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Aycliffe Remembers The Fallen

Our Town Centre was the focus of remembrance for the fallen as Newtonians gathered to pay homage at the War Memorial outside St. Clares Church last Sunday. Detachments of regular soldiers, T.A. volunteers, Cadets, uniformed groups, Veterans and representatives of Service organisations paraded to the Church led by our Town Band.

It was a wonderful tribute by the townspeople as they observed the two minutes silence at 11am and watched the laying of wreaths by civic dignitaries.

The Service was led by Rev. Linda Potter and in the crowded Church the usual hymns were sung to jerk tears from those that remembered and respected those who had laid down their lives for our country. St. Francis School Choir lightened the sombre mood with beautiful singing and our Town Band's music helped bring dignity, splendour and patriotic pride to the occasion.

Our Mayor Mary Dalton and Wing Commander Harvey read the Lessons with young people participating in poems and intercessions. A collection was taken for the Poppy Appeal and after the Service the Parade re-assembled for the March Past and Salute taken by the Reviewing Officer.



TOWN COUNCIL FREEZE TAX

Dear Sir,
Council Taxpayers in Great Aycliffe look set to benefit for the first time from setting up the new Unitary Authority for County Durham. As a consequence of re-organisation Great Aycliffe Town Council received £38,475 in Double Taxation Grant back from the County Council, but received it too late to offset against Council Tax in the current financial year. Anticipating receiving at least the same amount each year if not more, the Labour controlled Town Council has

set aside this first payment to support capital spending on the cemeteries and allotments for 2010/2011. Additionally, future Double Taxation Grant will be offset against the Precept (the amount of Council spending financed purely from the Council Tax). Based on present figures it is expected Great Aycliffe Town Council's call on the Council Tax for next year 2010/2011, will be a decrease of £0.38 from £206.12 to £205.74 at Council Tax Band D. However the Council is to put off setting the precept for

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next year, until January, when it is hoped it will have more accurate figures on the future Double Taxation Grant, which if higher, means the Council can reduce the call on Council Tax even more. This planned reduction in Council Tax of 0.18% though small is to be welcomed at a time of financial hardship and job insecurity brought about by the Banking and credit crisis. Some would argue it is overdue, and whilst essential public services should be protected Councils spending plans must reflect the hardship experienced by the general population in what is widely recognised as the worst financial depression in over a generation.
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Pink On Hallowe'en Fireworks Safety Poster Winners Football for the Disabled



Defoe Court Care Centre had a Halloween Party on Friday 30th October and took part in the 'Wear It Pink' day to raise money for Breast Cancer Campaign, staff, residents & relatives raised £95 for the charity.

Fireworks Safety Poster Winners

Great Aycliffe Town Council's 2009 Fireworks Safety Poster Competition once again had an excellent number of entries, all of a very high standard. We have some very talented young people out there!

Thanks to St Joseph's, Vane Road and Walworth Schools, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre and the individual children who took part. All entries were judged by Mayor, Mrs Mary Dalton and husband Reg - a mammoth task! At a presentation held prior to the Fireworks Display Mayor, Mary Dalton handed over the prize JJB Sports vouchers valued at £20, £15 and £10 to these lucky winners:

Reception/Y2: 1st Joey Howarth, 2nd Lewis Snowball, 3rd Jessica Moss.
 Y3/Y4: 1st Lauren Nesbitt, 2nd Holly Killip, 3rd Joshua Bayne
 Y5/Y6: 1st Elisha Donoghue, 2nd Brittany Howe, 3rd Trevor Nicholson.
 Y7+ (Youth Centre): 1st Harriann Finnerty, 2nd Daniel Bage, 3rd Callum Johnson.
 'Special' - Individual entries: 1st Channon Nixon, 2nd Bethan Lee, 3rd Dominic Clennell.
 Well done to you all!



Channon Nixon



Elisha Donoghue



Lauren Nesbitt



Harriann Finnerty



Joey Howarth

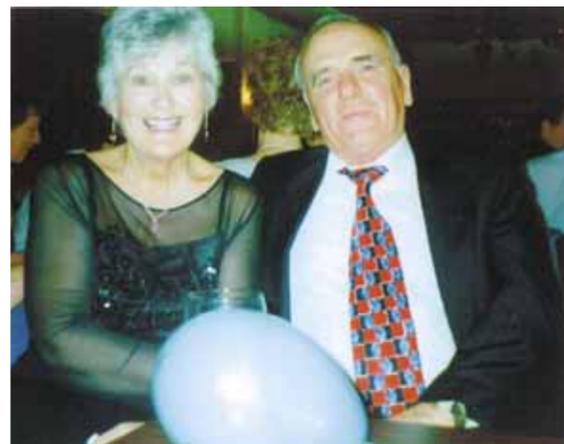


Former Town Councillor Lileen Cuthbertson set up a football team for disabled children aged from 10-15 years. It has grown to 14 kids who supported by their families train one night a week and play against other teams in a junior league. They really enjoy meeting each other and taking part in an energetic sport. The team is made up of youngsters from Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area. Anyone interested in joining should contact Lileen on 308526.

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Margaret and Walt Young, known as "The Candelites" duo, celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. The couple have spent their married life on the town and have been very happy.

entertainment to a lot of people. over many years. On behalf of all those that remember them we thank Margaret and Walt for the music and send our best wishes on their anniversary.

They were part of the 'folk' revival, forming the Candelite Club in 1963, performing in small back rooms of local pubs and inviting guest artistes to create folksy atmosphere for followers to meet, natter and enjoy the music.

Margaret and Walt remember facing their first night thinking they weren't good enough to attract an audience, but they need not have worried as the "Newtonian" printed by Newton Press, later to become Newton News provided the publicity to ensure success.

The duo were joined by Dave Milner and Edwina Robinson and became very popular all over the country appearing on T.V. and Radio.

The Candelite Club used The Oak Tree, the Gretna, RAFA Club, Horndale Club and is currently at the Sports Club. The original duo are now retired, but are known to perform the odd "gig" in their living room.

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Claire Molloy



Tracey Astles

Molecular biologist Claire Molloy could be thought of as an unlikely hotelier. But, after completing a PhD in the subject, that's exactly the direction her career took her and she is now one of the newest recruits at Aston Hotels near Aycliffe. Claire, who joined the company as the Group Business Development Manager, joins the company along with Tracey Astles, who is the Sales and Marketing Director. Claire - who has gone from a life in the laboratory, through scientific events management to end up in her current position - said: "When I got my PhD I went into events management and helped to organise scientific conferences - which I enjoyed - as I had a desire to work in business and marketing. "From there I went into hotels. I thought I could be good for business development. The fact I didn't have a background working in hotels was an advantage, as an event manager I used various hotels and venues and, having been a customer, could give that perspective. "It's the best thing I've ever done." Claire, a keen salsa dancer who loves to travel in her spare time and says - in the right mood - is quite a juggler, said working for Aston was more than a job - it was a career. She said: "Everyone is pulling in the same direction at Aston and enjoys their work. It's been a pleasure joining the company." Tracey Astles joined Aston from the Real Hotel Company where

she was UK Director of Sales. Tracey has a 20 year career in the hotel sector including working for Principal Hotels, Travelocity, and 3 years as a Director at the Intercontinental Hotel Group. She said: "I am delighted to join Aston Hotels, and my role is to create brand awareness, enhance partnerships, and develop the sales and marketing team. "It is challenging times for the hospitality industry, and at Aston we remain focused, positive and equipped for the challenges ahead" Aston Hotels is part of the Hotelier Group and have 2 other hotels in Sheffield and Dumfries .

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to use one of our art projects as a fundraiser so the children worked very hard creating pictures in the style of the famous artist William Morris. Once finished, we framed their work and held a gallery

event where parents came in to view their pictures with an opportunity to purchase them. Thanks to many generous parents we managed to raise the sum of £151.00 which is now being sent to Children in Need to help with all the good work they do. Well done to all the children involved and a big thank you to all parents who contributed!

SBH CHAIRMAN PUTS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Dear Sir,
There have been numerous letters in the Newton News from former Sedgefield Borough Councillor and current Town Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp incorrectly criticising Sedgefield Borough Homes (SBH). The most recent example of this being on 16 October 2009 in his letter entitled 'Free services costs'. With this in mind I think it's about time I put the record straight.

Before the transfer of housing stock from Sedgefield Borough Council to SBH the costs for the treatment of wasps and the collection of bulky household waste were paid for from Council Tax. These services were never previously paid for from tenants' rents.

When the new Durham County Council was set up it and importantly not SBH put in place a new approach to charging for these services across the whole of the county. Under these new arrangements residents of the County now pay for such services, regardless of whether they are SBH tenants, Durham tenants, owner occupiers or private tenants.

Cllr. Blenkinsopp, because of his time on the Borough Council, knows or should know this. He should also know the compelling reasons why SBH was established. It is an Association operating with charitable status and existing

solely to provide social housing and housing services to its tenants.

What is really important is that SBH is making a huge investment in its housing stock over the next 5 years, improving the local economy and creating new job opportunities.

The money SBH is investing is about more than providing new

'kitchens', it is about working in partnership to create, strong safe and vibrant communities that local residents can be proud of. I am sure that Councillor Blenkinsopp will want to respond but I can assure him and more importantly SBH tenants that I will not indulge in a tit for tat exchange of public letters.

Why? Because I will continue to spend my time working with SBH to improve tenants' homes and communities and to deliver important investments. My challenge to Cllr. Blenkinsopp is to work with us to achieve this for the tenants and residents he represents.
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QUESTION TIME

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The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 70 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Youth Under 13's Still Unbeaten

Making it 9 straight wins Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13's produced a battling display at Trimdon in a top of the table clash. It was a game of two halves and, although winning 6 - 2, the second half belonged to their hosts.

Man of the match Dan Kenyon starred in the first half, with wide players Ryan Mercer and Jake Cane providing the service he thrives on. Sam Pascoe and Matthew Dixon dominated midfield and, skipper, Ben Nicholson provided the engine room throughout the game. It was sweeper James Skerrett who provided the killer ball for the first goal, finding Cane wide, Kenyon made no mistake to open the score.

Tom Gledhill dominated in defence and, with the support of full backs Nathan Stott and Billy Bradley, Trimdon couldn't get in the game. With Nicholson controlling the play it was to be Bradley who struck the next blow. He fired in a superb 30 yard free kick to make it 2 - 0. Kenyon, Cane and Mercer continued to cause the home team problems and it was no surprise they scored again. A great run and cross from Cane found Kenyon who headed home superbly. Moments later Kenyon completed his hat trick and then scored a fourth goal to make it 5 - 0 at half time to cap an outstanding individual half for the Aycliffe hot shot.

Trimdon showed character and, to their credit, never gave up. They were rewarded just after half time with a classy goal to pull it back to 5 - 1. Trimdon piled on the pressure and only a great save by keeper Jack McLaren kept Aycliffe's advantage. Connor Halford came on to provide a boost and it was his killer ball which found Cane unmarked. Cane ran on and fired in an unstoppable shot to make it 6 - 1.

Matthew Marshall came on to give Kenyon a rest as the game continued to ebb and flow. Another fine save by McLaren capped a good performance by the big keeper and, replacement goalie, Matthew French showed the depth of the Aycliffe squad pulling off a fine save as Trimdon pushed on. A great chip reduced the deficit to 6-2 and, but for a timely interception by James Wren, Trimdon could have got back into the game. As it was Aycliffe ran out winners but were maybe flattered by the margin of the win.

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round. Peter's match was a Pro Am against Bad Company Gym who are trained by some of the world's best professionals. Peter out-classed and out-performed his opponent. Stuart Taylor competed against Piere Mahones fighter and Stuart's performance and technique were outstanding, raising the level of Thai Boxing in the north east.

Both lads have qualified as Judges and Referees with the World Federation. Peter has been selected to go to the World Championships in Thailand to train as an international referee and judge.

Congratulations to both lads on all their success so far and well done to the juniors for their hard work and commitment. We would also like to thank the Lee Smith Trust fund for their donation allowing us to buy equipment to further the education of youth. Thanks also to John Painter for his donation and the support we receive from the Scouts Centre. Sean Dooney Jnr

Bon Marche Raffle Winners

Staff from Bon Marche thank all customers for their support in their raffle to raise money for breast cancer research. They raised £54 which combined with all stores in the North East totalled £810.

Linda Simpson was over the moon when she heard she had won a watch gift set... it was similar to one her husband who was in the forces bought her back in 1965. A big thankyou to the kind lady who donated this for a prize. Mrs Bennett won the mobile phone and Mrs Hewittson won a tin of chocolates.



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Council Clampdown on Signs

Durham County Council is clamping down on dangerous, illegal road signs.

The dangers of such signs, attached to council road signs and placed on footpaths and roads by shops and businesses, was highlighted at a recent Members seminar on environmental crime and enforcement.

Steve Keetley, Head of Technical Services with Durham County Council, said: "Such signs can be free standing, tied to street lights, fixed to other signage and belong to any type of business from the small shopkeeper to large housing development companies.

"This is an issue which is occurring nationally and across the whole of County Durham and needs to be tackled effectively to ensure the safety of our motorists and clarity of our existing signage."

Unofficial road signs cause a distraction to motorists particularly at major junctions and council officials are currently tackling the principal road network, across County Durham, with plans in place to eventually look at all roads. Councillors and council officials are urging shop owners and businesses to refrain from placing such signs on the roadside and are asking the proprietors of businesses with existing signs to remove them as soon as possible.

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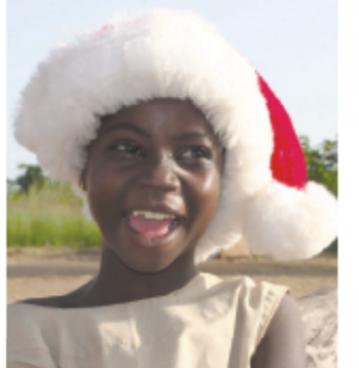
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I AM A POET AND DIDN'T KNOW IT!

Members of a local creative writing group have published a book of poetry after attending an eight-week course to explore how words and images can be used to improve an individual's health and wellbeing. The course, which was delivered after the Pioneering Care Partnership and Julie Ward, received funding from Lapidus, aimed to help adults to overcome problems including low confidence or self esteem and reduce feeling of isolation. The group, who had never done creative writing before were supported by local author, Julie

Ward to use their own personal experiences to create a series of poems. As a result of their hard work the creative writing group won the 'Outstanding Achievement' award at the 2009 Sedgefield Adult Learner Awards and all six members of the group have gone on to new activities. The book, which is titled 'Positive Words, Spreading the Word on Writing and Health', is available to buy online at www.blurb.com/bookstore. One of the members, Eve commented: "I'm really proud of us all, I never thought I could



ever produce anything like this book or even get an award for my achievement." Carol Wilson, Learning for Health Manager at the Pioneering Care Partnership commented: "We are very proud of the Positive Words group. When the course began they were nervous and didn't really know what to expect of a creative writing session. Now they have published a book, won an award and have even talked about their experience at the Pioneering Care Partnership's Annual General Meeting."

"They're a real example of how trying something new can help you make new friends, grow in confidence and begin to focus on the future." Now, through the Arts for Well-being pilot, many more people across County Durham and Darlington will have the opportunity to get involved in creative activities. For more information on the Arts for Well-being programme please contact 01325 321 234, email: artsforwellbeing@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net

Local Dancers Excel in Blackpool

Below are the results of the Freestyle Competition held at Blackpool on 10th and 11th October, 2009:
 3-5 years Rosettes Solo: Amber Fenwick - 2nd, Amy Dolan - 4th, Romie Cowens - 7th, Amelia Anderson - Qualified, David Robinson - Qualified.
 6-8 years Rosettes Solo: Kira Watson - Qualified, Abbie Kennedy - Qualified, Natasha Slade - Qualified.
 6-10 Stardance Solo: Kasia Shaw 2nd.
 Under 9 years Solo: Lisa Robinson - Qualified.
 10-13 years Solo: Reegan Henn - 4th, Annis Race - Qualified.
 14-17 years - Solo: Lauren Archer - Qualified.
 18-25 years - Solo: Katie Shepherd - Qualified.
 10-13 years - Pairs: Chloe Farley & Annis Race - 3rd, Reegan Henn & Kasia Shaw - Qualified.
 14-17 years - Pairs: Charlie Haigh & Lauren Archer - 5th.
 18-25 years - Pairs: Katie Shepherd & Natalie May Bradshaw - Qualified.
 Under 9 years Rock n Roll Summer Fenwick & Reece Atherton - 6th.
 10-13 years Rock n Roll: Annis

Race & Kalya Shaw - Qualified.
 18-25 years Rock n Roll Natalie May Bradshaw & Katie Shepherd - Qualified.
 3-5 years Rock n Roll Syllabus Amelia Anderson (with Jade Wakefield) - 4th. Romie Cowens (with Kalya Shaw) 5th. Amy Dolan (with Annis Race) - Qualified. Amber Fenwick (with Stephanie Wilson) - Qualified.
 6-8 years Rock n Roll Syllabus Abbie Kennedy (with Annis Race) - 5th. Natasha Slade (with Georgia Wakefield) - Qualified.
 Under 9 years team - Disco Fusion 4th. Charlotte Rowley, Libbie Anderson, Kira Watson, Lisa Robinson, Ellie-Jade Anderson, Abbie Kennedy, Olivia Archer, Kasia Shaw, Summer Fenwick and Reece Atherton.
 10-13 years team - Desire 2nd Megan Cross, Emily Kavanagh, Karis Morton, Jade Kilpatrick, Georgia Heads, Hayley Archer, Jordyn Routledge, Georgia Wakefield, Daniela Winwood, Rebecca Lowes, Kalya Shaw, Annis Race, Chloe Farley, Reegan Henn and Brittany Knight.
 Graded Event - Under 9 years Reece Atherton - 5th.
 Graded Event - 10-13 years Bronze: Reegan Henn - 1st. Kasia Shaw - 3rd.
 Graded Event - 10-13 yrs Silver & Gold: Kalya Shaw - 3rd.
 Graded Event 10-13 years Stars, Bars and Above: Annis Race - 1st.
 Graded Event 14-17 years Bronze: Stephanie Wilson - 3rd.
 Graded Event - 18-25 years Stars, Bars and Above: Katie Shepherd - 2nd.
 Graded Event 18-25 years Silver & Gold: Natalie May Bradshaw - 3rd.
 Street Graded Event - Under 9 years: Reece Atherton - 1st.
 Well done to everybody who took part in the qualifier competition. You all danced really well and we all had a fun weekend. Thank you to the parents for their continued support.



Reegan Henn



Annis Race



Amber Fenwick



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The Cubby Committee's Point of View

Dear Editor
I write to you as Chairman of The Cubby to make sure your readers are aware of the position of The Cubby management in respect of any potential move to temporary accommodation. I am concerned that we should not be viewed as being obstructive in any way towards a move from the present location. On 5 June 2009 a meeting was held at The Cubby to discuss the potential move. Present at this meeting were the Cubby Committee and three Durham County Council officers. At this meeting the needs of The Cubby in respect of opening times and facilities were explained verbally and in writing. These requirements formed the basis of questions we put to the DCC representatives as to what we would be provided with in the temporary library. It was understood by all present that The Cubby management would not be able to reach a decision until those answers had been received and considered by the management team. This team includes all those who are volunteers for The Cubby and without whom we could not function. The Cubby is open from 09.00hrs to 12.00hrs Monday to Saturday as a "drop in" for teas and coffees. The Whist Drive currently operates from 12.30hrs to 15.00hrs Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. No answers were provided until 26 August 2009 at a further meeting in The Cubby. Present at this meeting were the Cubby Committee, 5 County Councillors, 3 Town Councillors an officer from the County council and Paul Trippett representing our M.P. Some of the questions we had asked on 5 June 2009 were answered. These dealt mainly with times of access, rent and use of toilet facilities.

However, no answers were given regarding facilities such as storage or refrigerator. The Cubby management were therefore unable to discuss in any great detail the potential move. Furthermore, an undertaking was made at this meeting from a non-Cubby member to find out if there was a shop unit available within the vicinity for Cubby use. As at date of writing this letter no response has been received on this subject. An e-mail was received on 4 September 2009 offering revised times of access to the Community Room in the library for The Cubby. The times do still not meet the requirements of The Cubby, however, what facilities would be available to us was still not clarified. A further meeting was held on 30 October 2009 with the Cubby Committee in the Community Room in the Library. Present at this meeting were: 2 County Councillors and an officer plus 2 officers from the Library Service. Some progress was made in respect of facilities which could be made available. These include a serving counter to separate the kitchen type working top area from the general area, storage cupboard and either a table top or under-cupboard fridge (to be provided for from Cubby funds). Additionally no objections were raised against the Cubby staff making and serving toast, tea and coffee in the Community Room. In summary, some progress has been made, although it has to be said that the slow response to questions put forward by The Cubby has delayed matters through no fault of The Cubby management. Our ultimate aim is that The Cubby will continue to function.
Keith Bell
The Cubby Chairman

Carers Miss Out on Benefits & Pensions

Carers provide unpaid care by looking after ill, frail or disabled family members, friends or partners. To mark the tenth national Carers Rights Day, organised by Carers UK, new research will be launched on 4th December 2009, showing that people caring for elderly, sick or disabled relatives could be missing out on vital support, which could help them plan for their family finances and pensions, because they are not aware of what is available. This is particularly important for carers because: 1 in 5 carers have given up work to care damaging their chances of getting a full Basic State Pension in retirement unless they claim the correct benefits. Carers are unaware they are entitled to support: Carers UK research indicates that it takes an average two years for people caring for friends or relatives to realise they are a 'carer' and access financial and practical support - missing out on key benefits and pension contributions. There are currently six million carers throughout the UK and every year over 2 million people become carers every year and 2 million cease caring.

WOODHAM STUDENTS IN ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



Woodham College students are working with Sedgefield Engineering Forum in a challenge to design a transporter bridge and a remote controlled car. Benefiting from funding from Aimhigher County Durham, and guided by Mike Burnham of Sedgefield Engineering Forum, the aim is to bring engineering into schools and promote business and enterprise. Woodham is one of several secondary schools

participating in the challenge this year. The challenge will culminate in a competition between the schools when the car will be driven around a track and over the transporter bridge, which will be required to support the weight of the vehicle. Mr. Peter Groves, from the Technology Department at Woodham, commented, "This is the third year Woodham students have participated in the challenge to design key elements of a road transport system. We have a very talented and enthusiastic team and, given the college's Technology specialism, are confident that we are well placed to succeed."

ROSE LODGE XMAS FAYRE

On Saturday 21st November a Christmas Fayre will be held at Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall. There will be the usual stalls, Cakes, Bottles, Crafts, Tombola, toys, Raffle etc. Santa will be visiting during the afternoon in addition to entertainment and balloon modelling. Proceeds from the Fayre go to the Residents Comfort Fund which provides entertainment, outings & extras for the benefit of all Residents. Everyone looks forward to seeing you on the 21st from 2pm onwards.

Dogs and Birds in Parks

Dear Sir,
May I reply to the letter by Mrs Gray on birds on West Park Lake. I have only ever spoken to her husband and never said there had been a special meeting. I told her husband I had mentioned it at a meeting and suggested they write to the Town Council about their concerns. I did not say I would get back to her at all! I agreed there should be a bye-law on dogs on leads at Simpature Park and West Park as there have been many problems where dogs are let loose around children and allowed to foul areas like football pitches where children play. I have requested this problem goes to the meeting of the Environment Committee. on 2nd December.
Hon Alderman
Council George Gray

YOUNGSTERS HAVE FUN IN ARMY CADETS



Newton Aycliffe Army Cadets is at the Town Centre TA Centre. The Detachment parades on Mondays and Thursdays between 19:00hrs and 21:00hrs and is open to all young people aged 12 - 18. Over the past 12 months the detachment has grown in strength and now has 30 cadets. It is run by committed staff members whose job is to make your cadet night fun and challenging to ensure you take part in any events, courses and competitions you want to try. As well as the standard military training in the Army Cadet Force such as Drill, Skill at Arms, Shooting, Field Craft and First Aid, the Detachment also takes advantage of other activities such as sporting events, cookery course, and Kayaking proficiency course. As well as all this the cadets can attend a two week annual camp and numerous training weekends throughout the year. The Army Cadet Force offers you a chance to set yourself a challenge where you choose your own deadlines. We make sure every cadet has the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services (the equivalent to 4 GCSE's grade A-C) which is covered in your standard training. The army cadets are not a recruitment agency for the Armed forces, however much of what we cover will help you if you wish to join any of the armed forces. There are many reasons to join the Army Cadets but the main reason is to make friends and have fun. No one asks you to do anything you don't want to do, just try it! Have some fun and take the challenge.

FAMILY DAY WITH SANTA

On Saturday 28th November Santa visits the Agnew Community Centre in Morrison Close. Tables for the New and Nearly New have all been booked and we thank those who are attending. The event starts at 11am with Santa arriving at 12 o'clock and leaving at 2pm. Children can write a letter to Santa helped by Agnew Centre and all will receive a reply before Christmas. A children's entertainer will be there for most of the day along with a Face Painting lady, with food and drink available at reasonable prices. Should you wish to take out a Membership for 2010 then you can do so at no extra charge, £2 and £1 for concessions. Members receive a discount on Children's Party bookings. Several committee members will be available to discuss any item relating to the Agnew Community Centre. For further details contact Event Organiser, Margaret Lovelady on 319857.

Bus Service Information Improved

The way in which information about bus services is made available to the public is under review - and people are invited to have their say. Under the Transport Act 2000, Durham County Council is required to have a policy on what sort of bus service information is provided and how this should be done. Adrian White, Head of Transport at Durham County Council, said: "It's vital that people wishing to travel by bus are able to find clear and accurate information about services quickly and easily. "We want to make sure that people in County Durham can get the information they need, when they need it. "That's why we're asking people to tell us their views on the proposals set out in our Strategy for Bus Information." People can find the strategy on Durham County Council's website www.durham.gov.uk Responses should be emailed to transinfo@durham.gov.uk or sent by post to: Stuart Woods Passenger Transport Regeneration and Economic Development Durham County Council County Hall Durham DH1 5UQ Comments should be received no later on 20th November.

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Submission on AAP Ignored

Dear Sir,
 During the consultation in setting up the AAP I submitted a response to the proposal criticising the budget in relation to the ratio of administration expense to working capital. I believed it was out of all proportion compared with normal business practice. I also commented that 6 Unitary and 1 Town Councillor out of a committee of 21, under-represented locally elected people. The fact that Councillors and members of the public on the board are appointed can hardly be called democratic! It appears all submissions were ignored and I am pleased you highlighted the

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Kate Avery and coach Bob Ashwood with Dame Kelly Holmes

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Kate has been a member of double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes' 'On Camp with Kelly' mentoring and education initiative for talented young middle distance athletes, supported by Aviva, since 2008.

Kate was presented with her award at the recent Daily Telegraph and Aviva School Sport Matters Awards Ceremony at Chelsea Football Club's home Stamford Bridge where her coach Bob Ashwood also received an 'On Camp with Kelly' Coaching Achievement Award.

Kate's time at the European Athletics Junior Championships of 9:13.68 places her top of the 2009 UK Under 20 rankings for 3000m and second on the

European rankings and she also set personal bests for 800m, 1500m and 5000m in 2009. In March she finished 25th at the IAAF World Junior Cross Country Championships. A total of 17 OCWK athletes received awards and Dame Kelly said: "It is fantastic to present so many 'On Camp with Kelly' awards as it shows the success of the athletes who are part of the initiative. I would like to congratulate Kate and her coach Bob Ashwood on her excellent season and I am sure that she will continue to progress in 2010."

Sue Helmont, Head of Advertising & Media at Aviva, said: "'On Camp with Kelly' is a scheme that we are proud to have supported from the beginning, and the Achievement Awards are a great way of recognising the successes of some of the athletes involved. It is our hope that with our support and Dame Kelly's mentoring and advice, these athletes will develop into world class performers."

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ABBA NIGHT AT THE CUMBY



The town's Rotary Club enjoyed a super night at The Cumby Arms with an ABBA Tribute Band provided by Neville Jones. Everyone was up dancing to the fantastic music after enjoying supporting acts and an excellent buffet supper. All proceeds from the evening went to Rotary's final push to eradicate Polio throughout the world. This awful disease now only exists in four countries.

Premier League Referee Gives Talk

FIFA and Premier League referee, Martin Atkinson has confirmed that he will be guest speaker at the November meeting of the Bishop Auckland Referees' Society.

Martin, from West Yorkshire will be speaking at Bishop Auckland Cricket Club on Thursday 19 November at 8pm. All are welcome.

Martin was appointed to the Select Group Referees list in 2005. A year later, in 2006, he was appointed to the FIFA International Referees list.

Martin took charge of the 2006 Community Shield between Liverpool and Chelsea at the Millennium Stadium. He was then appointed to referee the FA Trophy Final in 2008 between Ebbsfleet United and Torquay United at Wembley Stadium.

He was also recently appointed to take charge of the First Leg of the World Cup Qualifying Play-Off between Portugal and Bosnia-Herzegovina on Saturday 14 November.

Newtonian Terry Farley, Secretary of the Bishop Auckland Referees' Society said: "I am delighted that our society has managed to attract yet another high profile guest

speaker to Bishop Auckland. I'm sure that Martin Atkinson will provide us with another memorable evening.

"I would urge anyone with an interest in football, whether you're a referee, supporter or involved in the game locally to come along and enjoy an evening with one of our country's finest referees."

Anyone interested in becoming a football referee should contact the Durham County Football Association on 0191 3872929 or visit www.durhamfa.com. For further information about the Bishop Auckland Referees' Society, contact Terry Farley on 01325 313647 or email terry.farley71@uwclub.net.

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Thank You

PERCY VIGGERS The family of the late Percy wish to thank friends and neighbours for their support and cards. Special thanks to staff at Ward 33, Darlington Memorial Hospital and Vicar Linda Potter for a lovely Service. Staff at the Co-operative Funeral Care and Walkers of Simpature for an excellent buffet.

MARY DOLAN and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of sympathy on the death of her Husband John. Thanks also to Fr. Campion for a beautiful Service. Also Bewick Crescent Doctors and Nurses for looking after John so well. Thanks also for donations for Macmillan Nurses and Sedgefield Community Hospital a total of £512.83 was raised.

A BIG thank you to Jack Braley and to Scott from Bill Plant Driving School for getting me through my test!

Also special thanks to my poor, long suffering Husband John for his love, support and endless patience! Cheers! Jane Burnside

THANK YOU to Brian of Simpature School of Motoring for getting me through my test. Donna
IN THANKSGIVING to Saint Theresa, little flower of the child Jesus. Through your loving intercession, both favours were granted. Thanks be to our blessed Lord and our blessed Lady
HOPPS Thank you for a wonderful Wedding Day Daniel and Wendy. Grandma, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

POLICE ACT ON CARS DAMAGING GRASSLAND

The next PACT meeting for the West Ward Newton Aycliffe is to be held on Tuesday 1st December 2009 at Burnhill Way Methodist Church at 7pm.

Residents of the West Ward area have expressed concern at a recent PACT meeting, where it was highlighted that vehicles are driving over pavements to park on grassed land and parking on pavements. This obstructs pedestrian use and also damages grassed land.

I would like to kindly request that persons refrain from doing this and take into account the safety of Aycliffe's pedestrians, but also the up-keep of their environment by preventing damage that has been caused to grassed areas.

I hope this message is received as a gentle reminder to the public, and subsequently will prevent any further action being taken on those causing obstruction.

PCSO 7002 HUTCHINSON
Newton Aycliffe Police Office
0345 6060 365

Fine Win For Aycliffe

Hartlepool BBOB 10 Newton Aycliffe 12

Newton Aycliffe travelled to 3rd place Hartlepool BBOB for a Durham and Northumberland 3 match on a fine autumn afternoon. This match promised to be much tougher than recent matches.

Despite struggling in the scrums, Aycliffe's forwards performed well in the loose play with the back row of Deryk Cairns, Stuart McIvor and Neil Morgan, together with hooker Matt Adkins, winning more than their share of ball.

After holding off a number of BBOB attacks with some good defence, in particular by Sam Daltry who made some fine tackles, Aycliffe began to attack themselves. A jinking run by Drew Gibson saw Luke Crossen able to score a try out wide. Aycliffe had the edge for the rest of the half as the home side ran out of ideas. The score at half-time was 5 - 0.

Aycliffe began well in the second half, but a loose pass led to an interception which was returned 70 metres for the equalising score. Aycliffe responded by driving BBOB off the ball at a scrum; scrum-half Andy Newman was able

to touch down under the posts and Luke Tinkler added the conversion.

The home side finally got their game together and attacked relentlessly for 15 minutes until Aycliffe's brave defence, bolstered by replacement Jeff Hodgson, crumbled and a try was scored under the posts. The tying conversion seemed a formality, but Gibson was able to charge it down.

With very little time left, Aycliffe should have killed off the game, but sloppy play saw BBOB awarded a penalty in front of the posts; the kick went narrowly wide and the visitors were able to play out the remaining seconds. This was an excellent performance by Aycliffe who ran out 12 - 10 winners and can look forward to the rest of the season with confidence.

This was the 4th league match unbeaten for Aycliffe; on 14th November they host 2nd place Whitby for a 2:15 kick off. Aycliffe's sponsors are Fabtech Engineering and Workshop Supplies. More information is available at www.aycliffesrugby.co.uk.

YOUNGSTERS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD!

Dear Sir,
I watched a great Remembrance Parade again in our own town centre as a nice sized crowd watched this touching march from the Barnard Armoury to

St Clare's Church. After they had marched to the church and stood for a good 10 minutes outside before the laying of the wreaths they all went into church for a Service



which lasted over an hour. Then the march back to the Armoury, all great to watch and very good to see all the people paying respect to the service men and woman who lost their lives in the many conflicts that have taken loved ones, from the first world war to the present day. I think that many of the dignitaries and their guests deserve a 3 course meal that they get after the march. The men and woman who take part in the march also deserve their free drink, which I believe they get in the Legion Club after the march is over. But I'm shocked and disgusted in the fact that there are over 100 kids involved in this day, and what happens to them when the march is completed? They are

left in the barrack yard, in the cold and rain, waiting for their leaders to get their coats, which they can't get themselves as they are not allowed inside the T.A. Centre. These kids are the future and should be treated with the respect they deserve. They behaved superbly throughout the Parade and Service. A simple thank you would be great and well deserving. Next year let's think about the scouts, cubs, beavers, girl guides, rainbows and brownies when they help us remember the past next year. Mr Andrew Timmiss
I Hoode Close.
Ed: The reader makes an excellent point and it would not take a lot to thank the children and give them something warm after the march.

In Memoriam

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond (Ray). 10th November 2007. If I could have a lifetime wish, a dream that would come true: I'd pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you. A thousand words can't bring you back, I know because I've tried; and neither will a million tears because I've cried and cried. You left behind my broken heart and happy memories too; but it's not the memories that were wanted, it was, just simply you. "See you in my dreams" darling. Your Wife Bea xxxx Thinking also of my beautiful Daughter Anthea, who fell asleep on 26th May 2006 xxxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. Special Dads are put on this Earth; to hold, to nurture and love from birth. You were our rock, taught us right from wrong; we miss you so much now that you are gone. You are always with us Dad, thought of every day. Earle, Glenn and Emma xxx Special memories of our dearest Sister Anthea xxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. An understanding heart, an intelligent mind; we miss you so much Dad, you were one of a kind. Son Stuart, Daughter-in-Law Pauline. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts you are always there Grandad. Love, Sophie and Ashleigh xxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest; God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best. Thinking of you Ray, Leigh and Roger xxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. May you always walk in sunshine, and God's love around you flow; for the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know. Phil xxx "Keep that star shining Sis" xx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. Our dearest Grandad, died 10th November 2007. Every day in some small way, memories of you still come our way. Love you always Grandad, Victoria and George xxx Also cherished memories of Mam Anthea xxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. In memory of my wonderful Grandad, and also thinking of my Mam, Anthea. Your loving smiles, your gentle faces, no one can fill your empty places. Scott xxx

RAY FLETCHER 10th November 2007. In memory of a kind and loving Bruv, Ray. Our precious Niece Anthea and all our loved ones. If tears could build a staircase and memories a lane, we'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again. Allen, Marion and family xxx

NATHAN SOWERBY 16-11-06. Treasured memories of a much loved Son and Brother in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Dad and Joanne

LESLEY SERRY Always remembered with pride and fondness. Greatly missed and loved. J x

BILL BURRELL Treasured memories of a dear Dad. Thinking of you today and always. Love you, God bless. Daughter Mena and Son-in-Law Joe xx

TOM HUNTER 12-11-08. Loving memories of a special Husband and my best friend. We will miss you always. Love, Olive, Paul, Ian, Paulette, Sharon, Jenny, Lauren, Tom and Max

TOM HUNTER 12-11-08. A year has passed already. Time gone in a heartbeat that feels like a lifetime. Desperately missed by your Son Paul and Grandsons Tom and Max xx

FRED MOUNSEY Passed away 12th November 2004. Time passes, memories stay, quietly remembered every day. Always in the thoughts of Wife Edna and all the family

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-06. Loving memories of my dear Husband. Remembered each and every day. Your Wife Margaret

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-06. Missing you always Dad. Michael, Abbie and Erin

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-06. Treasured memories of our Dad. All your family in Scotland

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-06. Missing you! Always in our thoughts. Your loving Son Gerard, Carolann and Jamie

GRANT EDGAR Darling Son and Brother, 16-11-1985. We never part from those we love, no distance can divide. Every day in memory we will walk by your side. Grant, you meant so much to us, that nothing we can say can tell the love that's in our hearts as we think of you today. Loved and longed for, love you always. Mam, Paul, Andy, Lee and all the family xxxxxxx

LESLEY SERRY (nee Somerset). Died 16th November 2004. There will always be a heartache and often a silent tear. Because we miss you Lesley and wish you were here. Love always, Mam, Gary, Lynn, Gary, Emily, Clare, Sarah and Laura

JACK LAIDLAW 8th November. Thinking of you Jack all the time. From all of your family. Love you and miss you xx

Licence Applications

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003. The County as applied to Durham County Council on 9th November 2009 for a variation to the license at The County 13 The Green, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6LX. The variation are to extend the selling of alcohol between the hours of 07.00-00.00 each day. Allow the playing of non amplified live music between 19.00-22.30 for the entertainment of restaurant diners. The playing of live music outside the public house for the village carol singing event prior to Christmas. For the general public to be allowed access to the premises between the hours of 07.00am-01.00am. Representations should be made in writing to the Licensing Section, Environmental Health Department, Durham County Council. Council Offices, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ by 7th December 2009. Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 09.00-17.00 Monday to Thursday and 09.00-16.30 Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000. Dated: 13th November 2009.

Obituary

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ALBERT ANDREW
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Birthday Remembrance

RITA CHAPE 18-11-1952. In memory of a great Mam. Although we smile and seem carefree, no one knows the loss, but we. Till memory fades and life departs, she will live forever in our hearts. Love Marty and Nic

RITA CHAPE Grandma. 18-11-1952. Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure. Loving you always, forgetting you never. Love, Natalie xxx

RITA ANN CHAPE 18th November. So lovingly remembered and deeply missed on your birthday. Love you forever, Mam and Family

YVONNE PATRICK 14th November. Loving birthday wishes to a dear Wife, Mam and Nana. Loved and missed always. Husband Gary, Sons Gary, Lee, David and Christopher and Grandchildren

Congratulations

RICHARDSON Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary for Tuesdays 10th November Mam and Dad. Love you loads, Jemma, Chris, Tracy, Scott, Kay and Hayden xxxxx

DAVIES Thomas Allan. Happy 16th birthday Son on 17-11-09. Lots of love, Dad and Mam xxx



Lindsey Hurst
Happy Birthday
Ain't no one like you; Ain't no one to replace you. We've shared the love, we've shared the laughs, and we've shared the life. But most importantly you've shared it with me. All my love, Mark xxx



Mireille Jackman
THE BIG 40
14th November 2009
Hope you have a fantastic 40th birthday. Love from Sarah-Jane, Craig, Madison and Mackenzie xxx

DAVIES Thomas Allan. Happy 16th birthday to the best Brother in the world. Love, Jack and Billy xx

MIREILLE JACKMAN Happy 40th birthday on 14th November. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love from Christine, Davy, Len, Lesley, Bev, Doug, Paul, Katy, James, Bob and all your family and friends xxx

LIAM GALASHAN Congratulations passing your Red Belt Black Tag. Love, Mum and Dad

LIAM GALASHAN Well done on passing your Red Belt Black Tag. Love, Sarah, Lee and Jayden



Lindsey Hurst
shhh! Look who's 40
17th November 2009
Happy birthday Sis. You are are still as sweet and gorgeous now as you were then, just a bit cheekier! Have fun, love yer. Bev, Russ, Ashleigh, Danielle and Ryan xxxx



Mireille Jackman
40 on 14th November
Hope you have a brilliant 40th birthday. Lots of love from Simon, Bryn and Aron xxx

Mr & Mrs HOPPS (Dan and Wendy), congratulations on your Wedding on 7th November 2009 at Lumley Castle. What a wonderful day. Good luck and best wishes for the future. All of our love from Mam, Geoff and Katie xxx



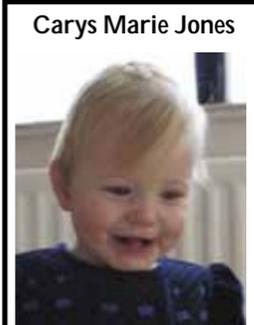
Jacob Bailey
Happy 1st Birthday
With lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Gran, Grandad, Great Grandparents and all the family xxxxxx



Amber Fenwick
Congratulations
on gaining 2nd place, 3-5 years Solo at Blackpool and qualifying in RnR with Stephanie Wilson to represent the North East in Nationwide Finals in 2010. We are so proud of you. Love, Mummy, Daddy and Summer xxx

DAMIEN HARPER Wednesday 18th November. To a special little boy on his 1st birthday. Lots of love and kisses from all your family xxx

DAVIES Happy birthday Thomas, 16 on 17th November 2009. Love and best wishes from Granma and Grandad xx



Carys Marie Jones
Happy 1st Birthday
11th November 2009
To our special Princess, you have come so far, we are all so proud of you. Have a wonderful day. All the love in the world, Mummy and Daddy xxx
To our perfect Sister Carys, you have made us so happy! Happy birthday, hope you enjoy your party. Lots of love, Rhys, Bryn and Owyn xxx
To our gorgeous Granddaughter, happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Nana Jones, Megan and Martin xxx



Claire Wilson
Happy 18th Birthday
We hope you have a lovely birthday. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Auntie Julie, Uncle Graham and Hollie

MILISSA WILSON Well done, we are so proud of you for getting your Degree in Science at Chester Cathedral on 4th November 2009. Andrew and Family, Mam and Brothers

MATTISON Wilson Alison, so proud of you becoming a Nursing Sister. Mam, Connor and Brogan

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Saturday 14th November - "Sabattica"

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Davy's Rock Page review

Saturday 21st November - "Whichkraft"

"The first set was a good mix of well known songs from Motrose, Jethro Tull, Golden Earring, Free and AC/DC. Second set was Deep Purple as this is their trademark. Cliff on drums (ex White Noise) and Gaz on bass have created a really tight and punchy rhythm section. Mr Big was excellent, really showing off Gaz's skills. John on vocals was suffering with a chest infection but it didn't stop him delivering with a good, high and gritty rock vocal. Mal . . . is Mal, looks and plays like Blackmore, has all the moves and the sound of Mr B, but can also show he's really good at the other stuff as well. All in all it was a good show, good crowd, nice choice of rock classics mixed with the best of Purple.
Jerkface - Gig Pit Review

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TOWN'S NEW YOUTH COUNCIL



Some of the successful candidates appointed to Aycliffe Youth Council. From left to right: Jessica Smith; Stacey Richardson; Megan Hamilton; Tom Hunter; Tom Armstrong; Mckenna Curbeson; Raven Waters; Carl Bravey; Joshua Watson, Lauren Craggs; Aaron Hetherington and Ricky Hardy. (Those not able to attend the meeting were Anna Morgan; Matthew Rek; Narelle Riffo-Christy; Francesca Tilley and Maryam Treifi.)

It was great to see some familiar faces again this year, which will help the group gel together. The first meeting of the group dealt with a range of administrative matters and introductions. The Youth Council are supported by two Town Councillors, Vince Crosby and Alan Warburton, and two officers from the Town Council, Steve Cooper and Chrissy Walton.

thought this would be a good opportunity to put other young people's opinions forward, make the town better and give young people responsibility for doing things which directly affected them. Councillor Vince Crosby said "We need to encourage our young people because they are the future for the Town. We also need to keep building on the success of last year."

limited grants budget available for youth organisations based in the Great Aycliffe area to apply for. Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF. Please state name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or balance sheets.

8 SCHOOLS PERFORM AT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Photo of new Xcel Conference Centre taken this week

The annual Community Concert, to be held at the new Xcel Conference Centre on the Business Park will be a superb event with eight town schools taking part.

This popular event in its 20th year lost the support of the Town Council when it was requested the money they allocated to the hall hire be used to provide buses to the new venue.

When they refused the Rotary Club sought other sponsors and J & C Coaches came to the rescue and will lay on free buses to and from the Xcel Conference Centre.

This new super facility for Newton Aycliffe will be ready in December with this Concert as the opening event, giving Newtonians the opportunity to view it first.

Participating schools include Woodham, Greenfield, Vane Road, St. Mary's, Woodham Burn, Byerley Park, Sugar Hill and Aycliffe Village.

As usual our Town Band will lead the community singing of carols and popular Christmas songs. It will be in the form of an "Open Day for Aycliffe"

from 2pm to 5.30pm with the Concert being performed from 3pm - 4.30pm. The general public can view the Centre and enjoy a light meal and other refreshments in the Coffee Lounge/Restaurant areas.

The bus service will operate from the Town Centre outside St. Clare's. Make a note of the date: Sunday 13th December - don't miss this Gala occasion. Admission is free!

For Christmas event organisers there is a fantastic opportunity for you to spread the word about your event to all those coming to the Community Christmas Concert. The Xcel Centre have kindly offered to prepare a media presentation to run before and after the concert with details of all upcoming community events.

It is expected to reach an audience of around 800-1000 so don't miss out on the chance to promote your organisation. All you need to do is email the details including any logo or graphics to info@xcelcentre.com to arrive no later than 30th November.

Heighington Xmas Fair

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.

A wide variety of quality crafts and gifts including, candles, cosmetics & skincare, greeting cards, homemade cakes, jewellery, paintings, sewing handicrafts, toys and puzzles.

Advance tickets cost £2.50 with priority entry from 7pm are available from the school or the Spar in Heighington, alternatively £3 on the night from 7.30 pm.

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Watch Out for this Scam!

Readers are warned of a scam involving a card posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 239 6655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at www.icstis.org.uk

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