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Newton News heard a rumour the proposed move of the Police Garage and Warehouse from Aycliffe Heads to Newton Aycliffe had been scrapped.

We immediately got in touch with the new Police Commissioner Ron Hogg who told us this was correct, due to the fact negotiations for purchase of the land has fallen through as another client put in a better offer.

As no other suitable parcel of land is available at Aycliffe alternatives are being considered elsewhere. Newton Aycliffe have already had one promise, of a new

Police Station, broken, and to hear this disappointing news is very hard to bear.

At the Public Meeting on Policing, called by Great Aycliffe Residents' Association, the Police Authority said the deal had gone through.

Readers will find it hard to believe that the second largest Industrial Estate in the north doesn't have other land available. We can only assume the Police have found land in an Enterprise Zone which attracts grant aid and could be considerably cheaper.

Ron Hogg told Newton News it was of great personal regret to himself, but it was out of his hands. He is bound to accept the best commercial price submitted by the Police. He said the promise made by his predecessor Peter Thompson was made in good faith not knowing they would be gazedumped.

We discovered on talking to the Town Clerk, Andrew Bailey, that the Police have not informed the Town Council of the current situation.

The Council have been consulted on everything pertaining to policing in Great Aycliffe yet knew nothing of this until Newton News contacted them this week.

Film Club at Silverdale

A Film Club for under 11yrs. will be held every Saturday from 3pm until 5pm starting 8th December - Admission 50p. Tuck Shop and Hot Food. For all regular attendees to this club there will be a FREE PANTOMIME Trip on January 4th to the Gala Theatre in Durham.

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New Sections at Dance Academy CREAM FOR C.A.T.S.



The new and exciting Woodham Dance Academy opened its doors to primary schools from all over Aycliffe, Ferryhill and Chilton last month, inviting children of all ages to come along and enjoy dancing with one another.

The Academy is for ages 4-11 years and is split into 2 groups. The infants dance class is on Tuesdays from 5pm-6pm (term time only). Here they have begun to learn basic dance steps and how to work with new rhythms and music.

The group are currently working on a routine which they will perform at the annual Woodham Academy Show next year. The Dance Academy focuses on creating a fun and exciting environment where the children enjoy making new friends, play lots of games and learn how to dance.

A Parent said: "It's fantastic, my daughter can't wait to attend each week. The enthusiasm from the staff and the 'no pressure' environment is what makes the Academy so much fun while still being educational!"

For the older group the class takes place at the earlier time of 4.30pm - 6pm every Wednesday (term time only). This is because the junior group have the opportunity to work with older students and staff from Woodham Academy for the first half hour, before breaking off into the Junior group. Here the children begin to learn more complicated dance steps and put together routines. All children are invited to attend Woodham Dance

Academy and we would love to see some new faces. If you are interested in coming along call Hannah Wilkinson on 07951 821238 or email hannahwilkinson@educationenterprise.co.uk

A local youth theatre group is on the lookout for Dancers and Singers from the Newton Aycliffe and School Aycliffe area to join them in their version of the musical "Mamma Mia", which will be staged next year in March.

A spokesperson for the group said "We are looking for young people aged 8 to 11 years of age who would like to sing or dance, or maybe just want to improve on their present skills, to join the CATS youth theatre group."

The group has recently finished staging the musical "Annie", and are now into rehearsals for their next production. Anyone interested should ring 01325 313363 or 01388 774838 or www.cats-theatre.co.uk



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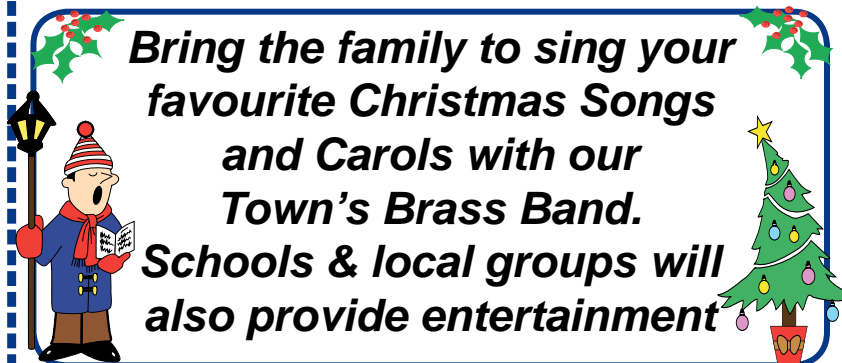
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Saturday 8th December - "2-80's"

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Saturday 15th December - "F.M."

Was this our best mid week pub gig ever? Probably! What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock n roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese, OK they did "Whisky in the Jar", but hey!! FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW. The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option. How long have FM been around now? Many a year, and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome
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Saturday 22nd December - "OVERDRIVE"

"These guys had the best debut gig ever in the pub last year". Bio: Overdrive are a dynamic rock covers band playing a selection of classic rock songs from the 60s to now. Taking you though the great ages of music from The Who to Kings of Leon, Madness to Sex Pistols, Deep Purple to Foo Fighters. With an all action front line, a big sound and great lights, this is a band not to be missed". Covering tracks by: Stereophonics, Bad Company, Nickleback, The Fratellis, Bowie, Green Day, T-Rex and More. A rare chance to catch these guys FREE in a pub gig, normally play in bigger venues that charge "singing and dancing guaranteed - these guys know how to party"

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P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



A PACT Meeting will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 13th December from 6-30pm to 7-30pm.

Please come along and get updates on local issues and have your say on any issues that you may be of concern. Councillors and Livin' Representatives have been invited.

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The Service will be attended
by Civic Dignitaries from
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Pictured above are 11 of the staff with General Manager Pam Mooney, at their recognition lunch.

Raffle Raised £509

£509 was raised at Moore Lane Sports Club Xmas Craft Fair with the proceeds shared between: Help For Heroes, North East Air Ambulance and Macmillan Nurses.
Thanks to local shopkeepers and individuals who provided prizes. Winning numbers unclaimed Pink 238, 298, 544, 705, 706, 754. White: 246, 116, 169, 120. Please contact Mary on 07908 420343.
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Anti-Litter Patrol in Newton Aycliffe

Litter louts better watch out next week as Neighbourhood Wardens from the County Council will be targeting littering in the town. They will be patrolling the streets and issuing £80 fixed penalty notices to people they spot dropping waste and not picking it up after themselves.

Jason Collins said: "The council is working hard to reduce the amount of litter on the streets to make our county cleaner. "Littering is unsightly and dangerous and is a concern for our local residents using the shopping centre. "Our enforcement patrols will help us catch irresponsible people in our community who are behind the problem." The increased patrols are in direct response to concerns from local residents and the council's street cleansing team.

Fixed penalty notices for litter are £80, reduced to £50 if paid within ten working days.

To report litter offences contact Durham County Council on 03000 261 000 or email: help@durham.gov.uk

WOODHAM

Woodham Academy Christmas Fair

10:30am - 1:00pm
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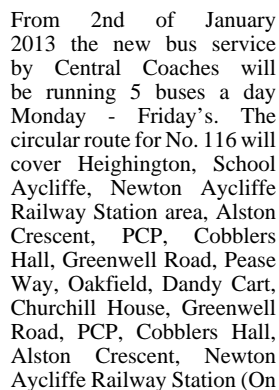


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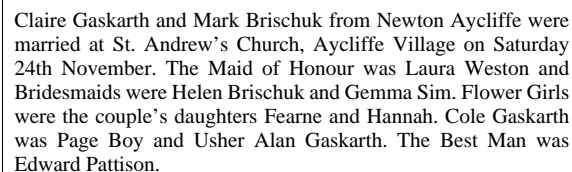
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The new Train Timetable starts from 9th December 2012 for Newton Aycliffe. It is available online and usually from Libraries, Darlington & possibly Newton Aycliffe. Also at Darlington Train Station!



Claire is a Staff Nurse at Darlington Hospital and the groom works for Magnet. The couple held the Reception at Jersey Farm Hotel and spent their honeymoon in London.

A photograph showing two individuals, likely students, working on a craft project at a table. The person in the foreground is wearing a blue and white striped shirt and is focused on working with small, light-colored objects (possibly clay or wood) on a piece of brown paper. The person in the background is wearing a dark blue shirt and is also working on the project. The table is covered with various materials, including a blue container, a green bag, and a small white box. A newspaper or magazine is visible on the right side of the table.

Monday 10th December
Christmas with Aycliffe
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Village Hall at 7pm. Ticket
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Monday 24th December
Carols by Candlelight 3pm.
Midnight Communion
11.30pm.

Christmas Day: No Service at St. Andrew's. Parish Service at St. Elizabeth at 10am. Everyone warmly invited.



Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe
Christmas Santa Route



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Tuesday 11th December	5.30 -7pm	Woodham, Pemberton Road and Closes
Wednesday 12th December	5.30 -7pm	Cobblers Hall, Ropemoor Way and Closes
Thursday 13th December	5.30 -7pm	Oak Tree, Greathead, Mellanby Crescent Areas
Monday 17th December	5.30 -7pm	Simpasture area
Tuesday 18th December	5.30 -7pm	School Aycliffe, The Chestnuts
Wednesday 19th December	5.30 -7pm	Bluebell Way, All Estates
Thursday 20th December	5.30 -7pm	SilkinWay/Westmoreland Way Areas

We have been busy at Greenfield Arts this term, with our community learning programme with courses as successful as ever! We are addin a range of new activities to our programme for January 2013. These include Jewellery making with Lindsay Peter, Get Making sessions and French, as well as Spanish, Yoga, Guitars and singing. Pick up a copy of our new course guide at or visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. Enrolment Monday 7th January 2013, but if you want any more information, or to register your interest, call in or ring 01325 379048.

Well Done Honest John

Dear Sir,
All residents at Aycliffe
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thank you to Honest John,
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residents fund.

We are extremely grateful to John for the help as it has been hard raising funds and this money will assist with extra things over Christmas.

This isn't the first time John has helped us and I think other groups he has helped will agree that "thank you" just doesn't seem enough sometimes.

John deserves more recognition for standing at his stall in all weather conditions raising money for town organisations. Julie Bialek


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Arriva Attend Council Meeting

A representative from the County Council Transport Department and from Arriva have been invited to the Town Council meeting on 12th December at 7.15pm. They will answer Councillors' questions regarding the recent changes to bus services and how they have affected residents of Great Aycliffe. Residents are reminded they are welcome to attend the meeting.

Christmas Message from Town Centre Chaplin

During this past year everyone has been affected with the recession which has brought untold hardship to many, most of all it is the poor and vulnerable who mostly suffer. Our town centre was also affected with the closure of Peter's the Baker and of Sue Ryder, one of the charity shops on our town. Part of my Christmas message last year was the prayer to see signs of hope and growth amidst our town and thankfully this now seem to be happening. Although it is always sad to see some of our shops close there is thankfulness

that others are taking their place. We have seen the opening of Alidi, a bright and cheerful store to give us more choice. Then we have Granny's Kitchen a small shop maybe, but overflowing with household necessities. We should not forget Boola, a shop right up to date with fashion for our younger generation. The future is looking bright for Aycliffe shopping centre and we should remember the sterling work done by the Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane, and Phil Wilson our MP who intervened many times to get things moving.

We have a lot to be thankful for and 2013 has plenty more surprises.

Thanks to all those who serve the public so willingly and cheerfully, and spare a thought for those working hard to serve you right up to the Christmas period - give them a smile they deserve it.

On behalf of myself and Churches Together in Great Aycliffe I take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and blessed Christmaside. God bless you all.

Pam Lovelass
Town Centre Chaplin.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT YOUTH CENTRE



A Christmas Fair was held at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Saturday 24th November, organised by Joan Clark and supported by volunteers Kevin Crosby, Cllr Dorothy Bowman, Eve French, Noelen Jones, management committee members, Jane Johnson and Artist John Palliser of Patriot Art. The event was enjoyed by all who attended, with Christmas Carols provided by MAD Production who meet at the Youth Centre on Wednesday evenings. Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band entertained, complemented by 21 Arts & Craft stalls, although bad weather prevented some from attending.

The event was opened by the Mayor Val Raw and a very special visitor "Santa Claus" arrived and handed out gifts throughout the afternoon to the delight of all children. This event was organised to promote the facilities, opportunities and services offered by Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Special Art events in 2013 include an Open Gallery with Art competitions plus Fun and a new exciting Art Class. Whether you are a complete novice or an accomplished

artist there is something for you. If you are interested in joining the class or exhibiting please contact John on 07412 029848 or email him on fineart@Patriotart.co.uk or contact NAYC on 307522.

COULD YOU HOST A FOREIGN STUDENT FOR XMAS?

Dear Sir/Madam, May we appeal to your readers to consider an interesting addition to their Christmas guest list? Our volunteer local organiser is urgently looking for more invitations to offer to international students at university here, who would much rather experience Christmas in the homes of local people, than on a deserted campus.

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Abbie Kennedy and Beatrice Lineton



Reegan Henn with Dance Teacher Caroline Race

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Reegan Henn - 3rd Place in the 10-13 years Girls' Nationwide Freestyle Solo

Reece Atherton - 3rd Place in the 10-13 years Boys' Nationwide Freestyle Solo

Annis Race - Runner up in the 14-17 years Girls' Nationwide Solo

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Spelling Fault

We apologise to the Honest Lawyer Hotel and Restaurant for the spelling errors in their recent article. Unfortunately this story was printed unchecked.

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Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Open House on 15th December

December 2012 will mark the 50th anniversary since the opening of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Newton Aycliffe. During this time the Church has provided a place of worship to it's members and the general public, in addition to providing many social events. As the membership of the Church has grown over the past half century the Church has worked with many of the local authorities and charities to help those in the Newton Aycliffe area. These activities have included annual 'Helping Hands' days and a service project this year, in conjunction with Great Aycliffe Town Council, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. This allowed members of the

Church to assist in several improvements within the town. While the membership has grown significantly over the past 50 years, both in Newton Aycliffe and globally we know that there are many who do not know much about this beautiful building in Newton Aycliffe, the facilities it has to offer to the general public and the beliefs of the Church. We wish to extend a warm and open invitation to all to come to an Open House on Saturday 15th December between 12pm and 4pm. This will include tours of the building, displays on the basic beliefs of the Church and opportunities to see our Family History Centre which is open to the general public 2 days each week, providing excellent facilities to assist in finding your ancestors.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints have the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world and these are available to view through this Family History Centre. The Open House will be followed in the evening with a celebration, and as we approach the Christmas season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we would also extend an invitation to our annual Christmas Carol Service. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these events.

The Church initially met in the Over Sixties Club. Two potential sites were identified - the current site on Shafto Way and the present site of the British Legion Club on McMillan Road.

The ground breaking ceremony was held on Saturday 20th May, 1961. Mr A. V. Williams, the General Manager of Aycliffe Development Corporation, took part. On Saturday 22nd December, 1962 Mr Williams returned to speak at a meeting to celebrate the completion of the building.

A large portion of the work was completed by unskilled labour, mainly from members of the Church under guidance of the developers.

Between November 2000 and December 2001 the building was extensively refurbished at a cost of over £1m.

The building includes the following facilities:- Chapel, Cultural/sports Hall, Stage, Classrooms, Baptismal Font, Family History Centre and General amenities

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Deadline: Tuesday 18th December

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The main event starts at 6pm and is FREE. Come early to get parked and join in the festive spirit. For more information about Xcel Church, where to find us and our Service times during the Christmas season, please go to www.xcelchurch.com or ring the office on 0845 4505871



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GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO HOUSING BENEFIT

HOUSING BENEFIT REDUCED FOR EXTRA BEDROOMS

The Government is reforming the welfare system and from 1st April 2013 the way Housing Benefit is calculated will change.

If you rent your home from Durham County Council, a registered housing association or other registered social landlord, the amount of Housing Benefit you get from

1st April 2013 will be based on the number of bedrooms your household needs. **If you have one or more extra bedrooms your Housing Benefit may be reduced.**

The information sheet you receive explains how benefit payments will be calculated in the future based on the number of bedrooms in your

house.

Based on the information the landlord holds, it may look like you have extra bedroom(s) over the new Housing Benefit allowance. To make sure this is correct you need to check the information supplied.

If the information about who is living in your household on the back of your letter is

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If the information about who is living in your household on the back of your letter is not correct. **COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED CHANGE FORM AND RETURN IT IN THE PREPAID ENVELOPE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

IF YOU DISAGREE with the number of bedrooms on the back of this letter or would like advice on your options because of the impact these housing benefit changes will have. **CONTACT YOUR LANDLORD TO DISCUSS YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES AS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.**

Information landlords hold about your household and accommodation. People in your household:

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Pair(s) of children aged under 10 (same or opposite sex)

Other children

Non-resident carer(s) providing you or your partner with overnight care

Total bedrooms required in accordance with the new housing benefit rules:

Number of bedrooms in your accommodation:

Number of extra bedrooms:

If all of the information is correct you don't need to contact the landlord.

Special Ambulance for Obese Patients

An award winning private ambulance service which started in Aycliffe has invested £140,000 in two new ambulances and equipment after obese patients had to wait up to a week to be discharged from hospitals.

The incidents prompted Medical Services (North East) to buy super-size ambulances and specialist equipment to expand the services they provide. The new ambulances can carry patients who weigh up to 50 stones offering a safe and dignified transport solution to those whose weight, or condition require more specialist transport.

Joanne Hall, Commercial Director says "It is important that we offer first class ambulance services to the whole community, and size



should not be a barrier to patient care. Medical Services North East is in an ideal position to offer this service and we need to be able to support our local hospitals, patients and NHS Trusts."

All staff working with this group of patients are given additional training which includes understanding bariatric needs, specialist moving and handling of the bariatric patient, risk assessments, and training on all equipment used. Tracey Carr, from Bolton was on hand to offer advice and support and also explain what it was

like to be an obese person and allowed herself to be used as a live demonstration model so staff could practise specialist handling techniques.

Miss Carr, who runs her own website, www.fatlotsheknows.co.uk, said: "There's a lot of guilt associated with being large and a lot of fear that people will hurt themselves helping us." She appealed for people to show more compassion towards very large patients.

For services provided by Medical Services (North East) Limited, go to www.msne.co.uk

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Following the raffle at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Christmas Fair on Saturday 24th November, the following prizes have yet to be claimed.

306-310, 341-345, 216-220, 271-275, 241-245, 286-290, 266-270, 191-195, 251-255, 231-235, 201-205, 221-215, 196-200, 246-250, 291-295, 276-280, 296-300.

Prizes will be held until Christmas when they will be donated to a charity.

MO BRO'S RAISE OVER £300 FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Andrew, Ciaran and David, who all live in Newton Aycliffe braced 'Movember' with open arms and grew moustaches throughout November to raise money for Prostate Cancer.

To raise extra money they encouraged members at Aspire Fitness and Health, of which they are members, to sponsor them to take part in a Sh'Bam class.

The event was held on 30th November at the Studios where they all dressed up and sprayed their moustaches pink whilst

dancing for 45 minutes.

Sharon Whitehead, Director at Aspire Fitness and Health said "The guys did a great job to raise money for such a worthwhile cause and both Sherri and I would like to thank them for their support and to also thank our members for their generous donations.

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Engineering Challenge



A group of students from Woodham Academy have been taking part in the LSIS Engineering Challenge. Four groups of year 8 students were given the task to design and manufacture a wind turbine to produce green energy. The challenge took place over 6 weeks at South West Durham Training Ltd, where the turbine was manufactured. In the final challenge local schools went head to head testing their

turbines for appearance and efficiency. Woodham took first place in the challenge overall by having their turbines produce a considerable amount more energy than all the other schools. Mr. Lumb, Deputy Headteacher said "This was a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their design and engineering skills. I was really proud of their achievement."

South Durham Businesses Recognised for Excellence

Businesses across South Durham came together on Friday 30th Nov 2012 at Spennymoor Town Hall to celebrate and promote the importance of wealth creation in these difficult economic times. South Durham Business Network and Engineering & Manufacturing Forum brought together its members to recognise excellence through a range of awards. Pamela Petty – Managing Director of Ebac based in Newton Aycliffe won the prestigious award of Outstanding Contribution to South Durham for their innovation and ambassadorial role in promoting the importance of Engineering, Manufacturing and export as a key UK strength. Ebac continue to defy global trends and are now planning to design, engineer and manufacture washing machines once again in County Durham. Well done to Pamela and her team at Ebac. Other winners and award categories include Stuart Hall & Co. in South Church for Best Service Business, Warm Sanctuary in Durham



Stewart Watkins of Business Durham and Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac

Community and Social Enterprise, Jenny Williams of Izumi-Products in South Church for Best Employee, Stuart Hall of Stuart Hall & Co. for Best Employer and Scott Piggott of the Bignall Group for Best Engineering

for Best Retail Business, Climb NorthEast in Ferryhill for Best Start-up Business, the Bignall Group in Shildon for Best Engineering & Manufacturing Business, A-Tech Fabrication in Newton Aycliffe for Best

Apprentice of the Year. Thank you to the award and event sponsors which include Barclays Bank, Business Durham, Newton Press, South Durham Business Network and Engineering & Manufacturing Forum. Plans are already underway for the 2013 awards which will be by nomination only

to encourage even more applications and also more categories, so if you know of any worthy businesses then why not nominate them. To find out more about SDBN and how to get involved contact the Chairman, Darren Race at info@sdbn.org.uk or visit www.sdbn.org.uk.

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Woodham Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge

On Wednesday 28th November, Woodham Academy held the final of their Year 9 Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge, which saw the six teams compete for the winning title. Over nine weeks the Year 9 students have been mentored by one of six major companies on the Business Park – 3M, Stiller Warehouse and Distribution Ltd, Ebac, Finley Structures, Palram and Tallent Automotive Ltd. Students have visited the company and have participated in workshops led by current and ex-apprentices. The challenge brief encouraged students to look at entry routes into apprenticeships, qualification levels, working/training hours, pay and career progression. Students presented their findings to an audience of business leaders, staff, parents and other



students and the presentations were judged according to the challenge brief. The judging panel, comprising of Ann Cant (Vice-chair of Governors), Steve Robson (GAMP) and Gary Chaplain (Enterprise Coordinator at Durham County Council), had a tough decision to make, as all the students performed

exceptionally well. The winning group was 9CT who had worked with Finley Structures, closely followed by 9PD with Ebac. 'The project was a great way for students to get hands on experience of working life with the manufacturing and engineering sector. The experience was enjoyed by all participants and their knowledge of possible post 16 pathways has broadened,' said Mr Neil Spoor, Head of Year 9.

The Work Place for Local Companies



The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe is working with local business to provide space for meetings, conferences and training delivery. Local employer Lucite International recently used the venue to deliver some off-site training to staff. Claire Wheeler from the Lucite said "We have recently used The Workplace to carry out some training. We needed a room large enough to hold 25 of us as we don't have a conference room big enough on our site. We wanted somewhere close by but away from site to both give us the space we needed and allow us to escape from our everyday work, and the Workplace provided this. The facilities are comfortable and professional whilst still being casual and personal, and the food was great which always helps us all feel we've had a good day!" Angela Wilkinson, Manager of The Work Place, Newton Aycliffe said "We can provide the perfect environment for your conference, meeting and training needs. Our venue offers comfortable spacious and vibrant accommodation, including a lecture theatre, high spec pods and a relaxing refreshment area all of which combine to make us the venue of choice. Our small friendly team provide a warm welcome and an excellent client reception service to make your visit a success."

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Aycliffe Central Open Residents Network

ACORN Residents Association will be holding their next meeting at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at 6pm Wednesday 12th December. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr Syd Howarth, Chairman of Great Aycliffe Residents Association and local businessman of many years' experience.

Subjects to be discussed will include the stupendous ACORN Christmas Fayre to be held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 16th December 12 till 4pm featuring entertainment from the hilarious Harry Potty Disco playing Christmas favourites, a special visitor from the North Pole and for adults a chance to pick up late Christmas gifts from local people selling jewellery, candles and cakes etc. Vendors should be aware

that public liability insurance is a requirement of the Leisure Centre.

Also to be discussed are arrangements for our AGM to be held in January and of course local topics, police reports and any other subjects brought up by the public, Town and County Councillors

We still have a few family panto tickets left for 'Sleeping Beauty', at the Gala Theatre in Durham, which are on sale at £10 for adults and free to children who must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Transport is provided on 3rd January, leaving at 6pm from the British Legion Club.

ACORN getting things done while having some FUN

Ken Robson, Chair on behalf of ACORN Committee) Contact 01325 321471 for further details

New Archbishop Visits Aycliffe



St. Clare's Church was packed to welcome Rev. Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, last Sunday. As Bishop of Durham he had already agreed to visit the Parish to officiate at the First Eucharist in Advent, so it gave everyone the opportunity to congratulate him and wish him well in his new appointment.

The Mayor and Mayoress were present along with our MP Phil Wilson and his partner Margaret and many remarked it was nice to see the church so full for the Sunday Service. In an engaging and humorous sermon the Bishop said how much his life had changed

in the last weeks. Before he received letters wrapped in a red elastic band, but now they come in a crate!

He spoke on how waiting was a part of life and Christians were waiting for Jesus to fulfil his promise to return. "We can't ignore him in death and we won't ignore him when he comes again. We can know him now - Jesus is right beside us when we turn to him." said Bishop Justin.

After the Service the Bishop took time to speak to the congregation and posed for a photograph with the "Shine" junior choir who performed two beautiful songs.

Colour your Life Exhibition

The Colour your Life programme is having an art exhibition at Greenfield Gallery from Thursday 10th to Wednesday 30th January

2013. The heART of Friendship' is the theme that clients chose; they wanted to highlight that Colour your Life is not just about the enjoyment of creating art, it's about making new friends and the importance of friendship in achieving quality of life.

Colour your Life is the name of the 'Arts on Prescription' service funded by NHS County Durham and aims to provide free access to arts activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The exhibition will include many of the crafts participants have produced with guidance from professional artists who are

working in the marketplace today.

The weekly Colour your Life sessions take place at the Pioneering Care Centre on Mondays 10am-12noon and 1-3pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm and a family session on Saturdays 10am-12noon.

All classes take place in pleasant surroundings and give everyone the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and relax in a friendly atmosphere.

For more information about 'Colour Your Life' please contact the team on 01325 321234 or email colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net find them on: facebook.com/ColourYourLife.AoP

Married 60 Years



Eric and Norah Preston of Lyon Walk received a visit from the Mayor Val Raw and Deputy Mayor Barbara Clare on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Our civic leaders joined with the Queen in congratulating the couple on 60 years of marriage which started with their wedding at Our Lady Star Of The Sea R.C. Church, Horden on the 29th November 1952.

Eric came from Spennymoor and Norah from Horden and they first met at the Spennymoor Rink Dance. They are still keen dancers

travelling to Spennymoor to keep up this hobby.

Readers will often see Eric taking a daily 3 mile walk around the town and at 86, proving that exercise is good for a long and healthy life.

The couple have a daughter Joan living in Cheshire, married to David with two grandchildren and a son David married to Thelma living in Macmillan Road.

Family and friends came together for a celebration buffet and dance. The food was prepared by Daughter in law Thelma for which Nora and Eric express their sincere gratitude.

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Aycliffe Couple Married in Shildon

On Friday 30th November 2012 (Saint Andrew's Day), Andrew Bowman and Eileen Edwards were married at Saint John's Church, Shildon.

They live at Ross Walk in Newton Aycliffe, but were living in Shildon when they met in 2006, and got together in 2010. Even after moving from Shildon they retained close ties with Saint John's Church which they regularly attend.

The Bride was given away by her oldest son Phillip; as sadly her Dad Alan died in 2007.

Her necklace, "Heart of the Ocean", a sapphire surrounded by diamonds, was a pre-wedding present from Andrew, and one of the actual movie props from "Titanic".

The Groom wore the traditional tartan of his clan, Bowman being part of Clan Farquharson.

The service, written by the



happy couple, was conducted by the Reverend David Tomlinson, who early in the New Year is to be licensed as Vicar of Saint John's.

David's wife, Davina was Chief Bridesmaid, with Eileen's daughter Laura, and Andrew's daughter Matilda as Bridesmaids. Eileen's youngest son, Gary was the Ring Bearer and Anthony McTearnam was Best Man. Eileen is studying Theology at Durham High School for Girls and is hoping to enter the ordained ministry. Andrew was an independant book retailer until ill health forced early retirement.

The reception, a "Masked Ball", was held at the Railway Institute on Redworth Road in Shildon. The newlyweds plan to go on honeymoon early in the New Year.

Heighington Christmas Family Disco

With the festive season just around the corner, Heighington Pre School are having a Christmas Disco on Friday 14th December 6-8pm at Heighington Village Hall. There will be party games and dancing for all the family, we will be selling sweets, crisps and glowsticks. There will also be a licensed bar, tea and coffee.

Tickets are £2.00 per child, under 1's are FREE and are available from Preschool by ringing us on 07845980151. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Fans of both Newton Aycliffe and Darlington are being asked to arrive in plenty of time for this weekend's big derby.

The Newtonians welcome Quakers for the first-ever competitive game between the two sides at Moore Lane Park on Saturday (8th December), 3pm kick-off. Police will be coning off residential areas, meaning nearby parking will be extremely limited.

Aycliffe have a park-and-ride service operating from the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park, from 1.30pm on the day of the game, returning after the game, with parking for 100 cars available. Aycliffe have also sold more than 300 pre-match tickets for the game, with a ticket-only entrance in operation to ease congestion. But the club

are pleading with fans to give themselves plenty of time, for what promises to be a hectic afternoon.

General manager Dan Lewis said: "A tremendous amount of hard work and preparation has gone into this fixture to ensure everything goes smoothly, and to minimise disruption to nearby residents. "Hopefully all that work will pay off and problems will be limited. Of course, it's going to be busy, and the 45-60 minutes prior to kick-off promises to be hectic - we're just appealing to fans of both sides to arrive as early as possible, and to think about local residents when parking your cars."

Aycliffe's game at home to Durham City was embarrassingly called off just 45 minutes before kick-off by dithering Northern League officials.

The Moore Lane Park playing surface was originally deemed playable by a local referee of the same standard at an 11.30am pitch inspection.

But match official Tony Peart, from Northallerton, rolled up at around 2pm before eventually postponing the fixture at 2.15pm, due to an eight-yard stretch of one of the touchlines causing concern. It disappointed Aycliffe players and management, who wanted to play the game, but the decision seemed to be welcomed by Aycliffe's visitors. A number of fans had already turned up for the game, only to leave disappointed.

One of them said: "It's a terrible decision. Our players wanted to play the game, the actual playing surface was fine."

Aycliffe defended the match official. A spokesman said: "It's always a difficult decision for a referee to make, he has the safety of the players to think about and also the safety of supporters. It is frustrating that the decision didn't come until 2.15pm, but I'm sure all football supporters understand that's the nature of the beast, and sometimes the weather just gets the better of us."

Aycliffe's game at home to Celtic Nation on Wednesday night was also postponed, but they're hoping their big game at home to Darlington this Saturday goes ahead as planned.

AYCLIFFE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The PTAs next fundraising event is the Christmas Fayre which is to be held on Thursday 13 December 6-8pm in the school hall.

We have some fabulous prizes for our raffle donated by local Companies which include an overnight stay at Derwent Manor Hotel, Sunday lunch for 4 at Bannatyne Hotel, Tickets to Sedgefield Races including lunch (donated by John Wade) A Spa day for 2 at Redworth Hall Hotel, vouchers for The County plus many more.

Tickets can be purchased on the night or from the school office. There will be a range of stall holders selling their products plus home made cakes, bauble decorating, glitter tattoos and much more for the children including the chance to see Santa in his grotto. The kitchen will be open for home-made soup and rolls - Come along and bring the family.

In October of this year the children took part in a Sponsored Spell and raised a massive £1025.40! The PTA has donated an additional £2,300, which is being used to purchase 3 interactive white boards. Thanks to all the children for their hard work.

Tigers Turn Spotlight on Rugby Coaching

The Durham Tigers Rugby League will be holding its first coaching forum on Monday 6th December at 7pm. New and existing club coaches of both genders, who are interested in taking up rugby coaching, are welcome to attend our initial forum meeting at the Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, Shildon.

The main focus of the forum will be to make coaching appointments for the 2013 season and to choose a coaching co-ordinator. The Tigers hope to have teams entered into every league between Under 12's and open age (16+) next season as well as introducing a Girls Rugby League team into the club.

The Tigers will have to recruit and train several new coaches and volunteers to reach their target. Club Secretary Phil Selby said "We recognise we need high quality coaches, not just in the professional game but also in community clubs such as the Tigers so that young players can gain skills and experience and have their talent nurtured. Poor coaching at this level ruins potential. The Tigers are determined that all players at the Club will be coached correctly from the

very beginning so, they can progress to the professional game if they wish."

The Durham Tigers have been based at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre in Shildon since 2010, and aim to use rugby to provide a hobby for local people of all ages and to help the community by giving young people a focus.

They hold weekly training sessions and are always keen to recruit new players: On Tuesday evenings they provide training for: their open age (16+) team between 6:30 and 8pm and their Under 14's team between 6 and 7:30pm. Also, on Saturdays, between 10 and 11.30am they provide training for their 2 junior teams:

The under 9's and 11's and the under 13's. They also hold a weekly touch rugby session which is a non contact form of the game and that will be held every Friday between 6- 7.30pm. If you wish to join any of these sessions the club welcome you to come along.

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Hayley swam in the open 50 metre Breast Stroke taking the bronze medal in a new best time. Sam competed in six events taking junior bronze

medals in the 200 Fly and the 100 Freestyle in new best times.

Hannah competed in six events winning four gold medals in the 200 and 100 Freestyle and the 200 and 100 Backstroke. She took silver in the 200 IM and bronze in the 100 meters Butterfly, all of her swims were in new best times.

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TOWERS (Tucker) 29th November. When you were here I always felt that nothing could go wrong. But you are still my inspiration and your memory keeps me strong. Love and miss you always. Your loving Wife, Pauline xxx

TERRY LENDRUM 12th December 2002. Ten years have passed since you left us. Gone but not forgotten. You are with us every day, the love you gave us all in life, death cannot take away. Love Husband John and Family

STEPHEN PARKER 12th December 2004. Close to my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Love always, Margaret xxx

STEPHEN PARKER 12th December 2004. If tears could make a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. From your loving Daughter Susan and Grandson Shaun xxx

ENID PARKER 17th December 1996. Loving memories we have locked in our hearts, you shall not be forgotten because we are apart. From your loving Daughter Susan and Grandson Shaun xxxxxx

DICKINSON, James Robert (Bob). 10th December 1991. If memories bring us close, we are never far apart. Because you are always in our thoughts and forever in or hearts. Sadly missed by loving Wife Peggy and all the family xxx

TREVOR PLASKITT Died 12-12-2010. Loving Husband of Valerie; very dear Dad of Shirley, Julia, Adam, Jason; very special Grandad of Jonathan, Maxine, Louis, Mia. Loving family and friends always in our hearts. So sadly missed. God bless xxx

LILIAN HUDSON You are not just a memory or part of the past, you will be loved and missed as long as life lasts. Love, Peggy

LILIAN HUDSON Dear Nan and Great Nana. A year has passed since you went away. We love and miss you every day. Love, Lynne and Ellie-Mae

LILY HUDSON A year has gone by since we said our goodbyes. Miss you Mam. Love, Janette, Ellie Mae and family

LILY HUDSON 10-12-11. A dear Mam, Nanna and Great Nanna. It's a year since you went away. Close in our hearts you will always stay. Sadly missed and always remembered. From all the family

VERONICARACLOWSKI 6-12-11. Remembering "Bunt", a treasured friend.

RITA THOMPSON 11-12-2008. Till memory fades and life departs Rita will live forever in our hearts. Sister Doris, family and Grandchildren. Love you xxx

JOHN CASSIDY (Cass) 12-12-1987. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and ever dear. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day. Love you always. Doris and family xxx

Congratulations

Christine Miller



LOOK WHO'S 50!
11th December 2012
Happy 50th Christine
All my love David xx
Happy 50th
to the best Mam!
Love always James,
Sarah, Will, Louise,
Andy and Helen xx
Happy 50th Grandma
Lots of love, Layla xx

Daniel James Suffield



Happy 18th Birthday
11th December 2012
Have a great day. Lots of love from Mam, Geoff, Amber and Uncle Stu xxx

Jan and Ray Hardy



Congratulations
Love and best wishes from
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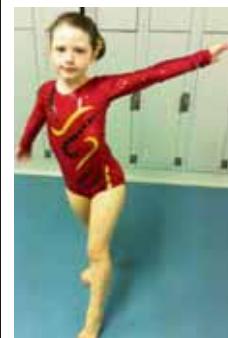
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Love from Wendy, Laura, Mason, Margaret and Eddie

Melenie Palliser



Happy 13th Wedding Anniversary
to the best Wife and Mother in the world, with love from your loving Husband and our Boys

Well Done Caela-Louise



You were awesome at the Deerness Floor Championship (your first competition). We are so proud of you. Love, Mam and Connlon xxxxx

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Wildcats Slump to Fifth Straight Defeat

Durham Wildcats fell short in their BBL encounter against local side Sheffield Sharks at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre failing to win in their last 5 BBL Championship games.

Sheffield Sharks took the early advantage in the game with some positive shooting as the Wildcats found it hard to get the ground running as they gained a 6-13 lead. Despite Sheffield's guard Andrew Bridges forcing an unsportsmanlike foul on Baldarelli, Durham still couldn't find their feet. It was Ralph Bucci's introduction to the game that got the Wildcats going making an early impact, converting a 3 point play from a steal bringing the score within 9, at 10-19. The score line didn't look any better for the home side as the quarter came to a close with the Sharks boasting a 10 point lead at 13-23.

The Shots started to drain for the Wildcats with Mike Baldarelli finding his range to begin the second quarter when he scored two early 3 pointers and Paul Elderkin joining in on the act by securing his first points of the game bringing the score back to within single figures at 25-30. Sheffield kept the Wildcats at bay for the rest of the quarter opening up a double figure lead once again

as the half finished 34-44.

It was a positive start to the third for the Wildcats with Paul Elderkin making the early fade away jump shot and a Brad Guinane 3 pointer brought the score within 7 of their visitors at 41-48 but Durham's run was short lived as the Sharks doubled their lead to end the third period 50-64.

The final stanza began with both sides trading baskets in the early stages as the Wildcats stepped up the intensity and bringing the score line down to within 8 points at 62-70. Sheffield kept the Wildcats at an arms-length for majority of the fourth despite Durham's efforts to get back into the game. The home side piled on the pressure in the final minutes but foul trouble was to be an issue for the Wildcats as the Sharks saw the remainder of the game out winning by a healthy margin at 73-88.

M.V.P – Mike Baldarelli; 21 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Kept Durham in contention for large parts of the game before the Sharks finished strong to claim the win. Durham Wildcats; Mike Baldarelli 21 points, Ralph Bucci 16 points, Andrew Keister 10 points. Sheffield Sharks; Michael Tuck 27 points, BJ Holmes 16 points, Nick Lewis 16 points.

Woodham Academy in 5-a-Side Final

Woodham Academy celebrated its first footballing triumph on Thursday night at the annual Bishop Auckland Schools Year 7 5-a-side competition.

Woodham's group was a difficult one and included King James, Greenfield, Durham Johnston and Whitworth Park. With 2 wins, 1 draw and a defeat Woodham finished second in the group. A difficult semi final tie lay ahead against Parkside who had won their group comfortably beating St Johns, Ferryhill, Gilesgate and Sedgfield on the way.

The match was an end to end encounter with stand-in goal keeper, Robbie Lee, producing some fine stops and giving Woodham the foundation to counter attack quickly. Two quick fire goals from Charlie Humble and Joseph Fawcett put Woodham in control and from that point, despite a late goal from Parkside, they saw the game out comfortably and set up another encounter with Durham Johnston.

The final itself was a very cagey affair with both sides worried about their respective attacking threats, Woodham made changes from the

side that beat Parkside with Broden Forster deputising in goal for Robbie Lee. As the game went on chances started to arise with both Robbie Lee and Joel Gibson forcing fine saves from the Durham Johnston goalkeeper. At the other end, Broden produced a fantastic triple save that our Sporting Ambassadors Jason Steele and Ross Turnbull would have been proud of.

After 5 minutes neither side could be separated so 2 minutes of extra time was required. This followed the same pattern as normal play with both sides reluctant to fully commit themselves in fear of being undone on the counter attack.

With only one minute left on the clock, a great tackle from Ben Stephenson set Woodham up for one last attack. After winning the ball, Ben played a lovely pass to Robbie Lee who centred the ball for Jack Barker to strike home left footed into the top corner to put Woodham in the lead.

Some resolute defending and a fine stop from Broden meant Woodham held onto their lead and celebrated at the full time whistle knowing they would be the side going forward into the County Finals. Sports Academy Director Liam Clough said "This is a fantastic achievement for the lads, especially as our usual goalkeeper dropped out hours before the start. Since we have started our football academy delivered by Neil Maddison and Andy Collett of Premier Player I have seen an improvement in performance. I believe the input our students are receiving from top quality UEFA A licenced coaches has helped to develop all aspects of performance".



Youth Skate Park Contest



Last month saw the second Skate Park Competition organised by the Youth Centre in the Town Park. The project is ongoing by youth workers Laura Langdale and Franceene Birbeck and is funded through Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership.

The competition saw 13 young people enter on scooters and BMX with another 24 young people attending to show their support along with other friends and family.

The winners were as follows:

BMX – 1st Ryan Tebbit. 2nd Curtis Wilby
Scooter Beginner – 1st Aaron Taylor. 2nd Tyler Cloughton and 3rd Bailey Leybourne
Scooter Advanced – 1st Paul Grey. 2nd Bradley Cloughton and 3rd Harry Duggan
The group meet every other Wednesday to organise and plan events with visits to other skate parks and will be looking to secure future funding for bigger events next year. Thanks to GAMP and the Town Park Wardens for their ongoing support.

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