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### NEW PARTNERS

Over the past 12 months The Work Place has changed its focus and in 2011 The Work Place welcomed Hartlepool College of FE who are working with local companies Husqvarna and Gestamp. Paul Marshall from the College said "Last year Hartlepool College of Further Education trained over 300 customers, most of whom were signposted into direct employment. The customers came from Job Centre Plus and Work Programme providers. Clients gained a Level 2 certificate in 'Preparation for working in the manufacturing and engineering industry'. Gaining employability skills and the ability to up-skill within this sector is essential to maintain employment prospects. Hartlepool College with partners the SORA Group, have established a base at The Work Place @ Newton Aycliffe which houses two assembly line facilities

## COUNCILLOR AT WORK

The residents of Byerley Park, The Chase, Greenfield and Alston Crescent wish to thank Councillor Dorothy Bowman for arranging a meeting with the Arriva Bus Company management. Your work is appreciated Name & address supplied

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for people to train, learn and gain that valuable experience required by industry." Darlington College are our newest tenants who are attracting young people onto their courses in Catering and Childcare. Tracy Laycock from Darlington College said: "HOT on the heels of the success at the Skills Centre in Catterick, a new programme has been put together aimed at young people not in education, training or employment in the Durham Area including Newton Aycliffe, Ferryhill and Spennymoor area. In partnership with The Work Place, Darlington College has put together new programmes for young people in Hospitality and Catering and Health, Social and Childcare". Skills Centre Manager Tracey said: "It is a great opportunity for many young people to get back into education and realise what they can achieve. It's designed to give students a flavour of education in a way that might not have worked for them when they were at school. Youngsters can achieve a Level 1 Award and Certificate qualification, alongside a Functional Skill in Literacy, and a Personal Social Development qualification."

Free tea and toast and financial assistance toward travel expenses is available to young people who will be expected to attend on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9.30am and 3.30pm and on Wednesdays from 9.30am til 12noon. For more details, please call Tracey on 07921 125 303, or the Course and Information Team on 01325 503050.

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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## WHAT'S THE BIG SECRET ALDI?

The opening of Aldi is a big secret withheld from Newton News and even the Town Centre owners. There are rumours that it will be opened on November 8th by a celebrity, but we have no official notification as the local newspaper and cannot get any information from the company's press office. It is an unusual way to open a new store and we are disappointed we cannot give residents any details of the opening or offers the new store is making. This is one of the biggest events in the history of the town centre and no one at Aldi is prepared to talk about it to anyone!

## Kidz Flicks

End the October half term with a film treat @ Kidz Flicks, in St. Clare's Hall on Saturday 3rd November, 2pm. Come and see how Spot the FBI superdog creates havoc after escaping his owner's care. A hilarious film you will all enjoy.

## MEET THE POLICE

POLICE ACCESS POINTS at Neville Parade Community Centre are on **Friday 16th November 1pm-3pm** and **Friday 30th November 1pm-3pm**  
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## STORY TIME FOR KIDS

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## Washing Machines Produced in Aycliffe in the 60's

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John Bloom was a slick entrepreneur who sold his machines from newspaper adverts, cutting out the middlemen to bring cheap washers to the masses. He was selling 500 machines a week, financed largely through hire purchase agreements.

A washing machine price war broke out and Bloom was hit by a postal strike which affected sales and his backers pulled out leaving him high and dry.

John Bloom left Britain and dabbled in various overseas businesses including a Piano Bar. He will be in his early 80's and currently resides in Spain. Bloom was born to orthodox Jewish parents in London. His father was a Polish tailor.

## your views

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## Helping Bus Passengers

Dear Sir,

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this means that area gets an extra bus service although others in other areas have lost services! For people who may have to get two buses now, they may be able to use the Link 2 service for up to 5 miles etc, Mon - Fri basis. This is a prebookable service via the County Council! Phone number 0191 383 5383. "Helping Hand."

## Credit Union Moves



Formerly in the Library the town's Credit Union has now moved to the former Leonard's Electrical Shop in the town centre. Volunteers will be available on Tuesday Market Day 11am till 12 to inform and enrol people in a non profit making way to save and borrow cash.

## Christmas Fayre at Church

On Saturday 10th November we are holding our Christmas Fayre at Neville Parade Methodist Church. There will be a variety of stalls selling cakes, produce, cards and gifts etc. for Christmas. The Shine Choir will be performing seasonal music. The smell of bacon butties will no doubt tempt you into trying our refreshments and of course our great value Methodist Lunches.

The Fayre will be open from 10am - 1pm. We look forward to seeing you, a warm welcome awaits you one and all.

## Good Local TV Aerial Service

Dear Sir,

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Davys Rock Page Review: "All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to hear newer covers with a good mix of older rock 1 0 1 deliver."

**Saturday 10th November - "THIS MACHINE"**

"Well, I don't even know what to say, apart from . . . "THIS MACHINE" were absolutely amazing last night, one of the best . . . especially when the guitarists were on the tables and bar, haha. Every song was awesome, perfect sound, and just all round excellence. And also it was the best atmosphere I've ever seen, everyone was havin fun." - GIG PIT REVIEW.

One of the most entertaining bands on the circuit, music by Motorhead, Van Halen, Metallica, Pearl Jam, Bon Jovi, Guns N Roses, Deep Purple, AC/DC, Billy Idol, Thin Lizzy.

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**Saturday 17th November - "BULLETT"**

Riffs Magazine Review: TURBINIA07 "The prognosis from tonight's performance is definitely a thumbs-up: passion, energy and excitement are what BULLETT deliver and watching the crowd at the TURBINIA go crazy for them, then it's obvious they are on the way up very quickly. BULLETT seem to have got it right and given the odd break or two could seriously be set to worry some of the more established bands - Watch out for BULLETT, they could just have your name on them"

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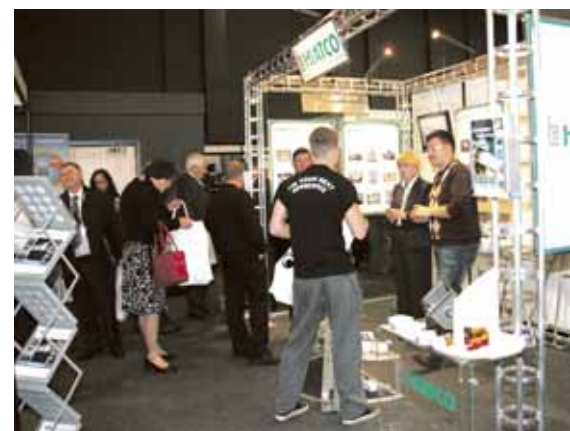
Oktoberfest 2012 – the North East's biggest engineering and manufacturing exhibition – has been hailed a stunning success after all attendance records were dramatically surpassed in a sign of sector optimism. Organisers are celebrating after more than 100 leading firms attended to showcase their products and talents to almost a dozen major buyers, with just under 1,100 visitors passing through the doors to sample what the region's companies had to offer. They say the fifth annual event – designed to display

innovation, open up new contacts, and initiate business – was the best yet and has created opportunities and openings for many who took part. John Lyle, of Derwentside Engineering Forum, part of the organising team, said: "This was undoubtedly our most successful Oktoberfest, and that is quite an achievement. "I am absolutely delighted that so many firms took part and was thrilled to see exhibitors and visitors networking and creating contacts which will hopefully lead to some exciting business opportunities. "The huge number of companies present goes to show how important Oktoberfest is to helping stimulate business and to acting as a high-tech hub for manufacturing and engineering in the North East. "It offers businesses a tremendous opportunity to show what they can do and are capable of, and all under one roof in front of some very

major companies who may buy their products. "Oktoberfest has proved it is a vital and irreplaceable showcase event for companies both selling and buying from not only within the North East, but from throughout the UK." The event, held last month at the Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, opened with an introduction by Councillor Neil Foster, Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, Durham County Council, a long-term supporter of Oktoberfest. He was followed by Dr Arnab Basu, Chief Executive of high-



The Chairman of the County Council Linda Marshall with her consort Councillor David Marshall



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tech Sedgefield firm Kromek, a world leader of advanced 3D colour imaging for x-rays, a technique which has led to ground-breaking advances in medical imaging, security screening, industrial inspection and space exploration. Darren Cumner, from Hitachi, and Mark Bickell, from Merchant Place Developments, also spoke and gave an update on the recently-announced £4.5bn inter-city train building project on which they are collaborating. Newcastle-based MPD is developing a new factory in Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, from where the trains will be built. Both took part in last year's Oktoberfest for the first time and this year had exhibitor stands. Other firms exhibiting included South Tyneside bespoke brush maker Cottam Brush, Banbury-based Laser Lines, a leading supplier of quality lasers and accessories, and 3D printers, and Alnwick-based Metrology Software, which creates advanced software that allows for the precision cutting of parts. Firms and organisations present as potential buyers included American Air Filters, Caterpillar, Ebac, Hitachi, Husqvarna, MOD, Northumbria Water and NAREC. Motor manufacturer Nissan was a sponsor along with Hitachi, MSP, EEF, Business Durham, UKTI, Parker Hannifin, Vanguard, Foam Techniques, GEM Professional Services and Teesside University. A highlight was the ground-breaking 'meet the buyer' programme which gave

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. Richard Toner, Commercial Manager of Elddis Transport, a family-owned hauliers based in Consett, Co Durham, also praised the event, adding: "This was our first time exhibiting at Oktoberfest and it was an extremely well organised event and very well attended. "We've made a number of contacts which we'll be following up. Events like this just go to show that the North East is a great place to do business."

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## Disappointed With Shop

Dear Sir,  
I have a bad story about a shop in Newton Aycliffe, which I feel other people should hear.  
Two children 5 and 7 years old went into a shop with £40 they had stolen. Without questioning the pair the shop assistant sold them £32 worth of £1 football cards.  
When I questioned the member of staff they said it wasn't their fault.  
I am absolutely appalled and believe they were wrong to sell the cards without the parents being present.  
CL  
Name & address supplied.

# AYCLIFFE COMPANY OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY START A BUSINESS FROM HOME . . .

Next year Plastics Direct of Newton Aycliffe will be celebrating 15 years supplying wholesale promotional products and blank photo products you can make yourself from home.  
One of the founders Gary Farrington told Newton News what sets this local company apart from the competition and what's new in store.  
"We operate a niche business manufacturing, moulding and supplying products such as



blank plastic keyrings, fridge magnets, coasters - clear plastic products that can take a photo or your own design inside which is then simply snapped or pushed together to create the finished product. We want people to buy and make these products at home. We supply at wholesale prices with free uk mainland delivery. With more and more people looking to work from home for extra income

the blank photo gifts market is one to seriously consider. Plastics Direct is one of the market leaders manufacturing these items. Anyone can start a small business from home and photo gifts are helping thousands of small enterprises succeed. In addition to increasing personal incomes selling on e-bay, craft fairs, shops, websites etc., the products from Plastics Direct helps clubs, and charities with fundraising" said Gary.

Plastics Direct on Aycliffe Business Park supply nationwide via their website www.plastics-direct.co.uk With over 200 products anyone can make and create useful, saleable items in minutes including: pens, photo mouse mats, photo pens, blank mugs and all the necessary trade supplies.

Gary says "The blank items you can make yourself are in stock for immediate collection or despatch and starting your own business from home using these products has never been easier. We have seen people up and running and profitable in less than a day".

Plastics Direct have the computer software to make it easy to make and create the products they sell. They supply laser cut paper to fit the products so it really is easy to get started making your own products. The Keyring Creator software was developed by Gary and has been downloaded over 295,000 times. It makes and creates personalised gifts in minutes and no special equipment is needed, just a PC and printer.

You can try it free online, just search Google for Keyring Creator. Free UK mainland delivery is standard even the VAT is included so the price you see is the price you pay. Plastics Direct supply big well-known everyday brands like Amazon, Schools, Academies, local authorities, craft workers, small businesses and individuals across the UK.

But that's not all this small, but fast growing company offers - additionally, from their unit in Aycliffe, they offer a full range of personalised products with a quick turnaround on

Mugs, TShirts, Pens, fridge magnets, phone cases, bibs, aprons, mouse mats etc. All can be personalised and you can see them all on display in the showroom which is open to everyone.

Kathleen, Gary's partner says: "Maybe you want one T-shirt for a special occasion or 10 T-shirts for that great night out or party, or perhaps a mug with that special photo on as a gift, or 100 mugs for your own business promotion.

We can make them in-house with a 24-48hr turnaround. We also supply personalised bibs, aprons bags, compact personalised cushions, and name badges. We stock all sizes of T-shirts in the Vapor and Gildan range that we personalise in-house with your message or photo. The company stock black tshirts and can easily print white ink on black shirts for a great quality finish."

Give Plastics Direct a call if you require any of their items or if you want to start your own business making products from home. Visit the showroom to see the great range of products available - they will be more than pleased to assist you.

Plastics Direct can be found at Unit 14 Whitworth Drive, Aycliffe Business Park. (behind Roman Showers). Tel 01325 327216.

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## World Famous Rabbi Visits Xcel Centre

Readers have a really exciting opportunity to hear a world - renowned speaker and author.

On Tuesday 6th November the Xcel Centre are privileged and honoured to host Rabbi Daniel Lapin as part of his UK tour.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin is known world wide as 'America's Rabbi' and author of the book 'Thou Shalt Prosper' and Xcel are very excited about this opportunity.

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Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.30pm for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

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## WOODHAM TEACHER'S GRAND DAY OUT



Sue King

Billy Elliot gave way to 49 teachers and their supporters as the National Teaching Awards arrived in the capital on Sunday 21st October. Sports presenter Clare Balding hosted the annual celebration at the Victoria Palace Theatre, with Woodham's award recipient, Head of History, Sue King, amongst the guests of honour. Since the award was first announced last summer the Academy has enjoyed further GCSE success from students taught by Sue and her team, with 91% gaining a grade C or higher. A remarkable 48% achieved the top grades of A and A\*, some having studied the course for just one year. Sue attended the ceremony with seven family members and deputy headteacher Ian Bickerdike, who commented "It was a privilege to share in Sue's day, she is a model professional who truly inspires our young people".

## Nursery Celebrate Hallowe'en



On Friday 26th October the children of Sugar Hill Nursery were invited to Happy Halloween celebrations. The children dressed in their spookiest costumes and enjoyed a day of chilling activities including spooky bun making, creating pumpkin masks and spider hunting in slimey jelly. Lots of fun was had by all. We have places available for immediate start within the Nursery, contact the school for further details.

## NEW ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE OPENS IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

An experienced Chartered Management Accountant from Newton Aycliffe has set up her own practice after spending 30 years in industry. Christine Marsh started life as a Private Secretary at Union Carbide in the town in 1978 and progressed through her career via different departments at two other companies, qualifying as a Chartered Management Accountant in 2001. She has set-up Sterling Accounting Services to offer a low cost service to sole traders and small/

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## University Sweethearts Married at Piercebridge



Newtonian Rachel Ward was married on Saturday 8th September to Rob Hull from Leeds who she met whilst studying at Lincoln University. The wedding was held at The George Hotel, Piercebridge and the Bridesmaids were Helen Richardson, Nicola Ward, Vikki Slattery and Becci Hull. The Best Man was Daniel Allanson and Usher Scott Brady. After their Honeymoon in Los Angeles, Hawaii and San Francisco the couple returned to begin their married life together in Leeds.

## Getting Married?

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## VILLAGE RESIDENT RAISES PETITION

Dear Sir,  
Bus services are now much worse - the 5 and 5A don't go into Aycliffe Village via Durham Road. I am not happy about these changes as the Monday to Saturday service in my area do not run late anymore. After returning home from Durham I am stuck in the town, having to walk home alone to Aycliffe Village.

Cutbacks do not help people like myself that need late buses and not everyone has a car or can afford taxis. Why can't we have a better service to run late at night? There are no buses after 8pm - Monday to Saturday and we are stuck without them.

I can't get to my Doctor in Pease Way and why can't the No. 7 go via Aycliffe Village along Durham Road? The last bus then would be 23.15pm from Durham.

I will be taking a petition around the village and asking our MP Phil Wilson for his help.

Samantha English

## Residents' Hallowe'en Party

On behalf of A.C.O.R.N Residents Association I would like to thank everyone involved for their input to our Halloween Spooktacula event at Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 27th October.

Thanks to the efforts of the Leisure Centre staff, the Sycamore Suite was well laid out and the bar was run by friendly staff. All the staff could not have been more helpful in dealing with our requests and we look forward to presenting our Christmas Fair in the same location.

DJ Trev performed superbly with just the right mix of music to suit the audience from kids to grandparents, with something for everyone and at a level which allowed conversation.

I don't think I have ever attended a function where everyone from 3 to 83 danced the night away almost from the start. Thanks to Keith and Alison our organisers of this event, they certainly did us proud. It was fantastic to see so many families out together enjoying a great night out.

The costumes and makeup must have taken hours to prepare but the effect was



sensational. I am pleased I was only announcing the winners as it must have been terribly hard to pick a winner of the contest.

Grateful thanks also to Rebekah who took time out from her busy studying schedule to supply us with the absolute wizard decorations for the hall.

Amazing as it seems in this hi tech age in which we live, the children thoroughly enjoyed 'pass the parcel' with Alison playing the part of games mistress. Well done Alison! Caterers, the Cornforth Partnership supplied us with

a great buffet supplemented by cakes brought along by the Picken family, which went down an absolute treat (they must have been good as there were none left for me).

Once again another triumph for our friends and neighbours who make ACORN the great group it is. Our next meeting is at the Leisure Centre Thursday November 8th at 6pm where we will be debating issues affecting the town and making plans for our Christmas Fair and other events.

Ken Robson (Chair) ACORN Residents Association

## KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE



On Wednesday 17th October

Year 7 students at Woodham Academy took part in an internet safety workshop led by PC Scott Hodgson from the Newton Aycliffe Community Police Team.

The event is part of an annual project which has a focus on personal safety. The aim was to highlight e-safety issues linked to social networking. "Students often don't think about the image they are projecting of themselves online and the potentially dangerous situations this could lead them into.

PC Hodgson does a fantastic job in teaching the students about how they can keep themselves safe. Today's session was thoroughly enjoyed by all", said Sarah McGinney, Associate Assistant Headteacher.

## Aycliffe Firm's Big Contract

Aycliffe warehousing and distribution firm Stiller has landed a significant contract with Bidvest Logistics, part of the global Bidvest group in a deal which will initially create 10 new jobs, with more to follow.

Stiller will enable Bidvest Logistics to open the first satellite depot for its Manchester-headquartered multi-temperature food distribution arm which manages daily deliveries across the UK, to clients such as Pizza Hut and KFC, and is aiming to boost its services, improve efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint through the new North East satellite depot.

Stiller will supply loading and unloading staff, transportation services and vehicle maintenance as products are delivered to 160 sites in the region from the new temperature controlled storage that has been installed to store the Bidvest Logistics products.

It is estimated that 1.5 million cases of freight will be moved between Bidvest Logistics and Stiller in the first year with the potential to hit the 2 million figure within 5 years.

This innovative partnership will be very positive for the region with initially 10 new driving jobs being created at Stiller, and more expected to follow in the year ahead as the satellite depot gets up to full capacity.

Stiller's managing director Paul Stiller said: "I'm extremely excited to be able to accommodate Bidvest Logistics on our site and the move fits in with our overall plans to create a logistics centre on Aycliffe Business Park to service the requirements of local and national companies."

Shaun Foley, COO of Bidvest Logistics, added: "Stiller is the perfect location for our first satellite depot. Newton Aycliffe is the optimal centre of gravity for distribution to the whole of the North East and there is an additional 14 acres to expand into. Stiller also shares the same strong



customer service ethics as Bidvest Logistics."

Earlier this year Stiller invested £3m in developing the business after buying its Newton Aycliffe site outright. For more information on the

company's services visit [www.stiller.co.uk](http://www.stiller.co.uk)

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## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

### TAXI RANK AT GORT ROAD

Please note that the Taxi Rank at Gort Road next to the Thames Centre will be closed from 6.00pm Saturday 3rd November 2012 to 7.00am Monday 4th November 2012 to allow for essential maintenance works.

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Bryan Haldane  
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## DURHAM'S FIRST EARL

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## Removal of Wall Possible



Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane had a site meeting this week with the Aldi contractors and they are coming back to him with the feasibility of re-opening access to the town centre from the multi storey car park, currently blocked by a wall.

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## St. John's Year 11 Retreat at Xcel Centre



The Xcel Centre has become a favourite venue for St John's School & Sixth Form College, a Catholic Academy, Bishop Auckland to hold their day retreats. Last week it was the turn of Year 11 to spend the day at the Centre reflecting on their time so far at St John's and the milestones along the way of their personal spiritual journeys. They spent some time comparing their feelings to family friends and school in Year 7 to how they feel now. They had the opportunity to validate each other and receive validation from their tutors. This allowed students to recognize qualities in themselves and others. Led by School Chaplain, Emma Ramsey they reflected on the Parable of the Talents and produced their own adaptation of the parable. At the end of the retreat every student was given an envelope containing a prayer card with another student's name on and they were asked to be that student's guardian angel for the rest of year 11. Students appreciated the opportunity to step away from school and reflect on how they have moved on and how they can take charge of their futures. Once again thanks to the Xcel Centre for the use of their fantastic facilities and the warm welcome we always receive.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2012  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church. The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m. Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's Church. Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church. At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Col. C.J. Townend, RRC RAMC(V). The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

**AYCLIFFE VILLAGE**  
A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 11th November 2012 commencing at 3.00 p.m. During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

## Final Service at St. Joseph's

On Saturday, 27th October, the last Parish Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's and it was packed to capacity. The Mass was a joyful occasion and one of celebration in thanksgiving for the priests and people who have served in St. Joseph's over the last 44 years. In his homily, Fr. Campion personally thanked all those (living and dead) who had given of their time and talents in the building up of the parish. The hymns had been carefully chosen to reflect this special celebration and the last hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung with great gusto by all present. Sunday Mass times in Newton Aycliffe are now on Saturday (Vigil) at 5.30pm in St. Mary's and Sunday morning at 10.00am in St. Mary's. Fr. Campion also celebrates a Vigil Mass (Saturday) at 4.00pm in St. Thomas's, Shildon. In 1948 when the "new town" of Newton Aycliffe was born, the nearest Catholic church was St. Thomas Aquinas, Darlington, and Sunday Mass was supplied from there. In 1954 Newton Aycliffe was formally made a parish and Fr. Martin McBrien was appointed parish priest and initially lived in a rented house in Shafto Way. He decided to build a church and presbytery first and St. Mary's Church was opened in 1960 followed by the opening of St. Mary's primary school in 1962. The town was expanding rapidly

and the Catholic population was also increasing. In 1967, Fr. McBrien was replaced by Fr. Dennis Anderson. During his time in Newton Aycliffe, it had been decided to build another school to the west of the town centre to accommodate the ever growing town most of which was in that area. St. Joseph's school was opened in 1968 with lots of land to allow further building on the site, if needed. St. Joseph's school hall was used as a Mass centre and Fr. Joseph Devlin came here in 1968 to look after the parishioners in this area of the town. In 1973, Fr. Harry Ryan was appointed parish priest of St. Joseph's and Mass continued to be celebrated in the school hall. In 1980, Fr. Ryan moved to St. Mary's on the town and was replaced at St. Joseph's by Fr. Patrick Kennedy. By the early 1980s, it was clear that the town would settle at a population of just under 30,000 (much less than was originally envisaged) so the Bishop indicated that no new church would be built at St. Joseph's. Instead, a handsome granite chapel was added on to the school hall and was officially opened by Bishop Owen Swindlehurst on 13th July 1984. The architect was W.H.R. Pattison of Newcastle and, indeed, he won an award for the design of St. Joseph's Chapel. Fr. Kennedy oversaw the building of the chapel and

everything was chosen very carefully, he wanted to use materials from local sources as much as possible. Without doubt, the chapel was his 'pride and joy' and it was affectionately known as 'Paddy's Wigwam' because of the shape of the chapel and its conical roof. In 1992, both priests moved and Fr. Ryan was replaced by Fr. Michael Weymes. In 1997 the parishes were united under Fr. Weymes. In 2000, Fr. Weymes left and was replaced by Fr. James Dunne. Bishop Ambrose asked Fr. Jim to complete the parish's progress into a single unit and to encourage the people in each area of the town to work together. This he did until he left in 2008. Fr. Michael Campion replaced Fr. Dunne in 2008 and since then has continued the work of uniting St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. He has given parishioners a vision for the church of the future in light of the reducing number of priests in the diocese. This is now leading to the amalgamation of the parish in Aycliffe with St Thomas' in Shildon which Fr. Campion has been serving for the past year. Although the closure of St. Joseph's Chapel is tinged with sadness, it takes place in this wider and challenging context and brings with it the opportunity for the Catholic community of Great Aycliffe to come together and worship as one in St. Mary's Church, the Mother Church.



## Seven Councils Unite Our Region

The seven local authorities representing the North East met last week to discuss new working arrangements that could bring a more coordinated approach to promoting and protecting the region. At the latest in a series of meetings, leaders, chief officers and North Tyneside's Elected Mayor, agreed that a more united approach could be of significant benefit to the North East. Details, including possible key objectives, will be among the topics scheduled for further discussion at the next meeting in November.

Chair of the group and Leader of Durham County Council, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "We would hope that by establishing shared priorities we could tackle some of the most important issues together in what are, without doubt, very difficult times for the public sector. "There is still further discussion to be had before any final decision is made but it is pleasing that there is a strong desire to work together." The councils involved in the group are Durham, Northumberland, Newcastle, Sunderland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Gateshead.



PACT Meetings will be held at the following venues. Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 6th November from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 8th November from 6-30 to 7-30pm. Please come along and get updates on local issues and have your say on any issues that you may have. Councillors and Livin Representatives have been invited. PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers please come and meet them.

## Married in Crete



Rachael Macmaster and Phillip Henderson were married in Crete on 16th September 2012. They were joined in their celebrations by 32 family and friends. Rachael's sister Lee-ann Gittins, her best friend Laura Rodgers and her niece Erin McWilliam were Bridesmaids. The Ushers were Ross Macmaster, Rachael's brother and Jay McWilliam her nephew. Page Boys were Parker McWilliam, her nephew and Phillip's nephews Kai and Finlay Henderson. The Best

Man was David Jones. On their return they continued the celebrations at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre where they were joined by family and friends. Rachael, an accounts assistant is from Newton Aycliffe and Phillip, a welder at Tallent Engineering, is from Shildon. The couple will start their married life together living in Newton Aycliffe. They would like to thank all of their family and friends for the lovely presents, cards and money received.



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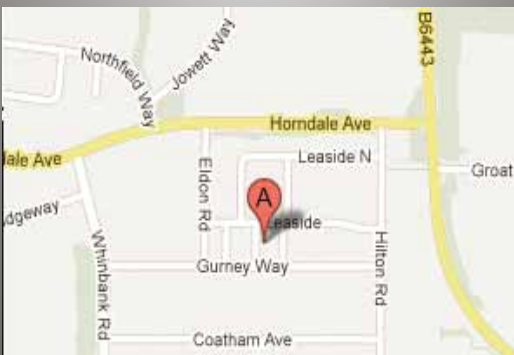
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# Harvest at Sugar Hill

The Harvest celebrations at Sugar Hill Primary School involved everyone! Parents and carers worked alongside children in Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 on a variety of exciting activities such as making Scarecrows, weaving, potato printing, comparing the weights of different vegetables and writing acrostic poems. Children and parents also

prepared, cooked and tasted a delicious 'Winter Root Vegetable Soup.' One parent commented, "I have really enjoyed working with my child and his friends. It was a fantastic day for us all." The week ended with a 'Community Afternoon' which saw a variety of guests invited to the school to be served a steaming bowl of vegetable delight.

The Visitors included, School Governors, Police, Fire fighters and members of the local churches. Beat Police Officer, Alan Thompson said, "The soup was very nice. It warmed me up on this cold Autumn day." Staff at Sugar Hill would like to thank all Parents and Carers who joined in with the Harvest celebrations and also those who donated vegetables for this event.



## Sign-up for Assisted Bin Collections

People who receive help to put their rubbish and recycling bins and boxes out for collection are being reminded to let the council know if they still require the service. Durham County Council is updating its records for people

who are registered for its assisted collections service to check if their circumstances have changed. The authority has already written to some residents asking if they still require assistance and these residents are being reminded to respond as soon as possible.

People who have not yet been contacted will receive a letter over the coming months. The assisted collections service is available to households where all residents aged over 16 are unable to move their wheeled bins or recycling box to the collection point because of ill health, infirmity or disability. Oliver Sherratt, Durham County Council's head of direct services, said: "It is now several years since the list of those receiving the service was updated so we want to make sure everyone who needs help continues to receive it."

"So far, the response rate from residents has been encouraging. However, we would ask that anyone who has received a letter but has not yet replied to get in touch with us as soon as possible. "This is a massive project that involves updating the records of more than 13,000 people so we would be very grateful for

their cooperation as we contact them over the coming months." The council is only contacting those people who applied for assistance before January 2012. Residents can either return the form they receive in the post or complete it online by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/assistedcollections](http://www.durham.gov.uk/assistedcollections)

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Neville Community Centre send a big thank you to those who baked cakes for the Veteran's Day Badge Presentation last Saturday. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thanks also to the ladies of Inner Wheel who baked and worked in the kitchen in a very professional way. The town's RAF Cadets provided the Guard of Honour for our Presiding Officer Col. James Ramsbottom on his third Presentation.

The Town Council was represented by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a number of Councillors. It was a perfect day for all the recipients of badges given by the government to mark their military service. Wear your badge with pride - you earned it!

A Free Film Show will be provided on Saturday 10th November at 3pm.

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November at 3pm - Tables available to hire for £5 to sell your own new goods. To book ring 313924. Volunteers wanted to help with in-store collection at Tesco's for 2 hours.

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# Horndale Form New Residents' Association

Horndale Residents Association was formed last month by a group of local people who want to improve the area, covering Horndale, Greenfield and Byerley Park. The main aim is to provide a MUGA pitch (Multi Use Games Area) as we feel that our youngsters have to walk a distance to use one of the three already in the town and it would provide our youth with a facility to be proud of. In the New Year we will speak to the young people and set up a youth resident group to get their thoughts and input as we believe it is important to involve them in decision making that affects them. The Town Council have donated land and ground works required at Horndale Park where the old football changing rooms were. This is a big step towards our aim, and the next thing is to raise approx £65,000. We would welcome any help from companies or individuals to help move this forward. We would like to thank Councillor Dorothy Bowman PCSO Mike Welch, Litza Johnson and the Town Council for their help so far. Our next meeting is held on the 7th November at



the Evangelical Church, Ladybower starting at 6pm with the Pact Meeting first followed by the residents meeting. Your local councillors have been invited with representatives from the Police and Livin to give reports and the chance for you to ask questions or advice. Guest speakers will be invited to future meetings. We look forward to seeing you so please come along if you any concerns or problems that affect your area or quality of life. We can't promise to fix everything but will work with other agencies to do our best to make our estates a better and safer place to live. Chairman Philip Clark



# VAN DRIVER SOUGHT AFTER ROAD RAGE INCIDENT AT REDWORTH

Police are investigating a road rage incident in the area last Sunday, October 21. At around 3.20pm a man was in his car, a black Vauxhall Insignia, on the A1 roundabout at Burtree when a small white van, possibly a Vauxhall, has cut him up. The Insignia driver sounded his horn at which point the van gave chase towards Redworth. When the Insignia driver stopped at temporary traffic lights at Redworth, the van driver got out of his vehicle carrying a tyre iron and threatened the other driver. He had to drive through red lights to get away. The van followed through the red lights, chasing the car until the Watling Road roundabout at Bishop Auckland before turning off up Watling Road.

The van driver was described as being in his mid-20s around 5ft 9in tall, of medium build with short dark hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt and black carpenter style trousers and spoke with a local accent. The car driver's wife and young children were also in the vehicle. Police need to trace the van driver, so would welcome anyone coming forward who recognises with description. There were several other cars stopped at the temporary traffic lights who may have information which can help the enquiries. Anyone with information should ring police on 101 and ask for the response team at Bishop Auckland, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Mouth Cancer - If in Doubt Check it Out!

More than 6000 people will be diagnosed with Mouth Cancer in the UK this year alone. Without early detection half will die. Sadly, very few people are aware of this cancer which kills more people than cervical cancer and testicular cancer combined. Even more importantly four in five of us don't know symptoms of the disease. November is Mouth Cancer Action Month and Sedgefield Dental Practice wish to let people know what the risks are and to help persuade everyone who has any doubts to get themselves checked out by a dentist.

However too many people come forward too late because they do not visit their dentist for a regular examination. So if you haven't seen your dentist and are worried about Mouth Cancer remember 'If in Doubt, Get Checked Out' the motto of the British Dental Health Foundation annual campaign. Call Sedgefield Dental Practice on 01740 621040 to arrange a dental health examination to be sure you have a healthy mouth, teeth and gums. For more details about Mouth Cancer please look at [www.mouthcancer.org](http://www.mouthcancer.org)

Whilst people who both drink and use tobacco to excess are up to 30 times more likely to develop the condition, even if you are a non smoker you can still get the disease. If tobacco and alcohol are consumed together the risk is even greater. Many recent reports have linked mouth cancer to the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is the major cause of cervical cancer and affects the skin that lines the moist areas of the body. HPV can spread through oral sex, and research now suggests that it could soon rival smoking and drinking as one of the main causes of mouth cancer. The lifetime risk of developing oral cancer in the UK is estimated to be 1 in 93 for men and 1 in 186 for women. So what should you be looking out for? Mouth cancer can appear in different forms and can affect all parts of the mouth, tongue and lips. It can appear as a painless mouth ulcer that does not heal normally. A white or red patch can also develop into a cancer. It is important to visit your dentist if these areas do not heal within three weeks. Mouth cancer can be detected in its early stages by your dentist. Remember your dentist can see parts of your mouth that you would ordinarily not be able to see. If it is spotted early the chances of a complete cure are good, and the smaller area or ulcer the better the chance of cure.

# WOODHAM STUDENTS CONTACT WAR HEROINE

Drama Students from Woodham Academy were thrilled to receive an email from Sally Becker in response to their comments about her during a drama lesson. As a British Charity Worker, Sally's heroic missions during the Bosnian war earned her the title 'The Angel of Mostar'. Drama teacher, Mrs L Drew, designed a scheme of work based upon the extraordinary efforts of the people carrying the Olympic Flag. During the 'Sally Becker' lesson, students used explorative strategies to mentally place themselves in her situation. Students used her as a stimulus to explore whether bravery was a feeling, or a response to a situation. During the plenary of the lesson, the students were asked to write down anything they would like to say to Ms Becker or any questions they would like to ask her. Mrs Drew wrote to Sally explaining the lesson and forwarding on the students' comments and questions; within 24 hours, Ms Becker had replied. Sally said she was "honoured" to be a part of the lesson and how much she appreciated the comments made by Woodham students. After taking time to respond to each comment directly Kiera, 15, said "I admire her bravery and dedication to a cause, it was such a shock to receive a reply from her and made us realise that she is a real person and not just someone you see in the news".



Rebecca, 14, explained "I understood why she chose to stay in the war zone, I wish I was proud and totally had her courage".

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# Maths Gains Momentum at Woodham Academy

Preparation for this year's Mathematics GCSE has reached fever pitch as Woodham's Year 11 students seek to outdo their predecessors. Last year's students achieved record results with successes at grades C and above, and A and A\*, both being best-ever performances. Students are flocking to additional revision sessions in a determined effort to peak at the right time. Recent mock examinations have been encouraging and have given a real impetus to the final preparations that could make all the difference to each individual. Head of Mathematics, Steve Flynn, said, "Last year is a tough act to follow. I'm so impressed with the commitment and initiative shown by our new Year 11 working alongside our staff. I really think that they will come up trumps!"



# TOWN BUS COMPANY PROVIDES NEW SERVICE IN JANUARY



Central Coaches the longest established bus service in the town is applying to bring a local circular route to those areas affected by cuts in service to the town centre. Proprietor Alec Voy will provide an hourly bus route, No. 116, from Heighington, School Aycliffe, Greenfield Way, Alston Crescent, Byerley Park, Burn Lane, Greenwell Road and then an inner loop that takes in Pease Way, Greenfield Way, Williamfield Way, Stephenson Way and back round to Greenwell Road.

The service will start in January as they have to give 8 weeks notice. Initially the bus will operate between 09.20am and 2.20pm with a view to expanding later. The bus will be able to accept bus passes and wheelchairs. Alec told Newton News he decided to offer the service following the withdrawal of the bus connecting Heighington and School Aycliffe to Newton Aycliffe. It is hoped this local initiative will be appreciated and supported by passengers, encouraging Central Coaches to expand their local bus service.

# REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER

Great Aycliffe Town Council's Policy and Resources Committee met on Wednesday 24 October. The meeting started with a presentation by Mr Graham Wood from Regeneration and Economic Development at Durham County Council, and Mr Stewart Watkins from Business Durham. (Business Durham offers news, advice and guidance for businesses in County Durham, and you can subscribe to their daily email at <http://bit.ly/BDEmail>) The Town Council is anxious to keep informed of developments in the local economy; councillors heard a very useful account of the opportunities and challenges facing local firms but were told that – despite a small growth in the national economy – the local economy continues to struggle. The next important issue considered was a request by Sedgefield and District Citizens Advice Bureau for funding of £18,000. The Council had looked into the matter carefully in July,

when it had been agreed that – as a parish council – this Council could not afford to support CAB to the kind of degree that they required on a year-on-year basis. Thus, the grant of £6,933 given in July had been given on a 'one-off' basis and, since then, the Council had been faced with a substantial cut to its own income. Regrettably, therefore, councillors agreed unanimously that they were unable to make another donation. Councillors appreciated that CAB carries out excellent work in the community, and that CAB's services are needed more than ever in the current economic climate, so when Council. Crosby proposed that a working party be set up to investigate ways that the Council might support CAB other than financially, the councillors agreed unanimously to do so. A number of further items on the agenda dealt with next year's Town Council budget. The Council has received a consultation from the County Council proposing that the adjustments to Council Tax benefits should not apply to town and parish councils; this is very welcome news – if they had applied, then the Council budget would have been seriously affected – so the Council agreed

unanimously to support the proposal. However, the consultation also proposes the withdrawal of the current Double Taxation Grant as a quid pro quo. Councillors unanimously agreed to oppose this suggestion (which will reduce Council income by £38,475) since Double Taxation is not related in any way to Council Tax benefits, and is an issue of fairness and equitability. (You can reply yourself to this consultation, which has significant implications for individual Council Tax payers as well as the Town Council, at <http://bit.ly/DCC-CouncilTax>). Finally, the Council considered its overall budget for next year. Councillor Clare, leading the meeting, stated that he was proud to propose a budget which – though financially safe – froze the Town Council precept for the fourth year running and also, for 2013-2014, planned to freeze Council fees and prices at its facilities ... despite the significant reduction to Council income caused by the withdrawal of the Double Taxation grant. A number of councillors said 'Hear, Hear', and the budget was accepted unanimously by the whole Council. John D Clare

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# THANKS TO GREENFIELD'S MANY SUPPORTERS

On Tuesday 23rd October, Greenfield enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of celebration with many good friends and colleagues from across the county. As a school with its heart in the community it was a delightful opportunity to thank local councillors, school governors, headteacher's from partner schools, colleagues from the advisory service and many more good friends who have helped and supported us along the journey.

As well as sharing the numerous highlights of the very good report, friends of Greenfield were able to sit back and enjoy an afternoon of high level performances. Greenfield students, with their usual commitment and enthusiasm were keen to treat our visitors to such a small fraction of our diverse and varied work.

As a Specialist Arts and Science College it is unsurprising that we offer all students a broad and challenging curriculum which supports them in developing their academic, artistic and vocational talents. What is surprising however, is the quality of work achieved by these students and the energy and pride they invest in their work.

This wasn't just a good afternoon celebrating a GOOD Ofsted inspection, it was a GREAT afternoon celebrating a GREAT school. Thank you to all for your continued support.

David Priestley, Headteacher



# NEW CYCLE/MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB OPENS

Are you interested in joining a "Family Bike Club" aimed at all levels of cycling ability in the Aycliffe/Sedgefield area? The club will cater for people wishing to be part of an organised club, with scheduled rides around Aycliffe and also occasional excursions to other areas, including trips to locations such as Hamsterley Forest and the Seven Staines Forest Routes. Children 10 and over are also welcome, but would have to be accompanied by their guardian.

I am not initially looking at extreme biking, more bridleways, tracks and forest routes at a pace that will accommodate the less experienced rider. The club will be ideal for people looking to complement or start their fitness regime with an enjoyable outdoor activity that has so many benefits.

I would envisage cycling probably once a weekend and maybe once during the week if enough people are interested. My intention would be to cater for all levels initially and then to see if there is enough people to split into different categories. Although the club would not be suitable for the experienced/fast paced riders, they are more than welcome to attend, but bear in mind that it will not initially cater for the faster more fitter biker!

There is still some cycling to be done during the next few months and it is also a good time to lay the foundations for the start of next year. If you are interested in being part of the grass roots concept, then please contact Steve on 07523 871373.

# PUPPET WANTS TO BE A BOY

Our attention is brought to a great, astonishing and unbelievable event of a Puppet who wants to be a boy. Yes, this is real, a puppet with no strings made by a great puppet maker named Gipetto, and his astonishing story is to be told on stage at the Shildon Civic Hall.

Pinocchio will be performed on Friday and Saturday 9th / 10th November at 7.30pm, then again after lunch on Sunday with a 2pm start. This magical story has everything from Adventure to comedy, singing and dancing and plenty to keep ALL the family well entertained. So come down and meet Pinocchio and meet all the colourful characters.

A member of the group stated, "this is a loveable story which every child will have heard of or would have read, so we thought it was time to bring the story alive on stage. All our members come from Aycliffe, Shildon, Chilton and Bishop so it would be great to get the support of our local community.

We try our best to keep the prices of our shows affordable so ALL the family can come and have a really good couple of hours entertainment."

Pinocchio would love to see all the family down at the Civic so he has a wonderful special offer for any one interested Parent. A special Parent ticket is available for you to book today! A Parent Ticket will let 1 Adult 1 Child get to see the show for a superb price of only £5, but these tickets are only available by pre booking before the show, they will not be on sale at the door on the day of the performance. So don't delay, get on the phone today. Other prices for this great show are Adults £4 Children (over 5) £2.50 (under 5) £1. Tickets can be pre booked on 01325 313363 or on our usual ticket website - [www.shildontheatretickets.webs.com](http://www.shildontheatretickets.webs.com)

So come and see the Puppet whose only wish in life is to become a normal boy.

# DEVELOPING ELITE SPORTING TALENT AT WOODHAM ACADEMY

Eight competitive club swimmers from Woodham Sports Academy took part in the English Schools Swimming Association North East Trials recently. The event was held at Durham City Freeman Quay and hosted schools from all over the North East of England to compete in medley and freestyle relays. The squad was a mixture of year 10 and 11 girls. Woodham has always had a strong swimming tradition and has excellent links to Sedgefield 75.

Currently working with the Woodham swimming academy is Heather Brewster and Glen Longmire who are both either involved or have been with the 75. The event itself was a huge success for Woodham students Jessica Longmire, Georgia Leybourne, Chloe Farley and Jennifer Lerner who swam the third fastest time in the intermediate girls' medley relay.

The time they posted will hopefully be enough to take them to the National Finals in Crystal Palace London once all ESSA regional trials have been completed. The best sixteen times in the country will compete.

This is just another indication of the success of the recently launched Sports Academy at Woodham, where there have been over 26 students selected to be part of the Swimming Academy.

Mr Clough, Director of Woodham Sport Academy recently said "The ESSA swimming gala was another indication of the strength of talent we have at Woodham. Since the launch of the Sports Academy our school sport has grown immensely with over 166 students across the Academy involved in sport. I believe that within time

# AAP Small Grants Fund Helps Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) have given Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club £372 to assist them in the Safety and Respect of Grassroots Football in Newton Aycliffe. NAJFC established in 1997 are a voluntary run football club with teams age ranging from Under 7's to Under 18's. We have FA Chartered Standard and have around 150 young people that regularly play football. As a Club we are very inclusive in our approach and encourage membership regardless of sex, ability, race or disability. We give children the opportunity to take part in sport, encourage healthy lifestyle & social skills.

The club gives children the opportunity to become part of a club, part of a team, play sport, meet new friends, increase social skills & give them the chance to play junior football. Our club gives a social impact by giving young people something to aim for and achieve. With many of its older members now coaching, refereeing, the club supports them in every way. We keep children focused, and encourage them throughout the sport to enjoy it. Football gives the children something to look forward to, it can be very challenging, and they are constantly learning new skills not only for the game but also socially. We want young people to enjoy football, experience the joy of football & further develop their skills, understanding and commitment to play competitive football. We want all our children to train and play in safe environments.

With the above in mind the small grant awarded from GAMP will enable NAJFC to purchase additional Football Foundation Respect barriers. These barriers have been introduced by the Football Foundation and have been one of the most successful innovations of the Respect programme. The barriers help to convince spectators that they are there to support the teams and dissuade those that believe that they have to patrol the touchline or even enter onto the pitch. With the spectators on one side of the pitch and team officials on the other the coaching environment and the safety of the children is also greatly improved.

The purchase of these barriers will ensure all the children who play for Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club play all their games in a safe and secure environment and this contributes to the positive and fun experience that we as a club want all our children to have and most of all enjoy this beautiful game. A big thank you to Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP)

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# North's Insolvencies Higher than South

Firms in the north of England are still more likely to fail than their southern counterparts, according to a report from Euler Hermes, the world's largest trade credit insurer. No fewer than eight of the top 10 'hot spots' for insolvency are in the north of the country, with the top spot occupied by the Darlington area which has an insolvency rate of 1.68% - almost double the rate of its nearest competitor, Manchester (0.87%). The first southern town to feature in the top 20 is Southampton (in 12th place) with an insolvency rate of 0.57%. The findings show 11 new entrants to the Top 50 league table including Aberdeen, Norwich, Doncaster and Exeter; a sign, that the economic malaise remains a UK-wide concern and one not solely restricted to the North. Sean Stone, Manager at Euler Hermes who compiled the league table, says that corporate insolvencies will continue to rise: "With the Bank of England expecting zero growth this year and signs of an export led recovery still some way off, we believe there will be more corporate insolvencies in 2012 than 2011," he says.

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**BOOTHALICIOUS** - Will be with us on Sunday 18th November from 11 am to 5-30 pm. To book your family & friends having their Christmas spirit on camera ring Karen on 07974 153334.  
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# Aycliffe Girl with Titanium Spine Zips from Bridge

A Newton Aycliffe Teenager who three years ago underwent major spinal reconstruction surgery with titanium rods inserted into her spine has zip wired from the top of the Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge in aid of a local charity.

17 Year Old Sixth Form Student Emma-Jo Blundy of Woodham raised more than £240. A high speed descent from the Bridge would put the fear of God into most people, but not Emma-Jo who three years ago underwent serious spinal surgery to correct curvature of her spine caused by the debilitating condition Scoliosis.

The surgery initially left her without the use of her legs after a 14 hour operation went wrong. The operation at the James Cook Hospital had complications and required 2 further operations to correct the problem that caused temporary paralysis in her legs and to partially correct her spinal curvature.

Emma-Jo takes most things in her stride these days and says: "I just couldn't resist the opportunity to do something for charity." The 'Take A Day Out' charity Emma-Jo has been helping is based in Newton Aycliffe and provides needed time out

for full time carers.

Emma-Jo said: "I work a few hours each week at the Cobblers Hall pub in Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe and their strong bond with the charity inspired me to get involved. When they mentioned they were looking for volunteers to take part - I just jumped at the chance.

"I am passionate about helping others in anyway I can and I guess my own experience of being in hospital made me want to see what I could do to help carers that are so important in the aftercare of all kinds of people, without support from my family, I wouldn't have been able to cope with my own surgery and rehabilitation."

Peter Sheen, who runs the charity said: "We are a very small and new charity with low overheads. In order for us to make a difference to the people we support we need the kind and generous support of organisations like the 'Cobblers' and people like Emma-Jo. When I found out about Emma-Jo's own situation I couldn't believe it, it's just outstanding that she would help us out in this way, we are very grateful and very humbled."



Collette Gore who manages the Cobblers in Newton Aycliffe said: "I had no idea about Emma-Jo's surgery. We all thought that she was very brave to do the zip wire event and the only member of the 'Cobblers' team that did, but when she told me about her spinal surgery;

well, firstly I was shocked and then concerned and then overwhelmed by her act of caring for others.

Emma-Jo is a sixth form student at Carmel College in Darlington where she is studying, Sociology, Business, ICT and Photography at 'A' Level.

## Congratulations

**HELEN EMMETT** Happy 50th birthday Aunty Helen. Hope you have a great day! Love from Jackson and Louise xxx

**AUNTY HELEN** Happy birthday Aunty Helen, love from Clare and Heath. Heath sends you a big kiss and a cuddle xxxx

**BETHANY ADLAM** Happy 18th birthday on 5th November. Love from little Nana

## Helen Emmett



**Remember, Remember the 5th of November**

Yeah, it's Helen 50th birthday! Thinking about you on this special day. Love from your sister Janice and Brother-in-Law Stewart xxxx

## In Memoriam

### Vallerie Samantha Nicholson



One year today you left us to fly with the angels, aged only 27. Not a day goes by when you are not missed. Always loved. Mam, Dad, Esther, Trev and Boys

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 28th October 2007. Time slips by and life goes on, but from our hearts you are never gone. Love, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxxx

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 28th October. In loving memory of a dear Brother and Son. Loved always, Barbara, Rob and Dad

**PEGGY BOOTH** 4.11.11. Mam, remembering you is easy, we do it everyday. Losing you was the heartache that will never go away. Forever in our hearts. Margaret, John, Jean, Tony, Ralph and Janet

**PEGGY BOOTH** 4.11.11. Days like these we long to say, how we wish that you could have stayed. We love you forever and a day, Even though you've gone away. Love you Nana, forever in our hearts. Michelle, William, Carl, David, Craig and Liam

**MAXINE COUSINS** 5-11-2010. Always in our thoughts. Love, Anthony, Angela, Gavin, Zoe and Ebony

**MAXINE COUSINS** Two years have passed, never forget you. All our love, Diane, Stuart, Katy and Adam xxx

**EMME DUNN** 29th October 2011. Loving Mother, Mother-in-Law, Nana and Great Nana. Never more than a thought away. Ann, Denis and family

**EMME DUNN** In loving memory. Silent thoughts of times together, hold memories that will last forever. Love, Dulcie and family

**ADA RICHARDSON** Died 1st November 2005. Treasured memories of my dear Wife. Forever loved, Brian

**ALBERT ANDREW** 6-11-2009. As we look up and blow you a kiss, send you a prayer. Please look down Dad so we feel your are there. Our hearts do ache, our tears still flow, but you know Dad how much we love you so. May your special angel keep you happy and safe. To our handsome Dad, love from our Daughters Julie and Susan and family. We love you Dad xxxx

## David and Julie



### Congratulations

on your Wedding Day on 13th October 2012. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Nicola, Kelly, Sharna and Adam

### Congratulations

to Mam and Dad for getting Married. Lots of love, Bailey and Harley

### Congratulations

on the second Book Club Girl to get married. Lots of love, the Book Club Girls xxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**JACK SMITH** It would have been your birthday on 30th October. No cards to send, no presents to give, just fond memories as long as we live. From your Wife Doreen and Daughters Catherine and Jean and all the family

**MALCOLM GLENNIE** Thinking of you on what would have been your 60th birthday (5th November). Always in our thoughts. From your loving Mother Joan, Children Darren, Michelle and Malcolm and Daughter-in-Law Laura

**DAVID BAYNE** 7th November. It's sad that we can't say happy 75th birthday. You are always in our hearts. Lots of love forever. Wife Julie and all the family and Grandchildren

## Births

### Fletcher Chatha



You have been in our lives for one week now and you have changed our lives forever. We promise to love and protect you always. Love, Mummy and Daddy xx

### David Bayne



In memory of David Bayne, 6th November 2005. You are missed every single day, there's no words we can say that will take the pain away. Forever in our thoughts. Love you always. Wife Julie, David, Moira, John, Rachel, Kenneth, Emma, Lyn, Liam, Grandchildren Hayley, Matthew, Joshua, Erin, Ciara and Oliver.

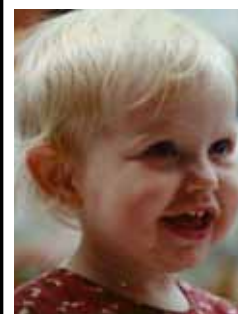
## Thank You

**VERY GRATEFUL** to the person who handed my mobile phone into the Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 27th October

**SCOTT** Bill and Sharon would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards and gifts received and for making our Silver Wedding Anniversary party very special. We all had a fab night xxxx

**DULCIE CADD** and family would like to thank everyone for the donations in memory of Eddie, for the Macmillan Cancer Support. £400 was raised.

## Bethany



### Happy Birthday BehBeh

We love you and hope you have a fantastic day. Lots of love, Nana, Mam, Chris, Ben and all the family xxx

## Obituary

**JONES** 29th October, peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, of Newton Aycliffe. Barbara aged 70 years, beloved Wife to Eddie. A much loved Mother to Paula, Edwina and Jessica; Mother-in-Law to Joe, Gary and Dean. Loving Nana to Grace, Gemma, Aidan, Ryan, Cameron and Isaac. Funeral Wednesday 7th November, will friends please meet at 11.45am for Service in St Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village, followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired to the Macmillan Nurses

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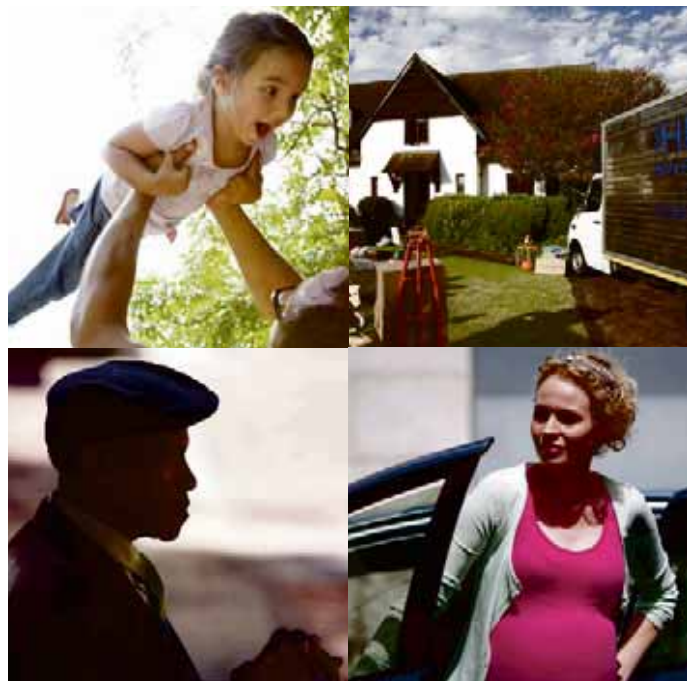
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## Town's Water Polo Team Win Tournament

Sedgefield Water Polo Club hosted a tournament at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for juniors born 1999 or later.

Sedgefield are the leading club in GB at this age group having never lost a game in over 3 years.

They have won the last 2 years at the Manchester Festival at this age group - the biggest open tournament in GB.

Last weekend they were up against Sheffield who they defeated 6-1, Rotherham who were dispatched 8-1, and Bedale 14-0.

In the Semi final Aycliffe defeated Bradford 6-1 and in the final gave a superb performance defeating Lancaster 7-0 in front of a full balcony.

Sedgefield's impressive defence and swift counter attack was much too good for the other teams. Kristopher Egginton 11 was judged Sedgefield's player of the



tournament for a great all round display.

John Pratt and Jake Plant both 13 scored some great goals. Luke Monument 12 when called upon made some great saves in goal. Terri Millington 12 led the defence superbly. Emily Pilkington 13 showed why she is so highly rated at GB level. Connor Keeble 12 was excellent in defence and scored some great goals on the counter.

Michael Cousins 12, Michael

Hampshire 10, Haydn Craggs 10, Ben Stephenson 11 and Hugh Masterson 12 all played an important part in this tremendous performance under coaches were Rudolph Reichel and Richard Cousins. Sedgefield's very young under 11's had friendlies with Bedale and Lancaster and showed their potential for the future with 4 wins and one loss.

The team was Poppy Stephenson 9, Daniel

Millington 9, Milo Curley 9, Bartosz Czajczynski 9, Lucy Masterson 7, Lauren Nicholson 7, Ben Aderson 7 and Jessica Webb 9 who made a superb debut in goal.

## HEIGHINGTON OPEN NEW SPORTS FACILITY Olympic Year Celebrated

Heighington Parish Council

is celebrating its connection with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy with the official opening of their Sports Pavilion.

The council secured £50,000 of National Lottery funding from the Sport England's Inspired Facilities legacy fund to build a new changing pavilion for the nine football teams. There were previously no changing facilities available for the teams, with players having to come changed or change in their cars.

The new facilities required a huge effort from the local community to provide a similar input to that of the Sport England grant. The huge effort was met by local businesses, members of participating football teams and individuals without whose help and skills, this new facility would have been extremely difficult to complete.

These new facilities have been provided to a standard that meets the requirements of FIFA.

Councillor Brian Anderson said: "We are delighted to secure the Inspired Facilities grant which will enable us to now increase the number of teams between the ages of 6 and 15. This will also require to provide more coaches and it is our strategy to have an outstanding club growing from this 2012 Olympic legacy."

The Inspired Facilities fund is part of the Sport England's £150 million Places People Play legacy programme that is bringing the magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities across the country. Every sports facility that receives funding will carry the London 2012 inspire mark - celebrating the link to the Games.

Sport England's Chair, Richard Lewis, said "This investment has created a fantastic sporting legacy for Heighington Parish Council. This fund has really hit the mark with sports clubs in County Durham. It shows we're offering the legacy that people want for their local community. For hundreds of clubs and tens of thousands of people, 2012 will be the year their local sports facilities got better."

The project is one of 600 local community sports groups who have been offered more than £36 million pounds in Olympic legacy funding through the Inspired Facilities Fund. The formal opening of the new facilities is to be held at 12.30pm on Saturday, 17th November 2012 at the sports field, Redworth Road, Heighington, DL5 6RS. Local boy, Kieran Maxwell and the project manager, Councillor Brian Anderson have been invited to formally open the new facility with the Mayor of Darlington in attendance.

## AYCLIFFE RUNNERS IN CROSS COUNTRY RACE



Four of Aycliffe running Club's members turned out for the NYSD cross country race at Whitby. It snowed a little on the morning and there was a chill in the air but that didn't deter the hardy Aycliffe runners from making the journey.

The going was soft and muddy, perfect conditions, and Peter Milburn had a cracking race to finish the 9.3k race 45th overall, second V50 in 38.02 followed by Lee Wren 60th in 39.40, Dean Barclay 90th in 44.32 and chasing him down was Daz Moore completing his first cross country in about 20 years in 91st position in 44.44

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