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Great Aycliffe Show 2009

We are looking for talented people from our area to perform in the Playhouse Marquee this year at the Great Aycliffe Show. Can you sing, dance, juggle? Do you have any unusual talents? If you are interested in performing on Saturday 29th August or Sunday 30th August 2009, contact Greenfield Community and Arts Centre on 01325 379 048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

"THE HEAD" INSTALLED WILL COUNCIL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MARKET NEWTON AYCLIFFE?

All eyes were on Aycliffe Business Park this week as artist Joseph Hillier installed his most ambitious artwork to date.

The 16-metre tall North East landmark at Newton Aycliffe aims to be 'Head and Shoulders' above its art world competitors.

This stunning 16-metre tall steel sculpture takes the form of a gigantic head and shoulders, and peers over the tree tops, keeping a watchful eye over the town.

The dramatic monument that has been two years in the making at Aycliffe Fabrications aims to pay homage to the 'blood, sweat and tears' of work and workers - a celebration of people who use their hands to ply their trade. "The Head" celebrates Newton Aycliffe's proud industrial heritage and symbolises the progressive regeneration of the region.

The original commissioners of the sculpture were the former Sedgfield Borough Council and due to recent local government reorganisation the project is now being delivered by Durham County Council.

Some believe the project to be a waste of money and in the present economic climate should have been abandoned. The truth is it was commissioned before the downturn and the cash didn't come from Council Tax.



A more positive approach sees the sculpture bringing greater attention to Newton Aycliffe, equalling the "Angel of the North" in terms of visitor attraction. In former years the new town of Aycliffe used the acorn as its symbol of infancy. 60 years on we perhaps need something more contemporary and dynamic. The Head made an impact during construction and now it is in place we invite comments from our readers. Does Aycliffe have a new

symbol? Will it become an icon? Will this kick-start a revival of interest in our Business Park.

It could if the County Council seized this opportunity to really market the second largest industrial estate in the north east. We invite them to use the slogan we have adopted on the front cover of Newton Aycliffe's Town Guide: "AIM FOR AYCLIFFE".

S.B.H. JOIN PANEL AT PUBLIC MEETING

Sedgfield Borough Homes will be represented at the Public Meeting being held on 25th June at St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm to discuss the growing problem of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the town.

The new landlord who took over from the Borough Council have a Tenancy Enforcement Team committed to dealing with this type of problem in our local communities.

In addition, they have a Residents Involvement Team interested in getting involved with resident and tenant groups and the wider community. Both teams are led by Lee Dunn who will attend the meeting to explain the Landlord's strategy in finding a solution to the problem.

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AYCLIFFE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE TO BE REBUILT

£12 MILLION INVESTMENT BOOST FOR BUILDERS

The secure children's home in Newton Aycliffe which looks after some of the most vulnerable young people in the country has received a major funding boost.

Aycliffe Secure Services, run by Durham County Council, is to receive nearly £7 million in government funding to enable the centre to be completely rebuilt.

News of the funding followed confirmation from the Youth Justice Board that it is renewing its contract with the county council to provide secure services for young people at the Newton Aycliffe site until 2016. Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet gave the go ahead to the proposals to rebuild the centre, with work expected to start next year and be completed by 2011. The total cost of the rebuild will be approximately £12



million. More than half of this will be covered by the government funding while the remainder will be funded by income generated by the centre itself.

The secure children's home at Newton Aycliffe looks after young people aged between 11 and 17, many of whom

have committed criminal offences and have been sent there following court proceedings against them.

On average young people stay at the home for around eight weeks but the length of a person's stay can vary from a few days up to two years.

While they are there, young people are given help and support to address issues such as substance misuse, mental health problems and self harm.

Coun Claire Vasey, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "This is a vital service for some of our most vulnerable young people.

"The majority of the young people who go to live at this secure children's home have very complex problems, which in most cases has resulted in them offending or putting themselves at risk of serious harm.

"It is important that they get help to turn their lives around so that they don't continue to offend and instead make a positive contribution to society.

"The new contract with the Youth Justice Board, together with the investment from central government in the rebuilding of the centre, means we can continue to provide this essential service."

The centre has 38 places for young people and the investment together with the new Youth Justice Board contract will safeguard the jobs of 170 members of staff. The work to rebuild the centre is also expected to provide a boost to the local construction industry.

Outstanding Nursery

Staff at the House of Eden Nursery are celebrating after being rated as "Outstanding" in their inspection report from Ofsted. The nursery, at Aycliffe Village Primary School, has been open since 2005 and is a popular facility for the village and surrounding area. They provide free sessional care for children aged 3 years and full day care for children aged 2 - 4½ years, an after school club, breakfast club and also provide holiday care during school holidays.

The reports states "Children bounce into the nursery with excitement each day, whether they are there to attend the breakfast club after school club or nursery sessions"

Vicky Hutchinson, nursery manager said "I am absolutely delighted at this fantastic achievement, all the staff have worked very hard. I am so proud and couldn't have done it without every one's support in the team and the school. The Nursery is on 313513 where Vicky can be contacted. House of Eden is also located in Rushyford and Fishburn Village and provides care for over 200 children 51 weeks of the year. www.edennursery.co.uk



DISGUSTING SMELL OVER AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir, I am a resident of Newton Aycliffe for 20 years and have realised that your newspaper, despite majoring on the petty squabbles of local politicians does have a place in the lives of residents.

Many contributors publicise the fine job they do in improving the lives of voters (the town centre stands as a beacon to the competence and influence of our elected officials over many years) and yet I am about to ask for a rallying call of action with minimal effort required, to improve the quality of life of many residents.

The problem will have become evident over recent weeks as the warm weather arrived and we all spend more time in our gardens with windows open during the night. There has been a disgusting smell wafting across the area and blighting the quality of life of anyone within its path.

The source of the problem will be no surprise to anyone who drives between Aycliffe and Eldon - the sight of 4 huge piles of sewage effluent (yes that is what it is) will have pricked your curiosity if the debilitating smell did not. The problem first arose last year when the same pungent aromas arose and remained until approximately October when they were ploughed into the fields to improve their condition, one would assume.

I should point out that there is nothing illegal with what is happening but it should be managed in such a way that it does not affect the lives of anyone else. If you have been affected by this problem I would ask you to ring Durham County Council Environmental Services Department on 01388 816166 and make clear how this is adversely affecting you.

John Pearson
Coverdale Court
Ed: This correspondent raises a valid point and the evidence is there to smell - much like a gas leak!

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On Sunday evening the 31st May at 8.30 p.m. youth were spotted causing damage to the Oak Leaf Golf Course. Severe damage was carried out to irrigation sprinkler systems and severe damage to four of the golf greens which amounted to an approximate cost of £1,500 excluding labour. The youths were chased from the course by golfers and the Police were called. Would anyone who has any information regarding this incident please contact the Council Offices or the Police. It is Council policy to prosecute anyone who is caught vandalising Council property. Tel: 300700. Readers attention is drawn to the Public Meeting on vandalism and anti-social behaviour, called by Great Aycliffe Residents Association on Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church. See details on Page 10

Bum Theft!

A pensioner reports the theft of a pack of toilet rolls while she was shopping in Argos last Saturday. She asks how low can a person get to steal from a pensioner who had just spent £5 on these rolls from her low weekly income. It represents a lot of money to her and she was quite upset that someone can be so desperate to steal toilet rolls and hopes this could be a warning to others.

Councillor Died Three Times During Operation



Councillor Barbara Clare has made an amazing recovery after suffering three serious heart attacks while having treatment. But this became worse after it was decided she needed an operation and Barbara died and was resuscitated three times on the operating table at James Cook Hospital. Two main arteries were found to be calcified and have been replaced. Since then, although very frail, Barbara is now home recovering well indeed, under the very watchful eye of her husband John. "What helped was all the cards, letters and good wishes she received while in hospital for which she is so grateful" said John. "Even while in Intensive Care Barbara would ask me to read them as they gave her so much pleasure" he added. Both Councillors have been away from their duties during this time, but are looking forward to resuming as soon as possible.

MURDER MYSTERY LUNCH

As part of their National Carers Week Celebrations, Sedgfield Locality Carers Centre are holding a Murder Mystery Lunch in Spennymoor Town Hall on 11th June, between 12 noon and 3.30pm. If you would like to come along and enjoy a hot lunch and an afternoon of intrigue, mystery and fun why not join us and try to unravel the clues! Tickets are available at £10 per person (£8 for Carers) from the Carers Centre, Avenue House, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe (Above Argos) or by telephoning 01325 313123. A Carer is someone who, without payment, looks after a relative or friend who could not manage alone due to an illness or disability. There is a good chance that many of you are either Carers yourselves or know someone who is! The theme for National Carers Week this June is "CARERS-BRITAINS SECRET SERVICE". This emphasizes the important role Carers play, not only in our area, but throughout the country. Carers save the government around £57 billion each year!!

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM AT THE FAIR

On Saturday 27th June from 2pm-4pm there will be a Summer Fete at Burnhill Way Methodist Church (near The Turbinia). The fun will include cake stall, gift stall, pocket money stall, tombola, raffle, door prize, hooking ducks, target ball, treasure hunt, Lucky Dip, etc, etc. Refreshments will include strawberries and cream. Come along and enjoy all the fun of the fair - all welcome.

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EDITORIAL

Temporary Toilets in the Town Centre

The provision of town centre toilets is still a hot topic and a source of constant complaints from residents. We are aware they will eventually be installed as part of the redevelopment plans - possibly in the area of the new Library which will be built near the Leisure Centre. But this could be in 4 or 5 years time and when you want the toilet you can't wait that long!

We will have a temporary Library soon, why can't we have temporary toilets? There are lots of empty shops in our town centre, all with plumbing installed and it would not take much to convert premises to provide toilets. A few extra cubicles and urinals would not be expensive and I am sure the Council tax payers would be happy to cover the cost.

It is conceivable the Landlords would be generous in allowing the use of empty premises for this purpose and if asked nicely would co-operate knowing how important it is to have this

amenity in a shopping centre.

Newton News is happy to propose what would be a popular move and all we want now is the County Council or the Town Council to take it forward. If you agree contact your local Councillor and support this proposal.

KNIGHT OF THE ROAD

Dear Sir,
Many thanks to Richard Hartley who stayed with me when my mobility scooter broke down near Lloyds Bank on Tuesday 26 May. My neighbour came to collect me but found that the scooter would not fit in the car. Richard arranged for the scooter to be left in McGuinness Opticians until it could be picked up. Thank you to the staff and Richard for their kindness. Elsie McLaughlin

Woodham Burn Out of School Club

by Abi, age 11 years

On Friday 29th May the children and staff at Woodham Burn Out of School Club decided to visit Shildon Railway Museum as the weather was so nice.

We arrived at the train station early and waited for the train which took us directly to the museum. Some of the children had not been on the train before making this a new and exciting experience.

We all decided to visit the park first, the huge tree house and slide was popular with the older children and the younger children preferred the metal train. After the park we went to the shop in the museum and played on the interactive games while we waited for everyone to buy a souvenir.

After lunch we looked around the museum at the different old fashioned trains. As we went around the museum we played lots of fun games including stacking blocks in wagons, putting coloured trains in the right order and many more.

We then went on the old Adensfield bus to the individual museums including Hackworth's house, the post office and train works.

After a fun filled day at the railway museum we went



back onto the train to Newton Aycliffe. Before returning to the club we visited the Oak Leaf Complex where we had a drink, an ice cream and played in the park.

My friends who went on the outing said:

Jacob, A, age 6 years: It was really fun, I loved going on the old fashioned bus and pretending to drive it.

James, T, age 10 years: It was

very good; my favourite part was in the play park with my friends and eating ice cream! Lewis, A, age 8 years; it was fantastic, I really enjoyed the train games inside the museum and our ice creams after our picnic.

Jack, C, age 4 years; I liked going on the big train the best. It's the first time I went on the train, I liked looking out of the window.

Thank you to Shildon Railway Museum from all the staff and children.

If you would like any further details regarding the out of school club during the school holidays or term time, our pick up and drop off service to and from other schools or to arrange a visit, please don't hesitate Kendra Green on 300080.

I.T.'S A HIT IN SCHOOLS

The Durham County Council department responsible for supporting the use of information technology throughout the county's 287 schools has won special recognition for the work it carries out.

The Information and Technical Support Service staff can now boast ISO9001 (International Organisation for Standardisation) standard services following a rigorous and lengthy inspection process.

It's a coup for Head of Service Phillip Smith, "The ISO 9001 is a tough standard to achieve and our award is a reflection on the high standards and hard work the team constantly put in. It is important for us because it endorses the effective, efficient and reliable service we provide to all of the county's schools."

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services is Cllr. Claire Vasey, "This support service for schools is vital to keep the information super highway open helping to educate our young people and it is more environmentally friendly because it cuts down on paper work."

The certification has taken a great deal of hard work by the whole team and their work will now be subject to review inspections to make sure the high standards required by ISO9001 are adhered to

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

The Centre wish to borrow a very old fashioned camera for a stage production. If you can help please ring Joyce on 312765.

Table Top Sale at the Youth Centre on Saturday 27th June from 10am-1pm. To book a table to sell your unwanted goods ring 313924. Hire charge is £6.

Model Railway Exhibition on Saturday 13th June 10am-4pm. Admission £2 Children free.

Saturday 20th June at 3pm. Lyons Male Voice Choir. Admisison £3 children free.

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Dear Sir,
Is there any need for the police/emergency services to use their sirens in the middle of the night when there is very little, if any, other traffic around?
I was awoken this morning, Friday 29th May, at 2.35am by the sound of a police/emergency vehicle tearing up Burn Lane with siren blaring. I don't know if there was any other traffic around at that time, (but I doubt it) so surely the need for the siren to carry on all the way to the top of the road wasn't necessary.

I could still hear it a few minutes later indicating that the driver, after having woken half of Newton Aycliffe, was then intent on waking the residents of Middridge too! This is the second time in as many weeks that this has happened and I would be interested to know if it is necessary?
There is a lot of talk at the moment of stamping out anti-social behaviour, well if this isn't anti-social, then I don't know what is?!
Resident of Burn Lane
Editor: We contacted the Police and received the

following reply from Inspector Andy Neill: "Regardless of the time of day or night, the driver involved will still be required to activate the vehicle's warning siren in the interests of public safety. I am sure the majority of readers would understand that, and agree a night's sleep being temporarily disturbed is a small price to pay. The emergency services need to respond quickly to ongoing incidents, while at the same time minimising the risk to themselves and members of the public."

It's a Piece of Cake Starting a Business

12 months ago Joanna Boulwood of Hardinge Road, created and made a birthday cake for her son who was 5. She couldn't find one big enough in the shops or find a design that he wanted as they all looked the same.
Joanna got such an amazing feedback, she decided to look into creating and designing cakes as a business and service to others.
Now a year on and in the middle of a credit crunch she is running a successful business designing and making cakes for all occasions, including, weddings, birthdays, Christenings, novelty, cup cakes and corporate cakes of all types of designs.
"I have my own website www.joanna-crazycakes.co.uk and I have not had a free week in creating a special cake for someone's occasion" said Joanna.
Besides all this she is a wife and mother of 6 beautiful children, who love to see her creations.
"Its been a huge success and I have met some wonderful people from Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. If I can make a successful business in these difficult times anyone can" said Joanna.



Town Centre Eyesore

Melvyn Collier of Shafto Way called Newton News to report the awful mess near the Library and Helath Centre.
"The filth, rubbish is piled high and included dead pigeons. It is an awful sight and should be cleaned up immediately" said Melvyn. It has been reported, but so far the rubbish remains.

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Lottery Grant for Town Association



Sid Bruce, Chairman of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Burma Star Association is shown here receiving a cheque from the Mayor Mary Dalton on behalf of the "Awards for All" National Lottery Fund. The members met at the British Legion Club last Thursday for the Presentation and a celebration buffet. The Association applied for a grant to help their funds and were really grateful to receive the award.

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R. Humphries
Ed: We already suggested this to Wilkinsons, but unfortunately the store is not big enough to provide this facility.

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Old Firemen Don't Die, They Form a Club!



FORMER fire fighters and control staff employed by County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Brigade have come together to form an old boys' network. Retired fire fighter, Ian Ferguson, who served at fire stations all over the County for 35 years, had the idea after he finished work and missed the camaraderie his former employment brought.

Members held their first meeting recently at Easington Village and agreed to quarterly meetings in various parts of the county to enable everyone to attend at least once a year. Ian was delighted with the turn-out and is looking for more retired and former fire fighters and control staff to come forward and join.

He said, "The idea is to have an information network using e mail, text messaging or landline phone calls to keep the group informed as to what's going on, both within the service and also among members. Anyone can join us regardless of whether they were uniformed or civilian former members of the service or when they joined and how long they stayed. I'm confident that we can make this group

work because the fire brigade was always more than just a job, it was a way of life and when you leave, a large part of your life goes with it," but even after you leave the service you are still a part of the family.

The group is called the 'Durham Old Boys' Network' and can be found on a new website that includes old photographs and even videos, including the massive Thomas Swan of Consett fire of 1974. The website address is www.durhamoldboysnetwork.org.uk

Ian Ferguson can be contacted for more information on 0191 5 8 6 5 0 2 1 (h o m e) 07932004401 (Mobile) or e mail ianferg@btinternet.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AS XCEL CENTRE NEAR COMPLETION



With less than 5 months until the Xcel Centre will be fully operational, recruitment has started for staff to join the nursery team.

Little Cubs DayNursery will cater for children from birth to school age and also offer wraparound care for up to 11yr olds. As part of the Xcel Centre, the nursery has a brand new purpose built facility, with rooms designed for each age group and a large outdoor play area. It will be open weekdays all year round from 7.30am to 6pm providing high quality, flexible, affordable childcare. With around 20 vacancies to

fill for the September opening of the nursery, applications are being welcomed for a variety of roles from Nursery Manager to Cook.

Xcel Manager, Kerina Clark, said "Following a successful pre-launch event, we have already started to fill the nursery places and now need to extend our staff team to look after the families joining us. I am looking for staff who have a genuine interest in children and their welfare, and who are passionate about delivering top quality care and education"

Job vacancies are now being advertised at www.xcelcentre.com or you can contact Kerina on 0845 4505871 for further information.

As a community we are eagerly awaiting the completion of the Xcel Centre and look forward to the opportunities it will offer our town people and local businesses.

The first round of jobs have now been released! It's so exciting to be able to offer



Kerina Clark

some good news in what is a rather gloomily economic climate at the moment.

Recruitment for Little Cubs Nursery staff has now started and details of the jobs available and an online application form can be found at www.xcelcentre.com.

If the job you are looking for isn't there yet, then keep checking back as more centre jobs will follow soon, and spread the word to anyone who might just be looking to join the staff team here at Xcel.

WHO ARE THEY TRYING TO FOOL?

Dear Sir,
Today 29th May I witnessed the removal and replacement of the speed humps outside Simpature shops by Durham County Council Highways Dept

Now is it not strange these humps have been in Newton News recently having been the pain of many motorists in the town (myself included) and the damage they have done to our vehicles?

This very same speed hump cost me £200 to repair a broken front coil spring only 3 weeks ago.

I spoke to one of the workmen doing the repairs and was told the tops of the humps had damage to the surfaces and that they needed replacing.

I did notice that only 10 days ago the Highways Dept were out to these humps to do a small repair so why have they replaced them completely today with smaller humps?

It's because they know they were too high in the first place and people are complaining about them and claiming compensation for damage.

Brian Sowerby
Simpature Resident

USE OF SCHOOLS AS POLLING STATIONS

Dear Sir,

In response to E. Fielding's letter regarding schools closing for elections, I wholeheartedly agree with the comments made and the problems such a closure creates for parents.

However, the siting of polling stations is not something over which the school has any control. Such decisions are taken by Returning Officers, who select venues within each polling ward. Further information can be found at: <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/atoz/pollingstations/>.

Similarly, as a parent, I sympathise with the closure of the school for teacher training days. By law, schools must open for 380 half-day sessions (or 190 days) in each school year, beginning with the first term to start after July. Vane Road currently satisfies this requirement.

It is important to highlight that a teacher's statutory conditions of service consists of up to 195 days a year - the additional up to 5 days above the 190 are non-teaching work days or non-contact days.

Non-contact days were introduced to give

headteachers an opportunity for all their teaching staff to be together at one time, and for some of this time, to train together.

This is very much in the same way that other professions undertake a certain element of training and development during contracted hours. The organisation and timing of most non-contact days is entirely for individual local authorities, governing bodies and headteachers to determine, but schools should be sensitive to local circumstances in deciding which days to choose.

It is common for non-contact days to be added to the beginning or the end of teachers' school holidays as this often results in less disruption than if the days are held at other times during a school term.

This is the reason why Vane Road has chosen 1st June for one of its non-contact days.

I hope this explains the situation fully but am happy to address any further concerns.

Chris Foster
Chair of Governors
Vane Road Primary School
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Ed: Readers concerned about the issue of using schools as Polling Stations should contact their County Councillor who could suggest more suitable venues to the Returning Officer. If enough people complain they have to listen!

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AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009
at 5.45pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings.

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

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 10th
June 2009
Full Council - 7.15pm

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.
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Aycliffe Couple Wed



On the 28th May Catherine Hammond married Anthony Loughlin at Darlington Register Office. The Bride works in retail and her husband is a student. The Bridesmaid was Karrie Hennessey and the Best Man was Peter Alderson. A Reception was held afterwards at the Newton Aycliffe Navy Club. The newlyweds are living in Christopher Walk.

Photo by www.magnoliaphotography.co.uk

Town Police Combat Street Drinking

Over recent weeks Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team in partnership with 'Off Licence Watch' has successfully run an operation to combat antisocial behaviour caused by street drinking. In the last three weeks a total of 31 litres of cider,

82 Cans of lager, 33 bottles of lager, 3 bottles of wine and 2 bottles of vodka have been seized from under age youths in the Newton Aycliffe area. This will go to a local charity.

As an organisation we are aware that off licences often receive bad press for providing under age youths with alcohol. Newton Aycliffe Police would like to thank off licences for attending 'Off Licence Watch' meetings and their cooperation in recent weeks to combat this problem.

TABLE TOP SALE

It's not too late to book a table for the Table Top Sale at Burnhill Way Methodist Church on 13th June. Tables are provided for £5. If you would like to book please contact Gwen on 01325 301937.

There will also be refreshments, including bacon and sausage butties, etc. All proceeds are to fund the work of Churches Together Youth Forum who will be holding three events for children and young people of the town in the autumn.

Everyone is invited to come and support this sale and to enjoy the refreshments. The sale is on Saturday June 13th from 10am-12noon. **DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE.**

Evidence suggests that it is often adults that purchase the alcohol and then pass it on. Enquiries are ongoing with regards to the unlawful purchase of alcohol by adults for under age persons and arrests are currently being made.

If any licensee's reading this are interested in the 'Off Licence Watch' scheme or wish to find out any further information, please contact Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Anyone wishing to provide information about those unlawfully selling or buying alcohol can contact the team on 0345 6060 365.

Married at St. Clare's



Paula Addleton married Craig Davidson at St. Clare's Church on 9th May at 1p.m. The Bridesmaid was Casey Davidson and the Best Man was Cameron Davidson. The Reception was held at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club. Both are employed in I.T. and will begin their married life together living in Horndale. The couple would like to thank family and friends for joining them and for all the lovely cards and presents, Magnolia Photography for wonderful pictures and Isobelle for her fantastic food and decor.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2009
commencing at 6.00pm

The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700

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Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Heighington Football Club is an FA chartered club. The club has an FA qualified coach and all members of the coaching team are CRB checked.

The team focuses on developing youngsters socially as well as technically in enjoying football. Respect, fun and enjoyment are key to everything we do. If you are interested in joining then please contact Selwyn Morgans on: 07774 624 341

Great Ofsted Report for Vane Road School

The opening words of the recent Ofsted report tell us that Vane Road Primary provides a good education for all its pupils. Parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the school and find it a 'welcoming, friendly and caring school' where their children 'thrive'.

Pupils love coming to school and attend regularly. 'It is brilliant here, learning is fun!' Teaching and learning are consistently good and frequently outstanding. Staff work well as a team, sharing their expertise and

sharing their knowledge of new initiatives. Pupils learn well because they know exactly what is expected of them. They feel safe and happy and are well motivated to learn because lessons are enlivened with a range of activities which inspire creativity and teamwork. The leadership and management of the Headteacher, Staff and Governors are good. The leadership team have been very successful in fostering good parental relationships because they ensure that

pupils are at the heart of the school agenda.

Headteacher, Sue Tobin and Chair of Governors, Chris Foster were absolutely delighted with the report as they felt it recognised the hard work and commitment of everyone.

THREE CATS DISAPPEAR

Mrs Boyd of Bates Close is worried that someone is targeting her house and taking away her cats. In just two months three cats have mysteriously disappeared - one of them due to have kittens. A cat lover, with six cats she is fearful the animals have come to harm and have been deliberately attacked. Anyone with information should contact the police who have been informed.

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MUSIC, ARTS AND GARDEN FESTIVAL AT HEIGHINGTON

Plans are well underway for this major event in Heighington on the weekend of June 19th -21st and the organisers have tried to provide something for everyone.

On Friday 19th June the opening event will be a concert by the Carol Andrew Singers at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Heighington. Tickets are £3 and available from 314 903 and 308 727. There is certain to be a big demand to hear this internationally famous choir from Darlington.

People with an interest in crafts are well catered for with three workshops to be held in Heighington Village Hall 10.0am -12 noon on Saturday June 20th. There is to be jewellery making, art felt making and a millinery workshop. All workshops are £8 and places are limited so please make your reservation by phone on 308 727

It is hoped that singers will turn out in force on Saturday, June 20th, to support a 'Scratch' Fauré Requiem in St Michael's Church. The rehearsal begins at 2pm and the performance is at 5pm. The cost is £3 to sing including refreshments and hire of music scores. It is free to listen to the performance. To book a place to sing please phone 314 903.

Twelve village gardens are being groomed to perfection to open to the public on Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st from 1pm-4.30pm. Entry to all twelve gardens is only £2.50. Village maps and tickets can be purchased from Heighington Village Hall on the open afternoons. Artists will be working in most of the gardens. No garden visit is complete without tea and cakes and these will be



served in the Village Hall on both afternoons. Lunches are served at all three village pubs if you want to make an early start to your afternoon.

Pupils at Heighington School are supporting the weekend. They have produced paintings and drawings on the theme of 'Music, Arts and Gardens' and 'Our Village' under the guidance of their art teacher, Mrs Stockley. These are to be judged by a professional artist and more than 200 pictures will be displayed in the church throughout June. [The Church is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon 2pm-4pm]. Presentation of prizes for this competition will take place in the church at 5pm on Sunday June 21st.

The Darlington branch of the Embroiderers' Guild will also be holding their exhibition in the church throughout June. The proceeds of the weekend will be divided equally between St Teresa's Hospice and St Michael's Church, Heighington.

In an attempt to raise more money a 'Music, Arts and Gardens' Quiz is on sale at £1 available from 308 727 and 314 903 and at the open

gardens. The organisers hope that fine weather will bring crowds of visitors to this beautiful village in support of this venture.

Roadworks in the Town

Newton News asked the County Council if it gave advance warning of work on minor roads in towns?

For instance last week two repair jobs were undertaken in Burn Lane and Simpasturegate, which happened unannounced. Had notice been given motorists could have taken alternative routes to avoid the congestion.

Councillor Mike Dixon replied having obtained the recent list which he will continue to provide to enable us to inform readers of forthcoming roadworks.

It is interesting to note from the information supplied by Mike that work on a pedestrian crossing on Central Avenue near Surtees Walk will cause inconvenience and Burn Lane near the PCC will also be restricted.

TICKET PRICES FOR AYCLIFFE F.C. GAMES

Newton Aycliffe FC announced their new ticket prices for the 09/10 season in the Northern League. Aycliffe won the Wearside League title last month and promotion to the Northern League for the first time in the town's history.

As a result, they will welcome Marske United, Brandon United, Crook Town, Darlington RA and Jarrow Roofing to Moore Lane during the 2009/10 campaign.

Aycliffe are keen to maintain average home crowds of almost 300, but need to balance that with a significant increase in running costs.

They are still offering the cheapest Northern League admission prices for next season, with adults at £3, Over-65's £2 and just £1 for under-16's.

Aycliffe also offer match-by-match savings on exclusive season tickets, which are priced £50 adults, £30 over-65s and £20 under-16s (season tickets cover 20 home league games only).

Chairman Gary Farley, said: "We recognise the support we're getting from the people of Newton Aycliffe, and obviously are extremely keen to maintain that level of support. "But we have some ambitious plans for the club. Newton Aycliffe deserves a competitive Northern League team, but as with everything else we can't do that without financial backing.

"We're making a number of in-roads with local businesses, which is promising, but we really had to make a slight increase on the gate, and we feel £3 for adults remains a realistic and affordable admission price".

Aycliffe are hoping to maintain support to sustain a strong challenge in the Northern League Division Two next season, as well as helping to fund a new stand.

The club is required to build a stand to cater for at least 50 covered seats and a terrace for 100 standing, as per Northern League regulations, by March

2010.

"It continues to be an exciting time for the football club," added Farley. "We've been provided with an excellent opportunity to produce a top, top non-league football club and, having laid the foundations over the last three years, the next 12 months promise to be a crucial period for the club. We're going to need all the support we can get, so a large influx of season ticket holders would certainly give us a much-needed cash injection to support our ongoing development."

The club will make an announcement on how to buy season tickets in due course.

• Meanwhile, Aycliffe have announced a series of exciting

pre-season friendlies. Allan Oliver's side have lined up four home games against former Wearside League rivals Wolviston on Saturday 18th July, Wigan Robin Park, from the North West Counties

League, on Saturday 25th July, an exciting tie against local rivals Spennymoor on Tuesday 28th July and Teesside Athletic, from the Wearside League, on Saturday 1st August. www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

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The results were as follows:-
Adults:- Shaun Mosher - Latin Gold; Kathleen O'Hanlon - Ballroom 2nd Gold Bar; Marilyn Mohan - Ballroom 2nd Gold Bar; Heather Brewster - Ballroom 2nd Gold Bar; Claire Robson - Latin 1st Gold Bar; Theresa Snailum - Ballroom and Latin Double Award Bronze and Silver; Jacqueline Algie - Ballroom and Latin Double Award Bronze and Silver; Neil Stewart - Ballroom Star Five; Dawn O'Hanlon - Ballroom Bronze and Latin Bronze
Children:- Abigail Mullen - Ballroom Double Award Bronze/Silver and Latin Bronze; Amber Dolby - Ballroom Gold; Joelle Hubery - Ballroom Silver and Latin Gold; Charlotte Travis - Ballroom Gold; Maria O'Hanlon - Ballroom 2nd Gold Bar

Trophies were also presented to the pupils who the examiner thought showed the most potential on the day. The adult trophy was shared between Dawn O'Hanlon and Theresa Snailum and the children's trophy was awarded to Joelle Hubery.

On the evening Christine Fowell and Neil Stewart

Right to Walk on Land

Dear Sir,
As the organiser of the Sunday Car Boot Sale at the Oak Leaf I refer to the letter in last week's issue on walking the field.
If the person who wrote the letter had a problem over the taped area covering only 25% of the field he should have informed me.
I would then have moved the selling area to a different part of the field leaving the piece of land he wanted free to walk across. This would have saved spoiling his walk and also me from having to write this letter.
John Rogerson
Editor: Last week in reply to a letter on access to Sports Complex fields while the Car Boot Sale was on, we inadvertently missed off the Town Clerk's reply. He told us that the land in question is not common land, but owned by the Town Council who from time to time lease it out for other purposes.
Any revenue from the rental is used to support Council Tax.

Womens Institute News

Our May meeting was well attended as we were entertained by our speaker Kate Kendall. Kate talked us through the two years she spent teaching in China. Using slides she gave us a tourists view of the country including the Great Wall and the terracotta warriors.

Since her return to England Kate has set up a silk business and brought along a selection of her wares, many of which were snapped up by our members.

This month we have danced the night away at the Solid Silver 60s show at the Civic Theatre. We have also had a memorable day at the Bowes Museum; our trip in June will be a day out at Kendal.

For members, WI House has a selection of events on offer in June including Art classes, a garden party at the Botanic Gardens, Durham and a cold porcelain demonstration.

If you are interested in Aloe Awareness then The Cubby is the place to be at 7.15 Monday 8 June. For more information on this please ring Lyn on 01325 314805.

TEAM BUILDING WITH BLUE WATCH



All the Heighington Under 9's team thank the firefighters from Blue Watch under Commander Malcolm Woodward for arranging a fantastic morning of team building exercises and demonstrations. The children were given a warm welcome by Malcom and his crew and there was outside and indoor exercises organized. The team got to see the importance of working together and how in very dangerous situations your life depends on everyone performing their tasks properly. The following day Heighington under 9's were in a tournament at Catterick Village and the players were reminding each other of the tasks of working together and supporting each other. So a BIG THANK YOU to Blue Watch - the mums enjoyed seeing the firefighters also, but there was also a lady firefighter which the coaching staff thought was the best!

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"Read it? Swap it?" out community book swap, "Grow your Own", our own Darwin inspired growing experiment, we are delivering in partnership with GATC environment officer 13 FREE primary school workshops, a printmaking workshop for families with under 5's, a storytelling workshop in partnership with Newton Aycliffe Library, a bookmaking workshop and more!

To find more contact the Greenfield Community & Arts Centre, Newton Aycliffe at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call 379 048

A-maze-ing Prize on Offer from Farm

A leading North East visitor attraction has a simply a-maze-ing competition prize for anyone who has ever carved their initials on a tree, or driven around with a loved one's name on a car sun visor!

Hands on farm attraction, Down at the Farm, at Houghton-le-Spring, is going to base its maize maze theme for this year around the initials of the lucky winner of a competition.

In past years the maze route has been based solely on a design such as a farm animal, but this year it could also have your initials cut into it by farmer Will.

To add to the thrill of having a 'personal maize maze', the winner and guest will be treated to a VIP helicopter flight over the maze, to witness their monogram for themselves. "Everyone deserves their fifteen minutes of fame or, in this case, 15 weeks", says owner Catherine Weightman. We thought that having their name or initials cut out of the maize was a truly unique prize for someone to win, whether they are a child or an adult.

"The prize winner will be able to choose to have the name of someone else put into the maze design, if they wish, whether that's a child's initials, or someone special's."

Entries for this competition need to be submitted to Down at the Farm by the closing date of Thursday, June 25. This can be done online at www.downatthefarm.co.uk or by filling in an entry form in the farm's café. The winner will be the first name drawn after the closing date.

Down at the Farm's maize maze is growing at a rate of around a centimetre a day and the cutting out process will take place at the end of June.

The corn will be tall enough to generate lots of confusion and losses of direction in August when it will reach 5-6 feet in height.

Farmer Will carves his maze designs out by hand, rather than by use of GPS technology and is ready to rise to the challenge, whatever the initials of the winner.

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5-6-09

Thank You

THANK YOU from Stephen and Hayley Cooper to family and friends who joined us on Sunday 24th May to celebrate Matthew's Baptism and Eve's 3rd birthday. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated and we thank God for you all in our prayers xxx

IBINSON The family of the late Stephen Paul Ibinson (Ibbo) wish to express their sincere thanks to all friends and neighbours for all the kindness, sympathy, cards and letters during their recent sad bereavement of their son Stephen. A special thank you to Davina for the invaluable help given. A Memorial Celebration Service for Stephen will be held at St Clare's Church on Saturday 29th August at 2pm

BIG JILL would like to say a huge thank you to all her family and friends who attended her 40th birthday party on Saturday 23rd May at the Navy Club. Thanks to all the staff at the Navy Club and Paul Gittins who provided the fabulous entertainment. A massive thank you to my wonderful Husband and super Mum for all their hard work. Oh! and not to forget my darling children who pressurised me into having a party in the first place! I had a fantastic time... good idea kids! Thank you everyone for all the cards and wonderful gifts, all the money received I have decided to donate to the British Heart Foundation. Thanks again to everyone for making my night so special xxxxxx

A BIG THANKS to all who stopped and helped after the "hit and run" incident on Greenfield Way on Saturday 23rd. Greatly appreciated, from his family

New Centre Opens in July

The new Agnew Community Centre is well ahead of schedule and it is thought might be open sometime in July. We are taking bookings for the old centre and can talk to anybody wishing to use the new centre which will include a meeting room for 16 seated, with wireless internet access and a loop system fitted.

The new hall with an oak wooden floor will seat 70 people in comfort or more if being used theatre style. Prices will remain very competitive for residents of the town.

A security fence will be erected around the site for added safety of our clients and we are actively seeking funding to have an outside play area and sensory garden for young people with disabilities. Spearheading this will be our Vice Chairman Lileen

Cuthbertson who has a son with a disability.

We still have room for Line Dance beginners on Tuesdays at 1pm to 2pm so why not come along and meet a friendly bunch of people, ring Margaret on 319857 if you require a chat first.

If you want to join as a member, be a volunteer or join the management committee call the Secretary on 07518 035320.

In Memoriam

BILLY BLACK 07-06-04. My life goes on without you. Things are not the same. It's hard to hide my heartache, when someone speaks your name. I think about you often, I talk about you too. I have many memories but I wish I still had you. Love always, your loving Wife, Mena xxx

BILLY BLACK 07-06-04. Dad. The pain still hurts, the memories are clear, we wish in our hearts that you were still here. You are not just a memory or part of the past. You're loved and missed as long as life lasts. Love from loving Sons, David and Philip and loving Daughter, Sharon xxx

ADA HUTSON Died 5-6-07. Never a day do I forget you, in my heart you are always near. God alone knows how I miss you as ends this second sad year. My heart still aches with sadness, my secret tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. All my love on what would be our 60th Wedding Anniversary (6-6-09). From your loving Husband, Dick xxx

ADA HUTSON Wonderful and precious memories of our lovely Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma, who died 5-6-07. We once had something special, that money cannot buy. We had a very special Mam, but we had to say goodbye. Two years ago God took you Mam, he took our closest friend, he left us all with broken hearts. We know will never mend. We miss so much your lovely smile and your loving heart. June, Dave, Julie, Paul, Shirley, Michael, Susan, Laurie, All Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx

ETHEL CLIFT 8th June 2008. If we could have a lifetime wish and one dream that could come true. We would pray to God with all our hearts just to see and speak to you. A thousand words won't bring you back, we know because we've tried and neither will a million tears, we know because we've cried. You've left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too. But we've never wanted memories, we only wanted you. Miss you. Love, Husband Alan; Daughters, Gail, Tracy and Lynne; Sons-in-Law Stu, Greg and Richard and Grandchildren

ETHEL CLIFT Died 8-6-08. In God's garden you rest above in our hearts you stay with love. Annabel and family

LEE SMITH 3-6-07. It seems like yesterday since you went away. Every day we think of you and miss you. Loved always, Karl, Catherine, Gemma and Jessica

RON KIRTLEY 6th June 2004. A loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. It's been 5 years since you left us and how fast that has gone. You are forever in our hearts and minds and that's where you will belong. Love always and forever, Olga, Lesley and Lauren

BRIAN TAYLOR Died 2nd June, 2004. To hear your voice, to see you smile, to sit and talk with you a while. To be together in the same old way, would be my greatest wish today. Love as always, Mavis

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Congratulations

Terry Purdie

Happy 50th Birthday
6th June
Happy birthday "Old Man". Lots of love, Paul and Lindsay.
To the best Grandad, happy birthday. Love and big hugs, Nathan xxx

Hannah Tidyman

WELL DONE HANNAH for coming first at Trampolining last weekend. All your family and friends are very proud of you, especially your Mam. Thanks also to Kevin and the Sedgefield Springers for all their help, support and friendship

DEBBIE NEWBY To our beautiful Daughter on her 40th birthday. All our love, Mam and Dad

MARY YOUNG 11-6-09. Love and best wishes Mary on your 70th birthday. From Kath, Ben and family

MARY YOUNG Congratulations on your 70th birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Michael, June, Caroline, Stephanie, Ian and Benjamin xxxxx

MARY YOUNG Happy 70th birthday Mary. Enjoy your day. Lots of love from Trish, Dave and family xxx

MARY YOUNG To a special friend on her 70th birthday. Love from Jean and family xxx

Ellen Franklin

Happy 13th Birthday
8th June 2009
Love you always "Little Chimp".
Love, Mam and Dad xxxxx

TAYLOR-WILKINSON 8-6-08. For a special Granddaughter, happy 1st birthday Chloe-Louise. Lots of love and kisses, Nanny and Grandad xxxxx

TAYLOR-WILKINSON 8-6-08. To our special Niece Chloe-Louise on your 1st birthday. Love, Auntie Zoe and Auntie Charlotte xx

TAYLOR-WILKINSON 8-6-08. To our special Daughter, Chloe-Louise, we love you lots and lots, Mummy and Daddy xxxxx

TAYLOR 13-6-89. Happy birthday Emma. Love, Mum, Dad, Zoe and Charlotte xxxxx

TAYLOR 13-6-1989. Happy birthday Emma - Mummy, Love, Ashley and Chloe-Louise

Debbie Newby

Happy 40th Birthday
To my beautiful Fiance on your 40th birthday. I love you with all my heart, Mike xxxxxx

BETHANY BRETT Happy 16th birthday on 5th June. Lots of love from Dad, Nanna Theresa, Gramps Peter, Harris and Sabrina xxx

LOUIS CHRISTOPHER 1-6-07. To a special Grandson, happy 2nd birthday. Lots of love, Nana and Pops xxxxx

LOUIS CHRISTOPHER (Tin Tin). Happy 2nd birthday Nephew. Love, Aunt Lisa, Uncle Darran, big Cousin Francesca, Evie xxx

CLOUGH & CAIRNS To Nicola and Deryk, wishing you both all the happiness in the world on your Wedding Day, 6th June 2009. Lots of love, Clare xxx

CLOUGH & CAIRNS To Nicola and Deryk. Love and best wishes on your Wedding Day. Love from Julie, Craig and Charley xxx

CRAIG PALMER and Lads, have a great Stag do in Spain. All our love, Julie and Charley xxx

KAREN LAMB Happy 30th birthday Mam. Love you loads from Brogan x

KAREN LAMB Happy 30th birthday, enjoy your party. Lots of love from Mam and Nanna xxx

KAREN LAMB Happy 30th birthday. Enjoy your special day and party. All my love always. David xxx

KAREN LAMB Happy birthday Karen love from Cole xxx

Debbie Newby

Happy 40th Birthday
GOTCHA
Happy 40th Mum. We love you loads, Ched, Luke and Truffle xxx

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HERE COME THE GIRLS!



Staff from Asda, Bishop Auckland are supporting the Butterwick Midnight Walk which is being held at Sedgefield Racecourse on Saturday 20th June 2009.

An Asda staff member was a patient at the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland and they are raising funds in her memory. With safety in mind we have arranged for lighting around the racecourse and walking will be on the prepared racecourse itself

The warm up will be arranged by Paratroopers from Catterick Garrison. Music will be played from 10.30pm - Midnight to keep walkers entertained.

We are looking forward to a great atmosphere but would like the weather to be kind. Why not join in and have fun raising valuable funds for your local hospice.

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Aycliffe Scouts Thank You

Dear Sir,
On the 26th of May, my wife and I ran a Tombola stall at Aycliffe Market to raise funds to provide the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group with waterproof coats. We would like to thank the Leisure Centre for the use of three tables, the Market traders for the help and advice they gave us and Honest John who promised to help us in the future. Thanks to all the people who donated prizes, and last but not least, the members of the public who gave so generously and helped us to raise funds.
Bill Goudie, Group Chairman

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