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Petition for Town Centre Toilets Handed to M.P.



Great Aycliffe Residents' Association handed over the petition to our M.P. Phil Wilson calling on the landlords and local authorities to provide temporary public toilets in the Town Centre immediately pending the provision in 4 years of permanent facilities as part of the redevelopment scheme. It was signed by over 3,500 people which is a significant number of the town's population who use the shopping precinct and should leave no doubt that the demand is strong and sincere.

enough empty shops in the Town Centre which could be converted to toilets. This would bring a much needed facility to the town centre and might help encourage more people to shop here". said Syd. Phil Wilson said "I am pleased to receive the petition. The provision of public toilets in the

town centre is an ongoing issue and I will be taking it up with the Town and County Councils as well as Freshwater, the owners of the town centre, to discuss all options.

The petitioners have requested temporary access to toilets in the town centre whilst the regeneration continues. The local authorities and the town centre owners need to be looking at what can be done."

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Remember, remember, the 5th November when Great Aycliffe Town Council host their annual Fireworks Display at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Lane - the beacon is lit at 7pm and the fireworks display follows, so don't be late!

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AMANDA MISSES TITLE BY 3 POINTS



Aycliffe's fast female Amanda Whitaker finished runner up in the 2009 Formula Ford Championship, narrowly missing out on her chance to become the first female in history to win a National title. Amanda finished 7th at Silverstone, and with title rival Westie Mitchell finishing 4th in his first comeback race since his injuries sustained at Mallory Park, she missed out on the title by just 3 points. Amanda qualified 7th on the grid of 33 cars, with Westie only a couple of places ahead in 5th, although she struggled with a lack of grip and slightly incorrect gearing causing her to be off her normal pace. "I'm obviously disappointed to take second, having fought for

the title all year" said Amanda. "However, Westie is a worthy champion and it's good to see him racing again after his injury. Between us, we have had a good, clean, close fought championship this year. We have had lots to handle this year - missing a race, engine issues, braking problems, a big accident, etc. So after all the trials and tribulations this year, I'm actually relieved it's over! I guess 'the best man won' " she said. She races again for the final time this year at Silverstone at the ultra competitive 'Walter Hayes Festival' on November 1st - where over 100 of the world's best Formula Ford racers compete in a series of heats & finals.

YOUTH CENTRE A.F.C. SCORES WITH WILKINSON SPONSORSHIP



Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Football Club has kicked off this season in style, following a donation of new training kit from Wilkinson, the value home and garden retailer in Newton Aycliffe. The local football club, which was set up 20 years ago by enthusiastic parents, has introduced two new teams this year, which needed to be kitted out to ensure they look the part

on and off the field. Wilkinson, which opened on Beveridge Way in July, has donated winter training jackets for the new under seven's and under eight's development

teams, which will play in the Russel Foster Development League and the Teesside Junior Football Alliance respectively. Joe Blackett, chairman of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre A.F.C., commented: "The football club plays a key role within the local community in Newton Aycliffe and it is great to have the support of Wilkinson to help continue the club's success. "The new training jackets donated by Wilkinson look great, just what we needed for our debut into under seven's and under eight's leagues." Kay Armstrong, store manager at Wilkinson Newton Aycliffe, explained: "It was important for us to support an initiative which involves so many local children and families from the area. "The teams certainly look like professionals in their new kit, and we wish them the best of luck for the season ahead."

Old Boiler Dance Night

Come and join us at Heighington Village Hall, Saturday 31st October 2009 'Old Boiler Night' to raise funds for a new heating boiler for Heighington Village Hall. Dancing to MIDNIGHT ASSASSINS also disco, optional orange and black dress code. Bar supplied by 'George & Dragon' - all proceeds to fund. Tickets £10.00 to include pie, peas and pudding available from: Sharron Marshall 01325 318508

Woodham Golf Record Broken



The Ladies Golf Course record was broken last week by 14 year old Rebecca Horner with a fantastic two under par score of 71. Rebecca is the current Ladies Club Champion at Woodham and was the first ever lady to be chosen to represent the County. She started playing golf at the age of nine and after this very successful season has reduced her handicap to four. Earlier in the year Rebecca won "Sports Person of the Year" at the Sedgefield Awards for Sensational Youths. Everyone at the club wishes Rebecca every success in her golfing career.

NOTICE REMEMBRANCE DAY - SILENCE

The Royal British Legion extends a cordial invitation to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Wednesday, 11th November 2008 at 11.00 a.m. in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre. Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble outside of Barclays Bank in Beveridge Way prior to 11.00 a.m. on this day. The Service will be led by Revd. Linda Potter, Rector of the Parish of Great Aycliffe
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Following the popularity of the Kids Cinema at St. Clares Hall, parents and children are now invited to join the new monthly Cinema Club.

This will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 4pm. Admission is only £1 per person and there will be a well stocked tuck shop.

If parents want to go shopping their children will be well supervised at all times.

The club allows the children to choose the following week's film, ranging from the latest releases to favourite classics.

Everyone welcome at the next film show on Saturday 7th November. More details from Helen on 319002.

Our M.P. Leads Initiative to Help Unemployed

Employment Minister Jim Knight MP, Business Minister Ian Lucas MP and MP for Sedgefield Phil Wilson are to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Insolvency Trade Body R3, to help ensure that people threatened with redundancy are offered the highest level of support possible.

Mr Wilson looked into the problems of some insolvency practitioners not always informing Jobcentre Plus of liquidations or receiverships of companies. The agreement is the culmination of his campaign to get those made redundant immediate expert help with looking for work, benefits and training. Jobcentre Plus offers that expertise and the sooner a person entering unemployment receives help the sooner they return to work.

The agreement will ensure that Jobcentre Plus, R3 and the Insolvency Service work together to offer "an end to end seamless service" for those facing redundancy so that incidents where Insolvency Practitioners do not contact Job Centre Plus becomes a thing of the past.

To ensure the agreement is a success the parties have agreed to review the new arrangements regularly and formally on a quarterly basis.

Phil Wilson MP said: "I saw at first hand the need for Jobcentre Plus, insolvency practitioners and the Insolvency Service to join up and help workers who are being made redundant. People in this situation are often confused and lack confidence in what to do next. The memorandum will signpost people to Jobcentre Plus more efficiently after a business closes.

It is an excellent step forward and I would like to congratulate the work R3 and Jobcentre Plus for their work so far. The memorandum will promote good practice.

Welcoming the agreement, Employment Minister, Jim Knight MP, said: "It is important that we don't just wait for someone to lose their job before we start to help them. The pre-redundancy service Jobcentre Plus offers has

helped thousands of people get new jobs quickly - stopping a short term difficulty becoming a long term problem.

"It is essential that we work with R3 and the Insolvency Service to make sure even more people get help before they are out of work. I am hugely grateful to Phil Wilson and R3 in facilitating this agreement." Speaking ahead of the signing, Ian Lucas MP, Minister for the Department of Business, Innovations and Skills said: "In these difficult times it's important that Government work with the profession to help people cope with the effects of redundancy and get back into work as soon as possible. This memorandum is an important part of that process and builds on the work the Government has already carried out to help workers and families cope with the economic downturn."



YOUTHY DROP-IN CLUB WINS AWARD



Girls from the After School Drop-in Club at the Youth Centre have won Young Achiever's Awards from Durham County Council. The most improved individual award went to Toni McMillan who is shown centre with her trophy.

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Halloween Becoming UnChristian

Dear Sir,
 I was appalled to read (Newton News 23rd Oct) that Horndale Infant School had a 'Spooky School Kitchen and that Spooks and Ghouls will be haunting Hardwick Park (Sedgefield) to 'celebrate' Hallowe'en. Are there 'witches' at Horndale who can cook up good wholesome ham and chicken broth in their cauldrons? Surely there is enough violence and 'spookiness' in our present day world without adding to it? Do our children really have to be brought up to 'celebrate' this annual pagan event? OK, I can hear people saying it's fun for children but can families really afford to buy the rubbish which is in our shops?

By simple definition, Hallowe'en (All Hallows' Day) is the eve of All Saints Day and is followed by All Souls Day when we remember those we have loved and are no longer with us: this is in the Christian calendar. It distresses me to realise that our country is becoming more and more pagan and that Christian values have become so much less important nowadays. Walking around our local shops and public buildings I am also distressed to see so much publicity given to Hallowe'en and so many Christmas goods (so soon) on sale. If some people had their way Hallowe'en would become even more of a commercial venture and a forgotten Christian festival. What has happened to our society and Christian values?
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 Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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Sheila Herne has lost an amazing 12 stone and was impressed by the amount of support she received from Susan and members of her group. Sheila had always dreamt of getting married, but at 24 stone never had the confidence to do so. Since losing more than half her body weight she is set to walk

down the aisle with her long term partner.

Susan Hampton said: "My clients' achievements inspire me on a daily basis and it is so satisfying running my own business whilst helping the people of Newton Aycliffe at the same time.

Many people who come to me have tried every other

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In this case the culprits were known, but those who knew were frightened of the repercussions had they told the police. The police had their own information but after some weeks they have nothing to press charges on these individuals.

What astounded me was that the police told me that they are fully aware of these criminal minorities but are powerless to do anything as they know the system better than the police and are terrorising the town. Once again another victory for the criminals in Newton Aycliffe.

Newtonians should think about how they would feel if loved ones were hurt or even killed

by these thugs, and because witnesses will not come forward they are getting away literally with murder.

Following on from this I heard that the same individuals were involved in another altercation, but I am again doubtful of whether witnesses have the integrity to pursue these people and stand up, not only for their rights, but also us the general public.

From my experience I have no confidence in the police and their ability to tackle these criminals even with their guarantees that they are trying, but I'm concerned someone else will be seriously hurt or even killed before we all join together and stamp out this menace.

If you feel strongly about the subject why not write to Newton News and indicate your support and maybe, just maybe, together we can beat these criminals by pulling together to stamp out thugs in our town.

Name and address supplied

2 TOWN OFF LICENCE SHOPS CAUGHT SELLING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE GIRL

Aycliffe Police Clampdown on Underage Drinking

A great deal of anti-social behaviour is attributable to excess alcohol consumption and street drinking, particularly amongst the young. As a result of concerns raised by the residents of Newton Aycliffe to your Neighbourhood Police Team, the local Police decided to mount an operation aimed at tackling these fears by preventing the sale of alcohol to those under 18.

Tied to National Alcohol Awareness week and to educate staff within the various off licence retail premises around Newton Aycliffe in school half term a special task force was deployed.

Historically early dark nights, coupled with the festivities around final Friday of term time can lead to an increase in reports of anti-social, drunken behaviour which affects us all.

The operation used an underage test purchaser who attempted to purchase alcohol whilst observed by undercover police officers. Those staff at stores which allow the youth to purchase alcohol without challenge received an £80 fixed penalty notice and two out of the 10 Off licences in the town failed the test last Thursday night.

All the stores were forewarned that an operation would be undertaken so this would come as no surprise to those who failed the test. The operation will run periodically in the run up to Christmas; any stores that



fail three times and persistently sell alcohol to underage youths will have their license to serve alcohol rescinded in court. A similar operation will run alongside Operation CORNISH; this will tackle those who are over 18 but knowingly purchase alcohol on behalf of underage youths. Next time you are stopped by a youth asking you to buy alcohol for them don't be surprised if the police are

nearby and you end up in court!

Any readers who have concerns about their local off licenses serving alcohol to youths are urged to report their fears to the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Newton Aycliffe Police station on 0345 60 60 365 or alternatively attend their next PACT meeting.

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Karate Kids on Top Form



GKR Karate Aycliffe Dojo once again proudly report their latest achievements. All 5 who entered the Northern Zone Championships came away with medals and a place in the GKR Karate National Championships to be held in Sheffield in November. Both Jim Blades, Gabriele Blades (not pictured) Danniell

Askew and Annalise Tinkler all took medals despite very large groups and very strong competitors. Special congratulations to Sensei Dez Tinkler who was in the instructor division and probably the most competitive division, who took gold for Kumita (fighting style) beating some of the best competitors GKR has to offer, most being Dan grades.

"Each competition we attend I don't expect us to do as well as the last one, but our students keep proving us wrong. Their dedication and commitment shines through. Winning medals is just the icing on the cake and a well deserved reward for all the hard work" said Sensei Gavin Bake. "I'm really pleased for Dez, he is in a very hard category and was looking forward to the experience, but to come away with gold demonstrates how strong his Karate is" We wish them luck in the National championship and will report on their success in a later edition.

WINE AND MINCE PIES

Heighington C.E. Primary School will be holding their annual Friends of the School fundraising Christmas Fair on Friday, 20th November 2009 from 7pm to 9pm.

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Free Cookery Courses & Events

JAMIE OLIVER SUPPORTS 'PASS IT ON' CAMPAIGN

Residents across County Durham will be able to enhance their culinary skills for free after the Pioneering Care Partnership was awarded over £66,000 in funding to deliver cookery events and courses during the next year.

'Pass it On County Durham' will be the first to take place across County Durham that will support Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food, following his Channel 4 television programme earlier this year.

The campaign aims to inspire people to share their cooking skills with family, friends and/or work colleagues to encourage other people to live a healthier lifestyle.

As part of the campaign, people will be able to take part in one of 12 free events across County Durham. Anyone interested can sign up to take part in a short session, which will teach them how to cook good, honest and affordable food, before they are asked to cascade their newly learnt skills to the next participant. Over 700 people are expected to take part in events across the County in a bid to inspire people to take an interest in cooking their own nutritious fresh food, with up to 200 people taking part in courses until March 2010.

Anyone interested in improving their cookery skills after attending an event, will be able to book a free six-week course in their local community. Participants will be given the



opportunity to learn some additional recipes, receive information on nutrition, advice on food labelling, fats, salts and sugars as well as shopping on a budget and how to plan a meal to help them to live a healthier lifestyle. People who attend a course will be asked to act as champions and 'pass it on' to family, friends and/or work colleagues.

Jane Hartley, chief executive of the Pioneering Care Partnership commented: "I'm really excited that we have been given the opportunity to deliver a series of events and courses as part of 'Pass it On County Durham'. Each of the sessions will be

fun and informal; will help people to make new friends, whilst learning a valuable skill of cooking home cooked food. It's a great pleasure to be part of the project as it will help to improve the health and wellbeing of a lot of local people."

The Pioneering Care Partnership will be delivering each of the courses and events after they were awarded funding from NHS County Durham's Health Innovation Programme and the government's Learning Revolution Transformation Fund. For further information on any of the events and courses taking place please visit www.pcp.uk.net or ring 321234.

Youthy Hawaiian Night



As part of Alcohol Awareness week Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre worked alongside the XS Service to organise a Hawaiian themed night for young people. The XS is County Durham's Drug and Alcohol Service for Young People who offer help and support to those who are using or thinking about using drugs and/or alcohol.

The night included a motorised surf board, tattoo artist, beautician and non alcoholic cocktail bar. Young people attended the event and they all had great fun with a chance to

enter a free prize draw for an I-pod as well as winning HMV vouchers for whoever stayed on the surf board the longest.

One young person stated that if there were more themed event nights they would attend the youth centre on a more regular basis.

The night was enjoyed by all and was deemed a success in raising awareness about alcohol and alternative activities. If you have any concerns about a young persons drug or alcohol use, then give us a call on 375703.



LIB DEMS MEET AT CUBBY

The next meeting of GAA branch of the Liberal Democrats will be held on Monday 2nd November, at 7pm.

As an expression of our concern and support, that they receive justice in their fight for survival, they will again meet in The Cubby.

Observers and prospective new members are cordially invited to attend the first part of our meeting. We will make you most welcome, with free refreshments and biscuits for all.

The agenda includes:- Membership Issues, Leaflet Distribution; Boundary Changes; Preparing for Unitary Authority elections; Town Centre toilets. Liberal Democrat Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp will give an update on the future of The Cubby and will present possible strategies the Lib Dems can utilise to assist The Cubby committee in getting the authorities to honour their previous promises, that The Cubby be rebuilt on its present site.

Come along and join us. Together we can make a REAL difference.

Derek G Atkinson,
Denham Place

REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

Sunday, 8th November 2009

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.45 a.m. and proceed via Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside the Church and the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded, followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Wing Commander S.D. Harvey, MA, MBA, BSc., RAF. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

Car Park Closure

Would you please note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion will be closed from 6 a.m. until approximately 12 noon in connection with the above Parade and Service.

The Civic and Military Authorities apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Aycliffe Village Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 8th November 2009 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the memorial for the laying of wreaths.

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For example building a wind turbine, or an electric/petrol or human powered kart, a solar heater, a remote control plane, your own Biodiesel fuel.
The reason for starting this project is to help people, who may not have the tools or space to complete their project. Maybe they don't have the skills needed and require help. The more people who are involved the more we can accomplish as a group.
This is only a start and it all depends upon what the people who join bring to it, as to where it goes. I'm currently assessing the demand for such a project. So if anyone wishes to become involved in helping top set up

the facility I can be contacted at 07590 538345 or email at desclub@me.com
Nick Ramsay, Greenlea Garth

BEAST OF A SHOW

It is getting near that time of year again (Oh yes it is!) Pantomime time. The award winning Tearaways Youth Theatre Group is looking for young people to star in their panto, Beauty and the Beast, in January 2010. The group is recruiting people from the Aycliffe area, aged 11-19 years who would like to have a lead role in the show, or be a part of the singing group, or maybe one of the dance troupes.
Any young people interested in becoming a part of The Tearaways team, should ring (01388) 774838 or through www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk.

Woodham Health Event to Give Men an M.O.T

Men in the Newton Aycliffe area are being invited to attend a men's health drop-in session on Monday 2nd November 2009 in Woodham Village Community Centre between 5pm and 8pm.
The event is being run by Vicki Kidson Men and Health Specialist from NHS Darlington Health Improvement Service and the aim is to give men the opportunity to ask questions about their health, find information on healthy eating, stop smoking, stress, alcohol and male cancers including testicular, breast and prostate. Vicki will be on hand to provide advice on a host of services and to offer men the opportunity to have a health check, a mini 'MOT' if they wish, which will include:

MEASUREMENTS. BODY MASS INDEX.
There will be a number of freebies to take away, including: torch light keyrings, pens, magnifying cards and men's health booklet. There will also be a chance for men to find out how stressed they are by having a go with the fun 'stress check' meter and 'stress dots'.
Vicki Kidson, health improvement specialist (men and health) said: "This event aims to raise awareness of men's health issues and give men the opportunity to ask about their own health in a non-clinical environment. To find out more about the event and the work of the Men and Health Service contact Vicki Kidson on 0191 5692841 or vkidson@nhs.net

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there!
Mrs Debbie Palmer

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS AND DISCO

Junior Neighbourhood Watch/Young Peoples Voices Halloween event is on Saturday 31st October, Navy Club, Burnhill Way from 1pm until 4pm. Free Hot Dogs served. Age Limit 13yrs. Parents are welcome with young children. Michelle Samantha and Dorothy are looking forward to seeing you. Disco by Paul Gittins. Details of our Christmas Pantomime at the Civic Darlington to follow.

A.G.M. OF FRIENDS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of New Friends New Places

will be held at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way on Tuesday 10th November 2009 from 2pm until 4pm. This will be followed by refreshments, a speaker and an entertainer. Everyone welcome, please come and join us. For further details ring Dorothy on 01325 308094.

AYCLIFFE FOOTBALL CLUB DOWN 3 PLACES

Aycliffe FC came back down to earth with a bump last week as they lost 4-1 at home to Stokesley in wet and windy conditions. Allan Oliver's side, who slipped three places to 13th

with the defeat, look to put that right with a trip to Jarrow Roofing this weekend, followed by two home games next week.

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Jarrow Roofing (A), 3pm
Wednesday 4th Nov:
Birtley Town (H),
Cup, 7.30pm
Saturday 7th Nov:

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Aycliffe FC Winter Warmers

Aycliffe FC have made a couple of welcome winter retail items available just in time for the cold weather. Aycliffe's superfan Terry Harrison, is shown here sporting the club's new hat, priced £5.



"I came all the way from Jamaica for this," said Terry. "It'll keep me snug during the cold winter months so it's fantastic!"

The club have a growing range of retail items available, with replica shirts (home and away) available in all sizes, priced £30, and popular polo shirts

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priced £10. There are also key-fobs costing £4 and pin-badges at £3.

"We're steadily increasing our range of items for our fans," said chairman Gary Farley. "We don't actually make a great deal of money from these things purely because of the small number we're ordering. "We want to keep everything as realistically priced as possible, but the best things is seeing people wearing them. Everything has our club crest on them so it's great PR.

Aycliffe have sold all of their monthly adverts for the official 2010 calendar. Copies are expected to be available to buy at £5 each by the end of November.

Ticket sales for Aycliffe's Pie & Peas fundraiser, with former World Cup referee George Courtney as guest speaker along with comedian Ned Kelly, are picking up. Tickets for the event on Friday 27th November are priced just £15 each, with tables of eight available.

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Part of the school's 'Metamorphoses' initiative, the project in partly funded by the Arts Council and includes partners from the Seven Stories, Newcastle, Durham County Records Office, the DLI and the Forge.

On Thursday October 22nd students and their families met at St John's to report on their activities so far. Pupils from the two primary schools have visited the Seven Stories at Newcastle and the memorial at St Clare's and have also learnt some World War two songs with which they entertained the audience.

St John's students have done research at Eden camp; the County Records Office and the Durham Light Infantry Museum. There are groups of students working on a piece of commemorative glass for each school; an animated film; a photographic exhibition and a book.

Everyone was impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledge of all the students involved

and the interest it has sparked amongst families who have brought in memorabilia of their own about the 'Aycliffe Angels'.

The evening ended with a taste of World War Two corned beef stew and a special edition of 'Who wants to be a millionaire' The final celebration will take the form of a theme day at St John's in December. It should be a fantastic event.

Fundraiser for Children's Society

The Childrens Society are holding a Box Collection and Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th November in Heighington Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon.

Admission is £1 and includes Tea or Coffee. There will be a Raffle, Tombola, activities for children, Face painting, Bran Tub etc.

A Table Top Sale of children's items is also arranged, but tables at £10 per space are limited. Please book early by contacting Pauline on 316882 or Judith on 317487.

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ATHLETICS NEWS

The Hilly Richmond Castle 10k has to be the most appropriately named race in the north. Many races have one or two ascents but this one boasts four hard hill climbs. It starts in the market square with a fast downhill sprint towards the river. After skirting the foot of the castle, runners face the first climb up Holly Hill.

Then it's down to Sandbeck and a long steady climb up to Catterick Camp. A loop back down to Sand Beck provides runners with the steepest climb of all up to Holly Hill again. Runners then drop down to cross Station Bridge and tackle the final 500 metre climb back up to the Market to finish inside the spectacular grounds of Richmond Castle itself.

461 runners including six NAAC members finished this increasingly popular 10k which was fully booked before the day. In his first race since August 2008 Andrew Robertson was pleased to beat his target of sub-50 minutes, finishing in 48m 55s. This is a fitting tribute that demonstrates Andrew's successful determination to recover from a rare and crippling illness. Speedy Martin Randall finished in 28th position in a time of 40m 21s. The other club members were all over-55 vets:

John Edmondson (46m 55s), Simon Robinson (49m 55s), Chris Forster (51m 40s) and John Young (52m 2s). Running is not just for the youngsters!

A sunny Sunday gave Sue and Peter Milburn a brilliant setting for the 7m trail race at Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire. 103 runners lined up and set off on an interesting multi-terrain course which was mainly through woodland and single track trails.

After only 2 miles on the timber trails Peter found himself in the lead, and he held on to win by more than 75 seconds. Over-50 veteran Peter was delighted with his win: his first for a long time! Sue was pleased to make a return to racing after injury and came home 6th lady and 2nd over-45.

Bus tripper Trish Kay took to Scarborough for the McCain Yorkshire Coast 10K. The weather was perfect for the

900 10k runners and 300 fun runners. It was a great atmosphere. There was a warm up before the start and a band playing on the balcony. The flat course went from the Spa along to North Bay and turned back at the Sea Life Centre. There were bands playing along the route and lots of local support.

Despite suffering from a really bad pain in her ribs part way round Trish really enjoyed the race and finished in 49m 46s.

Apart from the race itself, the visit gave Trish added benefits of tips from some Olympic athletes, strolling along the beach, visiting the Castle, some retail therapy then back to the hotel for a swim and sauna. It's not all hard work for runners!

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He signed off with 7 goals in a comfortable 19-12 victory for Sedgefield. He was ably supported by GB colleagues Chris Gilbertson, Rob Rae and Glenn Robinson with 4 goals each. The other members of the Sedgefield team were Joseph Reed, Mark Gabrielle, Frazer Foulds, Greg Barker and Richard Macallister.

Obituary

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McNEILLIE 24th October at Aycliffe Care Home with his loving family around him. Ralph (ex Navy Club Doorman) dearly loved Husband of Hazel and a loving Father, Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral on Monday 2nd November. Friends please meet for Service in St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.30am followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be given for Aycliffe Care Home, c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington DL3 7JR

TOMMY BARTLEY Passed away peacefully on 25th October 2009 in hospital after a short illness. Dearly loved Husband of Nancy and dear Dad of Michael. Friends please meet for Service on Monday 2nd November at 11.45am in Darlington Crematorium and afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club for refreshments.

THOMAS BARTLEY Died 25th October 2009. He was a loving Brother to Agnew and the late Morton; Brother-in-Law to Bobby and a loving Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews. Will be sadly missed by all

Alli's Night Raised £2000

Alison White the young lady from Neville Parade Pharmacy with Leukaemia who we featured recently, had a very successful Charity Night at Evenwood Club where over £2,000 was raised.

Family and friends joined Alison in organising the event which was broadcast on BBC Radio. In addition they are following Alison's story by obtaining regular updates on her condition.

A number of Newtonians bought raffle tickets to support Alison and there are nine winners who will receive their prizes in due course.

Alison suffered a setback last week after a collapse which resulted in a week in hospital on a drip and receiving four blood transfusions over 2 days. Speaking from her hospital bed Alison thanks all those who have written letters of support and sent cards. "It has been lovely to hear from friends and customers of Neville Pharmacy. Their kindness is appreciated" said Alison.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

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W.I. News

The October party night meeting was well attended at our new venue, in the town library. The evening began with a quick look at up and coming events and information. This was followed by a sumptuous buffet, games and perplexing quizzes. The night wound up with chocolate for the winning teams and the raffle was drawn with a first prize of a pansy planted hanging basket.

A big thank you to Evenwood WI for their murder mystery evening. Our team tried their hardest to unravel clues provided by the actors, but to no avail. However, the supper which was provided more than made up for not working out whodunit!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 9th November at 7.15. Newton Aycliffe Library. Please come along and join a lively group of ladies as we enjoy an evening with Andrew Hall, woodworker and woodturner.

Births

TODD, Sarah and Michael. Congratulations on the safe arrival of "Harry James" on 26th October 2009, weighing 7lb 15oz. Lots of love, Mam and Ian xxx

TODD, Sarah and Michael. Congratulations on the birth of "Harry James". Love from Maisie, Andrew, Lindsay, Logan, Kal and Katie xx
TODD, Sarah and Michael. With love on the birth of "Harry James" from Grandma, Grandad and all the family xx
TODD, Sarah and Michael. Congratulations on the birth of your Son, "Harry James". Love from Julie and Darryl

TODD, Sarah and Michael. Congratulations on the birth of "Harry James". Love from Jade, Kel, Macey, Kayleigh, Mark and Ethan xxx
TODD, Sarah and Michael. Congratulations to you all on the birth of "Harry James". Love from June, Dale, Linda and Scott xxx

Birthday Remembrance

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JEAN COOK 1st November. Special memories of a very dear friend. She was one of the best. Miss our tea and chats Jean. Love, Pat, John and family xxx

JEAN COOK (nee Lowery). Loving birthday wishes to a very special Daughter-in-Law of Margaret and the late Jack. Also a much loved Sister-in-Law and Auntie. You will remain in our hearts forever Jean. Love from Mam-in-Law and all our family. Rest In Peace xx

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CHOIR CONCERT
On Saturday 31st October at 7pm the Witness Choir will sing the latest Roger Jones' musical 'The Rock'. The musical tells the story of Simon Peter, the disciple of Jesus. This is sure to be an enjoyable and inspiring evening and everyone in the community is welcome to come along. Admission is £3 or by gift-aided donation, including refreshments.

Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late John Birmingham wish to thank Friends, Neighbours and Rotarians for their support, flowers, cards and floral tributes. Special thanks to Father Campion for a lovely Service, Julie and staff at the Co-operative Funeral Care and John and Alfreda at the Cumby Arms. Thanks also to Syd at Newton News for his tribute to John which was much appreciated by Joan and the family

In Memoriam

BRIAN WILSON Died 29th October 2009. Dad. It has been 3 long years since we lost you so suddenly. We love and miss you every day. R.I.P. Dad with Mam. Love and miss you. Lorraine, Sean, Shane, Martin and Matt xxxxxxxx

RICHARDSON, Ada Maria. 1st November 2005. Treasured memories of my beloved Wife, always in my thoughts, forever loved. Your loving Husband, Brian

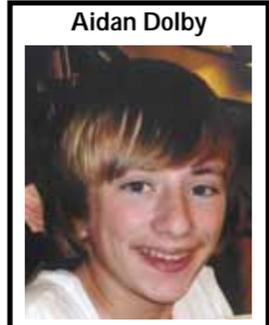
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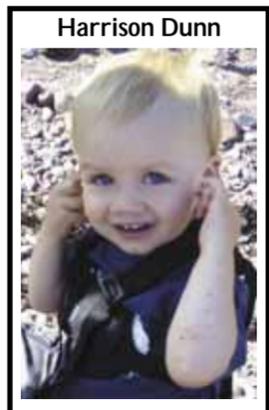
WELL DONE A.C. HOLLY EMMETT on Passing Out from RAF Halton on 20th October 2009. Love from Mum, Dad, Katie, Slinky, Grandma, Grandad and Nannie xxxx

Eva Hannan
Happy 90th Birthday Mam
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Aidan Dolby

Happy 13th Birthday 4th November 2009
Happy birthday Aidan. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Amber, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Michael, Auntie Nicola and Ryan



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"SAY NO TO NEW ELMFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE" SAYS COUNCILLOR

Dear Sir,
I was surprised and quite annoyed to hear that County Councillors for West Ward want to build a new Community Centre on the Elmfield site. There is a Community House already in Silverdale Place, just 5 minutes walk away! I understand it is hardly open, not used by many people and children are charged for the

few activities that take place there. I would ask how often the proposed new facility will be open and who is paying for it? If it is the taxpayer then surely all residents should have a say in the decision making. I would suggest more for teenagers in the area. There are parks for the very young but nothing for teenagers. What about a Skate Park, Roller Skating Rink, Recreation facilities? The Town Centre Park is well used and someone is always using the skate park. We need to move forward with things kids want, we need to keep them busy and out of trouble. We moan about them, but what is here for them in the town? They need money to travel to Ice Skate or go to the Cinema. Let's move with the times and make Aycliffe a fun place for teenagers to live. Community Building are for older people and Bingo. I'd like to hear what the residents and teenagers want. Please ring me on 318763. Cllr. Irene Hewitson.

New Sponsors for Under 7's Team



£354 Raised

On Friday 23rd October the Seniors of Woodham Golf Club ran a Charity Race Night for Macmillan Cancer Support. The night was a great success and raised £354.60 - a big thank you to all who supported either by attending or donating.

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club under 7's wish to thank Workshop Supplies of St. Cuthbert's Way for their support purchasing a brand new strip for the team. As a non profit junior football club, sponsors are vital. Without such generosity junior football clubs would find it hard to survive. Pictured above are Mark & Phil Harrap proprietors with the team outside their premises. NASC JFC plays football across the region and nationally on the end of season tour representing Newton Aycliffe with pride - visit: www.nascjfc.co.uk

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