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Death of Baby Abbi

We regret to report the death of Abbi Selvey aged 2 years 5 months who died of heart failure in Carlisle Hospital on Tuesday 15th September. Readers will remember the appeal we ran a year ago to provide the family with transport in order that Abbi could get to hospital quickly for necessary treatment for her multiple health problems. The family were on their first holiday together in Cumbria when Abbi took ill on the first day. She put up a fight for 2½ hours but lost the battle. The family returned home immediately to arrange the

funeral. On behalf of our readers we extend sincere condolences to parents Rob and Clarissa. The Funeral is on Wednesday 23rd September at 1.15pm at St James the Great, Albert Hill, Darlington, followed by Interment at East Cemetery. Rob and Clarissa now live at 18 Wycliffe Close, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4BN



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HSBC Bank, formerly Midland Bank, is to close its branch in Newton Aycliffe on 11th December.

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3000 People Sign for Town Centre Toilets

Great Aycliffe Residents Association are delighted with the first count of names on the petition to provide town centre toilets.

Over 3000 people have voiced their opinion leaving no doubt on the need for proper facilities. They have come down decidedly against the idea we must "make do and mend" with Tesco in-store toilets and queueing for permission to use the 2nd floor toilets in the Leisure Centre.

"For a town of our size it is disgraceful" said Peter Beaty, local campaigner for Senior Citizens. "Something must be done and soon!" he added.

Chairman of the Residents Association Syd Howarth said he was pleased our M.P. is now involved and hopes his support, added to the thousands demanding action, that this matter will now be resolved.

"The petition calls for temporary toilets now and permanent toilets in the new town centre development as it is not entirely clear they will be provided. It is important that residents register their opinion on this matter." said Syd.

If you have not signed the petition please complete the form on Page 12 and hand it in to Newsforce

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SUPPORT FOR SOLDIERS IN AFGHANISTAN APPRECIATED

David Pickering, 25, is a Lance Bombardier serving with 40th Regt. Royal Artillery in Afghanistan. He was born in Newton Aycliffe and attended Woodham Junior School, and Woodham Comprehensive which he left at the age of 16 to join the Army. He went to Glencore to sit fitness and aptitude tests which he passed to be accepted into the Army. He completed a 32 week basic Infantry training course at Bassingbourne and also completed additional educational courses gaining 5 City and Guilds qualifications. David then attended the School of Artillery in Larkhill for a further 3 months where he was taught his trade as a gunner, and as part of his training

successfully completed driver training, and achieved a full driving licence for car and HGV class 1. In 2001 he joined his regiment based in Topcliffe, North Yorkshire. Whilst there he was deployed to Iraq twice on op telic 2 and op telic 9. He has also been to Canada and Belize on exercise, and completed a tour of Cyprus as part of the U.N. Peacekeeping Force. Last year the regiment moved over to Northern Ireland, now the new home base. David began his current tour of operations in Afghanistan in March 2009 and is due home on 15th October. The Regiment is spread into different locations, supporting infantry units which form part of the battle group.



They also have small teams who go out with infantry patrols which call in fast air support,

guns, or mortars, as required. Should they need more fire power the patrols give support using 105mm light guns. It has been very uncomfortable there due to the hot weather, but September has been cooler. Over the past 6 months as part of Operation Panther's Claw they have suffered the loss of a lot of soldiers, two of which were from my regiment. This came as a tremendous shock to both the regiment, and work friends. During his short periods of 'Down Time', David has been running a few charity events for a family member who is 2 years old with cancer. "I am proud to say that these events have raised just over £300. I hope to carry on raising more money until I leave Afghanistan. The support I have received from all the lads over here has been magnificent" said David. "Since I've been in Afghanistan, I've had loads of support from family and friends sending letters and parcels, which keeps our morale high. Through Newton News I want to thank them all for the support they have shown whilst we have been out in Afghanistan. All the soldiers greatly appreciate the support we get from back home, Thank you all." he added. David Pickering

ST. JOSEPH'S R.C. STUDENTS STUDY LOCAL HISTORY



Quick Work

Dear Sir,
A big thank you for all the help given by Great Aycliffe Town Council Clerk Andrew Bailey who arranged to cut back the overgrowth on Moore Lane walkway. It only took a few days of the matter being brought to his attention to have the problem solved. Well done!
R. Land

As part of a cross curricular history project, Class 6 walked down to the Memorial Garden at St. Clare's Church to visit the Aycliffe Angels' statue. The children have been fascinated by this topic and the class enjoyed the good weather and took time to view this piece of local history. They touched the statue and thought about what these women did during the war time. Pupils also made rubbings of the plaques using paper and wax crayon. They will be working with an artist later to design a piece of glass about the Aycliffe Angels. The children were invited into the church to see the stained glass window depicting Aycliffe through the mining years, the war years and modern day Aycliffe. They were mesmerised by the dazzling colours the sun cast on the floor of the church. Seeing this window has inspired their art work. All of class 6 are looking forward to some joint events to be held at St. John's later this term.

CULTURE BID WEBSITE FIRST TO GO LIVE

A brand new website is up and running for people locally and around the world to support Durham's bid to be the first UK City of Culture.

The bid team has pulled out all the stops to be the first among rival bidders to show off the county's credentials on line.

The site - www.durhamcityofculture.co.uk - was launched by Durham County Cricket Club's Test cricketers Stephen Harmison and Graham Onions who put their weight behind the bid.

Pace bowler, Stephen Harmison, said: "Cricket is part and parcel of our region's culture from grass roots up to Test Match level and to have the UK's first City of Culture here in the same year that we host an Ashes Test Match at the Riverside would be fantastic."

Fellow England pace bowler, Graham Onions, added: "2013 could be a truly amazing year. We're both proud to get behind Durham's bid and I'm sure cricket supporters and players throughout the region will be just as proud to show their support."

And Durham County Cricket Club Chief Executive, David Harker, said: "Durham County Cricket Club is delighted to support Durham's 2013 UK City of Culture bid which would coincide with the Riverside ground hosting its first Ashes Test Match. It is a great opportunity for the region to showcase its ability to host World Class events."

Visitors to www.durhamcityofculture.co.uk can tell the bid team what they think makes Durham extra special, as well as post comments, find out about the competition and Durham's entry, and help keep up to date with all the news and how the bid is going.

The website also shows full listings of the county's cultural attractions, events and activities and will also include details of cultural practitioners, individuals and organisations. People can keep up to date with the bid's progress and what the bid team has been doing through a team blog and you can also follow them on twitter.

New features will be added all the time and visitors will soon be able to see a DVD, submit reviews, download screensavers, sign up to an e-newsletter and upload their own cultural photographs.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Customer Panel Meeting
The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:
TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2009
commencing at 6.00pm
The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. For further information please contact Christine Walton on 01325 300700 or email: christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk
The Environment Office of Great Aycliffe Town Council will be in attendance at this meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend.
The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open thirty minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees
Wednesday 23rd Sept. 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. www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk
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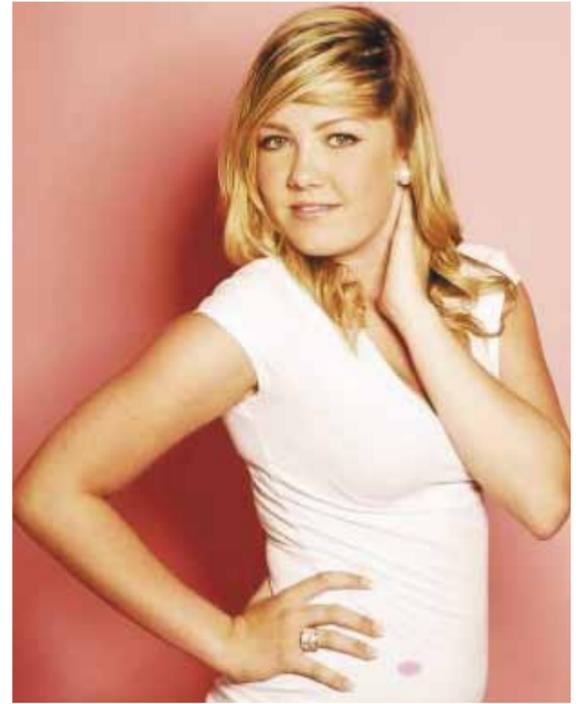
Race Night 100% School Attendance Record Vote for Town Teen Queen 2010

A Race Night is to be held in aid of St Andrews Graveyard Restoration Fund and The British Heart Foundation on Saturday 19th September from 7.30pm at the North Briton, Aycliffe Village. Tickets are priced at £2.50 each, which includes a pie and peas supper and are available from the British Heart Foundation charity shop in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre and from Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp on 308057.



Four students: Rachel Cartwright, Isaac Davies, Jessica Wheatley and Rebecca Wheeler have achieved full attendance while at Greenfield. They attended a special celebration night at St. James Park in Newcastle. This is a major achievement, well done! Greenfield has always had pupils with 100% attendance every year since the awards began. Last year, 3 out of the 16 pupils recognised were from Greenfield. This year they have 4 out of 10 pupils.

13 year old Jessica Graham has been picked as a Teen Queen and needs the public vote for her to proceed. She attends Greenfield school and lives at Wolvestone Close. Jessica's hobbies include dancing and ice skating and is climbing up the grades to enter competitions. She also works for model agency "Tuesday Child" based in London. Jessica was picked out of 200 girls and received a professional photo shoot and a full makeover in the capital. "150 pictures were taken, it was a wonderful day, I loved it and felt like a star" said Jessica. To go on to the next stage she needs the public to vote for her. The three highest votes then compete to be Miss Teen Princess UK which is to be on BBC T.V. Vote by telephone 0901 6561530 and press 28 which is Jessica's number. For text vote: jessicagraham to 84205. The voting closes on 28th September. Jessica's parents Rob and Lisa are very proud and ask Newton News readers to support her.



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Sing for Life Restarts

The Sing for Life scheme, now managed by the County Council, has returned for a new term. Following the summer break the sessions began again on 15 September at Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe and Ferryhill leisure centres and Emily Smith, the singing teacher is hopeful of some new starters. Sing for Life is part of the Fit for Life, GP Referral Scheme in South West Durham. Participants are either referred by their doctor or can choose to join the weekly scheme themselves. The sessions are informal, fun and friendly and are suitable for all skill levels, from complete beginners to those who have sung before in a formal or informal capacity. Song choice differs from week to week and includes show tunes, folk songs, pop, jazz and even opera. Regular group singing shows evidence of a range of physical and psychological health benefits, including an improvement to breathing and posture, increased self confidence and social skills, memory is activated, depression is lifted and overall energy levels are improved. Sing for Life is always open to new participants and is open to everyone, for more information about the sessions contact Katy Banner or Michael Farlow on 01388 824067.

OPEN DAY AT AGNEW CENTRE

The new Agnew Community Centre holds an Open Day on Saturday 26th September from 11 am to 3pm. The Mayor Mary Dalton will open the proceedings at 11 am. with Refreshments, Bouncy Castle [weather permitting], Stalls, Displays & Demonstrations from Line Dancing, Tai Chi Brett Lambert Class and Dancing from the Caroline Race School, Face Painting. The Pipe Band will also be performing plus any late rabbits pulled out of the bag by organiser Margaret Lovelady. We are taking Memberships for 2010 with 15 months for the price of 12 months, £2 for 18 to 59 years olds and £1 for under 18 and 60 and over.

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Fancy Dress Halloween Party

The Junior Neighbourhood Watch/Young Peoples Voices Halloween Party is on Saturday 31st October 1pm until 4pm at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way. Parents welcome with young children, age limit for young people 13yrs. Admission £1. There will be prizes for different ages and a prize for the parents. We look forward to seeing you all Sam, Michelle and Dorothy

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Aycliffe Bounce Back

Newton Aycliffe 29 Blaydon Bricks 7

After the sobering defeat the previous week, Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club had the chance to get back to winning ways with a friendly against Blaydon 4th XV, the Bricks. The welcome return of Cy Lee and Keith Greenwood in the pack strengthened a side showing a number of changes. The visitor's large pack showed their intentions early on with some powerful scrummaging and mauling, and soon scored a converted try to take the lead. Aycliffe's backs, however, had the beating of their opposite numbers although a number of chances went begging. After a good attacking ruck, Gareth Parsonage narrowed the gap with a try. The moment of the match came when Ronnie Gilyeat broke free from defence and made 50 metres, Drew Gibson collected the ball in support before returning it to Gilyeat who scored the try. Aycliffe narrowly avoided conceding

again when Blaydon crossed the line but were unable to ground the ball. The score at the break was 10 - 7 to Aycliffe. Good support work from Andy Newman saw him finish off a break from Gibson with a try that was converted by Tommy Cooper. Blaydon were still powerful in the forwards and were again held up over the line, before Parsonage added two more tries to complete his hat-trick; with Cooper converting one. A fine break from Greenwood came to naught when Lee was unable to take the pass with the line begging. The game ended 29 - 7 to Aycliffe. This was a satisfactory performance by Aycliffe but for the number of chances lost through poor finishing. Aycliffe continue their league fixtures with a home game against Prudhoe and Stocksfield, kick off 3pm. More information is available at www.ayclifferrugby.co.uk.

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NEWTONIAN IN GREAT NORTH RUN IN MEMORY OF SPECIAL DAD

A Newton Aycliffe dad, who lost his father to cancer, is rising to one of the UK's biggest sporting challenges to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Liam Montgomery will be taking part in this year's Bupa Great North Run - the world's biggest half marathon - on Sunday, September 20th. The 37-year-old, who took up running after losing six stone in six months, is determined to conquer the famous 13.1 mile route from Newcastle to South Shields.

Liam will be running in memory of his dad, Sean Montgomery, who passed away in 1993, just two weeks after he was diagnosed. Sean, who was married to Patricia, had been feeling increasingly unwell and went to see his GP for a check-up. The doctor referred Sean for further tests which confirmed he had advanced stomach cancer. The father-of-four became rapidly unwell and he died suddenly just two weeks later, aged 51.

Liam, who was only 20-years-old at the time, said: "Losing dad so suddenly devastated the whole family. He had been feeling unwell for awhile but we never for one moment expected it to be something so serious. We were given the news dad had cancer and then, just two weeks later, he had gone. It all happened so quickly and we just couldn't take it in."

This will be the first time Liam has taken part in the Bupa Great North Run and he is aiming to finish inside one

hour 50 minutes. Liam, who is married to Lyn, and has two daughters, Erin, 7, and Ciara, 4, added: "I had never really been into exercise and keeping fit, and had a very sedentary job, so I had gained quite a bit of weight over the years. I stopped weighing myself when I got over 16 stone and then one day I decided enough was enough and I needed to do something about it. "I didn't really feel confident enough to join a gym so instead I started using an aerobic step at home that my wife Lyn bought me. I also made small changes to my diet and started to watch what I was eating."

"Eventually I began to see a change and the weight started to drop off. That's when I decided to do a bit of running, and now I'm completely hooked. Within six months I had lost six stone, and I have now been well and truly bitten by the running bug."

"Taking on this challenge, and supporting Cancer Research UK, is my way of paying tribute to my dad, and doing my bit to help at the same time." Liam is encouraging anyone who has secured a place to raise money for research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer by joining Cancer Research UK's running team.

Cancer Research UK's team of over 2,750 runners is aiming to raise over one million to help beat the disease. In the North East, Cancer Research UK supports the work of scientists,



doctors and nurses who are dedicated to curing cancer by understanding its causes and investigating how best to prevent and treat it. Senior Running Manager, said: "We're delighted that Liam is part of our team this year. It's thanks to support like this that Cancer Research UK's scientists, doctors and nurses are able to go on making progress in the fight against cancer. We'll be there on the day to cheer you on and would be delighted to welcome you back to our post race reception once you've crossed the finish line"

For more information about running for Cancer Research UK in the Bupa Great North Run call 0871 641 2403. To sponsor Liam, go to www.runningssponsorsome.org/liammontgomery

Police Seek Car Vandals

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.
Tel: 0345 6060 365

Disgusting Behaviour

Dear Sir,
I'm a young woman who lives alone in the Williamfield area. On Sunday morning 13th September I went in the kitchen to prepare breakfast and looked out of my window to see two objects in my garden.

On inspection I found to my horror two heavily used sanitary towels which had obviously been thrown over my 6 foot high fence during the night or the previous evening. Who in their right mind would do such a disgusting thing? Fortunately I have no children, but what if I had and they had found them?

I hope the offenders are reading this letter and they will think carefully about the possible consequences of such an appalling act and dispose of such items in a responsible way in future.

Disgusted Reader
Name & address supplied.

HONEST JOHN HELPS SCOUTS

Dear Sir,
Over the last three weeks, Honest John has been raising money for the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group.

He managed to raise the magnificent sum of £450 and asked me to thank all of the members of the public who donate goods and buy from his stall.

He told me that without their help he would not be able to carry on raising funds for charity.

We cannot thank him enough and he may be sure that the money will be put to good use in the future.

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skills, but also how to be Community focused young boys. To play for the club or for more information please contact Bernie Borsberry on 07939 045242

The inaugural meeting of the Great Aycliffe Area Branch of the Liberal Democrat Party was held at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club last Monday evening. The meeting was well attended and it was heartening to see interest from many parts of the Great Aycliffe area, including Aycliffe Village, Heighington and School Aycliffe. Observers were also in attendance from Ferryhill, Sedgfield and Trimdon Village. The branch elected Anne-Marie Curry as Chairman, with Paul Thomas of School Aycliffe, elected Secretary. Strategies were discussed for

moving local Liberal Democrat policies forward and seeking to reduce the divide that has opened between politicians - both local and national - and the people of our area. Problems besetting the regeneration of the town were discussed. These included issues involving Town Centre toilets, as well as previous promises to rebuild The Cubby. It was pointed out that politicians had little real influence over many issues concerning the core of the Town Centre; the credibility gap arose, when senior politicians tried to pretend they were influencing

outcomes, when in reality they had little influence, over the speed of redevelopment. At a meeting earlier in the evening, Lib Dem members decided to defer the selection of a PPC for the Sedgfield Constituency to a later date. The next meeting of your Lib Dems branch will be on Monday October 5th, at 7pm, in The Cubby. Come and join us! Together we can make a REAL difference. For information about joining please contact Anne-Marie on (482415) Paul (07908 504214). or Derek (301395). Derek G Atkinson

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Amanda Takes Two Point Lead for Title

Aycliffe's "Fast Girl" Amanda Whittaker took the HSCC Formula Ford Championship points lead this weekend with 5th place at Brands Hatch. The day started well with Amanda qualifying 3rd, just 5 thousandths of a second from 2nd place Robert Wainwright. However, all was not well with Amanda's engine.

"We had a misfire, starting after a few laps in qualifying and getting progressively worse" said Amanda. Her team Amaron racing set about trying to solve the problem, but despite hours of frantic work & the help of some of her competitors, the issue couldn't be resolved in time. However, with title rival Westie Mitchell still out of action due to injury, Amanda was aware to simply pick up as many points as possible for the title battle - in which she was 10 points (a 6th place) from the lead. At the start, Pole Position man Darren Burke dived into a lead he never looked in doubt of losing, as he immediately pulled clear of the pack at over half a second per lap. Amanda slotted into 4th with the engine dying slightly as she started. She was then pushed to 5th on the opening lap by Andrew Willis' Lola T200. She gamely hung on to the position, catching her competitors in the corners but losing time out of corners and down the straights as her engine was still cutting out. She was then pushed back to 6th by Will Schryver's Titan on lap 6. However, she could then maintain position and held the gap to Paul Sleeman constant. By mid distance, 6th became 5th as Willis pulled off with mechanical failure and she held this position until the end of the race, despite the misfire slowly worsening towards the end. "That was a very frustrating race - I think I could have finished at least 2nd with no

problems" said Amanda. "But I'm really just thankful that I didn't fall back further and we could get some good points which are very useful at this stage". The position gives her 12 points and the title lead by 2 points from Westie. With the potential of Westie's return at the final round at Silverstone in 5 weeks time, all may not be over.



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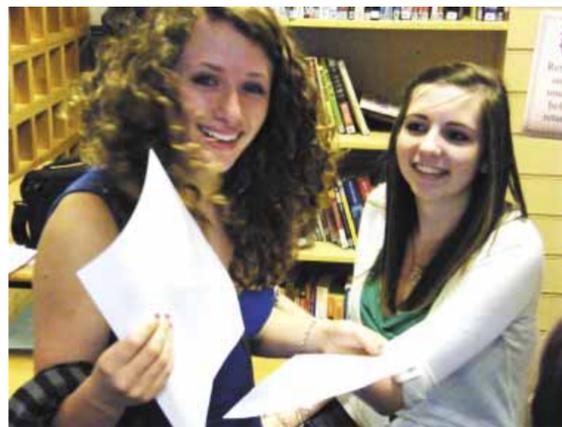
The Mayor Mary Dalton, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex on Friday, 11th September 2009. The event was a huge success with an amount of approximately £960 being raised for her nominated charities which are the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town organisations. The Mayor would like to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely: Gregg Little Testing Centre, Royal British Legion, Tunstall Healthcare UK, Durham County Council, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Upex Electrical, Don Walker Butchers, E.W. Knapton (Insurance) Ltd., John Wade Haulage Ltd., Sabre Rail Services Ltd., Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, Newton Press, Aslan Golf Ltd, Oakleaf Golf Club, Newcastle Breweries Ltd., 3M (UK) PLC, Mr. Reg. Dalton, Ellies Pies and Wilkinsons. The hospitality tent at the 6th Tee was well received and Mary would like to thank fellow Councillors and friends for helping with the organisation of the refreshments. The Presentation Evening and Dinner was held at The Oakleaf Sports Complex Function Room and the winners of the competition were Val's Team. The Mayor presented the team with the annual 'Hydro Polymers' Trophy. Winners: Val's Team; Second: Oakleaf Golf Club Third: J.M.D. Associates; Individual Winner: M. Johnson Longest Drive (3rd Hole): M. Johnson Nearest the Pin (4th): L. Jordan Nearest the Pin (11th): A. Ketley Nearest the Pin (13th): L. Jordan



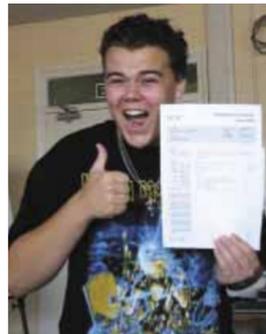
Film Club for Youngsters

Young people in South West Durham will soon be passionate about all things film. This is the aim of a new, year-long project funded by Northern Film and Media, Durham County Council, Spennymoor Extended Services and South Durham Arts Forum. An after school club for over 8's will begin from 22nd September for young people to learn all about film. Scruff Productions will be the filmmakers in residence for the next year and will lead young people through the production of short films, created from scratch by them. The young people will also watch a variety of films, broadening their knowledge and encouraging them to debate what they feel is good and bad. The aim of the project is to instil a passion for film as an art form, whether it be making, watching or both. Emily Crallan from the Arts Team, Durham County Council said, "Film is a really accessible art form that everyone will have come across before. This project will broaden that first engagement, encouraging young people to see film as a way of expressing themselves and understanding what they are watching on a deeper level." Young people interested in participating in the Film Club, run from Tudhoe Grange School from 3.30pm (4.00pm start) until 6.00pm every Tuesday, can contact Wendy Minhinnett on 01388 815634. The project also needs adult volunteers to help facilitate the sessions alongside Scruff Productions, particularly to help with leading discussions. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Katy Banner in the Arts Team, Durham County Council on 01388 824067.

RECORD RESULTS AT GREENFIELD



Once again, Greenfield School has broken its own records with this year's GCSE results. At 65%, the number of pupils gaining 5+ A*-C grades was an all-time school record, and (at 44%), the percentage of pupils gaining 5+ A*-C (including English and Maths) was 10% up on last year.



All the pupils left with at least one GCSE qualification and only one pupil left with fewer than 5 GCSEs. The number of pupils gaining 3 or more A*-A grades was also a school record 24%.

Some individual pupils performed remarkably well. Jim Ward, School Progress & Guidance leader, was keeping names firmly under his hat for the GCSE Prize-giving evening, but he did reveal that one pupil had gained 11 subjects at A* or A, and that two pupils had an average grade of A or better. "The GCSE Presentation evening on Thursday 12th November is going to be a time of great celebration this year", he enthused. David Priestley, Headteacher, paid tribute to the good results of Greenfield's partner schools. "With both Woodham and Sunnydale also gaining record results this year", said Mr Priestley, "Aycliffe people can be satisfied that all three schools in the new ASSET Trust are achieving academic excellence."

Chris Stonehouse, Deputy Headteacher, is delighted to be moving closer to our long-term target of 70%. She said, "We want our Greenfield students to go into the world with an education and qualifications as good as any school anywhere in the country, and we are determined to achieve it."

BACK TO CHURCH DAY

Have you been to church in the past but haven't been for a long time? Have you sometimes felt you would like to try it again but haven't had the courage to do so?

Sunday 25th September is national 'Back to Church' Sunday and there will be a warm welcome for anyone who would like to give church a try again at Burnhill Way Methodist Church at 10am on that day.

Burnhill Way (near The Turbinia) is a small but very friendly congregation, worship is relaxed and people of all ages and abilities are always welcome. Why not give it a go?

WHO PINCHED THE NOTICE BOARDS?

Dear Sir, Wanting to contact a firm in the Business Park but only having their name I thought it easy to go to the information board/direction signs at the north and south entrances.

You've guessed it! They have been removed and one has been replaced with two bench seats. So we have the breeze blocks and concrete balls, but no information on businesses who operate in the area.

Should we suspect the notorious 'Committee' or have they been stolen?

Puzzled
Name & address supplied

PCP HOSTS WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support



On Friday 25th September, 2009 healthcare staff from the NHS public health team for County Durham and Darlington and employees from the Pioneering Care Partnership will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting events in aid of the world's biggest coffee morning.

The Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning is now an annual event and staff will be making every cup count, having fun, meeting friends old and new to join in this national event to raise money to support people living with cancer.

The events will be held from 9.30am until 11.30pm at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, and will include: tea and coffee with scones, a selection of stalls with handmade arts and crafts, tombola and a range of displays regarding various health issues. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service and

Macmillan Welfare Rights Service can offer to the people of the Sedgfield Borough.

Elizabeth Cook, Health Improvement Practitioner said: "This event aims to raise the profile of the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Services in Newton Aycliffe whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support."

"The information and support centre is available for anyone who has been affected by cancer, patients, relatives, friends, offering a wide range of information on all aspects of cancer from prevention to care."

Every penny raised at a coffee morning will help fund more services for people affected by cancer. Your involvement - no matter how small - means there will be enough practical, medical, financial and emotional support to help to change the lives of everyone affected by cancer for the better. And for that, we think you should feel good!"

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Between them they have lost an amazing 15st 8lbs!!!!

The 'girls' all say that Slimming World is great, you never need to go hungry, you don't need to give up treats or nights out, you can eat happily with your family and friends and the fun and support you get from the group consultants and members are second to none. To top it all, winning Woman of the Year was just the icing on the "Slimming World" cake.

If you would like help to lose weight, then just come along to your chosen group or give Debbie 01325 300615, Nicola 07791 909 376 a ring.

BIG EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

On Friday 25th September at 7pm the Big Event will take place at Greenfield School. This event, organised by the Youth Forum of Churches Together is for all young people from year 7 upwards.

As in previous years activities will include a band, disco, nail art, face decoration, Wii games, large games such as Jenga. All young people are welcome. The entry charge, £3 includes everything except tuck. For more information ring 301937 or 316455

Consultation on Durham's Boundaries

How Many Councillors Do We Need?

The independent Boundary Committee for England is asking people in Durham to comment on proposals for new local electoral arrangements in the county.

The review will decide how many councillors should sit on Durham's new unitary authority in future and will also establish new boundaries for the council's electoral divisions.

The Committee's draft recommendations, published today, include maps of the proposed new divisions that each councillor will represent. The recommendations should be available at council buildings and libraries, or online at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk

Max Caller, Chairman of the Committee, said: "Having fair electoral boundaries is important, especially given that the new unitary authority in Durham is only months old. They ensure that every voter in Durham, wherever they live in the county, will have a vote of the same weight when electing their councillors."

"Earlier this year, we asked people and groups in Durham to tell us how many councillors the council should have and the areas that each councillor should represent. That information forms the basis of our draft recommendations. Now we want people to tell us what they feel the impact of the recommendations will be on their community, if they think

they can be improved, and what those changes should be."

The Committee wants to hear as much clear and well-argued evidence as possible in order to develop final recommendations for Durham. If you would like to make a submission to the Boundary Committee, please write by 7 December 2009 to: The Boundary Committee for England (Durham review) Trevelyan House

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Kenny Adds Steel to Aycliffe FC

A generous local businessman has thrown some steel behind Newton Aycliffe FC by becoming the club's latest sponsor.

Kenny Green, managing director of local firm DK Steel, has sponsored Aycliffe's striking new all-red away strip, made by England kit manufacturers Umbro.

Kenny has been keen to sponsor the club ever since its promotion to the Northern League and was quick to get behind the cause, paying a four-figure sum to get his company's logo on Aycliffe's kit.

"We're delighted Kenny has come on board," said the club's chairman Gary Farley, pictured with Mr Green and the new away kit. "Interest in the club has picked up a great deal since our promotion to the Northern League and we're getting a lot of interest from all kinds of businesses small and large."

"It's still proving to be an exciting time for the club."

DK Steel, based at Merrington Lane Industrial Estate in Spennymoor, specialise in steel erection and inner-city developments, and are currently working on a number of high-profile constructions including parts of the Olympic Village in Stratford, London.

Mr Green said: "I've always been a big supporter of local sport and always try to do my bit. I'm delighted to become Aycliffe's away shirt sponsor and hope it's the start of a long-term relationship between me and the club."

It costs just £295 for one advertising board at Aycliffe, or £495 for two boards, while there are also a number of advertising and sponsorship packages available, ranging from £20 for programme advertising up to £1,000 for club



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Aycliffe continue their Northern League campaign with another home game against Gillford Park this Saturday (September 19, 3pm kick-off). 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 next Saturday (September 26).

FIXTURES

Sat Sept 19: Gillford Park (H), 3pm
Wed Sept 23rd: Peterlee Town, Durham Challenge Cup (H), 7.30pm

Sat Sept 26th: Guisborough Town (H), 3pm
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Art Exhibition at Woodham

Elaine Vizor, of the Woodham Community Arts & Crafts Group, will be featuring her photographic work at the Woodham Art Group Exhibition on Saturday 19th September 10.00am to 4.00pm at Woodham Community Centre. She recently completed her "Head" portfolio, where she chronicled the "In Our Image" project through the fabrication process-from the making of the steel sculpture to its installation and beyond, working alongside Aycliffe Fabrication's workforce. An opportunity to purchase this and more recent work.

LEARNING ABOUT DOGS



The children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club would like to thank Louise from Darlington Dogs Trust for visiting with her dog 'Bailey'. Louise and Bailey helped

show the children how they can become responsible dog owners keeping their dogs happy and healthy. Louise educated the children using various resources; including a DVD of the dogs trust centre where people can adopt a dog, designing their own dog collar and an interactive talk using props to interest the children. At the end of the year the out of school club is planning to re-visit the Dogs Trust Centre in Darlington with a hamper of donations which they are starting to collect. To find out more information about the club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time or school holidays, please don't hesitate contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

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Once the green paper consultation period ends in 100 days time, if an almighty row has not been raised, it is likely that both major political parties will see the lack of outrage as a green light to end both Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance. We're looking for a minimum of 1,000 claimants, carers and support workers to join our campaign to save these benefits from being abolished. We know that many people will take false comfort from the fact that, unlike AA, DLA is not specifically named as being for the axe. But if the government was planning only to abolish AA it is extremely unlikely that they would refer constantly throughout the green paper to 'disability benefits', a term which includes not just AA but also DLA. Others will dismiss this as just another idle discussion document and our concerns as scare mongering, but it's much more than that. 36 meetings have already been organised

around the country for people working in government and the caring professions to meet to be told about the setting up of a new National Care Service which would oversee the system. In addition, a stakeholders panel of more than 50 voluntary sector organisations, trades unions and academics has been established to offer advice to the government. Some organisations and individuals, such as RNIB and welfare rights worker Neil Bateman writing for Community Care magazine, have already voiced their alarm. But not every disability organisation is opposed to the proposals and some even agree with them. In a press release, Disability Alliance has welcomed the publication of the green

paper and said that it 'looks forward to working alongside Government and all the other stakeholders in bringing these plans into fruition.' They have even said that they agree that there is a case for 'integrating disability benefits such as attendance allowance' into the new system. One thing everyone does seem to agree on is that huge cuts in public spending will have to take place in the next few years as a result of the credit crunch and global recession. Political parties are desperately looking for the softest targets to be the victims of these cuts. Dismissing the green paper's proposals as hot air and not worth worrying about could be the costliest mistake you ever make.'
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 Inspired by the SBH ethos of 'working with the community at heart', the innovative Competition, which is sponsored in partnership with Bullock Ltd, carries an exciting range of prizes for four winners in each of three different age categories: up to seven years old; eight to 12 years old; and 13 to 16 years old.
 The 12 winners will also have the thrill of seeing their photographs reproduced in the SBH 2010 Calendar, which will be distributed to 8,500 homes this December.
 To make the competition as inclusive as possible, SBH is providing up to 100 disposable cameras free on a 'first come first served basis' to youngsters who would not otherwise have

access to a camera of their own for the competition.
 Colin Steel, Chief Executive of SBH says: "We are looking forward to getting the young people's perspective on the places, people, buildings, organisations and so on which they place at the heart of their communities.
 "We are also thrilled that our new partner contractors Bullock Ltd have come on board to show their support to the people of our community by sponsoring this competition."
 Full details on how to enter the competition can be obtained from the autumn issue of SBH Living, which is delivered free to all SBH households, or by telephoning Steven Dawson at SBH on 0845 5055500. For more information ring Angela Smurthwaite, Marketing & Communications Officer on 0845 505 5500 Ext 4625

Public Notice

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Coffee Morning
 Saturday 26th Sept.
 Heghington Village Hall
 10am-12noon
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NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Friends of Senior Citizens volunteered to collect the petition for Town Centre Toilets from the shops. Over 2,500 people have signed the form and together with the ones organised by Newton News now total over 3000. It is clear from this response that Durham County Council must provide toilets in the new scheme. But that is in the future and they have to provide temporary toilets in the meantime as the new development could take over 4 years.
 I know there are facilities in the Leisure Centre, but you have to stand in line to be admitted through the turnstile to use upstairs toilets. If you are disabled you then have to wait for the lift and walk along the corridor - Oops, too late!
 Don't forget the Big Band Concert on Saturday 6th October at 3pm. To book to collect your tickets at the door please ring 313924.
 Line Dancing for beginners every Monday at 1.30pm just turn up for a warm welcome. Sainsbury are holding a Charity Karaoke event for us at the Oak Tree on Thursday 15th October at 7pm. To book ring 313924.
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Digital Imaging
 Led by a professional photographer and digital imaging specialist tutor. Do you want to learn to turn your holiday snaps into real images with lasting appeal? Are you interested in photography? Do you want to be able to take great images or improve your skills with a camera? Got a new digital camera but can't

get the results you were hoping for? Want to learn about film or digital photography? Want to learn about image creation on the computer? Then this programme is for you.
Warning! - Joining us on this Digital Imaging Course could seriously improve your photography. The programme runs for 5 weeks starting at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 24th September. The above programmes are free!!!
Salsa Dancing
 Starting with basic moves and grooves and incorporating improvers. The programme runs for 10 weeks and costs £20.00 starting at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th September
 For more information, or to enrol, please contact Marie Oswald, Community Development Co-ordinator on 01325 375482

Local Businesses Get Something to Shout About

A pilot scheme specially designed to develop and strengthen local business is set to be launched in County Durham.
SASDA, the enterprise agency for the former Sedgefield Borough, with partners South Durham Business Network has developed the Business And Communities Together network (BACT) which aims to provide a forum for local firms.
 It wants to bring together local businesses from all walks of life, from greengrocers and gardeners to painters and plumbers, to meet and discuss local issues, provide a united voice to help solve problems and develop and implement new policies, and to share ideas.
 Karl Bone, Chief Executive of SASDA commented: "The concept of the Business and Communities Together is an exciting new project which will hand local business

communities a unique opportunity to come together for the good of each other's business. Getting access to the wider business network community with South Durham Business Network is also a brilliant added bonus and should help local businesses connect to a much wider group.
 The BACT is all about giving small, local businesses a voice in their community, a forum where they can come together and tackle local issues collectively." Businesses which join and engage with the BACT will also get access to the South Durham Business Club and in turn form part of the network of north east business clubs which exist in the area.
 Firms are being invited to join the first BACT network in Trimdon held next month and which will be repeated across the South Durham area over the coming months.

Opticians

K. McGuinness OPTICIAN
 Town Centre
 Newton Aycliffe
Tel: 316600

Lost & Found

MISSING Family cat, all black, few white hairs on neck, blue velvet collar. Went missing around 5th September from Walcher Road area. Tel 07974 661927

Missing Neutered Tabby Tom Cat



TIBI
 is a very small 18 month old tabby tom cat missing from Woodham since Tuesday 8th September (Layton Court area). Very striking marks of a tabby, reflective grey collar with red cat ID tag and micro-chipped. Contact Tracey on 321543

IMPROVE THE PARK

Dear Sir,
 I live near West Park Lakes and agree it is quite beautiful. I feed the ducks and their babies every day.
 Money should be spent on providing an island in the middle of the lakes to protect the birds from children and dogs.
 The park could be a real attraction and I urge the Town Council to invest in this amenity.
 Mrs. D. Moore.

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P.A.C.T. Meeting
 Police & Community Together

PC Alan Thompson will hold a PACT meeting at Neville Parade Methodist Church Lounge on Thursday 24th Sept 2009 from 6-30pm to 8-00pm.
 Also at Aycliffe Village Hall Saturday 26th Sept 2009 10-00am to 12-00noon.

Report Drug Dealers Kick this Vile Trade out of our Town.
Ring 0345 6060 365

PACT MEETINGS
 Durham Constabulary are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your neighbourhood Police Team then get involved in your local PACT Meeting. This is an informal discussion with the Police and local partners to resolve problems where you live.
Ring 0345 6060 365

Free Soup at the Legion Leek Show

The British Legion 47th Annual Leek & Vegetable Show is on Saturday 26th September. Exhibits to this Open Show can be staged from 8.30am and be cleared by 1pm. for judging. Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Vegetables etc. can be shown and there is no entry fee. Members of the Leek Club will also show their leeks in a separate competition. Schedules are available from the British Legion Bar. The public showing is from 6pm and children are welcome accompanied by adults. Free Soup will be served and the bar is open to visitors.

What Nerve!

Dear Sir
I read with incredulity the article from Derek Atkinson initiating a Liberal Democrat Party in Newton Aycliffe. Is this the same person who wrote with outrage in the Newton News about me going back to Labour?
Mr Atkinson to my knowledge has now been in three political parties, The Labour Party, The Independents and now the Liberal Democrats. I hope people remember this when considering his appeal to join him.
Councillor Enid Paylor

Town Centre Cleanliness

Dear Sir,
I recently visited Middlesbrough Town Centre and was absolutely amazed how clean and tidy the streets were.
Returning to our Town Centre, with considerably less people about, I was disgusted by its state!
What is the difference? Middlesbrough has CCTV cameras and loudspeakers so operatives can tell litter louts they are offending.
When this system was introduced I remember the outcry over "Big Brother" tactics. If this is what it takes then welcome to Big Brother!
Bill Amos

Licence Applications

Licence Application
(Licensing Act 2003)
Take notice that Shanmugam Sandanarajah has applied to Durham County Council under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as Woodham Services, Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UU. A brief description of the proposed licence is as follows: Supply of alcohol - Monday to Sunday 0800 to 0000, Late Night Refreshment 2300 to 0000 and the opening hours for the premises 0600 to 0000. Full details of the application are held and can be inspected at the Licensing Authority, Durham County Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ during normal office hours. Interested parties or responsible authorities can make written representations to the Licensing Authority in writing by the 7th October 2009 at the address above. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

18-9-09

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Birthday Remembrance

NATHAN SOWERBY Birthday memories of a much loved Son and Brother. Sadly missed

In Memoriam

ALEX ISAAC 17-8-07. Life goes on without you, nothing is the same. It's hard to hide the heartache when someone speaks your name. No farewell words were spoken, not time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. Wife Margaret; Sons, Stuart, Graham, Alex, Ian and families

ALEX ISAAC The brightest star in the sky at night is our Grandad saying good night. We miss you. From the Grandchildren

ALICE CARTER 19-9-06. As each day dawns and starts anew; as each day ends we think of you. And in between no matter where, in our hearts you are always there. Sadly missed, always remembered and forever loved. Terry, Julie, Kimberley and Michelle

JOAN CHAMBERLAIN Died 14th September 2008. Greatly missed by Betty and all her friends. God bless

Thank You

AMELIA D'ARCY Would like to thank everyone for a lovely birthday with extra thanks to Nana Ann, Auntie Tara and Beverley for making it extra special xxx

MERCER, Russell and Beverly wish to say a huge thank you to family and friends who attended their Wedding celebrations on Friday 28th August. We are so grateful for the beautiful cards, gifts and the good wishes we received. Our day was perfect. Bookings now being taken for best Man extraordinaire, Mark Blenkinsopp via his agent, Russell Mercer. Thank you again, Bev and Russ xxx

BILL LOWERY would like to thank Katy, Ashley and Sue of Greenfield Gallery. Also Lyn and Neil for helping to make his recent art exhibition such a huge success. Thank you as well to everyone who came along and gave their support
ELLIE SELBY would like to thank all her friends and family for the gifts and presents on her birthday and for making her party extra special

BARGAIN BUYS Bargain of the Week. Washing machine, 6kg load, A energy class, 2 year warranty, delivered and fitted for £219. Tel 321678

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BUILT IN Electrolux double oven, stainless steel, £100 ono. Tel 317299

KIDS ACTIVE outdoor swing, 6-36 months, excellent condition, £10; Babys clothes, 0-18 months, all bagged, mainly girls, some to suit boys. Tel 304437

GLASS dining room table with four chairs, good condition, £50. Tel 327134

SHOWROOM ex-display shower doors, various styles and sizes. Installation service possible, call Dave from DRM Improvements 07984 554 562

MEMORY foam mattress with matching double divan bed. Unused/still wrapped, cost £700, accept £180. Can deliver. Tel 07786 938665

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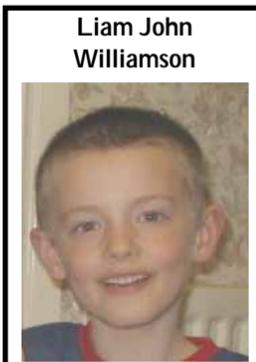
V FIT magnetic cross trainer, like Argos page 993, item 5. Sick of dusting it! £75 ono. Tel 321657

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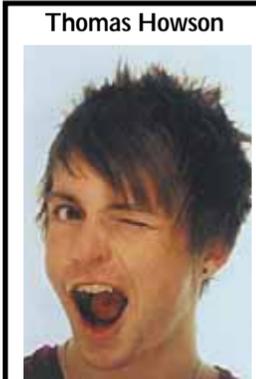
Liam John Williamson
Happy 7th Birthday
14th September
Lots of love on your 7th birthday "Angel". From Nana Von, Grandad John, Roy, Alla, and Baby Alisa. xxxxx



Andrew Nelson (Nella)
Happy 12th Birthday
Hope you have a great birthday. Love from Macca, Madison, S-J and Craig xx



Olivia Kokes
Big Girl Now
Mam and Dad were so proud of you on your first day at big School. Love always, Mam, Dad, Cade and Gran



Thomas Howson
Well Done
on passing your A Levels and getting into Leeds University to study Music Tec. Take care, have fun and work hard! We will miss you and all your noise, humour and teasing! All our love, Dad, Mam, Georgina and all your family xxx



Aimee Newton
Congratulations
on achieving a 2:1 at the University of Wolverhampton. We are very proud of you. Love, Dad, Diane and Sophie xxx



Annis Race
Well Done
on winning the A Factor. We are all so proud of you. A big thank you to John Melvin for all his support. Love, Mam, Charles, Grandma, Grandad and all family and friends



Jack Abe Lee Surman
Happy 4th Birthday
16th September 2009
To our precious little boy Jack on your 4th birthday. Enjoy your special day. Lots of love and kisses, Mammy, Daddy, Danielle and Harry xxxxx



Lisa Mercy
Happy 30th Birthday
Happy birthday Lisa. Lots of love from your loving family. Giles, Leo and Libby



Sophie Elliott
Happy 18th Birthday
With all our love, Mam, Rich and Aimee. Have a great party xxx



Ellie Louise Selby
Happy 5th Birthday
16th September 2009
Our little Princess Ellie, have a great day. Lots of love, Mammy, Daddy, Maisie, Lewis and Rabs xx



Ryan Caws
Happy 18th Birthday
19th September 1991
Enjoy your day Son. Love, Mam xx
Woof Woof, love Ace and Tug xxx



Aimee Newton
Congratulations
BA Hons in Special Needs and Inclusion Studies. We are all very proud of you. Lots of love, Mam Gran, Grandad, Denise and family

Births

LEEMING Sophia and Paul. Congratulations on the birth of your baby girl, "Georgia Grace", born on 16th September, weighing 8lbs 3oz. A Sister for Owen. Love from both families

Exchange

FROM 2 bedroom house, Sedgefield Village in the pond/park area TO similar in Washington Crescent/Woodham area. Tel 07737 656360

Holiday

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MORE YOUNG COACHES FROM WOODHAM INVITED TO AMERICA

After a summer that they will never forget, seven young sports coaches from Woodham Technology College have arrived back in the UK after spending a month in America. The group of coaches who spent four weeks working on a traditional log cabin style American summer camp in New Hampshire have been telling their stories of how they have had the best summer of their lives!

The seven young coaches, all aged 16, were the first ever students to take part in the unique COACH USA programme that Woodham Community Technology College have designed in partnership with local sports coaching company Active Inclusion.

The programme is the only one of its kind in the UK which offers students as young as 16 the opportunity to go and coach in America. During their time at Camp Cody the students coached American children aged 7-16 in a range of sports such as basketball, football, mountain biking, water skiing, swimming and archery. If having the summer of a lifetime wasn't enough, all seven of the coaches have also been thrilled by the news that

Camp Director, Phil Ross, has offered them the opportunity to return to Camp Cody next summer.

During Mr Ross's visit to the UK and Woodham last week, he commented on what a wonderful job the students had done and how they were fantastic role models to young people in America. He was delighted with the maturity and enthusiasm that they all displayed whilst on Camp and is hoping to see them all back next June for a longer period of time.

Mr Ross was also at Woodham to discuss extending the current COACH USA programme to include more young people this year. Jon Tait, Director of Student Support at Woodham said "Due to the massive success of this programme this year, and as a result of the seven students' wonderful performance on camp this summer, we are able to extend the COACH USA programme to offer 10 new places next summer, along with an additional 7 seven places for our returning young coaches". Darren Anderson, Managing Director of Active Inclusion, said "This is an amazing opportunity for local young people and it has all come on



the back of how well our seven young coaches have done this summer. I am really proud of each and every one of them and I am now looking forward to seeing them mentor our new group of coaches that we will be sending to America next summer".

There is also the opportunity to widen the programme's appeal across the college with a new opportunity available this year to specialise in areas outside of traditional sports coaching including our Technology specialisms. Woodham students will be able to apply for positions on

the programme at the start of October, when the college will hold its now annual recruitment evening for year 11 students who wish to travel and work at Camp Cody during the summer.

Art Exhibition at Greenfield

EDAN arts (East Durham Artists Network) will be exhibiting in the Greenfield Gallery, Newton Aycliffe, from 26th September until 15th October 2009.

The exhibition preview opens from 6pm-8pm on Wednesday 26th September. The network includes many types of artists that practice in a variety of medium including textiles, wood, paint and pencil.

The exhibition is full of interesting art work and ideas and is well worth a visit. Call the Arts Centre for opening times on 01325 379 048.

RESIDENTS CALLED TO ACTION

We understand the provision of Town Centre Toilets, expected in the phase 4 of the redevelopment of the Town Centre, is still under discussion. It is therefore important residents express their views on this matter and support the petition printed below.

GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PETITION FOR TOWN CENTRE TOILETS TEMPORARY & PERMANENT

We the undersigned call on the County Council, Town Council and the Town Centre Landlords to provide **TEMPORARY PUBLIC TOILETS** in the Town Centre pending **PERMANENT TOILETS** being provided in the new Community Hub proposed for Beveridge Arcade in Phase 4 of the Town Centre redevelopment.

Signed Name

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4'0" and 4'6" BED SET

A&S Candy	RRP £119.00	NOW £99.00
A&S Winchester	RRP £159.00	NOW £139.00
A&S Dorchester	RRP £239.00	NOW £209.00
A&S Majestic	RRP £349.00	NOW £299.00
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**YEAR 6
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for September 2010 Entry**

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All prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to attend an evening with information from the College Principal, Mrs. C. Forsyth, and a guided tour of the college facilities

If you would like more information please contact
Mrs. T. Tait, Head of Year 7/Transition - 01325 300328