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Last week Greenfield enjoyed one of its most happy and proud nights of the school calendar when it celebrated the achievements of the CLASS OF 2012 and, to make it extra special the school was delighted to welcome Peter Beardsley, Football Development Manager for Newcastle United Football Club as guest presenter and speaker.

As the former students arrived and collected their clutch of hard won and well deserved certificates Peter shook each one warmly by the hand and posed for a memorable photograph.

The school hall was packed with former students, parents, teachers and members of the community and invited guests including councilors, governors, former Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and the Deputy Mayor, Mrs. B. Clare.

Following an amusing and affectionate DVD of the year groups experiences throughout their time at Greenfield, David Priestley Headteacher spoke briefly but proudly not just

of the year groups collective academic successes but more poignantly of their enthusiasm, commitment, care for each other and overall positive attitudes to the whole of school life.

Christine Stonehouse, Deputy Headteacher then led the evening with gentle humour and genuine admiration of all the class of 2012 have achieved. However, before beginning the presentation of the numerous trophies for the students, it was a pleasure to celebrate community awards, presented by Katy Milne, which recognized the achievements of just some of the many local people who regularly attend courses at Greenfield.

The selection of trophies was impressive and the vast number of nominees and words of

praise for the winners by their subject leaders, once again reinforced that 2012 was indeed a very special, record breaking year group.

The evening concluded with one of the most sincere and heartfelt speeches Greenfield has heard from a visiting speaker. Peter Beardsley shared his values and linked his experiences and achievement to what Greenfield's young people had and would continue to achieve in life. His words were warm and inspiring and ensured that this special evening would be remembered by all.

So, congratulations Class of 2012. As Christine Stonehouse said, speaking on behalf of all the staff, and Headteacher "YOU ARE ALL STARS"

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Unsal originally from Turkey, worked for Redworth Hall and Hall Garth until a few months ago when he applied for the Assistant Manager's job and was immediately appointed Manager.

The premises which include a 50 bedroom Hotel are well appointed and offer a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. Diners can expect a relaxed a la Carte menu in the Bailey's Restaurant which has an AA Rosette for culinary excellence.

Try the Steak Night on Wednesday - Sirloin Steak and fat chips with a bottle of wine for two - £27.50p. Thursday night have Haddock & chips with mushy



peas and a glass of wine for two -£20. Sunday Lunch is a speciality and excellent value served from 12.noon until 8.30pm.

Margaret Bain doesn't teach signing now, but still keeps

busy with interpreting. She started work at Hall Garth as a waitress and now enjoys working with the management team, ensuring all customers enjoy their visit to the Honest Lawyer.



Xmas Craft and Gift Fair at the PCP

This annual event is on Saturday 1st December 10am-1pm. The fair has something for everyone; enjoy a relaxed Christmas shopping experience and find unique gifts for family, friends and loved ones. For the children there's arts and crafts and Santa Claus to visit.

Stalls include: Jewellery, homemade jams and chutneys, wooden toys, cosmetics, Christmas wreaths and decorations and many more original present ideas for that personal touch.

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not have been possible. He and aspiring paralympian, Keiron Maxwell, were asked to cut the ribbon and officially open the Heighington Parish Sports Field Changing Facilities.

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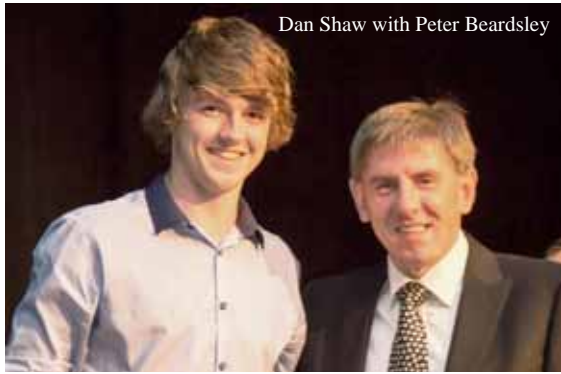
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ARTISTIC PUPIL BAGS £250 FOR HER SCHOOL



Store manager Martin Butcher with Amy Corking and school friends Page, Ellie and Headteacher Linda Cummings

An Aycliffe girl has won a £250 donation for Sugar Hill Primary School in a poster design competition organised by the Tesco Extra in Newton Aycliffe.

Schoolchildren were invited to design posters showing what they loved most about Newton Aycliffe. Ten year old Amy Corking won the competition with her colourful creation and visited the store to receive her prize and bag for life.

Head teacher Mrs Cumming said: "We are delighted to have such a talented pupil at the school and can't wait to see the hessian bags with Amy's design. We would like to thank Tesco for this generous donation and we will use the money towards buying arts and crafts for Christmas decorations."

In addition to the £250 donation for her school, Amy will receive a £50 Tesco gift card to spend on whatever

she likes! Her design will also be printed onto hessian Bags for Life which will be distributed in store as part of a bag giveaway. Store Manager Martin Butcher said: "My team and I are very pleased to have

Amy's designs on the hessian bags at the store." Customers visiting the store on Friday 16th November will receive a hessian bag for life with Amy's winning design when they visit the store.



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Aycliffe Supporting Children in Need



The staff and children at Sugar Hill Primary School held a non-uniform day for the annual Children in Need day. Everybody wore clothes with spots on and enjoyed a range of 'spotty' cakes at break time. Everyone had a wonderful day and the impressive total of £342.56 was raised for a very worthy cause.



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St John's Students Support Our Soldiers



Three Year 7 classes from St John's School and Sixth Form College, a Catholic Academy, Bishop Auckland, got into the festive season early during their RE lessons as they prepared Christmas cards which will be sent to frontline troops in Afghanistan.

The troops will hopefully receive the cards in time for Christmas Day. The cards will be sent along with specially packed Christmas parcels

through the charity 'Support Our Soldiers' which was formed in March 2003 to encourage and provide support for members of the British Armed Forces serving overseas.

The students put a lot of thought and care into the cards and were very enthusiastic towards the project and lessons on the subject of remembrance. All cards included an image of a poppy, a personal message and a prayer.

PCP Earns Quality Award

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has been awarded ISO 9001 certification which recognises the quality of the service it delivers to customers.

ISO9001 is a rigorous set of quality standards which ensures the highest levels of service and procedures are adhered to in order to provide the best possible customer experience.

PCP's Chief Executive Jane Hartley commented on achieving such an important certification "We have always been proud of the excellent level of service we offer our clients, and are delighted that our quality management systems and service has stood up to internationally recognised standards.

With an increasing number of commissioning bodies demanding a streamlined approach, ISO 9001 gives a very visible sign of PCP's ongoing commitment to best practice. This certification can also provide our customers with the confidence that PCP adheres to the highest standards of professionalism".

PCP is a local charity whose aim is to improve people's health and wellbeing. The charity is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe and a number of outreach projects in local communities across County Durham and Darlington.

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CEO Jane Hartley (left) with Becky Gustard, Operations Co-ordinator



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This is an informal discussion with the police and local partners to resolve the issues where you live.

The next Woodham Ward Pact meeting will be held on Monday 26th of November at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth's Close at 6pm.

Two Minute Silence

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I was a little disappointed while in Aldi on Remembrance Sunday when they failed to observe the 2 minute silence at 11am.

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JW

Name & address supplied

Film - Arthur Christmas

'Arthur Christmas' is a hilarious family film about Santa's clumsy son who goes on a mission to save Christmas.

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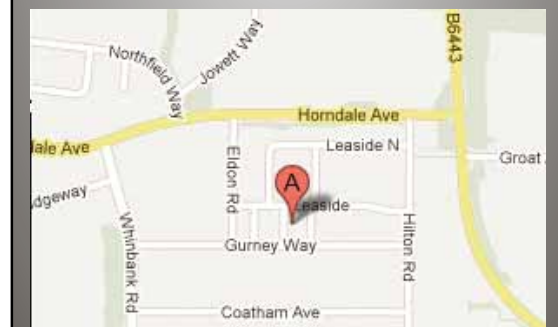
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Free Panto Tickets for Charities

A very special Christmas gift has been wrapped up for County Durham's good causes this year by Gala Theatre. The venue is giving away 200 tickets for a special performance of Sleeping Beauty to local charities.

Organisations that work with people in the County are being invited to apply for their share of free tickets for the matinee show on Monday, 3rd December.

Robin Byers, manager at Gala, said: "Christmas is the season for giving and this is our way of giving something back to the community which supports us all year round.

"This year's panto is a fantastic, feel-good show and I am pleased we are able to offer this great opportunity for people who may not otherwise get the chance to join in the fun."

Last year's pantomime was Gala's most successful with audience numbers exceeding 27,000, but theatre bosses are hoping this year's will be even bigger and better.

And with a high quality cast of local actors, fabulous costumes, a great live band and dazzling dance routines, audiences definitely won't be caught napping.

Written and directed by Simon Stallworthy, the show sees the return of Gala's resident baddie, Neil Armstrong, as the evil Wizard Scorchard and fellow regular Paul Hartley as Silly Billy. Sleeping Beauty



also sees West End star Steve Fortune making his Gala debut as Dame Miriam.

Charity tickets are only available for the 1.30pm performance of Sleeping Beauty on Monday, 3 December. Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. When booking, charity representatives are asked to quote 'charity comp' and to provide their charity number.

The offer is open to charitable groups only and not

individuals. Organisations are asked to only book as many tickets as they need.

To book, visit Gala Theatre box office, call 0191 332 4041 or go online at www.galadurham.co.uk

Sleeping Beauty runs from Thursday, 29th November to Saturday, 5th January, with matinee and evening performances. Tickets start at £6.50 per person, with special deals for families and preview and matinee shows.

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 5th December 2012

**Policy & Resource
Committee
from 7.15pm**

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

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

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Library Service Change

New opening times are set to be introduced in libraries across County Durham from January, when mobile library services will also change. The measures will enable Durham County Council to make required savings of £1.457m without the need to

close any library buildings. Earlier this year, the authority agreed to reduce opening hours and make them consistent across the county. It means that all 12 town centre libraries, excluding Clayport, in Durham, will open for a core of 36 hours per week, with

the council's 27 community libraries operating a core of 20 hours.

The changes follow a public consultation earlier this year, which saw more than 91 per cent of Citizen's Panel members support proposals to reduce opening hours rather than close libraries.

A further consultation gave library users the opportunity to help decide on specific opening times for each individual library.

The mobile library service, which saw membership fall by 55 per cent between March 2008 and March 2011, will now only visit communities at least three miles from a library building, with only one halt in each settlement the library visits.

Cllr Maria Plews, the Council's Cabinet member for leisure, libraries and lifelong learning, said: "These changes are necessary if we are to make the savings required of us."

"I am pleased that we have been able to involve users of the library service throughout the process, both in influencing our overall strategy and in deciding on specific opening times for their local facility."

The changes will come into effect on Wednesday, 2nd January, when new phone numbers are also being introduced at all libraries. Information on the new opening times, mobile routes and phone numbers is available in branch libraries, on mobile libraries and online at www.durham.gov.uk/libraries

Business Centre Raises £185 for Charity



Alan Saddler County Co-ordinator, Help for Heroes, received a cheque from Trudy Hind, Centre Manager of Evans Easyspace on the Business Park. When they decided to have a Coffee Morning for Help the Heroes they looked around for some help. Tesco at Newton Aycliffe donated cake mixes, Michael Hancock (Dairyman) donated milk, Beanies the Flavour Co. donated coffee. Trudy's husband Alf baked cakes and scones. The Regional Manager Emma Watson made cheesecake and it all went very well raising £185.

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR

If you are looking for something that little bit different or bargains for those unusual stocking fillers then come along to the Newgate Centre in Bishop Auckland on Saturday 24th November from 9.30am until 3.00pm the centre will play host to Butterwick Hospice annual Christmas Fete.

Stalls include, slate art, cupcakes, jewellery, cosmetics, table linen, shoes, ginger wine, home wares, Christmas decorations, cards, handbags and much more. The Butterwick will have their own fundraising stall with charity branded cards, calendars and Christmas merchandise.

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2012

23rd November 2012

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As the festive season is upon us it gives me a chance to reflect on the first half of my year in office.

During this time I have enjoyed meeting people who participate in various forms of voluntary work and couples celebrating 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries. I have visited schools and viewed their artwork along with attending performances by our talented singers and dance groups at Greenfield, Woodham and the Xcel Centre.

'Step into Gold' an aptly named dance presentation, I was amazed by their professional performance and wonderful costumes. Another young children's choir 'Shine' are a delight to listen to. Many congratulations to all involved in nurturing the talents of our young people.

I have attended many other interesting engagements throughout the Town and especially the opening of the factory extension of Tallent Automotive by The Duke of York.

The pride and honour I feel in representing you is sincere as are my thanks to all who have supported me and donated to my charities which are the Butterwick Hospice (Bishop Auckland), Combat Stress and donations to some of our local good causes.

Finally, may I warmly wish you, on behalf of myself and Great Aycliffe Town Council, heart-felt greetings for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Councillor Val Raw



Councillor Val Raw
Mayor of Great Aycliffe
2012 - 2013

BMX PUMP TRACK OPENED AT WOODHAM PARK

The new purpose-built BMX Pump Track at Woodham Park is now open. The facility was provided as a joint venture between Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham County Council and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). It received funding from Durham County Council Members' Neighbourhood Budget from County Councillors' Joan Gray and Paul Gittins, with the Town Council providing on-going inspection, maintenance, signage and insurance cover.



The track was designed and constructed by professional riders and includes a start hill, berms, jumps and obstacles which provide a challenging and enjoyable facility and, of course, it is free to access. Due to the time of year that the construction took place landscaping and seeding to the surrounding banked areas will not be undertaken until the Spring.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment Available In West Park

A range of new outdoor fitness equipment aimed at improving general health and fitness levels, is now available for use in West Park. It has been provided by a partnership between Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham County Council and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and has received funding from Durham County Council Members' Neighbourhood Budget from County Councillors Enid Paylor and Mike Dixon.

Great Aycliffe Town Council will be providing maintenance and insurance cover for the equipment. There are five units providing eleven activities, with displayed instructions and use of the equipment is free. It is generally aimed at ages 14 and above.



LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that the boys and girls can post their letters off to Santa.



SANTA'S PALACE

When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa receives and replies to about 800 letters each year from the children of the Parish, so he is very busy and has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.

We have been told that the **post boxes will appear on Thursday 29th November at the following locations:**

- ⑤ Stevens Newsagents Beveridge Way
- ⑤ Post Office Neville Parade
- ⑤ Redhouse Post Office
- ⑤ Woodham Post Office
- ⑤ Joy Marie Hairdressers Aycliffe Village
- ⑤ Simpasture Shopping Area

The boxes will disappear on **Monday 17th December**, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered right up to noon on the 21st December. Santa has a special e-mail address Santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk and the website address is <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html>

SANTA'S COMING

Santa and his helpers will be touring the town as usual on Christmas Eve. Watch out for more information on routes and times. These will be advertised in the **Newton News** and on the Council Website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.



Office Closures

THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day

Councillors & Staff wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

"TOWN COUNCIL AIMING TO FREEZE THE COUNCIL TAX FOR A FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW"

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its 2013/14 Revenue and Capital Budgets and is working on the basis of a freeze in the level of the Town Council Tax.

This would be the fourth consecutive year that the Council Tax has not been increased.

The 2013/14 Revenue Budget has been prepared on the overriding principle of safeguarding services and avoiding reductions to staff and this has been achieved with the proposed budget maintaining and protecting existing service and staffing levels.

This has been possible due to the continued efficient management of the Council's finances, the on-going freeze in officer pay and delivery of a number of savings during the current year, most notably on the new insurance and brewery contracts.

This has been achieved despite accounting for the likely withdrawal of Double Taxation Grant by Durham County Council, providing for inflation on running costs, an assumed officer pay award next year, falls in sports and golf complex income, as well as an increase to the contingency sum to provide protection against unforeseen issues.

However it is still quite early in the budget setting process and the Council will need to keep a close eye on any further developments e.g. issues arising from the localisation of support for council tax, government announcements, and respond to these as necessary.

The Council is due to set its 2013/14 Precept and the Town Council Tax in January and will keep local tax payers informed of future developments via its website and in the local press.



Why should Great Aycliffe have a Neighbourhood Plan?

The new planning legislation is 'in favour of sustainable development'. If a planning application is submitted to Durham County Council and there are no guidelines or policies in place that development will be granted planning permission regardless of the needs of the local people.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be your plan. The Town Council will only facilitate the work needed to prepare it. Everything which eventually makes it into the final document must have evidence to support its inclusion.

In short it is:-

- The opportunity for **YOU** to shape **YOUR** neighbourhood and Great Aycliffe.
- Having a say about what **YOU** want to see in the future.
- Putting forward improvements **YOU** think should be made.
- It will become part of the planning guidance for Great Aycliffe.

If you wish to comment on this application, representations regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Area can be made via Email to: spatialpolicy@durham.gov.uk or alternatively by letter to Regeneration and Economic Development, Spatial Policy Area Planning Team, Room 4/24, County Hall, DH1 5UQ and should be received no later than Friday 14th December 2012.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

28th Nov. 2012	Environment	7.15 p.m.
28th Nov. 2012	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
5th Dec. 2012	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
12th Dec. 2012	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
16th Jan. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
16th Jan. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
23rd Jan. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
30th Jan. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
27th Feb. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
27th Feb. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
6th Mar. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
13th Mar. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
10th Apr. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.
10th Apr. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
17th Apr. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
24th Apr. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

* The **Recreation Committee** will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

WED, 15th MAY, 2013 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

(*) THURSDAY, 23rd MAY, 2013 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m.**

*(***) (N.B. - this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).*

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

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NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING CIVIC EVENTS

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw, will hold her Civic Carol Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday, 16th December 2012 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Following the service refreshments are available in the church hall and members of the congregation are invited to join the Mayor and other civic guests for the Christmas Festivities.

MAYOR'S CHARITY DINNER AND DANCE

Friday, 22nd February 2013

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner and Dance. The venue for this years' event will be Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Entertainment and Dance Music provided by 'John Melvin' until 12.30 a.m. Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £25.00 each. Proceeds from the event will be for the Mayor's nominated Charities, The Butterwick Hospice (Bishop Auckland) and Combat Stress.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Council Elections

How to Register Your Vote

To vote in any election you need to be registered to vote. To get on the electoral register contact the electoral services at Durham County Council or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk to download a registration form. You can register to vote when you are aged 16 years or over but you need to be 18 or over to vote.

To vote in a parish or town council election you need to be a British citizen, Irish citizen, European Union citizen or citizen of a Commonwealth country (including Cyprus and Malta).

How to Become a Councillor

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish and town councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. Why don't you stand for your local parish or town council and see what difference you can make to your local community?

Am I qualified?

Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and
 - 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election
- You cannot stand for election if you:
- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
 - have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
 - work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

Joint Council Initiative to Improve Local Environment

The Town Council has entered into an agreement with Durham County Council to take on the day to day maintenance of over 33 hectares of County Council owned environmental areas around the parish of Great Aycliffe. These areas include Bluebell Wood, Local Nature Reserves at Byerley Park and The Moor and woodland areas around the western and northern fringes of Cobbler's Hall housing development, and most of them are adjacent to the Great Aycliffe Way.

Town Council staff carry out the maintenance work, with considerable assistance from volunteers and community groups, such as the Byerley Park Friends Group, plus the National Probation Service. Local schools have been encouraged to use the areas and have already been involved in tree planting, bulb planting, themed nature walks and the Town Council's Town Pride Environment Week. Further public events are planned, contact the Town Council's Environment Officer, Steve Cooper for further information.

ADDING A SPLASH OF COLOUR FOR THE NEW YEAR

Over recent months Great Aycliffe Town Council has been working with various community groups to help brighten some of the towns' most prominent nature sites for the Spring. Groups such as local schools, the Council's volunteers, and members of the public have been busy planting over 20,000 native Spring Bulbs including Snowdrops, Bluebells and Daffodils on sites including Woodham Burn, Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve and Woodlands near Bluebell Wood.

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL

Aycliffe Youth Council elections were held in October and created lots of interest. The Town Council is happy to report that 16 young people were given the chance to be elected to the position of Youth Councillor.

The Youth Councillors this year are a great mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This certainly helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet.

Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small pot of money available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area.

If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or most recent balance sheets.

Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

If you would like to know more about the Youth Council Contact 01325 300700

Aycliffe Youth Council



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Kara Ward



Amy Watson

ALLOTMENT ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Allotments Meeting took place on Thursday, 15th November 2012 at the Council Offices.

The meeting was well supported with tenants from all allotment sites in attendance.

During the meeting trophies were presented by the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor Vince Crosby, to the Best Allotment Garden on each of the Council's sites – results were as follows:-

Finchale Road - Mrs. C. Clarke
Clarence Chare - Mr. K. Cooper
Byerely Park - Mr. G. Cherrie
Aycliffe Village - Mr. E.G. Leadbitter

St. Oswald's - Mrs. V. Hickson
who also received the 'Angela Fleming' Memorial Trophy.

The Overall Winner of the 'Best Allotment Garden' was Mr. K. Cooper at Clarence Chare Allotment Site and he was presented with the 'Ken Woodhall' Trophy.





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? Food will be served at 8.00pm - Quiz starts at 8.30pm ?

? 1st and 2nd place prizes also spot prizes ?

Come & join the fun!
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Traditional Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 2nd, 9th and 16th December
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ENHANCEMENT AWARDS**

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Enhancement Awards for residential Christmas Lighting displays which portray the spirit of Christmas.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications: - Monday, 17th December 2012.

I would like to nominate the house below for a Christmas Lights Enhancement Award for its display of Christmas Lights 2012.

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Householder Name.....
(if known)

Christmas Events at Moore Lane Eco Centre

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Friday 14th December

5.30pm - 7pm

Every child enjoys making something special for their family at Christmas. There will be all sorts to do during this session including being able to make their own personalised bauble to hang on the Christmas tree or send as a present to their favourite relative.

CHRISTMAS GARLANDS

Sunday 16th December

10am - 12 noon

Here's the perfect antidote to the Christmas mayhem! Make the best garland in town by spending a few relaxing hours making a perfectly natural, locally sourced Christmas wreath to decorate your home with. This activity is NOT suitable for smaller children and all children should be accompanied by an adult. Please feel free to bring additional decorations from home to personalise your creation.

Both events are free of charge but booking is essential as places are limited. To book contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.



JOBS FAIR ATTRACTS OVER 300 VISITORS



Over 300 job-seekers from across County Durham turned out in force looking for employment at a Newton Aycliffe jobs fair yesterday. (Wednesday 14th November). The event organised by homes and communities organisation, livin and Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (AAP) saw more than 40 organisations exhibiting at the event which was held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

Among those attending was, Bishop Auckland College, the armed forces, Ebac, Orange, Durham County Council, Husqvarna, New College Durham, Tallents, Job Centre Plus, McDonalds, Hays Recruitment and the National Apprenticeship Service. Spennymoor AAP, Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP and the 4 Together Partnership supported the event by providing transport offering picks up across the county ensuring the event was accessible to everyone. Spennymoor AAP, Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP and the 4 Together Partnership are also supporting the event by providing transport. Pick up points include: Byers Green, Middlestone Moor, Croxdale, Tudhoe, Spennymoor Leisure



Centre and Kirk Merrington. Alan Boddy, executive director, people and communities for livin, said: "Helping someone find a job is one of the single most important things we can do to improve communities. "We understand we cannot do this alone which is why this jobs fair was critical, as it brought together some of

County Durham's largest employers who were able to offer real jobs to people locally." For more information on employment and training opportunities across south west Durham contact livin's employability coordinator Helen Johnson on 0845 505 5500 or email helen.johnson@livin.co.uk



LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT FUN DAY

The Wecan Parents Group based in Greenfield Community College, hosted their Christmas Fayre on 10th November. They would like to thank the following traders for their generous donations of raffle prizes: The Bay Horse, Middridge, Hallgarth Hotel, Rough and Tumble, Play Shack, Whacky Warehouse, Olive Garden,

Mancini's, Masala Tandoori at Woodham, Redz & Mikes Fish Bar, Coffee Pronto, Creations, Tesco and anyone else who kindly donated. We would also like to thank the Working Men's Club for the use of their premises and the Steward and staff for all of their help and most importantly John Melvin for putting on a show with some of the pupils

from Greenfield. Also the Stall Holders and the public who attended and gave their support. There are still four unclaimed raffle prizes: Yellow 751 - 755, Yellow 766 - 770, Yellow 776 - 780 and Pink 821 - 825. To claim your prize or find out

more about the parent group, please contact Nicola Best at Greenfield on 01325 379047. Any prizes not claimed before 1st of December will be donated back to the group. The total money raised was £478.32 this will go towards the activities of the group.



ROMAN WINS GOLD PROJECT AWARD



(L-R) Roman's Commercial Director, Julian Pearson; Event Host and Designer Oliver Heath, Roman's Marketing Manager Shelley McCormack.

Aycliffe based Shower Manufacturer, Roman Limited, have received the Gold Award for Marketing at the annual kitchen and bathroom awards ceremony, held at the Tower of London for their new Project Specification Guide. The Guide is a brand new idea within the showering market, where a specifier, architect or developer can pick and choose every part of their showering design to create a totally bespoke shower enclosure. It was launched earlier this year, in both a printed brochure format and as a dedicated website which can be found at www.roman-showers.com/psg. The Designer Kitchen and Bathroom magazine award comes within a week of the manufacturer being shortlisted for the House Beautiful Best Bathroom Product Award, for their Infinity Shower Trays, which offer stylish level access showering. They were also Highly Commended earlier this month by the Northern Design Awards, for their Roman Shield Complete Wetroom Tanking System, which makes installing a wetroom easy - notably this product has already won multiple Awards. Roman's MD, David Osborne said "We created The Project Guide in response to demand from customers, both inside and outside of the UK. The Guide

uniquely gives the designer the opportunity to pick their own feature components, such as the glass, hinges or handle, along with the bracing style, so they can create an enclosure to work aesthetically within their bathroom design. They can also then tailor the footprint, door action, sealing system, profiles and dimensions to practically work in the space, which is totally unique in bathroom design." Roman designed the Guide specifically for Housebuilders and Hotel, or Condominium Developers, who are working on large scale projects. Commercial Director, Julian Pearson and Marketing Manager, Shelley McCormack, attended the ceremony. In response to receiving the award, David Osborne said "We were delighted to receive the award. We have in the past received awards for our Product design, but this year with the new category being introduced, we felt our Project Guide was a clear fit. There is nothing else like this out there but our experience with specifiers has shown there is a real need for this type of service. Often an 'off-the-shelf' solution will simply not work in their space. We launched the Guide several months ago and so far it has been very well received - we are already quoting for projects inside and outside the UK."

BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE FUTURE



On 8th November a team of eight Year 8 Woodham students took part in the launch event for the Future Business Magnates 2013 at the Excel Centre. The competition is run by Durham County Council each year. It seeks to encourage young budding entrepreneurs to set up and run a business, teaching them crucial entrepreneurial and leader-ship skills along the way. Each team in the competition will undertake six challenges for which they will be awarded points. The team with the most points in June 2013 will be awarded the coveted Future Business Magnates prize. The students from Woodham Academy underwent a series of stages to gain a position

on the team and are full of enthusiasm and ideas. They will be mentored by two representatives from Ebac, which further strengthens the already existing links between the school and the Business Park. 'At the age of twelve or thirteen, young people have little or no experience of what it is like to set up and successfully run their own business. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills and then put them to the test. We are looking forward to seeing our students develop into confident leaders who are equipped with the necessary skills to become successfully self employed in the future,' said Vikki Fawcett, Head of Year 8.

Careers Fair at Woodham Academy



On Thursday 15th November Woodham Academy held their annual Careers Fair for Year 11 and Year 10 students and their parents. The aim of the event is to allow students to find out further information about a particular career or post 16 progression route. Students can pick up applications and prospectuses, as well as get advice from a Careers Advisor or from any of the organisations represented. This is particularly important in the light of government policy which sees a rise in the school leaving age to 17 for current Year 11 students. Students leaving in the summer of 2015 will be required to stay in education, employment or training until the age of 18. 'It is crucial that our students have a deep understanding

of the route they wish to follow in employment. They can then decide on which post 16 pathway is likely to be the best for them to achieve their goals', said Sarah McGinnety, Associate Assistant Head at Woodham Academy, 'this is an excellent opportunity for students to conduct their own independent research which will inform their personal choice upon leaving Woodham.' The event is traditionally well attended by both organisations, students and their parents and continues to be a huge success in terms of its outcomes, which sees the number of students continuing on into post 16 education, employment or training at Woodham Academy significantly above the county average.

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During the last century, British troops saw action

in many different conflicts. But from the National Service generation fighting in Korea to those who served during the troubles in Northern Ireland, the Falklands War and the campaigns in Bosnia and Kosovo, many veterans feel their sacrifices and those of their comrades have been forgotten. The mental and physical scars of a conflict can last a long time after the battles have left the front pages.

The Sedgefield Division of SSAFA Forces Help provides a lifetime of support to servicemen and women and their dependants. We're here for them long after conflicts have become history. So, if you have ever served in our Armed Forces, including as a National Serviceman, or you know someone who has and you need some support then SSAFA's local team is here to help just call us on (01325) 314043

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Beginners' Health Walk Taster Class

The PCP has organised a beginners 'taster walk' on Tuesday 4th December from 10.30 - 11.30am.

The Health Walks are free and give people the opportunity to explore Newton Aycliffe and beyond at a leisurely pace, whilst meeting new people. The walk will leave from the and anyone wishing to join is asked to arrive by 10.15am wearing suitable clothing and footwear and meet in the Mall Coffee Shop in the Centre.

Everyone is welcome, newcomers as well as those who have walked before. Gladys Young is a regular walking group member and says "I spent a lot of time in the house, getting lonely or bored so I wanted to get out, try new things, meet new people, get some exercise and feel fitter. I would say to anyone come and try this gentle walk and meet new people."

If there is enough interest we hope to make the Tuesday walk a regular event from the spring. For information on the activities provided by the PCP to improve people's health and wellbeing Tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net visit: www.pcp.uk.net.



£1250 for Care Homes

Honest John, from the proceeds of his Market Day stall, has donated £250 to each of the five Care Homes in the town.

John said it was a gift on behalf of the community to bring extra comfort to the elderly in care at Christmas. "I wish love and peace to all" said John.

Free Golf Lesson for Juniors



Ernie Wilson the Golf Professional at Woodham is offering juniors another free golf lesson.

The next FREE Golf Festival is on Sunday 25th November 11am - 1pm. There are prizes for everyone who attends the session with games and activities using the TriGolf equipment. Anyone aged 8 - 11 welcome. This is a follow up on Ernie Wilson's work with the local schools and the Golf Foundation.

MATCH ATTAX FANS MEET BORO STAR AT TESCO'S



Topps Match Attax, the world's most successful sports trading card game, gave collectors, fans and families the chance to meet Middlesbrough FC superstar, George Friend on Wednesday 14th November.

The Boro defender was on hand to meet fans and their families, sign cards for collectors and pose for pictures at Tesco Extra in Newton Aycliffe.

At the free event, kids learned how to play Match Attax, swapped cards with other collectors and pitched themselves against other fans to win the chance to take on the Match Attax Master and earn a coveted Champion Card.

To make the event even more exciting, a Topps football freestyler was there entertaining the crowds with gravity-defying performances and amazing tricks.

The event was a great success, and provided the perfect opportunity for fans and their families to join in with some footballing fun, meet George Friend and see for themselves the incredible skills of our football freestyler; it proved an exciting addition to many people's 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 the biggest names from Middlesbrough FC alongside all the teams in the npower Championship. With a stunning new look

and exciting stats, the trading card game offers players and collectors alike an exciting accompaniment to the season, with over 340 cards to collect, including Star Players and boosted Man of the Match cards.

In addition, the collection features a new-look Starter Pack, which includes a hardback binder, portable Play Pitch and an exclusive Limited Edition!

For further information about Topps Match Attax, please visit www.toppsfootball.co.uk/events. Follow Match Attax on Twitter @ToppsMatchAttax and get the latest news and updates at www.facebook.com/toppsMA

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MARTIAL ART COMPETITION AT AYCLIFFE

Darlington Boxing & Martial Arts Academy are hosting the next UK Muay Thai Federation (UKMTF) Junior Superleague Competition (JSL), at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 1st December.

Some of the best 6-17 years from all over the UK compete to win a place in the UK Junior Muay Thai Team and to represent their country.

The team have already competed there in October 2011, Russia in September 2012 and Poland in November 2012, each time bringing home medals!

Prices to pre-enter a competitor is £15 by Monday 26th November or £20 on the day, spectators £8 pre-pay or £10 on the day.

Doors Open at 8.30am for competitors, fights from 11.00am-6.00pm. Tickets & entry forms available from Paul Hamilton - 01325 369655 or 07920 865505.

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GREENFIELD COLLEGE WIN ROWING CONTEST

Greenfield Yr 7, 8 & 9 rowing teams travelled to Woodham on Wednesday 14th November to take part in the Sedgefield Rowing Championships. Some fantastic individual performances meant Greenfield finished in first place – and were crowned Sedgefield KS3 Champions. The following Greenfield students produced some fantastic performances and finished in the top 4 and will go forward to represent Sedgefield in the County Championships later this year. Danielle Ord achieved a

personal best and finished 1st, and Christina Shodunke also achieved a personal best and finished a close 2nd to Danielle in the Yr 7 girls event. George Scaife achieved a personal best and finished 2nd, and Matthew Davis achieved a personal best to finish a close 3rd in the yr 7 boys event. In yr 8 Sam Dawson finished 2nd in the

yr 8 boys event. Becky Adams and Madalyn Pateman Patrick both achieved personal best scores to finish 2nd and 3rd in their event. In yr 9 Stewart McCaffrey finished 1st in the yr 9 boys event and Rubi Alderson achieved a personal best to finish in 2nd place in the yr 9 girls event. Well done to all involved and good luck.

Pudsey Cup Cakes



Kitchen staff, Julie and Ang at Sugar Hill School, preparing for the "Children in Need" event.

Aycliffe Juniors Win League



NAJFC under 7's have just won the Russell Foster Youth Yellow League. They played 28 games, won 23, drew 4 and lost only 1! It has been great to watch the team improve and they have been outstanding all season. They have now started the TJFA league and have played six won six, scoring 34 goals and conceding only 4. They train at Greenfield 5.30 till 6.30 on a Friday night. Finally a massive thanks to sponsor BEANIES. Manager Adrian Dawson (07970 455139). Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club caters for children from 4-16, check the website for further details: www.najuniorfc.co.uk

Free Fitness Session

Jules Baxter, a personal wellness coach in Newton Aycliffe has launched the community FREE fitness sessions from 10-11am every Saturday morning to enable everyone adopt a healthier, active lifestyle. The sessions are held at Woodham Community Centre, at St Elizabeth's Close and are going really well. "These free sessions aim to be friendly, sociable and are suitable for anyone at any level of fitness and age," said Jules. All people need to do is to come along with a bottle of water and a great attitude." Jules is concerned about the number of people who are totally sedentary and who are

overweight – it's her mission to help them! "I want to give something back to the community," said Jules. "We may not be able to turn people into Olympians, but we can certainly help get them into better shape and feel better about themselves." Jules also runs the Arriba Community Wellness & Weight loss challenge at Agnew Community Centre on a Thursday evening from 6.30pm and will be available at Fitclub session to talk about nutrition, healthy eating and having a more active lifestyle. You can contact Jules on 07966 968388 for further details and to book your free place.

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Students Met up Again After 16 Years



Stephen Hudson and Kelly Simpson were married at Hardwick Hall on 3rd November with a Reception following the ceremony. The Bridesmaids were Polly Alford, Donna Sowels and Zoe Wheeler. Page boys: Brandon Kempself, Olly Hudson and Alfie Land. The Best Men were Dean Cooper & Owen Kempself. Stephen is a service engineer for DFS in Sunderland. He and Kelly went to The Avenue Comprehensive School together and after leaving lost contact until they met up again 16 years later. After their honeymoon in The Canaries the couple will begin married life together with their three sons in Washington Crescent.

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This month's topic will be learning about what food our garden birds need to survive the winter, and how to make it for them (so come prepared to get messy).

We had a great day last month at our opening meeting with

several new members taking part in the group meeting where they tried, with varying degrees of success, to make witches hats and decorated bats. This success was down to the hard work put in by the leaders and helpers, both leading up to, and on the day.

We have received a considerable amount of enquiries from the public since the meeting, showing an interest. So we hope to see some new faces in addition to the great kids who came last time.

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COUNCILLORS from Aycliffe East, Neville & Shafto and St Mary's wards will hold a Ward Surgery in St Mary's Church. Meeting Room from 11am till noon on Saturday 1st December

Aycliffe Performers in Musical

Newton Aycliffe singers and performers will be amongst County Durham artistes appearing at Darlington’s Forum Music Centre on Wednesday 28th November in just the second public performance of a new musical. “She’s Fired” is a ‘musical narration’ written by County Durham’s Bob Lowery and East Durham singer-songwriter John Wrightson. It recounts the events behind the 1881 Seaham mine disaster in story and song. John Wrightson is well-known on the local live music circuit, regularly appearing at Newton Aycliffe’s popular Candlelite Club, which meets at Moore Lane Sports Club on Tuesday evenings. Also appearing are Newton Aycliffe - based musician Andy McLaughlin (another ‘Candlelite’ regular) and talented Aycliffe schoolboy Blake Reed. ‘She’s Fired’ premièred at the Sedgefield Festival this year and has transferred to Darlington’s Forum following demands for a repeat performance. This is a great chance to see a show commemorating the courage of Durham’s people and to discover a story worth hearing. Doors open at 7 pm on Wed. 28th November. Tickets (£6) can be booked from the Forum, on 01325 363135

St Elizabeth’s in Woodham are holding an Advent Fayre on Saturday 1st of December at 10 am. Christmas produce, Cakes and Preserves. Cards and Decorations. Books and Jigsaws. Gift Tombola and Season Raffles and much more. Scones, Mince Pies tea and coffee. Come and start the festive season with us at St Elizabeth’s.

Tesco Help Scout Group

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout group would like to thank Tesco, for their magnificent donation of £500. They also filled a large trolley with Crisps, Snacks, Soft Drinks and Penguin Biscuits and told the children to help themselves. All was quickly consumed once we got the children back to the Scout Hall. Once again, a very big thank you, to Tesco, from all in the group. Bill Goudie

Re-surfacing Criticised

The Authority responsible for the shoddy and sub-standard re-surfacing work on Burn Lane, needs to carry out an urgent review and inspection! After just a few weeks the surface is uneven, breaking up into ruts and disappearing where it joins other junctions and this before the frost and winter weather hits. Why they persist in using this cheap, weak mix of gravel and tarmac instead of a more permanent surface is beyond me as it is not cost effective or an efficient use of taxpayers money! Alan Ratcliffe, Eade Close

Little Gems Story Time at Youth Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre are thrilled to announce the launch of their new pilot project “Little Gems”. The 13 week project will be every Monday and Friday morning between 10am and 11am commencing Monday 26th November. This project has been made possible through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge (GAMP) Area Action Partnership small grants scheme. During the pilot prices will be a very affordable £1.50 for one child with a reduction for a second child. This will include a healthy snack and a drink for Little Gems. Tea and Coffee is available for mums, dads, and grandparents from our Tuck Shop. The theme of the project will be and interactive Story Time Group. To register your child either pop into the centre on Burn Lane near Tesco or ring on 10325 307522, or email gemma.nayc@live.com Places are limited so get your Little Gems registered as soon as possible.

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KEITH ROBINSON Who died a year ago, 28th November 2011. We will love you and remember you forever Keith. We miss your smile and your twinkling eyes. But we know you are safe in the arms of Jesus. “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46, V10) are words that have carried us through this year, and made life bearable. We all have our special memories of you Keith. You were such a patient caring Husband and we shared so much together. You were a very special Dad, who would do anything for your children and precious grandchildren. They were all your pride and joy. A loving Brother and friend to many, especially Charlie your dog. Love you always Keith. From Kathleen, Rachel, Helen, Stuart and all the family. Till we meet again xxx

KATH HALL 20th November 2001. Dear Mother, Our love for you still grows stronger each and every year. We all have some comfort knowing we have a gorgeous Angel looking down on us. No matter what happens on Earth, we know our Lord God is keeping you warm and safe. Love you with all our hearts. Billy, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim, Glenda

KATH HALL To our wonderful Nanna, big hugs and kisses from Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben and Alfie xx

KATH HALL Thinking of you Great Nanna Kath from all your Great Grandchildren xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. The pain I felt at losing you will never go away, but knowing that you are in my heart helps me through each day. When you were here I always felt that nothing could go wrong, but you are still my inspiration and your memory keeps me strong. But among my tears and heartache, there’s one thing that makes me glad, that you chose me to share with you all the precious years we had. Your loving Wife, Agnes xx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. Dad. Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us everyday. Love you always. David, Jenny and Brogan xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. Dad. Love and miss you every minute of every day. Lots of love, Thomas, Julie, Andrew and David xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. Dad. 3 years since you left us. Love and miss you every day. Love, Stephen and Shaun xx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. A heart of gold stopped beating, a shining smile at rest, God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But God will call us one by one and the chain will link again. Miss you. Love always, Roberta and Reggie xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. Treasured memories of a special Granda, so dearly missed. Years may pass and fade away, loving thoughts and memories stay. Forever in our hearts. Lots of love, Robert, Hayley, Anne-Marie, Andrew, Adele and Orin xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26-11-09. Dear Lord up above, give our Great Granda all our love. Hug him and kiss him and tell him that we love him and that we will always be thinking of him. Love you always. Kaitlyn, Jodie, Jack, Rhys, Willaim and Ava xxxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. Granda, 3 years have gone by, you are always in my thoughts. Love and miss you. Lindsay, Anth, Josh, Lily and Betsy xxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. Dad. It doesn’t need a special day to bring you to my mind, for days without a thought of you are very hard to find. Julie, Neil, Chantelle and Les xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Madge Hardy



Special birthday memories for 26th November, to the one we thought the world of. A special Mum, Wife and Nan. Love and miss you so very much xxx

PAULINE ANNE WATSON 27th November 1947 (-2001). To our special angel in Heaven above. Birthday greetings we send you with all our love. Joe and family xxx

JEAN PARKER 25-11-1933. Sending lots of love Mam, Thinking of you, miss you. Love, Mandy xxx

JEAN PARKER 25-11-1933. Special birthday wishes for a special Mam and Nana. Miss you and love you always. Love, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxxx

JUNE WOOD 1933-2005, 25th November. Birthday wishes to a much loved Mam. Thinking of you today as always. All our love, Ann, Syd and Michael xxx


Congratulations

Nicola Jayne Williamson



Happy 40th Birthday
24th November 2012
Celebrating early Nic??
I don’t blame you, it’s all downhill from here!
Love from
Yvonne and John xxx

Josh Shotton



Happy 18th Birthday
Enjoy your first legal drink!
Lots of love, Mam,
Jules and Nanna xxxxx
Congratulations Josh
WOW 18!
Love, Auntie Carol,
Uncle Craig and Kids

Nicola Jayne Williamson



Happy 40th Birthday
To the most fantastic Wife
and Mother in the world.
Lots of love from Scott and
Liam xxxxxxxx

Ashley Isaac



Happy 17th Birthday
Lots of love on your 17th birthday on 24th November.
Enjoy your first driving lesson. Love from Mum xxx

LAURA PRINCE 21-11-12. Congratulations to my special Granddaughter on your 21st birthday. With all my love, Nana xxx

LAURA PRINCE 21-11-12. Happy 21st birthday Princess, with all our love and congratulations, Mum and Amber xx

LAURA PRINCE 21-11-12. Congratulations Laura on your 21st birthday. With much love, Great Grandma

LAURA PRINCE 21-11-12. Happy 21st birthday Laura. With lots of love and congratulations, Auntie Amanda and Billy

BILLY WADE “no you are a teenager” from Arran and family xx

MITCHINSON Melanie and Ian congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary, 21-11-2012. Hope you have a fab time. Love, Lesley, Dave, Samantha and Ryan xxx

MITCHINSON Auntie Melanie and Uncle Ian congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Love from your favourite Page Boy, Stuart and Joanne xxx

JOHN AINSLIE Happy 50th birthday on 25th November. Best wishes. Love, Mam xxx

Obituary

HOLLAND JESSOP LONG Died 15th November 2012. RIP Grandad. Love from all your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren


HOLLAND JESSOP LONG Aged 82, died suddenly on 15th November 2012. Loving Husband to Marjorie and loving Father to Eric, Paul, Glyn, Joann and April. Sadly missed. Service at Coundon Crematorium on Monday 26th November at 2.45pm

Alan Gaskarth



Happy 50th Birthday
To Alan, happy 50th birthday. Lots of love from your Brothers, Sisters and their families

Alan Gaskarth



Happy 50th Birthday
25th November 1962
The big 50. Happy birthday love. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love, Sue xxx

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Happy birthday Granda. Lots of love, Ferane, Hannah and Cole

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AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB NEWS

In last Sunday's NYSD cross-country meeting at Croft there was a much better turnout from Aycliffe Running Club. The weather was fine but it was very wet and muddy underfoot. In the Senior Ladies race it was a first time experience of cross-country for Wendy Bake, Shelley McCormack and Tracey Warrior. Veteran Sue Milburn, back after a long battle with a groin injury made up the team. Wendy was first home for the club, finishing 36th in 32:32, followed closely by Sue 42nd 33:21 and Shelley 48th 34:20. Finally Tracy, who was suffering with a painful Achilles finished 67th in 39:25. The club's two most senior members took part in the men's over 65 vets race which is now incorporated in the Senior Ladies race. In this Richard



Harvey was 2nd in 33:59 and was 1st O/70 with Ray Todd finishing 4th in 40:27 and 1st O/75.

In the Senior Men's Race Dez Fielden was so busy taking in the scenery he missed the start but it didn't take him long to catch up and was first home for the club finishing 25th in 33:16, followed by Peter Milburn 48th 35:28 then Richard Campbell 65th 37:12. Other results were as follows; John Burnside 79th - 38:43, Kevin Greenall 90th - 40:54, Dean Barclay 92nd - 41:01, Daz Moore 101st - 42:18,

Trevor Needham 103rd - 43:20, Gary Minns 105th - 44:21.

A week earlier, Judith Porter took part in the Newcastle Town Moor 10K. The race has received a lot of media coverage following a mix up at the start where the leaders mistook a cyclist in a hi-vis top for the lead bike and followed him in the wrong direction requiring the race to be re-started. Despite the confusion and an always mentally draining two lap course Judith put in a personal best performance of 53:42.

Xmas Treat

THANK YOU to Honest John for his generous donation of £250.00 for the residents' treats over the Christmas period.
From the Manager and Staff at Lindisfarne Care Home

TEN-FASTIC FOR ON-FIRE AYCLIFFE

Newton Aycliffe's 2012-13 campaign burst into life last week as Allan Oliver's side recorded back-to-back wins for the first time this season to haul themselves off the bottom of the Ebac Northern League first division.

The Newtonians climbed out of the relegation zone for the first time in two months after consecutive five-goal wins - a 5-0 midweek rout at Norton followed by a 5-1 victory at home to Team Northumbria.

Ten goals in two games, while conceding just the one thanks to in-form keeper Scott Pocklington, was a feat that was weeks in the making.

The back-to-back triumphs came as Aycliffe announced plans to sell tickets for their derby with Darlington in a fortnight at normal prices (£5 adults, £3 concessions) in advance of the game.

On-fire forward Fred Woodhouse bagged another two goals last Saturday, after his Norton hat-trick, while Danny Earl, Kris Hughes and Paul Broom also notched at home to Team Northumbria to propel Aycliffe up to 20th (fifth-bottom) in the table - two points clear of the trapdoor.

But it was the nature of their second win of the week which would have pleased Oliver most. If they were good at Norton, they were outstanding against Team North, playing their best football of the season with four or five contenders for the man-of-the-match award. Pocklington - one of those contenders - was actually the first of the two goalkeepers to be tested in the eighth minute after Team North left-back Liam Clough, a PE teacher at Woodham Academy in the town, hit a thundering 20-yard drive which Pocklington had to tip over the bar.

Aycliffe produced a smart move in the 15th minute when

Mark Wood played a neat one-two before his shot was saved by Andrew Jennison, and the keeper parried Martin Young's rebound round the post to complete an impressive double-save.

Jennison was on hand again two minutes later, denying Earl, but the opening goal came after 27 minutes when Hughes' acrobatic effort was only half-cleared, and Woodhouse hooked the loose ball into the roof of the net from close range. The Blues doubled their lead six minutes later when Pocklington pinged a brilliant long ball for Earl to latch on to before coolly slotting past Jennison.

It was a solid first-half performance by Aycliffe, but they really turned on the style after the break, playing some attractive football.

Perhaps guilty of over-playing it in the Team North box, the third goal didn't arrive until the 78th minute - Earl did well before pulling back for Hughes to drill home. It was four just a few minutes later when Earl did well again before pulling back for Woodhouse to sweep the ball home.

The visitors grabbed a consolation in the 86th minute when Peter Watling fired past Pocklington from 20 yards, but Broom completed the scoring for Aycliffe when his last-minute shot was deflected past Jennison.

Fans of both Darlo and Aycliffe can get their hands on tickets for the big game in two weeks, either from the Sports Club bar, or online at www.nafc-online.co.uk

Aycliffe's general manager Dan Lewis said: "We're trying to cover every angle in the

LATEST FIXTURES

Saturday 24th November: Guisborough Town (A) 3pm
Saturday 1st December: Durham City (H) 3pm
Wednesday 5th December: Celtic Nation (H) 7.30pm
Saturday 8th December: Darlington 1883 (H) 3pm

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Dear Sir,
I have just been for a stroll across to West Park to observe the new exercise equipment supported by Councillors Mike Dixon and Enid Paylor and funded through GAMP.

It is a credit to all concerned that children were using it on a wet Saturday morning and, as a silly old trout, I couldn't resist having a go myself and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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Ken Robson

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