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POPPY VETERAN VISITS AYCLIFFE ON 125-MILE WHEELCHAIR TREK



Veteran Paul McClintock reached Newton Aycliffe, the 100-mile mark, in his gruelling Tweed2Tees 125 mile trek in a wheelchair.

Battling against driving rain and in constant pain from the spinal injury the 36-year-old arrived in Newton Aycliffe last Friday more determined than ever to reach the finish line at Croft-on-Tees. Paul, who is in constant pain from the degenerative condition sparked from the injury he sustained while in training with the Royal Green Jackets, is completing the 125-mile journey in his wheelchair, helped by David Bell the Royal British Legion North East's secretary and former Army Physical Training Corps instructor. Now a volunteer case worker with the Legion, Paul decided to take on the Tweed2Tees challenge to show his appreciation for the help he received from the Legion after leaving the Armed Forces. Paul is launching the Royal British Legion's 2010 Poppy Appeal with ceremonies in each town and city he passes through, with the help of veterans, air,



army and sea cadets, Royal British Legion volunteers, pipers and Legion bikers as well as hundreds of well wishers and supporters along the way. At each launch the Mayor buys the first poppy from Paul, before passing it on to a local personality or someone who has overcome adversity - symbolising those the Legion helps every day. They then return the poppy to Paul to be added to a special Tweed 2 Tees wreath which will be laid at the National Arboretum. Mayor Dorothy Bowman, bought the first poppy in Newton Aycliffe before presenting this to our MP Phil Wilson to be returned to Paul for the Tweed 2 Tees Wreath. Paul said: "I am finding it very difficult as the cold and wet and uneven roads makes my back

very painful. The great show of support from everyone getting behind us like PC Rathband and Jason, all those involved in each event and people along the way cheering and clapping us on motivates us and makes us keep on going. All money raised on the Tweed2Tees challenge will go towards the Poppy Appeal, supporting the Legion's work in the North East, without which Paul says he would have ended up living on the streets. He said: "The reason I'm doing all of this is to give something back to the Legion. They have helped me from day one when I came out of the Army, I didn't know they could help as much as they have done. They bought my wheelchair, helped with adaptations so I could live in my home - they even liaised with my landlord to keep a roof over my head that I could afford." Anyone who is serving or has served in the Regular or Reserves Armed Forces, including the Territorial Army (TA), their families and ex-partners, is eligible for support from the organisation. That's around 10 million people in the UK or one in six of the population. The Royal British Legion's manager for the North East, Andrew Drake, is hoping the Tweed2Tees Poppy Trek will capture people's imagination and persuade them to dig deep to help continue the organisation's vital work.

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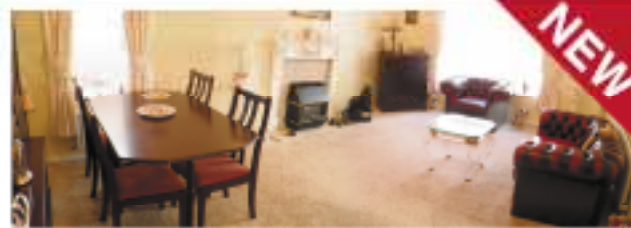
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Congratulations Peter



Peter Beaty received his MBE at Buckingham Palace last week and is shown here proudly displaying his award. Prince Charles presented the award with all the pomp and ceremony connected to the occasion.

Peter said: "It was a fantastic day for my family and I and something we will never forget. The opulent surroundings took our breath away. Prince Charles took time to talk to everyone and when I said I had been a volunteer for 60 years he replied "Thank God for volunteers like you".

Remembrance Day Information

Sunday, 14th November 2010 Newton Aycliffe
The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40am and proceed via Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.
The Parade will halt outside the Church and the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded, followed by the silence at 11.00am. Wreaths will be laid followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church.
At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Commander Ed McNaught, RD RNR. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

TOWN CENTRE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A short Service of Remembrance will be held in the Town Centre on Thursday, 11th November 2010. Would all persons wishing to join in the Service of Remembrance on the 11th please meet outside of Barclays Bank in Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe at 10.45am.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 14th November 2010 commencing at 3.00pm. During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

POPPY CROSSES

Poppy Crosses can be obtained from the office of St. Clare's Church and the Royal British Legion for displaying in the Remembrance Garden adjacent to the war memorial outside of St. Clare's Church.

LETTER to the EDITOR

BOATS TO BE SOLD

Dear Sir,
Despite many requests to reintroduce boating on West Lake during the summer months, the Town Council has refused and the boats will be sold and the boathouse used for storage.

I have done all I can so it is up to other taxpayers and residents of West Ward to contact their Councillors to ask for the return of this amenity.

The Labour controlled Council have taken away electric kiddy cars, the putting green, toilets and shop at Simpature Park and the boating.
If they can't afford to run these services why not ask the private sector to take over?
Maud Gray

GREENFIELD STUDENTS IN REGIONAL COOKING CONTEST



Harry and Abi with their teacher Miss Curran

Celebrity chef James Martin has announced the finalists for the Red Tractor beef and lamb Mmmake it with Mince Challenge 2010. Hundreds of entrants from across the country were whittled down to compete in six regional heats at the beginning of December for the chance to

become the Mmmake it with Mince Challenge Champion 2010.

Two of the lucky hopefuls to make it through were Abigail Barker, 12 and Harry Heaton, 12, both students at Greenfield Community Arts College. Both wowed James and the judges with their delicious dishes 'Burgerlicious' and 'Beat Box Burritos'. This year, it was noted that the beef and lamb mince recipes entered were of an exceptionally high standard; James Martin commented, "The shortlisted entries are really strong and I'm convinced we've found more than a few culinary stars. I can't wait for the cook-offs in December where the kids cook up their recipes for us to try."

The FREE to enter Challenge led by James Martin is in its fifth year and was launched by EBLEX to engage, educate and inspire students to get hands on cooking experience and appreciate the importance of good nutrition, quality ingredients and understanding where your food comes from.

TOWN AIR CADETS REMEMBER OPERATION MARKET GARDEN



Cadets and staff from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Sqn, Air Training Corps, have attended the 64th Airborne March and battlefield tour around Arnhem, Netherlands. This year is the fifth successive year that the squadron has attended the event, following invitations from the Parachute Regiment Association in Aldershot. During the march, Flying Officer Andy Bulmer laid a wreath at the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Oosterbeek, in memory of all of those who lost their life throughout the battle in 1944.

The cadets completed the march and were presented with commemorative medals by Major T. Trown of the PRA. The Dutch people have honoured the Airborne March continuously since 1946 and the squadron is proud to have participated in the largest one day march in the world.

If you are between the ages of 13 - 18 and would like more information on how to join the Air Training Corps, come along and see us on either Monday or Thursday evenings between 18.45 - 21.30. Barnard Armoury, Greenwell Rd, Newton Aycliffe - 318603

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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2010

Please Note:

In order that the **Annual Remembrance Day Parade** can take place the following roads will be closed for the short period when the Parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way & St. Cuthbert's Way.

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.15pm for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

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Lots of bargains and good wholesome food will be on sale throughout the event. Nail art at a cost of 50 pence per child, and £1 per adult is also available.

Fabulous raffle prizes for which tickets will be on sale at the event. All monies raised will provide resources for young people using the centre.

Our MP, Phil Wilson and his partner Margaret will be mingling and available to chat if you so wish. There will also be a Tombola with some wonderful prizes on offer, most of which have been donated by local tradespeople.

All sellers must be registered and have a designated table number which will be written on the envelope provided for the donation required for each table. Sellers can set up from 9.00am but please do not arrive unless you have a table booked. For confirmation or queries please ring 01325 321105. Please come along and enjoy this community event.

Village School Literacy Week

Reported by Eve Whitaker



Last week Aycliffe Village Primary School had a literacy week. Throughout the week authors, an illustrator and some librarians came into explain their jobs and do workshops with the children.

On Monday an author, who also illustrated his books, visited the school. His name was Simon Murray. Simon showed the children how he would draw one of the characters in his books, Icky Doo Dah. The children were given the chance to draw Icky Doo Dah by following Simon's steps.

The librarians from Newton

Aycliffe library came in on Tuesday. They explained their job to the children and talked about the different clubs that you could join at the library. A quiz about history was completed to finish off their visit.

Poetry day was held on the Wednesday of that week. The pupils wrote poems throughout the day and hoped that their poem would be picked to be read out in the assembly at the end of the day. Class 4 wrote conversation poems, Class 3 wrote poems about Icky Doo Dah (a book by Simon Murray an author who visited earlier

in the week) while the other classes wrote class poems.

Another author named Peter Hayden visited to tell the children about his job as an author. He read out some stories in the assembly at the beginning of the day and came around each class to do a workshop with them. He asked the children in Class 4 to write about their passions.

Peter read out some more stories in another assembly that would finish his visit.

Friday was character day when all of the pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary School came dressed as their favourite characters, including the teachers who had dressed up as witches and wizards.

All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the week and hope that there will be another week just as good and even better again.

THANKS FROM NEW COUNCILLOR

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank the residents of the West Ward who elected me as their representative on Great Aycliffe Town Council. As promised, I will put forward your views to the best of my ability. With your vote, the Labour group of GATC councillors can continue their excellent record of providing practical solutions to the many economic challenges currently facing town councils.

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Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington will hold its Open Evenings for entry September 2011 on Wednesday 10th November and Tuesday 16th November. The College will be open from 6.00pm until 9.00pm and prospective students and their parents are invited to look around, meet staff and students, find out about the courses available and what it is like to study at QE. The Principal, Tim Fisher will talk about the College at 6.00pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm in the Hall.

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Photo: Principal, Tim Fisher with members of the Student Association.
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Euro Day of Languages



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Younger children looked at flags from some of the countries and produced art work based on them. Older children took part in quizzes and completed their own "Passport to Europe", involving them in locating the member states, looking at famous landmarks and matching currencies to countries.

All children also took part in a European Dance Day, which was the highlight of the activities. Younger children learned a traditional clog dance from Holland, while older children attempted the Flamenco from Spain. This was a most enjoyable and successful day. The activities were partly funded through a grant from Europe Direct North East.

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Steve Bhowmick, environment and design manager said: "This now well-established Tree Council event is always popular and I would urge anyone interested, whether they be parish councillors,

schools or community groups, to apply quickly as there are limited funds available.

"It's great to see just how many groups want to improve their local area with more trees.

"Trees can make such a difference and quite literally breathe new life in to a community, so we are really pleased to be part of the scheme again this year."

Anyone wanting to apply for a grant or learn more about Tree Week should contact Chris Smith in the landscape and ecology team

on 0191 3834076 or email chris.smith-ENV@durham.gov.uk

Early application is recommended as grants are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Completed application forms should arrive no later than Friday November 12, 2010.

Groups are advised that, once approved, the work should be carried out by themselves first and then costs can be reclaimed from the County Council, so a careful record of spending on the project is essential.

Brilliant Show by Aycliffe Musical Theatre Group

Aycliffe Musical Theatre gave a superb show last weekend in St. Clare's Hall. Their Old Time Music Hall was a wonderful variety of singing, tap dancing, sketches, monologues and comedy which had the audience spellbound.

Comedian and World Champion Spoon Player Bert Draycott, at an unbelievable age of 80, had everyone in stitches as he recalled life in pit villages 60 years ago.

The group have some notable new soloists and they enthralled the audience with many old favourites, encouraging everyone to sing along in the chorus.

The programme was well produced, choreographed and smoothly performed. I would suggest it is good enough to go on tour to reach a wider audience and remind us all of the way people were entertained in the last century.

The impact of this show on the audience, young and old, showed how important Music Hall was to our ancestors and how much enjoyment it brought.

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property no controlled drugs were recovered on this occasion, however valuable information has been acquired as a result of the operation.

The occupier of the address has been offered and agreed to accept support from Sedgfield Borough Homes in respect of housing matters.

"I hope that our response here demonstrates that we do listen to members of the community when reporting matters of concern to us and take appropriate action. Whilst no controlled drugs were recovered in this instance this operation put together and co-ordinated by PC Matt Stasiak highlights our positive stance against drug dealing in the town and I encourage residents of our neighbourhoods to report such activity to the Policing teams here at Newton Aycliffe or via Crimestoppers."

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M.P. VISITS AGNEW KIDS CLUB

On 30th October the children of Elevate Kids Club were visited by our MP Phil Wilson. Elevate is a Saturday morning kids club for children aged 5 – 12 years old.

Phil Wilson was impressed with the facilities the children enjoy at the centre and chatted to them as they took part in the varied activities available.

The children said how much they enjoyed spending their Saturday mornings at the club. They can play football, pool, video games, dance mats, skipping or they can make things in the craft area.

James Ross (Elevate Leader) said that the club promotes positive values and behaviour. In recent months the children have had talks on, 'Looking after the environment,' and 'Healthy eating.'

A team of volunteers from XCEL Church run the club in partnership with the Agnew Community Centre. If you would like more information you can contact James on 07966 266642 or just turn up at 10.30 Saturday morning at the Agnew Community Centre.



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The North East Regional Winner in the Large Builder Category was Barrie Dobson receiving the award for his Miller Homes North East development at Cobblers Hall.

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Call Time on a Foul Habit

Residents in County Durham are being urged to report irresponsible dog owners who continue to allow their pets to foul in public places and then just leave it. The call comes at the end of a month long clampdown carried out at dog mess hotspots across the county.

The campaign reminded residents to 'bag and bin' their pet's mess in any litter or dog waste bin because 'there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy'.

PCP FREE PRIZE DRAW WINNER

The Pioneering Care Partnership was out and about during the summer months with their mobile display and publicity leaflets attending various shows and exhibitions throughout the area.

As well as raising the profile of the newly extended Centre it was an ideal opportunity to draw visitors' attention to the many therapy treatments and courses available there.

People were invited to take part in a free prize draw for a voucher for either a hydrotherapy session for two people or a therapy for one person. The Pioneering Care Partnership is therefore pleased to announce that the winner of the draw is Sarah Pedder of Spennymoor and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated.



and was run in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy.

Ian Hoults, Streetscene Manager (North) said: "Throughout the campaign we have increased patrols and enforcement in 14 places notorious for dog fouling across the county. That's one in each of the council's Area Action Partnership zones. During the campaign more than 650 hours of increased patrols have been carried out by our wardens. Officers have discovered that nearly all dog owners do the right thing and pick up after their pets, however, sadly, there remains a minority who do not.

"We can't be everywhere, all the time, hence we are asking the public to be our eyes and ears and report people who leave their dog's mess, so that we can take action."

Cabinet member for Streetscene, Cllr Brian Stephens, said: "We want residents' help to find out who consistently leaves our play areas, pavements and village greens littered with dog mess, by not picking up after their pet.

"If you help us we will return the favour by doing all we can help to stamp this foul habit out. I would also like to thank the 634 responsible dog owners

who have pledged to do the right thing during our campaign and very much hope they will continue their good work."

During the council's campaign, seven fixed penalty notices were issued to people not picking up after their pets, but more than 98 per cent of owners did pick up and dispose of their pet's mess correctly.

Anyone who fails to clean up after their dog can be issued with a £80 fixed penalty notice. If they fail to pay or if they regularly allow their dog to foul, they could be taken to court where they could be fined up to £1,000.

Members of the public are urged to report details of those who don't clean up after their dog to Durham County Council on 0300 123 7070 or at www.durham.gov.uk/dogpoo. They are asked to provide details of the dog owner and where and when they walk their dog. Increased patrols took place at hotspots including Moore Lane in Newton Aycliffe.

Photo: Durham County Council neighbourhood wardens Jason Collins and Chris Brown with dog walker Angela Calvert, who was among those who pledged their commitment to clearing up after their pets.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Unbelievable Turn-out

Dear Sir,
What astonished me about last week's West Ward election was not that the Independents were defeated (for they have proved totally ineffectual on the Council), nor even that the Lib-Dems were beaten into a poor third place (for they have betrayed the electors at national level) ... but that the turn-out was reported as only 20%. In many ways, West Ward has been a flagship of New Labour. Labelled as one of the most deprived areas in the country, it was given millions of pounds-worth of investment - over and above the millions of pounds of job-seekers' and housing benefits, family tax credits and other state benefits many of the people in the Ward received. A new government has just come to power which is not

just slashing those benefits, but is actively promoting a policy which desires to overturn the principle of 'support-as-of-right' altogether.

So, as I say, I was astonished - not so much that the electorate did not turn out to support Labour (for it is their right to vote for whomever they want), but that - with so much at stake - only one in five of the electorate could be bothered to turn out AT ALL.

One feels like crying out, like Horace Greeley when he saw the Plains Indians: "These people must die out - there is no help for them". Because if all that New Labour investment was meant to energise this disadvantaged community, it has clearly failed.

Astonished
Name & address supplied

Tom Thanks Voters

Dear Sir
May I thank everyone who came out to vote for me last Thursday at the By Election, and those who returned their postal voting forms - thank you all very much.

I only wish more people had turned out and supported me as your Independent candidate for West Ward. I would have loved to have served you in the coming years as I did 3 years ago. I think you need to live amongst the people and know the problems of the ward, as I do, to get the best for the area you represent, and also to speak up at the meetings.

May I inform you of my complaint against the second leaflet the Labour candidate delivered? It said nothing about

what the candidate would do for us in the ward, or that she would speak up and support us at meetings.

It was all about what the Labour group members on the Town Council have done throughout the town already - nothing about the West Ward! As people are aware, the Council has Independents too, who have worked hard to represent their wards, and the people who put them there, but are not given the chance to have their say as the Labour Party sticks together to outvote them.

The leaflet tells you what the Labour Party has done, but not what it has taken away from the West Ward which the By Election was all about.

I list below just a few of the facilities taken away from Simpstone Park:

Park Attendants,
Putting Green,
Electric Cars,
Public Toilets.

There are a large number of people who live in Aycliffe and public toilets are a necessity. The toilets were left unattended, abandoned, and left to deteriorate so that now they have to be pulled down with no mention of them being replaced.

The boats too must go, but didn't the taxpayer buy the boats for them to be used on the lake? I see no mention of asking the public what they think about selling them off.

Can the new Labour Councillor honestly say she will speak up for the people of West Ward and not just do as she is told by the Labour Party? Her actions in the Council chamber will answer that question.

A Tomlin

Sale at The Cubby

A Sale of Work will be held at The Cubby on Tuesday 23rd November from 9am till 12 noon. There will be a Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, and refreshments. Any contributions gratefully received.

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Joanne Waller, Head of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection says, "Three years ago statistics showed that of more than 43,000 reported fires started by accidents in homes, over 19 per cent were caused by electrical faults and a further 25 per cent were caused by people not using electrical equipment and appliances properly.

"Older people may be particularly at risk if they have held on to appliances for a number of years and may not have had the

means or the opportunity to have their appliances tested for safety. Old and damaged electric blankets, for example are a major cause of fires in the home."

The venue local to Aycliffe is Thursday 25th November from 10am to 12 noon at Shildon Methodist Church, Main Street, Shildon.

A qualified electrician will be on hand to test domestic electrical equipment such as electric blankets, kettles, irons and Christmas lights on behalf of elderly residents.

If people are unable to attend on the day please contact the Economic Wellbeing Safety Team on 0191 383 4250 and we will try to make other arrangements.

SBH Fulfilling Demand for Houses

RESPONSE TO LOCAL CONCERNS OVER REBUILD

Dear Sir,

Prior to transfer, sbh made a key promise to tenants that we would work in partnership to develop new affordable homes for local people. Gaining planning permission to build homes in Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor will not only help us to ease demand on our waiting lists, but to also meet the requirements of our regulator, the Tenant Services Authority and Durham County Council.

Consultation with local residents is an important part of our future plans and we are delighted that your reader was satisfied with the special arrangements for you to visit the consultants representing sbh.

The reason for the sites in Newton Aycliffe being chosen for building affordable homes is that they are either parcels of land which formerly had homes on them (demolished by the previous Council) or they are garage sites where there is low demand. As a guide to housing demand, there are 2,654 current applications for housing in Newton Aycliffe, 859 (32%) of those applicants are requesting housing within the Balford Road area.

We are aware that there are many green areas in the Agnew area which could accommodate more residential properties but these are almost certainly designated public open space and are owned by the County Council, not sbh. We recognise that the loss of these areas would be detrimental to the public realm and general leisure activities of local residents and want to make it clear that sbh has no intention of seeking to buy these areas and build on them.

Regarding the statement that "at the Balford Road site they (sbh) forgot to mention that 50% of the garage area will not be built on and they are looking at selling this land off to nearby owners of property". When the architects first drafted plans it became apparent that the proposed layout of the new houses would leave an inaccessible piece of land behind the new houses.

To resolve the issue we consulted with local residents,

the club owners/leaseholders and the Church Minister about how best to use the land. The result of the consultation is to make the land, which only has footpath access, available as two allotments. This will give local people and their families the opportunity of growing their own fruit and vegetables.

We also consulted with garage owners and tenants to establish off-the-road parking needs, including driveways to sbh homes in the area. We assure residents that if our plans are approved; parking provision for the new homes will be made within the site at a level required by the County Council planning rules. For existing sbh tenants, we would aim to address the existing highway parking issues by creating parking in their front gardens (subject to gaining planning permission of course). sbh will endeavour to accommodate any displaced garage tenants in another sbh garage site where we have vacancies.

All of the new houses we are proposing to build will be let under the local 'bidding system' called Durham Key Options.

This system allows both local people, and people from outside of the immediate area, that meet the eligibility criteria to bid for a sbh home.

Applicants from outside the area must demonstrate that they qualify for affordable housing and have a local connection such as family or employment in the area, before they are considered. In all probability local families currently living in overcrowded homes or young couples starting out but unable to buy their own home will receive these homes.

In response to your concerns that the newly built homes will be bought by the new tenants through the Government's 'Right to Buy' scheme at a 60% discount, this will not be possible. Although all new tenants of sbh have a 'Right to Acquire', this means that they can only receive a capped discount of £9,000. Perhaps more importantly, tenants will not be able to buy these particular homes for less than the cost of building them.

If a current tenant who transferred from a former council wishes to buy it after

Out of Town Services

Dear Sir,

It is nice to see the work on the redevelopment of the town centre making progress, however what would be nicer would be to see the town centre returned to something like it used to be.

Do we need Aldi next to Tesco? Surely we could create an out of town shopping centre on the vast amount of space we have available on the trading estate where we could combine a Cinema, 10 pin bowling, retail outlets and other stores similar to Teesside Park. We could even provide public transport to and from the residential area of the town. Why do we try to cram everything into such a small area?

J. M. Gowland



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LETTER to the EDITOR

Lib Dems Focus on Brown Wheelie Bins

Service restricted to parts of town

Dear Residents,
 The Lib Dems Focus responses in both Woodham, as well as West Ward, highlights concerns of residents.

Many residents have brown bins - collected fortnightly - and used to dispose of garden rubbish and vegetation, such as leaves; especially useful at this time of the year.

A number of residents do not have these brown bins and in some instances it seems to have been pot-luck whether or not you were provided with one. Those provided with the brown bins were in many instances amazed to find out that not every household had them and you have asked us to find out why?

We asked Durham County Council. Question: If they are introducing brown bins to all areas of Newton Aycliffe? They said there are no plans to provide other areas with brown bins.

We tried to find out the rationale behind providing only part of the town and they said there was never any intention of giving these to every household. Cost was one consideration.

There was some suggestion that the brown bins were in storage somewhere with an option to issue these to all parts of the town.

Several of you suggested that it would be a good idea if the collection of the brown bins was postponed until late November, as residents

often had piles of leaves that needed clearing away, just at a time when the schedule of collection is discontinued. We have put this suggestion to Customer Services at Durham County Council. Remember, we are here to listen to you, through the Focus, and to act on your behalf. ACTION not words,

Janine Mawson,
 Lib Dem Focus Team.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Last week 3 volunteers planted 400 Crocus bulbs outside the Centre thanks to the County Council's scheme. Thanks also to Norman Hardy and Michael Robson for their assistance and we look forward to springtime to see the fruits of our labour.

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Residents at Defoe Court entered the Southern Cross Healthcare Annual Scarecrow Competition last week! They decided on a Simon Cowell and Cheryl Cole theme! Even though they didn't have the 'X Factor' and didn't win the competition the residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are already looking forward to coming up with ideas for next year's competition!

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SBH Meets Standard

Sedgefield Borough Homes (sbh) is delighted to have received from its regulator, the Tenant Services Authority (TSA), confirmation that it meets the high Governance and Financial Viability Standards expected of a new social housing provider. In giving the positive Regulatory Judgement, the TSA reported, "In the 19 months since transfer sbh has successfully established itself as an independent housing provider. It has achieved the Decent Homes Standard for the vast majority of its homes and has completed a major review of its customer access arrangements. It has embraced the co-regulatory agenda and adopted the National Housing Federation's code of governance. Its key challenges now centre on delivering its promises to tenants, controlling

costs, implementing new executive team responsibilities and managing changes to board membership." This encouraging Regulatory Judgement brings sbh new freedoms and opportunities for growth, but the housing provider is not resting on its laurels. Colin Steel, Chief Executive of sbh says in response to the news, "This is a fantastic outcome for sbh, not only have we achieved the quickest transfer of housing stock from a local authority, but to also achieve this positive judgement from the TSA within 19 months of transfer is exceptional. We now look forward to developing our Business Plan, providing high quality, customer focussed services and delivering the promises made to our tenants pre transfer."

FANS SNAP-UP £5 DARLO TICKETS



These three football fans are looking forward to their first Darlington game next week after snapping up bargain match tickets for the Northern Echo Arena. Darlington have slashed their prices for next Tuesday night's game against Tamworth, with all tickets reduced to just £5. The Quakers are trying to tempt stay-away fans to return to the Arena with the cut-price offer. And 19-year-old Callum Crooks was the first to snap up three tickets for the game, for his brother Connor, 13, and his grandfather, for what will be their first visit to the Arena. "We're just local football fans but it's too good an opportunity to turn down," said student Callum, from Bishop

Auckland. "We like to watch all games of football and I've been to a few Boro and Sunderland games with my grandad, we just like to watch football. "But it'll be Connor's first live match so we're all looking forward to it." Retired chemical plant worker Les, 65, also from Bishop Auckland, used to go to games at Feethams but has never been to an Arena match. "It's a beautiful stadium," he said. "We've had a little tour and it's fantastic, very impressive. We're all looking forward to the game. "It's a great offer by the club. Hopefully more people like us will take the offer up and we'll see a good crowd for the game." Darlington chairman Raj Singh is trying to encourage old and potentially new supporters to the Arena as the Quakers look to boost their home attendances. "Dropping the Tamworth tickets to £5 is a bold statement," he said. "It would be fantastic to see a big crowd at the Arena, generating an atmosphere and really getting behind the team." The £5 match ticket offer is more than 70% less than the normal £18 match ticket for games at the Arena. The Quakers are also trying to encourage families back to the Arena for the Crawley Town game next Saturday (November 13) with a special one-off family ticket price of just £25 (two adults and two children) to coincide with a family day, in partnership with the Supporters Club, which will include children's competitions, a fancy dress parade and a fun ride. The £5 Tamworth ticket applies to all supporters with no concessions, and are available from the club's ticket office now, or call 01325 387007.

NEWTONIAN WINS POLICE IPOD COMPETITION



Durham Police Authority has announced the winner of their Apple iPod Touch competition as James Brady from Newton Aycliffe. Members of staff from Durham Police Authority and Durham Constabulary attended numerous public events across County Durham and Darlington this summer where members of the public were asked to complete a consultation survey which asked for their views

on various aspects of policing, including feelings of safety and methods of communication, with the opportunity of winning an Ipod. Mr Brady, who completed the winning survey at the Darlington Carnival during the summer, attended a Special Meeting held by Durham Police Authority at County Hall, on Wednesday 20th October and was presented with his prize by Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority and Chief Constable Jon Stoddart. Mr Peter Thompson said: "Durham Police Authority is passionate about representing the voice of local communities

and involving local people in our work. This competition is just one of many ways that we will be engaging with people of all ages and backgrounds in the future". Mr Thompson continued: "During the current situation of uncertainty and change in the economy and in the future of policing at a national level, I feel it is important to reassure the people of County Durham and Darlington that we, as an Authority, continue to speak with local people about their policing and community safety issues. "Honest responses from local people we engage with at local events help us to ensure that County Durham and Darlington continues to be one of the safest policing areas in the country." Chief Constable Jon Stoddart said: 'These surveys are of immense value to us and we greatly appreciate it when members of the public take the time to complete them.' Mr Brady, aged 20, a computer sales assistant, said: "I have seen first hand how quickly the police have addressed anti-social behaviour issues in my area and I was very happy to fill in the survey; this prize is an added bonus."

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Neville Parade Methodist Church are holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 13th November from 10am till 1pm. Come along to enjoy Fun, Food and Fellowship. Come and find Festive Goodies and Bargains. Come and enjoy great Children's singing. We look forward to seeing you and giving you a warm welcome.

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Labour Rebounds in West Ward

WEST WARD BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Kate Hopper Labour	388 votes
Tom Tomlin Independent	286 votes
Janine Mawson Lib Dem	156 votes
Total votes cast	832 (2 spoilt)
Electorate	4336
Turnout	19.9%

Dear Sir,

Labour won a tremendous By Election victory in the West Ward for the Town Council last week in what was seen as a straight and cleanly fought contest. Previously in 2007 the Party won only 1 seat on the Town Council in that ward, the rest were won by Independents, but the West Ward Branch of the Labour Party is re energising itself with new blood and quality candidates and has trounced all comers to win through. The Independent candidate came a distant second and the Lib Dem a poor third. This By Election victory for Labour will send shockwaves through the Independents camp as they stand to be wiped out at the next full elections in 2013. It looks like the West Ward Labour Party has returned to its former glory days when in 1983 a

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ROCSOLID a supported housing charity based at Hope House in Burnhope, is asking the readers of the Newton News to collect tokens from the Evening Gazette Wish Cash Fund. The more tokens collected the higher the percentage of the £50,000 give away will be given to ROCSOLID for future activities. We would be so grateful if, as many people as possible, can help us collect the tokens and keep ROCSOLID a happy place for our vulnerable, young adults to live. Please send them to ROCSOLID Hope House Burnhope, Newton Aycliffe County Durham, DL5 7ER

COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALIVE

A group of local Mums living in the area of the Agnew Community Centre booked the hall for a Halloween Party last Saturday by Sharon Baird and friends. It was well run and provided the local young people with an old fashioned Halloween Night of Fun and the thanks of the Agnew Centre go to Sharon and friends for their community effort and we look forward to seeing them again and maybe they will hold other Community events in the future.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

How Can Independents Be a Political Party?

Dear Editor,

The Independents and Lib/Dems never seem to amaze me with their wild assumptions that they can influence a principle authority like Durham County Council when any member of the public can do the same by contacting the Highways Action Line, either on the website or phoning direct the

number on every lamp post. I would like to challenge the letter from Kenneth Stubbs the Secretary of Great Aycliffe Independents. "Independents Select Candidate for By - Election" said Newton News. How, when anybody can stand as an Independent? I always assumed that being Independent meant just that - is it a Party?

Who will be in control of these people if they manage to get elected, do they have a leader, a secretary of the group to record minutes and a whip to keep them in check?

One week later the Independent candidate Alfred Tomlin says he will serve the people not politics. Unless I am mistaken the opposite to politics is personal therefore if he sits in Council and makes a decision he will be making a political one.

It may be in opposition to others but nonetheless a political one, and it could also be in opposition just to be against others and not made for the benefit of the Town.

I believe the Labour controlled Town Council does a very good job. The Town is in the main clean and green with a few people who drop litter and dogends everywhere. The Town Council is not just about parks and cemeteries. We have Senior Citizens Excursions, Santa Tours, which I would never miss at Christmas, They organise Great Aycliffe Show and other community services.

All this could be at risk if the Independents are elected as they are the ones who said they will reduce Council Tax by 50%. They have never said they told a lie and knew it couldn't be done, nor will they admit to deceiving the electorate.

The Lib/Dem is a newcomer to politics, but she focuses attention on what Durham County Council does with out looking at problems in the West Ward, but why should she, living in Eade Close in the Cobblers Hall area.

I would suggest she does some research into the problems of the West Ward and address them in the first instance. I would also suggest she gets to understand what the Lib/Dem Party are doing Nationally, cutting child and other benefits.

I believe it is about time more people became involved in the democratic process and turn out to vote. I am not a member of the Labour Party, but I do support my Labour Councillors sitting on Durham and Town Councils, who have been under some criticism of late but not totally of their making.

Mike Haley

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY TO SHILDON

A performance of "Christmas on Broadway" is on this Sunday evening 7th November brought back to the North East for one night only at the Civic Hall, Shildon.

The show is currently residing in Bournemouth and includes a cast of 11 dancers and singers who have been appearing in Showcase Entertainment productions with Joe Longthorne, Billy Pearce and Darren Day at the North Pier, Blackpool throughout this summer season. This will be a spectacular production of Broadway meets Christmas which is suitable for young and old featuring Broadway shows and the songs that make Christmas magic with 27 costume changes and a special appearance of Santa Claus.

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teaching resource, 3M Worldlywise. The website - at www.3MWorldlywise.co.uk - has been designed to support the teaching of sustainable living to 11-16 year olds and now boasts a geography section on top of the existing maths and science areas. The interactive geography section covers a wide range

of topics including farming, forestry, power stations, recycling, pollution and renewable energy. There is also a new section for STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) ambassadors - working people who volunteer their time to help pupils look at these subjects from a fresh perspective. The STEM section takes ambassadors straight to a suite of resources that have been designed specifically for classroom activities. John Klee, corporate communications manager

for 3M, said: "These new sections will not only help sustainable living to be taught as part of the geography curriculum but also provide STEM ambassadors with some great off-the-shelf resources, helping to minimise the preparation time needed to deliver engaging activities to pupils." To date some 1,000 teachers have registered to access more than 60 free classroom worksheets available on the site. These have been downloaded more than 25,000 times.

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(Spiderman) Megan Grimshaw (witch) Steven Lowe (ghoul) and Lauren Chatt (cat). Totally Kidz would like to say thank you to all local businesses who donated prizes for our Summer Fete in August. Over £300 was raised which was used to buy

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Sedgefield Water Polo Club played in a under 16 Northern League Tournament at Sheffield in Britain's finest Pool Ponds Forge. In the 5 team tournament which included teams from Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds and Castleford - Sedgefield as usual competed well with the Big City Clubs. Sedgefield Defeated Liverpool 5-2, Leeds 4-3, Sheffield 5-4 and lost 5-3 to the winners Castleford to finish runners up in the tournament. Joe Barker was Sedgefield's best player with 7 goals and Frazer Roe performed well in Goal. The other members of the Sedgefield team were James and John Pratt, Adam Courtney, Alex Miller, Holly Short, Sarah Sanderson, Abbey Turnbull, Sam Dixon, Nick Gowland, Rhiannon Foulds and Megan Lamb.

Exchange

WOULD ANY resident be interested in completing a House Exchange with me? I have a two bedroom bungalow in Oakfield and would like to move to a 2 bedroom bungalow in the Shafto Way area. I would prefer to do this exchange before winter sets in. Please ring me on my mobile 07935 901 149.

ANOTHER GREAT PRIZE FOR ROTARY'S BUMPER DRAW



Dave Warman of Furniture Factory Outlet on Fulbeck Road has donated a Sofa Bed valued at £400 for the Rotary Club Bumper Charity Draw open to all clubs and organisations in Newton Aycliffe. All you do is sell tickets and receive 50% of the monies collected for your own club funds or charity. The other 50% after expenses will go to two main charities Macmillan Cancer Care and The Great North Air Ambulance. The Rotary Club arrange everything for the draw and are responsible for collecting the prizes. If you want to help yourself and also help two deserving local charities get in touch now with Syd Howarth on 300212 or 320901 email: syd@newtonpress.net - you can't lose!

In Memoriam

ELSIE HAWMAN 9th November 2009. Mam, in our hearts you will always stay. Love and miss you. Heather and Ian xxx
HAWMAN Elsie Elizabeth. A very dear Friend, passed away 9th November 2009. You fell asleep, God called your name, an angel came, held your hand and took you to a better land. Will be remembered always. Helen, Cathy and family
ANNE MORGAN (Nana Mints) 6th November 2009. A little tribute small and tender, just to say we still remember. Sharing your company was always a pleasure, you left us memories we will forever treasure. From Don, Marie and family
ANNE MORGAN 6-11-2009. Mam. It's been one sad year. No words could I write to explain how much we love and miss you. You are the brightest star. Always in our hearts. Love, Anne and Phil xxxx
ANNE MORGAN 6-11-2009. Nana. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that will never go away. Forever in my heart. Love, Rebecca xxx
MORGAN Anne Elizabeth. 6-11-2009. Mam. A year since you passed away and we still miss you every day. All our love, Glynis and Les
MORGAN Anne Elizabeth. Treasured memories of a very dear Mam who left us suddenly one year today (6-11-2009). Memories are a gift to treasure, that will last forever. Deep in our hearts, still loved and missed every day. Ron and Janet
NANA MORGAN Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Love, Michelle and Phil xx
NANA MORGAN Treasured memories of our special Great Nana. Love, Kimberley, Richard and Matthew xxx
NANA MORGAN Miss you Great Great Nana. Love, Lexie and Libby-Mai xx
DYLAN JAMES LEE. 10-11-2009. The angels took you before we got to know you. You will always live on in our hearts. All our love always.
ALBERT ANDREW Died 6th November 2009. Dear Dad, one year has passed since you died and we still love and miss you just as much. All our love, Susan, Den, Tony and Luke xxx
ALBERT ANDREW 6th November 2009. You are in my thoughts every day Dad. I send you a prayer and I blow you a kiss. I miss and love you forever, your loving Daughter Julie, Grandson Ross, Joan and Billy. God bless you Dad xxxx
RAY EARL Much loved and sadly missed. Passed away 12th November 2009. Love, Jeff, Lyn, Katie and Bradley xxx
ARTHUR MURRAY A year has gone by, seems like only yesterday, sadly missed. It's true what they say, he only takes the good. Loving memories and never forgotten. RIP and God bless. Lee and Rachel
ARTHUR MURRAY 6th November 2009. They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal, but neither time nor reason will change the way I feel. No one knows the heartache, that lies beyond my smiles, no one knows how many times I've broken down and cried. Love you always. Loving Wife, Jennie
ARTHUR MURRAY 6th November 2009. We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds, a day we do not think of you is very hard to find. No one knows the heartache Dad, as we carry on. Your loving Sons, John, Trevor, Raymond, Ian; Daughter-in-Law Nicola; also Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
SANDRA ANN FARRELL Died 8th November 2001, aged 36. Countless times we think of you, countless times we cried. If our love could have saved you, you never would have died. Loved and missed always from Mam, Dad, Helen, Laura and Millie xxx
JENNY WINTRELL Died 7th November 2009. The family chain is broken now and nothing seems the same, but as God takes us one by one that chain will link again. Remembered with love by her Brothers and Sisters
JENNY WINTRELL In memory of my darling Wife Jenny, who died on 7th November 2009. Who I loved for fifty six years, she was my reason for living, my soul mate and my best friend. Life will never be the same without her. Love, Eric RIP
CHRIS GARRITY We think of you with love, not just today, but every day. Love, Glenys and family
JULIE REED In loving memory of Julie, died 8th November 1999. Gone from us but leaving memories death can never take away. Memories that will always linger while upon this Earth we stay. 'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again where partings are no more and that the one we loved so much has only gone before. Love you always Julie. Mam and Dad xxx
DAVID COLLIER 6th November 1998. There is always a face before me, a voice I would love to hear. A smile I will always remember of a Brother I loved so dear. Deep in my heart lies a picture more precious than silver or gold, a picture of my Brother David whose memory will never grow old. Forever in my thoughts. Your loving Sister Irene, Brother-in-Law Bill and all the family xxxxx

Congratulations

STEVEN RUDD Happy 50th birthday Dad and Grandad. Love, Leanne, John, Steven and Kendal
STEVEN RUDD Happy birthday Steve. Lots of love, Christine and Caitlyn
STEVEN RUDD Happy birthday Dad and Grandad. Hope you have a good one. Love, Sharron, Colin, Tom, CJ and Owen
STEVEN RUDD Happy birthday Steve, half a century. . . HaHa! Bob, Karen and family
STEVEN RUDD Happy 50th birthday Dad. Hope the next 50 is just as good. Love from Donna, Wrighty and the kids
CRAIG HYMAS - Happy 11th Wedding Anniversary. Love you always babe. Maria xxx
EVIE DOONAN Happy first birthday to a precious Great Grand Daughter. Hugs and kisses, Great Grandma and Great Granda and all the family xxx
EVIE Happy 1st birthday. Have a fantastic day. Love you loads, Dad xxx
EVIE Happy 1st birthday. Have a great day. Lots of love Granma Liz, Grandad Baf, Great Grandad John, Uncle Ryan and Uncle Keiran xxx
EVIE KATHLEEN DOONAN 4th November 2009. Happy 1st birthday to my special little Princess. Have a great day. Lots of love and kisses, Mummy xxx
EVIE All our love on your 1st birthday. Grandad, Grandma, Uncle Jake, Auntie Jodi . . . have a lovely day
FLYNN COX Happy 1st birthday to our darling Grandson. Lots of love and God bless from Gran and Grandad xxxxx

BRAY
Christopher & Becky

Congratulations on your Wedding 31-10-10
Love and best wishes for a long and happy future together Mam, Will and Grandma xxx

David Bell

Happy Birthday
Have a good time in Blackpool. From your happy workforace (Shafto Way Garage). PS: Sorry I missed your big 50 last year!

Ashleigh Chappell

Congratulations
on gaining your BA Hons 3D Design Crafts Jewellery and Fashion Accessories. Good luck for the future, Mam and Dad

Lexi-Mae Palmer

Happy 1st Birthday
(10th November 2010)
Happy 1st birthday to our darling Daughter. Lots of love always, Mummy and Daddy xxx
To my gorgeous little Sister on her 1st birthday. Lotsa love, Charley xxx
To our gorgeous Granddaughter on her 1st birthday. Lots of love, Grandma and Granda Waites
To our lovely Granddaughter on her 1st birthday. Lots of love, Nana and Granda Palmer xxx
To a special little girl on her 1st birthday. Lots of love, Uncle Gav, Lauren, Uncle John, Auntie Tara, Neve and Flynn xxxxx

William Cheesmond

Happy 80th Birthday
Congratulations to a Wonderful Dad and Grandad on your 80th Birthday. Lots of Love Julie & Steve, Karen & Jim, Lucy, Billy & Aaron

Obituary

RAYMOND BARKER age 62. Passed away in Darlington Hospital on Thursday 28th October. Thanks for all who enquired about Raymond and their condolences. He was thought about and loved by so many. God bless, your loving family

Thank You

Peter & Kelly Brown

Thank You
Peter and Kelly would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and gifts received on the birth of their beautiful Son "Alex", born on 4th October 2010.

JULIE PALMER would like to thank Clare Sams, Susan Johnson, Nicola Cairns and Clare Peacock for a fantastic weekend in Blackpool. Also a big thank you to family and friends for all cards and presents received on my 40th. Love, Julie xxx
COULD I thank the lady and gentleman and all the staff at Tesco who helped me when I collapsed on Monday in the store. To Mike and staff who got me a taxi to get me home safe. Thank you. Christine Peacock

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IRIS MASON 31-10-35. 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 xxxxx
IRIS MASON Remembering a loving Sister on her 75th birthday. God bless. George, Freda, Rita and Emily xxxxx

LEST WE FORGET



It's the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the Press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians that ensures our right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

It's the Soldier, that salutes the flag, that serves beneath it, whose coffins are draped by it.

LOCAL SNOOKER PLAYERS TAKE ON TOP PRO MARK WILLIAMS

EXHIBITION NIGHT AT THE BIG CLUB



Big Club Snooker players Matthew Christopher, Martin Rogers and Stephen Bennett are practicing hard for their games against top snooker player Mark Williams coming to a special Exhibition Night at the Workingmens Club on 26th November. These three are also part of the team organising the event which promises to be a sell-out! You are advised to get your tickets ordered now by contacting Martin on 07884 174204 (xtrustworthyx@hotmail.com) or Stephen on 07972 384618 (mastercuman@hotmail.co.uk).

Tickets are £20. There will be a raffle of valuable prizes and a stall selling snooker supplies provided by Green Baize. Children are welcome.

BEST RESULTS FOR AYCLIFFE GKR KARATE

GKR Karate (Go Kan Ryu) had some great results at both local and national levels over the past 2 years but the most recent competition has eclipsed all others.

Five students and one instructor (Dez Tinkler) made the journey to Barnsley where they entered the Northern Zone Championship which on this occasion was the qualifier for the National Championships.

All were anticipating a hard competition due to the high number of entrants and the quality of the competition, but their hard work over the past few months paid off with the following medal haul.

Annalise Tinkler 2 silvers in her Black Belt category, Denise Askew silver in 7th-8th kyu, Daniel Askew 4th place qualifying for the Nationals. (Daniel won 2 bronze in the previous tournament) 6-5-4th kyu, John Embleton silver 6-5-4th kyu, Nathan Lovejoy silver 6-5-4th kyu and Dez Tinkler (Instructor) bronze in the Snr Black Belt category.

"All the Aycliffe entrants are experienced in competitions and knew what to expect, but due to this being a National qualifier it did provide



some nervousness. The dedication they all put in gave me the confidence they would all do well. For them all to have qualified makes me extremely proud" said Sensei Gav Bake.

The GKR Karate Nationals are held in Sheffield later this month. Good luck to all the Aycliffe students who are training even harder to bring more medals back to Aycliffe.

Mixed Week for Aycliffe FC

It was a mixed week for Aycliffe as a league win was followed by a midweek cup defeat.

The Newtonians maintained their unbeaten run with a narrow league win at home Team Northumbria last Saturday. But, despite being the better side against Durham City on Tuesday night in the last 16 of the Durham County Cup, they lost 2-0 against a side sitting two

FIXTURES

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
Wed 1st December: Crook Town (H), Division 2 Cup R1, 7.30pm
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levels of football above them. Aycliffe remained top of the Northern League second division with their 11th league win of the campaign last Saturday. Even though their visitors playing the better football for much of the game, goals by Warren Byrne and Craig Mickle gifted Aycliffe the points.

It was a case of grinding a result out for Allan Oliver's side, with second-placed Guisborough maintaining their pressure at the top with a 2-1 win at Whickham.

While Aycliffe are now well-known for their strong home support, they're quickly earning themselves a fine reputation in the Northern League for their away following as well.

Another healthy number turned out at the Esh Group Stadium on Tuesday – comfortably outnumbering Durham's home support, which is par-for-the-course for Aycliffe these days – to watch their side unluckily bow out of the Durham Cup.

With several first-teamers missing through suspension and injury, Oliver recalled Anth Campbell, Chase McMullen, Josh Knox and Stuart Owen to his line-up while his bench was made up of Nick Petch and Steven Cunliffe (both 18) and his 17-year-old nephew James Oliver.

Just 98 seconds were on the clock when City took the lead through an outstanding strike from former Bishop Auckland winger Amar Purewal.

Byrne, McMullen and Mark Peck missed first-half chances for the visitors and were made to rue them as Durham doubled their advantage just before the break.

Yet Aycliffe still produced enough chances in the second half, with Byrne, Sean Tarling, Peck and McMullen all going close.

The defeat ended Aycliffe's nine-match unbeaten run, but

they look to preserve their current eight-match undefeated league record at second-bottom Brandon United this weekend.

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