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## County Debate Access Points

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Gittins who was there to witness his former premises being turned to dust.

Mixed with the feelings of nostalgia was optimism as the Town Centre redevelopment was put back on track following a delay caused by the Gas Company.

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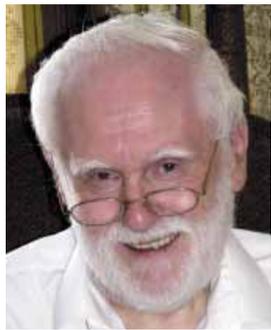
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## PCP WINS 2010 NORTH EAST EQUALITY AWARD

Local Charity PCP beat stiff competition to win the 2010 North East Equality Award for Employers of up to 50 staff announced at a glittering Awards ceremony held at the Gosforth Marriott Hotel on 22nd October.

The Awards were presented to those companies, organisations and individuals in the region carrying out excellent equality practices, helping remove the barriers faced by many people in employment and entry to employment.

Liz Reay, Chief Executive of Equality North East, said: "This year has seen the implementation of the main requirements of the new Equality Act so it is heartening to find that once again employers in the North East are 'ahead of the game' as far as fairness and equality is concerned."



"The Awards have become a significant fixture on the North East business calendar, highlighting and celebrating the good equality practice being carried out regionally. The finalists were chosen from a wide range of public, private and third sector organisations, shortlisted for their efforts in promoting Equality and Diversity in the workplace."

Jane Hartley Chief Executive of PCP said 'We are absolutely delighted to win this prestigious award in recognition of our work, last year we achieved the NE Equality & Diversity Standard and to win this award is the icing on the cake' Photo: Chairman Carol Briggs and Senior Operations Manager Chris Thwaites receive the award on behalf of the PCP.

## KEEP SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

### ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL DISPLAY

Durham County Council's Trading Standards Officers are warning residents to keep their distance from fireworks this bonfire night and take extra care with sparklers.

Every year hundreds of people are injured setting off fireworks in their back gardens. Larger category 3 display fireworks are now more freely available in shops and this has prompted Trading Standards to warn people to check the distances marked on the label before buying them.

Joanne Waller, Head of Environmental Health & Consumer Protection said,

"Not many people have a garden 25 metres long and yet there are a lot of category 3 fireworks sold during this period where the recommended safe distance away is 25 metres. These fireworks have the potential to cause a lot of harm to people standing too close and to damage buildings, cars and gardens."

"If you are going to set off fireworks yourself and have an average size garden or yard, make sure you stick to category 2 fireworks where the safe distance is 5 metres."

Trading Standards together with Durham and Darlington Fire Service will be checking on retailers to make sure that proper advice is being given to the public and there are no sales of fireworks to under age children. Briefing sessions with PCSO's, the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens are currently being held to bring everyone up to speed with the legislation so they can advise

local people as they are patrolling their areas. Cllr Bob Young, Cabinet Member for Strategic Environment and Leisure said,

"As the range of fireworks available for purchase gets bigger, we're concerned that people don't appreciate how powerful some of these fireworks can be and how far spectators - family and friends - should be away from them."

"Ideally we would advocate that people attend an organised display but if you're not able to do that and want to set off some fireworks at home, make sure you follow all the distance and safety guidelines - don't become another statistic."

There is also a warning out for parents who buy sparklers that they should not let children under the age of 5 hold them. It's easy to think that sparklers are harmless but remember they burn at very high temperatures - between 1,000 and 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit - hot enough to melt gold.

Joanne Waller again, "If a sparkler comes into contact with the skin it can cause second or third degree burns and may result in permanent scarring. Young children can be fascinated by the spectacle of a sparkler but they have no concept of the heat they produce and the danger of picking a sparkler up after they have finished burning."

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All proceeds will be going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Blood Cancer Charity. Katie said: "A close family member was diagnosed with Lymphoma in May and after treatment the cancer has shrunk. I cannot thank this Charity enough, so felt that raising some money to help with research would be the best way to say thank you and also help save other lives".

Katie works at Tesco's and gets involved with many fundraising activities which has prepared her for this Charity Night. Katie collected in Tesco's last Friday and Saturday and raised £758. She thanks Tesco for allowing her to be there and the customers for their kind donations.

If anyone would like any tickets for the evening or to purchase any raffle tickets, she can be contacted on 07849 550763.

# Town Guiders Renew Promise at Centenary Celebrations



Aycliffe's Guides, Brownies and Rainbows gathered at Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall to link with thousands across the country, by internet, as the Chief Guide led everyone in renewing their "Promise". The aim of the event was to reflect on the past 100 years and share the vision for the future. Over 70 young Newtonians took part in a carousel of activities before the link up. The event was led by the Ranger Senior Section, a group of girls aged 14-17yrs. supervised by Guiders and helpers. Members of the Trefoil Group were also present and joined in the mass "promise".

# Halloween Myths

There are ancient beliefs surrounding the day itself, like the belief that all journeys should be completed by sunset on Halloween and that a piece of bread crossed with salt should be carried in the pockets of travellers to keep them safe. Young girls can place hazelnuts along the front of the fire grate, one for each of their suitors, or can place an apple under their pillow to dream of their future husband. What's more, if you peel an apple in one go and throw it over your shoulder, the shape it lands in will be the initial of your beloved. One of the more familiar Halloween rituals includes carving pumpkins, although the history behind this tradition is less known. It's been inspired from stories ranging from strange flickering lights to an Irish legend who became known as 'Jack of the Lantern' (or 'Jack-o'-Lantern') after being made to walk the earth with only his lantern to light the way. Apple bobbing is a game where apples are placed in a large bowl or tub of water and people attempt to take a bite from one of the apples using only their teeth. Apples are considered to be a symbol of love and fertility and may have been incorporated by the Romans into the October worship of Pomona, goddess of the harvest, fruit and trees. Although no one is certain of the true origins of apple bobbing, everyone can have fun taking part. And finally, if you want to meet a witch on Halloween night, put your clothes on inside out and walk backwards!!

## LETTER to the EDITOR

### DEVELOPMENT CAN'T PROCEED UNTIL C35 IS IMPROVED

Dear Sir,  
Thank you for publishing the details of the proposed Woodham development as I feel this is an important issue for all those who live on the Western side of the town and those who use the C35. I fully agree with a previous correspondent who expressed concerns about traffic volumes on the C35, Middridge Road. Fifty executive homes probably means a minimum of 100 extra cars, the 75 bedroom hotel (when full) another 75 cars plus 110 staff members many of whom will probably use their cars to get to work. It is not easy to estimate how much extra traffic would be created by the conference and spa facilities but it could be significant. My concerns go back many years to when a Highways Officer from the County Council came to the Town Council to address their concerns over the

C35. He agreed that the C35 needed upgrading due to the THEN volume of traffic using the road but stated, "The C35 is a very small fish in a very large pond when it comes to upgrading roads". Since that time the housing estate next to Greenfield School has been built, Cobblers Hall has been built and is still expanding plus Woodham has also increased in size. There is a large housing estate planned for the top of Middridge Lane where Middridge meets Shildon and when built those residents will also often use the Middridge Lane and Road to travel North or to access the A1M. Unless the County Council IS going to upgrade the C35 Middridge Road I sincerely hope that the Town and County Councils oppose any plans that could increase the traffic volume on said feeder road. J Bergg (Mrs)



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of the House Singing Competition. The school now have a termly House event and the Spring term competition is a "Master Mind" type quiz.



### KIDS FUN AT BURNHILL

Burnhill Way Methodist Church are having a Light Party on Monday 1st November for school aged children and all are welcome. It is £1 per child and is from 6pm - 7.30pm. There will be refreshments too, party games and lots of fun to be had. It is a safe place for your children to come and have fun and enjoy themselves with adult supervision.

Budding young footballers from Newton Aycliffe are being rewarded for their commitment with a presentation ceremony and VIP treatment at Darlington Football Club. Newton Aycliffe has been identified as an area requiring increased focus and support to reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour. Durham County Council and Positive Futures teamed up with Darlington Football in the Community in May this year to launch a series of coaching sessions for local young people. The sessions take place at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre's sports hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm and are aimed at youngsters between the ages of 10 and 17. The sessions have proved so popular they are now in their second phase and parent volunteers have entered a subsidiary team into the Teesside Junior Football Alliance. To celebrate successes the group will be presented with signed shirts and footballs for their sportsmanship before settle down to watch the home match against Tamworth in a luxury private box at the club on November 9.

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Both projects are judged in the Grand Final on the 9th of March 2011, where the Ferryhill, Spennymoor, Tudhoe Grange, St John's and Woodham schools will come together to compete. At the final they will race their cars in a very competitive and fun charged relay race which is computer timed. Their bridges are tested operationally and are also tested for weight and then destruction tested to see what load they can withstand. We know from experience that this exciting programme develops the skills of the students in a unique way through this after school project where the industrial mentors support the build of the projects and impart their work ethic and engineering knowledge.

This year's project has been sponsored by four Area Action Partnerships including Great Aycliffe, Bishop & Shildon, Spennymoor and 4Together, plus AimHigher. The key difference in this programme is the duration (10-weeks), which allows a unique partnership and relationship to form between SDEMf, Industrial Mentors and the School teachers and students. This year our mentors are Dave Spensley - Director at Aycliffe Fabrications, Mel Jameson - Welding Instructor at Thyssenkrupp, Mel Lamb - Engineering Lecturer at SWDT. Ltd and Tony Sanders - Design Engineer at Sanders Associates. Good luck to all of the schools and students involved and let the competition begin. Darren Race, Chair, SDEMf Ltd. www.sdemf.org.uk

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## Police Catch Four Aycliffe Pubs Selling to Underage Drinkers

Last week saw the Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police team mount two operations, designed to test off-licenses and pubs in the town as part of the National Alcohol Awareness week.

This involved using 15 year olds, shadowed by plain clothed police officers, who attempted to purchase alcohol from the various off-licenses and pubs in Newton Aycliffe. They were supported by uniformed colleagues acting as an enforcement team to support the undercover covert officers.

Part one of the operation occurred on Wednesday 20th of October, during which time off licenses were tested. The team managed to visit all 12 such premises in Newton Aycliffe and were pleased to report that all 12 premises passed, refusing to sell alcohol to the youth involved.

Part two of the operation occurred on Thursday 21st of October 2010 which involved visiting various public houses around Newton Aycliffe.

The team visited 7 pubs during part two and found that of the venues visited four of them sold alcohol to the 15 year olds whilst three challenged the youths and refused to sell them alcohol.

The four pubs which failed were The Gretna, The North Briton, The Cobbler's Hall and the Huntsman. The members of staff responsible for making the sale at these

venues were visited by the enforcement team at the conclusion of the operation whereupon three fixed penalty fines of £80 and one court summons were issued with the licensing unit informed accordingly.

A large amount of Anti-Social behaviour is directly attributable to alcohol, particularly amongst teenagers. One familiar concern voiced by Newton Aycliffe residents during PACT meetings with the Neighbourhood Police Team is that of underage street drinking and the attendant anti-social behaviour which typically comes with it. Operation COALVILLE is one tactic used by Police in an attempt to identify those venues responsible for selling the alcohol in the first instance in order to combat the problem.

Mark Edwards, the Sgt of the Neighbourhood Police Team in Newton Aycliffe, set up and co-ordinated the operation in conjunction with his team. Sgt Edwards

said at the conclusion of the operation "I'm delighted with the way in which the off licenses acquitted themselves during Wednesday evening's operation and each venue has been visited by the team, congratulated and reminded to remain vigilant.

The public houses which refused to sell alcohol to the youths are to be commended whereas the ones which failed have been able to recognize those areas where their staff may require more training. They'll be offered help with this process and we'd remind them that this is not a one off and the Neighbourhood Police team will continue to run such operations, particularly in the run up to the festive period".

Should anyone have any concerns or information about off licenses or pubs in their area who are selling alcohol to underage persons they are encouraged to contact the Neighbourhood Police team on 0345 60 60 365.

## £6 TRIP TO SUNDERLAND

Hopelands Court are organising a Christmas Shopping Trip to the Bridges Mall in Sunderland on Tuesday 23rd November.

The bus departs from Hopelands at 10am and returns from the Bridges at 4.45pm. The cost is £6 and to book your seat call in the lounge on Wednesday morning at 10am or contact the Scheme Manager.

On 17th November there will be a Clothes Party in the main lounge at 2pm provided by "The Clothes Line". Admission is 50p to include light refreshments. All welcome.

## Harvest Celebration



After a very successful year in the school garden, St Mary's celebrated Harvest time with a special Harvest Festival led by Year 1 & 2.

This term after each assembly we have sold our vegetables to parents to raise money for CAFOD. The money will be used to support the development of a village water supply and other essentials for life. Last week's assembly was followed by a Vegetable Animal competition.

Children were asked to bring to school an animal made from a vegetable the competition was judged by our own green fingered Mr Foster, the school caretaker and head gardener. The winners were from Key Stage 1 - Eve Atkinson from Year 1 and for Key Stage 2- Elle Liddell from Y3. Well done to everyone who entered and many thanks to all the parents for their support over this term.

## SCHOOL HOLD DISCO FOR HALLOWE'EN



Over 120 children at Woodham Burn Primary School enjoyed a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 19th. The school hall was full of witches, skeletons and other ghoulish characters - a lot of effort and imagination had clearly gone into creating the costumes!

The children were entertained by a disco and games provided by Black Knight and Noo-Noos. A grand total of £163 was made on the evening which will go towards providing other fun activities in the future.

A big thank you goes to the parents, PSA members, and all the school staff, who stayed behind to show their support in providing a fun packed spooky evening for the children.

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## KEEPING ENTERTAINMENT LIVE IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE



Don't forget Aycliffe Theatre's Old Tyme Music Hall is on this weekend at St. Clare's Church Hall and you can buy tickets on the door, price £5 only.

Performances are on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st at 7.30pm with plenty of fun and audience participation singing the old favourites. There is a local comedian Bert Draycott and solo singing just like we used to see on the T.V. Variety Shows. Come along and enjoy live entertainment with a cuppa during the interval.

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Join us as Robin Hood has many adventures within the Forest of Sherwood, as he tries his best to steal the money from his Niece and Nephew, but Robin and Maid Marion have other ideas. There are many funny characters along the way as we join the Babe's nurse, Lucozade, not forgetting the Bungling Duo, Pye and Peas, played by Aycliffe's own Andrew Timmiss, who has

also helped in the production of this year's Panto.

The group have gone against all current trends reducing the prices of our Show. We have teamed up with several charity shops to help sell our "Parent Ticket", which gives entry for 1 Adult and 2 Children. These tickets are on sale NOW, at the YMCA and the Sue Ryder shops in Newton Aycliffe.

All these shops will gain 50p from the sale of each Parent Ticket, for their Charity, so not only will you be helping support our Community group, but you'll be also helping a local charity as well. Tickets are also on sale the normal way: Tel 01388 774838/01325 313363 or from our website www.freewebs.com. centrestagetheatre, or from The Civic Hall, Shildon.

## CHRIS REA'S NIECE AT SPORTS CLUB

A top female performer will come to Newton Aycliffe in November for a charity fundraising event.

Vocalist Caterina Rea, the niece of world-renowned Middlesbrough-born singer Chris Rea, is set to perform at the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on Friday 19th November.

The event, being organised by Isobel Henderson and John Gaskarth, is to raise money for Macmillan Nurses.

Caterina will perform a number of her favourite tracks, followed by a disco by well-known Aycliffe DJ John Melvin.

Tickets for the event are just £5 and are available from Isobel Henderson on 07799 673644, or from



the Sports Club. More details about Caterina Rea, including sample tracks, are available at [www.caterinarea.com](http://www.caterinarea.com)

## Remember, Remember No Bonfire at Heighington

Dear Sir

Your readers should know there will be no bonfire on the village green in Heighington this year. It has provided much pleasure to many people for many years even some who travel up from Newton Aycliffe and nearby areas.

This always was a time for villagers to cut down their conifers and tidy up their garden, placing the rubbish on the village green so please, not this year!

The official reason is increased health and safety rules and strict regulations and rising costs of organising the bonfire.

J. M. Gowland

## Community Clean up in Newton Aycliffe

A community clean up takes place in Newton Aycliffe next month. Durham County Council's Area Action Partnership for Aycliffe, GAMP, are working alongside the Civic Pride Team and Sedgefield Borough Homes to get communities involved in cleaning up their town.

On Tuesday 2nd November County Durham Furniture Help Scheme will take away household goods for recycling. Telephone 01388 721 509 to book a collection time.

On Wednesday 3rd November there will be a bulky household waste collection and residents are asked to leave items on the side of the road for collection between 8.30am and 2.30pm.

Streets involved include: Eskdale Place, Garburn Place, Hawkshead Court, Hawkshead Place, Honister Place, Kirkstone Place, Langdale Place Silverdale Place and Whinlatter Place. A neighbourhood walkabout will take place on Thursday 4th November to identify areas in need of action.

The council's 'altogether cleaner' mascot Tidy Ted will make an appearance and a tidy businesses campaign will be promoted.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator, said: "Events such as this mean we can maximise our service to local residents and improve the quality of life for everyone in the Aycliffe area." Civic Pride officers will also be visiting local schools. The event is also supported by: County Durham Furniture Recycling, Stop The Drop and the Campaign for Rural England.

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# TALLENTS GIVE 46 TEMPS PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT

46 TEMP-TEAM workers at Manufacturing Company ThyssenKrupp Tallent have just been given permanent jobs. ThyssenKrupp Tallent and TEMP-TEAM were happy to announce the appointments and issued those selected employees with permanent contracts in October 2010.

The firm, which operates its factory in Newton Aycliffe, has been working very closely with North East recruitment group TEMP-TEAM, in filling the roles temporarily over the past 15 months, to meet the improving demands of its major motoring clients such as Ford, Volvo, JLR, Honda, VW and Nissan.

This commitment gives TEMP-TEAM's workers the opportunity for permanent roles at the plant. TEMP-TEAM specialises in recruiting for businesses in the North East and Yorkshire in a number of key sectors and has a long-standing relationship with ThyssenKrupp Tallent.

TEMP-TEAM Business Development Manager Scott Barnes said: "After the recession and redundancies



in 2009, ThyssenKrupp have seen a steady return in demand, and were happy to offer the permanent positions"

Machine operators, welders, forklift truck drivers and apprentices, were among the workers to have been given permanent jobs at ThyssenKrupp Tallent, which makes chassis products for some of the world's biggest motoring brands.

TEMP-TEAM continues to recruit machine operators, fork lift truck drivers, and welders for ThyssenKrupp Tallent, at the Newton Aycliffe plant.

Engineering and Operations Director at ThyssenKrupp

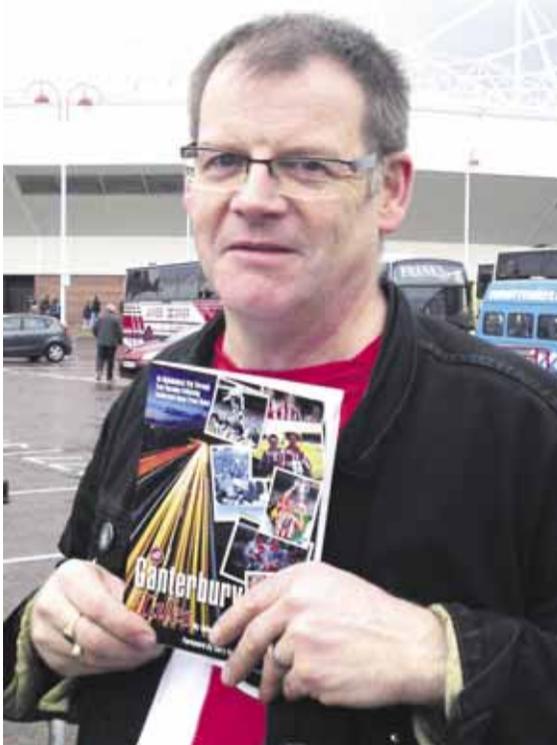
Tallent, David Land said: "Its pleasing to be able to reward our temporary employees with permanent contracts, they have been a key resource in supplying support over the past 15 months.

The automotive sector has seen a steady recovery since the rapid decline back in 2009; we need to be able to meet that changing demand and with the support of TEMP-TEAM that has been achieved. We continue to require agency workers as well as look forward to being able to offer more people permanent employment as confidence in the market grows."

Newly appointed permanent worker Mike McKenna commented: "It's great to know that someone can start on a temporary contract, and gain a permanent job if they work hard and their efforts are recognised. I am delighted that I am now in secure, full time, permanent employment. Sincere thanks go to both TEMP TEAM and ThyssenKrupp Tallent."

TEMP-TEAM has seven offices across Tyneside, Durham, Teesside and Yorkshire. For more information about TEMP-TEAM or the vacancies at ThyssenKrupp Tallent, Newton Aycliffe visit [www.tempteam.co.uk](http://www.tempteam.co.uk) or call 01325 311408.

# Aycliffe Engineer Brings Sunderland to Book



3M Aycliffe engineer Paul Dobson has compiled a new book of his experiences of being among Sunderland AFC's travelling army of supporters.

Ganterbury Tales by Sobs and Pos recounts the trips to football grounds all over the country that he and his friend Derek 'Pos' Poskett made over the years.

Paul is a senior manufacturing technology engineer at 3M's Heighington Lane site - which makes respirators for personal safety - and regularly writes for the Sunderland fanzine A Love Supreme under the name of Sobs.

He has been following the Premier League side for more than 40 years and the new

book relates the many highs and lows of travelling to the away grounds.

"There's a fair bit in the book about the games themselves but it concentrates on anecdotes of life on the road, train or boat getting to and from the matches," said Paul. "I must have travelled to around 1,500 of them, home and away, so a lot's happened along the way. "Pos and I used to go to many of the matches together until his death eight years ago. It was his idea that we should collect the stories in the first place, and I know he'd have been really pleased they've now been put in a book."

The book, with a foreword by former Sunderland star Gary Rowell, has now gone on sale ready for the Christmas market.

Paul's first book, Sobs' Story: Keep the Faith, notched up higher weekly sales in a number of Sunderland bookshops than the likes of Jamie Oliver during the run-up to Christmas 2006. He's hoping that the club's legion of fans will be making sure this new one follows suit.

# "Mad" Teenagers Organise Charity Concert

Mad Production is busy preparing for their second charity concert in aid of Help for Heroes.

This is a group of Teenagers who meet together because of their interest in Music and Drama and also their desire to "Make a Difference" to our world. The concert will take place in the Xcel Centre on the Aycliffe Business Park on Monday 8th November. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. All proceeds for this concert are to go to "Help for Heroes" and the event will be supported by many local artists. Our thanks go to all these artists for their support and talent.

Thanks too go to the Xcel Centre for the kind use of their premises and to all the volunteers who have given freely of their time.

Some of the dignitaries attending the event are:- Mayor of Aycliffe, Dorothy Bowman, staff from RAF Leeming, Catterick Garrison, T.A. Centre, Police and Fire

Service from Aycliffe plus Joan and Lisa and Glyn and Pamela Greenhow from the Xcel Centre plus Syd Howarth representing Newton News.

To date raffle prizes have been donated by Bay Horse at Middridge, Boyes Store, Brewers Fayre, Tindale Crossing, Bob Malvern from Moore Lane Sports Club, Premier Inn, SJB Associates, Shafto Way Garage, Redworth Hall Hotel, plus many private donations.

Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children concessions. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night. Tickets were designed by Darren Fletcher.

MAD Productions Charity Event for 2011 will be in aid of Dave Rathboure Bluelamp Charity.

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## LETTER to the EDITOR

### Reader Told Counterfeit Money Came From Bank

Dear Sir,  
In early September this year I purchased 5000 Chinese Yuan in denominations of 100 Yuan from the Cheque Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Imagine my dismay and discomfort when I tried to make a purchase in China and the proffered note was counterfeit. When my Chinese guide and I checked the money in the envelope received from the Cheque Centre we found 4 counterfeit notes in total, a loss of almost £40.00 to myself.

Although I appreciate the staff at the Cheque Centre saying I may not have bought the money from them, I know I did. I bought no money while on holiday and it is not rocket science to know that if you only have money in denominations of 100, then you are never likely to receive any 100 notes as change. Naturally the Cheque Centre refused to accept and refund the money.

Unless the head office listens to my complaint then it is very likely I will be the loser but I would like to warn people that perhaps we all need to have

our foreign currency checked when we buy it and not, like myself, just walk away trusting all will be well.

The tellers are keen enough to check money when it is returned. I will not buy again from the Cheque Centre, even though I have been a customer for some time, and in future I will not leave any exchange until the notes are tested.

This particular batch of currency supposedly came direct from the Bank of China. I am shocked. If I had bought the money from the internet or a back street supplier I might have been less so.

I hope readers will be warned, as anyone it seems, can pass on counterfeit money these days, and get away with it.

We all need to be on our guard. I have made an expensive mistake but am equally cross that those selling the money refuse to accept any responsibility for their actions.

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Girls Football in Newton Aycliffe continues to grow at a rapid pace and therefore important the Youth Centre Junior Football Club attracted more coaches to match the growth. We are pleased to announce four ladies have now achieved Level 1 Coaching Badges. Paige Pearson, Claire Temple and Fiona Winter were players for the club last season and have decided to return to assist with coaching younger girls whilst Amanda Waters, a parent, decided she wanted to help out her

daughter's team and will assist coaching the under 14 girls. Berni Borsberry secretary stated "This increase in coaches will allow the club to take on more girls and develop more teams which can only be good news for female footballers on the town. We can now offer football coaching from school year 4 up to year 11. If you want to play girls' football, you will be made welcome at our coaching sessions. Contact Berni 07939 045 242 or visit our website [www.naycafc.co.uk](http://www.naycafc.co.uk)

## AYCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL HISTORY PRIZE



Children from Stephenson Way School's History Club are celebrating winning a national history competition. Each week the club met to learn about the role nurses played behind the scenes

in World War 2. They developed roles as soldiers, nurses and even spies over a number of nights at school. After so much research and studies they knew so much about their roles that they were able to take part in an unscripted drama at school when a number of unexpected conflicts came their way. Older children returned to school to take the part of injured German soldiers who had been brought into the British hospital tents. They were not very friendly at all causing all sorts of problems for the soldiers and nurses, who all resented their presence and their attitudes towards the wonderful nurses.

The drama was videoed and photographed for the project; children wrote in role about their imaginary experiences of the war. The whole project was put together by staff and entered into the "Spirit of Normand" competition. The judges found the work to be 'outstanding' and were very interested in how much the children understood about the feelings of those involved so long ago. They awarded the history club first prize for their efforts in the primary schools section. On 7th October six pupils from the history club travelled

down to London by train to receive the prize at the Imperial War Museum. The judges talked to the children about the project and asked them how everything was put together. Later as part of the day in London the children had the chance to see many of the displays at The Imperial War Museum and then went on a mini tour of the city. This was a long and exciting day for the children who also went on the underground trains - at rush hour! Well done to all the helpers, staff and children who put so much effort into the project!

## Get 'Superfit' for Santa at Boot Camp

The Pioneering Care Centre and Fitness Instructor Donna Kelly are delighted to team up to deliver an early morning Boot Camp for people of all abilities. Donna said 'with only a few weeks until Christmas this is an ideal opportunity to blitz your body and be ready for the festive season. Boot Camp will include a range of exercises and routines designed to improve overall fitness and stamina, it's also a great way to meet new people and we really do have fun!' Boot Camp will begin on 8th November and run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, 6.30am until 7.30am and costs £55 for the full 6 weeks or £3.50 per session. For more information or to book a place please call the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234.

## GREENFIELD STUDENTS SIGN OLYMPIC PLEDGE



Connor Lowe, Becky Lamb and Mr Dixon took part in a regional ceremony on Tuesday 19th October at the Durham Town Hall to sign the Olympic pledge for the forthcoming 2012 games in London. This means that here at Greenfield we are committed to taking part in activities and events building up to the Olympic games. It also means that we are going to learn and work by following the Olympic values.

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## Gardens Guild Closure Meeting

The Gardens Guild Hut at Clarence Chare may close permanently on Sunday 31st October. An Extraordinary Meeting will be held at The Cubby on 22nd November at 7pm.

The main topic will be whether or not the Guild continues following the failure to obtain volunteers to take over the role of officers and committee members. The Guild is the oldest club in the town - please ring 07923 574011 if you can help keep it going.

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**PACT Meeting  
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The next PACT Meeting is at **Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall** on Thursday 4th November from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. Anyone with any concerns can come along and meet local Police Officers. **A Shafto/St Mary's** PACT Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November at Defoe Crescent Nursing Home at 6pm. Please come along and talk to your local Beat Officer. PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson.

**RESIDENTS WARNED TO TIDY UP GARDENS**

Residents across the county are being warned to keep their gardens in order, after new powers for Durham County Council's neighbourhood wardens led to widespread enforcement in Crook.

Twenty-two Litter Clearing Notices were handed out to residents on the Watergate Estate, during a clampdown on untidy yards and gardens. New regulations mean

neighbourhood wardens can take action under a section 92 notice for litter clearance, allowing them to issue advisory notices and fixed penalty fines. The council's neighbourhood warden co-ordinator, Richie Brown, says it's a pleasing result: "The crackdown has meant 22 notices have been issued to residents urging them to clear their properties or risk further action which can include us issuing fines

or prosecutions. "After the notices were issued, 20 of the householders took action and tidied their properties, improving the appearance of the estate greatly." "The new fixed penalty has been really effective in dealing with the accumulations of eyesores like fridges, tyres and sofas. The process consists of a first advisory notice which gives residents seven days to clear the garden. If, after the first advisory, the land remains unkempt, the resident will be issued with a second advisory notice

which gives them a further seven days. The next step is to issue a section 92A clearance notice giving a further 28 days to comply. Failure to adhere to this notice after that period would then result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. If the land is not cleared within 14 days of the fixed penalty being issued, the council will clear the land by default and seek to claim back the cost from the offender. The clampdown was led by Durham County Council wardens supported by both residents and Dale and Valley Homes.

**EXCITING VISITORS  
AT TOWN LIBRARY**

Medieval murder mysteries, a cabaret act inspired by the wartime spirit and tips on how to trace your family tree will help bring history to life over the coming weeks at the Library.

Rosemary Laxton, Durham County Council's head of libraries, learning and culture, said: "We've been in touch with a number of local, regional and nationally-renowned writers and historians for our history season and hope visitors will be pleased with the cross-section of speakers we have attracted. Tuesday 9th November at 6pm

- a conversation with author Karen Maitland - (admission £1.00)

Thursday 18th November 6pm - Wendy Robertson will be talking about the influence of local history on her writing (£1.00)

Friday 19th November - Local History morning including displays and slideshows from Aycliffe Local History Society. Tea and coffee served.

It is hoped these themed seasons can become a regular feature of the calendar." Tickets can be purchased from the Library. Rosemary Hoban - 312856

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**TEEN PHOTO**

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There will be some major changes from the way it was originally done in the last century, no catwalks, no bikini round and no silly questions about "your ambition".

This contest will revolve around TWO photographs which are to be sent to Newton News for independent judges to choose a winner.

Photographs can be sent to: Newton News c/o Newton Press St Cuthberts Way Newton Aycliffe Co. Durham DL5 6DX or via email to: [photo@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:photo@newtonnews.co.uk) Entries may also be handed in at our agents: Newsforce in

the Town Centre or Walkers Butchers at Simpasture or at our office on St Cuthberts Way.

**RULES**

1 - The Teen Photo Contest is open to ALL teenagers (ages 13-19);

2 - Entrants must submit TWO different facial photographs;

3 - The photographs must not be enhanced in any way;

4 - The competition will close when a certain number of entries have been received;

4 - Professional photos permitted;

5 - Entrants must live in Newton News circulation area;

6 - Proof of age and address will be required;

7 - Entry is to be made with the details below;

8 - Permission must be obtained from the participant and/or parent/guardian, before entry is made;

9 - Entries must give permission for submitted photos to be used for promotion;

10 - Prizes are not transferable and there are no cash alternatives;

11 - The Judges/Editors decision is final.

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A raffle for a place to play Mark Williams on the night and Green Baize Snooker who will have a stall with snooker equipment has donated a cue and case for the raffle. Any money raised from raffle will go to the Paul Hunter Fund who sadly lost his fight against cancer. There will be lots of other attractions yet to be confirmed, so get your tickets early.

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**Narrow Win for Youthy**

For the second game running Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14s, sponsored by Defoe Court, found themselves in a local derby game as they travelled to neighbours Heighington. The game was a close affair, at times a bruising encounter but well refereed by young local official James Tarvit.

Little separated the sides in the first half, Dan Kenyon having the best early chances for Youthy whilst Rhys Morton caused problems at the other end with his pace and strength. A high ball in from Billy Bradley was won by Kenyon and his pass found Jake Cane who scored from close range to put Youthy ahead.

For a while Youthy provided the lead with Ben Nicholson responsible for the creativity with a superb midfield display. Ryan Mercer and Cane provided the width with Connor Halford, Nicholson and Bradley in the centre. It was Cane who added the second with a well struck free kick from close to the touch line.

At 2 - 0 down Heighington fought back strongly and, with no one picking him up, Andrew North struck to pull back the deficit. Matthew Dixon and, the ever constant threat, Matthew Johnstone began to take control of the centre creating chances for Morton as they strived to get back on terms. Full backs Jordan Howe and Macaulay Aldsworth were put to the test as Heighington enjoyed a dominant phase of play, it was a cross field ball that allowed Johnstone to steal in and finish the move for the home team.

Scores level at half time. In the second half the Youthy centre backs, skipper Tom Gledhill and sweeper James Skerrett, took control and restored order. With keeper Jack McLaren in commanding form, the visitors looked more likely to take the lead as the

game wore on. A half hit shot by Halford took a bad bounce leaving poor Oscar Peterson stranded in the Heighington goal as Youthy took a 3 - 2 lead. McLaren had to be on his toes to keep out the danger from a good free kick by Josh Penny but, moments later, there was nothing the keeper could do as lack lustre defending let in danger man Johnstone for his second goal to level the score.

As the game headed towards a draw Youthy had one last push. Mercer, Cane and Kenyon begun to threaten the home goal and it was striker Kenyon who provided the killer blow. A fantastic run by Aldsworth saw Kenyon one on one with the keeper. He kept his cool and finished the job to give Youthy the points with a 4 - 3 win. With little to choose between the teams the return game later in the season should be worth waiting for.

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One of the first prizes to be received is from Aquabliss of Darlington who have given a Bathroom Suite valued at £900. Another is a round of golf for 4 people at Brancepeth next season valued at over £100. In view of the quality and value of the prizes tickets will be sold at 50p each. Remember every ticket you sell means 25p into your own club or group funds!

Donors are being contacted by the Rotary Club and if any reader wants to give a prize please contact Syd Howarth on 300212, or e-mail: syd@newtonpress.net.

This is a real community charity effort and open to any club, group or organisation that wishes to take part in supporting the main charities and helping their own finances at the same time.

The draw will be held at the British Legion Club next April. Tickets will be issued as soon as all the prizes have been confirmed.

## MASONS RAISE £500 FOR HEROES

A Social Night at the Masonic Hall, Ferryhill held by the Freemasons of Aycliffe Lodge raised £500 for the "Help the Heroes 3rd Rifles"

The event, organised by Past Master Robbie Davison, was enjoyed by all with good food and great entertainment provided by Tony Washington the well known Vocalist and Bobby Thompson impersonator.

## Thank You

**A BIG** thank you to John of Creative Tiling at Sedgefield; J&K Decorators of Aycliffe and Ian Hannaran (Plumber). A job well done. Mandy, Swan Walk

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**JOHNSON** Jenny would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all cards and messages of condolence, also donations to the Macmillan Nurses, also thanks to Lynn (Community Matron), Rachael (the Macmillan Nurse), Coronary Care at Darlington Memorial Hospital, Rev. Emma Morgan for the lovely Service and to all who attended Bob's Funeral. Barbara and family, Mark and Susan, Neville Parade Pharmacist and last but not least Matthew of Gibsons Funeral Services for his help and guidance.

**STEPHEN** and Kirsty would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to Flynn's 1st birthday party and for the presents received.

# MP to Visit Youthy Sale

Our M.P. Phil Wilson has donated a beautiful Westminster Crystal Rose Bowl for the raffle to be held at the Youthy Table Top Sale on Saturday 6th November 10am till 3pm.

Come along and find bargains at this special event where nearly 30 tables have been booked and the only cost is a donation to Youthy funds. While there enjoy hot home-made broth with dumplings, chip butties and cheese toasts tea, coffee etc. provided by former Mayor Maud Gray and friends.

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Phil Wilson and his partner Margaret are calling in so take this opportunity to meet your MP. If you wish to donate a prize or items for the Youthy table ring 307522 or 321105. There are TWO tables left - so ring now!

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## Birthday Remembrance

**JEAN COOK** 1st November. Thinking of you on your 60th birthday. In our hearts forever and always. Love, Don, Steven, Kathryn, Richard, Dean, Colette, Chris, Laura and Ella xxx

**JEAN COOK** 1st November. Thinking of you on this special day. A very dear friend. Love, Pat, John and family

**JEAN COOK** (nee Lowery). Deep loving birthday wishes to a beautiful, caring Daughter-in-Law of Margaret; Sister-in-Law to Maurice and Susan, Raymond, Alison and Family, Lynn, Phil and Family. You are continually in our hearts and thoughts Jean. Greatly loved and missed by all. God bless you xxxx

**IRIS MASON** 21-10-35. For our much loved Mam, Nanna and Great Grandma on her 75th birthday. Not with us to celebrate but forever in our hearts. From all her Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxx

**IRIS MASON** Remembering a loving Sister on her 75th birthday. God bless. George, Freda, Rita and Emily xxxx

**THOMAS INNES** Birthday memories of the little boy we never got to meet. Born asleep on 27th October 2009. We will never forget you, love from Great Nana Brenda, Great Aunt Linda and Great Uncle Robbie

# Congratulations

**Dennis and Irene Gartland**



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Loads of love, Mam and Darren xxxx

**29-10-1960 to 29-10-10**  
*Golden Wedding Anniversary*

To a wonderful Mam and Dad, Nanna and Grandad, Great Nana and Grandad. Hope you have a lovely day and enjoy your night out. Lots of love from all the family xxxx

**Lauren Moran**



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Loads of love, Mam and Darren xxxx



**Brian and Agnes Lynas**

**Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary Mar and Dad**  
Love from Steve and Karen xxxxx



**Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary Grandma and Grandad**  
Luv, Alisha and Aliziana xxxx

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## In Memoriam

**JANET JACKSON** You left us suddenly on 29th October 2009. But will always remain in our hearts. Your loving family

**ANTONY HAMMELL** Died 27th October 2008, age 34 years. It's so hard that you are really gone and to know that we will no longer see your smiling face or hear the sound of your laughter. You left so many memories which will never fade away. You will always live deep inside our hearts. We are thankful that God graced us with someone as special as you. It is so hard to believe your life on earth is through. Lots of love Uncle Antony, miss you loads. Brother Michael, Sister-in-Law Sharon, Nephew Jake, Nieces Gemma and Jodi (Verse written by Jodi, 11 years). Hugs and Kisses from Baby Evie

## West - Ferguson Roxy and Eddie



**Happy Birthday**  
to our special little monster. Lots of love and big kisses and cuddles, Mammy and Daddy xxxx

**To my very special little Bro "Flynbo".** Happy 1st birthday. Love and kisses always, your big Sis Libbie xxxx

**To our special Grandson** on his 1st birthday. Love and kisses, Gran and Grandad xxxx

**To our very special Great Grandson** who is ONE on 30-10-10. Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love and kisses, Great Grandma Mary and Great Grandad Bill

**ANTONY HAMMELL.** In loving memory of Antony who died on 27th October 2008 aged 34 years. Our hearts still ache in sadness, our silent tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you Son, no one will ever know. Although you can't be here with us, we are truly not apart, until our final breath my Son, you'll be living in our hearts. Never to be forgotten, Mam, Dad, Brothers Philip and Andrew, Siser-in-Law Catherine

**BRIAN WILSON** 29/10/10. Dad, 4 years today you went away with each and every passing day, we miss you more than words can say. All our love forever Sharon, Michael, Gemma, Jake, Jodi. Hug's and kisses from Baby Evie. X

**RICHARDSON, Ada Maria.** 1st November 2005. The memories never fade, the love for you will never die. Your loving Husband "Brian"

**RICHARDSON, Ada Maria.** Mam. 1st November 2005. You are in our thoughts every day. Miss you so much. Your loving Daughter Val and Son-in-Law Mark

**FLOWER, Stacey-Leigh** 1-11-89. Happy birthday Sweetheart. I love you loads, Tom xxx

**FLOWER, Stacey-Leigh,** 1-11-89. Happy 21st, love and best wishes from Mam, Dad and the entire family

**RUSSELL, Matthew** Luke. Happy 10th birthday. Have a great time. Love from Nana Ann and Grandad Neil xxx

**Agnes and Brian Lynas**



**Congratulations**  
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5th November. All our love, Rhoda, Kaye and Chuck xxxx

**Laurie Catherall**



**Happy 18th Birthday Princess**  
27th October  
Hope you had a good day on Wednesday and great "legal" session on Saturday with the girls!  
Love always, Dad xxxx

**Mia Wilson**



**Well Done**  
for coming 1st at Blackpool. Mammy is so proud of you! Lots of love from all your family xxxxx

**Rebecca Sim**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Love from Mam and Dad

**West - Ferguson Roxy and Eddie**



**Congratulations**  
on your Wedding, 25-09-10 at Mains Castle, Dundee. All our love for a long and happy future. Mam, Dad, Yasmin, Solos, Josh, Tegan, Keera and Gran xxx

**Fireman Harrison**



**Happy 3rd Birthday**  
to our little Fireman Harrison! Hope you have a fab time at your party. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Emilie, Grandma and all the family xxxxx

**HAPPY 50th Anniversary** Great Nana and Grandad Gartland. Lots of love, Isaac xxx

**LIBBIE ANDERSON** Congratulations on qualifying to dance in the Nationwide Freestyle Competition in your Freestyle Pairs with Abbie. You both danced fab and we are so proud of you both. Lots of love, Mammy and Stephen

**ANDERSON** Congratulations Claire and Neil on your 10th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes from Mam, Dad and Family xxxx

**BLACK** Congratulations Luke on your 21st birthday, 31st October. Enjoy your special day. Love from Grandma, Granda and Nana xxx

**LUKE** Congratulations on your 21st birthday Son. Lots of love, Mam and Jayden xxx

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# CRACKING TWO DAYS FOR AYCLIFFE!

Aycliffe's season went from good to fantastic in the space of two days last week. Allan Oliver's side dumped Northern League Division One leaders Consett out of the County Challenge Cup on penalties after drawing the game 1-1 at Moore Lane Park last Wednesday night.

Aycliffe were weakened by a couple of absentees, while Consett were at full strength, including Newtonians Kieran Megrán and Barry Poskett. But then two days later, Aycliffe hammered local rivals Darlington RA 5-0 in their own

**FIXTURES**  
 Saturday 30th October: Team Northumbria (H), 3pm  
 Tuesday 2nd November: Durham City (A), DCC R2, 7.30pm  
 Saturday 6th November: Brandon United (A), 3pm  
 Saturday 13th November: Seaham Red Star (H), 3pm  
 Tuesday 16th November: Whitley Bay (A), League Cup R1, 7.30pm  
 Saturday 20th November: Chester-Le-Street (A), 3pm  
 Saturday 27th November: Gillford Park (A), 3pm  
 Wednesday 1st December: Crook Town (H), Div 2 Cup R1, 7.30pm  
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back yard, with goals by Paul Broom, Elliot Gardner, Sean Tarling, Craig Mickle and Josh Knox. Around 150 Aycliffe fans made the short trip to Brinkburn Road, swelling RA's crowd to 335,

tripling their previous biggest crowd this season. The visitors had plenty to smile about as Aycliffe toyed with the home side, who were seventh in the table going into the game, going two goals up before half-time. Broom got the first after 19 minutes, rounding 'keeper Phil Pentony to score from an acute angle, before striker Gardner grabbed his fifth goal of the season after 36 minutes. Tarling made it three just 10 minutes after the re-start, finishing well from a clever overhead pass by Gardner, and man-of-the-match Mickle got the fourth seven minutes later. Substitute Knox completed the scoring after 73 minutes, mopping up a loose ball after Pentony failed to hold Mickle's

shot. The win stretched Aycliffe's current unbeaten run to a record-breaking eight games in all competitions and maintained their one-point lead at the top of the Northern League second division, although Guisborough have two games in hand. **TEAM:** Pocklington, Fairhurst, Davies, Tarling, Beckett, Peck, Broom (McMullen, 69), Tinkler (Knox, 65), Gardner, Mickle, Woodhouse (Owen, 69). Unused: Petch, Campbell. Aycliffe were drawn away to Evo-Stick First Division North outfit Durham City at New Ferens Park as reward for knocking Consett out of the competition last week, with the game scheduled to be played on Tuesday (2nd November), 7.30pm kick-off. Two other cup dates have also been confirmed - Aycliffe will go to Whitley Bay in the first round of the Brooks Mileson League Cup on Tuesday 16th November (7.30pm) and will entertain neighbours Crook Town in the first round of the Ernest Armstrong Div 2 Cup on Wednesday 1st December (7.30pm).

# TOWN'S SWIMMERS TAKE 17 GOLD MEDALS



## Peter's MBE

Super fundraiser and organiser Peter Beaty received his MBE this week at Buckingham Palace and wishes to thank those who nominated him and all who sent letters of congratulations. "I share the award with my family and all who have given voluntary service with me over 65 years. To visit the Palace was an inspiration to me and my family and is something we will never forget" said Peter. Peter is still actively involved at Neville Parade Community Centre and appeals to others to give time to voluntary work. "Please get involved with an organisation to benefit others - you will not regret it" he said. Ring Peter on 313924 and he will find you a useful job.

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club took 22 swimmers to compete last weekend at the Darlington Dander Meet. This meet allowed swimmers of all ages and abilities to compete alongside each other. Four of the swimmers, Hannah Featherstone 12, Alex Attle 14, Matthew Bradley 12 and Philip Walker 20, won every event they entered coming away with 17 gold medals between them. Other gold medal winners were Hayley Bradley, Robert Salmon and Emma Hodgson. For three swimmers, Liam Welsh, Alyssa Craggs and Samantha Osbiston, it was their first taste of swimming in a competition and representing the club and Liam was lucky enough to come away with a medal for finishing in 6th place in the 50m Freestyle. All of the other swimmers had a fantastic day, and as a club they came away with 49 personal best times out of their 61 swims. Matthew Bradley has this weekend come away from the Borough of Stockton Open meet which was held in the 50m pool at Leeds with 4 gold medals. Matthew finished first in all his events, 100m and 200m Backstroke and 100m and 200m Breaststroke. Any young people who would like to improve their swimming or enter competitions are welcome to come along to the club any Monday, 6pm at the Leisure Centre.

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## AYCLIFFE RUNNERS IN HELL HOLE 10K



Three brave runners from Aycliffe Running Club entered the Hell Hole 10k which was held on 10th October. The Hell Hole 10k organised by Derwentside AC replaced the Derwentside 10 mile due to increasing traffic management costs. The multi terrain race gave Craig Robinson an opportunity to explore this kind of race for the first time and gain a time of 55:59. Starting on Tanfield School's playing field the course runners were able to take in the scenic route along the C2C cycle track to Beamish then wind their way through Beamish Hell Hole wood and back onto the cycle track where they enjoyed a lovely view across the Causey Valley. Other results included Robert Young 00:53:07 and Gary Minns 00:56:27. Trish Kay went to Richmond on Sunday 17th October for the Richmond Castle 10K. Having only done this race once before and hated it she knew what to expect. The weather was good and even though the hills were as bad as she remembered them she quite enjoyed it. At the finish she got a nice Hilly running cap, a spot prize of a pair of Hilly socks and a respectable time of 52:17.

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