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Councillor and Mayor of Great Aycliffe and was opened by the current Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton, and Josef Mlatilik. Speaking at the opening ceremony, Josef Mlatilik said that he was very grateful to Great Aycliffe Town Council for naming the garden after his late wife, who would have taken great pleasure from the new garden. Her memory would live on through the garden.

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Contract Boosts Aycliffe Kitchen Worktops Company

A North East company is looking to increase its production after securing a partnership with international manufacturer LG.

Multi Surface Fabrications Ltd (MSF), of Newton Aycliffe, is attracting growing interest in its Silica range of quality kitchen worktops, which offer the natural appearance of a stone surface combined with the versatility of acrylic technology. The partnership with LG, probably best known in the UK for its electrical goods, has allowed MSF to produce worktops surfaced with the groundbreaking HI-MACS Natural Acrylic Stone, which LG produces.

MSF, who supply to trade wholesalers, independent kitchen studios and direct to the customer, recently moved to new premises at Whinbank Park, Newton Aycliffe, and is looking to the future to meet demand for its Silica product and to its continuing



partnership with LG.

Managing Director Graeme Kavanagh said: "We have been producing Silica for about four years and our main outlet to date has been to wholesalers and kitchen studios supplying developers of small, executive estates. We also recently supplied Silica

for installation in the home of an England international footballer during his time with Newcastle United. "However, it's fair to say that Silica has been something of a hidden secret outside the quality kitchen sector but people are certainly waking up to its advantages and versatility, and both kitchen designers and customers are now utilising its advanced technology in terms of seamless moulding to stunning effect."

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For more information on Silica products go to www.silica.uk.com or contact MSFLtd on 01325 308444.

PLEA TO IMPROVE WEST PARK LAKES

Dear Sir,

on hearing the news that there is to be funding for Newton Aycliffe to better our town, I wish to draw your attention to West Park or the Boating Lake as it has become known locally.

The lakes are not visited as they should be, and we should use Darlington's South Park as an example which is always kept beautiful and attracts visitors from all over Co Durham.

Our West Park is also beautiful but is in a bad state of up-keep. I would love to see this park as a flagship for Newton Aycliffe bringing visitors to enjoy the pleasures of the abundant wildlife: ducks, geese, squirrels, foxes and all the birds, both domestic and migrant.

Funding is needed to build an island in the centre of the lakes to keep the ducks etc safe from dogs and children. This would help keep the walkways cleaner. Funding would be needed for the constant up-keep of the gardens using Darlington's East Park as a further example.

The lakes should be used to attract families back to this area to bring their children

to play on the boats.

I realise that it would take a lot of money, but West Park is truly beautiful with all its changing faces of the seasons and it offers all of us a window into the countryside on our doorstep.

Richard Bainbridge.

Editor: Our reader raises some valid points, but unfortunately the funding he talks about would not be available for parks under Town Council ownership. The Council would need to budget for any improvements or increase in maintenance to this area, and would they agree with our correspondent it is worth the effort?

BURNHILL FUN & GAMES



A great time was had by all at the recent 'Heroes and Superheroes' Holiday Club at Burnhill Way Methodist Church. All the children who came had a most enjoyable time playing games, dancing & singing, doing crafts, watching DVDs and enjoying refreshments.

The fun continues on a weekly basis every Monday from 3.30pm to 4.45pm at the regular meetings of the JAFFA Club where all the same types of activities will be on offer. The Club is open to all children of school age - just turn up at the Church any Monday and you will be made welcome.

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Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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An official presentation will be held in November when the Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham will attend and present the medals.

Over 50 Tea Dances will commence on Monday 5th October from 2.45-3.45pm. Admission £3 to include tea and cake. Old Tyme and Modern Dancing (keeps you fit). To show an interest ring 313924.

Darlington Big Band will make a second appearance on Saturday 10th October at 3pm. Admission £3, children free. To book and collect your tickets on the door ring 313924. Sainsburys at Woodham are organising a Karaoke Night at the Oak Tree, Neville Parade on Thursday 15th October from 7pm. Admission £2. To book and collect tickets on the door ring 313924.

Thank you to all who supported our collection in the town centre this week - it was very much appreciated. Peter Beaty

£700 for Great North Air Ambulance



John and Freda Jones were delighted to pass on £700 to the Great North Air Ambulance this week. It represented donations in lieu of gifts from friends who attended their Golden Wedding Anniversary party at the Cumby Arms. Granddaughter Charlotte wanted to be in the photo so we obliged.

HARVEST TIME

As the children go back to school and the evenings draw in we approach that time of the year when Harvest Festivals are celebrated in churches and schools across the country.

At Burnhill Way Methodist Church on Saturday 19th September there will be an evening of singing 'Sankey' hymns supported by the Shildon Methodist Choir, with supper. On Sunday 20th September at 10am there

will be a fairly traditional Harvest Festival family service, including items by the children and followed by refreshments. At 7.30pm there will be Harvest 'cafe-style' worship. Cafe-style worship is a relaxed event, sharing refreshments as if in a cafe and watching a DVD, etc.

At all the events all money donated will be going to help the Methodist Relief and Development Fund 'Enriching Harvest' and the Tearfund 'Make Life Flow' appeals for projects in poor countries overseas.

All members of the community will be made most welcome at any of the above events.

AYCLIFFE YOUNG PEOPLE AT LIGHTWATER VALLEY



The Junior Neighbourhood Watch visit to Lightwater Valley was a great day for young children with parents. The young people along with qualified youth leaders enjoyed the day on many of the exciting rides.

Death of Former Headteacher

Greenfield School Community and Arts College regrets to announce the death of former headteacher Ray Naylor on Friday September 4th aged 83 after a period of illness. Ray was the first headteacher at Greenfield when it opened in 1977, after a number of years as headteacher at the Hermitage School in Chester le Street. Ray had the unusual challenge of opening a brand new school with only one year group and recruiting all of the staff as the school expanded. He played a pivotal role in establishing Greenfield's strong presence in Newton Aycliffe and thereafter maintaining it. Ray was a great character with a strong sense of leadership, good humour, compassion and high standards delivered in his own inimitable style.

Ray was headteacher at Greenfield for ten years until he retired in 1987 and will be fondly remembered by many colleagues, parents and others who experienced his charismatic approach. In his retirement years Ray was a voluntary tour guide at Durham Cathedral and keen supporter of local rugby, cricket and the theatre. His funeral will take place at the Durham Crematorium on Friday, 18th September at 11.30am (to be confirmed)

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Great Opening for New Agnew Centre

With the new Building for the Agnew Community Centre arriving ahead of schedule and on budget it was a red letter day for all concerned on Saturday 22nd August with the Official Opening of the New Centre. Sedgefield Borough Council provided the funds from the LIP fund, and Agnes Armstrong and Cllr. Vince Crosby were present. Ward County Councillors Joan Gray and Paul Gittins ably assisted by our M.P. Phil Wilson did the honours in cutting the ribbon.

We were also honoured to have our lovely Mayor Cllr. Mary Walton and her consort husband Reg, Cllr. Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for Community & Partnerships, Cllr. Bill Curtis and Cllr. Brian Haigh [GATC], Linda Goundry from the LIP Team, John Freeman and staff, Jean Thompson President of the Rotary Club, Syd Howarth from Newton News and the Youth Centre, County Cllr. Dorothy Bowman, representatives of the Xcel Church, Icing Ladies group, Brett Lambert from the

Tai Chi class, Spiritualist Church, Ian Defty from the Adult Learning & Skills for Life, Line Dance group, Sedgefield Borough Homes plus many others who if not named then thank you for coming.. Cllr. Joan Gray was gracious in saying a few words of both support and good wishes to the Agnew Community Association who run the Centre on behalf of the community. Secretary Ron Mitchie replied with thanks to the outgoing Sedgefield Borough Council and to Linda Goundry of the LIP team for getting them through the rough spots. The cutting of the special cake, provided by Dr. Ann Marshall and decorated by Barbara Hodgson of the Icing Ladies, was performed by the oldest member of the Centre Muriel Crusher.

Rotary Golf Day Raised over £3,000 for Charity



The towns Rotary Club enjoyed a very successful Golf Day at Woodham this year breaking all records for number of entries and money raised for good causes. The club wishes to acknowledge the support received from players, sponsors and Woodham Golf Club. Organisers Robert Manners and Richard Gent said they were pleased the way everything went - even the weather, which improved to make the day more enjoyable. Photos show one of the winning pairs representing Close Thorntons and a view of the players enjoying the Carvery Dinner afterwards.

Public Consultation

A formal public consultation has been arranged by Durham County Council, which is applying for planning permission in respect of:

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Aycliffe Handed SIXTH Straight Home Game

Newton Aycliffe have been handed yet another home tie in September, meaning they'll now play six home games in the month.

After Saturday's 1-0 defeat against Thornaby at Moore Lane Park, Aycliffe entertain Whickham in the league this Saturday (September 12) followed by North Shields in the Brooks Milesen Cup next Wednesday.

However, the league have also brought forward Aycliffe's home game against Gillford Park, originally scheduled for January 9, to Saturday September 19, due to both sides not being in the FA Vase that weekend. That's quickly followed by a home tie against Peterlee Town in the Durham Challenge Cup on Wednesday September 23 and a league game against Guisborough Town on Saturday September 26 to complete a hectic 14 days.

Aycliffe slipped to ninth in the skilltraining Northern League second division with arguably their worst performance of the season, losing 1-0 at home to Thornaby last weekend. In front of more than 200 again

at Moore Lane Park, Allan Oliver's side never recovered from their now customary early goal conceded.

Thornaby took the lead within the opening 15 minutes when Carl Winspear was given too much space inside the area to smash in Matt Crossan's low free-kick.

Josh Knox had Aycliffe's only attack of notable threat in the remainder of the first period when he skipped two challenges but saw his cross-shot evade both the goal and the onrushing Chase McMullen. Aycliffe came out brighter and McMullen did well to hit the by-line, but his driven centre missed everyone inside the box and ran to safety.

Despite the introduction of the returning Dan Mellanby inside the final half-hour, Aycliffe were unable to claw the game back and they slumped to their third defeat of the campaign.

Newton Aycliffe are currently seeking a physiotherapist to work mainly matchdays (occasional evenings to treat players would also be helpful). Anyone interested should contact secretary Steve Cunliffe on 07872 985501.

FIXTURES

- Saturday September 12th: Whickham (H), 3pm
 - Wednesday September 16th: North Shields (H), 7.30pm
 - Saturday September 19th: Gillford Park (H), 3pm
 - Wednesday September 23rd: Peterlee Town (H), 7.30pm
 - Saturday September 26th: Guisborough Town (H), 3pm
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Birds of Prey Visit Out of School Club



On Monday 24th August, during the summer holidays Silver Band Falconry visited Woodham Burn Out of School Club with their birds of prey, this amazing experience was fully subsidised by the club.

The session started with Richard (the bird handler) talking to the children about each of the birds which he brought to show them, Jack age 10 recalls 'The falcon is the fastest animal in the world it can reach up to 200mph. When the falcon sees its prey, flies around in circles to gain speed then dives down, puts its claws in front of it and hits the prey as it catches it.' After this interesting interactive session we stopped for lunch. When we returned the children had the opportunity to handle a bird using a special glove under the close supervision of Kev. Katie age 12 said "The best part was having my photo taken with tassel the barn owl which I could take home and keep." The children also had the opportunity to draw the

birds of prey whilst they sat patiently on their perches. Max age 6 explains "I liked watching and drawing the different birds, I drew 5." For the last part of the session we moved outside for a magnificent flying display, the children's comments were Jordy, age 10 "My favourite part was seeing the vulture because I have only ever seen one on TV. It was massive." Jacob, age 6 "The bird flew on the roof and when the man whistled it flew back onto his arm, it was good." Lewis, age 8 "I liked it when Richard let the bird fly over our head, I couldn't even hear it."

Kendra, staff and children would like to thank Silver Band Falconry for an great day and look forward to seeing them in the future. The club is open term time and during school holidays. Transport to and from other schools is available. If you would like to arrange a visit, book a place, or speak to the manager contact Kendra 300080.



ANOTHER RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR COUNTY DURHAM PUPILS

Young people in County Durham have notched up some of their best ever GCSE results, figures published today have shown.

Almost three quarters of pupils across the county have achieved five or more passes at grades A* to C - an increase of nearly 8 percentage points on last year's record performance. And the percentage of pupils in County Durham achieving at least five A* to C grades,

including English and maths, has risen more than four percentage points on last year's record performance.

This increase takes the percentage of pupils hitting the national benchmark to just below 49 per cent.

Today's figures mark the seventh successive year of outstanding improvements in GCSE results for County Durham schools.

David Ford, Head of Achievement Services at Durham County Council, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the results today, which represent the largest ever increase in GCSE results, both for the five A* to C measure and the national benchmark of five A* to C grades with English and maths.

"We anticipate that we will be at or above national averages for both of these measures and in fact we believe we may be significantly above the national average for five A* to C grades.

"It is particularly pleasing to see that our schools that were

in the National Challenge programme have all achieved results above the floor target, in some cases by a significant amount.

"Obviously all of these overall results hide a large number of individual stories. Students and their families, teachers, headteachers and County Council staff have all worked extremely hard to achieve these outstanding results."

Coun Claire Vasey, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services at Durham County Council, said: "These provisional figures are a real cause for celebration for all of our young people and those involved in secondary education in County Durham. "This is particularly special as this is the seventh year of successive significant improvement in GCSE performance in our schools.

"Our warmest congratulations go to all of those students who have worked hard and earned their results today. We wish them all every success for the future."

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If you fancy being 'cheered' up, pop along to Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. From Wednesday 2 September, this will be the venue for a brand new fitness session combining street cheer and salsa dancing.

Street cheer - a combination of street dance and cheerleading - is spreading rapidly across the UK as women enjoy the exercise whilst having a fun time. The other half of the session concentrates on Latino salsa moves, which shapes and tones the body with particular emphasis on hips and bums. The six week course is for women between 16 to 25 years and is part of the Young Women's Sport and Active Recreation Project which aims to increase involvement in sport. It costs £2.00 per week and for those interested or requiring more information, call Marie Urwin on 01388 816166 Ext. 4512.

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Large Screen Film Club at Woodham

As part of St Elizabeths Church mission and outreach project we are preparing to open a film club for young people. The club will run on a Saturday morning showing the latest releases on a large cinema style screen. The club will initially be for children aged 6-12 & 12-16, but we also plan to host film afternoons and evenings for senior members of the community. We hope the club will open in November this year with some taster sessions planned for October. The club will be free all we ask is for a donation from each person who attends. If you would like to know more or reserve a place for yourself or your child/ren contact Revd. Julie Wing 01325 320278.

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AYCLIFFE'S LIB DEMS INAUGURAL MEETING

For Newton Aycliffe area Liberal Democrat supporters - both current and prospective - on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm, all roads will lead to Moore Lane Sport's Club. Two meetings will be held consecutively, in the Function Room. Firstly, as evidence of the Lib Dems growing commitment to our town we have chosen to hold this meeting in Newton Aycliffe. We hope to begin the process of selecting a candidate, to represent the Lib Dems, for the Sedgefield Constituency, in the forthcoming General Election.

If a candidate of sufficient calibre emerges from this meeting, they would be keen to spend as much time as possible, out-and-about, meeting the electorate, explaining Lib Dem policies, local and national. As well as this, getting a grounding into the reasons for the problems that still beset the regeneration of our town.

Following this first meeting, at which current and new Lib Dem members will have a vote, the second meeting will take place. At about 8.15pm, the inaugural meeting of the Newton Aycliffe area branch of the Liberal Democrat Party will be held.

Our aim is to be inclusive and to draw support from all parts of our area, including School Aycliffe, Aycliffe Village, Woodham and Middridge. In the long-term we must aim to stand quality candidates in both the Town and Unitary Authority elections.

However, before that time

we aim to be proactive, on local issues, such as the provision of toilets for the Town Centre. An issue such as this should not have to be driven forward, primarily by the protests of individuals.

We have elected representatives, on the Unitary Authority being paid upwards of £300 a week that should be rather, more vociferous in the interests of those they claim to represent.

It matters not a jot, if you have never had anything to do with

politics - it could even be an advantage - get yourself along on the 14th, you will receive a warm, genuine welcome! Just turn up on the night, or if you require any further information about these meetings, or about becoming a member of the Liberal Democrat Party, please contact either Anne-Marie on 482415, or Derek on 301395. Together we can make a REAL difference! Derek G Atkinson, (Liberal Democrat Party member)

Charity Event in Memory of Two Year Old

Dear Residents I would like to invite you all to a charity event we are holding for our late son "Kaine", who died earlier this year aged 2.

We are holding an event at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 11th September from 7pm-12 midnight. A live band and disco, also a raffle. All proceeds go to Kaines' Memorial Fund. Please show your much needed support, tickets £3 on the door.

Yours gratefully Mr Osborne

50th Wedding Anniversary



Mayor Mary Dalton and her husband Reg called on John and Anne Lindley to congratulate them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

John and Anne Lindley were married 50 years ago on the 5th September in the Bethel Church in Durham City. They first met as teenagers at the local cinema in Spennymoor. John was born in Croxdale and Anne in Tudhoe Moor. John joined the RAF and served as a Fireman at Middleton St. George. (it closed later and became Teesside Airport). Their friendship was rekindled later and John asked Anne out on a date and it wasn't long before they became engaged. However it was four years before they were married and by then John was out of the

forces and working at Smart & Browns while Anne was a shop assistant for Doggarts. They lived in Spennymoor until 1968 when they moved to Newton Aycliffe. John went back to being a Civillian Fireman at the Airport where he worked until he retired. Anne worked in the town centre at Sparks and My Fair Lady Hairdressers. John was a keen runner and has over 100 medals for competing in races including the Great North Run. He is now a voluntary Walk -Leader for the PCP and can often be seen leading a group along the Great

Aycliffe Way. Both he and Ann are now organisers of a support group which travel as far as the French Alps for outings. They meet at Woodham each fortnight to plan their trips and to socialise. The couple are both in their 70's, but still keep very active, Anne goes to keep fit classes every week and John has just passed his GCSE in Maths. They have two daughters Christine and Pamela, 1 grandson, 3 granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. The whole family came together to celebrate the anniversary.

New Strip for Youthy Under 8s



As the new season approached Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC new under 8 team and under 14 team were still without a strip or sponsor. They were destined to wear second hand strips handed down from older age groups until our long standing club sponsor Topps Tiles stepped into help once again.

After contacting the Darlington Branch Manager Garry Hardy he organised the strips and a presentation at the store and all was ready for the start of the new season. Club secretary Berni Borsberry explained that the relationship with Topps Tiles now stretches back over 6 years with several teams benefiting over past seasons. The under 8's compete in the TJFA league and more players are needed. If you are currently in year 2 and would like to play football contact Berni 07939045242

It's Complete Madness at Spennymoor

Madness tribute band "Complete Madness" will be in action at one of Spennymoor Leisure Centre's Christmas party nights on Saturday 19 December. Formed in 1992, they cover all Madness hits and covers from The Specials, Bad Manners and The Beat. Tickets are £15.00 and for more information call 01388 815827.

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A Family Affair for local Theatre Society

A shared love of the theatre led to a family's decision to 'act up' at Bishop Auckland Theatre Society (B.A.T.S). As the 70th anniversary year closes, one member celebrates her 15th year as a member of the Society. Rachel Humphrey first joined the group in 1994 and immediately took to playing a vital role as principal girl in many of the Society's pantomimes and is continuing this trend to date with the role of Maid Marian in the Society's January 2010 pantomime. Rachel's involvement in the pantomimes enticed Sharon Humphrey to follow in her daughter's footsteps. "There is a strong family love for performing, we are a large family and our family occasions are one long pantomime". The most recent family addition to the Society is Sharon's niece, Paula Byrne, who followed the family's acting trend in 2006 in her first ever acting role in the Society's performance of Flying Feathers. "Since joining the Society I have never looked back. I am looking forward to this, my 5th production, where I can really get my teeth into my character as she is very different from last ones I've done". In addition to being members of Bishop Auckland Theatre Society, Sharon, Paula and



Rachel also share a family passion for teaching and all three are employed at Bishop Auckland College. You can see Rachel, Sharon and Paula in action in the Society's next performance, Fairway to Heaven, which opens at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Wednesday 30th September and runs until Saturday 3rd October 2009. Tickets are available on the door or by telephoning 01388 604351. This fast paced farce romps from one hilarious situation to another and is definitely an audience pleaser. Anybody interested in joining B.A.T.S for acting through to set design can telephone Jean Hill on (01388) 604351 or email bishoptheatre@yahoo.co.uk

EVEN THE MAYOR BOUGHT TICKETS

At The Great Aycliffe Show, we ran a Tombola and Soft Toy stall to raise funds for The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group. On behalf of the Group, I would like to thank all the people who kindly donated all the prizes and soft toys to my wife, Evelyn. Thanks to Stephen for donating a handmade ornate mirror, and to all the people who helped to run the stall, especially Carolyn, Annie, and Chris. Most of all, we would like to thank the public who bought tickets. Not forgetting the Mayor who bought tickets on both days. The money we raised, together with the £100 donated by Moore Lane Sports Club via Secretary Pat Flynn earlier in the year will help to purchase equipment for the Cubs and Scouts. Finally we would like to thank the winner of the mirror who kindly donated it back to us as she had nowhere to hang it. **Bill Goudie** Group Chairman

Annual Durham Horticulture and Craft Show

The annual Durham Horticulture and Craft Show takes place at County Hall this weekend (Sept 12 and 13). The event, which is sponsored by Durham County Council and a number of parish councils, will include displays of locally-grown flowers, fruit and vegetables and home-made crafts. A craft fair will be held on the Sunday, giving people chance to do some early Christmas shopping. Organisers will also launch a new festive card competition, for children to design a Christmas card that will be sent out by Durham Police Authority.

The competition has three categories for children aged four to seven; eight to 11; and 12 to 19. A winner will be chosen from each category. The show will take place at County Hall, Durham, on Saturday, from 9am until 5pm, and on Sunday, from 10am until 3pm. Admission costs £1 for adults and is free for children. Free parking will be available at County Hall.

Cup Success for Newton Aycliffe CC

Following on from the 1st teams cup success last month, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club Under 18 Team played host to their Brandon counterparts in the final of the Bob Hay Cup on Sunday 6 September. League Champions Brandon had only lost one game all season but as this was to Newton Aycliffe a close game was anticipated. Before a large crowd at the Sports Club, Brandon batted first and were going along nicely at 94-4 before an inspired spell of bowling by Aycliffe reduced them to 108 all out, five wickets going down for only two runs. Luke Telford finished with four wickets for only eighteen runs including an over where he took three wickets without conceding a run.

In reply, despite a break for rain, Aycliffe quickly raced to the required total only losing two wickets as they finished on 109 for 2 in fifteen overs. Matty Wheeler who had scored 100 in the Glen Pattison Cup Final was again in the runs scoring 53 not out. Ross Dixon also chipped in with a useful 23. The previous day the 1st team, including five junior players involved in the following days final, set a new club record of 302 for 5 in their game against Wearmouth, eclipsing the clubs previous highest total of 298, a score already equalled twice this season. Karl Wheeler carried his bat, only getting out to the last ball of the innings, to finish on 139 with Aycliffe winning the game by 82 runs.



Student Success at Woodham!

Twelve of the highest achieving GCSE students at Woodham Community Technology College are soon to be embarking on the next stage of their education, having each gained 8 or more A and A star grades. Four students received top grades in all subjects. Sarah Summerbell, Rebecca Auster, Elisabeth Kirton and Rhiannon Sanderson gained an outstanding 28 A star grades and 18 A grades between them. Gemma Kinsella provided Woodham with a new record, having being the first student to gain a Distinction Plus in the Health and Social Care Diploma, which is equivalent to four A star grades at GCSE. All results are a superb achievement and highlight the students' motivation, determination, and hard work, throughout their five years at the college. Four students gained full marks in the summer GCSE Mathematics examinations;

Sarah Summerbell had full marks in all six examinations spread over the two year course. This resulted in an outstanding mark of 600 out of 600. Sarah, who was the highest achieving GCSE student at Woodham commented "I was really surprised when I received my GCSE results. I had a great deal of support from all of my teachers. I am grateful for all the after school sessions and encouragement that I was given in order for me reach my potential." Sarah has now started her AS levels in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College. She hopes to pursue a career in Medicine. All Woodham students are to be congratulated as examination results at the college represented a record success with 63% of students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or better and 54% of students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at C or better including English and Maths.

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Market Proprietor Greville Worthington said: We have been looking for ways of bringing local tastes to the market and thought that providing excellent beer would be a real treat for visitors, especially Dads! We are delighted to have Wensleydale Brewery on board; they share our passion for providing unique experiences for our customers. The Sneaky Pint is just the first step on the road to launching Catterick Sunday Market as a venue for unique visitor experiences. Coming soon in November is the Big Top which will host all sorts of surprising and interesting acts, kicking off with the Christingle Market on November 15th. Come and sample a Sneaky Pint of Wensleydale beer on Sunday 13th September any time between 11am and 3:30pm.

Quiz Night at Complex

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Local Charity Receives National Award for Investing in its People

Healthy living charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has become one of only 2% of organisations across the UK to achieve the prestigious new Investors in People Bronze Award. The nationally recognised quality standard for business improvement through people recently launched a new approach to delivering its standard, which shapes support around the specific need of individual organisations. In addition to attaining the Investors in People standard, organisations can attain a Gold, Silver or Bronze award, which reflects the level of achievement. The new approach will enable businesses to raise standards and improve their management practices. After successfully being re-assessed in 2008, the

Pioneering Care Partnership now joins an exclusive group of UK employers who have achieved the new bronze award. The bronze award was presented to a small number of organisations that are considered to be at the leading edge of best practice in people management in the UK. Robert Macleod, Managing Director of Investors in People North East, said "This is a fantastic achievement for the PCP. I would like to congratulate the organisation and its people on their commitment to continuous improvement. Investors in People offers a flexible, practical and easy to use business improvement tool designed to help organisations and their people enhance performance and meet goals. I hope that more organisations in the area will be encouraged

to sharpen their competitive edge by choosing to work with us." Commenting on the award, Jane Hartley, Chief Executive of the PCP, said: "It is an outstanding achievement for any organisation. I am really thrilled that the PCP has been recognised at this level. The award will give the organisation a competitive edge when securing potential future funding, by recognising our commitment to improving business performance and valuing our staff." The PCP is a local charity, which is based in the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe. It has gradually expanded its services over the past ten years and now employs 43, who support the organisation to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing across County Durham.

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TYRED & DEFLATED

Dear Sir,
I'd like to use your pages to make an appeal to all gardeners, both public and private. I've just come back from a cycle - powered trip to Newton Aycliffe town centre with yet another puncture - I average 4 or 5 a year. Like 75% of my punctures it was caused by a thorn from a thorny shrub, probably Pyracantha or Firethorn, after I rode over cuttings left on the roadway by a gardener. The evidence was visible on the inside of the tyre; a needle - like point of a few millimetres in length. The sharp woody thorns could equally have injured dogs' paws, causing pain and distress to owners and pets. I was just inconvenienced, being five minutes late for an appointment, taking a little

longer to cycle home with a flat tyre and then spending a few minutes fitting a new inner tube. (It used to be half an hour to fit one, but I've had a lot of practice.) Pyracantha is a very popular shrub as it is an effective deterrent for burglars and the berries are a good winter food source for birds. The same applies to hawthorn, equally popular locally. I'm not asking that people dig up their plants, but I would ask that when trimming hedges they are very careful to clear up all thorny plant debris from public footpaths, cycle paths and roadways. Cycling is very popular in Newton Aycliffe and I can't believe I'm the only person who has been so affected, perhaps people don't realise that it is thorns from shrubs

LETTER

that are to blame for frequent punctures. Particular 'hot spots' are the area around St Mary's Church, the Magistrates Court and the Pioneering Care Centre- I've had punctures from all of these locations. In the meantime I'm going to have another go at sourcing protective plastic strips to place inside tyres as mine were lost when my trike was serviced. However, whilst I might be able to protect my tyre's inner tubes, dogs can't protect their paws, so gardeners: clear up those cuttings! Andrea McCulloch

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Carolyn Howe, treasurer of the Scout Group said "We were surprised to get the cheque from the Sports Club but it is most welcome especially as our numbers have increased over the past few years" More information on the Scout Movement including opportunities for young people and adults alike can be obtained locally from Ian Johnson on 0845 0944 084 or from 1stnewtonaycliffe@durhamscouts.org.uk

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OUR M.P. WRITES

The new library opens
The new temporary library opened this week and is a welcome addition to the town centre. It offers excellent facilities for all the people of the town in a much more welcoming environment. I have spoken to the library manager who is very happy with the new premises. The library proves the growing momentum behind the town centre redevelopment. Freshwater, the owners of the town centre have informed me that contractors are already in the building on Dalton Way preparing it for demolition.

Public Toilets in the town centre
People have approached me regarding the provision of public toilets in the town centre. I have therefore written to Freshwater, Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council, to look at the feasibility of opening public toilets and for us to discuss the options at the next Town Centre Partnership meeting. I have asked them what plans they have for toilets as part of the proposed community hub which will include the leisure centre, new health centre and library and what temporary arrangements can be made for toilet provision between now and then. Also, if the toilets in the leisure centre are available now, I have asked for signage to be placed around the town centre alerting people to this. I can understand any concerns over cost of public

toilets, especially when there is a history of them being vandalised. However I look forward to what Freshwater and the local authorities have to say.
The Cubby
Durham County Council has informed me that the Cubby has been given preferential access to the community room in the library for a cost of £3 per hour. This means they do not have to pay any overheads as is the case now. They have also been given access on a Saturday and Sunday. There has been the need to compromise, but I think the deal seems to be a good one, especially since the County Council is to provide accommodation next to the new health centre and library for their sole use once the regeneration has been completed. However, it is up to the members of the Cubby to decide whether they want to stay in their existing building or more. All change is difficult, but the offer of new premises near a new library and health centre must be alluring. I have written to the Cubby outlining what I understand to be on offer, but the decision is theirs.

OPEN DAY AT THE AGNEW CENTRE

The new Agnew Centre committee are holding an OPEN DAY for the whole Family on Saturday 26th September with the Mayor Councillor Mary Walton and her consort Reg officiating the opening to the public at 11 am and running until 3 pm. We hope to have the Town Pipe Band along with displays from some of our user groups such as the Brett Lambert Tai Chi School, Line Dancing, and some table displays from other user groups. We will have a Bouncy Castle for the younger children along with a stall or two as well as food and drinks available at very reasonable prices, complete with the obligatory tombola. So come along and see for yourself the new Centre which is now complete with a security fence. This is as much about keeping the young people and vulnerable adults safe as it is about keeping the building safe and secure.

The landscaping is due to be completed in time to weather over the winter months so please make allowances if this is not finished by the Open Day. The organiser for this event is the irrepressible lass from Halifax, our own Margaret Lovelady. At this time we are a 100% volunteer group of local people running this new Community Centre, but we can always use more volunteers who can give both some time and some common sense to a varied amount of work. You do not have to be on any committee to do this work, so whatever your age or gender give us a call for further information on 07518 035320. We hope to have a full turn out from the Committee to answer any questions or queries about activities YOU would like to see run or what YOU would like to run at the Agnew Community Centre. They will take memberships and any bookings of facilities. You can also email us on agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com if you cannot make it on the day. We now have a Camera Club on each Tuesday and it starts on Tuesday October 6th - 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. For more

information ring Keith Blundy on 01325-307783 or 07900 583131. We are looking to hold our first Adult Learning Classes and at this time two items are in demand - Salsa Dancing & Belly Dancing. A minimum of 10 is required to run a course so a few more people are needed to arrange these classes. Please ring Ron on 07518 035320 for enrolment and more details if required. We are also in a position to start a course on Computers for Beginners in the very near future if we can get 10 people to enrol, again ring Ron or if you think we should be running other courses then please contact us especially if you have the names of a few people wanting to do a particular subject. Please note that we still have some space available particularly on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays but please still give the Secretary a ring to check if we can accommodate your requirements for any Day and Time. Tai Chi on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm and can still fit in some new recruits so why not give Brett Lambert a ring on 01325-320239 or 07905 718088 who will give you a warm welcome. Our Line Dancing for both beginners and the more experienced is going from strength to strength, but can still manage a few more, so just turn up on a Tuesday at 1 pm. Ring either Margaret on 01325-319857 or Lileen on 01325-308526 for more details. This is turning into a good club so come along and join in with the fun whatever your age or gender. We are hoping to hear from Mums, Dads, Grans, Granddads' or Carers of Toddlers so we can reopen a Parent/Toddler Group to suit the majority. The cost will remain at only £1 per family for a 2 hour session. Will have the final details of our OPEN DAY on Saturday 26th 11 am to 3 pm in next weeks issue of our Community News Paper the Newton News, ALL Welcome and we hope to see a good showing from those living close to the Centre.

NEWTON NEWS

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AAP CAN BE LOBBIED TO SUPPORT PROVISION OF TOWN CENTRE TOILETS

Dear Sir,
In reply to the article headlined 'Out of Touch AAP' in the Newton News on 14 August 2009, the Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership would like to submit this response: Mr Beaty claims he would not be allowed to address the Board on the matter of public toilets. While it is true that this issue is not one of the Board's 10 priority areas, which were all chosen by the public, it is not the case that this is an issue Mr Beaty could not raise with us. The AAP is here to represent local people, listen to their views and help them to address any issues of concern. Time is set aside at every Board meeting to consider issues like this which members of the local community would like to raise. Mr Beaty queried why public toilets in the Town Centre were not a concern on the public

agenda, but this issue was not highlighted as a priority for the Forum Event, which was attended by 88 people. Each person in attendance had the opportunity to vote on their three chosen priorities for the area. The reply to Mr Beaty by letter on 5 August 2009 informed him of the above, stating that this particular issue was under negotiation with the owners/developers of the Town Centre. Furthermore, Mr Beaty was given the opportunity to request that the AAP lobby and support the issue of Town Centre toilets. To reiterate, the final top three priorities, as agreed by the Board, are: **Environmental and street cleansing** **Support to community and voluntary sector** **Activities for young people** Brian Hall Chairperson AAP

Editor: The A.A.P. seem to be under the impression that Town Centre Toilets are under negotiation which is not the case as the County Council have already said they are NOT even discussing toilets at this stage. Is the A.A.P. talking to the body that appointed them?
88 people at the Forum event did not vote Toilets as a priority, but 1000's of residents will sign the petition and hopefully the A.A.P. will recognise this fact.

Local Mum in a Skydive Challenge for Deaf Children

Zena Clark, 28, a dental nurse from Newton Aycliffe, has pledged to raise £400 in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) by taking on a skydive challenge at Peterlee Parachute Centre, Shotton Airfield, Shotton Colliery, Durham, DH6 2NH, on 12 September 2009.

Zena's son, Harrison, 3, was diagnosed with permanent severe deafness a year ago after having gone through several hearing tests.

"After my son's diagnosis, I felt so alone. Because Harrison was older than all the children who are identified through the Newborn Hearing Screening, people expected that I knew about his condition, but I really was in the dark", - says Zena. "I attended an information and support weekend for families with newly identified deaf children which was organised by NDCS in Stockton where I met other parents with deaf children. I listened to their experiences which helped me come to terms with my son's deafness."

"In the meantime, I was declined Disability Living Allowance (DLA), and sought support from a family officer at NDCS. I want to raise money for the charity to ensure their work will continue." - Zena adds. Zena is will be skydiving at Peterlee Parachute Centre on 12 September. The local residents can support Zena by making a donation at: <http://www.justgiving.com/zena-clark/>

Niki Michael, NDCS Head of Community and Events, commented: "Every day in the UK three babies are born deaf and 90 per cent are born to hearing parents with little experience of deafness. NDCS is the national charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children. Since NDCS is funded almost entirely through public donations, none of our work would be possible without the commitment of people like Zena." You too could take on a

skydive for NDCS. To find out more call the NDCS community events team on 0870 774 2444 or visit: www.ndcschallenges.org.uk for information on running events and challenges both in the UK and overseas.

POLICE CALL FOR WITNESSES

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an incident in which a car was damaged as it was parked overnight.

The damage happened as the vehicle, a red VW PASSAT registration T339 BGD was left secure in the car park adjacent to WASKERLEY WALK and CAYGILL'S convenience store in Newton Aycliffe. It took place between 2030hrs on Monday the 7th of September and 0830hrs on Tuesday 8th of September.

At some point during these times the vehicle was damaged by unknown persons. The damage consisted of scratches around the sides, bonnet and boot of the car and both wing mirrors being knocked off.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Matt Stasiak at Newton Aycliffe Police Office.

Exhibition at Woodham Community Centre

Dear Sir
A Patchwork and Paintings Exhibition will be held in Woodham Community Centre on Saturday 19th September 2009 from 10am to 4pm.
Paintings are by Woodham Art Group; Needlework, Knitting, Embroidery and Card Making are hand made by Woodham Hobbies Group. Paintings and some crafts will be for sale together with books refreshments and raffle tickets.
Admission is Free.
Mrs I Bennett

FOSTERING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

A Newton Aycliffe foster care company is looking for people to train for the increased demand for its services.

Reach Out Care, which is based in Hope House, Burnhope, is starting a new Skills to Foster course at the end of this month. The short course gives people an understanding of what fostering is about and how people from all walks of life can make a positive difference in the lives of children and young people.

"Increasingly fostering is a career choice for people and we give excellent training and ongoing support," said manager Lynne Brown.

"All our carers gain NVQ qualifications and they receive a minimum of £320 per week in allowances once there is a child or young person in placement. They are paid more as they gain experience and there are also very generous tax allowances for foster carers."

Reach Out Care was the first agency in the region to undergo the tough new Ofsted inspection. "Inspectors said we are 'good' overall and 'outstanding' in how we help children and young people achieve well," said Lynne. "We're a small but very friendly, professional agency."

If you want to find out more about fostering or the course, call 01325 310009 or email info@reachoutcare.co.uk. You can also visit www.reachoutcare.co.uk

HARVEST APPEALS

Harvest Appeal
St. Clares and St. Francis Church Harvest Appeal will take place on Saturday 12th September from 10am to 12 noon.

Exhibition of Talent
A display of crafts, art and arrangements open to the public with entry by donation Coffee Morning and Cake Stall

Harvest Festival
Sunday 13th September at 10.00am. All-Age Harvest Festival. All donations to the work of Farm Africa. Everyone welcome. The appeal will close on Sunday 11th October with another All-Age Service at 10am.

Births

SPENSLEY (Gillian) A big thank you to my beautiful Wife for giving me another little Princess "Abbie" born 28-8-09 weighing 10lbs 8oz. Love, vince xxx
SPENSLEY (Gillian). Thank you Mummy for my little Sister Abbie. Love, Emily xxx
SPENSLEY (Gillian). Well done Gill and thanks for my little Sis. Love, Sammie xxx

Birthday Remembrance

JANE WAKE (Burrell). Eddie Burrell. Birthday memories of my dear Mam and my Brother Eddie. Thinking of you both today and always. God bless you both. Mena, Joe and families xxx
LEE SMITH 7-9-1973. Still missing you and thinking of you on your birthday. Always in our hearts. Karl, Catherine, Gemma and Jessica xxxx

In Memoriam

DAVID FRANKLAND 12-09-06. Greatly missed by all who loved him. Remembered with affection. Sandra, Paul, Darren, Melissa, James, Holly, family and friends
ROBERT WAITES 8th September 2001. I am unable to bring you roses, thinking of you always. Love, Ruth
ANNE MARSHALL (nee Branthwaite). Died 11th September 2008. God bless. From Yvonne, Bob and all the girls from Simpature Fisheries

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Congratulations

Connor Blakey



Happy 18th Birthday
14th September 1991
Happy Birthday Son. With all our love, from your very proud Mum and Dad

Lewis Elward



Happy 18th Birthday
Love from Mam, Dad, Nana, Grandad and all the family

Liam John Williamson



Happy 7th Birthday
14th September 2009
Lots of love on your 7th birthday "Angel". From Nana Von, Grandad John, Roy, Alla and Baby Aisa xxxxx

Jennifer Alice Hardy



Happy 18th Birthday
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Adam and Sylvia Symington



Married on 29th August 2009 in Whitby
We would like to say a big thank you to family and friends for a memorable, fun filled Wedding Weekend in Whitby, especially on the Eske-Belle and Old Glory. Thank you all.
Adam and Sylvia xxxxx

Peter and Kelly Brown



Married on 29th August 2009 at Eden Arms Hotel
Evening Reception at N.A.W.M.C we would like to thank family and friends for their gifts, cards and for making their day so special.
Love from Kelly and Peter

Luke Anthony Rossiter



Happy 18th Birthday
Congratulations on your 18th. Lots of love and best wishes, Grandma and Granda

Happy 18th Birthday
Happy 18th Lad, 9th September 2009. Best wishes Ian and Leigh

Luke Anthony Rossiter



Happy 18th Birthday
Congratulations Luke on your 18th Birthday. Lots of love, Mum, Steg and Taylor xxxxx

Iain & Rebecca Hall (nee Craig)



Were Married
in Sunderland on 22nd August. "Congratulations". Love from Mam, Dad, Susan, John, Owen and Faye xxxxx

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL SHORT-LISTED FOR AWARD

Joanna Tait, Principal/Chief Executive of Bishop Auckland College has been short-listed for a 2009 LSIS STAR Award in the Leadership category for her outstanding contribution to learning and skills.

Joanna is retiring in March 2010 after nearly 40 years in Further and Higher Education. Under her 15 year leadership Bishop Auckland College has grown substantially to meet the needs of the people of South and West Durham and today offers a wide range of studies - from beginner to degree level. The College is also nearing the successful completion of a £40 million total new build programme. Phase 1 on the Woodhouse Lane campus was opened in May 2007 and later this month will see the completion of the 2nd phase on the same site. The 3rd phase (a new Skills and Employment centre) in Spennymoor is on schedule for completion in October. Funded by the Learning and

Skills Improvement Service (LSIS), the STAR Awards celebrate and reward those who work in the further education and skills sector. The awards recognise the hard work and dedication of people who have truly made a difference to those around them with their commitment, and their ability to help learners achieve and exceed their learning goals.

The overall category winners will be announced at a glittering national awards ceremony in London on Thursday 26th November.

Dr David Collins, chief executive of the Learning and Skills Improvement Service said: "I am delighted that the people short-listed for the 2009 LSIS STAR Awards will have the national spotlight shining on them. They are providing the skills that our learners need to help them achieve their full potential and drive our economic success. They should, rightly, feel valued to have been identified as



'STARs'. I am also heartened to see that nominations came from all parts of our wide and diverse sector and am pleased the judges found that the standard and quality is higher than ever. I warmly congratulate all of them and look forward to meeting them at the national ceremony on 26 November when the winners are announced."

NEW FRIENDS NEW PLACES



The New Friends New Places Club took advantage of the Cumby Arms/ J.C.Coaches first monthly Sunday Lunch and Mystery Tour (£12.95 all inclusive). We were picked up at the Town Centre taken to the Cumby Arms for an excellent Sunday Lunch and then on to a tour heading for the Dales to Leyburn through some wonderful scenery and countryside.

PACT MEETING SHAFTO and St MARY'S WARD

Wednesday 30th September 6pm at Vane Road Primary School, Newton Aycliffe. Everyone welcome. Come and talk to your local policeman on any topics which may be causing you concern. PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson Newton Aycliffe Beat Team Tel: 0345 60 60 365

tastes in the cheese shop. After a couple of hours strolling around the quaint shops we decided to go to a café and have a "Cream Tea" with fresh scones, butter, fresh cream, strawberry jam and a cup of tea before returning to the coach. We returned to Newton Aycliffe about 6.30pm. Many thanks to the Cumby Arms/ J.C.Coaches for providing their very comfortable coach, a courteous driver and an excellent Sunday Lunch at the Cumby. Most of our members are looking forward to the first Sunday in October when they will book again for another enjoyable outing. We wonder where we will be going next time? Our club meets every Tuesday at The Navy Club Burnhill Way from 2pm until 4pm. Trips in the future to Leeds for Christmas shopping, Sunderland Theatre to see Sound of Music. We have booked special speakers and entertainment for the Winter season. Come and join us.

NEW LIBRARY LAUNCHED

The Newton Aycliffe library service began a new chapter this week with the official unveiling of its new home. Newton Aycliffe's new library building was formally opened on Wednesday, 9th September, by Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council. The £350,000 building, in Central Avenue, will provide a temporary base for the library team until plans for the regeneration of the town centre are agreed. The service had previously been based within the health centre, but the building had become rundown.

Peter Burns, Durham County Council West Area Manager for Libraries, said: "The old library dated back to the 1960s and no longer provided adequate enough accommodation for us. "The new building, although classed as temporary, boasts state-of-the-art facilities and will serve our customers much better. "Eventually we hope to find a permanent site within the town centre but will have to wait until plans for its regeneration are agreed. However, this building could last us for up to five years and can even be moved elsewhere once we have finished with it." The new library includes internet facilities, a community room and full disabled access. Cllr Henig was joined by Cllr Brian Myers, Chairman of the Council, and Cllr Eunice Huntington, Cabinet Member for Healthier Communities. For more details contact the library on 312856.



Simon Henig is served by Rosemary Hoban Group Library Manager, at the new Newton Aycliffe library, flanked by County Council Chairman Brian Myers and his wife Alice.



REALITY HITS HOME FOR AYCLIFFE

Guisborough 1st 101 v Newton Aycliffe 0

With Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club rejoining Durham and Northumberland Division 3, this opening encounter may have been the one of the toughest games of the season and that's exactly what it proved to be.. It was obvious from the outset that Guisborough were the better drilled team, dominating the open play, however Aycliffe were very strong in the scrum even with vital players missing. The welter of possession from the forwards provided the home backs with plenty of opportunities to shine and good support and clinical finishing made the most of them. This showed after only 5 minutes of play after Guisborough went over for their 1st try. Aycliffes excellent defence continued but was no match for the support play from the home side who ran in a further 9 tries before half time. The 2nd half started the same as the first with Guisboroughs support play been the telling difference between the two sides, Michael Welsh and Man of the Match Andy Newmen optimised the strong tackling in the middle of the park for the away side. The final score finished 101-0 to the home side. Aycliffe host Blaydon 4ths on 12th September in a friendly, kick-off 3pm. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club would like to thank their sponsors Fab-Tech Engineering and Workshop. More information is available on the website at www.ayclifferugby.co.uk



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- PRE-SCHOOL / NURSERY RECEPTION -YEAR 2 (AGES 4 -7)
- YEARS 3 AND 4 (AGES 7 -9)
- YEARS 5 AND 6 (AGES 9 -11)
- YEARS 7 AND ABOVE (AGES 11 +)

Any medium may be used in the creation of the poster i.e. crayon, paint, felt tip, collage etc. and they can be of any size. The theme of the poster should be fire and firework safety.

Please note that all entries must be received at the **Oak Leaf Sports Complex**, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, no later than 5pm on Monday 12th October 2009 and should have written *clearly* on the reverse of the poster, their **name and address** (plus school if appropriate) plus **age and school year** of the artist. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe will present gift vouchers to the value of £20.00, £15.00 and £10.00 (1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively) in each of the age categories at a presentation in the Function Room of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex prior to the Display on 5th November. Winners will be notified by post by Friday 16th October. Further information is available from Derek Snowball, Oak Leaf Sports Complex School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Telephone (01325) 300600.

