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BIG FIRE CANCELS FIREWORKS

As a result of the fire emergency at the Stillier warehouse on Friday 5th November, Great Aycliffe Town Council's firework display unfortunately had to be cancelled, due to the event's proximity to the affected area and the closure of access roads to the site.

After consideration, it has been decided that the event will not be re-scheduled and the firework display has therefore been cancelled for this year.

A Bailey
Town Clerk

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT "YOUTHY"

Volunteers are needed at the Youth Centre Friday Night sessions for 13-19 year olds from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Lots of activities take place and they need someone to run the Tuck Shop, so if you can spare a couple of hours please get in touch with Litza on 307522

TOWN COUNCIL TO FREEZE TAX AGAIN

The Labour controlled Town Council is set to freeze the Council Tax again for next year. Great Aycliffe Town Council froze the Council Tax for the current year and has continued to make efficiencies and savings whilst continuing its scheduled improvements and various works programmes.

Currently the Council Tax for Great Aycliffe Town Council is £204.10 for Band D and £136.07 for Band A properties. Cllr Bob Fleming Labour Leader on the Town Council and Deputy Mayor said "It is important to stress that the Town Council is not subject to Government restrictions on Council Tax, nonetheless in line with Government and Tax payer expectations, after prudently providing for inflation, contingencies, capital reserves in the Revenue Budget, and unavoidable budget growth and falls in income, the Council Tax freeze has been achieved without the need to make cuts to frontline services or



staffing levels in line with the 3 year medium term financial plan." Our Town Councillors are to be commended for avoiding an increase in tax at the present time when everyone is about to face financial difficulties. We also hear they are currently considering a report from the Town Clerk on cutting items of civic expense such as Mayoral events and hospitality.

A decision will be made in time for proposals and discussions on the 2011/12 budget.

Dedication of The Royal British Legion Memorial Garden



On Thursday 4th November the Chaplain of The Royal British Legion in Newton Aycliffe, Rev. Linda Potter, formally dedicated the new Memorial Garden outside the club premises in Macmillan Road.

During the Service, attended by members and officials, prayers of thanksgiving were said for the work of the British Legion who support families of those who suffer as a consequence of war.

Six Standard Bearers lowered their flags and the Last Post, 2 minutes silence and Reveille was called, followed by the Dedication of the Garden by the Parish Priest.

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IS YOUR CAR SAFE?

Alloy wheel thieves have struck again in the West Ward of the town. Overnight on the 8th into 9th November two Ford Focus motor vehicles were targeted and their wheels removed. On Beechfield, offenders have gained entry into a Black Ford Focus via the rear passenger window which was broken. An untidy search was carried out for the locking wheel nut attachment which the owner had believed was securely locked away in the boot of the vehicle. All four alloy wheels were removed and the car was left stood on bricks. Nearby, on Oakfield a blue Ford Focus had its rear windscreen broken and thieves have removed the two rear wheels as a result, propping up the vehicle on bricks. A car jack, not belonging to the car owner, was left at the scene and has been recovered for forensic analysis. Extensive enquiries are ongoing in the area and at this time reports have been received in respect of a white coloured Transit van that was seen acting suspiciously in Oakfield on the night in question. Police are keen to discover more about this vehicle and are appealing to local residents to

come forward with any more information. Sgt Mark Edwards of the Neighbourhood Police Team at Newton Aycliffe again wishes to stress to vehicle owners the importance of removing their locking wheel nut attachments. "Despite a high profile awareness campaign recently which the Newton News sponsored, owners are still leaving the tools in their cars which are assisting offenders in stealing wheels. I appreciate concerns that people have in regards to removing their locking wheel nuts should they break down whilst out driving or in developing a flat tyre. I am not asking people to remove their valuables full stop, only during those times when their vehicles will be left unattended such as overnight, especially as we delve deeper into the dark nights of winter. Leaflet drops are being conducted in the area by local Officers from the NPT and awareness cards printed by Newton Press are being distributed in the Oakfield and Beechfield areas. Residents can pass information on to the Police either on 0345 6060365 or via Crime-stoppers.

MP VISITS SCHOOL TO PRESENT £500 MILK PRIZE



On Friday 5th November 2010, Phil Wilson, Labour MP for Sedgefield visited Horndale County Infant and Nursery School to present the teachers and pupils with a £500 prize. The school has won the prize as a result of their dedication

to promoting school milk to pupils and families. This formed part of a campaign by Cool Milk, a nursery and school milk supplier that aims to provide every child in early years and primary education with the opportunity to drink fresh milk every day.

In addition to the cheque presentation Phil Wilson also handed out free milk for every child. On winning the prize, Margaret Courtney, Headteacher said: "School milk is an important part of our school day as it forms an essential part of our pupils' daily nutrition, helping to boost their energy and support their concentration. We are delighted to have won the £500 prize from Cool Milk as a part of promoting school milk to our new pupils, and are looking forward to spending it on outdoor equipment". Phil Wilson also added: "As well as helping to build strong teeth and bones, school milk can aid concentration, memory function and creativity in class. I am pleased to show my support for school milk and admire Cool Milk's efforts to ensure that all children in nurseries and schools up and down the country have access to school milk every day."

Neighbourhood Watch Recruitment Session

A Neighbourhood Watch recruiting session for the Aycliffe Village area will be held at next the monthly PACT meeting at 11am Saturday 20th November 2010 inside the Village Hall. Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne will be at the meeting with members of the local Neighbourhood Police Team to offer advice on how to join the scheme and highlights the benefits of membership. Please come along and set up a new association for your community' Together-we can make a difference!'

Alan Thompson PC1452 Neighbourhood Police Team - Ext 676 2682

Exaggeration

Dear Sir, A letter in last week's issue says "Labour won a tremendous By Election victory" What a load of rubbish, as happens most of the time in the UK, where there is total apathy. What you really meant to say was 8.9% of the electorate voted for the election winner. Hardly a landslide and certainly not tremendous. Dave Skerrett

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BIGOTED REMARKS

Dear Sir, Reference the letter in last week's edition from Councillor Crosby. I have never been so disgusted in my life that a Labour Councillor would stoop so low to pen such a bigoted letter. Counc Crosby stated that Councillor Paul Gittins jumped on the band wagon to get some free publicity in the photographs showing the demolition of the town centre. It was an open attack on a person who for years had a vested interest in a shop in Newton Aycliffe that was being demolished along with all the memories of both himself and his late father who had also worked alongside him. Name & address supplied

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On behalf of Heighington

Litter Picking Group and the Parish residents, I wish to thank all of the young army cadets who gave their time so enthusiastically to make our highways clean and we look forward to your support in future litter picks which continues this Saturday morning 13th November when we will do it all over again. We look forward to welcoming everyone at 10am either in Redworth, or outside of Heighington Village Hall or next to the Chestnuts entrance - join us and make a difference.

And talking about making a difference and donning

my LitterFreeDurham hat at the same time, can I thank Sedgefield Borough Homes for inviting us to one of their Association Meetings to talk to all of the Resident groups on 'Reasons not to drop Litter' and why as a Community Group we all should work together to support our Local Authorities to pick it up to keep our own communities clean. LitterFreeDurham works throughout County Durham and Darlington talking to individuals and organisations to encourage them to form their own Litter Picking Groups. We also work to increase the awareness of the problems of litter by going into schools and talking to the children. Currently we have discussed litter with around 2000 children. We also meet with and discuss Litter issues with the directors of both Environment Teams in both Durham and Darlington.

LFD were impressed with the interest shown by everyone who attended the Sedgefield Borough Homes Association Meeting and we hope that our offer to visit individual Residents Groups to encourage you to form your own local Litter Group is taken up.

Any self support you provide to keep your own patch clean, will reinforce the good work that is being organised and implemented by the Great Aycliffe and Midldridge Area Action Partnership who are being proactive themselves about the problems associated with litter in our streets.

So help us to help you help GAMP to make Newton Aycliffe and Midldridge a cleaner place to live.

LitterFreeDurham are planning a Spring Clean throughout Durham County & Darlington Borough starting March 19th and ending April 16th 2011. Both Local authorities are on board and many Litter Picking groups will be joining us. We are encouraged by the many Groups of people and children that we read about in the Newton News who have completed Litter Picks so we feel that all may want to join the County wide event. For more information contact Kit Bartram our Chair on 01325 312270 or myself on 01325 314622.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee

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recently completed an outward bound team building course with ThyssenKrupp Talents staff. David Pearson from the HR Dept said "ThyssenKrupp Talents believe that Apprentices form the lifeblood of the organisation and this model has given us an alternative approach to recruiting young people, allowing us to get a much greater understanding of the individuals over a longer period of time. In addition to this the young people who took part also gain an appreciation of the skills required to be successful in the world of work. I have no doubts that these young people will prove to be an asset to the Company which was reinforced during the recent team building programme." Bradley Saunders, one of the students involved commented: "Earning this contract has given me a fantastic opportunity in life to be successful in the

Engineering industry. It is something that I could only have dreamed of before." Bradley and the other successful students, Bradley Harrison, Lee Wright and Jack Charlton are certainly looking forward to a bright future with the company. The project was so successful that ThyssenKrupp Talents aim to repeat the process again this year in the hope of providing more opportunities young people. 'The Apprentice' was part of the Learning The Business Programme, coordinated by Durham Education Business Partnership. Anyone wishing to find out more information about the programme should contact Cheryl Stirk at cheryl.stirk@durham.gov.uk. *Photo - Bradley Saunders, Bradley Harrison, Lee Wright and Jack Charlton amongst other ThyssenKrupp Talents staff during their outward bound course in Cumbria.*

Charity Appeal in Memory of Colleague

Chris Tate was a valued member of Aycliffe-based PWS' Customer Service Team for 10 years until her sudden death in June. Renowned for her exceptionally kind and helpful nature, for the last 5 years Chris had tirelessly co-ordinated the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal to help ensure children in poorer countries had gifts to open on Christmas morning. In memory of Chris and her very special and generous personality, the Customer Service Team at PWS have approached staff, customers and suppliers to donate gifts, services or money towards fulfilling at least 100 shoeboxes, a target that is likely to be exceeded. Comments Janine Ward, Team Leader at PWS and shoebox co-ordinator, "I've been overwhelmed by the flood of donations following the appeal, however it was not wholly unexpected. Chris was an extremely popular member of the PWS Customer Services team, well regarded for her professionalism, considerate attitude and bubbly personality. This fabulous and very generous response is testament to the respect with which she was



held both at PWS and within the kitchen industry". It was always Chris' wish for some of the shoeboxes to benefit disadvantaged children locally and through the network of health visitors in Co Durham this aim will be achieved. The shoeboxes will be shared between children overseas and the North East of England. To date donations have been received from PWS staff plus many suppliers and customers including: Tuffnells, T&S Kitchens, Tyne Tees Packaging, S&B EPS Ltd, Wilkinsons of Aycliffe and Glen Office Supplies. A swear-box at PWS is also generating a surprising amount of money towards the cause!

Learn to Babysit and Receive a Certificate

10 WEEK COURSE AT YOUTHY

A Babysitting Course for 14 - 19 year olds is to be held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Wednesdays from 4pm - 5:30pm. This is a 10 week course by the Red Cross and attendees will receive a certificate of accreditation at the end. The course programme combines instructional training, group discussion and hands-on practice through scenarios and role-play. Besides providing babysitting guidance, the course also explores a number of related issues including, expectations, rights and the law, accident prevention and fire safety, first aid and dealing with challenging babysitting situations. Anyone interested will need to ring or pop into the Centre (01325 307522) to sign up, leaving their contact details with Jenny Walton or Litza Johnson. The course

will start asap depending on the number of people interested. For anyone aged between 13-19 years of age the Centre is offering free football coaching, Thai Boxing and Street Dancing lessons on Friday Nights 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The "Youthy" is an interesting place to chill out and enjoy activities with your friends. We really need young people to come along and try it out.

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at the Port Aventura theme park and really enjoyed the Hurakan Condor, a tower that drops you 100ft and the exhilarating Furios Baco which accelerates from 0km to 135km in 3 seconds. The trip was such a success that plans are already in place to make it an annual event. Students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and conducted themselves in an impeccable manner. On arrival at Girona airport a Director of Children's Services, who was a passenger on the same flight, spoke to accompanying staff to commend the students on their exemplary behaviour.

Shop Staff Raise Cash for Charity



What's On at Xcel

"One Night Only" Darlington Arts Academy production on Saturday 27th November at 7pm. Christmas has officially arrived at Jacksons with the launch of Starbucks seasonal specials, Gingerbread & Toffeenut Latte along with new food lines including Cinnamon swirl, Danish, Cherry & Custard Creme Crown & Fruit Fusion Cake. Make a note in your diary for the annual Christmas Community Concert organised by the Rotary Club - Sunday 12th December 3pm - 4.30pm.

After a month of fundraising, ending on Halloween the staff from M&Co. raised £167 for Cancer Research. They ask Newton News to express many thanks to all customers who donated. Photo from left to right: Vivianne Boynton, Alicia Harrison, Wendy Hindmarch, Joanne Webb & Katherine Harker.

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Two stunning photos of the factory fire last Friday taken by local professional photographer Lawrence Conyers of Anson Photography. He was on the spot at the time of the explosion and later the town was covered in black smoke as fire appliances from the area tackled the blaze. At first everyone thought it was Ineos that had caught fire which would have been even more serious, but it was revealed that Spillers Warehouse was the factory that exploded in flames, scattering debris all over adjacent properties including nearby houses and cars. One nearby resident reports: "We were on Clarence Chare when we first saw the smoke and flames above the houses so we set off home along Finchale Road and there was debris falling onto the cars and the roof tops of the houses also burnt paper, insulation material and canisters. As we passed Simpature shops crowds of people gathered looking to see what had happened and where the flames were coming from. We live in Watson Road so got home and parked the car joining people heading towards the old railway lines to see the fire and then heard explosions and dense black smoke appear."



The flames could be seen clearly with fire engines and firemen at work fighting the blaze. The

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police were evacuating people away from nearby factories and asked us to leave the area as there was still debris falling from the cloud of smoke and a risk of further explosions. We were told to go indoors and make sure all windows and doors were closed. Living close was very worrying because if the fire spread or the wind changed direction there are two large chemical plants close by which would have made it a major incident. There was no smell at all on Friday but by Saturday a haze gathered over Simpature with an awful burning/smoke smell that irritated the eyes and throat. We were able to open our windows again on Sunday evening once it had all cleared".

A coordinated and well planned response to the fire has ensured the incident has been properly dealt with. At the height of the blaze a smoke plume extended to the North coast, 15 miles away. The Health Protection Agency were asked by the County Council whether air quality monitoring was needed to help their assessment, but on this occasion it was not. In the early stages of the incident, firewater contaminated with pollutants entered the River Skerne through Howden Beck and Demon's Beck. This caused significant white foaming downstream to Darlington. A large volume of contaminated water in Howden Beck was pumped out at the weekend. The Council continue to work closely with the company and the Fire and Rescue Service.

Grand Fair Schools Join Rotary's Bumper Draw

St. Michael's Church at Heighington are holding a Grand Christmas Fair on 27th November in the Village Hall at 2pm. Stalls include: Cakes, Crafts, Gifts, Preserves, Bottle & Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Videos, DVD's, Traidcraft, Bran Tub and Raffle. Teas will also be served and everyone is invited. admission 50p and accompanied children are free.

Town Schools are taking part in the Rotary Club Bumper Draw earning 50% of the money from raffle tickets they sell for their own funds. They agree with the idea of the other 50% going to two worthy causes, Macmillan Cancer Care and the Great North Air Ambulance. The Rotary Club are recruiting organisations on the town to be partners in this great community Bumper Draw due to start in the New Year. Project Organiser Syd Howarth welcomed three schools into the scheme this week. The draw expects to raise £1,000's, helping the main charities but mainly helping local organisations to raise money for themselves. "All they have to do is sell tickets as the Rotary Club does everything

else, registering the draw, collecting the prizes, providing the tickets and arranging the night for the draw to take place at the British Legion Club. It's a win - win situation", said Syd. If your organisation wants to be part of this exciting venture ring Syd now on 300212 or 320901, e-mail: syd@newtonpress.net

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Good Samaritans

Dear Sir,
 May I thank all the people who helped me last Friday 5th November when I tripped and fell outside Neville Parade shops. My good Samaritans will know who I mean and not forgetting my friends Wynn and Margaret who changed their plans to take me home to Darlington. Glad to say not too much damage done, but so very grateful to everyone that morning.
 Much appreciated
 Kath Wall

TABLE TOP SALE RAISED £700

The Youthy Table Top Sale held last Saturday attracted over 30 tables and as a first time effort went very well indeed. It proved to be the perfect venue for the event attracting lots of people including those who saw the signs going into Tesco's. Kathy Haslam and Senior Youth Worker Litza organised the Sale with members of the Management Committee helping out on the day. Maud Gray and Lilleen Cuthbertson ran the kitchen selling hot and cold food while others ran the Tombola stall and sold raffle tickets. Unclaimed prizes are ticket numbers: 78 orange, 74 green, 27 orange, 47 blue, 57 blue, 163 pink, 11 orange, 184 green, 102 green, 72 orange. Call at the Youth Centre for your prizes. Phil Wilson and his partner Margaret called in and purchased items including a lovely vase to hold the bouquet Margaret received. The amount raised was £700 which will be used to provide resources for the Youth Centre. Treasurer George Rowling said it was a great effort and thanks are due to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success.



LETTER to the EDITOR

Councillor Embarrassed by Labour Party Antics

Dear Sir,
 I believe residents of Newton Aycliffe are sick to death of reading letters from Town Councillors. If they are not blowing their own trumpet they are calling other Councillors to score points. This is primary school behaviour and I am embarrassed by their antics. I am told residents don't read them which probably reflects the turn out at the

recent West Ward elections when only 19.9% bothered to vote. The Labour Party are gloating about gaining the seat, but if they did their sums they would realise only 9% voted Labour leaving 10% voting for other Parties. We as Town Councillors should be ashamed we have caused such apathy in our electorate. Members of the public are invited to attend Council Meetings, but we only have one person who comes. The behaviour in Council Meetings at times disgusts me as Councillors make snide and rude remarks under their breath. Perhaps it is a good thing the public do not attend! Council Gittins is slated constantly - a good example being the letter by Vince Crosby recently, but Paul treats this with the contempt it deserves and ignored the content. I am also sick of the comment that Independents have achieved nothing in the Council. The Labour Party give themselves all the Chairman and Vice Chairman Committee posts and anything we put forward they overrule. Myself and Paul are totally Independent and don't belong to any group and in answer to the question "How can Independents be a group and have a leader" - we don't!
 Council Irene Hewitson Independent.

ROAD CLOSURES AND CAR PARK CLOSURES

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.

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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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Judgemental Viewpoints

Dear Sir,
With regards to Mr Haley's comments, I would like to respond to the gentleman by saying that being a Councillor is about what you can do for residents and helping them with problems that concern them.

It doesn't matter what your political views are, where you live, what car you drive or how you were educated, it's about being a voice for those you represent.

In response to his comment about me not researching problems, he should take a look at my election leaflet he would then see that it responded to concerns of West Ward residents and problems that they face and it offered some solutions to these problems.

As for being a newcomer to politics I have been a member of the Liberal Democrats for many years and have been involved in local issues wherever I have lived. He should meet and get to know a person before he uses bigoted comments against them.

Janine Mawson

Acorn Players Annual Show "Alice In Wonderland"



The Acorn Players are in rehearsal for their forthcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland" to be performed at Woodham College on 25th, 26th and 27th November. Tickets are £4 for Adults £2.50 for Concessions. Family tickets for £10 (2 Adults and 2 children). Available now from Brenda Laight on 311816 or any member. This is a popular Show so book early. Producer Gemma Witton, Choreographer Jennifer Ingham and Daniel Dickson. The Directors are Vanessa Scott and Joanne Hackett.

Best Crime Detection Rates in the Country

Members of Durham Police Authority are pleased to announce its Constabulary is performing well, with falling crime rates and good crime detection rates across County Durham and Darlington.

Police performance was reviewed by the Authority at its quarterly meeting of the Effective Policing Delivery Committee and shown that the crime detection rate has increased by over 15% in the last year. This means that between April and September this year, 41% of all crimes have been detected.

Police Authority Members welcomed the reduction in overall crime in the Force area which is now at the lowest recorded crime rates since the 1980's.

All recorded crime fell by 14.9%, equating to 3,266 fewer crimes and members were pleased to see reductions in burglary, vehicle and all violent crime, plus drug related incidents and criminal damage.

Peter Thompson, Chair of the Police Authority said: "These performance figures are extremely impressive and I hope that the residents of County Durham and Darlington are reassured to know that we are doing everything we can to keep them safe - and that they really are safer."

"The Authority has consistently listened to local people and set challenging targets for the Constabulary based on this feedback, thereby ensuring that the things that matter most to our communities are being successfully addressed."

"Fear of crime is a national issue, which is usually inflated in the national press. Locally, as these figures illustrate, Durham Constabulary is doing an excellent job and one which we are working hard to help them maintain."

"On behalf of all residents I would like to say a big thank you to the Chief Constable and everyone connected with the Force for these magnificent achievements in these very challenging times".

£900 FOR CHINA TREK

Dear Sir,
Laura and Donna supporting Clic Sargent - children with cancer, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has supported us over the last month in our fund raising events including our lads night, ladies night and halloween disco. Also a huge thank you to steam radio for putting on a fantastic Ceilidh night. We have raised over £900 though these events. All money raised is going towards our China Trek Challenge for the charity and forthcoming events are:

Wed 17th Nov Charity Christmas Present Party held at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club at 7.30, 50p entry. Stalls include Virgin V, designer clothes, candle lite, hand made handbags and purses, raffle and much more.

Fri 26th Nov Saint Sinners band playing at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, tickets £5 including pie and peas

Sat 27th Nov Christmas Fayre at Playday Nursery, lots of stalls, raffle, tombola, games and refreshments. Come along and join in the fun. 50p entry

Sun 19th Dec Children's

Christmas Party at Jubilee Community Centre, Shildon. Come along for a fun packed day bring your friends and family along as we have loads to do including face

painting, bouncy castle, food, disco, party games and a visit from Santa and Buzz Light Year. Tickets only £5. Laura 07731 467 406. Laura and Donna x

Remembering Spitfires



Dear Sir,
With Remembrance Day here I recall taking the above photo of a Spitfire flying over Simpasture where I lived as a child in the 1950's. I had a Brownie Box camera and was in Watson Road when the famous airplane circled the area. It came from RAF Goosepool which later closed and became Teesside Airport.

I moved to Aycliffe in 1952 with my parents from Eldon Lane. My first school was in flats built near the Blue Bridge, which were used prior to Sugar Hill School being built.

I was brought up in a lovely environment with a very pleasant Town Centre. I also remember the Queen's visit to the town. I was in the Air Scouts and stood on parade near the Fish Shop and Batchelors.

J. M. Gowland

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A Gift Fair in aid of Diabetes UK, was held at the Pioneering Care Centre, on Wednesday 3rd November. Regional volunteer, Catherine Taylor, is raising much needed funds for the charity and as a student at Durham University, has a

family history of diabetes and knows how important the support offered by the charity can be for people with diabetes and their families. There was a wide range of stallholders at the fair and visitors demonstrated their support for the 115,000 people diagnosed with diabetes living in the North East. Funds raised are used to support research into finding a cure and help improve the lives of 2.6 million people currently living with the condition in the UK.

Thanks from Janine Mawson

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank all the residents who came out to vote for me in the Great Aycliffe Town Council By-Election for a seat in the West Ward. As you may know I was unsuccessful but I would have been honoured to represent you. I would also like to offer my congratulations to Councillor Hopper and hope that she along with all the other Town Councillors can work together to make Newton Aycliffe the best that it can be.
Janine Mawson

LITTLE CUB'S XMAS FAYRE

This year we have taken advantage of the fantastic facilities at the Xcel Centre to hold a "not to be missed" family evening. With professional retail stalls, traditional nursery stalls (it wouldn't be the same without our cake stall...!), raffle, tombola and door prize, hook a duck and much more it promises to be a great night out. With Jacksons Coffeehouse also open until 9pm you can shop till you drop then enjoy a coffee or one of the Starbucks seasonal specials, Gingerbread latte or Toffee Nut Latte. Spread the word to your neighbours, family and friends, all welcome! Thursday 18th November 6.30-8.30pm. Entry £1.50 for adults, under 11's free.

Get in Shape for Christmas

Young women are being encouraged to get fit for Christmas. A programme of sport and activity sessions for women aged between 16 and 25 will be taking place in the Sedgefield and East Durham areas over the next two months. Activities range from squash and running to urban dance and boxing. Marie Urwin, Durham County Council young women's coordinator, said: "The programme has been put together specifically to encourage young women to get involved in exercise. "Our aim is to provide low-cost, enjoyable sport and physical activity sessions at accessible, community venues, at convenient times." For more information contact Marie (Sedgefield) 07834 569 436 or Kaye Stephenson (East Durham) 07825 430 324.

ROMAN SCOOPS NORTH DESIGN AWARD



Roman, the UK's leading shower manufacturer and designer, has been awarded a Northern Design Award by Readers' of Concept for Living Magazine for their Sculptures Range of shower enclosures. The Sculptures Range came out top as the favourite product of the year voted for and by consumers. The Roman Team attended the prestigious Awards ceremony on the 8th October in Chester along with an array of designers, retailers and property developers in a glittering celebration of the best in northern design, architecture and craftsmanship. The compere was Nick Knowles, host of BBC's DIY SOS and he presented the award to Roman's Commercial Director, Julian Pearson. Competition this year was tougher than previous years, with 25 entries in the Product of the Year category.

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The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that F.M. don't always take the easy option, ie instead of sticking to "Sweet Child Of Mine", they did "Welcome to the Jungle", so it was nice to hear this performance with different GnR cover and one that takes a little more effort vocally. How long have FM been around now? Many a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome
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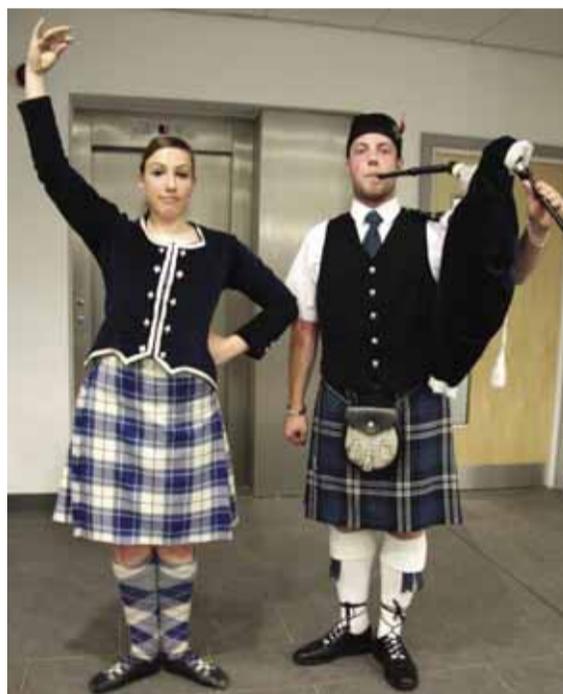
Last Monday evening over 400 people gathered in the Xcel Centre to pay tribute to our brave men and women serving in the armed forces.

MAD productions, a community music and drama group based in Newton Aycliffe, organised the event and put together a fantastic programme of entertainment.

Performers taking part came from all walks of life; REME band, Kdanz, Xcel singers and more. The audience included invited guests from the Army and RAF, Mayor of Great Aycliffe Dorothy Bowman and local Councillors along with representatives from the Xcel Centre who kindly donated the use of the venue for the event.

The main aim of the evening was to raise funds towards "Help for Heroes" and the night was rounded off with the presentation of a cheque for £2,100 to the charity.

At this time of year when we are encouraged to remember all those who have fought and who are still fighting on our behalf, it was a particularly poignant reminder and a massive thank you goes out to all those who organised, took part, and supported in this tremendous evening.



BUSINESS FINED £1,335 FOR ILLEGAL ROADSIDE NOTICES

Businesses in County Durham are being warned to check that their outdoor advertisements have the necessary planning consent in place.

The warning comes following the County Council's successful prosecution this week of the proprietor of Pity Me Nursery near Durham City for the unlawful display of advertisements at two roadside sites in the vicinity of his premises.

The adverts are contrary to the Town and Country Planning Act. Mark Green was fined £1000 and was ordered to pay Council costs of £335.

The Council's portfolio holder for Regeneration and Economic Development, Cllr Neil Foster commented

"The Council is always very keen to work with local businesses to try to find a solution to their advertising requirements. We are acutely aware of the difficult economic times within which we operate and have no desire whatsoever to take action that may be perceived to prevent businesses from being successful.

"It is important to understand the context within the county and one of the key attributes of its splendid landscape. The Council feels that quite often this is being harmed by the appearance of roadside signs.

As a result when businesses fail to respond to planning officers requests to remove advertisements which have been found to have been displayed unlawfully, we will not hesitate to use all measures, including the initiating of prosecution proceedings, to preserve the high environmental quality of the County."

The link for the application forms for outdoor advertising can be accessed via the Planning Portal www.planningportal.gov.uk.

The Communities and Local Government website has guidance for advertisers www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningbuilding/outdooradvertisements

"A CASE OF ENTRAPMENT" SAYS WITNESS READER

Dear Sir,
In response to your article last week regarding the selling of alcohol to underage drinkers I would like to comment.

Whilst I agree there is definitely a problem with teenagers getting their hands on alcohol it's not from the pubs on the town but from supermarkets and irresponsible parents.

I was in the Huntsman with a group of friends on the night operation COALVILLE took place; the "underage drinker" the police sent into the pub clearly looked over the age of 18 (this is not just my opinion but the opinion of everyone in the bar at the time) so what's the point of them choosing 'someone who looks legal to entrap well intentioned

licensees?
Furthermore, why did it take three plain clothed officers to accompany the underage drinker, then a further five uniformed officers to charge the bar person and two more to sit outside in a vehicle. A total of TEN officers! One of which looked at most 14 years old, he would have been refused entry into the pub if I had been behind the bar.

Ten officers to entrap a well intentioned bar person who I know regularly refuses to serve underage drinkers who take a chance at being served, talk about a waste of resources!

In addition one of the pubs who didn't serve the "underage drinker" had been contacted by the bar person from the

Huntsman to ask if they had been raided, which obviously tipped them off that they were probably next on the list.

On the other hand the business I run on the Business Park has been plagued by people parking cars on our private land and obstructing our goods loading doors. I've been trying to get something sorted about this with the Police for probably over 3 weeks now; what's happened? I've had a phone call from an officer who wasn't sure what he could do about it!

The parking still continues; at present I can see at least eight cars parked either on double yellow lines, on footpaths, or areas which are supposed to be green areas.

Neville Lamb

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Crackdown on Scrap Metal Theft

Traders in South Durham are barring the way for metal thieves after signing up to a crime crackdown.
 Metal merchants in the Sedgefield, Wear Valley and Teesdale areas are being encouraged to bring in extra checks to prevent people selling on stolen lead and other materials.
 Visitors to Denham Metal Merchants, in Shildon and Bells, in Bishop Auckland will now have to provide proof of their identity if they wish to sell on scrap metal.
 They will also have to demonstrate that they are the legal owner of any vehicle they wish to have scrapped.
 The measures have been introduced as part of an ongoing operation organised by the Safe Durham Partnership and led by police and licensing officers from Durham County Council.
 Inspector Ed Turner, of Durham Constabulary, said: "The help and cooperation of local traders is vital if we are to succeed in cracking down on metal theft."
 "We want criminals to know that we are making every effort to prevent them from operating in County Durham."

Denhams is also displaying signs warning of the consequences of handling stolen goods.
 And staff at the dealership have been issued with special torches that can be used to reveal unique markings identifying the source of the metal.
 Police and licensing officers will be paying regular visits to each of the participating firms to carry out site inspections and offer advice to the proprietors.
 The operation, which has been running for three months, also includes stop and search exercises, when drivers of vehicles carrying scrap metal are asked to produce paperwork demonstrating their load is legal.
 So far, eight people have been arrested and two vehicles seized as a result of the inspections.
 Anyone with information about the theft and illegal sale of scrap metal should contact Durham Constabulary on 0345 606 0365 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Woodhead Reunion

Woodhead's Reunion will take place at the British Legion on Tuesday 16th November from 8pm. Come along and see your old friends and catch up on the latest news. Contact Carolyn on 07946 475492 for more information.

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11 Medals for Aycliffe Swimmers

Six swimmers from Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club travelled to the Aquatic Centre, Sunderland to compete in the North Eastern Regional short course swimming championships. For the first time both galas took part at the same time with the 50m pool split in two and the age group championships at one end and the senior/junior at the other.



Hannah Featherstone (11), Matthew Bradley (12) and Sam Dixon (13), were competing in the age group event and between them came away with 11 medals. Matthew won 4 gold medals in the 100m Freestyle, 100 and 200m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley and silver in both the 200m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke.

hard work and the support that was given to the swimmers from other coaching staff in the run up to the championships. Photo, left to right: Phillip Walker, Hannah Featherstone, Matthew Bradley, Caroline Saxby and Sam Dixon

Hannah won gold in the 100m Freestyle, silver in the 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly and finished in 5th place in the 200m Individual Medley. Sam won a bronze medal in the 200m Butterfly and narrowly missed out on a medal in the 100 Fly where he finished in 5th place.

Sam also swam in the 100m Freestyle (8th), 200m Freestyle (20th) and 400m Freestyle (13th), 200m Individual Medley (14th) and 400m Individual Medley (7th)

Hayley Bradley (14), Philip Walker (20) and Caroline Saxby (27) were representing the club in the senior/junior championships. The senior/junior championships meant swimmers swam the heats in the morning and finals in the afternoon and the three swimmers made 6 finals and collected four medals.

Caroline finished first in the 50m Freestyle and won silver in the 100 and 400m Freestyle, she also made finals in the 200m Individual Medley finishing in 5th place and she finished in 12th place in the 200m Individual Medley.

Hayley although finishing 8th in the senior 50m Breaststroke came away with a bronze medal in the youth event. She narrowly missed making a final in the 100m Breaststroke and she also swam the 200m Individual Medley (32). Philip also made a final in the 50m Backstroke finishing in 7th position. He also swam in 50m Free (23), 100m Free (38), 200m Free (47) 100m

Jewellery Course at Greenfield

Another exciting course starting at Greenfield Community & Arts Centre. On Monday 15th November 5.30pm to 7.30pm Sarah Robson will be starting a Fused Glass for Jewellery Course. This is a 5 week course and the cost is £41.00 with most of the materials included in this cost. Please phone 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk to book your place.

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.

In Memoriam

FRED MOUNSLEY Passed away 12th November 2004. Years may pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. From loving Wife Edna and all the family

RAY EARL 12-11-2009. A year today you passed away and it seems like only yesterday. I miss you so much. You are in my heart forever. Loving Wife Mary

RAY EARL 12th November 2009. Never forgotten. Barbara, Dick and Marc

BILL BURRELL Treasured memories of my dear Dad. Wherever I go, whatever I do, in my heart I think of you. God bless you always. Daughter Mena and Son-in-Law Joe xxx

JOHN ROSS 11-11-04. It has been six years since the day you left us and still we find it hard. The pain and heartache is still so very raw. With every single day that passes we miss you more and more. A Husband, a Dad and Grandad, a one in a million. Why God had to take you we will never understand. Love always. Wife Isobel; Daughters Nicky and Leanne; Grandchildren Josh, Teegan, Aaron and Ella

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. In memory of my beloved Husband Ray. To me you were someone very special, someone set apart. God has you in his keeping, but Ray, I have you in my heart. Sleeping in Gods garden with my beautiful Daughter Anthea xxx

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. Miss you Dad from your Boys xxx Glenn and Earle

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. A beautiful nature a heart of gold, to us a memory that will never grow old. Love and miss you always, Leigh and Roger

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. Not just a memory or part of the past. You'll be loved and missed as long as life lasts. Son Stuart, Pauline and Granddaughter Sophie xxx

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FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. When I lost you I didn't just lose my Grandad, you were my Dad, always there for me. Miss you and love you Grandad. And my dearest Mam Anthea from Son, Scott xxx

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. (My Grandad). Asleep peacefully in Gods garden with my beautiful Mam Anthea, miss you both so much. Daughter Victoria and George xxx

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10-11-2007. (Bro Ray). A vacant place no one can fill, we miss you dear Ray and always will. Marion, Allen and family xxx

NATHAN SOWERBY 16-11-06. Treasured memories of a much loved Son and Brother. Forever in our thoughts. Always in our hearts. Loved and remembered every day. Dad and Joanne

THOMAS DUNN (10-11-05) 5 sad years since I lost you. Thinking of you today, I miss you more with each passing day. Your loving Wife Margaret.

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Births

Dylan George Howarth



John-Paul and Lisa would like to announce the birth of their Son "Dylan George", born 5th November 2010, 7lbs 12oz. Thanks to everyone for all the cards and gifts received xx

Dylan George Howarth



Congratulations to Lisa and John-Paul on the birth of your son and our new Grandson "Dylan". Born on Friday 5th November 2010, weighing 7lbs 12oz. Love from Grandad Paul and Grandma Bev xxxxx

Dylan George Howarth



Welcome Dylan
Born on Friday 5th November 2010, welcome to the world, love from Auntie Carrie and Uncle Matthew xxx

Payton



Congratulations to Leah and David on the birth of your Daughter "Payton", born on 5th November 2010. 6lbs 13oz. Love from Lisa, John-Paul, Loren, Aimee and Dylan xxx

Obituary

ERIC WINTRELL 74 years, died suddenly on Sunday 7th November 2010. Beloved Husband of the late Jenny, Father of Stephen and Paul. Father-in-Law of Val and Karen. Grandfather of Karl, Debbie and Harry. Great Grandfather of Charlie, Dylan, Cameron and Tyler. Will be sadly missed by all. R.I.P. Friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.45am on Monday 15th November 2010.

ERIC WINTRELL Your smile has gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, We have so many memories of you Dad, We loved you so much. No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye, You were gone before we knew it, And only God can tell us why. Your loving Son Paul and Karen xxx

ERIC WINTRELL Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. Goodnight Grandad from Harry xxx

HARRISON (nee Hill) on 4th November 2010, suddenly in hospital. Lilian aged 72 years of Byerley Park, Newton aycliffe, formerly of Stockton. Dearly beloved Wife of Eric, a loving Mam of Stephen, Philip and Julie; a much loved Nana of Dean, Wayne, Stuart, Laura, Andrew, Georgia and Theo; also a dear Mother-in-Law of Sharon, Jackie and Paul. Funeral on Wednesday 17th November, would friends please meet 10.15am for a Service at St Clares Church prior to private Cremation. Family flowers only please.

PETER WILSON Age 56, passed away in hospital. Loving Dad to Richard, Mark and Emma; Step-Dad to Michala and loving Grandad. Sadly missed by all. Family and friends meet at Coundon Crematorium at 9.30am on Monday 15th November

MAXINE COUSINS We can't find the words, however hard we try. But, to a dear cherished friend it's so hard to say goodbye. Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. "The Girls", Joan, Dorothy and Nicola

Congratulations

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Happy 30th Birthday
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Youngsters Checked it Out

An interactive show, designed and created by young people, has proven so successful it will be rolled out to students across the county. 'Check It Out' highlights information available for youngsters on a website specifically designed to explore health issues.

Teenagers have worked with professional artists, health and youth workers to explore lifestyle issues that are relevant to them through film, sound, light, photography and graphics. Their creations have been brought together to produce a 20 minute interactive show.

The first tour of the show, which tackles issues such as body image, alcohol, drugs and relationships, took place in Sedgfield this summer and included than 800 participants.

Events took place at: Sedgfield Community College, Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Shildon Fun in the Park, Chilton Gala and The Great Aycliffe Show. It proved so successful; it will now be rolled out to enable more pupils from schools across the county to take part. Sedgfield Local Children's Board commissioned the project and 'Check it Out' will now be available for secondary schools in the Sedgfield area before going on to youth festivals and other schools across the county.

Kate Nevison, 15, from Newton Aycliffe was the lucky winner of the 'Check It Out' competition to win an Ipod Touch. The website can be viewed at: www.mylifecheck.co.uk - For more information about the project please contact the project manager, Katy Milne. Email: katy.milne@greenfieldschool.net

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Newton Aycliffe look to maintain their eight-match unbeaten league run when they entertain Seaham Red Star this weekend.

Aycliffe take on the 13th-placed side at Moore Lane Park this Saturday, hoping to further extend their new four-point lead at the top of the Northern League second division.

Aycliffe's 4-1 win at Brandon United last weekend, coupled with second-placed Guisborough's defeat at North Shields, has gifted the Newtonians a bit more breathing space.

Allan Oliver's side outplayed Brandon last week and cruised to victory with goals by Warren Byrne (two), Mark Peck and Josh Knox.

Byrne looked dangerous all game but it was defender Peck who opened the scoring after 16 minutes, converting Chase McMullen's lay-off inside the area.

Knox doubled the lead in the 33rd minute, clinically finishing from the edge of the penalty area after good work by Byrne.

It was three two minutes later when Byrne got his first of the afternoon, rifling home from the penalty spot.

Brandon pulled one back shortly

after the hour-mark when Aycliffe failed to clear a six-yard box melee and Stuart Owen appeared to handle Richard Mundell's goalbound effort, with the referee awarding a goal instead of a penalty.

But the visitors killed the game off just three minutes later when Craig Mickle found Byrne with a lobbed through-ball and Aycliffe's top scorer made no mistake to bag his 15th goal of the season, from just 17 yards.

Aycliffe are organising a Christmas Comedy Night on Monday 27th December at Aycliffe Sports Club, with star impersonator Kevin Connelly and hilarious comedian Rudi West. Tickets, costing just £15 each, are expected to be in high demand for the top billing.

Organiser Martin Walker said: "Kevin is one of the most high-profile entertainers we've booked to date and we're delighted to have secured him for a reduced rate. His impersonations are absolutely first-class and will have you crying with laughter."

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Ian Brown Head of Communities for sbh says "sbh is committed to providing safe homes for our tenants. Carrying out these safety checks is recognised as good practice and I would urge all tenants to allow us access to carry out the work. The staff carrying out the safety checks will wear identification, but if our tenants have any concerns they should contact sbh before giving them access."

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