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There is great excitement as the new Excel 1200 seat Conference Centre on the Business Park nears completion. And Newtonians will have the first opportunity to see this new facility before it opens officially for business.

The company that owns the Centre have offered the use of the premises free of charge for the annual Christmas Community Concert on 13th December at 3pm organised by the Rotary Club.

This will give the schoolchildren who perform on this occasion the chance to appear on a professional stage with state of the art lighting and sound.

This event has been held in the Leisure Centre for a number of years and the Town Council has paid for the hire of the Sports Hall. The Rotary Club felt this was a great opportunity to showcase the new Centre and allow Newtonians to view what it offers. It will be open from 2pm - 5pm. for viewing before and after the Concert. Refreshments will be available in the Coffee Lounge and other areas.

The club requested the money budgeted for the hire of the hall for this event by the Town Council be used to transport people without cars to the Centre. Unfortunately they have refused.

Rotary Organiser Syd Howarth expressed his disappointment and hoped this event has not lost Council support altogether. The club will seek new sponsors for the transport and if you can help please contact Syd on 300212.

The latest job vacancies within the Excel centre are now being advertised. Full details can be found at www.xcelcentre.com - including an online application form.

Open Day at the PCP

The Open Day on Saturday 10th October at the Pioneering Care Centre has encouraged people to book the free tasters offered including Reiki, Reflexology, Indian Head massage and other therapies. Many are visiting the Centre to take advantage of these healthy activities.

However, no one has booked in for Singing, Self Defence, Cookery Sessions and Cycling. If you are interested in these subjects call in or please get in touch on 01325 321234. The Open Day runs from 10am - 2pm. Everyone is welcome to view this modern facility in our town which is currently being extended to offer an expanded service.

15yr old D.J. Runs Rave for Under 18's

15 year old Thomas Armstrong took a course on being a D.J at the Youth Centre and along with a few friends became interested in attending a Rave for under 18's in Spennymoor. One of the difficulties was transport so Thomas decided to investigate the possibility of running something similar in Newton Aycliffe.

The idea was to provide a properly organised event for under 18's with all the safeguards, but everywhere he turned he found barriers against teenage functions due to fear of trouble.

On contacting the Leisure Centre and explaining his plans and giving assurances on problems like drink, dress code and providing certificated doormen, permission was given to hold the first Rave on Friday 16th October in the Sycamore Suite from 6pm-9pm. Tickets



Thomas

are just £5 and teenagers are encouraged to attend knowing safety checks will be made throughout the night to ensure a good time for everyone. If this is well supported more regular events are promised.

Under 13's 100% Record

Newton Aycliffe Youth AFC Under 13s maintained their 100% record with a 4 - 1 win over Richmond Town in the TJFA League Cup. In difficult conditions, created by a swirling wind, Aycliffe went a goal down following a neat finish by the visitors. Jake Cane and Ryan Mercer went close as Aycliffe failed to take their early chances.

In the 18th minute Sam Pascoe put the town level with a clinical finish following a Jake Cane corner. Pushing forward. Aycliffe increased the lead with a spectacular shot by Dan Kenyon from the edge of the box.

Man of the match Billy Bradley drove in a brilliant 25 yard free kick to ensure the home team went in to the break in charge at 3 - 1. A Connor Halford volley close to the break almost put the game beyond reach for the visitors.

Playing against the wind, in the second half, the Aycliffe

defence held solid. Tom Gledhill, Jordan Howe and James Skerett ensured Jack McLaren had a quiet game in goal. With Ben Nicholson bossing midfield, it was left to substitute Mathew Marshall to score the final goal with a neat flick. The team have now won all 4 games so far this season, and go through to the last 16 of the competition.

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SBH is asking new tenants to choose a new kitchen and bathroom for their home. This means all the works is done before the new tenant gets the keys. This new approach is only where the kitchen and bathroom needs replacing. The first property in Byers Green was allocated to Mrs Kathleen Alderson who chose the kitchen, bathroom and external doors that she wanted for her new home. New internal doors were also fitted together with any repairs needed were carried out to the property before Mrs Alderson moved in. Mrs Alderson was clearly delighted with the property stating that "I was over the moon just being allocated the property but then totally

amazed when I was asked to meet a kitchen designer at the property to choose my own kitchen and also new outside doors.

Now that I have received the keys I feel the work that has been done is fantastic, I have had loads of friends and neighbours asking to pop in and have a look at the works carried out in my new home". Colin Steel (Chief Executive of SBH) said that this pilot scheme would see new tenants being offered more choice in their homes as well as the comfort of knowing that further work in their homes will not be required in the near future. This scheme demonstrates that SBH are involving their new tenants in choosing how their homes are improved. SBH is continuing to deliver its ongoing programme of improvements providing approximately 5000 new kitchens and bathrooms over the next 5 years.

TA Sponsor Under 18's



Newton Aycliffe's Under-18s team have been rescued by the local Territorial Army! The new U-18s team, set up only this year and who play in the Durham County Lomax Training Services U-18s League, have been boosted by the support of the local TA, who have sponsored the youth team's new kit.

The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Wise, is pictured with U-18s manager Paul Jarps and players (L-R) James Oliver, Alix Harrison and Bobby Gibson.

"We're delighted with the TA's backing," said Paul. "This is our first season after setting up in the summer so sponsorship and support from everyone is hugely important to us."

"We're grateful for the TA's generosity which has paid for the new strips and enable us to look the part when we're representing the town around the region."

"We're always looking for sponsorship and would welcome any kind of support from those interested."

102 Battalion REME (V) are based in Northfield Road, Newton Aycliffe and are known as "The Northern

Craftsmen". Their drill night is every Tuesday evening, 7.30-9.30pm. For more information about becoming a member of the Territorial Army in Newton Aycliffe, call Captain Newton on 01325 375001 or pay them a visit between 9am and 4pm, Mon-Fri.

Aycliffe started their U-18s team in the summer to act as a feeder for the town's senior team, which is competing in its inaugural Northern League campaign. More details about the team can be found at www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

MARKING WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY AT THE PCP

To mark World Mental Health Day, on Saturday October 10th, the PCP will be offering people the opportunity to take part in a number of activities at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Millions of people across England are affected or know someone with a mental health problem. Mental health problems can have a devastating impact on individuals and their families. It can prevent people from carrying out everyday activities such as going to the pub, socialising with friends, going to the local shop for groceries or even doing exercise that most people in society take for granted.

To raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing, the Pioneering Care Centre will be holding an open day on World Mental Health Day (Saturday October 10 from 10am - 2pm) to give people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to find out information about the services and activities that are available at the centre.

People will be able to book a free 30 minute session in one of the region's only hydrotherapy pools open to the general public or relax with a free complementary therapy such as reflexology, Indian

head massages or homeopathy. Alternatively, they can get fit or find a new hobby by taking part in free taster workshops including self defence and singing, join in a Jamie Oliver inspired cookery session as part of 'Pass It On' County Durham, or find out how to improve their health with a free mini lifestyle check.

People will also be able to 'walk a mile for mental health' as part of 'Get Moving Week', which is organised by Time to Change as part of their 'let's end mental health discrimination' campaign. The walks will take place from 10am on Tuesday October 6th and 10.30am on Thursday October 8th. Jane Hartley, Chief Executive of the PCP commented: "Every year millions of people from around the globe celebrate World Mental Health Day and I'm glad the Pioneering Care Centre can be a part of this to raise greater awareness and change attitudes towards mental ill health."

In addition to this, the centre will be promoting the new Arts for Wellbeing programme, which is being delivered across County Durham and Darlington. New parents, carers and people with long term health conditions will

be offered free art workshops in painting, drawing, crafts, singing, dance and much more to help promote wellbeing and prevent them from feeling symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression.

For more information on any of the services or activities based at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, please contact 01325 321 234 or visit www.pcp.uk.net

Charity Night at Woodham

I am running a Charity Race night at Woodham Golf Club on Friday 23rd October 2009 - start 7.30pm for The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service. This does great work on diagnosis, during treatment and after treatment.

I contacted The Newton News and was asked to put in writing my request for publicity. The Race Night will cost £3 per person and includes Pie & Peas.

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QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 15 minutes has been set aside for electors to ask questions at the Recreation, Environment and Policy & Resources Committee Meetings. Written questions must be received by the Town Clerk at least 5 clear days prior to the meeting. Oral questions may be asked at the meeting which relate to an agenda item or is a matter for which that committee has responsibility. 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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At the most recent Police and Communities Together (P.A.C.T) meeting for Shafto/St Marys Ward on 30th September 2009 the issue of parking problems in Vane Road, Langley Road and Eden Road was raised by concerned residents. The problems are occurring mostly at school opening and closing times.

A number of parents attending the school are parking their motor vehicles on the yellow zigzags and public footpaths causing an obstruction to others using the road and in front of drop down kerbs making it impossible for residents to enter and leave their property.

This notice is a request to all parents to consider others and park all vehicles in a sensible manner before an accident occurs and somebody is seriously injured.

It is an offence to cause an obstruction, park on yellow zigzags or park in front of a drop down kerb. Any vehicles seen parking like this may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £30 as a result.

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 A packed meeting welcomed many new members. The meeting commenced with a session open to all, including prospective members. Topics under discussion included the AAPs (Area Action Partnerships).
 Disquiet was expressed by many in regard to the AAP principles, as it appears that the AAPs are packed full of elected local Labour Councillors which was probably not the

idea when they were first mooted. It was resolved that enquiries would be made into this issue.
 The future of The Cubby was also discussed. Billy Blenkinsopp gave a detailed account of the current, fluid situation. Evidence of efforts undertaken to possibly brow-beat those running The Cubby seemed to have been exposed.
 Part two of the meeting saw Billy Blenkinsopp elected to the position of Vice-Chair of GAA Lib Dems branch. Alison Palmer was elected as Branch Treasurer.
 Further items included a discussion on the ramifications, as a result of changes to Wards brought about by the Boundary Commission. It was agreed that the next meeting of GAA Lib Dem branch would be on Monday 2nd November from 7pm in The Cubby.
 Derek G Atkinson
 (GAA Lib Dem member)

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New Engineering Businesses Launched at "Oktoberfest"

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 In its second year, the event proved to be an attraction for large multinationals and regional start-ups alike, and was opened by Margaret Fay OBE, Chairman, One North East, and Nicki Clark, Assistant CEO, Business & Enterprise North East.
 David Franks of Aycliffe Filtration Ltd and Peter Kirton of Icetree Business Integration Services have both decided to use the Oktoberfest as a launchpad for their new engineering businesses, capitalising on the fact that many of the region's big hitters in the industry were there on the day.
 David Franks set up AFL after working in filtration for over 25 years and has already begun sending out orders. "Working at my previous company, I spotted a gap in the market for high quality filtration products, particularly oil removal filters and decided that I could manufacture them here in the North East. There is a great local supply and support network. The region has a wealth of engineering and manufacturing knowledge and expertise."
 The company also supplies a whole range of third party filtration products. David explained his involvement in the Oktoberfest "I joined the South Durham Engineering & Manufacturing forum to help leverage the local expertise



and networks and was then told about the Oktoberfest. It seems like the ideal opportunity to showcase my company, speak to customers and suppliers and do real business."
 Peter Kirton's Icetree Business Integration Services will also be using Oktoberfest as a launchpad. Peter, a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, has specialist knowledge in the Management of Innovation and New Product Development. Ice Tree will focus on Design and Innovation Consultancy, Product Lifecycle Management and Far East Supplier Management Services and will be helping businesses in the region to become and remain competitive in the global market.
 Peter explains "'We now live in a very competitive global economy. Our future prosperity is dependent upon our ability to design and manufacture new products. The local engineering clusters promote and support local collaboration which is imperative if we are to compete nationally and internationally. I was therefore delighted to launch Icetree Business

Integration Services Limited at Oktoberfest."
 A number of big-name companies pledged their support and commitment to the Oktoberfest and to sourcing local suppliers wherever possible. The impressive list of confirmed attendees included Husqvarna, BAE Systems, Caterpillar Peterlee and Northumbrian Water.
 Oktoberfest is a great place to do business and was held this week at Rainton Meadows Arena, Houghton-le-Spring.

AYCLIFFE BOMB HOAXER JAILED

A Newton Aycliffe man was jailed for 12 months following a hoax bomb call to police.
 Paul Anthony O'Brien, 37, of Bury Road Guest House, Newton Aycliffe made a call to the emergency services on the 4th July 2009, just three days before the anniversary of the London bombings.
 Adopting a fake Middle Eastern accent, O'Brien called 999 call from the BT payphone on Neville parade stating, "Hello. My name is Abdullah. I have planted bombs in Catholic facilities in Newton Aycliffe. You have 15 minutes to find them. Bye."
 As a result, all police resources were then deployed to search the town's Catholic Church and two primary schools. Significant disruption was caused, including the delaying of a child's christening.
 It emerged later that the call was made by O'Brien in order to specifically spoil the christening, following his invite to the event being withdrawn after his break-up with girlfriend Lisa Gibson, also of Newton Aycliffe.
 Ms Gibson, whose nephew

was being Christened, received an abusive text message from O'Brien later in the day.
 Following a police investigation, O'Brien was arrested three days later for Communicating False Information – making a Bomb Hoax, and after being confronted with the wealth of information, eventually admitted making the call.
 O'Brien was jailed for a year after Judge Michael Cartlidge told him it was to deter others from making such calls.
 Judge Cartlidge said: "One can imagine the despair that was caused to the christening and I guess at the other church".
 "Bomb hoax calls do require, and the Court of Appeal has said this on a number of occasions, a deterrent sentence".
 "Deterrence is a critical element in bomb hoax cases and very rarely would it result in a non-custodial sentence."
 PC Donoghue, who led the investigation, commented 'This gives an indication how seriously the police and courts take this sort of crime. Even if the call is made from a public payphone, the police will track you down'.

Assaulted for No Reason

Dear Editor,
 During the very early hours of Saturday 3rd October, I was viciously assaulted in a completely unprovoked attack. I was making my way home after a night out with friends, and was walking across the car park of the Bewick Crescent surgery. The assailant was not some drunken person who threw several wild punches. He was in fact a cool, calm and very calculated individual and a skilled fighter. Fortunately, I was not seriously injured, but it could have been much worse indeed. My concern is that clearly, to this person, a frenzied attack on an innocent person is normal, acceptable behaviour. Furthermore, I am deeply worried that sooner or later this person is going to kill or seriously injure someone. Newton Aycliffe sadly, has seen fatal attacks before, and action needs to be taken before this happens again. I therefore ask anyone who witnessed the incident to please come forward; you may just prevent a future attack.
 I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the person who assisted me shortly after the attack. It is nice to know there are still some good people around. Finally, I'd like to offer a word of caution to those who may contemplate walking home in the early hours: the streets are no longer safe, please take a taxi or arrange a lift.
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It's 'Bin' a Real Hit



Durham County Council's eco teams say the county has never been greener, following a hugely successful cut price sale of compost bins.

More than 800 cheap compost bins were snapped up in the one day sale at County Hall a couple of weeks ago (September 13 2009). The bins were heavily subsidised to boost the green message and it's certainly worked according to Waste Reduction Team Leader Victoria Burrell, "What is interesting about organic waste, such as garden waste and fruit and vegetable peelings, is that there is a belief that it is harmless.

It certainly isn't. When it is sent to landfill, along with the rest of your household waste, it breaks down in the absence of air and creates methane, a powerful gas harmful to the environment contributing to global warming.

However, if it is home composted it produces no methane as it has air and it provides you with a free and nutritious fertiliser for your garden."

Portfolio Holder for Strategic Environment Cllr Bob Young says the sale is proof that many people want to recycle household waste, "Selling 802 bins in just one day is solid evidence that there is a huge desire in County Durham to be greener.

We have now sold over 36,000 subsidised home composting bins since 2005 when the council's partnership with WRAP's (Waste Resources Action Programme) 'Recycle Now' campaign was first launched, and that's brilliant news for our environment."

It will take between nine and twelve months to produce good quality compost and anyone can do it, it's just a case of getting a good mixture of about 50% greens and 50% browns. Greens being the garden waste and fruit and vegetable peelings and the browns being crunched up cardboard and paper, pet hair, straw and dead leaves.

Anyone wanting more information on purchasing compost bins or how to compost can call Debbie Hibbitts or Vicky Bell on 0191 383 5674.

Shunting Day at The Loco

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is giving visitors the opportunity to experience all the sights and sounds of a fully working railway goods yard!

The Goods Shunting Day event on Sunday 11 October will feature the museum's experienced and highly skilled locomotive crew carry out a range of demonstration shunting movements on the museum's sidings.

It is an opportunity to see the museum's Dutch diesel and Class 03 diesel shunters in action, as they move a variety of wagons throughout the day. Locomotion is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm and both admission and parking are free of charge.

For further information about Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, contact: Events Officer Pam Porter on 01388 771445 or 07809 548078.

Aycliffe FC Back on Track

Aycliffe got their league season back on track in the last fortnight with back-to-back goalless draws, at home to Guisborough and at Whitehaven last Saturday, which sandwiched a 2-1 win at Crook Town in the first round of the Ernest Armstrong second division cup.

Allan Oliver's side, who are at Brandon United this Saturday (October 10), are set to welcome the famous Northern League club West Auckland to Moore Lane Park early next month.

Aycliffe have drawn West, currently in the Northern League first division, at home in the second round of the Brooks Milesom League Cup, to be played on Wednesday November 4 (7.30pm).

They're also at home to Ashbrooke Belford House, of the Wearside League, in the first round proper of the Durham Challenge Cup on Wednesday October 21st. It means Aycliffe will have four home games in the space of 17 days, sandwiching a trip to Jarrow Roofing on Saturday Oct. 31st.

Sat Oct 10th: Brandon Utd (A) 3pm

Tues Oct 13th: Whickham (A), 7.30pm

Sat Oct 17th: Sunderland RCA (A), 3pm

Weds Oct 21st: Ashbrooke Belford House (H), 7.30pm

Sat Oct 24th: Stokesley (H), 3pm

Sat Oct 31st: Jarrow Roofing (A), 3pm

Weds Nov 4th: West Auckland (H), 7.30pm

Sat Nov 7th: Whitehaven (H), 3pm

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Safe Place for Birds at West Park Lake



A Heron spotted on the Lake by a reader

Dear Editor

In response to the letter in the Newton News regarding the improvement to West Park, in particular to the suggestion that an island should be created to provide a safe place for the water fowl to roost and raise their young.

I asked the Town Council to consider the provision of an island sometime ago but I was advised that after consultation it was agreed that provision of an island would encourage the wild life to inhabit the lakes and prevent them from returning to their usual roosts.

I replied to this advising the Council that the birds did not leave the Lakes but roosted either on the edges of the lake or slept on the water, I did not hear anything further.

It is obvious that a lot of these birds are resident by the number of chicks that are hatched each year, unfortunately many of these fall pray to dogs, cats and children and also to the gulls and crows that find the chicks a tasty meal. The moorhen nests near the edge of the lake and some youngsters find pleasure in throwing bottles and cans into their nest and it is rare that her efforts are rewarded with young.

Let's all rally round and support the request for 'AN ISLAND RETREAT' for these birds it would enhance the appearance of the lakes and benefit the wild life. I have been to a number of other towns where there are small lakes within parks and nearly all have an island for the water fowl:

Thornton Le Dale - N Yorks
Jubilee Lake - Nr Wooten Bassett, to name just two.

It would only take a couple of loads of large stones, perhaps a local businessman could be asked to supply these, to make the basic structure and nature, with a little help, would do the rest.

Let's look after our wildlife and they will be there for many years to come.
Karen Gray, Linden Place

RARER THAN HEN'S TEETH

Dear Sir,

Thank you County Councillor Joan Gray and Durham County Library Service.

As part of my research into ancestry I found a relation was a seaman lost at sea in the 1860's. On visiting the South Tyneside Library at South Shields a book "Dictionary of Tyne Sailing Ships" was recommended. Having been able to view a copy, but not borrow it, I decided to purchase a copy. It was a large volume of some 800+ pages A4 size.

In vain, I phoned booksellers, the author, and the publisher. Aycliffe library was told it was not on Durham County's available list. The British Lending Library at Weatherby would lend their stock copy only to libraries.

Having contacted County Councillor Joan Gray for assistance, I was informed, within 24 hours, that DCC had requested it from the British Lending Library. However the problem was not solved. Their copy of this rare book was missing.

I thought the search was hopeless but a few weeks later, Aycliffe Library phoned to tell me my book awaited collection there. In a countrywide search, DCC had obtained a copy, on 2 months loan, from Essex County Council, the tenth one they had tried. One could not ask for a better service.

Colin Carter

BRIDE CAME HOME TO BE MARRIED



Newtonian and former Greenfield student, Rachael Buckley returned home to be married to Martin Gardener, who she met whilst serving in the Navy. They were married at Blackwell Grange on 8th August 2009 and the Bride was proudly given away by her Grandfather Mel Harland, (Gents Hairdresser). Rachael was attended by Emma Dickinson, Lucy Munro, Dannielle and Andrew Kidd.

After the Reception the happy couple left for a honeymoon in the Maldives. They will then return to their careers in the Navy and live together in Havant, Hampshire.

Rachael, daughter of Beverley Paton, joined the Navy in 2001 and excelled in every position held. She served on HMS Liverpool during the Iraq war when only 18 years of age. Currently she is in Officer Training College and will "Pass Out" in December.

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The Northern Citrines Junior Jazz Band from Shildon thank all who donated over the last two weeks to their door to door collection when £1090.00 was raised for new instruments, uniforms and shoes. The Band are always looking for new members, aged 7-17 years, to learn marching and playing instruments. This is an affordable activity at only £2 a week and if you are interested please ring Scott on 07792 457941 or pop in at the practice session at Shildon's Jubilee Fields Community Centre on Monday night 5.30 - 8p.m.

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LOCAL ORGANISATION LEADS THE WAY WITH NEW AWARD

This week a Durham Education Business Partnership achieved the Award for Education Business Excellence.

The Award is run by the Institute for Education Business Excellence and accredits organisations to the Department for Children, Schools and Families' National Standard for Education Business Partnership Organisations (May 2008). It recognises the continued efforts and high standards achieved by Durham EBP in its ongoing work connecting education and the world of work for the benefit of young people in the area.

Durham Education Business Partnership promotes links between schools and local businesses in County Durham.

This is achieved by producing and facilitating a range of high quality work related learning, work experience and enterprise programmes to enrich the education of students and to enhance their employability skills. The EBP works with nearly 4500 companies and 350 volunteers to support these programmes offering 20,600 students learning opportunities each academic year.

Anne Gibbs, Manager of Durham Education Business Partnership, commented "We are thrilled to be one of the first EBPs to be accredited with the Award for Education Business Excellence. It is very rewarding to be recognised for the continuing effort and hard work staff put in to improve the learning experiences

of young people in County Durham. Thanks must also go to local employers who are key to the success of this achievement and provide invaluable support to the EBP. We are very proud of the services Durham EBP provides and we look forward to helping many more young people prepare for their future, in the years to come.

Education Business Partnership Organisations work with over 300,000 companies and organisations nationally to enable employers to work successfully in partnership with schools and colleges, as a contribution to young people's education and their journey to adulthood. Work-related learning has a positive impact on young people and is particularly important during this period of economic uncertainty, with the significant increase in numbers of young people without relevant skills or employment.

The Award for Education Business Excellence is just one of a series of initiatives to professionalise the sector alongside the formation of a new professional body - the Institute for Education Business Excellence. The Institute will offer national recognition with regional support, driving quality and innovation through the provision of specialist networks, expert practitioner groups and forums and a new CPD framework.

YOUTHFUL GIRLS DURHAM CHAMPIONS



The annual Durham Association of Clubs for Young People 5-a-side Championship was held at Soccarena in Durham on Sunday 4th October.

The Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 16 girls travelled to Durham to take on 3 excellent teams from Boldon CA, Darlington Spraire Lasses and Lambton YC. The opening game produced a 3-1 win against Lambton which was followed by a tough 1-1 draw with Spraire lasses. As the other games were completed it left the girls needing to win their final game against a very strong Boldon side. A quick start from Boldon gave them the first goal but the girls replied with an equaliser before half time. A couple of changes and a

final team talk and it was over to the girls and as the half progressed the goals flowed as the Aycliffe girls fired in a further 5 goals to win the game 6-1 and be crowned Champions of County Durham.

They now travel to Manchester in December to take on the best Youth Centre teams from England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland. Well done to all 8 girls Ashleigh Black, Chelsea Burns, Hannah Burns, Jess Gibson, Paige Pearson, Claire Temple, Rachael Tumelty, Fiona Winter. Girls football is still going strong in Newton Aycliffe and we are now looking for girls in Yr 5 & 6 to prepare for next season. If you are interested contact Berni 07939 045 242.

Aycliffe FC Calendar



The limited-edition A4 calendar will be available to buy, priced only £5, in December.

The club are looking for sponsors to subsidise the cost of printing so they can maximise revenue from their sales.

The calendar will feature 20 players, using mainly action pictures, club chairman Gary Farley, manager Allan Oliver and coach Brian Atkinson, as well as pictures of dozens of Aycliffe fans making up the December page.

"It's difficult to gauge exactly but we're expecting the calendar to be really popular," said Aycliffe's press officer Martin Walker, who is producing it.

"It won't be a massive revenue-earner for the club, it's more of a PR effort really. We want to make as many retail items available to fans as possible, and it's that time of year when calendars are popular and are ideal stocking fillers!

Aycliffe are looking for companies or individuals to sponsor one monthly page for £50, which includes two complimentary copies of the calendar. They're producing 100 copies to start with.

Anyone interested should contact Martin Walker on 07826 525907, or email martinwalker50@hotmail.com

Halloween for Under 13's

Halloween Fancy Dress Disco for Junior Neighbourhood Watch/Young Peoples Voices at 1pm until 4pm Saturday 31st October in the Navy Club, Burnhill Way. Please note the times. Samantha, Michelle and Dorothy look forward to seeing you all there. Age limit 13yrs parents welcome with younger children.

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Or owt that we can use in lieu.
But Henry lad, despite the gloom,
One day we'll have our little room.
But come that day, consider this -
You'll have no cause to take the -er- mick!
Bill Cooksey

Woodham Pub Closes

Newton News has been informed the Huntsman Pub in Woodham has suddenly closed. The Landlord, Stanley Fuller is no longer in charge and the premises have been boarded up waiting for a new tenant to take over. Stan was there for 17 years and ran a very good pub with live T.V. football games and a very popular Karaoke. We understand Stan found the overheads too high and this, along with other restrictions, have forced him to close. The regulars are very unhappy to see him go and thank him, Jen and Sean for all the happy times enjoyed at the Huntsman.

COUNTY'S BIGGEST EVER SCHOOLS INVESTMENT

Contracts have been signed on a £500 million investment scheme that will transform teaching and learning across County Durham.

The move marks a major milestone in the Council's Building Schools for the Future programme, which will benefit children and young people across the county for generations to come.

Durham County Council and Inspired Spaces, a consortium led by Carillion, will work in partnership over the next 10 years to bring outstanding new facilities to 44 secondary and special schools.

Dave Ford, Head of Achievement Services at Durham County Council, said: "This once in a lifetime opportunity will provide the next step in our very successful secondary school improvement journey."

"The council and its schools have already achieved excellent progress in pupil outcomes, as recognised by our Beacon status for school improvement. It will mean that everyone involved in

secondary education will have state of the art facilities which will ensure that our schools and students are at the forefront of educational attainment in the future."

Coun, Vasey added: "It's our ambition that every child will have the best possible opportunities to learn, achieve and be successful. This scheme is a major step towards achieving that goal and I couldn't be more pleased to have now signed the contracts that will help to make our educational vision for every young person a reality."

The BSF programme in County Durham will see 14 new schools built to replace old and outdated buildings. A further 30 schools will be re-modelled and upgraded to bring modern high-tech facilities to every secondary school-aged pupil.

Schools in East Durham will be the first to benefit from the scheme, followed by schools in South West Durham and Newton Aycliffe; North Durham, Weardale and Teesdale; and Chester-le-Street

and Durham City.

Students and teachers will benefit from modern facilities, including innovative IT technology and flexible classroom spaces, that will transform the way education is provided.

The scheme will not only transform the way young people are taught in schools but will also provide new opportunities for the wider community to make use of the out of hours educational and recreational facilities offered by schools.

Schools will be designed and built through a public private partnership which will enable County Durham's outstanding teachers and school improvement professionals to play a major role in designing the best possible environment and facilities.

All of the new schools will be energy efficient, designed to make the most of natural light and ventilation and will have systems such as rainwater harvesting and bio-fuel boilers. The project will bring opportunities for local suppliers as well as employment and training opportunities, including, most importantly, a boost to apprenticeships for young people.

New Friends New Places



The last meeting was held at in the Navy Club, Burnhill Way where they were entertained by local singer Neil Dixon. On Sunday the group enjoyed the Special monthly Lunch and Mystery Tour - a combined event put on the first Sunday of every month by The Cumby Arms and J.C. Coaches at the very reasonable cost of £12.95. (We have booked again for Sunday 1st November)

We finished our Mystery Tour at Whitby and the weather was excellent, warm and sunny. On 20th October our meetings will be held in the New Library opposite the Police Station. We welcome new members or people who just want to visit us and have a cup of tea and a chat. We are going shopping to Leeds on the 11th December. Our AGM is the 10th November at 2pm followed by our First

year's Celebration Party. This will be held in the Navy Club. All old members are welcome along with any new members. For further information ring Dorothy on 01325 308094.

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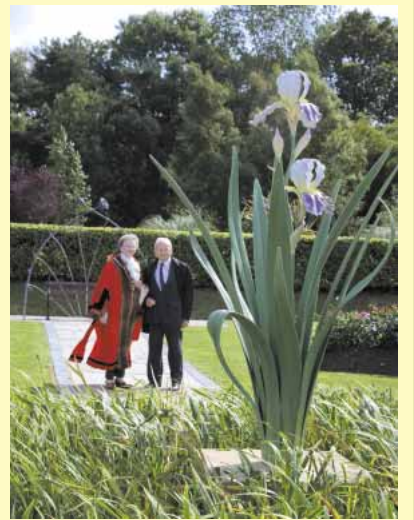
FORMAL GARDEN NOW OPEN IN ST. OSWALD'S PARK

The new formal garden on the site of the disused former bowling green in St. Oswald's Park is now open.

The garden was designed by Town Council Staff, with herbaceous beds, rose borders and seating. Paving and footpaths were supplied and laid by a local company, C & C Block Paving. Steel arbours and a central Iris sculpture feature have been supplied by local blacksmith artist Brian Russell of Little Newsham Forge.

The garden is named 'Sheila's Garden' in memory of the late Sheila Mlatilik a former Town Councillor and Mayor of Great Aycliffe. The official opening was undertaken by the current Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton and Josef Mlatilik on Tuesday, 1st September 2009.

The garden project was funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council and from contributions from former Sedgefield Borough Councillors Brian Haigh and Terry Hogan as part of the Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme, a Member Fund initiative from the former Sedgefield Borough Council.



St. Oswald's Park is located at the North East side of the town and is accessed through Wren Close



Before



After



Councillors Brian Haigh, Terry Hogan, Mrs. Mary Dalton and Josef Mlatilik

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

Mr & Mrs W. Bewley, 1 Stanfield Road have won the Best Overall Front Garden/Display for 2009. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton, presented Mr & Mrs Bewley with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl', and a bouquet of flowers as the winner in the Council's Annual Community Enhancement Awards.

Nominations were received from the general public, which were then validated by council staff. Nominees have been issued with a Community Enhancement Certificate in recognition of the contribution that their garden or display has made to the environmental appearance of Great Aycliffe.

Attached photograph shows Mr & Mrs Bewley with the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton.



MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor 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 £988 being raised for her nominated charities which are the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations.

The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely:

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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.



Results of the day:

Winners

Second

Third

Individual Winner

Longest Drive (3rd Hole)

Nearest the Pin (4th)

Nearest the Pin (11th)

Nearest the Pin (13th)

Val's Team

Oakleaf Golf Club

J.M.D. Associates

Martin Johnson

Martin Johnson

Lee Jordan

Alfred Ketley

Lee Jordan

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL



Elections are currently being held for new Youth Council Members. We wish all the candidates every success.

Aycliffe Youth Council had a very successful year culminating in the Town Pride Environment Week. The Youth Councillors went into local schools to give presentations and then helped each school undertake a litter pick in their local area.

Aycliffe Youth Council and The Town Council want to thank everyone who lent their support to this very successful campaign. A special thank you to Sterling Safety Services who donated protective equipment for the events.



Stephenson Way School enjoy a bit of sunshine



St Mary's School help clean up the town centre



Some of Woodham Burn pupils with Town Councillors



Sugar Hill pupils tackle the Town Centre but the sunshine helps



Vane Road pupils visit the Eco Centre during their litter pick



Aycliffe Village School pupils had a great day

Youth Councillors attend local PACT meetings whenever possible so if you are a young person and have an issue you would like to raise at these meetings contact your local youth councillor. Their details will be published in our next issue. However, your school will have their information shortly.



Pupils from St. Joseph's School had the dubious honour of the most litter due to a large amount of fly tipping which was collected and taken away by the Town Pride Team

GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

Thousands of people attended this year's Great Aycliffe Show over the Bank Holiday weekend - and the sun shone on the many entertainers and exhibitors.

Our thanks go to our sponsors and those people and organisations who help us each year. Our longest supporting sponsor is Gregg Little Testing Centre who has continually supported and sponsored our event for thirteen years. Gregg currently sponsors all of the Horticulture Trophies and provides a portable colour television as a prize for the winner of the leek section which this year was Mr. G. Askew, the prize was presented by Anthony Dixon from the Gregg Little Testing Centre.

Cooperative Funeralcare also support the Show and have sponsored the junior football tournament for several years. Our newest sponsor to come onboard is Hays Travel who have kindly sponsored the Golf Tournament since 2008.



With its new attractions, the 2009 Show really was a great success. The 'A Factor', a competition which showcased young, local singing talent and the 'fun dog show' in the entertainment arena, in which dogs of all shapes and sizes enjoyed showing-off to an appreciative audience while competing for titles such as 'handsomest dog' and 'waggiest tail'.

In the arena, we had daring motorcycle stunts from 'Bolddog Lings Freestyle Moto Cross' team which were truly awesome, dog relay racing from Teesdale Flyball Club and falconry displays from Ridgeside Falconry. There were even a few surprises from Rudi Wallenda's restored 1926 Bullnose Morris.



County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service extrication competition had a national flavour with teams competing from West Midlands, Derbyshire, Northumberland and Tyne & wear as well as from our own County.

NEXT YEAR:

The date for next year's show has been set for Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August 2010. The Show Working Group have been busy and have already booked the amazing "On the Edge" Stuntshow Team and the hilarious Dingle Fingle and the Clown Town Crime Team.



TOWN COUNCIL GOES AGAINST NATIONAL TRENDS

The results of the second Great Aycliffe wide satisfaction survey for Town Council facilities and services show an improvement in nearly all areas. Whilst nationally, overall satisfaction trends are falling with an 8% drop, from 53% to 45%, the Town Council has shown a 5% increase to 72%. In addition, nationally, only 38% of people feel they are kept informed about local services as



opposed to 71% within the Great Aycliffe area. The overall value for money score has increased 9% to 72%. These are all great results and reflect the hard work undertaken by the Town Council.

There was a 7% drop in people who thought Great Aycliffe is a safe place to live yet a 6% increase in responses from people who felt safe in public places. It is the 'fear of crime' which affects the first figure.

The full survey results are available on our web site www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk then targets and performance.

New Parks Patrol Service Announced

In response to comments from the Council's recent Customer Satisfaction Survey, the Council has considered how it could respond to concerns regarding inappropriate behaviour and vandalism in Council parks and other facilities and, as a result, will be introducing a new Parks Patrol Service in the New Year.

This service will provide a presence and point of contact in the Council's parks, play areas, cemeteries and other facilities to ensure that they are clean, tidy and well maintained. Parks and other designated areas will be inspected and any incidents of vandalism dealt with.

Safety and public reassurance are main objectives and Park Patrol Operatives will ensure the facilities are used appropriately and anti-social behaviour is discouraged. Crime and anti-social behaviour on Town Council property or land will be referred to the Police and other relevant authorities.

The service will operate during weekday evenings, with a full twelve hour service during weekends.

A NATURAL SUCCESS

Many people will have walked through Woodham Burn this summer and not noticed a little gem on their doorstep. Some people may have noticed the impressive display of colour from the meadow but not stopped to take in just how impressive the area was.

The area in question was the particularly impressive wildflower meadow in Woodham Burn near Humphrey Close. The area has been managed by Great Aycliffe Town Council for several years to increase the richness of species in the area along with other sites near the train station and School Aycliffe Wetlands.



During a short public event over the summer holidays over 20 notable species were recorded on the meadow near the Burn including a profusion of yellow rattle, 2 species of orchid, mouse-ear, St John's wort and the nationally declining ragged robin. These flowers also provide a suitable food source for many insects including butterflies and bumble bees; which are also in rapid decline.

Meadows are managed by allowing the natural plants to flower and disperse their seeds before cutting and removing the vegetation in later summer. Any new areas of meadow may require extra seeding or planting in the early years to help them become more established. Great Aycliffe Town Council are keen to develop suitable areas into meadows around the town to increase biodiversity. They have plans in place to extend the meadow in the burn to incorporate part of the grassy slope as you walk down from Humphrey Close. Other potential meadows may include a small section within the Town Park, at Travellers Green and further along Woodham Burn.

If you would like to know more about these areas please contact the Environment Officer on 01325 300700.

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLOR

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COUNCIL RECEIVES ANOTHER CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH IN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

The Council recently received its Annual Governance Report from the Audit Commission for the 2008/2009 financial year and the Council has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the report.

This means that the Audit Commission considers that the Council's Accounts present fairly its financial position, its finances are in good order and its arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public money are sound and provide value for money to local tax payers.

The Audit Commission did note within their report a "*continuing trend of significant under spends against the revenue budget and increasing levels of reserves in recent years*" and that "*the Council needs to set realistic budgets, so that it can make informed decisions about its levels of spending and the level of precept that it raises from council tax payers*".

The Audit Commission subsequently made some recommendations for improvements to the Council's budget setting process that it feels will help to ensure "*improved budget planning that will make the Council better aware if there is potential for additional resources to be made available for investment in local services or the potential to reduce the precept raised from local tax payers*".

These recommendations were as follows:-

1. *The annual budget should more clearly take account of the latest experience in the current financial year;*
2. *The incorporation of a contingency sum within the Revenue Budget needs to be reconsidered; however it would be appropriate to budget for a contribution to capital reserves, provided that this is based on future capital investment needs;*
3. *The budget needs to consider all options for financing capital expenditure, not just the option of financing capital expenditure from Council reserves.*

The Council welcomes these comments and recommendations, acknowledging that there is always room for improvement in its budget setting processes and the improvements will be implemented in the setting of the 2010/2011 Budgets.

However, in overall terms the Council considers that it already has a realistic and transparent budget in place which not only provides the resources to deliver a range of important community services, but also enables it to be responsive to community concerns and enables it to build balances to allow investment in community assets.

The Council acknowledges that the level of savings made against the Revenue Budget over the last three years have been significant, and that this has allowed Council reserves to be built up to relatively high levels in recent years.

However, the Council's balances and reserves are earmarked for capital investment commitments as set out in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan and a significant proportion of the savings made have already been reinvested in community assets and facilities over the last five years.

Council makes significant capital investment in Great Aycliffe

Capital investment in community assets has totaled around £1.5 million over the last 5 years and has included the building of the Town Park, numerous new play areas and multi use games areas across the town, and an Environmental Study Centre.

A further £1 million has been invested in Council assets such as a new depot building, disabled access works to public buildings and replacement vehicles and machinery.

This is all investment that would not otherwise have been possible if the Council did not budget to generate a surplus each year.

It is also important to note that the Council has actively sought significant grant funding to support it's spending in recent years, securing over £500,000 from funds such as the Local Improvement Programme which has been invested in the town.

2010/2011 Budget Setting

The Council is currently in the process of setting of it's 2010/2011 Budget, and is working hard to identify efficiency savings and other sources of funding in order to keep the level of council tax for next year to a minimum. It is hoped that this will go some way to easing the financial burden on tax payers in these difficult economic times.

The Council will again be consulting on its budget proposals with its Customer Panel this year and residents are encouraged to join the Panel if they wish to be involved.

For further information please contact the Council 01325 300700 or visit the website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

If you require any further information around the Council's plans or finances, comprehensive information is available to view on the Council's website or upon request at the Council Offices including its Parish Performance Plan, Statement of Accounts, Medium Term Financial Plan and Annual Budget. Members of the public are also welcome to attend Council meetings.

CUSTOMER PANEL

The Town Council customer panel has been established since February 2008 and is growing in numbers. We currently have 50 members who receive information from the council and a dedicated group of 23 who meet regularly to discuss a wide range of issues. Our next meeting, where we will be discussing budget and financial matters, will be:

**TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 6^{PM}
AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Do you have a strong view on something about Great Aycliffe?

Do you have a few hours to spare every couple of months?

Are you passionate about your local area?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions we would like to hear from you. The Town Council are always looking for new members for the Customer Panel. Please contact Chrissy Walton or Amanda Donald on 01325 300700 who will be happy to discuss any matters with you.

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

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

WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 2009 at 5.45pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30minutes prior to the commencement of meetings". Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's website on the Friday afternoon preceeding the meeting - www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk



Annual Fireworks Display

Thursday 5 November 2009

at School Aycliffe Playing Fields

Lighting of Beacon 7pm with Display to follow

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MINI ACTIVITY SESSION 4-7yrs

NEW!

Monday 26th Oct 2009 **09:30-11:00**
Games, Crafts, Sports, etc. Parents need not stay. Members £2.25, Non Members £2.65

BADMINTON COACHING 8-15 yrs

Monday 26th Oct 2009 11:00-14:00
Members £4.50, Non Members £5.25



ACTIVITY DAY 8-15 yrs

Tuesday 27th Oct 2009 09:30-15:30
Come and try Football, Golf Driving Range, Archery etc. £10.00—Bring a packed lunch

CRAFTY KIDS—8-15 yrs

Tuesday 27th Oct 2009 **15:45-17:15**
Making things to eat and drink to take home
Members £3.00, Non Members £3.50

NEW!

BOWLS COACHING 8-15 yrs



Thursday 29th Oct 2009 10:30-12:00
Members £2.25, Non Members £2.65

ARCHERY COACHING 8-15 yrs

Thursday 29th Oct 2009
10:00 - 12:00 Or 12.30:14:30
Members £3.00, Non Members £3.50



PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES

Great Aycliffe Town Council prides itself on the its reputation for providing high quality care and education in its three Pre-Schools, which are located in:-

St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, Central Avenue

St. Oswald's Park, Wren Close

Woodham Burn Community Primary School, Humphrey Close



Woodham Burn Pre-School has been in operation for five years and offers both full and part time places.

It is open from 9.00am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday during school term time providing care and education for all children from their 3rd birthday.

We offer flexible hours to meet the individual needs of parents, and 15 hours a week **FREE** educational places are available the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Our close working relationship with the Woodham Burn Infants Out of School Club (under separate management) enables parents to access care and education from 7.45am to 6.00pm.



The cost of both provisions from 7.45am to 6.00pm would be as follows:-

Breakfast Club (including breakfast) 7.45 to 8.55am	£ 3.00
Pre-School 9.00am to 12 Noon	FREE / £ 3.00
Pre-School 12 Noon to 3.15pm	£11.40
After School Club 3.15pm to 6.00pm	£ 5.00

The total cost per day would be £22.40, this would be reduced to £19.40 if your child is eligible for educational funding.

For further information please contact the Early Years Officer on 01325 300700

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GREAT WIN FOR HEIGHINGTON UNDER 10's

Heighington under 10's Football team kicked off their season with a great win over Primrose Hill away at Stockton. Heighington were in good form and took the game to Primrose in the early exchanges. The weather was cold and wet and players found the conditions difficult. Lyndon Hall making his league debut for Heighington made a good save as Primrose began to get themselves into the game. The centre back pairing of Gareth Morgans and Cameron Cooke, who was also making his debut, were both outstanding and they worked hard to keep Primrose at bay. The midfield battle was evenly matched with Heighington and Primrose players very combative. Captain Joseph Johnstone, Harrison Daglish, and Jake Pattison eventually began to turn the midfield battle with surging runs from the 2 centre backs maintaining the momentum. The first half finished 0-0, but at the start of the second half Heighington strung some beautiful passing together for striker Jamie Barr to finish superbly with a shot across the goal to leave the keeper no chance of saving. Primrose came back and mounted considerable pressure, but Lyndon, Callum and Gareth stood strong and the chances reduced for Primrose. Heighington's chances increased and some very good shots just went wide or hit the post. Heighington players

stood firm and produced a strong performance. The second game was equally exciting with Primrose scoring early, and some fine saves by Jake Pattinson kept Heighington in the game. Debutant Eric Gutierrez and Megan Woodward began to form a solid centre back partnership. The team rallied by captain Alex Swainston in midfield and slowly Heighington took control of the game. Bailey and Cameron Stainsby making their debuts were finding new confidence and they made some telling passes, which Lyndon Hall made the most of, with some strong running, only stopped by some desperate defending. Just before half time. Lyndon picked up a pass just inside his own half and ran through the Primrose team slotting a superb strike into the back of the net. The second half was very even, with chances for both teams. Eric nearly scored with a strike that struck the bar, and Jake Pattison was forced into action several times to keep Primrose at bay. The game finished 1-1, and was a fair reflection on both teams. The coaching staff of Ian Pattison, Jim Barr, James Cooke, Collin Hall and Selwyn Morgans were absolutely delighted with the efforts of both teams and all players. The new additions and the existing players have gelled extremely well, the stretched limo is on order !

Long Service Recognised



Treasurer A. Milburn and Eddie Graham, who has served in a number of capacities, received gifts from the British Legion Leek Section for their loyalty and dedication as officers over 34 and 37 years respectively. The Presentation was made last Friday night at the club.

Situations Vacant

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MP's Newsletters Welcome

Dear Editor, I find it interesting that so many of our Town Councillors are joining the Lib Dems, but can't understand their reasoning. I recently received a newsletter "Labour News" "Putting Newton Aycliffe First". On the front it shows our MP with the Mayor opening the Wilkinson's new shop. This shows that investment is being made and as our MP says work is progressing. He also says now is not the time to knock the town as the Liberal Democrats did recently, now is the time to be positive about Newton Aycliffe. On the reverse of the newsletter he covers the issue of Town Centre Toilets and the Police crackdown on drugs in Aycliffe, using powers brought in by Labour, yet goes on to say that they voted against the following Labour legislation. **Five** year minimum sentences for carrying an illegal gun. **Tougher** sentences for murder, sexual and violent offences. **Powers** to break up teen

gangs. **Increase** the maximum penalty for causing death by careless driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs. The Lib Dems are against the use of DNA evidence to convict criminals which has helped to solve 363 murders and manslaughter, 540 rapes and thousands of other crimes. The Liberal Democrats even voted in parliament against prison being for punishment of offenders and the Tories abstained. Only Labour MPs voted in favour. And they still oppose jail sentences for drug possession. If this is the Lib Dem policy nationally I would like to know what the tough talking local politicians have to say and how will they abide by national policy. I thought the newsletter put out was good and to the point even if dated, as Wilkinson's have been open for weeks, however we need more of these updates. Mike Haley

REGGIE STILL MISSING



Reggie is still missing but people have had sightings of him around Aycliffe Village and Newton Aycliffe. Reggie is apparently looking thin and is constantly on the move, if someone see's him PLEASE, PLEASE do not hesitate to pick him up he is really friendly and I believe he is trying to find his way home as the weather is getting cold and he has no food he also still requires his medication. Please call Jessica on 07917 657 656 or 07969 524 474, leave a message and I will get back to you.

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Phil Wilson MP

SEDGEFIELD

JOB ADVICE SURGERY

Dear Resident,

I will be holding a Job Advice Surgery on **Saturday 10th October** in **Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre**, between **10am-12 noon**, along with professionals from Job Centre Plus.

If you are unemployed or facing the threat of unemployment or you are thinking about starting a business please come along for help, advice and a chat.

Yours sincerely

Phil Wilson MP

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We have some really spooky activities for you to try this October holiday

MINI ACTIVITY DAY
 Monday 26th October - 9.30am to 11am
 for 4 years to 7 years. Only £2.65 for non-members
 For children who want to get into the spirit of Halloween, they can enjoy fun games, spooky craft activities, target bowls and refreshments

Badminton Coaching
 Monday 26th October
 11.00am to 2.00pm from £4.50

Bowls Coaching
 Thursday 29th October
 10.30am to 12noon from £2.25

Archery Coaching
 Thursday 29th October
 10.00am to 12noon and
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ACTIVITY DAY
 Tuesday 27th October - 9.30am to 3.30pm, only £10

CRAFTY KIDS
 Tuesday 27th October - 3.45pm to 5.15pm, from £3

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SPOIL YOURSELF WITH HEALTHY TREATS

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A free community health drop-in event has been organised at St Pauls Parish Hall, Whitworth Terrace, Spennymoor on Wednesday 14th October from 3:30pm - 6:30pm to help people in Spennymoor and surrounding areas to change or improve their lifestyle. On the day there will be a wide range of free activities and displays including:

- A free health check – appointments only, (to book please see below)
- Refreshments and healthy snacks
- Displays and health information from stopping smoking, cancer support to how to lose weight and be more active
- Demonstrations on healthy eating, cycling and being more active
- Relaxing free hand massage
- Education, learning, and energy saving advice

Debbie Ryan, Events Officer from the Pioneering Care Partnership who is organising the event, commented: "For people who just want to improve their lifestyle and maybe to get rid of some bad habits affecting their health. We'd like them to drop-in and take advantage of all that's on offer –

from the free buffet or health advice. The event is excellent for everyone; whether they'd like to stop smoking or would just like to make those small adjustments to ensure a healthier lifestyle. And the event is great fun, it's relaxed and friendly and a fantastic way to ensure people look and feel great."

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next year to join in the World
Federation of Independent
Scouts - Europe Jamboree.
The camp will be held at
Hundsorf, which is between
Cologne and Frankfurt. We
will be taking part in a knights
tournament, with a bow and
arrow competition along
with medieval games, also
singing contest and of course
a campfire. We will be having
days out and a hike competition,
so we will be very busy. This
of course all costs so we will
be fund raising from now until
we leave, we have plans to bag
pack at local supermarkets, car
washing at the Scout Centre,
and an evening of entertainment



at the Scout Centre, we would
be grateful for any other ideas
to fund raise and hope that you
will all assist us in our efforts.

Rothmans Pensioners Reunions

The dates of the forthcoming reunions for ex Rothmans pensioners from Darlington, Spennymoor, and Peterlee factories are,
Darlington - Wednesday 18th November 2009, 1pm - 5pm
at the Freemasons Hall Archer Street Darlington.
Spennymoor/Peterlee - Tuesday 24th November 2009, 1pm - 5pm
at the Spennymoor Town Hall Spennymoor.
Those pensioners who wish to attend could they please contact the following organisers to confirm their attendance.

Darlington Venue	Giulio Pontone Liz Ohern Ken Storey	Tel: 01325 300942 Tel: 01325 486566 Tel: 01325 269128
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CASSIDY (nee Denham).
2nd October. Passed away
suddenly but peacefully.
Elizabeth (Betty), aged 78
years of Westmorland Way,
Newton Aycliffe. Beloved
Wife of the late John, a loving
Mother, Grandmother and
Great Grandmother. Funeral
Tuesday 13th October. Would
friends please meet at 12.45pm
for Service at St Clare's Church
prior to interment at the West
Cemetery, School Aycliffe

St. Mary's Healthy Eating Day

On Friday 2nd October, Key
Stage 2 pupils at St. Mary's
took part in a Healthy
Eating Day. This was part
of their curriculum work in
Science and also linked with
their World War 2 work on
Rationing.
Debbie Wright, a health
promotion specialist, came
in to school to work with
the children, making fruit
smoothies and doing some
exciting food games in the
school hall. They also were
able to taste different types of
fruits. Children did research
into the importance of a
healthy diet and displayed
their work in school. They
were also able to examine
their own diets and how they
could be improved.
An enjoyable day was had by
all and the children are keen
to organise more healthy
eating sessions in the future.

APOLOGY REQUIRED

Dear Sir,
I find it incredible that County
Councillor Enid Paylor can
wrongly accuse an innocent
man and then not have the
decency to apologise.
She must also be able to
predict her future especially
on the nominations for the
2013 Elections. I was under the
impression it was the Labour
Party who nominated their
candidates.
If everyone had that insight
the Labour Government would
not have made so many wrong
decisions and we wouldn't be
in the state we are today.
My only hope is that at the next
Election the Party that comes
to power, puts the "Great" back
into Britain and gets us off our
knees and back on our feet.
Mrs. S.
Name & address supplied



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF OPEN SPACE

Local Government Act 1972, Section 123, (2A)

Notice is hereby given that Durham County
Council proposes to dispose of 95.5 sq.m of
amenity open space to the rear of 15 Simpature
Gate (Play day Nursery Ltd) for use as a children's
'out of doors' play area.

A plan showing the area concerned may be
inspected at the County Council Offices,
Asset Management at Green Lane, Spennymoor
DL16 6JQ.

By virtue of Section 123 of the Local Government
Act 1972, Section 123, (2A) the County Council is
required to give formal notice of its intention to
dispose of Open Space and consider any objections
to the proposed disposal.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made
in writing and addressed to:- Colette Longbottom,
Head of Legal and Democratic Services,
The County Council of Durham, County Hall,
Durham DH1 5UL

By no later than 23rd October 2009.

Births

Thank You

For Sale

Congratulations

CHRISTOPHER and Chairmain congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Daughter, "Katie Rose". Born 5-10-09. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Samantha, Mike and Olivia xxxx
WELL DONE GEMMA another beautiful Granddaughter "Jamie". 29th September 2009. Love from Mam, Dad and Loz xx
RACHAEL and CHRIS congratulations on the arrival of Jacob. Love to all from Margaret, Mick, Spen and Curt xxxx

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JACK STODDART Connie and family thank friends and neighbours for the donations, cards and flowers. Special thanks to Rev. Potter. Jack will be sadly missed.
MARQUIS Jenny and Bobby wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards and floral tributes received. With special thanks to Barbara and family for their kindness and help at this sad time. The District Nurse, Dale Care, especially Wendy and Emma; Neville Pharmacy and Critical Care Unit, BAGH for care given to Dorothy; to Revd. Linda Potter for a comforting Service
LYN WOODS To my Princess Angel, Lyn Woods, my hero for the day. Thank you for looking after me before the early arrival of baby Sister Jamie on 29th September 2009. Love, Mam xxx
MANY THANKS to the person who handed in my credit cards to the Halifax on Saturday afternoon. There are still some good honest people on the town! From an extremely grateful pensioner
WILSON Anna, Julie, Helen and Louise would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for all the cards, flowers and kind words of condolence received after the sad loss of Keith. Special thanks to Dr Stephenson, the Nurses and carers who looked after him so well. Also David from the Co-Op Funeral Service, the Rev Emma Morgan for a lovely Service and Thelma and Gwyneth for the catering. You all did him proud. There was £750 collected for Prostate Cancer Research, which we thank you for once again.
LOUISE GRIFFITHS would like to thank all those that helped and supported during the recent death of her Father. Particular thanks go to Linda and Leanne Griffiths, Catrina Holloway, Matthew Inness, Tracey Turner and Diane Jones for listening, supporting and helping with Rhys, Joshua and Lucy.
SCRAFTON Robert William, died 30th September 2009. A devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandad. Thanks to Bewick Crescent Surgery Doctors and Staff, also Darlington Memorial Hospital over the years and his many friends over the 55 years we have lived in Newton Aycliffe. Thanks to the Rev. Linda Potter for her prayers and for beautiful flowers and cards received. God bless you Robbie

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Chris Gowland

Happy 30th Birthday
9th October 2009
Have a great day. Lots of love always, Mam, Jessica, Nana and all the family xx

Thoryn Haylett

Happy 18th Birthday
8th October 2009
Happy birthday T. Love, Mam Peter, Joelle and Nana xxxxx

CHELSEA PORTILLO Congratulations on passing your Driving Test first time. Lots of love from Grandma, Grandad, Lesley, Steve and Great Grandma xxxx
ANNA YOUNG Congratulations and good luck in your England Football Trials. Love you loads, Mam, Dad, Sis Amber, Baby Bump Lillie xxx - We are so proud of you. Love you, Nanna and Wally xx
CHRISTOPHER Happy 30th birthday. Love and best wishes, Auntie Sharron, Colin, Cheryl, Natalie, Sean, Daz, Maisie and Tyler xxxxx
JESSICA PUGH Happy 6th birthday sweetheart. Lots of love, Mammy, Daddy and little Brother Callum xxx

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Matthew Howarth

Happy 14th Birthday
15th October 2009
Happy 14th birthday on 15th October. Enjoy your weekend. Lots of love, Dad, Mam and Carrie xxxxx

Carol Hardy

Happy 40th Birthday
8th October 2009
Love, Mam, Dad and Toby
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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CANDI SCOTT

Happy 18th Birthday
To our gorgeous Daughter, Candi. Hope you have a fab birthday and fantastic party. Love you loads, Mam, Dad and Sam xxxx

Jessica Graham

Happy 14th Birthday
14th October 2009
14 on 14th October. Happy birthday Sweetheart. Hope you enjoy your party. Loads of love from Mam, Dad, Nanna, Madge, Cuz Simon, Nanna and Grandad xxxx

Katie Fretwell

* TEENAGER *
Happy 13th Birthday
9th October 2009
Enjoy your weekend Princess. All our love, Dad and Mam xxxxxxxxx

Mark & Beverley Cairns (nee Nelson)

Congratulations on the 18th September in Paphos, Cyprus. With all our love on your life together from both families and friends Gary and Kelly xxxxx

Mia is 4

Happy 4th Birthday
15th October 2009
Hope you have a great birthday. Lots of love, Mammy xxx
Happy birthday Mia. Lots of love, Nana Tracy, Grandad Chris and Uncle Lee xxx
Happy birthday. Love from Grandma and Grandad Thompson xxxx
Happy birthday. Love from Nana and Grandad Morgan xxx

Chloe Ladbury

Happy 18th Birthday
12th October 1991
Congratulations to a special Daughter on your 18th birthday. "Flash that ID!!" Lots of love and best wishes, Mam, Dad, Charlie and Jamie xxxx
Happy 18th birthday for a very special Granddaughter. Love you loads, Nanna, Michael, Uncle Dougie and Alex xxxx
Happy birthday Chloe! Have a great day, enjoy yourself! Love, Uncle Stuart and Auntie Julie. All the very best xx
Happy birthday to my big Cousin Chloe. Hope you have a fab birthday and get lots of cards and presents! Lots of love, Hannah xxx
To a very special Granddaughter. Happy birthday Chloe. Love, Nanna and Popsy xxx

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Sat 17th October - "Sticky Fingers"

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NEWTONIAN NEEDS HELP FOR AFRICAN FOOTBALL TEAM

CAN'T AFFORD BOOTS - PLAY BAREFOOT



Amagents FC is a second division team in Gaborone, Botswana, and is coached by Jonathan Laverick. Jonathan grew up in Newton Aycliffe and went to both The Avenue and Woodham before leaving to teach abroad. John lived in Lilburne Crescent, where his parents and youngest brother still do. He now lives with his Polish partner, Joanna Poweska, who also teaches in Gaborone. John's long term plans are to stay in Botswana, although if he did return to the UK it would be back to the North East. He played football for TAFA in Botswana, and for the Bahamian national champions Amagents – a claim not matched by many!

He took charge of Amagents (or Young Boys) towards the end of last season, narrowly missing out on promotion on the final day. After a hectic, and very successful pre-season he is looking forward to getting one step closer to the Premier League this year. The league kicked off at the end of September. The club itself is situated in Broadhurst, one of the poorer areas of the capital and provides a useful local service with its youth teams. There are two youth teams that play in local leagues, and the players (aged 7 – 17) train four nights a week. However, many of the young players play barefoot because of the cost of boots.



So the club are appealing for any balls, bibs, cones, or most importantly, boots in any condition. If you can help, or just want to follow the progress of Amagents, there are more details on the website www.webteams.co.uk/amagentsfc

'BAG IT! AND BIN IT! CAMPAIGN AGAINST ROADSIDE LITTER

The Highways Agency recently launched its 'Bag It Bin It' campaign, with the support of the AA, the RAC Foundation and the Institute of Advanced Motorists, reminding road users about the problems that litter can cause on motorways and major A roads. For the Highways Agency, litter is not only unsightly but also a threat to the environment – a recent study by the AA showed that 88% of their members feel angry about people who cause roadside litter. Clearing rubbish also puts workers at risk of injury and diverts resources away from road maintenance and repairs. The Highways Agency estimates that approximately 700,000 bags of litter are removed from our road network in England every year. In the North East over 7,000 black bin liners of litter were collected last year from the A1(M), A66(M) and A194(M). As part of 'Bag It and Bin It', drivers are being encouraged to carry a litter bag in their vehicle to collect their rubbish until it can be safely disposed of. To get the message across, the Highways Agency distributed biodegradable and recyclable

paper litter bags from its exhibition stands at events during the summer. During the summer many motorists were having a staycation and holidaying in the UK, often travelling to the nation's wealth of beauty spots. They don't want to see the highways and byways buried under a pile of rubbish. The vast majority of drivers behave responsibly yet some remain intent on defacing our landscape. At a time when much attention is being focussed on making the car industry greener, the minority perhaps need reminding of the part they can play in maintaining this green and pleasant land. Litter in the car is potentially dangerous. If an empty drinks can rolls into the driver's footwell on a long motorway journey, the driver may not realise until it's time to use the brake, only to find it difficult because the rubbish has found its way under the brake pedal. It's also worth remembering that throwing litter out the window is not only anti social, it's illegal, and could lead to an inconsiderate motorist getting a fine. A tidy and clean car reduces stress for all the passengers, and so reduces the potential for in-car distractions. On a long journey, taking a break every two hours is sensible, and you can at the same time ditch the rubbish as you bag it and bin it.

HIT & RUN

Dear Sir,
Thanks to the model citizen who crashed into my Nissan Primera in Tesco's Car Park and left no details when a simple "sorry" may have softened the blow. It is costing me £300 to repair the damage and I only hope someday, someone returns the favour. Name & address supplied.

Labour Flouted the Rules

Dear Sir,
It is wonderful that Councillor Paylor has discovered the ability to write. After being thoroughly slated for her defection to the Labour party, only days after being elected as an Independent at the last election, she seemed unable to write an excuse or reason for her behaviour. She could not stand for Labour because the local Labour group had already been told who their two candidates in each ward were. She was expelled from the Labour Party less than five years previously. Thus the Labour Party flouted their own five year rule by welcoming her back. Contrast this with Mr Atkinson's reason for joining the Lib Dems. Mr Atkinson's suggestion as to the reason for her recent petty outburst seems logical, as more and more people are resigning their Labour Party membership. Many famous and respected politicians throughout history have done the same, notably Sir Winston Churchill and Shirley Williams. I look forward to Councillor Paylor's opinion on them. She could include Councillor Palmer and any other honorable people who seek and value democracy. Our very best wishes to Mr Atkinson for a happy life with his love and interests. Marilyn Carter

FAMILIES INVITED TO JOIN THE BIG DRAW

A County Durham art gallery is inviting families to have a go at drawing their own masterpiece this weekend. The DLI Museum and Art Gallery is celebrating the Big Draw – a national month-long season of drawing events for people of all ages and abilities. As part of the celebrations, members of the Bearpark Artists Co-op will be holding workshops at the gallery on Saturday and Sunday (Oct 10 and 11). The artists are encouraging people to go along and have a go at drawing and make their mark. The workshops will take place between 11am and 3.30pm on Saturday and between 11am and 1pm on Sunday. They are open to people of all ages and people can drop in at any time during the workshops and stay for as long or short a time as they want. Normal museum and gallery charges will apply. No booking is necessary.

Supporting Cancer Care



Staff at Bon Marche in the town thank all our customers for their continuous support in raising money for Macmillan. We raised £50 and £2,240 from stores around the region. We had two winners for the raffle, Mrs Robson was over the moon with her bag of pampering goodies and Mrs Sterling was surprised at winning the hamper. We continue to raise money for this charity so if anyone has any unwanted gifts or items suitable for raffle prizes please drop them into the store. Thank you.



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