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The group of youngsters who meet each Wednesday at the Youth Centre have been in existence for 14 years and have presented their annual Show, courtesy of the Xcel Centre, for the last 4 years.

The choir and soloists from Xcel Church supported the group with classy performances worthy of the professional stage. Local PC Alan Thompson (saxophonist) with "Jazz Tones" also appeared.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Val Raw and Barbara Clare were in attendance and were much impressed by the quality of the Show organised in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance.

The proceeds of the night, £1,275 were presented to Diane Walker from the charity who said how vital the money was to keep the helicopters flying and saving lives.

The three individual solo performances from the Xcel



Church were outstanding and as the compere Phil Walker

said "Better than X Factor". The show was based on songs from musicals including 'Annie', 'Porgy & Bess', 'Carousel' and 'Mama Mia'. The youngsters from MAD Productions can take great pride in their efforts and those of their mentors as they go into rehearsals for the next event. Call in at the Youth Centre if you want to join them.



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Saturday 20th October - "ELENBAK"

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Friday 26th October - "SAK TOONS" Show of the Month - See advert opposite

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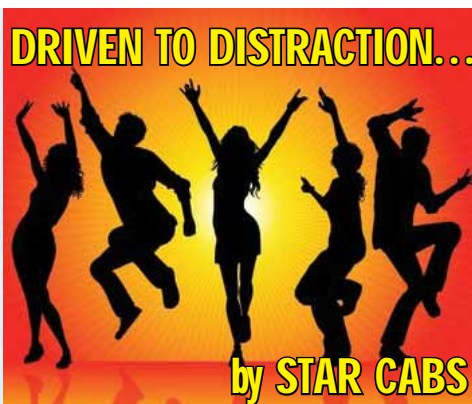
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 Call in on Tuesday 16th October between 10:00am – 1:00pm at the Pioneering Care Partnership Shop next door to Boyes in the Town Centre. Feel free to pop in for a cuppa!

Honest John Needs Your Help to Help Others

Honest John has helped local organisations and charities in the town for over five years, donating over £60,000 from sales of donated goods to his Tuesday Market Stall.
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 Not having this facility will hinder John's work for the community unless someone offers help. If no one can offer him space in the town centre area, he would need someone to offer him storage space elsewhere and



assistance from a van owner to transport the goods to and from his stall on Tuesdays. If you can offer a solution to John's problem please ring him on 316630.

Apprenticeship Awareness Event



This week's stage of the Apprenticeship Awareness Project saw guest speakers from the National Apprenticeship Service and South West Durham Training Ltd visit Woodham Academy. The aim was for students to find out about apprenticeship types, the typical day of an apprentice including the time spent with the company and the training provider per week, work load and entry qualifications required. Students will be using this information over the next 4 weeks to create a presentation for Year 10 and Year 11 students who wish to follow an apprenticeship route when they leave Woodham Academy. The presentations will be judged by a panel of experts and a prize awarded. Emma Sandford and Keavy Gales, students at

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Find out more at our FREE Information session Wednesday 24th October, 1pm - 3pm

PCP are also keen to hear from people who would like to try something new that

isn't on offer. Please get in touch and they will do their best to provide, depending on numbers (a minimum of 10 people is required).

All courses run subject to sufficient demand and it is recommended that you express your interest as soon as possible either by telephone 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or in person at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF.

WILKO'S DONATE ART BOX

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These are to be put in the school's Reward Room, so that the children can get full benefit from this wonderful gesture by Wilkinson's.

Free Activities at Greenfield College

Family Learning Month is well underway and many families have enjoyed cupcake decorating and learning to knit.

We're not finished yet though, we still have spaces left on many other activities including a special Halloween family face painting on Monday 22nd October (5pm-6.30pm, free).

This family learning month ends with half term, where we have yet more free activities for you! We have craft

sessions, and The Big Draw, Join us for family cooking and we finish the week with our AAP Family Film Festival.

Come and watch films that our young people made during the summer, followed by our usual Friday film of course!

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Salon's Sunday £10 "Hair Do"

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This is a non profit day and Daniele the proprietor, is giving up her day off to offer this service as she wants to give something back to the community.

£130 Raised for Macmillan

On Friday 28th September, Greenfield Community College were proud to show their support for Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting a World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

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There were some amazing winners from Newton Aycliffe and they received a massive Thank you and well done from the judges for all the work they do in Newton Aycliffe.

Local Winners will compete for the County Title of each Award Category, to be announced at the County Awards Dinner on Friday 12th October 2012 at Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

Newton Aycliffe winners were- Junior Sports Club of the year- Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club

Coach of the Year: John Moore (Sedgfield 75)

Young Coach of the year: Samantha Robson

(Athena Sports Academy)

Volunteer of the Year: Gerry Fuller (Athena Sports Academy)

Young Volunteer of the Year: Adam Woods, (Sedgfield Water Polo Club)

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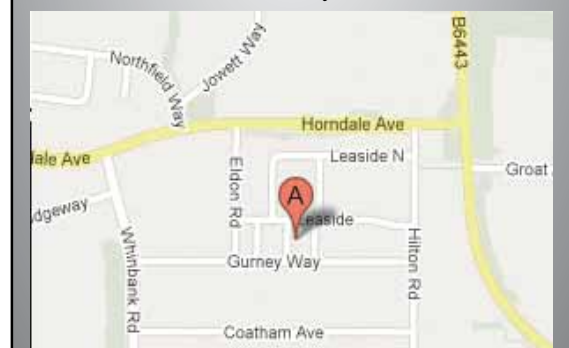
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Please ask Royal Pizza just to tell the truth. It isn't that difficult! Repeat after me... "We are very busy tonight so aren't able to get your food to you for at least a couple of hours"
As a frequent visitor to Newton Aycliffe I have over the last few months ordered food from Royal Pizza on three occasions and without exception been informed my delivery would take approximately 45 minutes.
An hour or so later when I call to chase it up the second stage of the routine is brought into action. "It's on its way" they say.
When the food does arrive a further hour later I am surprised to discover the delivery agent is neither a three legged tortoise, or a snail, but in fact a man with a perfectly roadworthy car!
In fairness the food itself is delicious so please Royal Pizza just tell me the truth.
Dan Hodgson

ROYAL PIZZA REPLY:

We would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to customers. Our usual delivery time is from 45mins up to an hour, however when it gets exceptionally busy the delivery time does go up and we do then advise our customers, it may take more than 1 hour.

We've had various appliance problems which have contributed towards the delivery time being over 1 hour and are in the process of rectifying this and it should be resolved in the next couple of weeks. We apologise if there has been any misunderstanding or if any of our customers have been misinformed about their delivery time.

Our aim is to deliver high standards of customer satisfaction and we value any sort of feedback. Every order is a priority from the time the order is taken up until delivery and making sure the food quality is not effected in the process.

We would appreciate if this is taken into consideration by our valuable customers and if they could bear with us if the order has taken longer than originally advised.

Royal Pizza

Aycliffe Pair Celebrate 50th Anniversary on Caribbean Cruise



Retired Police Detective and his wife, Billy and Jean Walker of Hareson Road, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on the 6th October by taking a holiday in Scarborough followed by a cruise in the Caribbean. Billy quipped: "50 years is a long time so we decided to push the boat out"
The couple travel to Scarborough to meet up with former Aycliffe colleague P.C. Tommy Fox who moved to North Yorkshire in the 70's attaining the rank of Chief Superintendent. He is now the Leader of Scarborough Council.
Billy comes from Ferryhill and he met Jean, from Chilton, at a Dance in the Welfare Hall at Ferryhill Station. Billy's pal was courting Jean, but she liked Billy, and gave up her boyfriend for him, marrying him later in St. Aidan's Church, Chilton.
Billy was a miner for 8 years and Jean worked at Duncans at Neville Parade.
Billy left the mines to work at Abex on the Industrial Estate, moving to Aycliffe in 1963. Inspector Firth encouraged him to join the police force and he trod the beat for six years before joining CID, serving all over the County before retiring with 25 years service in 1992.
Jean worked for M&S at Stockton and Darlington before taking a job with G.E.C. at Aycliffe for 13 years and then Somerfields before retiring.
After retiring Billy worked in Security and dabbled in a Wedding Video business before ending his working life. The couple have enjoyed holidays all over the world, Billy learnt to play classical music and Jean is a crossword fanatic.
Billy and Jean have been together since their teens, they think alike are totally compatible and believe that has given them a happy marriage.

Award for Two Aycliffe Schools

Greenfield Arts College and Aycliffe Village Primary School are among schools in the north recognised for their global education ethos. The British Council's International School Awards were presented to 57 schools in the North East – 19 of which are from Co. Durham. London 2012 Olympics chief starter Alan Bell from County Durham, presented the awards and spoke about his role in the field of international athletics. Cllr Linda Marshall, Chairman of Durham County Council, was in attendance to support the winning schools from County Durham. The award recognised the work schools have done with partners in other countries to help students better understand their place in the world and the relationships between countries.

5* Nursery Chef



Little Acorns Nursery have recently received 5 stars for their catering which is a big achievement. Angela Temby caters for all individual children's dietary requirements, The Chef reviews the nursery menus every 3 months catering for children's likes and dislikes. Little Acorns are proud of this achievement and would like to thank and congratulate Angela for all her hard work and effort.

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Neville Community Centre thank those who have offered to provide cakes for the fourth Veteran's Day Parade and Badge Presentation on 27th October at 3pm. Please deliver cakes on Friday 26th between 1 and 2pm or Saturday from 10am - 12noon. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Each Monday we hold a Kurling event for Nursing Home residents and disabled people. to book ring 313924. A Bingo session is on Friday 19th October at 7pm. 10 games of free Bingo - old and new clients welcome. Ring 313924. Book our main hall for birthday Parties etc. Ring the above number to view our excellent facilities.

M.A.D. Show at Xcel Centre



Costly 0844 Phone Call to Doctors

Dear Sir,
Your readers should be made aware when calling Peasway Medical Centre and most other local practices, they use an 0844 telephone number. Once connected it is chargeable, irrespective of whatever price plan individuals are on. This can cost a minimum of 40p and as is quite normal it could ring for 2-4 minutes and cost anything in excess of £1. Surely an NHS Doctors Surgery should not be profiting from telephone calls from their patients!
Anthony Burak

Table Top Sale Agnew Centre

Agnew Community are holding a TABLE TOP SALE on Saturday 10th November, 10am to 2pm, doors open at 9-15am for sellers. Some tables are still available at £5 and you get a Free first cuppa - remember we are at Morrison Close DL5 4QZ. Tel: 01325 321504 office or 07749 236853

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Tuesday 30th October:
Creating Creatures
Thursday 1st November:
ZooLab presents
Jeepers Creatures

Both sessions will run from 2.30 - 3.30 pm and will be suitable for children 7 and over. If you are interested call into the library for more information. The sessions are 50p per child per event and due to demand places must be booked in advance.



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Town Centre Access Blocked



Newton News have received numerous comments about the new wall at the back of the Aldi Store which prevents pedestrians access

to the town centre from the multi-storey car park. "To brick up that entrance is ludicrous" says one reader. "This is the path we took

from the Library and the Car Park and there is no reason to block this entrance" says another.

"I was looking forward to this entrance being opened again to give me access to the Bank, Greggs and other shops down that end of Beveridge Way". We contacted Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane who said: "As Centre Manager at Newton Aycliffe I am aware of concerns raised regarding the wall at the end of the Aldi store, put in place to provide a safety barrier to the loading bay.

The owners have agreed that we can look again at this provided all health and safety issues can be met. To that end we are currently looking again at the area and provided we can overcome these issues we hope to put forward a proposal for removing the wall and provide a safe walkway to the Multi Storey Car Park. But, please be aware that this may not be possible and the wall may have to stay in place."

THREE GENERATIONS OF ARTISTS EXHIBIT WORK AT SPENNYMOOR

Colin Richardson, Lynn Rocks and her sons Steve and Chris Rocks are 3 generations of a family of artists living in County Durham who believe that fine art should be accessible to everyone.

Colin, who lives in Bishop Auckland, concentrates mainly on painting images of local landmarks and scenes, which depict the vibrance and energy of the people and places of the North East. He has covered many subjects such as Durham Market Place, Bishop Auckland Castle Gates, The Angel of the North and many, many more.

Colin, in his seventies paints most days and is currently working on a large piece depicting the old railway bridge at Spennymoor which also features the Town Band and banner.

Lynn lives in Tudhoe, where she has spent her whole life surrounded by the wonderful countryside, moorland, woodlands, rivers and waterways that rural County Durham has to offer. This along with frequent visits to nearby coastal areas has coloured her art with movement, energy and light, taking inspiration from Mother Nature's glory. Her subject areas include: 'big' skies and sunsets, abstract landscapes and seascapes as well as uplifting floral pieces.

Lynn who has led classes at the PCP uses many different media to create her effects. The most talked about and admired is the ultra high gloss finish she adds to some of her oil paintings. Celebrated artists, Chris and Steve Rocks are twins, born in Spennymoor, who have worked very closely together throughout their lives. Their



paintings are collaborations of their very similar techniques and approaches, with each and every piece being a united response, usually with Chris laying down the major marks to create the painting and Steve adding the final flourishes of colour which makes the painting glow from within. Their work is based on their interest in the concepts of light and luminosity and its effects on land, sky and water. Each piece is linked by a frenetic combination of the movements of a natural state, the colour and radiance being refracted onto various natural mediums giving a new outlook, depth and texture to the original idea, at times soothing, occasionally volatile. A contemporary feel is realised through a raw abstract influence, whilst retaining an aura of tone and depth. The twins and their

mother are represented by De Montfort International Gallery. The intention is to make the viewer aware that, as in

life, everything is constantly changing, the colour and hue of every snapshot taken in by the eye is evanescent, drawing the viewer in and inviting them to make their own conclusions . . . nothing remains the same.

The exhibition was officially opened by Helen Goodman MP and is on until Saturday 27th October with free admission.

The opening times for the Spennymoor Town Hall Gallery are: Weekdays 12.00 noon - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.00am - 2.00pm, closed on Sundays.

All four will be there to talk to people about their work on the last day of the exhibition, but are contactable at all other times of the exhibition if anyone has any queries (staff at the gallery have their contact numbers).

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With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Punches or Swearing at 'The County' Fracas

Dear Sir,

Ref: 'Fracas at The County'
May I ask the correspondent why you felt it necessary to pen your letter, other than for the purposes of 'tittle tattle'?

I also wonder why you have not seen fit to publish your name? As a 'historian', you of all people should know the relevance of factual, evidence-based reporting to ensure that the story is accurate!

Can you confirm that you were in the County on the evening in question; and were within a few meters of the incident? Otherwise you are guilty of pedalling third hand information for your own glorification - neither Christian, nor prudent.

I can inform you that as one of the two people involved in the 'fracas' - therefore a first-hand participant - no punches were thrown, and for my part (and that is all I am prepared to comment on) I certainly did not swear.

Unfortunately, as no punches were thrown, the second part of your letter is no more than a diatribe concerning your

desire to pigeonhole everyone into your own personal belief structures...

On a point of order, I am an Omnitheist (please look it up before you jump to any conclusions about what you think it means) and the other party is Catholic; so the fictitious throwing of the non-religious punch is somewhat of a moot point as your assertions are all incorrect - about faith and pugilism (lack of evidence based in fact is often a downfall to debate).

I'm now off to cut a slice of bread from a fresh loaf, and I am sure that the other party is likely to have a glass of red wine in the next couple of weeks - please do not use this as the basis of your next letter concerning the 'debasement of the sacrament'.

I would agree with your point that Stuart & Collette are great hosts, and although not the instigator of the incident, I am socially responsible and man enough to apologise to those whose enjoyment of the evening was marred.

Julian Lenahan

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100 Companies at Aycliffe Oktoberfest

The head of a high-tech firm pioneering advanced 3D imaging is to bring his business expertise to the North East's biggest annual engineering and manufacturing exhibition at the Xcel Centre. Dr Arnab Basu, Chief Executive Officer of Kromek will talk about Durham and the North East's rich engineering heritage and why the new generation of innovative manufacturing businesses still rely on the high quality skills the region is famed for when he gives the opening address at the eagerly anticipated Oktoberfest 2012. Under his directorship, the Sedgefield, company has become a world leader in colour imaging for x-rays, allowing groundbreaking advances in medical imaging, security screening, industrial inspection and space exploration. Organisers of Oktoberfest - designed to showcase talent, open up new contacts, and initiate business - have hailed his participation and that of Hitachi Rail Europe and Merchant Place Developments (MPD). In July, Hitachi won a £4.5bn contract to build Britain's next generation of

high-speed inter-city trains, which it will do from a new factory in Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham.

That factory will be developed by Newcastle-based MPD, founded in 2006 to complement its established sister company Merchant Place Corporate Finance. It offers a complete funding and development solution to industrial, warehouse, office and retail projects throughout the UK.

Both companies took part in last year's Oktoberfest and this year will have stands in the auditorium as well as



providing a much anticipated update on the project in an afternoon speaker slot.

John Lyle, of Oktoberfest 2012 said: "Dr Basu works in a highly innovative and advanced field and has a wealth of experience that he will share with participants. 'It is tremendous that Hitachi and MPD are taking part and important we continue to attract companies of their standing.'"

More than 100 companies are expected to attend the fifth annual Oktoberfest, including Nissan who are sponsoring the event.

Other guest speakers include Phil Handley, Managing Director of Caterpillar who will participate in an 'in conversation with...' interview with David Baxter, of South Tyneside Business Network, as well as Councillor Neil Foster, Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, Durham County Council. A highlight of the event is the ground-breaking 'meet the buyer' programme which gives exhibiting firms one-on-one introductions to

buyers where they can broker new relationships and trade opportunities with some of the biggest names in the defence, automotive, consumer electronics, lighting and power industries.

Feedback from previous years has shown it to be a significant draw to companies aiming to exhibit, and has created many business openings.

Oktoberfest 2012 is on Thursday, 18th October, at the XCEL Centre. More information at www.durhamoktoberfest.org.uk.

STUDENT ACHIEVES 100% ATTENDANCE OVER 5 YEARS

Oliver Dobson, pictured with his parents, was awarded a certificate for 100% attendance over his five years at Woodham Academy at an awards ceremony at the Sports Direct Arena in Newcastle.

After a tour of Newcastle United's ground, Oliver received his certificate from Karen Wright, of Metro Radio and Councillor Linda Marshall. Throughout his time at Woodham, Oliver was a model student, setting himself the highest standards in terms of behaviour and achievement.

It is no surprise that Oliver achieved outstanding GCSE results with 13 passes at grades A or A*. He is now studying A Levels at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington.

Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, said, "There is



a proven link between attendance and achievement. Oliver achieved perfection in both".

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING RAISED £268



Auction at Scout Centre

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts and the Northern Bygones Society are holding a joint Auction on Saturday 17th November from 10.30am for viewing and Auction at 12 noon.

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The morning raised more than £268 for Macmillan Cancer Support, who are based in the Pioneering Care Centre.

In addition to refreshments sold in the Mall Coffee Shop within the Centre, there were stalls selling jewellery, cards, knitted products, homemade cakes, crafts and other items.

Jane Hartley PCP Executive said: "Thanks to all who made cakes and donated goods and helped to make the event such a success".

"We are so pleased to have the Macmillan information and support centre as tenants

of the Pioneering Care Centre as it offers a wide range of information on all aspects of cancer from prevention to care and is available for anyone who has been affected by cancer, patients, relatives and friends. Every penny raised at the coffee morning will help fund more services for people affected by cancer."

PCP are holding another Craft & Gift Fair on Saturday 1st December, 10am-1pm. If anyone wants a stall please get in touch, otherwise, pop the date in your diary and come along with family and friends for a Festive Fun Day Out.

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Aycliffe Girl Opens Dress Shop in Shildon



Newton Aycliffe girl Melanie Davies has opened a Dress Agency at 81 Church Street Shildon named 'Jean Eleanor's' inspired by her 93 year old grandmother, a lady who always had a great sense of style and is now resident at Rose Lodge Nursing Home. Jean Eleanor brings affordable stylish ladies designer fashions offering pre loved quality designer high fashion items to customers at a fraction of the price they cost new, we invite customers to bring in their designer 'as new' items for us to sell, once the items sell we take 50% commission from the

sale. The shop can be contacted on 07955 512943 and we can be found on face book 'Jean Eleanor's Dress-Agency' we are located between Kellys cards and the motorbike shop. The shop was officially opened on Wednesday 19th September by the Mayor of Shildon Councillor Brian Stoker who cut a ribbon outside the shop. The shop was then open to the public with Champagne and Canopes served. Also attending was Neil Pearson from South Durham Enterprise Agency who has supported Melanie with business advice.

AYCLIFFE PLUMBING APPRENTICE BEST IN REGION

Matthew Phillippo from Newton Aycliffe received the J.B. Wilkinson Shield from the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers at a ceremony held in Gateshead recently. It is the first time Bishop Auckland College has secured the prestigious award, which is contested by Level 2 plumbing apprentices from the North East and Cumbria, since 1968. The 18-year-old, who works for K Hewitt & Co in Bishop Auckland, has just completed a two year Level 2 Apprenticeship in Plumbing and Domestic Heating, attending the Skills and Enterprise Centre at the College's Spennymoor Campus one day a week. Judges from the CIPHE and The Worshipful Company of Plumbers said that his portfolio was one of the highest quality they had ever seen and that the competition this year was outstanding. Matthew said: "I am honoured and privileged to have received such a prestigious award. I would like to thank my employer Craig Hewitt, who was willing to take me on as an apprentice, and



Bishop Auckland College and my tutor Peter Roe for supporting me on my course and equipping me with the knowledge and experience I have gained." Trevor Alley, Curriculum Development Manager of the Technology Department at Bishop Auckland College, added: The award represents hard work both of Matthew and of his tutor Peter Roe and this will provide a huge incentive to our existing apprentices and to our full time learners who are aspiring to become plumbers." His employer Craig Hewitt said: "We are pleased the hard work and dedication Matthew has shown over the last two years has been recognised with the award

of the prestigious Wilkinson Shield. "As an employer we need confidence that our apprentices receive the best possible training to secure our workforce for the future and we take comfort in the fact that Bishop Auckland College consistently delivers these very high standards year after year." Bishop Auckland College is currently recruiting for apprentices in plumbing and heating and a number of other trades. Both employers looking to take on apprentices and people aged between 16-25 who would like to become an apprentice can contact the college by emailing start@bacoll.ac.uk or calling 0800 092 6506.

Chairman of Governors Retires

Staff and Governors of Greenfield pay tribute to Mr Peter Bergg who following 30 years of service to Greenfield Community College has stepped down as Chair of Governors. Mr Priestley, Headteacher said "Peter will be a big loss to the school, he has been an active governor visiting the school more than once a week and taking an active role in leading the school forward." Greenfield is a popular, happy and successful school with year on year improvements in results. This year showing strong figures 5A + C / English and Maths at 55% a 5% increase on 2011 and very strong results for EBacc 27% and 32% of students achieving 3 or more A*-A at GCSE. During Peter's time as chair of Governors the school facilities have been significantly developed for delivering an exciting and relevant curriculum. Mr Bergg leaves Greenfield in a very strong position, he is replaced by Mrs L. Wilson as new chair. He is wished every happiness in his 'retirement'. Mr Bergg said "I wish everyone at Greenfield every success in the future".



YOGA AT OAK LEAF

Have you always wanted to try the ancient art of Yoga, but don't know where to go to ensure you get the best instructions. Oak Leaf Sports Complex has yoga classes on a Thursday evenings taken by an experienced wheel of yoga instructor Marion Keay. Yoga class starts at 5.30 - 7.00pm. Relaxation is a vital part of keeping a healthy body and mind so why not unwind with us? Places are limited so book your place now on 01325-300600.

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Recycling Prizewinners



Five lucky County Durham residents are celebrating after picking up vouchers worth £50 for B&Q, after winning a free draw as part of a recycling campaign launched during Altogether Greener Week earlier this year.

County Durham residents had been asked to take their broken small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for recycling, or donate unwanted working items to nominated local reuse charities. The focus has been on smaller items, such as toasters, hair driers, garden power tools, remote controls, laptops, kettles and mobile phones.

Over 200 entries were received throughout the competition, which ran from Tuesday 29 May to Friday 6 July.

The council's strategic waste team and the Environment Agency held a presentation at County Hall where the winners each received a £50 B&Q gift card prize.

Jamie Fletcher, area environment manager at the Environment Agency, which sponsored the prizes, said: "We are delighted that so many people entered the competition, and we hope that the success of this initiative has helped to get the message across about the correct disposal of WEEE."

The five winners were: Liz Beveridge (Durham), Olga Sinclair (Newton Aycliffe), Alan Gibson (Ferryhill), Julie Peart (Newton Aycliffe) and Tara Pollard (Dalton-le-Dale, Seaham). The winners reused or recycled a tumble dryer, washer/dryer, a kettle, toaster and digital recorder between them.

Cabaret, Raffle, Bingo Pie & Peas for only £5

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw, will be holding a Charity Evening on TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER 2012.

Included in the price is Cabaret Artistes, Pie and Peas, Bingo and a Raffle at the Royal British Legion Club, Macmillan Road, in aid of her nominated charities:- The Butterwick Hospice (Bishop Auckland), Combat Stress and Town Organisations.

Tickets are on sale for Just £5 each and can be obtained from the Council Offices, Tel: 300700 or the Royal British Legion.

AWARD FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL



Aycliffe Village Primary School is celebrating after gaining an International School Award for its promotion of modern foreign languages and development of links with overseas partners.

The award has been given by the British Council for the work done by the school in forming links with France, Denmark, Russia and Sri Lanka, as well as its teaching of European languages. French is taught to all pupils and German is taught in years five and six.

The school has also worked on joint cultural projects with Greenfield Community College and three County Durham primary schools. Headteacher Jed Gargan said: "We are delighted to have gained the award. Pupils and staff have worked hard over the past few years to develop our links with all of our partner schools."

The school is also celebrating the opening of two new classrooms and additional space for the Early Years Foundation Stage, at a cost of £75,000. This has covered the design and building of the extra rooms, as well as improvements to ICT and the school grounds, which now includes a vegetable garden. Mr Gargan said: "The new classrooms have made a huge

difference to us. We now have our youngest pupils at one side of the school, with single year groups in each class. In the key stage two area, the extra space is being used for groups of pupils."

The extra accommodation has allowed for an increase in the admission limit from 22 pupils this year to 25 in 2013.

NAJFC Under 11's in Local Cup Derby

On Sunday 7th October 2012, NAJFC Under 11's travelled across town to play local rivals Newton Aycliffe Youth at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex in a local Cup Derby. Both teams arrived bright and early to warm up and prepare for this local match and each team had a very strong following. NAJFC were looking for their first win of the Season. The team started the match on the front foot attacking at every opportunity. Newton Aycliffe Youth were not over-ruled and gave NAJFC as good as they got. NAJFC got the breakthrough within the first 10 minutes of the game with Harri Lynch opening the scoring with a shot over the top of the keeper. Newton Aycliffe Youth came straight back at NAJFC attacking down the wings but NAJFC's defence held strong. Taking a one nil lead into the half time break. At half time Adam Cayless (Manager) and his coaching team gave the team a determined and inspiring team talk, to continue playing football in the same manner they had played in the first half and they would get their just rewards. The second half saw both

teams have some very hard tackling with some very good chances. NAJFC doubled their lead with a strike from Callum Marshall taking the score line to two nil. NAJFC took their foot off the gas for a while which enabled Newton Aycliffe Youth to beat the off side trap and score a goal. This spurred NAJFC on to try and get another goal. NAJFC made two substitutions to tighten up the mid field to see the match out. Before the final whistle both teams had opportunities to score but

to no avail. Final score line Newton Aycliffe Youth 1, NAJFC 2. Well done to both teams, what a fantastic local Derby. Manager Adam Cayless was very proud of the team's attitude and commitment throughout this game and would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the team, a very well deserved win. NAJFC Under 11's are sponsored this season by AC Aluminium. You can find us on the web at www.najfc.co.uk.

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Kids Watch Aycliffe F.C. FREE

Newton Aycliffe FC are offering FREE admission to children for their crunch Northern League clash with Billingham Synthonia on Saturday 20th October at Moore Lane Park.

Aycliffe's "kids go free" initiative is to encourage more under-12's to go along and support their local club, as long as they're with a full-paying adult.

Supported by Newton Press, who have printed 2000 tickets to be distributed to all the primary schools in the town, the ticket is also available to cut out of this week's edition of the Newton News (right). Aycliffe FC general manager Dan Lewis said: "We're always looking at ways to encourage Newtonians to come and have a look at us, even if it's just for the odd game now and again.

We have one of the best set-ups in the Northern League, with a friendly family atmosphere, and a team made up mostly of local lads and it's a great chance for youngsters to come and

support their local club for the first time, and hopefully enjoy it!"

Aycliffe play second division side Esh Winning in the first round of the FA Vase this Saturday. Allan Oliver's side suffered another league defeat at Ashington last Saturday, albeit with another plucky performance. After going a goal down in the ninth minute, midfielder Martin Young drew the side level, but Ashington regained the lead just before half-time and a second-half goal killed off Aycliffe.

Team: Pocklington; Hinchley, Harvey, Craddock, Close; Webster, Owen, Young; Hughes, Lambert; Earl. Substitutes: Woodhouse, Tarling, Knox, Broom, Butterworth.

• Tickets for Aycliffe's latest fundraiser - Comedy Hypnosis night on Friday 26th October - continue to sell well. They are priced at just £10 each, which includes a disco and table bites, and are available from Dan Lewis on 07581 784726.

FIXTURES

Saturday 13th Oct: Esh Winning (H) FA Vase R1, 3pm
Wednesday 17th Oct: Bedlington Terriers (A), 7.30pm
Saturday 20th Oct: Billingham Synthonia (H) 3pm
Tuesday 23rd Oct: Sunderland RCA (A) 7.30pm
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Wednesday 31st Oct: Spennymoor (H) 7.30pm
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Silver for Woodham



Last week Woodham Academy students had the opportunity to participate in a County Boccia Secondary event at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. The exciting day started

off with the students being placed in a team to compete against other secondary schools in the county. Woodham played several games in the morning.

Many schools were represented. On two occasions the coach had to produce a tape measure to measure whose boccia ball was the closest. The competition was strong. The students won nearly all their games in the morning's heat, only losing 1 game. At lunchtime the staff and pupils sat and enjoyed a relaxing leisurely lunch together. After lunch it was announced Woodham had made it through to the semi-final. An exciting but tense game followed. All played exceptionally well. Woodham students, Rebecca Arrowsmith, Jake Bramley, Jake Perry (Captain of the team), Bradley Race and Ryan Spoors could hardly contain their excitement as they made it through to the final. (Mrs Nielson was on the edge of her seat). The students took 2nd place of silver, each being awarded a medal. Every student shook hands with their opponent, enriching their education by allowing them to compete in a friendly manner with other local schools in what was a memorable day. Sue Nielson

GETTING AYCLIFFE INVOLVED WITH "CHILDREN IN NEED"

Newtonian Paul Kjenstad a member of Lifestyle Fitness in Newton Aycliffe has come up with a new way for people to get good physical activity whilst at the same time raising money for Children in Need.

After approaching the fitness suite staff it has been decided that members and the wider public should be encouraged to take part in a 16.5 hours "Gymathon" in aid of the charity on BBC's Children In Need Day, November 16th 2012.

Paul said. "I have been thinking about ways to raise money for the cause and thought I would ask if we could keep the fitness suite open longer on that day and invite as many people

as possible to come along and do as little or as much as they can to help raise money".

He added "I would really like for those who perhaps don't use the gym to come along and try it out for a while, socialise with others and most importantly have fun whilst raising money for a really good cause".

Paul is hoping to gain the interest of the BBC on the night but said "The main thing is to get as many members of the public involved as possible to raise as much as we can and put Newton Aycliffe on the charitable map".

Anyone interested in helping in any way should speak to a member of staff at Lifestyle



Fitness on 01325 300800 or just pop in and speak to us.

KARATE CLUB MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Four representatives from Aycliffe GKR took part in the Northern Zone qualifiers for the Championships which will be held in Sheffield in November.

A great day was had by all with 8 medals gained in their respective categories. If anyone is interested in joining our club we run classes at Greenfield School on a Thursday at 6:30pm till 8pm and a Saturday morning from 10:30am till 12pm.

The medal winners were:
Sensei Dez Tinkler: 1 Silver for Team Kumite
Annalise Tinkler: 2 Silver for Team Kata and Team Kumite,
1 Bronze Kata and also qualified for Kumite.
Nathan Lovejoy: 1 Gold for Kumite, 2 Silver for Kata and Team Kumite. Jada Holden: 1 Silver for Kumite

HONEST JOHN DONATES £1,850

Honest John's Fundraising stall has donated £400 to The Rainbow Group of 5-7 year olds at Neville Methodist Church; £450 to The Children at St. Clare's; £400 to the Artistic Roller Skating Club and £600 to Newton Aycliffe Spartans Baseball Team. He is now raising cash for the five Residential Homes to help make their Christmas a little more special. John thanks all those who donate to the stall without which he could not help these town organisations.



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WI MEETING: Aycliffe

Village WI meets on Wednesday, 24th October, at Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm when the group welcomes speaker Barbara Beveridge for a talk on Leazes Farm Preserves. The competition is for a Hallowe'en mask made from a paper plate. For details, call President Kathy Round on

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HALLOWE'EN DISCO: It's time to dress up as witches and ghouls for the Hallowe'en Disco at Aycliffe Village Hall, which takes place on Friday, 26th October, from 6.30pm to 8pm. The cost for this event is £1.50, and there is a prize for the best fancy dress.

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Bonfire Night Safety

Robin Turnbull District Manager for Sedgefield area says, “County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service want everyone to really enjoy themselves during what should be a great night. The only way that will happen however, is if everyone stays safe. It’s no fun when the illegal fireworks you’ve bought blow up in your face, it’s no fun sitting in hospital, it’s no fun being scarred for life and it’s no fun if your family and friends are injured.” Robin adds, “The reason illegal fireworks are cheaper is that they don’t meet safety standards and therefore they are very dangerous. We don’t want to stop people having fun so why not have your friends round for the drinks and snacks but then go to an organised display? You won’t get much of a display on your own unless you spend a lot of money anyway. Organised displays as offered by the Town Council at the Oakleaf field are safer and you get more for your money. If you must buy your own fireworks, only do so from reputable dealers, otherwise it could end in tragedy. Follow the Firework Code and the advice on each firework and never let someone who has been drinking alcohol set them off – alcohol and explosives don’t mix!” “The most common injuries are to children’s hands, wrists and eyes and are often caused by sparklers,” Robin states. “Don’t leave children to play with sparklers unsupervised and teach them to hold them at arm’s length and away from other people. Never give sparklers to children under 5 years of age and have a bucket of water handy to put the used sparklers in.” Top tips for staying safe:

1. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
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4. Follow the instructions on each firework carefully.
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6. Stand well back.
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10. Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
11. Never give sparklers to children under five.
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There is information on public firework displays, illegal fireworks and the firework code on the Service Website, www.ddfire.gov.uk the Durham County Council Website, www.durham.gov.uk and on the Darlington Borough Council Website www.darlington.gov.uk

Free Coffee Morning & Electric Item Testing for Over 50’s & Carers



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PAUL GIBSON 9th October 2009. Miss you lots Bro. Love always, Mandy and family
LESLEY SERRY Loved and remembered always. J xxx
TOM SMITH 15th October 2009. Three years have past by, you are still in all our hearts. All our love, Wife Norah, Carol, Cornel, Sue, Jennifer and all grandchildren xxx

Birthday Remembrance

ROCKY EALES 13th October. Always in our hearts and our prayers. Still missing you. Mavis, Tony and all the family
BETTY ROBINSON Happy birthday in Heaven Nana. Miss you loads, Emma, Paul and Olivia. Lots of love xxxx
BETTY ROBINSON 13-10-33. So sad that I can't say happy birthday to you in person, but I am sure you are having fun with all the people you are finally with up there in Heaven. No words can express how much I love and miss you. You have left a part of my heart empty. Happy birthday Mam, till we meet again. Lots of love forever, Julie and Andy. R.I.P. xxxxx

Thank You

BETTY ROBINSON - We would like to thank you all for our cards, condolences and love received after our Mams/Nannas passing on 25th September. A big thank you to everyobe who paid their respects at the funeral of our Mam. It was a lovely Service and she would have loved it. Also thank you Beryl who did the Humanist Service, Co-op Funeralcare and Chapel of Rest ladies. Thank you all for your kindness. Love, Julie, Lynda and our families xxx
JULIE BAYNE - I would like to say a special thank you to my lovely family and Grandchildren for the nice surprise and beautiful gifts and cards on my 70th. Also friends and neighbours for gifts and cards they gave me. It was just fantastic, thank you all!
A BIG THANK YOU to Tesco Staff. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff at Tesco Store, Newton Aycliffe who came to my aid when my Husband collapsed in the car park area of the store on Sunday 30th September at 10.30am. I don't know all your names, but you will know who you are. A very special thank you to Val who took charge of my shopping until I could arrange to collect it on Monday afternoon, for also contacting me on Monday to enquire about my Husband. A very very special thank you to Andrea who never left my side until Paramedics arrived and I was on my way to the hospital with him. I was very anxious throughout and I would have struggled had she not been at my side. A special thank you also to the first-aider and the security guard for their help. Thank you to John on Security who checked the CCTV footage and reported back to us on Friday. My Husband is now beginning what will be a long road back to recovery and I know will want to come and thank you himself whenever that will be possible. Yours gratefully, Mrs Watson

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PARKER Grant & Samantha Parker (nee Jones) Married 17th September 2012. Congratulations to the most perfect couple on your Wedding Day. You were made for each other. We love you always, Mam and Dad xxx
PARKER Grant & Samantha. Hip Hip Hooray! Mammy and Daddy have had their Wedding Day! We are so happy you are married! We love you more than cheese sandwiches. Love always, your Kyle and your Layla xxxxx

JEAN AINSLIE 13th October 2012. Happy 70th birthday Jean. Have a great weekend in Blackpool. Love, Kath, Ben and family xxx
JAMIE BROWN and Vicky Jckson, congratulations on your Engagement. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Kayleigh
BROWN - JACKSON Congratulations Jamie and Vicky on your Engagement. Love from Gran and Grandad xxx
JEAN AINSLIE Happy 70th Birthday Mam. Love John and Bev.
JEAN AINSLIE Happy 70th Birthday Gran Jean. Love Laura and Ellie.
JEAN AINSLIE Happy 70th birthday Jean. Enjoy your weekend. Lots of love from Pat, Dave and family xxx
JEAN AINSLIE 13-10-12. Happy 70th birthday Jean. Love from Mary and family xxx
RICHMOND Cathy and Glenn, 10-10-12. Congratulations on your Silver Wedding anniversary Mam and Dad. Lots and lots of love, Lois, Dean, Bump, Mary, Faith, Sean and Eddie xxx

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Harry & Evie Hall



Happy 1st Birthday
14th October 2012
Happy 1st birthday to our beautiful babies. We love you both lots and lots. From Mammy and Daddy xxxxx
Happy 1st Birthday to our Precious Twins
Harry & Evie Hall. Love you all the world, Nana Karen, Uncle John and Auntie Sarah xxxxx

Chloe Ladbury



21 Today - 12/10/1991
"Now you are really grown up!"
Happy birthday Chloe. Hope you have a fab weekend. Love you loads, Mam, Dad, Charlie, Jamie and all the family xoxoxoxox

Naomi Balmer-Howieson



Happy 30th Birthday
Love from Mam, Lukas, Karl, Tyler, Marques and Leon

Barbara Turner



70 TODAY
Lots of love, Andrew, Michelle, Ross and Drew xxxxxxx

Obituary

CHRIS SWINNEY
(formerly of Newton Aycliffe) passed away suddenly but peacefully, at Hartcare Nursing Home in Yelverton, Devon on 5th October 2012. Beloved Wife of the late Norman; much loved Mother of Maria, Julie and Heather; Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Chris is sadly missed by family and friends

BETTY ROBINSON 25-9-2012. You were my rock, my Mam, my friend. Don't know how I will cope. Love and miss you loads, Lynda xxxx
BETTY ROBINSON Nana, you are with the angels now. Love and miss you unreal amounts. Always in our hearts and thoughts. Heidi and Amelia xxxx
NANNA BATTY I love you so much and always will. Lots of love, Olivia Smart xxx
BETTY ROBINSON Rest in peace my amazing Nanna. Will miss you always, sweet dreams. Love, Emma, Paul and Olivia xxx
BETTY ROBINSON Passed away so suddenly on 25th September 2012. Dear Mam, I hold you close within my heart and there you shall remain. Although we had differences "my love" it stays the same. You've broke my heart by leaving me, but you'll walk with me for the rest of my life. Until we meet again. All my love always and forever Mam. Your Daughter Julie xxx
BETTY ROBINSON May you rest in peace and sleep so peacefull Betty. Lots of love, Andy (Son in Law) xxx

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The Agnew **DISABILITY SPORTS CLUB** is growing in numbers to the extent we now have split sessions 5-30pm to 6-30pm for the younger children and 6-30pm to 7-30pm for the older children.

For those who have not been before and would like advice on the session for your Child then please contact Dale Anderson on 07411 009487. Remember this is **FREE** due to funding provided by the GAMP Area Budget in which we are very grateful. All disabilities welcome.

Muddy Mo 5k Fun Run

Runners are invited to take on a 5k cross-country charity challenge next month.

The Muddy Mo Fun Run, which is open to men and women, takes place at Hardwick Park, Sedgfield, on Saturday, 10 November.

The event is being held in aid of Movember, which aims to raise awareness of men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

Marie Urwin, Durham County Council sport and physical activity project officer, said: "The Muddy Mo Fun Run is the first of its kind to take place at Hardwick Park and we're hoping it will be a fun way to raise vital cash for charity. "We're encouraging men and women to register to take part and enjoy a fun run with a muddy twist!"

Entry is £12 per person. To register, call 03000 282 012.

Big Club Team in All England Cup



SPARTANS THANK HONEST JOHN

For many years Honest John and his fundraising stall in the town centre has been helping local organisations by raising funds on their behalf. This time it was on behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Spartans, the towns own baseball team, and the only baseball team in the North East of England. The Spartans are working hard on introducing the sport to the local community by developing their adult and junior sections, the donation of £600 from Honest John will go a long way to help their cause.

John Johnston the team manager said, "We are overwhelmed by the donation and the selfless way in which Honest John works for the community week in and week out, come rain or shine."



The Spartans have now entered winter training and would like to invite anyone wishing to get involved to get in touch. This can be done by visiting the website www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aycliffespartans

Newtonian Jason Steele is taking his fledgling managerial career seriously, entering his Aycliffe Big Club team in this year's All England Cup.

It'll be a historic first-ever match in the FA Cup of the Sunday morning football world – officially known as the FA Carlsberg Sunday Cup – when his side take on Winlaton Commercial in the first round, at Aycliffe FC's Moore Lane Park on Sunday 21st October, 10.30am kick-off.

Boro goalkeeper Steele, pictured in the middle of the front row of his new team photo, took over at Aycliffe a little over a year ago, and wants to give his players a taste of being a footballer. "It's massive for us, it's our first year in the competition," says Steele. "I want to give the lads an experience of what it's like to play at a higher level. We're going to get them warmed up properly, maybe even eat the right food and drink the right fluids the night before, treat it like a first team game."

"It can only benefit the lads in the long-term and give them a bit of a taste of what it's like to be a footballer."

It may be a 'Busman's Holiday', but Steele enjoys spending his spare time helping to organise his Sunday morning pub side.

He added: "It helps me let my hair down. After the stress of playing in the league on a Saturday this gives me the chance to have a bit of fun and enjoy football with my mates."

"It's a good laugh, but we take it seriously at the same time. We're a decent side, and it's nice to be involved and hopefully my friends to improve and become a good side. "We're a tidy side. We're all from Aycliffe, we all know each other, we all have a drink together and we're all good mates."

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