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Town's First AAP Meeting



The launch of the **Area Action Partnership (AAP)** to cover Great Aycliffe and Middridge was held at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday 21st April.

A number of Councillors were present from both GATC and Durham County Council as well as the Town Clerk, members of the DCC Cabinet and County Council officers. The first presentation explained the nature of the Area Action Partnerships and emphasised the main word was ACTION! A broader forum, which everyone present had all become members, will work in conjunction with a smaller management board. They will steer and co-ordinate the work needed to be done in allocating the £400,000 annual budget to be spent on our area. Whilst it sounds a lot of money, it isn't considering the overall council budget, personal initiative funds held by elected councillors. Everyone was given a chance to be part of the new AAP Board and a vote was taken on the several options available.

Each table took part in a workshop that allowed questions to be asked of Council officers on the structure and operation of the AAP's. Where particularly probing questions required specialised knowledge, other officers were on hand with more in depth responses.

The second presentation covered the setting of priorities. Five had already been identified prior to the launch and during the second workshop the forum members were asked to come up with five more to be considered by the board. Board Membership has not been decided, but the general feeling was it should not be "the usual suspects". The Board consists of 7 Councillors, 7 Stakeholders (Police etc) and 7 residents. The latter will be selected and interviewed to ensure there is a good cross section of the community. Having identified a number of priorities, each table was asked to prioritise so they could be fed into those identified by others. After the priorities had been grouped everyone was invited

to vote, "It's a Knockout" style, by dropping ping pong balls into tubes for the areas they saw as the most important. Once people returned to their tables, the transparent tubes were revealed to show the number of votes cast for each. The new name for the AAP was voted on and it will be Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership, "GAMP"!

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The youngsters were very upset and were distressed to see the injured animal with broken legs and blood pouring from its mouth. But they stopped traffic, and took the cat to the side of the road, comforting the animal, wiping the blood away and stroking it while

another student made contact with a Vet.

A girl called Emily took charge and went with the cat to the Surgery where the tortoiseshell coloured animal was put to sleep.

"I was passing in my car and stopped to help, but I was so impressed by the young peoples' care and compassion I contacted the school to inform the Headteacher of the incident and to express my admiration for his students conduct" said Barbara.

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Aycliffe Thai Boxers Star in Anniversary Show



Aycliffe Thai Boxers Stu Taylor and Peter Steed competed in the 25th Anniversary Show and despite fighting opponents who were heavier and more experienced came away winners. Peter a beginner last year, has lost four stones and has reached a level of fitness which allowed him to compete against a Red Kru, equivalent to a black belt. He knocked his rival out in the 3rd Round. Stu Taylor's opponent was heavier and has a record of 3 fights with 2 knockouts, but Stu set a pace which gave him a points victory. Aycliffe Thai Boxing School train at the Scout Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm and on Sundays at 10.30am. Children's sessions are held at the Leisure Centre on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The School acknowledge with thanks the donation made by John Painter which has been a great help to the club.

New Yr 9 Team Wanted

Three parents are trying to reform the Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14 Football team, after the sudden mid-season resignation from the TJFA. They are looking for players who will be in Year 9 from September 2009. Old and new players are welcome to join this new venture. Please ring Paul Robertson on 01388 663552 for details.

Heighington School Bags 1st Prize

Children from Heighington School have bagged top prize and helped their local Teenage Cancer Trust by winning Simplicity's Spring School Competition 'It's in the bag'. The eight girls and one boy from Year 5 and 6 (9-10 year olds) – members of the School's after-hours sewing club designed and created over 150 unique bags and raised £1,391 in the memory of Liam Harker, son of the School's cook who died from cancer last year.

Their original, hand-made designer bags were sold and auctioned on March 18th with all of the money raised going to the Teenage Cancer Trust unit at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle, scheduled to open in Late Autumn 2009.

The competition was run by Simplicity, a worldwide company that designs and produces sewing patterns. Simplicity provided 5 basic bag patterns, but then the children had get creative to produce designer versions using a range of luxurious fabrics and inventive machine embroidery. The competition also took into

consideration the amount of money the children raised for charity.

The school won: 3 Brother Innov-is 10A Sewing Machine (worth £243 each); 3 Simplicity Side Winders; Copies of Simply the best Sewing and Simply the Best Home Decor and a Simplicity pattern bundle and Gutermann threads.

Teacher, Sue Snowdon, who runs the club, commented: "I couldn't believe it when I found out that we'd won. It really came out of the blue. While I knew the children had produced exceptional work, I was also aware that we were up against senior school and design students. I'm so delighted, and so proud of them - they just can't wait to get their hands on the machines. We're also very pleased that through this competition, the children raised such a magnificent sum of money for such a worthwhile cause!"

The children benefited from the support of needlework expert Joan Easton who showed the club how they could use their sewing machines to embroider fantastic patterns onto their bags.

DOUBLE HAT TRICK OF FIRSTS FOR 5 YEAR OLD DANCER

Five year old Dolci Cowens attends Vane Road Infant School and first started dancing at Clare Walton's "Stepping out" Dance School in November 2008. Her first competition was at Knottingley in Yorkshire, only a month later where she came 1st in the under 6 beginners solo.

She moved up into Under 6 starters for solo, and progressed quickly in the U8's. Dolci has since been to many competitions up and down the country. In 11 Competitions she has amassed an amazing 29 trophies and 4 sashes.

On 3rd April 2009 Dolci travelled to Cayton Bay for the East Coast Dance Festival 2009 with Clare Walton, her Mam Cheryl, Paul, Nana Vera and Grandad Trevor along with another 114 Mams, Dads and dancers for a 5 day extravaganza.

There Dolci won a hatrick of First Prizes including Under 6 starter solo winner, U6 starter of the year and Under 8 street winner.

Then on Sunday 19th April 2009 Dolci was back at Knottingley where it all began in 2008 and gained another hatrick with firsts in U6 starter solo 1st, U6 novice slow 1st and Under 8 street 1st. Dolci is also in the Under 12 Team Dance and they came 1st at Knottingley.

Dolci's Mam would like to



express her sincere thanks to the dance teachers at the 'Stepping Out' as without all their hard work and commitment Dolci would not have achieved the fantastic results she has to date. "A big thank you to all the

dancers/parents for welcoming us to your large family. The biggest thank you to Clare Walton, an amazing teacher with seven dancers achieving hatricks on Sunday, says it all." said Cheryl.

New Vicar in Town



Julie Wing has been appointed Church of England Team Vicar for Great Aycliffe and after her first month in the post is enjoying living and working in the town.

She told Newton News she was delighted to be invited to become a Vicar in the Parish and said: "I have been in Aycliffe just over a month and I am still finding my way around, but the people I have met have been so friendly. I'm sure it won't take long too to feel at home."

St Andrews is a beautiful church and I hope to build on the work already done there to encourage more people to visit the church and learn of its rich history".

"St Elizabeths is looking also to encourage people to use the hall there and we would very much like to hear from any groups, organisations, or individuals who would be interested in using the hall. I can be contacted on 01325 320278 or at the parish office on 01325321711".

Julie is married with two grown up daughters and prior to coming to Newton Aycliffe was a Curate at St Chad's, Sunderland. Before becoming a priest she gained a degree in Sociology and worked as an Education Social Worker and was a very active member of Holy Trinity Church in her home town of Stockton.

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WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2009

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need to dump them - "Pets at Home" in Darlington offer an adoption service and will take healthy rabbits and find them good homes. Gwen and John at "Bunny Burrows" in Richmond also provide the same service and make it their business to re-educate children through schools to look after their pets properly. Tel: 01748 824788. J. R. Ryman.

TOWN TEAM IN WEMBLEY FINAL



Left to right back: Gordon Fraser (Manager) Ian Fraser, Carl Bates, Rich Merry, Warren Byre. Front: Steve Sinclair, Andy Walker, Dan Bowles, Keiren Megran

Local 5-a-side football team, "Glenwoods" sponsored by Johnstones Paints, have won the Final played at Wembley on 5th April. They entered a tournament in February and won through the regional and northern games to reach the Final against the southern area champions from Essex. The team only lost one game out of the nine played. They received luxury coach travel to London

for themselves and fifty supporters. A special football strip was also provided which they were allowed to keep. The game itself was held an hour before another final football match between Luton and Scunthorpe watched by 40,000 fans. The team were a goal down in the first few minutes, but quickly rallied and came back to win 3-2 with goals from Warren Byre (2) and Steve Sinclair.

POLICE NOTICE

MINI MOTO'S TARGETED
After last years success, Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing team are again this summer targeting the misuse of mini motos, and other illegal vehicles. Targeted patrols will be conducted in the hot spot areas around the town, with the aim being to educate the young people and seize the vehicles where appropriate. If anyone has any information as to who is using these bikes and where they are being used you can contact the team on 0345 60 60 365.

ALCOHOL RELATED NUISANCE

Now that the light nights have arrived local young people are starting to congregate in large groups and drink alcohol. These youths are underage and are obviously getting the alcohol from adults who are old enough to purchase it legally. We would like to remind members of the public and parents that it is illegal to purchase drink for young people who are under aged, and that the Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing team will be targetting such people. If anyone has any information relating to this then you can contact the team on 0345 60 60 365.

FREE Golf Coaching at Woodham

Woodham Golf & Country Club in Newton Aycliffe is holding FREE GOLF COACHING TASTER SESSIONS for adults and juniors from 6pm-7pm and

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It is designed to help people of any age, gender or background to experience the game of golf. Details of all participating venues can be found at www.getintogolf.org. Durham Golf Partnership is also helping to develop golf within the county by supporting golf clubs, players, coaches and volunteers. Many golf clubs have been able to offer Free Golf Coaching taster sessions for a number of years now through their relationship with the EGU and EWGA and have introduced thousands of beginners to golf and golf clubs. It is one of several initiatives jointly provided by the EGU

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COBBLERS HALL PROJECT DEPENDENT ON NEW HOUSING

Dear Editor,
Councillor Blenkinsopp raises some interesting points but he himself is confused over the different issues he raised.

The Cobblers Hall project was dependent on the development of housing there as a large sum of money was offered by 'Shepard Homes'. This money is never guaranteed until it is in the bank. In 2007 Sheppard's pull out of the North East hit not only this development and they can't even sell what they have at the Cock 'o' the North Durham.

The Director of Leisure Services in consultation with the appropriate members came up with a new proposal. The money set a side was to be used with partnership money from the Football Association who conducted a study and concluded that would have match funded SBC's proposal £1 for £1.

The study concluded that there were enough football pitches in Newton Aycliffe, however there were not enough junior/youth provision therefore it was recommended a new facility be created with a shared use changing room / Community Facility at the Greenfield School site with a

pitch dedicated to Junior /Youth Football". This was rejected as it was Town Council land. If he was concerned about this and any other issue why did he not use the scrutiny process? He may have not been able to change the outcome, but would have had his say, or did he not read his papers?

Public toilets in Ferryhill was an NEP funded project (Local Councillors money which could not be spent elsewhere), When Freshwater came to the Town Council and gave good news about the town centre they explained in detail their proposals and toilets are not an issue for the Council as it is not their land. Can Council Blenkinsopp tell us what he spent his NEP money on?

Over £1.4million has been spent in Newton Aycliffe, the highest in Sedgefield Borough, from various funds, including Local Improvement Programme Fund. With regard to Ferryhill Football Academy, they received less funding than Newton Aycliffe, but the Town Council in Ferryhill put all of their money into the one project which was match funded by the F.A. This project will give Ferryhill a Youth Football ground which is the best in the

North. Newton Aycliffe put its money into parks etc. We must remember the allocation of funds was set by the previous administration under the previous leader.

I believe Cllr Blenkinsopp does not read his papers otherwise he would have called in all these issues for scrutiny. He typically flits from one subject to another without any substance. He talks about Judicial Reviews so can I refer him to John Healey MP Minister for Local Government who on the 1st April 2009 speaking to local government lawyers said, "Extensive use of judicial reviews by councils is undermining policy-making and imposing unnecessary costs on taxpayers". He warned, "I ask whether we can justify spending taxpayers' money on one part of government taking another part of government to court? In many instances, the case itself is not sound and its legal try-on to derail policy decisions because the challenging party disputes the policy intent."

I find Cllr Blenkinsopp's comments incredible given the fact he once promised to reduce the burden on the taxpayers by 50% in his election address. Vince Crosby

Entertaining Youth Centre AGM on May 11th

I give notice to the inhabitants of Great Aycliffe and surrounding areas of the Annual General Meeting to be held on the Monday 11th May 2009 with a 7 pm Start. After the short formal meeting we have a presentation of awards for achievement, mini display of dance from Stepping Out with Clare Walton Dance School and a short display from one of the Taekwondo groups.

A free buffet will follow and a chance to mingle and chat to Youth, the Staff and Management Committee.

We would love to have some younger blood on the Committee, such as parents with children so please contact the Secretary on 07518 035320 for details or come along on the night and see how the Centre is run for the benefit of all young people in the area. All residents and representatives of local organisations are very welcome to attend.

Secretary
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre

FANS NEEDED FOR 3 FINAL CRUNCH GAMES

Newton Aycliffe could take one huge step towards Northern League football when they host three massive home games next week.

Aycliffe maintained their two-point lead at the top of the Wearside League with an easy win over Guisborough Town last Saturday, followed by a goalless draw at Wolviston on Monday night. But they face a big week next week, with three home games in the space of five days which could make or break what has been an excellent campaign so far. Arguably their toughest test of the season will be next Monday



Gary Farley

night (April 27) when they play Teesside Athletic, beaten just once up to now. (Moore Lane Park, kick-off 7.30pm). They also play Hartlepool FC next Wednesday (April 29) and Jarrow next Saturday (May 2nd) in two more crucial league games.

Aycliffe are almost guaranteed promotion if they finish top of the Wearside League after the Northern League management committee last week recommended the club's bid to join them for the 2009-10 season.

Club Chairman Gary Farley said: "It's certainly the business end of the season, with some crucial games coming up. We've worked hard to get where we are now and we've done extremely well as a team. "The support we're getting at Moore Lane is superb and I'm sure it's helping the lads on the field. It would be fantastic to get the same level of support for the next three home games which could shape our future." Aycliffe thrashed Guisborough Town 6-1 last Saturday in front of another good crowd, with more than 270 at Moore Lane. Elliot Gardner (2), Chase McMullen, Danny Mellanby, Roy Allen and Daniel Lerner scored the goals.

They followed that with a below par performance at 16th-placed Wolviston on Monday, although second-placed New Marske also dropped two points. Four of Aycliffe's remaining six league games are at home, with admission £2 (concessions for children), while the season will draw to a close with the Sunderland Shipowners Cup Final against Teesside Athletic on Friday May 22.

Their remaining fixtures are:
Sat April 25: East Durham Utd (A), 2.30pm

Mon April 27: Teesside Athletic (H), 7.30pm

Weds April 29: Hartlepool FC (H), 7.30pm

Sat May 2: Jarrow (H), 2.30pm

Sat May 9: Teesside Athletic (A), 2.30pm

Sat May 16: Annfield Plain (H), 2.30pm

Fri May 22: Teesside Athletic (H), 7pm, Shipowners Cup Final

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Internet Group Therapy



Glynis Young whose son Bradley has a very rare health disorder, “Long QT Syndrome”, tells Newton News of a contact she has made in Australia of another family with three children with the same complaint. She and Bradley are now talking through the internet on a regular basis with Tracey Narbey in Sydney. Glynis first posted information on Bradley on “Facebook” and a group of mothers with children suffering from heart problems replied with information on the Narbey family. “I was very surprised when Tracey Narbey wrote telling me that she lives in Sydney Australia and has 4 children, three of them diagnosed with the same condition as Bradley. I had been trying to find people with this condition since Bradley appeared on T.V. and in the papers but no one got in touch. Tracey was the first person and it’s been very good to talk someone to compare notes and ask each other questions” said Glynis

She was also very pleased to be

able to find a family in Newton Aycliffe as it appears there there are no other children in Australia with the problem. Glynis is keeping in touch with her new found friend and finds it so useful to share experiences with someone else even though it is so far away. Glynis is grateful to technological advances such as computers and the internet which has brought two families together to share their problems.

Bus Service to Hospital via Ferryhill

Dear Sir,

Mrs Lawler should try going by bus to Bishop Auckland via Ferryhill from where there are plenty of buses to Bishop Auckland.

However she must get the right bus to the Hospital as there are three different services to Bishop Auckland from Ferryhill.

Ian Brown

BID FOR CASH TO IMPROVE YOUR AREA

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Is there a piece of land in your area which could do with sprucing up? Do you and your neighbours have an idea for a project such as a Community Garden? If so then we may be able to help.

WRONG GARAGE CLEARED BY LANDLORD

Dennis Atkinson who has a garage at Oakfield was shocked and devastated when he heard it had been emptied in error! All his prize possessions which he stored there were taken and no one knows where they are now.

It appears someone vacated their garage and handed in their keys to the office in the Leisure Centre. When the team went to prepare the garage for a new owner they cleared the wrong garage.

Mr Atkinson is obviously very annoyed as a lot of the items were irreplaceable and beyond value. Nothing the insurance company can offer will replace items he has kept for many years.

Sedgefield Borough Homes have apologised for the mistake and Dennis is seeking compensation, but he cannot understand how such an error could occur as the key used would not have opened his garage door and would have needed to be forced open. He is asking the person who handed in their garage key on Monday 6th April at 11am to phone him on 07890 326302.

Sedgefield Borough Homes have set aside £200,000 per year for the next 10 years for you to use towards environmental improvements in your area.

IT’S FOR YOU TO HELP DECIDE HOW THIS MONEY IS SPENT!

To get you started, here are some examples of the types of schemes which could be considered:

Rejuvenation of communal areas.

Landscaping of open spaces.

Community projects e.g.; community gardens, crime prevention).

Projects which improve the local environment.

There are a number of conditions that need to be considered and the tenant participation team can help with advice and guidance throughout the process.

Ian Brown, Director of Housing and Customer Services said: “We are committed to improving community life, which is why we are looking to support projects in our neighbourhoods with grants. “We are determined to make Sedgefield Borough Homes a landlord that tenants can be proud of,” said an SBH spokesperson.

If you would like an idea and would like further information, please contact the Tenant Participation Team: Tel: 0845 505 5500 E-mail: tp@sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk

Post: Sedgefield Borough Homes, Green Lane Offices, Spennymoor DL16 6JQ

Please also contact us if you are interested in becoming involved in making decisions about the services we provide.

TOWN DANCE SCHOOL IN DARLINGTON FESTIVAL



Lee Green Dance Centre were invited to take part at a festival which took place at Carmel RC College over two separate weekends in March, adjudicated by Mrs. Barbara J. Wood of Hinckley, Leicestershire. Other dance schools and academies from the North East also took part. We had some fantastic results:

3-4yrs Freestyle Solo
Amy Dolan 1st Natasha Slade 2nd; Amelia Anderson 3rd

5-6yrs Freestyle Solo
Abbie Kennedy 2nd; Summer Fenwick 3rd

7-8yrs Freestyle Solo
Ellie Jade Anderson 1st; Olivia Archer 2nd; Reece Atherton and Lisa Robinson 3rd

9-10yrs Freestyle Solo
Daniela Winwood 1st; Chloe Farley & Reegan Henn joint 2nd; Rebecca Lowes, Georgia Heads, Kasia Shaw & Emily Rollo joint 3rd

11-12yrs Freestyle Solo
Annis Race 1st; Kalya Shaw 2nd Georgia Wakefield 3rd

13-14yrs Freestyle Solo: Rebecca Barber 1st

15yrs and Over freestyle solo
Natalie Bradshaw and Jade Wakefield joint 2nd

3-5yrs Street
Natasha Slade 1st; Amy Dolan 2nd; Amelia Anderson and Rebecca Ivison joint 3rd

5-6yrs Street
Summer Fenwick 1st
Abbie Kennedy 2nd

7-8yrs Street
Reece Atherton 1st
Lisa Robinson 2nd

9-10yrs Street
Reegan Henn 1st; Chloe Farley and Emily Kavanagh joint 2nd; Daniela Winwood and Georgia Heads joint 3rd

11-12yrs Street
Annis Race 1st; Georgia Wakefield 2nd; Kalya Shaw 3rd

13-14yrs Street
Rebecca Barber 1st

6-8 yrs Rock and Roll Duets
Reece Atherton and Summer Fenwick 1st

8-10yrs Rock and Roll Duets
Kasia Shaw and Reegan Henn 1st place; Abbie Kennedy and Libbie Anderson 2nd.

11-13yrs Rock and Roll Duets
Annis Race and Kalya Shaw 1st; Lauren Archer and Georgia Wakefield & Emily Kavanagh and Georgia Heads joint 2nd

14-17yrs Rock and Roll Duets
Danielle Flety and Kirsty Allen 1st

place; Rebecca Barber and Becky Allen 2nd

10-12yrs Duets
Chloe Farley and Annis Race 2nd; Reegan Henn and Kasia Shaw 3rd

14yrs and Over Duets
Kirsty Allen and Danielle Flety 3rd

9yrs and Under Teams
Disco Fusion 1st (Olivia Archer, Reece Atherton, Summer Fenwick, Libbie Anderson, Abbie Kennedy, Lisa Robinson, Kasia Shaw)

Intermediate Teams
Destination 1st (Emily Kavanagh, Georgia Heads, Megan Cross, Kalya Shaw, Reegan Henn, Annis Race, Lauren Archer, Daniela Winwood, Hayley Archer, Georgia Wakefield, Chloe Farley)

Car Wash 2nd (Romie Cowens, Natasha Slade, Amy Dolan, Rebecca Ivison, Rebecca Lowes, Reece Atherton, Summer Fenwick, Abbie Kennedy, Libbie Anderson, Lisa Robinson, Kasia Shaw, Reegan Henn, Emily Rollo, Olivia Archer)

Acro 3rd (Chloe Farley, Megan

Cross, Kasia Shaw, Karis Morton, Annis Race, Kalya Shaw, Georgia Heads, Emily Kavanagh)

Well done to everybody who took part in the festival and to all the parents for their continued support. I am very proud of you all and of your usual enthusiastic and professional approach.

Caroline Race, Dance Teacher and Choreographer.

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TOP AA AWARD FOR HARDWICK



Hardwick Hall, one of the regions best known hotels, has been awarded a 4th Star and a Rosette following an anonymous visit from an AA Inspector. Operations Manager Matthew Osborne now hopes the hotel will become even more popular because of its higher standing, especially amongst the business community. “With regular events being held such as the Finals of the North East Business Awards taking place on April 30th we always knew Hardwick would become a four star establishment - it was just a matter of continually improving our service standards”. We are very proud of what we have achieved, but are also aware we must now maintain the high standards that we have set ourselves” said Matthew. Craig Stephenson is the Hotel’s Head Chef who has worked in some of the best Hotels in the country and has just returned

to his home town Sedgefield, from London. He is gaining a reputation for the fine menu of good food he provides at Hardwick Hall. The restoration of the Park in the grounds adjacent to the Hotel is coming to

a conclusion and visitor numbers are increasing, but when complete and marketed nationally it should rejuvenate the whole area for tourism and Hardwick Hall should benefit from the interest the new park generates.



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Readers are invited to view the facilities and activities at Neville Community Centre this Sunday 26th April from 2 - 4pm. Free admission with tea provided for all visitors. Demos include Karate, Salsa Dancing, Knit & Natter Club, Kurling, Canine Society, Exercise, Bingo. etc. The organisers are also open to new ideas for new activities in the centre. Toddlers Club every Friday 1pm-2.30pm. Admisison £1 per family. Just turn up you will be very welcome. Hire the hall for Children’s Parties - £25 for 2 hours including kitchen. Mens Forum meets Monday 4th May. Everyone welcome. Admission £1 including refreshments. Please donate your unwanted books, dvd’s, toys, wine small furniture items to sell to help the funds. Collection arranged ring 313924.

Rotary Serving Our Community



Tesco Manager, Martin Butcher, having his blood pressure tested

The Town’s Rotary Club were in Tesco’s on Saturday offering free blood pressure testing as part of the Stroke Association awareness campaign held each year. Thousands of people die or suffer strokes needlessly because they have been unaware of high blood pressure. Rotary Clubs throughout the country hold a Stroke Awareness day in public places in support of the Stroke Association. They provide qualified medics to take blood pressure, referring people to their docors if the test is suspicious.

A high number of Newtonians who took the test found they needed to visit their doctor. One was advised to go immediately as an emergency measure. The Rotary Club wish to thank Tesco Manager Martin Butcher for hosting the event and to his staff for being so helpful. Thanks also to the volunteers who provided the testers and the equipment, in particular Wayne and Roger from Medical Services Ltd from Aycliffe who worked all day alongside Rotarians.

No Communication of Bus Company Change

Dear Syd
First of all I would like to thank Cllr. Alison Palmer for bringing to our attention, via Newton News 17th April, information regarding the number 16 bus service. After reading this information, I rang Arriva who confirmed that they have lost the tender for this service, and it is going to be taken over by Scarlet Band as from 3rd/4th May, as informed by Cllr. Palmer. Having just paid £75 towards my son’s bus pass from School Aycliffe To Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College in Darlington for the coming term, I was concerned that this would not be valid on the Scarlet Band bus. I have also spoken to the School Transport team on 0191 3835500 who contributed £110 towards the bus pass. They are loooking into the matter and will ring me back. Meanwhile, Arriva informed me that, if I return my son’s bus pass to their head office in Doxford on 4th May with a covering letter, they will give me a refund from that date up to the date the pass would have expired. However, this does not alleviate the problem of a return bus fare

of £5.50 per day. Had it not been for information provided by Cllr. Palmer, there could have been an awful lot of students left high and dry on 5th May when they went for their bus! I also rang Scarlet Band and spoke to a very nice gentleman who said they would look into providing a bus pass if at all possible as this greatly reduces the cost of travel for students. Again, he is going to ring me back next week to see if there is anything they can do to help our students. I will keep readers informed. Mrs L Arnold School Aycliffe

SALON RAISED £155 FOR RED NOSE DAY



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Table Top SALE

Come along to Neville Parade Church on Saturday 9th May from 10am - 1pm and hire a table for £5 to sell your goods. You can sell garden plants, home-made cakes, jewellery or any other art and crafts. Enjoy a cuppa, bacon sandwich and tour the stalls for a bargain. Face Painting etc. Come and support the young people of the area. To book ring Margaret on 316455 or Trudy on 321331. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700
e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Members of the public are invited to attend.

TWO WINS FOR HEIGHINGTON UNDER 9's

A big thank you to Ron, Secretary at the Youth Centre, who came to our rescue a few weeks ago very early on a Saturday morning when the weather had changed and was too cold for outside training. Ron took an early morning call and came in and opened the centre up for us.

The team went on to celebrate a great victory against Hartlepool youth, with a great display of attacking football. The whole team worked very hard and the defence was very solid with Gareth Morgans and Alex Swainston keeping Hartlepool out and with some great work in the midfield by Joseph Johnstone, the Team Captain, who along with Jamie Barr stamped their authority on the Hartlepool midfield.

There was a brace a piece for Matthew Morton and Harrison Daglish, who both posed a threat throughout the game. Hartlepool had their chances and Jake Pattinson in goal kept his concentration well to make some excellent saves. Heighington under 9's ran out 4-1 winners and moved up a place in the league as a result. In the second game Heighington won 3-0. Megan Woodward made some excellent defensive tackles and it was a delight for the coaching staff to see their hard work on the training ground coming to fruition. The team is looking for new players



for next season. The club has FA Chartered status and has qualified coaching, all children are given the best of care. The emphasis is on enjoyment and as much energy goes into off the field socialisation as it does coaching and playing football. Coaching sessions are currently 9.30am to 11.00am on Saturday Mornings at Heighington Primary School. For more information contact Selwyn on 07774 624341.

Climbing High for Dragon Boat Festival

Driving Instructor Dave Church, and the climbing instructors from Rock Antics in Newton Aycliffe are looking forward to taking part in the River Tees Dragon Boat Festival in aid of Grace House North East Children's Hospice Appeal. Dave first became aware of the Grace House North East Children's Hospice Appeal through Rock Antics in Newton Aycliffe, where he is also a climbing instructor. Dave said "The climbing instructors rarely get a chance to get together socially so we felt that the Dragon Boat Festival was a great way to spend Bank Holiday Monday whilst raising money for our nominated charity to help build an independent children's hospice for children right across the North East." Heather McLean, Regional Fundraiser for Grace House Children's Hospice said "we are over the moon that the guys from Rock Antics are supporting us again having already helped us raise over

£3,000 towards our children's hospice appeal. We still have some team places available and also welcome any corporate support."

The Dragon Boat Festival is being held on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May from the River Tees Watersports Centre. Each team needs 10 rowers and 1 drummer and with registration from just £9 per person and lots of activities to keep the whole family entertained it will be a great day out for colleagues, friends and family. For more information please contact Heather McLean on 0191 5166302 or 07793 509818, alternatively you can email hm@gracehouse.co.uk.

VILLAGE P.T.A. RAISED £646

The PTA organised a very successful Easter Fayre and a total of £646.19 was raised! As always they are looking for new members to help raise valuable funds for the school. If there is anyone who would like to help, in particular someone who has secretarial skills they would be most welcome as the current secretary is having to step down. If you are interested in joining, please come along to the next meeting on Monday 27th April at 7pm.

PTA Planned Events: Quiz night, Friday 8th May and a Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 1st December

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**Wednesday 13th
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QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for electors of the Parish to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked. 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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01325 300328

TWO FIRSTS FOR TOWN'S GIRL RACER

Aycliffes fast female Amanda Whitaker showed her rivals a clean pair of heels this weekend at Cadwell Park taking 2 wins out of 2 races to take the lead of the HSCC Historic Formula Ford Championship by 3 points! She qualified 2nd out of the 27 strong field in her 1971 Elden Mk8, just missing Pole Position from Westie Mitchell by a tenth of a second, although she was frustrated at being knocked off the track by another competitor at the point when the fastest laps



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A school in Newton Aycliffe is the first out of the starting blocks to register for a nationwide fun run, aiming to encourage one million children to enjoy an active lifestyle.

Byerley Park Primary was the first school in the country to register for the two kilometre Tesco Great School Run, when it signed up for the 2009 edition immediately after a highly successful event in 2008. The run will be held at thousands of schools across the country between 15th and 19th June 2009.

Year Six teacher Sarah Hill said pupils aged 5-11 were already gearing up for the Run and she hoped other schools in the area will follow their lead. She said:

"It's great to get a head start on preparation for the run and who knows - the extra training might mean we also have the fastest youngsters in the region come June as well!"

"Being active is a very important part of growing up and the run helps children explore a healthy lifestyle in a fun and exciting way across a range of lessons."

"As a school, we're really looking forward to being part of a nationwide event - it's something the kids are really excited about."

The campaign has already caught the attention of several sporting celebrities. Returning for the second year in a row, Colin Jackson, a former world record holder



for the 110m hurdles is calling schools to the start line. He will be joined for the first time by Katharine Merry, a 400m Olympic medallist, who will offer pupils her own expert running tips.

Colin said: "It's great that Byerley Park Primary School is ahead of the pack in registering for the run - I'm sure lots of schools will follow its lead and join in what is going to be a cracking week of active fun in June."

The fitness campaign leading up to the run helps teachers encourage youngsters to learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle in a fun and engaging way. It also lets gives schools the flexibility to organise a local event that is part of a national campaign. Last year, nearly 750,000 children took part and this year the aim is to get one million involved. Because there is no cut-off time the event is open to youngsters of all abilities and can be completed at running or walking pace.

The Tesco Great School Run helps address the growing problem of overweight and obese children. Startling figures show nearly 30% of all UK youngsters aged 2-15 are either overweight or obese, according to an NHS report. For more information and to register visit: www.greatschoolrun.org

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Town's Youth Centre and work with their Project Leaders and ourselves. On Monday they were learning about the Pond Habitat and life. A group were also in the pond removing dumped litter and pallets which had been taken from Talents. They were a very polite and well behaved group and a credit to our young people. So much good work is done by young people in the town and is not recognised.

Various things are in the offing for this group but the most important thing is that they have input and wherever possible we will cater for this if it is safe and manageable. They are an inspiration to

us all and very much valued. Next time they plan to open up a ditch for conservation and study some of the insect and plant life and will help with habitat management. Dave Curran and Alan Warburton.

Child Falls on Needle Thrown in Garden

6 year old Benedict Crossan who lives in Clarence Chare came running into his Mum after falling in the garden and being pierced in the hand with an Hyperdermic needle. She was frantic and took him to Hospital immediately where he received an injection for Hepatitis.

The Police were called and the Council have been contacted to investigate how the needle came to be in the garden. It appears someone threw it from the grassland over the Crossan's fence which borders the Blue Bridge area.

It was a hiding place used by drug takers prior to the Blue Bridge being refurbished and the heavy shrubbery removed. It could be they have returned and steps must be taken to drive them away following this dangerous and

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W.I. News

The speaker at our March meeting was Chris Lloyd, deputy editor of The Northern Echo. He gave an excellent talk on the history of Darlington Civic Theatre. The following week we had our monthly jaunt to Northallerton and Thirsk. The weather looked kindly on us as we flitted from shop to shop. In Thirsk some of us took in the James Herriot Museum and viewed ancient veterinary tools of the trade many of which looked more like instruments of torture. This month our speaker was Mr Trevor Taylor who regaled us with songs and recitations from the music halls as he gave us a potted history of how it all began. The evening went well with Trevor drawing the raffle and choosing the winners of our competition. Our day out this month is to Bowes Museum followed in a couple of weeks time by a trip to see the Solid Silver Sixties Show at the Civic Theatre. If you would like an evening out with a friendly group of ladies come along to the Cubby at 7.15 on Monday 11 May. For more information please telephone Lyn on 01325 314805.

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In Memoriam

JOAN NICHOLSON 16th April. It's been 2 years since that sad day when God called your name and took you away. It hurt so much and we are still in pain, that's the way it will be till we meet again. Remembered every day with love and pride. Derek, June, Pat, Ronnie, Linda, Ann, Susan, all Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, all In-Laws, Brenda and Irene. Birthday wishes for 22nd April
HARDY DENNIS KELVIN (Kev). 28-04-08. This has been the saddest year of our lives, we still expect you to walk through the door, a cheeky smile and covered in "muck", wanting a bath, your tea and the remote control. There isn't a day when we don't miss, think or talk about you. We love you so much. Always in our hearts. Your loving Wife Carol; Children Deborah, Lisa, Stuart, Andrew and Barry; and Granddaughters Sarah, Jordan and Leah
CHRISTINE ROBSON 25th April. In memory of a loving Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Nana, Sister and Aunt. 12 years have passed and we all miss you more than ever. With love xxxxx
BILLY DIXON Died 24th April 2008. Love and miss you always Dad. Wendy, Paul and Emma xxx

Obituary


LILIAN BALDWIN (nee Iredale) on 16th April (at home). Lilian, aged 67 years, beloved Wife of Keith (Ken), loving Mother of David and Stephen, Mother-in-Law of Tracy and Michelle and also a dear Sister and Sister-in-Law. Would friends please meet for Service on Tuesday 28th April, St Clare's Church at 2.30pm, prior to Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon). Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired may be make to the Butterwick Hospice (to the family)
LONGSTAFF April 12th. Peacefully in hospital, George, aged 74 years of Ashfield, Newton Aycliffe. A much loved Bother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Funeral on Tuesday 28th April. Would friends please meet 10.15am for Service at St Clare's Church. All floral tributes may be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe
FRANK O'NEILL (ex Landlord of the Foresters Arms) Died peacefully on 19th April. Will be greatly missed by all family and friends. Mass to be held at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough on Wednesday 29th April at 9am followed by the Cremation at St Bede's Crematorium, Acklam Road, Middlesbrough. Rest In Peace.
FRANK CAVANAGH Age 70. Died Easter Sunday 12th April 2009 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shropshire. Formerly resided in Newton Aycliffe. No flowers please, but donations if preferred to The League of Friends. The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital NHS Trust, Oswestrym Shropshire SY10 7AG. Contact can be made through Funeral Directors: David Davies and Sons, 1 Upper Church Street, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2AA, Tel 01691 653116

CHRIS HOWARTH The fun we have, the things we do remind me why I married you. Happy Anniversary, all my love forever Muddy x
CAROLINE & PAUL congratulations on your Engagement, welcome to the family Son. Love, Mam and Dad
MAM & PAUL Congratulations on your Engagement. Love you both, Reece xxx
KAYLEIGH SLADE Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Granny, Granda and all the family xx
JOSH ROSS 27th April. Happy 14th birthday Son. Keep up the good work down the gym! Love, Mam and Dad xx
JOSH ROSS 27th April. 14 today. Happy birthday. Love, Gran xxx
JOSH ROSS 27th April. Happy birthday to you. Love, Nicky, Dave, Teegie and Ella xx
JOSH ROSS 27th April. Happy birthday Babe. Love ya loads. Rianna xxx
JOSH ROSS 27th April. Happy birthday Bro. 2 the best Brother eva. Love, Aaron xx
SPENSLEY Happy 18th birthday to my big Sister, Sammy. Lots of love from Emily xxx
SPENSLEY 30th April. Congratulations Samantha on your 18th birthday. Love and best wishes always. From Nana and Grandad xxx
SPENSLEY Happy 18th birthday Sammy. Love and best wishes, Dad and Gill xxx
SPENSLEY Happy 18th birthday Sammy. Lots of love from Auntie Julie, Den, Michael, Tania, Kya, Stephen, Poppy and Paul xxxx
PAULINE HOWLETT Happy 50th birthday. have a wonderful day. Lots of love, Richard, Emma, Thomas, Mark, Michelle and Evie xxx
PAULINE HOWLETT 29-4-59. Happy 50th birthday to a special Sister and Sister-in-Law. Have a great day. Lots of love, Rob and Barbara
PAULINE HOWLETT Happy 50th birthday to a special Daughter. Lots of love and best wishes, Mam and Dad
PAULINE HOWLETT Happy 50th birthday Darling. All my love always, Bruce
PAULINE HOWLETT Happy 50th birthday Mam. Lots of love from your two little Angels, Michael & Stephen
DYLAN KJENSTED 26-4-09. Happy 8th birthday Son. Love, Mam and Dad xxx
DYLAN KJENSTED 26-4-09. Happy 8th birthday Brother. Love, Chelsea and Lauren xx
DUNBAR Mia and Franki. Happy birthday Mia on your 11th birthday on 23rd April and Franki on your 1st birthday on 24th April. Love and kisses, Nana and Grandad
BURKITT Happy 20th birthday Kevin. Lots of love from Mam and Dad Henry xxx
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Stephen and Kirsty Cox
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 We wish to thank all family and friends for making our day extra special and for all the kind gifts and cards received. A special thanks goes to both sets of parents for all their help, the best man Stuart Grindley for an amazing speech and help, Maid of honour Lisa Young, special bridesmaid Libbie Anderson and all of the wedding party. Appreciation and thanks also goes to Stephen Cooper Photography, Joanna at Crazy Cakes and 4 Seasons Leisure for the chocolate fountain. xxx

Madison Jackman
 A Teenager Now

 30th April 2009
 Hope you have a great birthday. Lots of love from Grandie, Grandad and Rose, Nan and Davy, Grandad and Lesley, Uncle Simon, Auntie Mireille, Bryn and Aron, Uncle Donny, Auntie Sara and the Chloes, Grandad Jackman, Auntie Bev, Uncle Dougie, Paul, Katy and James and all your family and friends xxxx

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Susan Walls

50 on 20th April
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LUKE

Happy 18th Birthday
 Have a great holiday.
 Love always, Mam, Dad, Eve, Fred, Ada, Nana, Grandma, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

Molly Hughes

Happy 8th Birthday
 21st April
 Happy 8th birthday Molly. Lots of love 'n' hugs from Mummy, Daddy, Kay and Maisy xxxxx

Calum James Faulkner

Happy 1st Birthday
 21st April 2009
 Happy 1st birthday Calum. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy and Daddy
 Happy birthday to our gorgeous Grandson. Lots of love, Grandma and Grandad Thomson and Nana and Grandpa Faulkner
 Happy birthday Calum. Love from Uncle Carl

Clairvoyance

SPIRITUALIST Meetings are held at Morrison Close Community Centre every Monday evening starting 7pm sharp (closed Bank Holiday Monday). Details from Ann on 313654.
DARLINGTON Spiritualist Church, Denmark Street. Mind, Body and Spirit Festival. Saturday 2nd May, 10am-5pm. Admission £2. Private setting, Crystal Readings, Colour Readings, Complementary Therapies, Healing, Various stalls. Refreshments available

Chantelle Woodhead

 Well done for coming 1st place and losing that last life, now an Intermediate, Also gaining 1st place in slow and second place in pairs with Drew, Big thank you to all the teachers at 'Stepping Out' for all the work you have put in, Well done Chantelle you were amazing to watch. Love Mum, Dad, Stu, Gary, Donna ,David and Summer xxx

Matthew Forster

Happy 40th Birthday
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Photo: Tony Griffiths

JUNIOR SPORTS COURSES AT OAK LEAF

Lots of happy faces at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex coaching courses held over the Easter holidays, and a very pleased bike winner being presented with his prize after the February courses.

Watch out for courses being held during the coming May week holidays, or why not add your name to our mailing list by calling 01325 300600.



Events at the Nature Park

Dear Sir,
We would like to invite members of the public to attend a Moth and Bat Night at the Aycliffe Nature Park on Saturday 25th Of April. 8pm onwards

The object is to catch and identify Moths and release them again. The data is of both Local and National importance and Bats will be recorded using detectors.

Free Hotdogs will be provided with tea and coffee. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and try something different - it costs nothing so what have you to lose?

A Calendar of different events is coming out soon for children and young people for the RSPB Wildlife Explorers and Phoenix Group.

These will be held on a Sunday afternoon consisting of activities and practical conservation. Find out what you have on your doorstep Nature-wise. The cost is only 50p a meeting and drinks and biscuits will be provided for those who attend.

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