gas Men Delay Demolition

Due to a delay caused by Northern Gas work has been halted on the demolition of the former office block at Dalton Way scheduled for this weekend.

Town Centre Manager, Bryan Haldane has asked us to assure our readers that demolition of the block will still be complete before Christmas and that the delay is caused by Northern Gas and not the owners of the Centre.

Did You Have a German PenPal in the 60's?

As readers will know the Newton News is read all over the world through its website and a reader from Germany is seeking to renew his friendship with a penpal from the 60's.

J E A N - P I E R R E VERBRUGGEN (brubel@skynet.be) is looking for his pen-friend Miss DIA TAYLOR, living at 40, STANFIELD ROAD in 1968.

If anyone knows of her whereabouts please pass on Jean-Pierre's e-mail.

OPTIONS SOCIAL CLUB

An evening social club for local disabled people is on the look-out for new members. The Options Social Club is open fortnightly from 6-8pm on Thursday evenings, at the Pioneering Care Centre.

The Club is held in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere intended to give participants the opportunity to meet friends, old and new. Plenty of activities are on offer including pool, table tennis, Wii, internet, bingo, a variety of games and discos.

If you prefer, you can just come along for a chat. The evenings are run by friendly staff and volunteers and are geared to relaxation and fun. Colin Grainger, Disability Services Co-ordinator said: "This really is a fantastic group and we are keen to get more local disabled people involved. We look forward



to hearing from anyone interested in joining us and can guarantee the warmest of welcomes." Option's next get together is Thursday 14 October. No referral is needed, however

there is a minimum age of 18 and a small cost of £2. For further information, contact Colin Grainger on telephone: 01325 321 234/ mobile: 07890 642 692 or colin.grainger@pcp.uk.net

Walking the Great Wall of China for Charity



Laura Whitfield and her friend Donna Sowell are walking the Great Wall of China for Cllic Sargent - Children's Cancer charity, on the 9th April 2011. They are aiming to raise £6,000. Both work at Playday

Nursery and are very grateful to Moore Lane Sports Club for their support in helping them organise charity events where so far £1,523 has been raised.

They run a weekly quiz 8.30 every Monday with cash prizes to be won. Forthcoming events include a Ladies Night on 8th October starring Miss Kitty a Drag Queen, 2 male strippers and a Buff Butler. Tickets are £10 each available at the club.

A Gentlemens' Night is on 22nd October with a comedy drag act, 2 female strippers and lots more.

A Halloween Disco will be held on 30th October with great games and Disco. Admission £3 on the door.

On the 5th November is a Ceilidh Band Night - great for dancing the night away. admission £4 on the door.

For further details contact 07731 467406

Laura and Donna are grateful for the continued support from friends and family especially everyone at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club.

If you would like to sponsor them please go to: <http://original.justgiving.com/laurawhitfield1>

They would welcome prizes donated as raffle prizes for the events to help raise more money for this worthy cause.

CAB Open New H.Q. in Spennymoor

Sedgefield & District Citizens Advice Bureau celebrated the opening of their new premises in Spennymoor on Friday 17th September. The bureau was officially opened by Dr Dinah Roy, a local GP and Practice based commissioning lead for Durham County PCT who works closely with the Health Advice Service; a project offered by the bureau in providing advice in health settings, funded by the PCT.

Established in 1959, the service has always had rented accommodation, carrying little security in the way of tenure, with limitations in relation to the alterations one can reasonably carry out to make a building fit for offering confidential advice. Additionally, with more and more reliance upon volunteers to the bureau also needed somewhere to house a training facility.

Early last year the board of trustees made the decision to find a new home. Initially they hadn't thought about a purchase, but larger, more suitable rented accommodation. After months of searching and nothing being affordable or suitable, they stumbled across the idea of converting an old public house. The Wheatsheaf was ideally located on the High Street in Spennymoor, and was up for sale after being empty for a number of years.

The Treasurer and Business Development Manager attended a course on Capital Projects run by PNE and agreed to put the idea to the board. Whilst understanding the risk in taking on a 25 year mortgage, this seemed to be the best, most cost-effective option. By stripping out the pub, the bureau could be largely purpose built internally providing the space for training of new volunteers, a good sized waiting area and more interview rooms as well as being able to house the project staff who provide advice right across the area.

Business Development Manager, Donna Stewart said "It might appear to be rather extravagant for a charity to purchase and refurbish a building but the reality is the mortgage repayments on this are cheaper than the rental and of course we have the additional security of tenure that a rental property cannot provide. The vision was to provide a modern facility for clients, staff and volunteers that would allow greater flexibility in opening

hours and the opportunity to help far more people by having additional interview rooms. The main grumble from clients has always been in relation to the tiny waiting room where now it is spacious and light. We are also able to provide a receptionist available 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday for general enquiries about opening times or to receive mail to be passed to caseworkers."

This purchase and refurbishment programme was funded via a loan and grant from Futurebuilders (a government funded project) as well as smaller grants from Christ's Hospital in Sherburn and the Clothworkers Foundation. The service also contributed from their own reserves which had been set aside for this purpose.

The message CAB want to get across is this bureau is here for you, your community service - in your community and staffed by people from your community. Use us, support us or lose us!

60% of staff are volunteers who give on average 384 hours of their time every year. In return, they receive high quality training which results in them gaining extra skills making them more attractive to new employers.

Not all volunteers want paid work, but for those that do, this is an excellent stepping stone. 80% of volunteers gain employment within a year. Additional space means CAB can provide additional services. A number of partners have approached them on providing services. From next week a local firm of solicitors will be providing free 'initial' employment and legal advice from the new offices.

The meeting/training room is also available for hire so can be utilised by community groups. From November CAB have been awarded a new (LSC) Legal Services Commission Contract which will also allow them to provide specialist Housing advice as well as Welfare Benefits and Debt. This is a fantastic development for the community particularly in Spennymoor, however, we know our offices in Newton Aycliffe are struggling to cope with the number of clients we see so are looking for an alternative home there.

If anyone can help please contact the Business Development Manager on 01388 825400



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Labour Choose West Ward By-Election Candidate

Kate Hopper is Labour's candidate for the West Ward By-Election and is a popular choice of her party. Kate settled in Aycliffe in

1977 and has lived in the West Ward for twenty years. She has been involved with several community groups and was the elected Parent Governor at St. Joseph's School, attended by her children, in the West Ward. A long-time Labour voter, she is selected as a moderate and progressive candidate, of ability and integrity. She takes an active role as Secretary and Treasurer in the Aycliffe West Branch of the Labour Party as well as delegate to the Constituency Party and the Town Council's controlling Labour Group.

Kate is a member of Great Aycliffe & Midridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) and is also involved with a steering group whose vision is to provide a new community

facility situated at the heart of the Elmfield area of the West Ward.

Kate said: "With your vote, I will ensure that the views and neighbourhood aspirations of West Ward residents are high on the agenda at GATC meetings. I will also strive to

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DISC MOVE TO NEW PREMISES AT BLUE BRIDGE



Disc, a tenant of premises next to the Fire Station has relocated to the I.E.S. Centre near the Blue Bridge. With offices throughout the north it is thought Aycliffe might become the main Headquarters of the charity which helps disadvantaged young people into employment. The question people are asking is what now happens to the empty building in a prime town centre position? It belongs to the County Council so we asked Steve Carroll, corporate estate manager, who said: "The lease on this building will terminate towards the end of the year and we will then look at plans to demolish the building as it is in a state of disrepair." The other question that springs to mind is why wasn't this building considered for conversion as the temporary Library saving £350,000 or offered for use as a "Cubby" to release the land this drop-in stands on to be part of the redevelopment on that side of the road?

HR Seminar in Aycliffe

A series of events to help businesses survive the ongoing changes in employment law is to be held across the region and one is to take place in Newton Aycliffe in October. According to Stockton-on-Tees firm Mayberry Consultancy, most businesses with one to 60 employees do not recruit qualified HR managers to their teams, meaning they are vulnerable to falling foul of legislation changes. The company is planning a series of HR seminars to help SMEs avoid the pitfalls of employment issues and keep them one step ahead of new laws. Mayberry Consultancy will explain how the new Equalities Act, which will come into play next month will impact and affect businesses, allowing them to make necessary changes to the way they operate. Managing director David Dorman-Smith said: "The work of HR will tend to be given to an existing manager as an additional responsibility. While everything is running smoothly the business is likely to cope but as soon as something goes wrong, or legislation changes, many businesses will not know what to do. The seminars are designed to provide help and support to these businesses." Each seminar will include a round-up of recent changes to employment legislation as well as forthcoming changes and suggestions on how to address those changes. The seminar at the Evans Incubation Centre is on October 11th. To register your place please call 01642 796111 or email info@mayberryconsultancy.co.uk

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A Different Type of Sale at the Youthy

A 'New Age' Table Top & Car Boot Sale is to be held on Saturday November 6th, 10 am to 3 pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

The concept we are adopting means that tables will be provided for members of the public FREE to sell their unwanted items and bric a brac. We are hoping to provide 30 tables on a first-come-first-served basis and hope those that are successful in getting a table will make a donation from the sales they make.

Sellers will need to be registered before November the 5th. To request table availability and to register, please ring 01325 321105 between 9.00am and 6.00pm.

the event will be properly supervised and stewarded for security. Refreshments will be on sale to include hotdogs burgers, and the famous hot broth made by Committee member Maude Gray. There will be strictly no commercial traders. This is a Management Committee and Youth Workers fundraising event with all profits going to support resources and the many and varied activities provided for the benefit of our young people.

We would really be grateful of any donations of items to sell for our own "Youthy" table, and these would be appreciated. Items can be either dropped off at the Youth Centre or collected by ringing 307522.

We hope to have a fabulous community event, and if we

get plenty of sellers and plenty of buyers, perhaps this could be the start of many more. So please support your local Youth Centre.

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In Memoriam

Graeme Cooper



6th October 2006

Although we smile and make no fuss, no one misses you more than us. And when old times we oft recall. That's when we miss you most of all. Love, Clive and Grace xx

5th October 2006

Your happy smile, your heart of gold, these are the memories we will always hold. Love, Mam and Dad xx

Loren Ballantyne



Happy 7th Birthday

Happy birthday Princess, have a fab day and enjoy your party. Lots of love from Mam, John-Paul, Aimee and Bump xxx
Happy birthday. Lots of love from Nan, Granda, Nana, Granda and all the family

Susan Boal



Happy 50th Birthday

5th October 2010
All our love, David and Adam. Here's to a great night out in Doncaster! xx
Happy birthday Mam! Hope you have a great day, All our love, Andrew and Sophie xxx
Happy 50th Mam. All our love, David, Kate, Stephen, Mel and Jess xxx

Congratulations

Katie Rose Baker



Happy 1st Birthday

5th October 2010
to our beautiful baby girl. We love you so much, have a brilliant birthday. Love, Mammy and Daddy xxxxx

Louise Miller



Happy 18th Birthday

5th October 2010
Loads of hugs and kisses on your 18th. Love always, Mam, Dad, James, Helen, Sarah and Will xx
Happy 18th Louise. Love, Aunty Sandra and Rebecca xx
Happy 18th Louise. Love, Andy xxx

Bethany Worth



Happy 18th Birthday

3rd October 2010
To our beautiful Daughter, wishing you happiness always. Lots of love from Mam and Dad xxxxx

Richard William Scott

4th October 1989



Richie, 21 today Happy birthday. Hope you enjoy your holiday and like your surprise. Love you, Sarah xxxxx

Happy 21st birthday Daddy. Love you loads, Daniel xxx

Happy birthday Brother, 21 today. Love, Britney xx

Happy 21st birthday. Love, Christopher and Lucy xxx

Happy 21st birthday Son. You have made us so proud over the years. Love you, Mam and Kevin xx (hope you have a good day)

Happy 21st birthday. Have a great party. Lots of love, Nana and Jim

Happy 21st birthday Son. Sorry we can't be with you, but hope to see you soon. Lots of love, Dad, Babita, Kiana and Kalila x

Congratulations "Ritchie", happy 21st. Lots of love, Julie, Jimmy, James and Rachel

Louise and Rebecca



Happy 18th Birthday

5th October 2010
To my youngest Grandchildren. Love you both loads, always. Gran xx

Rebecca Summerill



Happy 18th Birthday

5th October 2010
Love you more than words can say, my daughter and my best friend. Love always, Mam xxx
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Graeme Cooper



4th October

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4th October 1965

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WOODHEAD, Andrew Peter. You always had a smile to share, time to give and time to care. A loving nature, kind and true is the way we'll remember you. Loved and missed, Happy birthday Son. Mam and Dad

Ladies Club at Neville Centre

The Community Centre are hoping to start a Ladies Forum with guest speakers, entertainment and refreshments. If you are interested in becoming a member please ring on 313924.

Kurling for Disabled is another session being planned for Wednesdays from 10am - 12 noon. Admission £2, carers free. Residents from Poland are invited for Kurling, Table-Tennis, Bowls or use the Wii Machine. Contact 313924 for details.

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Saturday 9th Oct. T.B.A.

Saturday 16th Oct. "Witchkraft"

'The first set was a good mix of well known songs from Montrose, Jethro Till, Golden Earring, Free and ACDC. Second set was Deep Purple as this is their trade mark. Cliff on drums (ex White Noise) and Gaz on bass have created a really tight and punchy rhythm section. Mr. Big was excellent, really showing off Gaz's skills. John on vocals, was suffering with a chest infection but it didn't stop him delivering, with a good, high and gritty rock vocal. Mal... is Mal. Looks and plays like Blackmore, has all the moves and the sound of Mr. B, but can also show he's really good at the other stuff as well. All in all it was a good show, good crowd, nice choice of rock classics mixed with the best of Purple.' - Jazkma - Gig Pit Review

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Obituary

BLACKWELL 19th September, suddenly in hospital, Mervyn Patrick, aged 85 years of Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Husband of Winnie; much loved Father of Raymond and Robert; dear Father-in-Law of Ann and Pauline also a loving Grandad of Jeff, Lisa, Sue and Chris and Great Grandad of Madison, Malana and Bailey. Funeral on Friday 8th October. Would friends please meet at 12.45pm for Service at Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe, prior to private interment

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NEW SIGNINGS IN THE OFFING

Newton Aycliffe FC's management team have been working round-the-clock to target at least one new signing this week. Manager Allan Oliver, Assistant Gary Farley and Coach Brian Atkinson have spent the last two weeks identifying potential new faces after being hit by a succession of injuries to key players. The three have been scouring the North-East in the last fortnight, watching games across the region and speaking to contacts, as Aycliffe look to get back to winning ways after two successive home draws.

Aycliffe go to Horden this weekend looking to add to the point they picked up at home to Hebburn last week, before welcoming Cumbrian side Whitehaven to MLP next Saturday.

Farley said: "We've been unbelievably unlucky with injuries to key players, mainly Dion Raitt, Dan Mellanby and Paul Stout, while a number of other factors have also played a big part in the last couple of weeks. But that's football. You take the lows in your stride as much as you enjoy the highs and we have to deal with it. We went through a bad patch last season with a number of injuries and it's part-and-parcel of the game.

"We're trying to do everything we can to get results with attractive football. It doesn't always go your way, but we need our fans to rally behind us right now. Our biggest asset in the Northern League up to now has been our home gates and our own supporters getting behind the lads, and we really need them now.

"We continue to work hard behind the scenes to make things happen. We work with the players on the training

pitch during the week and we're working hard to bring in the right type of quality, experienced players we need to guide us through while our key players are out." Aycliffe were also missing top scorer Warren Byrne for the visit of Hebburn last Saturday, with new signing Craig Mickle making his debut and Sean Tarling and Scott Pocklington returning from suspension.

- Saturday 2nd October: Horden CW (A), 3pm
 - Saturday 9th October: Whitehaven (H), 3pm
 - Saturday 16th October: Northallerton Town (H), 3pm
 - Wednesday 20th October: Consett (H), 7.30pm, DCCR1
 - Friday 22nd October: Darlington RA (A), 7.30pm
 - Saturday 30th October: Team Northumbria (H), 3pm
- www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Brian Fairhurst missed a penalty for Aycliffe after 23 minutes when Elliot Gardner was flattened on the goal-line, and Hebburn took the lead seven minutes later through Garry McCartney. Aycliffe improved after the break and the equaliser came after 60 minutes when Gardner turned in Paul Broom's cross, and even though the team grew stronger as the game wore on they couldn't find a winner.

AYCLIFFE FIGHTER IN OZ



After 5 days of training in the heat of Perth, Australia, Newtonian Reece Mcallister who was fighting for England on Domination 5 with a crowd of 3000 against local lad Toby Smith. Reece set a very fast pace from the 1st round throwing unanswered combinations to his opponent and by the 3rd round he had taken control with some clever Thai boxing. In round 4 Toby knew he had to push the fight scoring good shots to take the round. Although Reece had 3 rounds in the bag he knew he couldn't take any chances, so he finished the 5th round even stronger, winning the fight. A great achievement to take a win in Oz, but Reece impressed the judges so much they awarded him with the best fighter of the night. His next fight is in Newcastle in another International bout against Holland. Anyone wishing to support Reece or train at Phoenix Thai Boxing can contact Gary Mcallister on 07812 737 718.

Narrow Defeat for Woodham in Finals



Woodham Warriors have competed in the British American Football National Finals. Playing in their first National Final as a full contact team, the Warriors hoped to draw on their vast experience from previous finals in Flag American Football.

After playing two very tough games in the quarter and semi finals, both of which Woodham won by a single point, they took the field to play their namesakes, London Warriors at Sixways Stadium, Worcester to play their first Full Contact National final.

The Stadium holds over 6,000 supporters and was rocking as the two teams entered the arena. London went in as the number one seeded team in the competition so Woodham knew they would have their work cut out to beat them.

The final was a beauty to behold, both teams fighting for everything, the game kept going back and forth throughout the entire 30 minutes. With less than two minutes left Woodham quarterback, Josh Barber, threw a pass to Joe Teasdale that brought the deficit to 3 points.

The defence that had starred all day was now left with one more job. Try and get the ball back! With 1:30 left on the clock and hope running out, Jack Curry came up with a

play that saw Woodham recover a fumble and give them possession, and a chance to score! On the back of two Andrew Vincent runs, Woodham were knocking on the door and had a couple of opportunities to score but London's defence stood strong.

Once again it came down to the final play of the game. Woodham came up just a little short, 2 yards and 3 points to be precise. After winning both previous games with last second victories, the law of averages was against them this time. The game finished Woodham 44 v London 47.

Not bad for a school team from Newton Aycliffe competing against a club from the country's capital. Head Coach, Jon Tait, said, "I am so proud of all of the players and coaches who have been part of our success. It's a credit to the hard work put in to get this far. Their effort and desire has been second to none. We may have been beaten in the final but I think we earned everyone's respect here tonight."

Woodham did themselves and their school proud on the national stage. Competing with a team that has an entire city to recruit from is an achievement in itself, but on Saturday the Warriors cemented their name as one of the best teams this country has to offer.

SPORT

Cricket Club's Presentation Night

Newton Aycliffe Cricket held their presentation night last weekend with Luke Telford winning the prestigious Ian Clarke Memorial Trophy for the first team player of the year as well as picking up the bowling award. Brother Graham topped the catches and Adam Gittins won the batting trophy, whilst David Turgoose, in his first season at the club, picked up the players player award.

In the second team, Adam Gittins completed a unique double by adding the second team batting award to his first team batting award. Captain Dave Richardson won the player of the year and also jointly topped the catches whilst Gareth Mulhearn and Joe Haines picked up the bowling prize.

Captain Sean Morgan was joint under 18s player of the year with Michael Howe, who also held the most catches. Sam Telford topped the bowling averages and Ross Dixon lifted the batting award.

The under 15s player of the year was won by Daniel Weldon, who also held the most catches with the bowling prize going to Curtis Lowes and the batting to Ben Nicholson. Chris Palmer was voted Clubman of the year for his considerable off field efforts throughout the last 12 months.

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