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## WOODHAM STUDENTS REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN



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The four students, Josh Barber, Andrew Vincent, Tom Noble & Craig Robertson were joined by 3 other ex students Chris Barber, Kiaran Dixon and Adam Gibson for the national programme games last weekend. The boys have all been working hard

in the sport for the past few years and have now been rewarded with their chance to represent their country. Jon Tait, Director of Student Support at Woodham and also GB Lions Head American Football Coach commented, "To be picked to represent your country is a magnificent achievement and one that these boys should be really proud of. It is something that will stay with these boys for the rest of their lives and something that they will look back on in years to come and tell

their own children about. You can't get any higher accolade than playing for your country". The boys have just finished another successful season for the Woodham Warriors American Football team. They are now looking forward to travelling to Boston, USA next month with the school on an annual American sports trip where they visit high schools, colleges, and professional American Football and basketball teams including the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots.

## CRAFT FAYRE

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## Town Library Activities for Young People

During October and school holidays juniors will find interesting activities in our town library: Halloween colouring competition running from now until October 30th  
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Continued David: "We aim to provide the bereaved families of Bishop Auckland with the highest possible standards of service and facilities that are second to none. The gardens of remembrance are beautiful and provide a tranquil place for bereaved families to remember their loved ones."

The chapel seats 74 plus room for 10 wheelchairs and 10 standing. There is a PA system throughout the building and 40 people can stand in the Chapel with room for a further 100 stood in the covered cortège entrance.

Members of the public who wish to learn more about the new crematorium can arrange a visit by calling 01388 722606.

## PULLING AN AIRCRAFT

Durham County Council employees will all be pulling in the right direction in aid of charity this weekend.

On Saturday at Durham Tees Valley Airport, County Council staff will be joined by employees from Sedgefield Borough Homes and Mears to pull a Cobham Falcon 20 jet for one and a half miles for Help for Heroes.

Help for Heroes (H4H) is a British charity launched in September 2007 to help provide better facilities for wounded British servicemen and women.

Over 60 people will be involved at Cobham Aviation where teams of ten boosted by former servicemen and women and family members will haul the jet along the runway.

Lee Dunn a former Light Infantryman has arranged the

event, and said: "This is not just about money. Our key mission is to raise awareness of our troops who are doing a fantastic job in very difficult and dangerous circumstances." Earlier this year Lee arranged a fund raising Coast2Coast cycle event for Help for Heroes.

He added: "This is a totally different event and promises

to be good fun. It is hoped Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson will start proceedings and a Bugler will be on hand to play a number of fanfares during the event.

Anyone wishing to donate to Help for Heroes can do so by following this link: <http://www.justgiving.com/Lee-Dunn-Help4Heroes>

## Looking For Army Mate

Dear Sir,

Could you please help a group of ex soldiers from the Army Catering Corps? We are trying to trace an old mate that was born and brought up in Newton Aycliffe: James Clerkin, Age: 62 or 63 who joined JTR.ACC in Dec 1963.

He was a talented player of musical instruments, and a member of the regimental band. If any of your readers can help us we would be very grateful, Any information can be sent to this email address or ring John (spud ) Rudd on 01512 843229

## P.A.C.T. Meeting

*Police & Community Together*

PC Alan Thompson will be holding a PACT Meeting on Monday 19th October 2009 in Simpature Court Coffee Lounge 6-30pm to 8-00pm.

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.

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Line Dancing for beginners is every Monday 1-3pm with tuition by a professional. Just turn up - you can do it!

Table Tennis for the Over 50's has just been made available from 27th October, 10am - 12 noon. Admission £2. If you are interested please ring.

Our Wii equipment will be in operation from Saturday 31st October 3-5pm.

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**Wednesday 21st Oct. 2009**  
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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](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)).

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## Newtonian Offered Polo Contract

An Aycliffe water polo player has just returned from the European Championships with a prestigious top scorer award as well as being offered three professional contracts to play abroad.

Scott Carpenter, 21 from Sedgefield Water Polo club is the first Great Britain player to ever win the esteemed accolade of top goal scorer.

He scored 23 goals throughout the LEN B European Championships in Switzerland helped the Great Britain men's team to fourth place – their best position in 40 years.

His spectacular performance certainly did not go unnoticed as Scott was offered three professional contracts to play abroad from teams in Italy, USA and Australia.

Carpenter who recently graduated in Business Studies from Manchester University modestly said: "I was delighted to win the award, but couldn't have achieved it without the rest of the team. Achieving the best result we could as a team was more important and although it would have been nice to get a medal, I'm proud of the way we all played to achieve fourth place."

Scott has decided to take Victoria Tigers in Melbourne up on their offer of a contract and flies out mid October to commence the season.

"It's quite a bit step for me, but I'm really excited about the move and am sure my game will improve so much by playing in a country where water polo is such a prominent sport" said Scott. He has also been top goal scorer in the first division of the National Water Polo League for the last three years and was the first person ever to score over 100 goals in a season. Quite an achievement for someone only 21.

Proud coach and father, George Carpenter said: "Scott has continued to impress me with not only his ability and skills in the pool, but his dedication and attitude out of the water. He has worked hard to balance his University studies and training and I'm very proud of what he has accomplished."



I hope he can continue to be an inspiration to the younger members of Sedgefield Water Polo Club."

If you are interested in joining Sedgefield Water Polo Club, then please come along to one

of our training sessions, held every Saturday at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre from 5 till 6.30pm, or visit our web site [www.sedgefieldwaterpoloclub.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldwaterpoloclub.co.uk) or email George on [sedgefieldpolo@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldpolo@hotmail.com)

## Mayor's Charity Night Raised £533

The Mayor Mary Dalton, would like to thank Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club Committee Members for the help and assistance she received in the organisation of the "Charity Night" held in the club on the 8th October. A special thanks must go to Georgio and Kay Ward for their excellent performances.

The event was a huge success and an amount of £533.50 was raised for the Mayor's nominated charities which are the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and local town organisations. The Mayor would like to thank everyone who supported the event and she hopes you had a very enjoyable evening.



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Debbie from Newton Aycliffe, has been awarded the DISC Administrator of the Year Trophy during DISC's 25th anniversary year. She polled the highest score when DISC staff in the North East, Yorkshire and Lancashire voted for her. She works in DISC's head office in Merrington Lane Industrial

Estate, Spennymoor. This autumn DISC has been highly commended for its partnership working in the Third Sector Excellence Awards, another national award scheme. Also one of our projects called Back To You has won a National Training Award for providing education and training. Back To You is a behavioural change programme which enables ex-offenders recovering from substance misuse to gain the skills and confidence to look for work and training opportunities and turn their lives round. When DISC started in 1984 it was a small training and job search initiative for unemployed young people and ex-offenders in Durham City. Now it's one of the North East's biggest home-grown voluntary organisations with a head office in Spennymoor, a £12m turnover and programmes across the North East, Yorkshire and Lancashire.

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# Free Services Lost?

Dear Sir,  
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I as a local Councillor have received quite a number of complaints regarding previously free costs since SB Homes took over. We now have to pay for rubbish to be taken away. (Rubbish that we all tend to put outside our house fronts to be collected specially). Their Bin people have been told they cannot even take away bags of leaves, (unless there is a cost attached to it). Efforts to crack down on flytipping in Sedgefield are being thwarted by people who cannot afford to pull out the sums required at that moment in time & are left with no other choice but to get rid! Ridding us of vermin and wasps nests - which now cost you the tenants £30 plus a time. All services mentioned were previously free at the point of delivery and funded by Council Tax income. Then along comes a New Labour initiative which is nothing but dressed up privatisation of council housing. It wasn't too bad when the costs of this housing was subsidised out of

our taxation with the money being ploughed back. Now we have no idea where its going to, or whom. It gives new impetus to reviewing just what we pay for out of our council tax. I am repeating myself in asking why they are no longer free and who is responsible on DCC for deciding that? Or just who is responsible for this latest disgrace involving SB Homes. I have been made aware of a tenant, an 80 year old lady, whose toilet cistern was overflowing, so she contacted SB Homes to fix it. 5 times she had to call SBH for plumbers to come out and fix the leak and 4 times the job was botched. She is currently waiting for compensation for the resultant damage to her home. So just how long does she have to wait? This indeed is a level of service which contrasts sharply with their glossy offers. Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp

# Coffee & Chat on Market Day

Following the closure of the Builders Arms in the Thames Centre, St. Clare's Church, across the road, are offering a meeting place for coffee/tea and snacks on Tuesday Market Day from 10am till 12 noon. This new service will commence Tuesday 20th October and everybody is welcome to treat the hall as their own Coffee Shop. The Church already offers this facility every Saturday Morning and it is becoming a nice place to meet and socialise.

# Helping Allison Fight Leukaemia



Popular Pharmacy Assistant Allison White, who has worked at Neville Pharmacy for over 15 years, was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukaemia in July. She is currently undergoing experimental treatment including Chemotherapy and 48 tablets a day. Despite all this Allison is taking a positive approach and on her family's suggestion they are holding a fundraising event to support Leukaemia Research. "We want to try and make a difference and help prevent this terrible disease affecting others. This is the third time it has hit my family and we must continue the fight" said 32 year old Allison. "Alli's Charity Night" is on Thursday 22nd October at Evenwood WMC, commencing at 7.30pm. It will be a night of fun and entertainment with "Cherish Duo" and featuring Sandra Allen. Tickets are only £2 and can be obtained by ringing 01388 835606 and 01388 832168. You can also just turn up and pay at the door. Everyone welcome. Allison asked us to send love and thanks to all her family for the wonderful support she has received during her illness.

# PETITION FOR LIFE

A Petition is being raised to provide birth certificates for all babies born alive regardless of gestation period. Children born alive before 22 weeks are currently refused the chance of life saving treatment due to the low viability rates. The majority of these babies are classed as miscarriages or still-borns and their parents refused birth certificates. Some want the law changed to allow any child born that makes an attempt to survive alone for at least 15 mins, to be given treatment to help sustain life, if the parents wish this for their child. It is proposed that birth certificates be awarded to all children born alive regardless of gestation. The reason the statistics are not available for babies born before 22 week gestation is because they are not recorded unless parents fight for the certificate. The petition is: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/justice4jayden/>

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**Sat 24th October - "Russ Tippins"**  
 "His first set was done with an acoustic guitar, and it has to be said it was just like an intimate unplugged session you see on MTV, the atmosphere was amazing (as was his guitar playing). All the songs he covered were ideally suited for an acoustic set - Russ just oozed confidence. The second set was back to the electric guitar and back to rock, all the classic rock bands were covered, Pink Floyd, Led Zepplin, AC/DC, Deep Purple, Rolling Stones, Santana - in summary this was the best one man show we had seen in a pub"  
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# Rotary Trip to European Parliament



Last week Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club organised a trip to the European Parliament, courtesy of our EMP Stephen Hughes. The subsidised trip included transport and accommodation by J & C Coaches on the overnight ferry from Hull to Zeebrugge and a night in a Ghent Hotel. The group spent 2½ hours in the Parliament and were present for the debate on the Irish referendum. The final day was spent in Brugges where everyone enjoyed glorious sunshine, trips on the canal, shopping and refreshments in outdoor restaurants

# HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Over the October half term holidays the Oak Leaf Sports Complex are offering courses in the following activities for kids aged 8-15 years:

**Activity Day Tuesday 27th 09.30-15.30**

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**Archery Thursday 29th 10.00-12.00 or 12.30-14.30**

**Bowls Thursday 29th 10.30-12.00**

The more courses you take part in, the more chances you have to win a bike.

For further information on any of the above sessions please contact Reception on 01325 300600 but hurry as all courses have limited availability and are very popular.

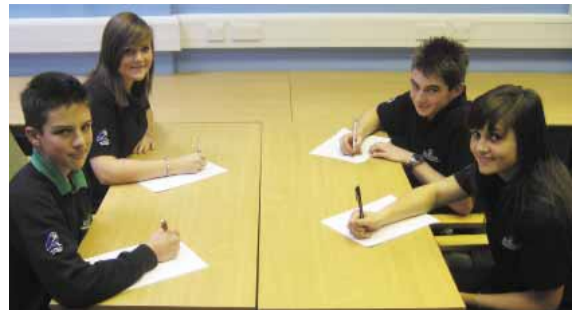
# STUDENTS TAKE A LEADING ROLE

Students at Woodham Community Technology College have recently been participating in elections for the College Council. Many students were interested in taking on the role and in certain tutor groups the competition was very tough. 34 students from different year groups were elected and will meet every half term with the Head of Year and Assistant Head Teacher to discuss their views about the school.

The Student Voice at Woodham is valued as a crucial part in the development of various aspects of the day to day running of the college. This includes views on issues such as teaching and learning and student well being.

The College Council is seen as an important aspect of the Citizenship curriculum, which involves students participating in democratic processes, valuing individuals and encouraging students to play a helpful part in the life of the school, local community and wider world.

Students at the college have lots of opportunities to take a leading role. At present there are many Year 10 students



who are receiving training as student mentors so that they can support younger students with their reading. There is also a group of students who organise and deliver supervised play activities for younger students. In addition, a small group of girls are part of a steering group to develop sport within the college and the local community. This is only a flavour of the many opportunities that are available to students.

Four members of our College Council, Lauren Craggs (yr11), Josh Watson (yr11), Anna Morgan (yr10) and Aaron Hetherington (yr9) are also representing the school on the Great Aycliffe Town Council.

This is Lauren's 2nd year on the town council.

She commented: "I enjoy having the responsibility of making the town that I live in a better place for the community. I receive worthwhile training to support me in the role and I enjoy attending the meetings. I feel that since joining the Aycliffe Council I have become a far more confident person and have become actively involved in voluntary community activities".

This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to further develop their mature, responsible and caring outlook on life. It will go a long way to enabling them to pursue their career aspirations.

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# GREENFIELD EXHIBITION

The Greenfield Gallery are hosting an exhibition called "Art by all Abilites", this is an exhibition of work by adults with different abilities from County Durham. The work includes 2d and 3d work of very high quality.

The artists would like to invite anyone interested in seeing the exhibition along to their preview event on Wednesday 21 October 2009 from 1.30pm-2.30pm at Greenfield Community and Arts Centre.

The exhibition runs until 12th November 2009. For more information contact the Arts Centre on 01325 379 048, info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

# NEW BUSINESSES CAN HELP KICK START THE ECONOMY



Steven Robson, Marketing Advisor and Tracey Davis, Pre-start Business Coach get ready for "New Business" workshops

A County Durham-based agency is urging budding entrepreneurs to take advantage of its free expertise to try and help lift the economic gloom. SASDA, the enterprise agency for the former Sedgefield Borough Council, is offering free courses in the form of training workshops to help those who are ready to take the first steps into business, or who are thinking of turning a hobby into a career.

Help is at hand from a number of SASDA's partners and other agencies and covers everything from bookkeeping and where to receive financial backing to marketing plans and implementation.

Tracey Davis, Pre-start Business Coach, said: "Help and support for budding new businesses are vital element in creating lasting success. Small business is a real driver for economic recovery, and they provide a source of pride and value to skilled and motivated people in all sorts of industries. The suite of workshops businesses have access to can give them a helping hand and give them the support and skills they need to manage the difficult early steps in becoming eager entrepreneurs. They could learn new skills

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# BUSY TIME AT THE CARE CENTRE



Left to right standing: Chief Exec Jane Hartley, Reg Dalton, Lord Derek Foster. Seated: Lady Ann Foster, Mayor Mary Dalton and PCP Chairman Carol Briggs.



The Pioneering Care Centre at Cobblers Hall is a hive of activity at this point in time. While this busy centre is being expanded various events have been held including the AGM, The World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and an Open Day.

Lord Foster was Guest of Honour at the AGM and praised the work and enterprise of the organisation which exists to bring health and wellbeing to an increasing number of users.

He mentioned in particular the vision of former leader of the Borough Council Brian Stephens and the dedication of Directors and staff led by Jane Hartley. The service has expanded due to demand and in its 10th year the figures speak for themselves with increased usage showing fantastic results and many success stories.

The PCP has won prestigious awards and achieved standards of distinction providing a Centre of Excellence, second to none in the region.

The Open Day offered visitors the opportunity to view what is on offer with free taster sessions on a wide range of Complementary Therapies.

The Centre is also a "one stop shop" targeting disadvantaged people to improve their quality of life, and wellbeing to reduce inequalities in health.

The Open Day last Saturday brought large numbers to the Centre including the Mayor Mary Dalton and husband Reg who tried Reiki with Margaret Kemp and felt an improvement. Mary went into the Boxercise Session and delivered some telling punches. Post Grad Pharmacy students, some from Hong Kong and Malaysia, visited the event as part of their community work for Boots the Chemist. They handed out free samples to visitors.

A group set off around the town for one of their regular walks while inside numerous stalls demonstrated the services available. Newtonians who haven't visited yet should do so to see what is available, just in case one day you need to know where to go for help.



## Accredited First Aid Course

There is an Appointed Person First Aid Course scheduled to be held at Greenfield Community and Arts Centre on Saturday 7th November. This course is being delivered by First Aid First, accredited First Aid Trainers.

Upon passing this course, you will receive appropriate certification. This is a one day (6 hour) course 10.00am to 4.00pm. The cost is £30.00 per person. The course will run, provided there are sufficient learners. Telephone 01325 379048 or call in to book your place.

## Providing Entertainment for Our Young People

Dear Sir,  
I read with interest your story regarding Thomas Armstrong and was both saddened and overjoyed.

I was saddened that it had to take the initiative of a 15 year old to come up with an idea to provide entertainment for the youngsters of this town. Why could the providers of youth entertainment have not come up with something for them to do?

Young people who are too old to play in parks, don't wish to go to Council run sports centres, where they are treated as pariahs. By and large, they are good kids, well behaved and polite, when treated with respect. There are a few difficult ones, a few angry ones, a few mistreated ones, but most are good and these are our kids. Children of friends you went to school with, and of people who have grown up on this town, even relatives.

Next time you see a large group of them hanging about on the street, outside Tesco, in the park, ask yourself why? Don't cross the road to avoid confrontation, they need to feel included and we should try to understand them and mix with

them. The teenagers of this town have little or no facilities that suit them. No doubt the popular discos that I, and many others attended, years ago at the Youth Centre are no longer possible, due to insurance issues and PC worries.

Of course teenagers cause trouble, (that's what they do) but this has to be managed in an understanding way by the people who are qualified and trained to do so, if only we allow them to use their professional initiative, without the interference and red tape they put up with.

I can only wish Thomas all the best with his rave night and only hope that the £5 cover charge does not exclude a lot of the town's teenagers from attending. I understand that room hire, decks amps & doorman do not come cheap and hope that this is a commercially viable venture for Thomas and all involved and does not end up being subsidised from his own pocket.

I would add that I do not know Thomas, any member of his family or have any interest or involvement in this event.

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The staff and children at Woodham Burn out of school club worked hard to prepare their role play area, which the children decided to change from a hospital into a pizza parlour.

This area along with adult support would encourage a knowledge and understanding of food hygiene and why it is important. To support the children's learning further the club arranged a practical session with a qualified food hygiene trainer from Bishop Auckland College.

Using the schools specially adapted and equipped cookery room Janet introduced food hygiene to the children and explained how we can prevent germs when preparing, cooking and storing food. The children took part in a practical experiment, which showed how bacteria can develop on food when we don't wash our hands. During the cooking activity which the children prepared for lunch, the children made a healthy lasagne which was full of vegetables and fresh food, a fresh salad, healthy homemade chips and bread made from yogurt and flour.

After the session, Janet presented each child with their own food hygiene and cookery certificate as they had all listened, worked extremely hard and remembered all the important rules when preparing and cooking food.

The staff and children would like to thank Janet for an excellent day. 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 to contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

## DON'T UNDERESTIMATE SEASONAL FLU

This year's annual seasonal flu vaccination campaign was launched this week by the Department of Health.

The campaign will encourage people across the north east who are at risk of seasonal flu to protect themselves by getting their FREE flu jabs.

Everyone aged 65 and over is routinely offered the jab, as are younger people with long-term conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, serious kidney and liver disease. Around 15 million people in the UK have the jab, which must be administered every year as it is altered each year to match the seasonal flu strains.

Dr Tricia Cresswell, Deputy Medical Director at North East Strategic Health Authority said: "We encourage all eligible to take advantage of the free seasonal flu jab to protect themselves. For those under 65 with long term conditions such

as diabetes or heart conditions remember that even if you feel well, you are at increased risk of seasonal flu and the jab is your best protection."

Seasonal flu is a highly infectious illness caused by a virus. The virus which is different from swine flu (H1N1) changes every year as does the vaccine, so it is important that those at risk ensure they receive the jab to protect themselves.

Every year approximately 8,000 people suffer seasonal flu-related deaths in the winter months in England and Wales. The best way for north east residents to avoid seasonal flu is to get immunised, but in addition people can protect themselves by practising good hand hygiene.

This means carrying tissues, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, disposing of the tissue after one use, and cleaning hands as soon as possible.

## Scouts Complete Big Climb



On Sunday 11th October ACLE scout group completed the BIG CLIMB. Beavers, Wolf cubs Scouts, Leaders and Parents helped to complete the 3410 metres Climb, equivalent to the three peaks. A great big thanks to the Scouts who went home with blisters after insisting they carry on belaying and climbing. Thanks to the Leisure Centre and staff at Rock Antics for their support throughout the day. Acle have been busy over recent months, bag packing, helping at the Village Fete, attending area and National events. Over the coming months the Group will be supporting the Pink Ladies evening on Thursday 29th October. This is an annual event raising funds for Breast Cancer Care. The much loved Halloween event takes place on Saturday 31st October at 6pm, the Beavers are off to the Beaveree as well as getting ready for their performance of Friends of the Forest. The other sections have weekends away planned as well as a the Big Performance to celebrate 5 Years of ACLE.

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# POLO TEAM WIN 17-5

Sedgefield Water Polo Club played a home Northern League fixture at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre against Team Durham which is a team of University students from Durham and Newcastle and club side Durham City. Sedgefield of late have been well under strength for Northern League games

and in this game Senior GB players Glenn Robinson, Chris Gilberston and Tom Curwen were unavailable. Sedgefield started the game at a very high tempo and led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter with 5 goals from Scott Carpenter who played a supporting role after this. For the rest of the game

Sedgefield were never threatened and played 7 of their junior players to get more experience at this level Greg Barker 16, Sebastian Reichel 13, Lee Gowland 16, Mathias Reichel 15, Frazer Kirkley 16, Adam Woods 13 and Lee Corkin 16. Sedgefield ran out 17-5 winners. Joseph Reed and Mark Gabrielle continued to show great improvement and contributed 4 goals and 2 goals respectively. Sedgefield's latest signing Ex GB captain Neil Bowers 39 once again showed his class with 4 goals and great all round play. Sedgefield's line up was completed by Senior goalkeeper Frazer Foulds 19.

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SMOKERS in the North East are being urged to do something wonderful for their children – and protect them from harm by making their homes and cars smokefree. It comes as new research in the region found that too many people still aren't aware of the harm caused by smoking around children in homes and cars. Fresh's "Protect your Family" campaign is aimed at showing how a few simple steps by people who smoke can prevent children breathing in harmful cigarette smoke, lowering

the risk of conditions like cot death, asthma and possibly cancer later in life. The You Gov poll of 13,000 adults, broken down by region, shows that in the North East: 7% of people wrongly believe second hand smoke has little or no effect on increasing risk to children's health. 15% say second hand smoke has little or no effect on increasing risk of cot death 17% of people say they come into contact with tobacco smoke at home and at work 15% say people can smoke in

their home but only in certain rooms Ailsa Rutter, Director, said: "It's not often we can do something wonderful for our children, but people who smoke can do a fantastic thing by not smoking around their loved ones in the car or the house. "It's really worrying that too many people are either dismissive or unaware of the risks of second hand smoke to their children. We'll be out and about at family events this summer, talking to people and really trying to raise awareness of how a few simple steps can make a huge difference to their family's health." Around 460,000 people still smoke in the North East, according to the General Household Survey. And health experts report that while many homes are smokefree, some smokers are unaware of the risks, with the mistaken beliefs that only smoking in one room, winding down the car window or even lighting a scented candle to get rid of

the smell gives protection. A study by the Royal College of Physicians showed that about 17,000 children in the UK are admitted to hospital every year because of illnesses caused by second-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke is particularly dangerous for children because their bodies are still developing. Smoking around children

can increase their risk of cot death, glue ear, respiratory illnesses such as asthma and chest infections, and possibly cancer later on in life. Fresh is also training health professionals and community workers to address the problem of second hand smoke in their daily work dealing with members of the public and thousands of posters and leaflets are

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# AYCLIFFE FC WELCOME HOME GAMES

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Wednesday Oct 21st: Ashbrooke Belford House (H), 7.30pm  
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Saturday Oct 31st: Jarrow Roofing (A), 3pm  
Weds November 4th: West Auckland (H), 7.30pm  
Saturday November 7th: Whitehaven (H), 3pm  
www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Newton Aycliffe will welcome Home games at Moore Lane Park next week after almost a month without one. Allan Oliver's side haven't played at home since their 0-0 draw against Guisborough Town three weeks ago.

But they play back-to-back home games next week, with Ashbrooke Belford House coming to Moore Lane next Wednesday (October 21, 7.30pm) in the first round proper of the Durham Challenge Cup, followed by a league game against Stokesley next Saturday.

Aycliffe suffered a frustrating 1-0 defeat at Brandon United with a last-minute goal last Saturday, but claimed a point at Whickham with a hard-fought performance near Gateshead on Tuesday night. Paul Stout and Elliot Gardner were both on target at

Whickham in a game which finished 2-2. Aycliffe are set to welcome Northern League first division side West Auckland to Moore Lane Park, in the second round of the Brooks Milesom League Cup, on Wednesday November 4 (7.30pm). That game is followed by another home league tie against Whitehaven on Saturday November 7. Aycliffe FC are still looking for companies or individuals to sponsor a monthly page in the club's calendar, which will be out in December, costing just £50, which includes two complimentary copies (only 100 copies of the calendar are being produced, which will be priced £5 each). Anyone interested should contact Martin Walker on 07826 525907, or email martinwalker50@hotmail.com

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## Licence Applications

**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Notice of Application**

**for a Premises Licence**  
Premises: Unit 6 St Elizabeths Close, Woodham Village, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4UE. Notice is given that Shehab Miah has applied to Durham County Council for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The proposed licensable activities are to be open to the public Monday to Sunday 1100-0000. To supply alcohol on the premises Monday to Sunday 1100-2330. Provision of recorded music and film during above hours. To provide a late night refreshment Monday to Sunday 2300-0000. Anyone wishing to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: Licensing Section, Durham County Council, Licensing Section, Council Offices, Spennymoor DL16 6JQ (email: licensing@durhamcity.gov.uk). Representations must be received no later than 11th November 2009. The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the Council Offices at the above address. It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000).

16th October 2009

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# WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Companies in County Durham are being invited to find out about opportunities being created as part of a multi-million pound schools investment programme.

Durham County Council's £500 million Building Schools for the Future scheme will see 44 secondary and special schools across the county either rebuilt or upgraded over the next 10 years. The County Council will be working in partnership with Inspired Spaces, a consortium led by Carillion, to carry out the improvements, which will benefit young people for generations to come.

During the lifetime of the programme there will be opportunities for local firms and suppliers to get involved and a series of Meet the Buyer events are being held to give them a chance to find out more.

Coun Neil Foster, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration at Durham County Council, said: "This major investment programme will not only lead to much improved school facilities for children and young people but will also bring benefits to the local economy through a number of opportunities for local businesses.

"We'll be looking for a wide range of skills, services and supplies - including construction skills, such as bricklaying, painting and decorating, carpentry, roofing and landscaping; IT services, such as infrastructure cabling, maintenance and repairs; and materials, such as steelworks and fixings.

"We're organising a number of Meet the Buyer events to give local firms the chance to come along and find out about the opportunities that will be available."

Stewart Watkins, Managing Director of County Durham Development Company - the county council's business development arm - welcomed the Meet the Buyer events, saying: "Local firms involved in the construction and related industries have found life tough in the current economic climate. "These events will give many of them the chance to benefit considerably from the myriad of opportunities created by this massive public spending programme over the next few years. "I would urge firms to register."

The events are by invitation only and firms who are interested in attending need to register by contacting: lisa.watson@carillionplc.com

# NEW SELF-HELP COURSE FOR PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

People living in Newton Aycliffe with a long-term health condition can become 'Expert Patients' by enrolling on a free self-help course.

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## 1 - 31 October 2009

It's the 10th year of the National BIG Draw this year and Greenfield Community Arts Centre, Newton Aycliffe are celebrating! We have two very exciting activities. A Nature trail with GATC environment Officer, Steve Cooper and Artist Paul Belcher, who will be making a temporary Autumn sculpture installation. Mon 26, Tue 27, Wed 28th October 1-3pm FREE.

The Arts Centre has also commissioned Scribbly Arts to work with families to create a 3d community of people that will be displayed in the Arts Centre, Fri 30th Oct 10am-3pm, FREE. These activities are a great chance to get creative and to get messy! To book places on these FREE sessions please contact the Arts Centre on info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call 01325 379 048.

## Obituary

**John Bermingham**  
1936 - 2009



We regret to record the death of John Bermingham of School Aycliffe who passed away peacefully at James Cook Hospital on 11th of October.

John was born and educated in Dublin and started work at 16 as an apprentice glazer. He married his teenage sweetheart Joan in 1953 and the couple have a son, Brendan, and two daughters Caroline and Lesley.

The family moved to Derby in 1960 and John had only £11 in his pocket. He worked his way up to a Managerial position and then to Managing Director of Beaumont & Parkinsons in Blackpool. He moved to Aycliffe to join his son in setting up and running the very successful BB Group now situated at the Blue Bridge Centre.

John was a member of the Rotary Club and renowned for his quick wit and an abundance of Irish humour. In his early days John was a keen athlete and played football for Dublin Schoolboys winning numerous trophies and medals.

His other interests included reading, films charity work, good food, wine and a fine cigar. He was excellent company and always had an amusing story to tell. He had a great personality and loved to entertain his friends and family.

There was a significant tribute to John at the Rotary Club meeting this week when the usual sombre minute's silence for a lost member was replaced with everyone singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"

## Births

**CHRISTOPHER & CHARMAIN** Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Daughter "Katie Rose". Born on 5th October 2009. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Samantha, Mike and Olivia xxx  
**WARREN & KELLYANNE** congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby boy "Oliver Finlay Dowson". 8lbs 10oz on 8th October 2009. We wish you all the best. Mam, Dad, Louise, Craig and Thomas xxx  
**OLIVER** To our special little Grandson "Oliver Finlay". Can't believe you are finally here. Such a pleasure to have you in our lives. All our love, Nana and Grandad xxx

# CAB Now Needs YOUR Help!

## Fundraisers Asked to Help Purchase of Premises

This year is a very important year in the history of the Citizens Advice Bureau as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. In February 1959 this small advice agency was started in Newton Aycliffe and over the years has grown, combining forces with Spennymoor and Sedgfield bureaux to become the service we now all know.

Many of the residents of the area have relied on this service for advice and guidance on anything from a faulty washer to bankruptcy. However, advice can be as life changing as the work of disaster relief or medical research charities. The service is given to anyone in the area irrespective of their origin, work status, colour, religion or any other difference, completely free of charge.

The service is now making steps towards securing their future in the area by looking at purchasing its own property. A property has been identified which needs refurbishment, but funds are needed to assist in both the purchase and refurbishment of this building.

In addition to being the main bureau where clients could access advice 5 days a week, it would provide a back office for the staff, who deliver advice right across the former borough. It would also provide a training facility which could be accessed by community groups.

The service only has security of tenure for a six month period on the properties that they rent in Spennymoor. Additional space has been needed due to the recruitment of new volunteers and additional staff to address the constant increase in demand on the service.

Back-office premises have been leased in Spennymoor but this is for a limited period and alternative arrangements need to be made as soon as possible. Whatever happens there are no plans to end either of the leases of the main bureaux in Spennymoor High Street and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

Last year alone Sedgfield & District CAB handled £13million worth of debt for residents of the former Sedgfield Borough. The Health Advice Project which is funded through the PCT from this bureau recorded an increase in income of over £1million to families in our area which is also good news for our local economy. This is not a service we can afford to lose!

However, as an independent charity responsible for raising its own funds to be able to

function it now needs help from you! Pauline Chambers, Service Manager said "We are not asking our clients to pay for advice, that goes against everything we stand for, but if residents are involved in groups or organisations or have employers that are in a position to make a contribution towards this project or to raise funds for us that would be amazing"

Many employers have benefitted from the advice provided by the service in times of trouble. When Fujitsu closed, teams of advisers were posted in the factory to provide employment and debt advice to those affected. Similar activities have been done for many others.

The CAB don't often ask for help – please show how important they are to this area and assist them where you can. The Service is trying to

raise money by contacting a number of grant-making bodies and have also written to the newly elected members of the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) asking if they can assist as each council member of each AAP has a budget of £33,000 of which £10,000 must be used towards capital projects.

The CAB hope that if each member representing the former Sedgfield Borough area will agree to donate £5,000 of their budget this would cover the purchase of the building, needing only additional funds for the refurbishment and it would go a long way to CAB securing a permanent presence providing free advice in the area

If you are able to help in anyway please contact Donna Stewart, Business Development Manager on 01388 825425 or businessdevelopmentmanager@hotmail.co.uk

## Birthday Remembrance

**ANN EMERY** 17-10-1945. Kiss her on this day Lord and when you see her smile Tell her I still think of her and miss her all the while. So lovingly remembered. Ernie

**ANN EMERY** 17-10-1945. 4 months have passed since God took you away. But never a day passes that you are forgotten. Happy birthday Mam. Love and miss you always, Angela and Trevor

**ANN EMERY** 17-10-1945. Gentle Jesus up above, please give Nana all our love. Abby and Luke

**CARMAN**, Stephen Brian. Special thoughts of you dear Son on your 52nd birthday. We all love and miss you so much. God bless. Mam, Dad, Trev and Anne xxx

**BRIAN WILSON** 22nd October. Dad. It is your 3rd birthday away from us. They say time heals, but not for us. We miss and love you loads. Happy birthday Dad. All our love, Lorraine, Sean, Shane, Martin and Matt xxx

**ALF SAXBY** 18th October. Birthday remembrance. Close to my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered this special day. Love, Wife Eileen and family

## Thank You

**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 Galloway, Matthew Inness, Tracey Turner and Diane Jones for listening, supporting and helping with Rhys, Joshua and Lucy.

**KENNEDY**, Dawn and Anthony would like to thank all family and friends for the generous gifts, best wishes and support received on their Wedding Day (25th September 2009). We were very happy that you were able to share our special day xxxxx  
**THE FAMILY** of the late Olga Kirtley wish to thank all friends and neighbours for all the cards and floral tributes received. Lesley and Lauren send special thanks to Nora and Tom for all their help and support. Thanks to Linda Potter for a lovely Service. Sincere thanks to David Brassell of Seaton Leng for the fitting tribute given to Olga by walking with Lesley and Lauren to the church in front of Olga. She would have been proud. Thank you Graham for being there through Mam's short illness and helping me get through it. Love to everyone

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## Congratulations



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**Happy 65th Birthday**

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**Kelly Barker**



**Happy 21st Birthday**

16th October 2009  
Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Love, Mam, Dad, Daniel and Granny Grunt

**Rebecca Allan**



**Happy 21st Birthday**

14th October 2009  
Congratulations on your 21st. Loads and loads of love to a gorgeous young lady. Mum, Colin, Nan, Allen, Chris, Lucy, Kurt and Ben xxxx

**Lauren Brown**



**Happy 21st Birthday**

16th October 2009  
Hope you have a great time. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Katey, Nanna, Grandma, Grandad and all the family xxxxxxxxx

**Lauren Killip**



**Happy 18th Birthday**

17th October 2009  
Happy 18th Lauren. Lots of love, Dad, Sue, Samantha, Sam, Grandma and Grandad

**Anthony Collins**



**Happy 50th Birthday**

All our love, Rosa, Martin and family. Have a great party !!

**Rachael MacMaster**



**Happy 21st Birthday**

15th October 2009  
Happy 21st birthday to a very special Daughter. Loads of love from Mam, Dad, Ross and Carlos xxx  
**Happy 21st birthday Rach.** Hope all your dreams come true. Love and hugs, Grandma, Claire and all the family xxxxx

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MIAMI SCHOOL VISITS WOODHAM

CONCERT AT NEW EXCEL CONFERENCE CENTRE



Last Monday saw students from Michael-Ann Russell Jewish School in Miami visit Woodham Community Technology College. The 12 players and coaches who were in England to play a series of American Football games, were invited to spend a day at Woodham by Woodham's Director of Student Support, Jon Tait. The visit was designed to give the American students a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the cultural differences in a British educational setting. Included in the schedule was a tour of the school, a specialised timetable of lessons in which the students shadowed an English student all day, a basketball game against the Woodham school team and the chance to socialise with students at break and lunch time. David Fried, group leader of the Miami students said "The visit to Woodham for our school experience was amongst the highlights of my coaching career. It was incredibly special for me and the all of our students. The warmth, pride and respect that the students and teachers showed us inspired me. I saw an eagerness and enthusiasm that I do not see very often. I hope we will make it back to

you very soon and I am sure that the students made friends that will last a lifetime". David and his students presented Christine Forsyth, College Principal, and Jon Tait, Director of Student Support, with a presentation football in a glass case to commemorate the visit. Jon Tait said "It has been wonderful to host such a nice group of people and for us to be linked with schools all over the world. The whole school benefited from this experience today and it is an amazing opportunity for our students to make international friendships and be proud to show off our community to these visitors". The adults and staff from the school in Miami also followed a timetable of lessons all day and even got the chance to contribute to a Geography lesson by giving students first hand accounts of flood damage caused by Hurricane Andrew in South Florida. Woodham are hoping to continue the friendship in the future and plans are already in place to replicate the visit with some of our students travelling to Miami next year. Photo shows the presentation of the football to Christine Forsyth, College Principal and Jon Tait, Director of Student Support from David Fried.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE NEWS

There were fun and games at the recent Village Hall Fair and Duck Race. The day started at 11am and visitors could enjoy browsing stalls selling second-hand books, vegetables and home produce. There was also the chance to buy raffle tickets, and join in with a range of games. In the afternoon, the annual duck race took place on the River Skerne. The day raised more than £600 in the process. Thanks go to everyone for making it such a successful day. The next event is Pink Ladies' Night on Thursday, October 29, in the village hall at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and include a pie and peas supper, live entertainment, bingo and a raffle and are available from Joy Marie's hairdressers on 01325-318797. This is always a popular event, so make sure you book your tickets now. The village hall is open to hire to individuals and businesses. For hire rates and further details, call 01325-313279.

Youthy Still Unbeaten

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13's produced a seasoned performance to take maximum points off, the visitors to the Oak Leaf, league leaders St Francis from Hartlepool. Playing with the wind in the first half forwards Jake Cane, Ryan Mercer and Dan Kenyon dominated the early play. It was a superb run by Mercer which led to the opening goal, Sam Pascoe finishing superbly. Moments later Centre Back Tom Gledhill blasted the ball home, following a corner, to double the lead. A tremendous run, once again, from Mercer set up Jake Cane who put the ball away clinically. Keeper Jack McLaren kicked the ball the length of the field and, the ever dangerous, Kenyon opened his account to make it 4-0. Aycliffe continued to dominate and, following a long through ball from Gledhill, flying winger Cane struck the ball home. Full backs Jordan Howe and, man of the match, Nathan Stott, kept the St Francis wide players at bay. However just before half time the visitors capitalised on a defensive mix up to pull one back, but Kenyon scored again with a long range effort to send Youthy in 6-1 up at the break. With the wind behind them, at the start of the second half, St Francis rallied and sweeper James Skerrett and tough tackling Ben Nicholson kept them at bay, but a penalty just after the break reduced the deficit to just 4 goals. Cane's assist resulted in a clinical finish by busy midfielder Connor Halford but St Francis refused to give up and pulled it back to 7-3. Halford almost added another and Kenyon had an overhead kick just wide. The visitors struck again to set up a tight finish but, in-form striker, Kenyon ensured victory with a quality finish following good link play between Cane and Halford. The Youthy retain their hundred percent record with one of their toughest games so far this season.

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songs in between items performed by schoolchildren. The Concert is on Sunday 13th December from 3pm till 4.30pm. The Excel Conference Centre will open its doors from

2pm to allow Newtonians to view the extensive premises. Refreshments will be available in the Coffee Shop and other areas. All our schools have been

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