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Shoppers will find extensive range of 1,400 product lines at affordable prices. Aldi prides itself on the high quality of its produce, so shoppers can expect fresh, locally sourced food.

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across County Durham. Aldi's 'Specialbuys' days occur every Thursday and Sunday offering customers fantastic savings on a range of electrical and household products.

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hand between 4pm and 6pm to meet Match Attax fans and their families, sign cards for collectors and pose for pictures at Tescos

To make the event even more exciting, Topps football freestyler will be entertaining the crowds with gravitydefying performances and amazing tricks.



Attax, swap cards with other collectors and pitch themselves against other fans to win the chance to take on the Match Attax Master and earn a coveted Match Attax Champion Card.

D'altilia, Dom Sports Marketing Manager for Topps Match Attax, comments: "This event is the perfect opportunity for fans and their families to join in the footballing fun, meet George Friend and see for themselves the incredible skills of our football freestyler; it promises to be an exciting addition to the weekly shop!"

Ideal for football fans of all ages, the Match Attax 2012-13 Championship Edition is a fun-filled game of super skill and awesome stats, featuring biggest names from Middlesbrough FC alongside all the teams in the npower Championship. For further information about

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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. www.alanbweb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

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 BULLET deliver and watching the crowd at the TURBINIA go crazy for them, then it's obvious they are on the way up very quickly. BULLET 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 BULLET, they could just have your name on them" See whole review on www.zen76308.zen.co.uk/Riffs/MYDOCUMENTS/BANDREVIEWS/BITS/BULLET Tracks by: Guns n Roses, Pearl Jam, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Iron Maiden, U2, Ozzy, Foo Fighters, Velvet Revolver and more - www.bulletband.co.uk

Saturday 24th November - "THE KILL"

"The band took to the stage, from the off it was a great hard rock attack that set the vibe that would continue throughout the performance. Vocalist Gregg took centre point on stage and really went for it. Not just vocally but physically too! I've said it before and I'll say it again, the Office stage is bigger than most pub set-ups and it needs a band with a genuine physical presence to attract the audience's attention in a building of that size. They had that charisma about them. The rock style of the band continued on with a commercial AOR feel on such songs as Def Leppard's 'Animal', and even though the group did generally go down the path of recognisable rock anthems, it never became too cheesy or entirely predictable. I think they hit a marvellous balance of choosing songs that would have a larger appeal, and yet still maintained an element where you weren't too sure what was coming next" Collin Smoult Review

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Fire Station Team Help Youngsters with Road Safety LOCAL MUSIC GIG



part of County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescues' commitment to Road Safety, crews at Newton Aycliffe Station are working with Jenny Walton from One Point Newton Aycliffe Youth Development Team to deliver a new and exciting programme aimed at the reduction of road traffic me.
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Station Manager Robin Turnbull "In the North East only 9% of young drivers (17-25) hold a valid driving licence yet 50% of the road deaths and injuries occur in this age group.

Traditionally young males in this age group are the most at risk group'

Young people under the age of 25 account for 50% of the road deaths in the UK each year.

To help reduce this shocking statistic Jenny approached the Fire Service with the 'First Gear & On Two Wheels Vehicle Education Programme'.

A group of 9 young adults between the ages of 18-21 attended Newton Aycliffe Fire Station on Thursday 25th October and joined White Watch for some education in Road Safety. The programme Road Safety. The programme, which involves classroom work including important information to help keep them safe, while driving themselves,

or as a passenger.
Real life videos and pictures are shown to help them understand the dangers of unsafe driving. These included careless driving, drink/drug driving, distractions while driving (mobile phones), not wearing a seatbelt and how

the majority of road accidents occur in the inexperienced drivers (17-25) age group. The course then moves out onto the drill yard where 4 young people experience actually being cut out of a car as if it were a real

At the beginning of the day the young people all take part in a road safety quiz. At the end of the day they were given the same quiz. The average at the start of the sessions was 56% and by the end it was 97%

Crew Manager Glen Wharton commented "This highlights the amount of information the young people retained throughout the afternoon they had with us. As well as learning we try to make it a fun day and feel this shows in the results we

All the young people were awarded a certificate, confirming their participation at the Fire Service part of the 'First Gear & On Two Wheels Vehicle Education Programme'.

DJ COUP FOR

Two local DJs have pulled off a massive coup attracting world-renowned producer popular DI avanta." enowned producer Syrossian to the The London-based Music master will region. House feature in the opening evening for Sum-Thing Fresh, a series of live music events planned for Newton Aycliffe.

Local DJs Matty Mardula and Mark Heron are planning a string of headline gigs, under their Solar Knights banner in association with Phase One of Darlington, at Planet Leisure, on Aycliffe Business Park on Saturday November 24th.

"It's a massive pull and a real

think will prove to be really popular DJ events," said latty, from Aycliffe.

The opening 'Sum-Thing Fresh' event on November 24th starts at 9pm, with Solar Knights warming up the partygoers, before the "big guns" take over, running through to 2am.

Tickets are £5 in advance from Phase One on Haughton Road in Darlington, Planet Leisure in Aycliffe or direct from Matty on 07966 438037 or Mark on 07976 127816. Alternatively, they're priced £7.50 on the door.



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The classes are free for the first 8 weeks and thereafter a donation towards materials will be invited.

A current participant said, "I didn't quite know what to expect but I gave it a go and everyone is so friendly. I'm no artist but love the opportunity to try different things whilst meeting new people. I'd recommend Colour Your Life



to everyone!'

Why not contact Daniel Fletcher, County 'Colour Your Life' Project Officer today to find out more? Tel: 01325 321234 Email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY

There is a Free Film Show at Neville Parade Community Saturday on Centre November at 3pm.
On Saturday 24th November a

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A Chairman is needed to take over the running of the premises and organise events. Please contact Peter Beaty on

Any ideas for new activities at the Centre would be welcome.

Heighington **Xmas Fair**

A Christmas Fair is to be held at Heighington Village Hall on 24th November from 11am 2pm.

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As promised to all of his sponsors, local boy Haydn Maclean, who attends Woodham Academy, cycled to the Angel of the North and back to raise money for Teenage Cancer.

He was joined on various stretches along the way by his uncle, Simon Downing for moral support. When Haydn finished the 45 mile round trip he decided that he hadn't done enough miles for the cause so added a lap of Newton Aycliffe as well as a ride to Darlington Squash Club (of which he is a member) and back. In total he clocked up 74.4 miles after riding for slightly over 5 hours. 3 of Haydns friends, Alex Smith, Ben Calder and Callum Smith also cycled for the charity but chose to take an alternative route cycling 62.1 miles around County Durham. Together they raised over £500 which will be passed to the charity through the school. Well done to all

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NEW SCHEME TO IDENTIFY BAD CITIZENS

Community spirited residents keen to help keep the county clean and tidy are being sought to champion the cause in their

local area.

Durham County Council is behind the Street Champions scheme which encourages residents to keep their local neighbourhoods clean and

The project is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch initiative in County Durham and is aimed at ensuring prompt action is taken on environmental problems.

Oak Trees Felled in Town Centre

Residents have asked why Oak trees in the Town Centre have been cut down. The felling took place over last weekend without prior notice and the question asked is whether the trees were under a Preservation Order or not.

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Neighbourhood members have been helping to keep their communities safe for many years. Now, with the street champions scheme, these dedicated residents are helping to keep their neighbourhoods clean as well as safe.

Street champions are encouraged to report any environmental issues in their neighbourhood such as litter, dog fouling, untidy yards and gardens, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, unsecured property and problems with the storage graffiti, of business waste etc..

Oliver Sherratt, head of Direct Services and chair of the Partnership's Environment Pride in County Durham' theme group, said: "Environmental problems such as dog fouling, litter, graffiti and untidy properties are important issues which spoil the local anxironment are extrapely." environment, are extremely unpleasant for residents and can also bring health risks.

"Just by reporting these issues street champions can help improve their neighbourhood. The more in-formation we get about these problems, and particularly the offenders, the more action we can take to improve our streets and open spaces.'

originally launched in County Durham in 2011 as part of World Environment and sees Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team work alongside Durham Constabulary.

Residents interested being a Street Champion should join their local should join their local Neighbourhood Watch group as the Neighbourhood Watch network will be used to keep street champions informed of

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Once registered, and in some cases elected, students stand as a student leader for the remainder of the academic vear.

programme all students the chance to practise various soft skills communication, team work and organisation as well as hard skills such as digital literacy. This year over 200 students have volunteered their time to take part in the programme.

'Being part of the school council helped me build my communication skills and I now feel confident when talking to large groups of people," said John James Keller in Year 11.

Students at Dance City



On the 25th of October Year 11 BTEC Dance students went on an educational visit to Dance City in Newcastle. They had a tour of the building and took part in a musical theatre workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great opportunity to discuss the Centre for Advanced Training course held at Dance City and for the students to explore higher education options available for Dance and Performing



Spooky Sweet Treat



Children of Sugar Hill School enjoyed a spooky morning when Key Stage 2's regular break was turned into a spooky house of treats. Children from Key Stage 1, who were in Halloween-themed fancy dress, called in first for their cake and drink, before going back to their part of the school to enjoy a party arranged by the staff.

Key Stage 2 children were treated to a cake and drink, served by staff dressed in a range of costumes including a group of 'good' witches! Spooky music echoed around the corridors as the children and staff enjoyed a morning break with a

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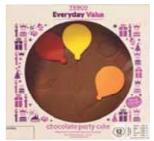


































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Last week's visitors were impressed not just by the quality of the food on offer, but also by how Woodham encourages its students to eat well. In the dining room, students are encouraged to try new dishes and offer opinions on how to make them better. Linda Vipond, Woodham's chef, also teaches all students about how to cook healthy food on a

Christine Forsyth, headteacher at Woodham Academy says "I believe that students should be offered food that is both tasty and good for them. As we don't set out to make a profit from our school meals, we provide excellent value for money. I am delighted that we have been able to contribute to the school food plan and hope that more schools will recognise the importance of good food".

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Death of Former Scout Leader

We regret to report the death of a well-known personality in Newton Aycliffe, Fred Winwood, Aycliffe, Fred Winwood, who died suddenly on Sunday 4th November aged

Fred will be dearly missed by many but most of all by his wife Alex, Son Brian, Daughter in Law Andrea and Granddaughter Daniela.

The Service is to be held at St Clare's Church on Monday 12th November followed with the cremation at Durham Crematorium. Refreshments will be provided at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex around 1.30pm

1.30pm Family flowers only with donations accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Services for the Coronary Care Trust Fund of Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Fred was born in Bowburn and moved to Newton Aycliffe with his parents when he was 14. He became a member of the choir at the newly built St Clares Church and joined the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts. Fred was part of the team that built the original Scout Hut in Finchale Road.

He married Alex at St Clare's Church in December 1960. Fred was a design engineer who worked with GEC (Coventry) and was part of the team who brought the factory

MEN HELP STRAY DOG

Dear Sir, May I thank the two gentlemen who went out of their way to help me find shelter for a stray dog we nearly knocked over on

Stephenson Way recently. The men were very concerned and after nearly an hour and many phone calls took the dog to Wilsons Vets at Neville Parade.

The dog was a very friendly Greyhound/Lurcher a thick coat. It was such a shame it had no collar or name tag, but thanks to the two gentlemen it received



to this area

to this area. He also worked for Smart & Brown (Thorn) until 1980 when he and Alex started their own business, Eldon Hope Kennels and then Eldon Hope

Animal Rescue Trust. He retired in 2000 and devoted his time to his hobby of wood

In the to his hobby of wood turning and carving.

In recent years he enjoyed indoor bowls and played regularly at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, Ferryhill and Shildon.

Tributes are flooding in from former work colleagues, friends and people involved in Scouting.

The first record of his service to scouting was in March 1977 when he was appointed Assistant Cub Scout Leader with 2nd Newton Aycliffe (St Clare's). Within the year he was running the Cub Pack, but two years later took on the role of Scout Leader which he ran for over ten years whilst his wife, Alex ran the Cub

As well as being involved with 2nd Newton Aycliffe, Fred held District appointments as District Scout Leader and later Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), from

Although Fred "retired" from Scouting in 1983 he was always about – helping his son Brian who was also a Leader. In 2002 he joined the Scout Fellowship, providing active support to Scouting across the District.

On behalf of the community Fred served we extend our sincere condolences to Alex, Brian, Andrea and Daniela

School Club's Hallowe'en



During the October holidays the children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club enjoyed a spooky Halloween party with fun games, dancing, and lots of prizes. Before starting we enjoyed Halloween activities making folders to pop our creative items in such as sweet gift boxes, finger puppets, spooky window pictures and much more.

Lots of children helped staff by creating games so that we could have great fun dancing and winning prizes. Some of our games included 'pass the pumpkin', musical bumps, Halloween statues and Halloween corners plus many more.

A big thank you to all Parents/Carers who made our party tea a big success, by donating lots of sayouries and sweet cakes etc for the

children to enjoy.
The club is open before school, after school, and 7.45-6pm during school holidays/teacher training days. If you require further details or would like to visit the club, or book a place for your children please contact Kendra Green (Manager) on 01325 300080

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event will include Arts and Crafts from local Artists and crafters, A visit from "Santa", Brass Band, Carol Singers, mulled wine, minced pies and much more. You will also be able to find out about new and exciting opportunities at the NAYC in

Previous events have been very successful, so the 'NAYC Traditional Christmas Fair' is an ideal way for individual artists and Arts and Crafts groups to show the public their work, be it paintings, ceramics, textiles ar any other form of art and crafts. Prices for exhibiting and for attending the event have been kept low to encourage a successful inaugural meeting, which is hoped to be repeated in successive years.

The organisers have pledged to donate a proportion of the profits to The North East Autism Society (http://www. ne-as.org.uk/) for their new project in Newton Aycliffe.

Opening times for the Fair will be 11am – 5pm, as this is a charity fundraising event, admission donation of £3 per person for help towards fund raising. Exhibitors can book their Stall by contacting the Exhibition Organisers 'Patriot Art' and NAYC. To book a stall or for further information visit www.patriotart.co.uk or call Joan on 07730 471487 or John on 07412 029848

The organisers are hoping for snow, but even if the weather isn't too kind the exhibitors will be inside the NAYC guaranteeing a great event for all to enjoy. fineart@britishpatriotart.co.uk or newtonaycliffeyouthcentre@

XMAS FAIR Woodham Students in Barcelona



Students from Woodham Academy spent the October half term on the Costa Brava coast of Spain for the third consecutive year. During the course of the week students had the opportunity to visit the city of Barcelona and its many attractions, including the world famous Nou Camp Stadium, home of the current FIFA Club World Cup holders Barcelona FC.

The comprehensive tour allowed students to sit in the main stand overlooking the magnificent stadium which has a capacity of just under 100,000. In addition to this students then moved into the heart of the main stand, saw the individual interview area as well as the press conference room, where they were photographed

with a Champions League Replica Trophy.

The students continued into the home dressing room before walking down the tunnel and entering the playing arena. The tour was concluded with a climb to the highest point of the stadium and the pressbox where students had a bird's eye view of the playing area and the stadium. Following the tour of the Nou Camp stadium, students visited the famous Ramblas shopping street in Barcelona, before a short journey to visit the Olympic Stadium, where the games were held in 1992.

The trip concluded with a visit to the Port Aventura theme park in Salou, where some of the students summoned enough courage to experience the highest and fastest rollercoaster in Europe, Shambhala. This is the third year that students from Woodham Academy have had the opportunity to visit Barcelona.

The trip is now a well established part of the school calendar and operates as part of the Woodham Sports Academy. Plans are already in place for the trip in October 2013 and it is a firm favourite with students

Auction & Bingo at Scouts Centre

There will be an Auction on 17th November at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way with doors open at 10.30am for viewing.

The auction starts at 12 noon and up for bids is furniture, children's toys, kitchen utensils, gardening equipment and

much much more. There is also a tombola and raffle with food and drinks to purchase.

The Scouts start Bingo Sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 8pm.

For more details contact Paul on 312183 or Mobile 0796 8367438 (Auction). Scouts Centre 318901 (Bingo)

Liam Clough, Sports Academy Director and visit organiser, said. "The Barcelona visit is a great opportunity that allows students to experience one of the most iconic football stadiums in world football, as well as arguably the most progressive football club of the generation." More photographs of students at the Nou Camp can be seen at the Woodham Academy website - www.woodham org.uk



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Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
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Over 40 organisations, offering real jobs, have confirmed they will be attending, these include:

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The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group would like to thank the following local traders for their generous donations of prizes for our Christmas Raffle to be held soon: Ann Naylor c/o Market, Aycliffe Dry Cleaners, The Blacksmiths Arms, Broom Mill Day Spa, Bubble Car Wash, Cobblers Hall Pharmacy, Coffee Pronto, Creations Hairdressers, DebnHair, Dee Dee's Cafe, Hilton Road Garage, Holistically Happy, Homeplan, Horndale Post Office, Kids Go Green, Mandy c/o Flower Stall, Neville Parade Co-op, Neville Parade Pharmacy, Noir Hair and Beauty, P.A.C.E., Parsons Centre Shop, Redz Fish Shop, Sainsburys, Shafto Way Garage, Sun Inn and Winters.

Ten New Road Gritters to Keep Durham Moving

Preparations are being made to keep County Durham moving during this year's winter weather. The winter maintenance plan sets out how Durham County Council has prepared for snow and icy weather.

The plan is reviewed and updated on an annual basis and last year a number of new measures were incorporated. These measures have been introduced following some severe winter weather over the last few years and are in response to the outcomes of service reviews as well as feedback from local communities.

Cllr Bob Young, Cabinet member said: "We have already seen the start of the wintery weather last weekend.

"As temperatures continue to drop we are trying hard to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for any further bad weather this coming winter might bring.

"With County Durham having so many scattered rural communities we face particular challenges in the winter and we want to do everything we can to keep the county moving."

In preparation for the forthcoming winter, the council has the following in place:

• More than 42,000 tonnes of salt in the salt barns ready

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- 10 new vehicles added to maintain the fleet of 40 power gritters;
- 5 snow blowers should the roads need to be cleared of snow following a heavy fall;
- Contract arrangements with farmers to help with snow clearing should extra equipment be needed:
- Salt bins which are placed at strategic locations around the county are being filled up so residents can help to clear areas around their homes if needed when snow and ice
- The council will continue to treat or pre-salt 45 per cent of the highways network across the county. These priority routes typically include all A roads, most B roads, most bus routes, and other locations that are know to the council as problem areas:
- The council will aim to

ensure links to industrial estates, most schools, main bus routes and key routes within housing estates are kept running:

Footpaths are not usually treated during normal overnight frosty conditions. However, following heavy snowfall the council will endeavour to clear footpaths in priority areas such as town centres and busy shopping centres, hospitals, health centres, doctors surgeries and care homes.

With public safety in mind the council's web site will continue to offer daily winter weather updates, including details on which roads are closed, or passable with care, and tips for driving.

Information can be found online at www.durham.gov. uk/winterroads

To report any problems with highways contact the action line on 0191 370 6000.

Be Part of AAP's Success Story

People in County Durham are invited to attend their local forum events taking place for all of the county's Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) during November.

The 14 partnerships are holding the events to establish a list of priorities for the area and decide how money should be spent in the coming year.

AAPs have been created to give local people a greater say on what is important to them. It's a chance for members of the public to help shape the community and prioritise what the partnerships focus on in their local areas.

AAPs have been operating for nearly four years and in that time have allocated over £8million to over 600 local projects that tackle issues identified by the community. This includes local environmental improvements, creating better opportunities for young people and promoting new health initiatives.

By working in partnership with other agencies, AAPs have also levered in

£11million of extra resources into County Durham

communities.

The forum events will give people a chance to direct where budgets are spent for the coming year.

Those attending will be asked

Those attending will be asked to rank 10 priorities in order of preference to develop a list of the most important local issues. The list will then be passed to the AAP boards which will decide on the priorities for 2012/13. Cllr Brian Stephens, cabinet

Cllr Brian Stephens, cabinet member with responsibility for local partnerships, said: "With purse strings tightened and greater pressure being applied to local services, we need to make sure we're spending money in the right places. The forum events are the residents chance to influence our priorities next year. So we are really encouraging people to come along and get involved."

Recent external reviews of the AAPs as part of the Local Government Peer Review have highlighted their effectiveness and outlined the high level of commitment to them from local people and partner agencies, all working together for the good of the community.

Cllr Stephens added: "If you haven't yet been involved come along and help us tackle what is most important to you and where you live."

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact their AAP in advance. Contact details and arrangements for the meetings, are as follows:

Great Aycliffe and Middridge – 20 November, 6pm. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Contact 01325 327 441 or brian.riley@durham.gov. uk Area Action Partnerships were set up in 2009 to help the council better engage with residents.



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We are hoping to build better relationships and communication between the business and residential areas which should improve news of the wider



Arriva Return to **Discuss Bus Services**

A Meeting was called on Bus Services 8 and 8a held last week in the Evangelical Church Ladybower when members of the public where able to give there views and opinions regarding the withdrawal of these services There will be another meeting on 14th November 6pm, at the same venue at adybower off Meadowfield Way when Arriva will come back to discuss the various points put forward by the Public.

The main point was the lack of consultation given to the public. Please attend this meeting. It is hoped that a member of the County Council will attend. Dorothy Bowman

County Councillor

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A Direct Question

Dear Editor,

I would like to use our community paper as a forum to ask our local and national political representatives a direct question. Time and again, the political class, never get to the heart of the matter on questions about austerity and the national deficit. On programs such as Newsnight, Question time, et al, the ministers' champion their leader's rhetoric, and then sharply follow with criticism of the other parties' in their sophistry.
The Conservatives say that

Labour spent too much and the state needs to shrink. Labour will say investment creates jobs and the Conservatives cut too far, too fast. The liberals will talk of their moderating influence in the current coalition government.

Their class talk of policy and social demographics in the abstract, because, for them, governance is an intellectual exercise that does not impact on their lives in any substantial material way. I would like to set an unavoidable straight forward question our local and national political representatives and candidates, a question that politicians who appear in our national media have hitherto managed to avoid using their highly polished evasive

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bills rise while factories and businesses close. I understand economics well enough to know what forces bring about these conditions; my question is a more radical one. The national deficit, in part, was caused by capitalism. A brand of capitalism that allowed money to be invested in other financial systems in highly complex ways, for example, American sub-prime mortgages. Money itself does

not have agency, it cannot make decisions, thus money is invested and managed agents i.e. investment bankers.

Since the greater part of the deficit is explicitly down to a vulgar form of gambling, why don't the gamblers pay it? I'm talking about nothing less than the appropriation of private wealth. Those who created this debt are still rich, while we struggle to heat our homes and buy food.

So my question to each of our local and national political representatives and candidates is: why will you and your party not strip those who are responsible for the deficit of their wealth and assets to pay the deficit? Why are you and your party not championing a piece of legislation that would empower any government of this country to do so? Mr W. Saunders,

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Halloween Fun at

Aycliffe Care Home

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Family Learning Month



On Saturday 1st December Little Cubs Day Nursery will Arts Centre, have had a very successful and busy Family be holding their Christmas Learning Month throughout

October. From face painting learning to knit and cupcake decorating as well as a jam packed half term programme we have had a great

response from families. More than 30 families joined us for fun free activities over the course of the month, learning new skills, experiencing new activities and having fun!

We rounded October off with a week of holiday activities

half term, family cooking, delicious sausage making pasties. and two art sessions for The Big Draw.

We filled the foyer of the Arts Centre with colour in one workshop, and tried a variety of drawing techniques, including creating scribble monsters in another. Thank you to all of our artists and the families involved for making this month such a success!

If you would like to find out more about our activities, to join our family mailing list for holiday activities, or simply to find out more information, please contact us: 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

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County Council Neglect West Ward

Dear Editor

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On Thursday18th October I had a walk about in the West Ward with the County Council Environment Officer checking the state of the Burn the unattended shrub areas, the bad state of the path areas which have not been treated this year. The pathway along Stephenson Way down one side is in a very bad state with broken flag stones and wide spaces that are very dangerous for electric wheelchair users. This path should be tarmacced like the other side. I have reported it twice! At the top of Stephenson Way towards Macmillan Road are more broken pavement stones - another accident waiting to happen.

I hope Mrs Osmond and her granddaughter are recovering well after their ordeal. It is time that County Hall repaired

the paths and roads in the West Ward and other parts of the town. Ashfield and Oakfield roads are one big mess.

We checked all of the Burn area controlled by the County Council and noted, the Flower Bed work that is required and, once again, a GIS report as to when the bulb planting down Stephenson Way will be done to replace rose beds they removed.

I am not the County Councillor in West Ward, but I still get a lot of requests for work to be done and I try to deal with them.

God willing I hope to stand at the election in May 2013 as we do need councillors that live in the ward who will work to get things done

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11th November

A Day To Remember

A plot of green, A tale untold. A deed unseen, A Father's sigh, A Mother's prayer, An empty bed, An empty chair. A family standing at his grave,

And every day, and every year, Our thoughts for all on Remembrance Day. J.A., DLI Branch

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CLAY SHOOT RAISED £155 FOR CHARITY



It snowed at The Dog Inn Clay Target Shooting Day, but there was a good turn out and £155 was raised for the Leukaemia Lymphoma charity. The highest woman's score was Helen Mallinson, highest man Sandy Edwards, highest junior Owen Latcham - highest novice Emma Marley.
Thanks to Newton News

COURSE AT WOODHAM

The Course will be held with Woodham Village Community Centre Wednesday 21st November

9-00am to 4-30pm.

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Everyone should consider how important this skill is to them and their family.

Courses usually cost £90 to £120, but with help from Durham County and Bishop Auckland College, Adult Learning Team the cost is only £16.20p and for those on JSA or ESA the course is free.

David Sutton-Lloyd 01325 316144 to book or for further information

Awards at Durham Community Foundation's AGM

Professor Sir John Burn from Newcastle University, gave a health themed presentation on 2nd November as the guest speaker at County Durham Community Foundation's public AGM. The event was held in the Xcel Centre entitled 'Building Thriving Communities'.

It the Foundation's charitable giving, particularly around the themes of health and the themes of health and improving lives, making grants of almost £2.5 million in the last financial year.

Other guests included Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland, the Mayor and Mayoress of

Durham and chairman of Durham and chairman of Durham County Council, Linda Marshall. Following his talk, Sir John presented the Outstanding Achievement Award 2012 to winners Veterans at Ease. Every year, members of the Community Feoundation's grant's team Foundation's grant's team nominate a recipient for the award – a grantee who has made a difference with their

funding.
Three runners up received £100 each and a certificate:

Durham Christian Partnership who aim to make a positive difference to the lives of people living or visiting County Durham. Current projects include Durham Food Bank, Healing on the Streets and Grandparents Support Group. They also run a listening programme at the Cathedral and as a result of this the group started running a specialist course called 'Effective Listening Skills' with specialist subjects added on the end such as mental health awareness, bereavement and addictions. Initially, this element was only for the people on the listening course. However, due to popular demand, they opened it up to other people with the first one focusing on mental health awareness where they received 60 requests. Each course is run in partnership with the specialist organisations who also help advertise the course. If U Care Share was established in February 2009 with the main objective of preventing young people commit suicide. They offer intervention training and support to those affected by suicide and was set up by a couple who lost their son through suicide and wanted to stop it happening to another family and potentially avert further deaths. Support available and current projects include: delivering emotional and mental health training to Durham University Students and working with health professionals, teachers and

young people. Shildon Pe Shildon People's Centre was formed in 2007 by a local group of volunteers, to encourage better health and



wellbeing, to foster a spirit of mutual service and develop friendships in the communities in and around Shildon,. Current projects include education and self-development courses, a café and Active over 60's group. The project alerts those running the service of issues with those attending the Centre - if they are unwell or haven't turned up and may be isolated in their home for some reason. The winner of the award went to Veterans At Ease, an organisation who offer practical and emotional support

war veterans and their families. They received £250 which will be used on 'The Hidden Battles' project, which aims to produce a professional film to be distributed through the Veterans At Ease website It aims to raise awareness of the traumatic psychological effects of combat and to support veterans and their families who are dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The organisation has helped 15 veterans and 3 families since 2011, with one of the veterans becoming employed.



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Photo: Herbert Grainger. 1891-1960 of Shildon, **Grandfather of David Ellis** of Newton Avcliffe.





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With drop-in Academy sessions held at Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre in Shildon every Tuesday and Friday night between 5.30pm – 7pm, it's never too late to get involved and new faces are always welcome.

Bookings are now being taken for the Christmas holiday course on 2nd, 3rd and 4th January 2013 - for more details please visit www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk, contact Martin directly on 07738 131914 or by email at mgfa@hotmail.co.uk



50 Juniors Complete Aycliffe Running Club Fitness Class



On Sunday 4th November hardy runners from Aycliffe Running Club travelled to Wynyard Woodland Park for the first in a series of 5K trail races which take in countryside sites across the borough of Stockton. The race was started by internationally renowned ultra-distance runner Sharon

Gaytor. The weather was cold, frosty and foggy but that and the tough challenging course, which included a flight of steps, did not deter the Aycliffe runners. It was a great turnout from Aycliffe Running Club. One of the Aycliffe runners later commented that they had got out of their beds on a freezing, foggy Sunday morning, met up, supported one another, ran to the best of their ability and had a good laugh!

Table Tennis at Greenfield

Play this popular sport and learn from a qualified coach. Free session at Greenfield School on Monday 12th November from 5.30-6.30pm for 8yrs to adults.

New Booking System for Patient Transport

A new patient transport service is so successful it has been rolled out to GP practices in the Sedgefield area

From 1st October Durham County Council's Travel Response Centre will arrange hospital transport for patients registered with GP practices in Newton Avcliffe.

Patients can now contact the centre on 0191 383 5383 to be assessed for their eligibility. If eligible, the centre will book transport as necessary.
Patients are eligible if they

cannot walk without continual

support, are unable to use public transport or require oxygen or other medical gases in transit. The centre is open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 5pm and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays.

New Legs, Bums and Tums

Fitness Classes have started in Heighington each week on Thursdays from 6-7pm in the Village Hall. Get in shape

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The PCT and CCG recognise the importance of accessibility and the role it has in health and the role it has in neaminequalities. Working with Durham County Council, they have created a service that should go some way to addressing these issues.

Newtonian Joins Gateshead Harriers



Newtonian Henry Johnson his debut for has made Gateshead Harriers a moment to remember for the rest of his life. On 3rd November the ECCA National Cross Country Relays held at Berry Hill in Mansfield, were the stage for his first run out with his fellow Under 15 team.

Markhim Lonsdale, Joe Armstrong and Henry Johnson proved to be a force to be reckoned with as they rose to the challenge of the 3 x 2km undulating course. The weather could not have been kinder as Lonsdale hit the first leg bringing the boys into a grand 8th place.

Johnson was second leg and seemed to have Hermes fastened to his heels as he flew around the course. At section, Johnson was in the lead of over 100 top athletes from across the country, but he still managed to maintain a solid position and bring his team to 3rd place.

Armstrong ran an amazing leg and brought the team home. The boys first thought they were bronze medal holders as Joe finished 3rd over the line, but it appeared that one of the finishers did not have a complete team and so did not qualify.

When the "three amigos" heard the outstanding heard news that they were silver medallists they cheered with iov. Never in living memory has Gateshead Harriers had an under 15 team on the podium at a National event. The Gateshead gang crossed the line in 20.18.25 for their 6km and only a few seconds behind the winners City of York AC and 6 seconds ahead of second place.

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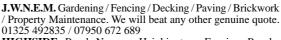
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Remembrance

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memory of a wonderful lady

who would celebrate 60 years.

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Thank You

ICETON The family of the

late Doris wish to express their

sincere thanks to relatives,

friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy shown

to us during our recent sad bereavement nd for the many cards and floral tributes. Also

many thanks to Rev. Julie Wing for the comforting Service and Julie and the staff of the Co-

operative Funeralcare for their

guidance and support and not forgetting Lindisfrance Care

Home for all the love and care they gave Mam which was

most important to us. Thanks to Amanda at the British Legion.

TO THE Postman who came to our assistance in Merz Road

on Thursday 1st November. My Wife fell and seriously

injured herself, without his prompt help I would never

have managed. My grateful thanks. B Gibson, Travellers

JOAN HUGHES My family and I would like to thank relations and friends for

attending the Service at the Coundon Crematorium and

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you always. Brian, Susan and Mark

WHEELER 11th

RAY

Newtonians are invited to join in a town effort for Children in Need at the Leisure Centre on Friday 16th November where a Mega Gymathon is being staged, organised by Paul Kjenstad.

He appeals to regular gym users and the wider public who may want to support this annual event. The gym opens at 6.30am and the fitness facilities are available until 11pm. Non members wishing to take part are asked to donate a minimum of £5. Experienced staff are on hand to demonstrate equipment and basic health questions and signatures are required for insurance purposes.

Paul hopes to receive the support of local sports personalities who will attend to encourage people in their exercises. People can do as much as they wish and this gives them an opportunity to vist the gym to see what it

Film Festival at Greenfield **Arts** Centre

On Friday 2nd November during half term Greenfield Community & Arts Centre hosted the AAP funded Routes Creative Festival.

Following a red carpet reception the young people their introduced films, which were acted in and directed by the group working with a film maker during the summer holiday.

The project was kindly funded by GAMP AAP and allowed groups of young people from across Newton Aycliffe to learn more about film making and the process involved from storyboarding to filming and acting.

The Film Festival was a fantastic opportunity to show how creative and talented our young people are. We would like to thank the young people involved for all their hard work, to the facilitator Katy Banner and film maker Ben Race for their support and to all who attended the film festival for joining us in the celebration aspect of this project.

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In Memoriam

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GEORGE SMITH Died 11-

11-2011. Bless you George, rest in God's arms. Your loving Mam xx
GEORGE SMITH 11-11-

2011. A year has gone with no cups of tea and reminisce about the person we loved, but I'm sure you are both together now Love and miss you. Maddie and Barry

GEORGE SMITH 11-11-11. It's hard to believe you are gone. We all miss you. Your mate. Bill

GEORGE SMITH Loving memories of our Dad who was taken from us too soon to be reunited with our Brother Jimmy on 11-11-11 and who will never be forgotten and lives on in his Sons Steven, Graham and John, Lots of love

GEORGE SMITH 11-11-11. As this first year draws to a close, the sadness still remains George. Precious memories, forgotten never and a special bond that will last forever. Lots of love. Irene xxx

ERIC WINTRELL Died 7th November 2010. We cannot bring back the old days, when we were all together. But we still have the memories that will stay with us forever. Loving Brother and Sister, Reg and Jean

SANDRA ANN FARRELL Died 8th November 2001. What we would give to see you smile, to sit and talk with you a while. Photographs and memories are what we have of a Daughter, Sister and Aunt who we love and miss so very much. Mum, Dad, Helen, Laura and Millie xxx

DOUGLASS 12th November 2011. The sun still rises in the east and darkness falls at night. But it will never, ever be the same world without you. Your leaving caused so much pain, because you were so very special. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain. Until we meet again. Your loving Wife, Grace BOB DOUGLASS 12th November 2011. Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain, but you are forever in our hearts. Love

you always Dad. Alan, John, Tracy, Rob and families RAYMOND EARL 12th November 2009. Three years since you went away. Loved and missed every day. Loving Wife, Mary and family

RAYMOND FLETCHER 10-11-2007. (Ray). There's a gift in life you cannot buy, that's very rare and true. It's the gift wonderful Husband, Dad and Grandad. Like the one we and Grandad. Like the one we had in you. We miss you so much Ray. Your loving Wife Bea and your family xxxxxx JULIE REED 8th November

1999. In loving memory, today, tomorrow our whole lives through we will always love and remember you. Love you, Mam and Dad xxx FRED MOUNSEY Passed

away 12th November 2004. Ex-Landlord of the Oak Tree Inn. Years may pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. Ever remembered by Wife Edna and

Chris Garrity



We drop our tears into the sea, when they are found is when we will stop loving and missing you. Love Glenys and family

ERIC WALTON 11-11-1943 to 11-11-2011. Dear friend of Sheila and Jim who miss you because we love you. God

HARRY DENHAM 11-11-10. Forever in our thoughts, all our love, Keith, Paul, Shirley, Connie and families xxx

LESLEY SERRY (Somerset). Memories of a darling Daughter, Sister, Aunt and Friend taken away from us far too soon, but never forgotten. Lots of love and great memories from Mam, Lynn, Gary, Gary and Nieces Clare, Sarah Laura and Emily xxx

LESLEY SERRY Missing you Mam. Thinking of you now and always. Loads of love. Gihan xxx

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-2005. Aged 79 years. I think of you every day Father. Rest well at the side of our Father, until I am by your side once more. Gerard, Carolann and Jamie

THOMAS DUNN 10-11-2005. My loving Husband, my heart breaks today as it did on the day the Lord took you from me. But I am sure you are always looking over me, until we are together again. Your loving Wife Margaret

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MARGARET PARNABY 10-11-1937. Happy 75th birthday to our wonderful Mum and Mum-in-Law. All our love hugs and kisses. Chris, Carol, Lisa and Darran xxxx

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Over the years the club has experienced successes at both county and national levels and continues to improve its standards by the continual coaching of members from their junior status through to senior team level.

Anyone interested in playing team squash and joining the club should contact Steph Storry on 07968142673.

For further details on junior coaching sessions please contact Oak Leaf Sports Complex on 01325 300600.

Join Aycliffe Baseball Club Launch Junior Wood Bros. Go Head Academy In Newton Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe Spartans, the only Baseball Club based in the North East of England, are delighted to announce the launch of their Junior Baseball and Softball Academy.

The Academy provides girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 16 the chance to participate in one of the fastest growing team sports in the UK.

Founder John Spartans' Johnston, is a qualified baseball coach and will serve as Academy Director explained. "Newton Aycliffe Spartans are already an established baseball club in the British Baseball Federation Northern League and we are keen to broaden our existing baseball and softball membership by setting up our own Junior Academy."
"The academy will help

us reach even more people in local area," John added, "giving them the opportunity to learn and play baseball and softball competitively.

2013. I would encourage all kids, who want to try a new sport to come down and give Baseball and Softball a try. No experience in either baseball or softball is needed" John is currently working with Woodham Academy teaching softball as part of their sporting curriculum and working with other local schools and youth centres.

This underpins the fact that baseball and softball's presence in Youth Sport continues to grow at a rapid pace. The Spartans Senior team and Junior Academy also enjoy the support of Durham County Council and the Baseball/Softball UK.

The Academy will start on Tuesday 13th November 2012, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm and will be based at Shildon Leisure Centre and there is no cost for the first month (£10 per month thereafter)

The Spartans are seeking to partner with commercial organisations across the North East promoting Baseball and Softball as an alternative sport in the community.

The Spartans are building to be one of the strongest and sustainable Baseball and Softball Clubs in the UK and can now provide sponsorship packages and opportunities to suit any company that wishes to be part of the exciting development and growth of the club.

With the launch of the Junior Academy, The Spartans are one of the very few clubs in the UK that offer Baseball and Softball from 6 to 70 for boys, girls and adults alike.

Our vision is to increase

participation in sport where our young players can develop life skills such as team work and leadership team work and leadership as well as building self confidence and for both adult and young players to gain the health benefits of sport participation. Newton Aycliffe Spartans support equality, openness, fairness, friendship sportsmanship and friendship, sportsmanship and family participation.

The Spartans have strong links with local authorities, the media, schools, other sporting clubs and are looking to strengthen our links with local businesses.

The Spartans welcome the opportunity to discuss any sponsorship package on offer and can also tailor packages to individual requirements. Any commitment large or small is welcomed by the club.

For further details on either the Junior Academy or Sponsorship opportunities, Contact John Johnston at john@ Contact newtonavcliffespartans.co.uk or call 07593 951879.

take place this weekend as a rejuvenated Newton Aycliffe side make the short trip to

The Newtonians claimed a much-needed and well-deserved three points with a big win at home to local rivals West Auckland at Moore Lane Park last Saturday, to haul themselves off the bottom of the Ebac Northern League first division for the first time in two months.

Allan Oliver's side go to seventh-placed Shildon this Saturday (10th November) when they'll hope to build on the win and climb out of the bottom-three drop-zone.

Mark Wood has returned to the Newton Aycliffe set-up recently like a phoenix from the flames to help bring about an upturn in morale.

Wood is the older brother of Ben Wood who starred in Aycliffe's 2010-11 promotion-winning campaign and is now plying his trade with Shildon – so the fixture represents an interesting clash.

Wood Senior captained his hometown club to successive promotions, from the Durham Alliance League to the Wearside League and then to the Northern League in 2009, but his last game in an Aycliffe shirt – a 1-0 win at home to Sunderland RCA on Wednesday 14th April, 2010 – signalled the end of his fledgling Northern League

career. More than two years on, and Wood has returned to the Aycliffe fold – even after he thought he'd played his last game for the club – and is already back to playing an influential role. influential role.

"I'm loving it," said the 23-year-old, who recently returned from a three-and-a-23-year-old, half-month spell working as a steel fixer in Bermuda.

"I lost a lot of weight while I

looking after myself, eating properly and not drinking as much!

to Head at Shildon

But after a couple of months I got homesick and couldn't wait to get back home, as soon as I did all I wanted to do was to

did all I wanted to do was to play for my town again.
"If I'm being honest, I never thought I'd play for the club again, but thanks to Allan (Oliver) and Gary (Farley) they let me get involved again and I've ended up playing, which is fantastic." fantastic."

Wood played a full 90 minutes in the 2-1 win over West last Saturday, and he added: "A lot of the team was made up of local lads off the town, and that

is huge for us now.
"Fair play to Allan (Oliver), he had a go in the summer and made some high-profile signings, a couple of them didn't work out and, for one reason or another, things just weren't working out.
"But things have changed. Dan

Mellanby's influence has been



absolutely massive, and can't be underestimated. In fact, I reckon it's the best appointment the club has made for a long, long time.

"The dressing room is really strong now, the atmosphere after the last game was immense, so we go upwards from here."

Aycliffe's trip to Shildon is followed by an away match at Norton next Wednesday, followed by a home game against Team Northumbria next

FIXTURES

Saturday 10th November: Shildon (A) 3pm Wednesday 14th November: Norton (A) 7.30pm Saturday 17th November: Team Northumbria (H) 3pm Wednesday 21st November: Whitley Bay (H) 7.30pm Saturday 24th November: Guisborough Town (A) 3pm

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