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ROUTE 1

3.45 to 4.00pm - Aycliffe Young Peoples Centre, Welbury Grove.

4.00 to 5.00pm - St Oswalds, Central, Washington area, Wycliffe, Armstrong, Wren, Whitehead, Hutchinson, Hylton, Matthew, Wolsey, Richardson, Trevor, St Aidans, Felton.

5.00 to 5.30pm - Neile, Defoe, Trevor, Porter, Wheeler, Lamb, Espin, Bellasis.

5.30 to 6.00pm - Wiseman, Ewbank, Hardinge, Chandler, Chapman, Crowley, Hardinge, Bousefield, Faber, Kendrew, Sanderson, Redworth Grange, Elstob, Burn, Westmorland, Henson, Whiteley, Thurlow, Aylmer.

6.00 to 6.45pm - Dalton, Hartley, Faulkner, Hullock, Allington, Walcher, Lilburne, Macmillan, Bertie, Alington, Webb, Westmorland, Newburn.

6.45 to 7.30pm - Humphrey, Silkin, Stead, Wright, Priestman, Marshall, Burdon, Lightfoot, Stephenson.

7.30 to 8.10pm - Barrington, Ashfield, Tunstall, Carileph, Ebba, Bruce, Pease.

8.15pm - RAFA club to Paulinus

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ROUTE 2

3.45 to 4.05pm - Bede, Anne Swyft, Clarence Chare, Clarence Close, Clarence Green, Clarence, Baliol, Hackworth.

4.05 to 4.45pm - Baliol, Travellers, Linguard, Seton, Gilpin, Clanny, Palmer, Cosin.

4.45 to 5.15pm - Bury, Wilkinson, Van Mildert, Greathead, Co-operative Store, Shafto, Greville, St Cuthberts.

5.15pm - St Clare's Church

5.30 to 6.00pm - Sharp, Lumley, Hunter, Sharp, Crewe, Henderson, Crawford, Sheraton Road, Sheraton Close.

6.00 to 6.25pm - Hatfield, Heild, Biscop, Skirlaw, Flynn, Beck.

6.25 to 7.15pm - Creighton, Moore, Swan, Gunn, Mellanby, Liddell, Kenny, Carr, Markham, Secker, Joicey, Kemble, Bulmer, Vane, Fowler, Warburton, Jackson.

7.15 to 8.00pm - Shafto Way, Shield Walk, Stanfield Road, Denham Place, Ramsey Place, Eden Road, Langley Road, Malling Green, Central Avenue (Fire Station), Church Close

ROUTE 3

3.45 to 4.45pm - Greenfield, Burnhill, Malham, Reeth, Rylstone, Askrigg, Skipton, Arncliffe, Aysgarth, Hawes, Pateley, Stainforth, Keld, Marrick.

4.45 to 5.35pm - Garburn, The Lanes, Burnhill, Hawkshead, Honister, Silverdale, Kirkstone, Langdale, Whinlatter, Eskdale, Greenfield.

5.35 to 6.15pm - Linden, Greenfield, Beechfield, Rowan, Elmfield, Pease, Oakfield.

6.15 to 7.00pm - Cumby, Crosby, Doxford, Crosby, Lowery, St Godrics, Mills.

7.00 to 7.15pm - St Godrics, Cumby, Watson, Simpasture, Simpasture Gate, Moule, Finchale, Gregory Court,

Lambton, Lee Green, Hopper.

7.15 to 7.30pm - Finchale, Dixon, Walker Lane, Simpasture Gate, Emerson, Butler, Castlereagh, Merz.

7.30 to 8.10pm - Butler, Ritson, Bowes, Lyon Walk, Bowes, Marley, Wallas, Isherwood, Bewick, Emerson.

ROUTE 4

3.45 to 4.45pm - Aycliffe Village, Durham, Millfields, Atkinson, Orlands, Green (Mill House), South, St. Andrews, High Street, Heighington, Oakley, Congreve, Bickford.

4.45 to 5.30pm - School Aycliffe, West Cottages, North Cottages, Eastfields, The Garth, Midfields, Lord Neville, Binchester, Menville, Burnynghill, Forresters, Smythsons, Sheppards, Thursby, Wilbore.

5.30 to 6.10pm - High Barn, Meatesburn, Springfields, Hazelrigg, Lowfields, Hansard, Jennison, Westfields, Hillfields.

6.10 to 6.30pm - Greenfield, Malvern, Colwell, Bedford, Wilton.

6.30 to 7.10pm - Greenfield, Staintondale, Rookwood, Zetland, Covert, Stirrup, Bramham, Bedale, Post Horn, Saddlery, Greenfield.

7.10 to 7.45pm - Lascelles, Luttrynton, Hambleton, Ranulf, Jesmond, Colburn, Elwick, Claxton, Russell, Yoden, Wynyard.

ROUTE 5

3.45 to 4.10pm - Brafferton, Grange, Chilton, Grindon, Whitton, Woodham.

4.10pm to 4.45pm - Lowther, Brook, Cartington, Mulgrave, Helmsley, Middleham, Burleigh, Badminton, Stoneleigh, Lowther.

4.45 to 5.00pm - Hickstead, Stag, Kennilworth, Cheltenham, Gatcome.

5.00 to 5.35pm - Epsom, Kempton, Windsor, Fallow, Fawn, Hind, Raby, Brancepeth.

5.35 to 6.00pm - Village, Bamburgh, Chillingham, Alnwick, Barnard, Pemberton, Farnham.

6.00 to 6.35pm - Beaumont, Kirkham, Egerton, Dudley, Howson, Clover, Sorrel, Yarrow, Harebell, Champion.

6.35pm - St. Elizabeth's Church car park

6.45 to 7.00pm - Sandowne, Tattersall, The Oaks, Beechers, Paddock, Croft, Woodham, Sunningdale, Low Green.

7.05 to 7.45pm - Spinney, High Green, Granges 1 - 4, Bridle, Woodham Gate.

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ROUTE 6

3.45 to 4.30pm - Hallington, Tindale, Derwent, Angram, Scholars, Broomlee, Stocks, Waskerley, Fewston, Blackiston.

4.30 to 5.15pm - Meadowfield, Ladybower, Greenlee, Stainmore, Winterburn, Grassholme, Burnhope, Stainmore, Meadowfield, Hareson, Cestria.

5.15 to 5.45pm - Lisle, Lockyer, Hoode, Cheviot, Pennine

4.45 to 6.30pm - Bluebell Close, Coverdale, Bluebell Meadows, Alverton, Wolvestone, Hamsterley, Barton, Paxton.

6.30 to 7.00pm - Lancelot, Temple, Gamul, Raddive, Spooner, Thwaites, Eade

7.00pm - Avon Court

7.15 to 8.00pm - Scott, Bakewell, Booth, Bates, Sid Chaplin, Fox, Brockett, Loraine, Thornton, Sampson, Merlin, Kestrel.

ROUTE 7

3.45 to 4.10pm - Rose Lodge at Cobblers Hall, Foxglove, Ashtree, Pinewood

4.15 to 5.05pm - Ropemoor Way, Forster, Patenson, Wakenham, Youens, Haselwood, Blackiston, Carwardine, Karles, Bloomesley.

5.10 to 5.20pm - Acle Burn, Acle Meadows, St. Andrews, Ryder, Agnew, Kings, Ida, Osbert, Guthrum.

6.00 to 6.10pm - Osric, Aldfrid

5.30 to 6.00pm - Wellhouse, Morrison, Tanfield, Stargate

6.10pm - The Ballarat

6.15 to 7.00pm - Kimblesworth Walk, Fenhall Green, Hutton Place, Callerton Rise, Deleval Close, Elemore Place, Phoenix Place, Brockwell Close, Heatherburn Court.

7.30 to 8.00pm - Foxton Close, Herrington Court, Hardwick Court, Butterwick Court, Rushyford Court, Layton Court, Woodham Way

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On Tuesday 14th December children from Year 4, 5 and 6 went to Tesco's to sing Christmas Carols. They sang lots of songs from our recent production and entertained the staff and customers at Tesco for over an hour. They sang beautifully and made the staff very proud. They represented the true spirit of Christmas, singing songs about Jesus and the Nativity story. They had fun wearing different Santa hats and appreciated the refreshments Tesco provided.

We have been raising money this year for The Children's Diabetic Trust Fund and we managed to add another £129.70 to the total. We would like to wish the staff and customers of Tesco a very Merry Christmas and thank them for their generous support. Class 6 St. Joseph's.



Record Fundraising Year for Honest John

Honest John's Fundraising Stall raised a massive £12,700 during 2010 for 19 various town charities including £1,000 recently for Newton Aycliffe MIND.

He has deducted an amount of £1,560 for the rent of the stall, storage and Market fees.

Honest John trades 6 hours each week on the Tuesday Market Day and all items sold are donated by Newtonians and he wishes to express his appreciation for the kind support he receives.

"This year is a record and I am delighted I have been able to help so many local charities, but I could not have done it without people bringing their unwanted goods to my stall for me to sell," said John.

John volunteers his time free working for good causes in our town and Newton News commends the long hours he puts into helping others.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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Wednesday 12th Jan., 2011
Environment Committee - 7.15pm
followed by the Recreation Committee

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

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

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Councillors Greetings

Season's Greetings to the residents of Aycliffe West from Councillors Mike Dixon, Kate Hopper and Enid Paylor. A happy and prosperous New Year to one and all.

Counc. Mary Dalton sends best wishes to all residents hoping you have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

County Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran wish everyone in Great Aycliffe a Happy and Peaceful Christmas with best wishes for 2011.

Season's Greetings to all the people of Great Aycliffe from Councillors Malcolm and Bill Iveson.

TOWN DRAW INCLUDES TWO TICKETS FOR "TAKE THAT" CONCERT

Tickets for the Rotary Club Bumper Community Draw involving almost 30 town organisations will commence in the New Year.

The club is arranging everything including collecting all the prizes, printing the tickets, registering the draw and arranging a special night at the British Legion for 7th April for the draw to take place. All the groups have to do is sell tickets keeping half the money for their own funds or chosen charity.

Already the Rotary Club has received over £3,000 worth of prizes including a 42" HD Ready Samsung Plasma T.V. donated by

Tesco; a Sofa Bed value £400 from Furniture Factory Outlet, Four parties for 15 people including food at the new Bowling Alley, Ice Rink complex being built by Ruff n' Tumble. Two tickets for the "Take That" Concert at the Stadium of Light next May which could be priceless by then, donated by Premier Events a regular advertiser in this newspaper.

Another major prize is an £827 Bathroom Suite from Aquabliss. Roman has given a Bathroom set, Curtis Office Supplies a Computer Chair, Brancepeth and Darlington Golf Clubs have each donated a Round of Golf for 4 people.

Redworth Hall Hairdressers are giving vouchers for Health & Beauty plus a free week in the Health Spa. There is a Pasta Cooking Set donated by David Scott Accountants and Dinner at the Foresters Arms from Sabre Rail. Fish & Chip Meal from Redz and many more prizes and vouchers to come. It is not too late for other groups to register as sellers for the draw and receive 50% of all monies received for their own funds. Contact Syd Howarth on 300212 or 320901 or syd@newtonpress.net

60 HAMPERS FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE'S NEEDY FAMILIES

Tesco Help Town's Rotary Club Appeal



Rotarians and Tesco staff load 60 Christmas Hampers onto the van to be delivered to the town's needy families. Rotary Club President Barry Hutchinson thanked Tesco Manager Martin Butcher and all his staff for their kind co-operation in the appeal to help those families less

fortunate this Christmas. In particular the club is grateful to Tesco for allowing the annual collection in the store by Rotarians. Customers were very generous as usual and sufficient money is raised from the store and round the streets with Santa's Sleigh to make up

the hampers. The club thank Curtis Office Supplies for loaning their van and Linden Group for the use of their truck, taking Santa round the Streets.

Think of the Elderly Walking in Snow

Dear Sir,
During the snowfall and dangerous icy conditions I noticed no one seemed to clear vital paths to Bus Stops.

I would have thought this would be essential work to make it clear for elderly people who rely on buses to get them about.

I live in a bungalow and there is a steep bank up to the Bus Stop. I came out to try and walk, but had to turn back as I was scared of falling.

It seems the motorist is cared for, but not the pedestrian and as more bad weather is predicted I hope something is done.
Sheila Thompson.

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On behalf of the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group, may I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all who gave us donations and help over the last year, Councillors Mary Dalton, Enid Paylor, Mike Smith, and Dorothy Bowman, The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership, Cavos, Great Aycliffe Town Council, and last but certainly not least, Honest John. Bill Goudie Group Chairman

Aycliffe's Copelaw Help DVD Film

Youngsters from across the county were rewarded for their part in a short film this week.

The County Durham Youth Offending Service has funded the project, aimed at reducing the number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system, and launched a DVD at County Hall on Monday 13th December.

The gritty film, entitled Rewind, is acted by the youngsters who are depicting a day in the life of two groups of friends who find themselves regretting their actions.

Kannen Robinson, who took on the role of a young offender (graffiti boy), said: "The DVD project was a good experience and we hope it shows other young people the consequences of making bad decisions."

Gill Eshelby, head of County Durham Youth Offending Service, said: "Making the DVD has been a really positive process for the group, from which they have learned a great deal. It's hoped the DVD will deter other young people from getting into trouble."

The DVD was filmed and edited by Gary Wilkinson from Northeasternfilms and produced by Eye of the Fly. The DVD was also supported by Copelaw Activities Team, Durham City Homes and Durham

Constabulary. Some of the youngsters involved got to introduce the DVD at the special screening at County Hall this week.

The DVD will be used as part of the safer schools project, circulated around schools in the County Durham area.

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Thursday 23rd December - Christmas Issue
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Friday 7th January 2011 - New Year Issue
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CHRISTMAS MISERS

Dear Sir,
I wish to congratulate the Rotary Club for their hard work in raising cash to provide hampers for needy families each Christmas. I followed them on one of their rounds and saw the joy their Santa's Sleigh brought to the streets they visited. Parents with children came out on hearing the Christmas music and Santa had a word with everyone. He waved to residents and passed on Greetings to all, while members of the Rotary Club knocked on doors to collect donations for the appeal.

I was a bit sorry for them out in the bitter cold weather, but even more so when some people did not even come to the door to give a few coppers. More often than not these were people who had two cars in the drive and a posh house.
The Rotary Club people give their time and effort to help people less fortunate in our town, some who are facing a very bleak Christmas, and a bit of compassion would help encourage their good work. Thankfully most people did contribute.
R.J., Woodham

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Wednesday 15th December

The Full Council meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council (GATC) is slightly different to the various Committee meetings. Firstly, it is open to all Councillors and, secondly, its main role is to ratify the decisions of the different committees of the Council (which it did unanimously, without comment). However, there were also a number of important other matters, in which you might be interested:

1. DRAFT SERVICE DELEGATION SCHEME

At its inception, Durham County Council (DCC) promised to support Town and Parish Councils who wished to deliver services on behalf of the County Council, and now a working party has issued a report which outlines the different types of delivery, the criteria for delegation, and the process by which a delegation of service might be sought and operated. This is an important issue, because it is part of the government's push for 'localism'.

GATC has always made it clear that it would be interested in taking over certain services, and Cllr Fleming, speaking as Leader, welcomed the document, but pointed out that there had been as yet no actual delegations. He was sceptical of a scheme which gave to DCC Service Managers the power to delegate their own services (since they would be supervising the dismantling of their own jobs - 'like turkeys voting for Christmas').

Most of all he noted that the report failed to resolve the key problems of WHO WOULD PAY for the delegated services (how funding would follow the services), or of DOUBLE TAXATION (where Aycliffe taxpayers are paying for Town Council services which elsewhere in the

County are provided by the County Council). In short, the scheme was still inadequate, and if GATC were to take on any major service (and suggestions have included planning, libraries and snow-clearing) it would only be after full consultation with the people of Aycliffe. His comments were agreed without comment.

2. HITACHI INVESTMENT

A letter was received from our MP, encouraging people to write to Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Transport, Great Minister House, 76 Masham Street, London SW1P 4DR, expressing their support for the campaign to ensure Hitachi comes to Aycliffe.

3. GAI PARTY

The Council received a letter from the Electoral Commission approving the application of the GAI party to the political register. It did not record whether they are an Independent Party, or a Party of Independents, and the GAI leader did not comment.

4. AUDIT LETTER

A letter from the Audit Commission recorded its 'unqualified' (i.e. without reservation) opinion on both the Town Council's financial statements and its value for money, noting that 'its financial position and governance arrangements mean that it is relatively well-placed to meet future challenges'. This is the best report you can get from the Auditor, and was welcomed by all Councillors.

5. CLLR HOGAN

The Council agreed a request from Cllr Hogan for leave of absence from Council meetings due to ill-health (and we wish him a speedy recovery).

6. OUTSIDE BODIES

Finally, at every Full Council meeting, Councillors are always interested to hear reports from the Council's representatives to its partner organisations. Although the reports this month were mostly of meetings that had had to be cancelled because of the weather, there were informative reports from Councillor Fleming on the Larger Local Councils' forum, and from Councillor Ian Gray on the work of the Countryside Volunteers.

JCL

Newtonian is UK's Top Female Apprentice



Lisa Pape receives the award at a ceremony in London from Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone MP.

A young employee at the 3M Aycliffe site has been acclaimed as one of the UK's top female engineering apprentices.

Lisa Pape, 21, who is in the fourth and final year of her apprenticeship, has been awarded a Special Prize for Merit by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). A former student at Woodham Community Technology College in Newton Aycliffe, Lisa joined the diversified technology company at its Heighington Lane site after passing A-levels in science and maths.

"I had originally been considering a career in nursing but changed my mind and decided to go into engineering instead. I'm so glad that I did," she explained. "Engineering is still looked on as a male-orientated career but there's no reason why it should be. I'm very keen to encourage more girls to realise the opportunities it offers."

Lisa was selected for the award for her commitment to engineering and the successful projects she's

completed at the site, which manufactures respirators and products for the vehicle aftercare market.

3M Aycliffe site manager Shaun Morley commented: "We are all very proud of Lisa's achievement. She has shown that she is among the very best of the engineering talent in the UK."

"Modern apprenticeships are a cornerstone of the site's succession planning and Lisa's award reflects positively on both our recruitment and development processes on site."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

St. Mary's Car Park

Dear Sir,
I would like to know why St. Mary's Church users do not all use their own car park if it is solely for their use. Instead they continue to park dangerously on the road on Central Avenue, far too close to the roundabout from the Burn Lane exit. This Sunday morning I noticed 12 cars parked here, thus limiting visibility for motorists exiting the roundabout, yet, meanwhile, church car park provided for their use was only half full. As for the church car park being dangerous for school users - how many years has it taken to come to this conclusion? Isn't any car park a potential risk? Car park accidents make up a significant percentage of motor insurance claims. Wouldn't it be a better idea to educate the minority of parents and children who have been misusing the car park and instruct them how to use it safely instead of just directing the problem across the road to Tesco's car park?
J. Lee-Deckard

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co.uk. SBH's financial inclusion team can be contacted on 0800 587 4538 or 0300 111 2344.

Greetings from Friends of Senior Citizens

The Friends of Senior Citizens at Neville Community Centre wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. Peter Beaty and staff wish to inform you it will be business as usual at the centre on January 3rd. "A big thank you to all our supporters during 2010 and we look forward to being of service during 2011. A special thanks to Councillors Sarah Iveson and John Moran for their recent donation which was gratefully received.

Charity Walk Raised £5,118



Sgt Angie Sowerby, Police Sgt Kevin Sinclair, Sammy Askew and Scooby the dog followed in the footsteps of the Roman legions recently. The 110 mile march was organised by Angie from the Royal Logistic Corps to support Help for Heroes and the Army Target



Shooting Club, which is converting some of their accommodation to cater for injured soldiers. She was accompanied by Kevin from Feltham Police, 15 year old Samantha Askew from Greenfield Arts College and Scooby, a rescue dog from the Dogs Trust. They were supported by a small support team along the way. The intrepid four started at Carriden on the Forth, the first 37 miles was done over a 2 and a half day period, ending at Old Kilpatrick on the Clyde, West Scotland. After a night's sleep transport brought the group down to Hadrian's Wall at the Solway Firth where the remaining 73 gruelling miles commenced, covering 15-16 miles a day over a 5 day period finally ending at Wallsend. Sgt Sowerby wore a full replica Roman battle armour and leather hobnail sandals, carrying sword, dagger, shield, and heavy javelin. "It was so painful but an amazing experience," she says, "I would like to thank everyone who encouraged us along the way." Sgt Sinclair wore British Army desert fighting order, including a fully loaded patrol pack, Osprey body armour, water camel pack, desert assault vest and helmet. "I fully appreciate what our armed forces are doing," he says. "It hurt completing this march, but it

was worth every bit of it." Samantha wore British Army Woodland fighting order, including a fully loaded patrol pack, combat body armour, water camel pack, combat assault vest and helmet. "My Brother and Aunt are soldiers and I am so proud of them," she says. "I am also proud of all our men and women in our armed forces and I hope that together we have made a small difference." The Team managed to raise an outstanding £5118 which was split equally between both charities. They wish to thank all who donated and supported them on their journey.

Thanks to Entrepreneurs

Dear Sir, I would like to congratulate the Peckitts for their foresight in giving people much needed leisure facilities and I hope they get the full support of both the people of Newton Aycliffe and the Council. The ice rink in particular should appeal to many people living outside of our area and it's just a pity there aren't other entrepreneurs who could build a cinema and perhaps an out of town shopping centre around this new and exciting venture. I wish them well and a Happy Christmas with and every success for 2011. J.M. Gowland

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Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 8th January 2011 from 11am to 12noon.

The meetings are informal and you can speak in private to your Community Police Officer PC 1452 Alan Thompson on any issues you may have.

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GOLD AWARD FOR PCP



Local charity the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in Newton Aycliffe is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Tidy Business Standards Gold Award by Durham County Council.

To achieve a gold award PCP has demonstrated that the Pioneering Care Centre, based in Newton Aycliffe is clean, tidy and attractive, and that PCP supports community clean up events and take part in at least one Altogether Greener related activity per year.

Jane Hartley, Chief Executive of PCP, said "We are absolutely delighted to win this award in recognition of our work to maintain the Pioneering Care Centre as an outstanding healthy living centre for the community".

The centre provides access to various treatments and activities to improve health and wellbeing including exercise classes, adult and community learning courses, 14 different therapies, chiropody and a hydrotherapy pool.

Concessionary rates are available so why not take advantage of some of the beneficial services on offer? The centre also provides a full conference and room hire service with concessionary rates for charities.

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Selling Draw Tickets to Aid Leukaemia Research

The Rotary Bumper Draw has recruited Alison White, a Leukaemia sufferer, to their list of ticket sellers.



Alison will be selling tickets on behalf of Leukaemia Research and retaining half the money from sales of tickets for that charity. She has already raised thousands of pounds from various fundraising activities and sees this as another way to swell the funds. All Town organisations are invited to take part in the draw. Everything is organised by the town's Rotary Club who have obtained all the prizes, printed the tickets, and registered the draw which will take place at the British Legion on 7th April 2011.

If you want to be part of this great community effort and help your own group at the same time get in touch with Syd Howarth on 300212 or 320901, e-mail syd@newtonpress.net

Is the Global Warming Joke Over?

Dear Sir,
If, last week, frozen behind a snowdrift, you heard a faint hysterical squeaking, it might well have been the sound of those 20,000 delegates holed up behind a wall of armed security guards in the sun-drenched Mexican holiday resort of Cancun, telling each other that the world is more threatened by runaway global warming than ever.

Between their tequilas and lavish meals, paid for by the world's taxpayers, they heard how, by 2060, global temperatures will have risen by 4 degrees Celsius; how the Maldives and Tuvalu are sinking below the waves faster than ever; how the survival of salmon is threatened by CO2-induced acidification of the oceans; how the UN must ban incandescent light bulbs throughout the world.

"Scientists", we were told, are calling for everyone to be issued with a "carbon ration card", to halt all Western economic growth for 20 years. It is only those same old computer models that predict that Tuvalu and the Maldives are about to drown, when real measurements show the sea around them not to be rising at all. Far from the oceans acidifying, their pH currently ranges between 7.9 and 8.3, putting them very firmly on the alkaline side of the threshold, at 7.0.

The prediction that global temperatures will rise by four degrees in 50 years comes from that same UK Met Office computer which five weeks ago was telling us we were about to enjoy a "milder than average" winter, after three years when it has consistently got every one of its winter and summer forecasts hopelessly wrong. (And the reason why our local authorities are already fast running out of salt is that they were silly enough to believe them.)

When Vicky Pope, the Met Office's Head of Climate Change Advice, wanted to fly out from Gatwick to Cancun to tell them that 2010 is the hottest year on record, she was trapped by inches of the same global warming that her £33 million computer had failed to predict.

As for all that "geo-engineering" make-believe which has been peddled for years, about giant mirrors and covering the sea with iron filings, are as fanciful as the idea that we can save the planet by forcing everyone to use those miserable mercury-vapour "low-energy" light bulbs, or that we can pipe away all the carbon dioxide from power stations to store it in holes under the North Sea.

What we are seeing here is one of the greatest collective flights from reality in the history of the human race. As western Europe shivers to a halt and our energy bills soar through the roof, the time has come when we should all start to get seriously angry with our politicians for being carried away by all this claptrap.

Why, for instance, when our public debt is still rising by £3 billion a week, do we allow our Government to ring-fence £2.9 billion of our money to help the developing world to build useless wind turbines and solar panels? With all the cuts in public spending going on one which has rightly drawn flak is the colossal 47% jump in our spending on overseas aid, due to rise from £7.8 billion to £11.5 billion. This includes, for instance, a further rise in the £800 million a year we already donate to India, one of the world's fastest growing economies. This will be spent on promoting gender equality, and assisting the Indians with their space programme.

This includes, however, only a part of the £2.9 billion that will be spent, along with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), as part of an EU scheme "to help developing countries pursue low-carbon growth and adapt to climate change", which is a hefty part of the 27% rise in the DECC budget over the next four years. A good case could be made that almost all spending on overseas aid

and climate change is money chucked down the drain. (My favourite politically correct DFID project was building a Ferris Wheel for the female inhabitants of the Afghan town of Lashkar Gah.)

Another item - on the list of fast-rising items of public expenditure - is the £16 billion a year we already contribute to "EU institutions". This will be boosted by the EU Parliament's decision, that the EU Budget should rise by a further 6%.

When England's students face a rise in tuition fees from £3,000 to £9,000 (but not Scottish or Welsh students thanks to England subsidising them) why do we tolerate a Parliament which blithely commits us to spending £18.3 billion every year for 40 years under the Climate Change Act, without having the faintest idea how we are going to keep our lights on? The global warming scare may have been fun for the children while it lasted, but the time has come for the joke to be declared well and truly over.

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Global Warming Denier

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Durham County Council faces an unprecedented challenge to reduce spending by over £100m over the next four years, which is more than double what the authority had planned to save in its current financial plan and will involve reviewing all services over the next four years.

The council's four year Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) sets the context for the more detailed budgets the council develops each year. Since the General Election, the council has had to completely review its financial plans to respond to the unprecedented spending reductions imposed by the Government.

As well as coping with additional spending cuts of £18.6m earlier this year, the council, must plan for a 28 per cent reduction in the level of Government support it will receive over the next four years. Together these figures total more than £100m.

In addition, council tax accounts for about a quarter of our income. In line with Government directions this has been frozen for 2011/12 and significant increases will not be allowed in future years, so the authority has no other option but

to significantly reduce spending to respond to its reduction in budget.

This will be very challenging and will involve many difficult decisions. The council now has the final settlement figure of £235.4m for 2011/12 and is able to assess in more depth the reality.

Durham's baseline grant from Government has been reduced in cash terms by £28m in 2011/2012 and a further £17m in 2012/13 plus £25 million in Area Based Grants

The published figure of a 6.7 per cent reduction for Durham arises from a calculation of grant reduction against our total spend, rather than against grant received and includes Council Tax plus our share of the Social Care allocation.

Over £11m of the council's grant entitlement has been withheld by Government to protect services in other local authority areas

Unlike many other councils, Durham is proposing to achieve more than half of the savings required from sources other than service rationalisation. This is possible because the council will make significant

efficiencies as a result of its on-going modernisation programme and as a larger council, has more scope to realise savings.

The council has also responded to widespread recent public consultation and, as a result, will find above average reductions from management and support costs. This overall approach is key to protecting frontline services as much as possible.

Our approach will be to reduce spending across five categories:

MAKING SAVINGS ACROSS MANAGEMENT
MAKING SAVINGS ACROSS SUPPORT SERVICES

IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCY MEASURES
REVIEWING FEES AND INCOME

RATIONALISING SERVICES AS A LAST RESORT

More than half of the savings which the council will have to make from its core budget will come from the first four categories above.

Durham County Council can do this because its on-going modernisation programme following unitary reorganisation in 2009 includes a whole series of cost saving projects and efficiency improvements to modernise, improve and streamline the operation of the largest local authority in the region and one of the largest councils in the county. As a larger local authority, Durham County Council has more scope than smaller councils to achieve savings in management and support costs.

In developing a revised MTFP which reflects the major reductions in spending, the authority has conducted two major consultation exercises with the public. During these people have been asked how they feel Durham County Council should make the required savings and which services they would most like to see protected.

The council intends to build on its recent track record of making efficiency savings and proposes a further £13.6 m of similar savings during the course of the plan, through projects such as:

More cost effective waste, recycling and refuse collection

Centralising and rationalising council depots and stores
Creating integrated teams with the Health service

Supporting people to live independently through moving to re-ablement services

Sharing management costs between leisure and cultural services

More effective use of the council's fleet of vehicles

More cost effective administration for the council's Area Action Partnerships

More cost effective procurement of services including social care contracts, waste disposal and technical services.

These projects should help to protect or improve service provision by reducing costs.

On fees and charges, the council expects to save £5.5m, should the proposals set out in the revised MTFP be accepted by Cabinet on December 22. The authority will aim to strike a

balance between charging for services (where it is normal practice for councils to do so), and the need to ensure that fees are appropriate and affordable for the many low income households in County Durham.

Historically, Durham has offered relatively high levels of service compared with other councils. For example, music in schools in Durham is subsidised by the council tax and kerbside green waste collections are free, whereas in other areas these are paid-for, self-financing services. This means that Durham has more scope to meet the spending reductions by varying the standard of service, before having to consider withdrawing services altogether.

The council will fundamentally review services to identify efficiency savings and the potential for rationalising elements of service areas. Amongst 140 proposals for making savings and reviews (see attached appendix), and having listened to the public's views the council will review high profile services including:

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Given the size of the council and the large number of facilities it has, Durham is better placed to achieve reductions by rationalising services before having to consider withdrawing them altogether.

The scale of spending reductions will involve the loss of approximately 1,600 jobs. This figure is the number of actual full time equivalent posts likely to be lost, taking in to account the deletion of vacant posts.

In addition, to the core grant reductions outlined above, where the Government has reduced specific grants - for example managing child protection databases - Durham County Council has followed suit. The approach Durham County Council is taking will protect frontline services as much as possible, within the restricted funds available.

EVENTS PROMOTER DONATES BIG PRIZE TO TOWN'S BUMPER DRAW



Jason Cooke saw details of the Rotary Club's Bumper Draw and wanted to give something back to the community and offered two tickets for the "Take That" concert in May at the Stadium of Light. This will include transport from Newton Aycliffe for the lucky winners.

Jason moved to Newton Aycliffe 2 years ago and opened his business, Premier Events, at St. Cuthberts House on Aycliffe Business Park. He is a successful provider of Corporate Hospitality and Events and regularly advertises in Newton News trips to major events in the north east.

Jason is enjoying living and working in the town and has 15 years experience as an Events Agency with connection to many top promoters. He was born in Manchester and is a strong supporter of Manchester United Football Club.

Syd Howarth, project leader for the Bumper Draw is seen here accepting the voucher from Jason and said "This is another major prize to add to the Draw and will appeal to the younger generation. The Rotary Club appreciate the generosity Jason has shown."

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Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of the Council said "This benchmark survey is very encouraging for us and says residents are happier now than

they were before the unitary council came into being. - the difference is quite marked when compared with the Place Survey in 2008 when 41 per cent of the respondents were satisfied."

All respondents were provided with a list of services and asked to rate their level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each. Among "users" of these services satisfaction is highest with street scene related services such as refuse collection (90 per cent satisfied), doorstep collection recycling (90 per cent) and local recycling facilities (87 per cent).

Education is also highly regarded with primary education, (91 per cent satisfied), nursery education (89 per cent) and secondary education (86 per cent). A large majority of residents - 93 per cent feel the council has staff that are friendly and polite. Close to nine in ten feel that the council is doing a good job, (88 per cent) and enhances and conserves the environment (87 per cent). It is also very positive that 80 per cent of respondents feel that the council is efficient and well run.

With questions around the image of Durham and satisfaction with their local area over four in five (85 per cent) residents agree that Durham is an attractive place to live with views as high as 97 per cent and 95 per cent among residents of Weardale and Teesdale. The findings also showed that 80 per cent of respondents believe County Durham is a safe place to live.

During November and December each Area Action Partnership will receive an area profile that has been produced to include some of the specific feedback from those residents surveyed in their area.

Councillor Simon Henig said "The feedback to our Area Action Partnerships will be very timely as they are about to review their priorities and it has highlighted differences between them so action can be targeted. I'm very pleased with the overall feedback and it reflects well on the way our staff have come together and the role members take in their local areas."

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Christmas Remembrance

MAXINE COUSINS You are my beautiful angel, shining down from Heaven. I miss you more every day Auntie Maxine and you are always in my thoughts. All my love and kisses always. From Laura xxxxx

JANE WAKE (Burrell). Christmas memories of my dear Mam and Dad, my two Brothers Billy and Eddie and my dearly loved Sister Jenny. Christmas time when we were together will live in my heart for ever. God bless you all. Mena, Joe and family xxx

JOHN PARRY Thinking of you at Christmas and always. Miss you and love you. Daniel and kids xxx

DENNIS CHENTRENS 1924-2005. Another Christmas has come without you to share it with us Dad. We still miss you so much. You are always in our thoughts and especially at this time of the year. Love from your Daughters, Margaret, Doreen and Denise xxx

Birthday Remembrance

NOEL NEEDHAM 80th birthday on 24th December. Happy birthday memories are my keepsake with which I'll never part, God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Love forever, Sheila and family xxx

CHRIS OLI 24th December. Wish we could go for a drink for your birthday Mate. Thinking of you always. Love, Paddy xxx

PAUL RAINE 28th December. Always in our thoughts, never forgotten. Lots of love, Mam, Peter, Kenneth, Jeffery, Tony and Pamela

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Births

Dave and Claire Mudd



Dave and Claire would like to announce the birth of their little miracle "Lucas Antony" born on 6th December 2010. A wonderful baby Brother to Michael, Chloe and Arron xxx

In Memoriam

PAT FORRESTER (nee Kane), 24th December. Today is remembered and silently kept, no need for words we will never forget. You were someone special, always remembered. Mam and Barry

JIM NAYLOR 23rd December 2007. It's been three long years since you passed away. You are in my thoughts every single day. The memories you left me are worth more than gold. They will be with me always as I grow old. Your loving Wife Ann and family

LENA JACKSON 27-12-1987. Dear Mam and Nana. Nothing ever takes away the pain of losing you, but all the lovely memories will last a lifetime through. Love, Debra, Geoff, Joel and Stevie Lena xxx

LENA JACKSON 27-12-1987. Treasured memories of a lovely Mam, who is loved and missed so much. Linda, Gary, Amber and Jake xxx

DENNIS ARCHER You were one in a million and will be sadly missed. Love always, Brian and Krystal xxx

WINIFRED HAYES 29th December 1999. This day is remembered and quietly kept, no words are needed, we shall never forget. For those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen and unheard. But always near, so loved, so missed and so very dear. Loved always. Stan, Patricia and family

Samantha Gill



Happy 21st Birthday

1st January 2011
21 at last! Finally get the key to the door (if we lived in the 1950s). As it is now, lets get dressed up, go out and have a good night. Love you lots, Becci and Zoe - Happy birthday babe xxxxxxxxxxxx

All our love on your 21st birthday! Hope you have an amazing day! Love and kisses, Mam, Dad, Danielle, David, Ashley and Calvin xxx

To our Granddaughter. Happy 21st birthday! Lots of love, Nana and Grandad Gill and Uncle Phil

I will love you forever and I hope you have a perfect birthday. I promise you an amazing 2011. Love, Ollie xxxxxx

Gary Porritt



Happy 40th Birthday

30th December 2010
I can't wait for us to celebrate it in the Alps!! All my love, always and forever, Kelly xxxxx

PETER HARDY (Dad), happy 50th. Love from Ricky and Claire xx

PETER HARDY Happy 50th birthday love from Mam and Lynne xx

PEDRO Happy 50th birthday love from Alyson and Andrew xx

PETER HARDY Happy 50th birthday love from Anita, Micky, Ross, Robyn and Reed xxx

PETER HARDY Happy 50th birthday. Love from Karen, Ian, Curt, Brad and Megan xxx

PETER HARDY Happy 50th birthday. All my love, from Yoli xxx

Congratulations

Sara Allen



Happy 16th Birthday Sara Allen

27th December 2010
Love from Mum, Dad, Grandpa Gavin, Susan, Nina and Alfie

Melvin - Langsley

Gary and Nycola, congratulations on your Engagement. All our love from Mam, Dad, Hollie, Gran, Granda, Nana, Auntie Bee and all the Family



Love and kisses to the best Mammy and Daddy in the world, from Emily and Bauer xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Daniel Rowland



Happy 18th Birthday

You are all grown up now, but you have still got the same cheeky smile. Lots of love, Nana, Grandad and Mark xxx

Daniel Rowland



Happy 18th Birthday

28th December 2010
Hope you have a great time and don't get too drunk!! Love you lots from Mam and John xxx
Whey Hey 18 at last Daniel! Happy birthday. Lots of love from Morgan and Alfie xxxxx
PS: Don't forget to carry your ID, HaHa xxx

Angel Lyn Woods



Happy 7th Birthday

25th December 2010
Happy birthday Angel. Love from Mam, Jamie, Gran, Grandad and Bob. We all love you very much xxx

Aby Holland



Happy 18th Birthday

31st December 2010
to our special girl. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Glen and Lillie

Carly Amanda Jones



Happy 18th Birthday

27th December 2010
Happy birthday. Love from Mum, Dad, Ashleigh, Inky, A.T. Family and Friends

JOHN KITCHING 31st December. Happy 50th birthday. All our love, Eileen, Kyle and Harry xxx

KYLE KITCHING 31st December. Happy 16th birthday. All our love, Mam, Dad and Harry xxx

BLACKETT Happy 18th Daniel. Lots of love, Auntie Julia, Uncle Paul, Laura and Bethany

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Alice Springs



Happy 21st Birthday

10-10-10
to our beautiful Daughter on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Mam & Dad xxx

Bonny and Clyde Cunningham



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SPORTSABILITY GAIN CLUBMARK ACCREDITATION

Sedgefield Junior Sportsability club has become the first disability club to achieve Clubmark status in County Durham.

The Clubmark initiative, run by Sport England, works to ensure consistent good practice is delivered by its partners and has now recognised the commitment made by Sportsability to develop a high quality, welcoming environment for its young participants.

Sportsability was set up by Durham County Council in 2008.

The club offers young people with disabilities, aged between five and 16-years-old, the opportunity to take part in various sport sessions including athletics, taekwondo, swimming, football and gymnastics. Each session is run by a qualified coach with support from parents and carers.

Victoria Minniss, Durham County Council's sports development officer, said: "Clubmark status gives us tangible benefits such as an increase in membership, which in turn gives parents confidence in choosing the club for their children. The culture that Clubmark promotes boosts morale and ensures that volunteers are recognised for their contributions. Accreditation has encouraged the club to adopt better, more organised systems and structures thus helping us to run more effectively and efficiently."

Sportsability operates on a Monday evening at Spennymoor Leisure Centre between 5.00pm and 6.30pm.

For further information on the club and the club's activities please contact Victoria Minniss, Sport Development Officer on 01388 816166 or email victoria.minniss@durham.gov.uk

AYCLIFFE 4 POINTS CLEAR AT TOP OF THE LEAGUE

FIXTURES

Monday 27th December: Crook Town (Away), 1pm
Monday 3rd January: Morpeth (Home), 3pm
Saturday 8th January: North Shields (Home), 3pm
Saturday 22nd January: Marske Utd (Home), 3pm
Saturday 29th January: Washington (Home), 3pm

www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Aycliffe FC, currently four points clear at the top of the Northern League 2nd Div. need to finish in the top three to win promotion to the top flight at the end of the season.

But they'll not qualify for the first division due to strict ground grading rules set out by the national Football Association, unless they erect a second stand at Moore Lane Park to accommodate at least 100 standing spectators, alongside their 113-seater stand.

They need to raise around £10,000. However, the club are keen to speak to

local tradesmen and firms who can offer services and supplies at cost price.

Farley added: "We've been given a quote for a stand but there are other ways around this and by pooling the resources on the town we could get there with one big team effort, just like the Newton Press deal. "We'd love to hear from any firms or tradesmen out there who'd be willing to chip in and help out by either doing some work for us or offering cost-price materials."

More than £30,000 has been spent on ground developments in the last year, the majority of which was donated by Aycliffe Sports Club. That's on top of the original £320,000 spent to redevelop the ground in the first place, provided by grants from the LIP Fund and the Football Foundation.

Anyone who'd like to help the club, or to make a donation, can contact Secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501 or email stecunliffe@aol.com

Meanwhile, the lack of football continues due to the arctic conditions. Aycliffe are due to play Crook Town away on Monday (December 27) followed by Morpeth at home on Monday January 3. Fans will be updated via the usual channels: the club's official website, facebook, their free SMS text service and nonleaguezone.com

Newton Press First to Back Aycliffe FC Promotion Bid

Newton Press is the first firm to support Aycliffe FC's campaign for a second stand with a fantastic new sponsorship deal.

The family run-company, printers of the Newton News, have kick-started Aycliffe's fundraising drive by sponsoring the club's award-winning programme.

Newton Press, one of the town's oldest firms, will now be printing the club's popular matchday read, free of charge as part of the 18-month deal.

Chairman Gary Farley, pictured with Newton Press Director Paul Howarth, said: "This is absolutely brilliant news and we are thrilled Newton Press are supporting the town's football club in this way. Our match programme has previously made a very small return for the club due to printing costs, as it's full-colour, glossy finish helped it win the Northern League programme of the year award at the first time of asking last season!

"But this deal represents real cash value and gives



our new fundraising effort a fantastic springboard.

"The money from programme sales on matchdays will now go directly into the fund for our new stand so it will have a big part to play." Aycliffe sell an average of 70 programmes per game, with the club set to save at least £2,500 per season on printing costs.

Newton Press have signed up to printing the

club's programme for the remainder of the current season as well as all of the 2011-12 campaign.

Paul Howarth said: "Newton Press will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary in 2013, and are pleased to help the growth of football in our town. We will continue to promote town businesses, organisations, schools, churches and sports through the Newton News."

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