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# 1407 Squadron ATC Annual Presentation Evening



Main award recipients – Cadets with their trophies for the 2012 awards



Gold recipients – F Sgt Oliver Lakey and Mr Gareth Sloane receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards from Sqn Ldr John Scott

1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron ATC recently held their annual presentation evening. The squadron continues to perform excellently, as highlighted by the number of awards and certificates gained by the cadets during 2012. With many parents in attendance, proceedings began with the enrolment of Cdt Appleton and continued with the presentation of 1st Class badges to Cdts Breden, Pallister, Peacock and Priestman A. Instructor Cadet lanyards were presented to F Sgts Kitching and Lakey following their completion of the cadet Method Of Instruction course.

1407 Squadron provides cadets with the opportunity to gain nationally recognised awards and qualifications. Thirteen bronze, eight silver and four gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were presented along with three BTEC First Diplomas in Public Services. A cheque was presented to Newton Aycliffe RAFA Wings Appeal by the cadets who had raised funds as part of their D of E Awards. The second half of the evening saw the awarding of the squadron's trophies for 2012 by Sector Commander Sqn Ldr John Scott.

- Best Probationer: Cdt Peacock
- Scott Shield for Most Improved Cadet: Cdt Pallister
- Tom Downs Cup for Endeavour and Service: Cdt Olley
- Scott Trophy for Citizenship: Cpl Simon
- Sports Trophy: Cpl Butterfield
- Crabbe Cup for Aircraft Recognition: Cpl Lowe
- Laverick Memorial Trophy for Shooting: Cpl Simon
- Boddy Trophy for Best NCO: Cpl Addison
- Fryer Shield for Cadet of the Year: Cpl Lowe

Certificates of Merit were also awarded to F Sgt Kitching and

Cdts Armstrong and Priestman J. Cdt Flatters was promoted to Corporal and Cpl Addison was promoted to Sergeant.

The squadron weren't the only ones giving out awards, with Head Quarters Air Cadets awarding two of Aycliffe's members very prestigious certificates. A Certificate of Good Service was presented to CWO Dolan for her exemplary service while in the corps. The Commanding Officer Flt Lt Karin Scott was also presented a Certificate of Meritorious Service for all that she has done during her years of service.

Rounded off with a raffle and lots of photographs, the night was an excellent celebration of the achievements of all the members of 1407 squadron. Flt Lt Scott would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to the squadron.

The squadron are currently recruiting new cadets and any young people aged 13-18 who are interested in joining are welcome to attend a parade night or get in touch. Details can be found on our website: [www.1407aircadets.org](http://www.1407aircadets.org)

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## Friday 26th April - "Tommy & The Oddballs"

Massive on the Bike Rally Circuit, always first band booked for the "Heart n Soul". Recent reviews from Toon Rock Pages: "Awesome band, as ever they played absolutely brilliantly, Tommy as fantastic as ever (THE best frontman in the North East, bar none, the man is an inspiration, a legend), Jeff playing goosebump solos on 'Hey Joe'."

"I can't believe how good they were. It was like walking into a pub, full of your best mates with the best goddam juke box you could hope for. Every member of the band is a really good and talented player. The timing was great, the entertainment value was great too. The audience (well packed) loved it from the off."

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REVIEW: "The last time I saw Powerage was about 6 years ago at The Duke, they were ace then! Last night I did their PA again and enjoyed every minute, from striking up to finishing, absolutely unbelievable. They blasted through about 100 minutes of pure energetic Bad Boys' Rock 'n' Roll. I closed my eyes on several occasions and swore I could hear Bon from the other side. Even Zippoman said he was very impressed. Now that, coming from one of AC/DC's biggest fans must be taken as an accolade of the highest order. They played songs only from the Bon era and they did them justice. All the standards came out with some lesser known album tracks. My fave of the night was "Down Payment Blues". It had the hairs standin up on me arms. Lush.

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## AYCLIFFE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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**WI MEETING:** Aycliffe Village WI meets on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk by Alyson Brazier, a community midwife leader, on the 'Role of a Midwife'. The challenge is for a dragon in tribute to St George's Day. The cost of entry for visitors is £2.50. For details, call Kathy Round on 01325 315732.

**JUNIOR DISCO:** It's disco time! There is a disco for children aged five to 12 years at the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8pm on Friday, April 26th. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and drinks will be available. Children can also have a glitter tattoo for £1. Entry is £1 and proceeds go to Village Hall funds.

## Future Business Magnates Put Their Best Foot Forward



A team of creative Year 8 students at King James I Academy have gone into the designer shoe business for the annual Durham County Council Future Business Magnates Competition (FBM).

This year's all-girl team, consisting of Ellie Tighe, Charlie-Anne Davies, Tessa Hope, Georgia Brannan, Evie Welstood, Georgia Scorer-Bell, Megann Griffiths and Bethany Davey, who are working with Art Teacher, Mrs Mulryan came up with the idea of recycling unwanted shoes by customising them in a variety of ways including adding drawings, crystals, studs and designer shoelaces.

Their company, named Carbon Footprint, will soon be launched as an online shop and customers will be able to browse and select from a selection of pre-made designs or choose a design-it-yourself option, which will then be produced by the creative team and mailed to any address in the UK. There is even a custom design service for those with special requests, such as a specific colour scheme.

Each year, competing schools are linked with a local business mentor; this year, the King James team is working with Spennymoor based, C2M (UK) Ltd, a company that specialises in supporting inventors and entrepreneurs in the North East. The competition, in which over 25 schools across the county compete for the title of FBM Champions, involves six challenges including a Dragon's Den style presentation to an esteemed panel of judges. King James I Academy has had great success in the FBM competition in previous years; students triumphed on two consecutive occasions and this year's team are hoping to achieve the third victory.

## Town and County Council Election Campaign Underway



County and Town Council Election Candidate, George Gray, has stamped his mark on the campaign with a striking banner designed and produced by Newton Press which he proudly displays on his house fence. Conscious his banner could be vandalised George has installed CCTV and at night brings it indoors. Newton Press has been very busy printing most of the leaflets for the candidates and the electioneering is now in full swing. It is hoped voters will study what the prospective councillors promise and turn out in large numbers to make their choice at the Polling Station or by using a postal vote.

## ACORN PLAN SUPER DISCO SUPPER

Saturday 20th April, 7pm to 10.30pm

Newton Aycliffe Residents Association 'ACORN' are holding a Fancy Dress Family Pie & Pea Supper and Disco to celebrate St Georges Day.

The event will feature a raffle, picture quiz, face painting and more.

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## Sarah Iveson Standing in the Aycliffe East & Neville Ward

As an existing member of both Durham County and Great Aycliffe Councils I am standing for re-election as I believe my experience and political awareness will enable me to influence the committees of the two authorities to solve some of the problems facing us now and in the near future.

Having lived in the Aycliffe East Ward for 36 years I am familiar with the concerns of the residents and have always been prepared to tackle local issues head on.

Following numerous requests and with the co-operation of my fellow Labour County Councillor I part funded and acquired external funds to promote and complete the renovation and up-grading of the Neville Parade Shopping Precinct.

I also part funded the restoration of the Neville Community Centre which is now a popular and valued amenity in the area. These are examples of the types of major projects with which I have been involved over the past 8 years.

My concern at the lack of affordable housing led me to

become a board member of Livin a position from which I can help to drive forward the building of new homes and the essential maintenance of existing properties.

Area action partnerships were established when Durham County Council became a Unitary Authority and by being a Board Member of the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership I am able to monitor any projects brought forward and influence decisions in favour of our wider community.

In addition to my varied duties on Durham County Council



my main focus is vulnerable adults and because of this focus I am vice chair of the Human Resources committee and a member of the Scrutiny committee which assesses problem's connected with children and young people. Some of the issues with which we have to deal are all forms of Physical, Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

If you decide to re-elect me on May 2nd I will not only continue my existing work programme but will endeavour to extend my influence to reduce the impact of cutbacks on Great Aycliffe residents in the face of massive financial cuts coming from Central Government.

Having been a Town Councillor for 18 years and a County Councillor for 8 years I will continue as always to listen to your concerns and work on your behalf with total commitment.

## Election Addresses

### Val Raw Standing in the Central Ward

I have lived in Newton Aycliffe for 40 years and served as a Town Councillor for 15 years.

I have served on all the committees and gained extensive knowledge and experience in the running of the Council. As Mayor and Chair of the Council 2012-2013, I have attended functions and events all over the county, representing Great Aycliffe.

Through a very busy year, I have overseen our Council's success in achieving good budget and audit results. We have financial security at the moment, but savage government cutbacks will inevitably affect our Town Council's budget in the future.



I love our town, our parks, lovely green areas, good early learning centres, pensioners' trips, fun-in-the-parks etc. These things keep our community together. Once elected, I will continue to work hard and try my best to safeguard our services and commitments to you.

## QE AND GREENFIELD MATHS CHALLENGE



4 Success programme which supports all our students to exceed their expectations." Monday's challenge involved Green house but the challenge will be completed by all six houses at Greenfield. We look forward to finding out the winner in the next couple of weeks, and seeing the students continue to be excited about Maths!

Greenfield Community College and Queen Elizabeth 6th Form have teamed up to create a series of house challenges at Greenfield. The challenges test student's logic, musical maths and quick fire maths but also build on their team work, confidence and numeracy.

The challenges were devised by Mrs McKie from Greenfield and Helen Greaves from QE, with students from both Greenfield and QE helping to lead the event. This was a great opportunity for Greenfield students to see previous Greenfield students who are now studying A-level maths at QE in action.

The challenges were specifically designed to allow students of all abilities and ages to access the questions but to give students a chance to feel the excitement of maths and use the subject outside of the traditional classroom setting. Another aim of the project is to raise the profile of maths around the school and show students that they can do functional maths.

During the activity on Monday students enjoyed working as vertical teams with all ages and abilities represented in each group. There was a real buzz in the room throughout the activity which became electric in the final speed round when teams raced each other to the finish.

Headteacher, Mr Priestley said about the challenge "This is a wonderful opportunity to involve the whole school, working with ex students, to enjoy the challenge of maths. This is part of our wider Time

## AYCLIFFE TALENT HELPS MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY

A collection of Aycliffe's talented artists have come together to create a great event to help the charity MIND, the event will be held on Saturday 25th May 2013 at Aycliffe's Big Club. The event consists of 2 of Aycliffe young bands, 'The Unsound' (Tom Bussey, Lee Wright, Scott Wilson & Phil Smith) and 'Dorian' (Alex Hindmoor, William Kirton, Kiera Denham & Tom Bussey), 5 great female solo singers (Sophie-Jean Richardson, Holly Hardy, Ema Cope, Hannah Bussey & Libbi Dagleish). There are also some youngsters starring in the show from Aycliffe's best cheerleaders, the Nemesis Allstar Cheerleaders. The event is sure to be the best night of entertainment for £2.50 that has been seen in a long time, with 100% of the money raised going to MIND in Aycliffe, thanks to our event sponsors Trident Taxis. Tickets went on sale on Tuesday 16th April and in the first day, half the tickets were sold, so this event is sure to

be a sell out, get your tickets ASAP to avoid missing this great show and helping a great Aycliffe charity.

## THANK YOU

The Wecan Parents Group from Greenfield Community College, recently held a Charity Event at the Working Men's Club. The event brought in over £300 and the group would like to thank everyone involved for making the Evening a huge success.

A special thanks goes to Entertainer Billy Lort who kindly stepped in at last minute when the group were let down by their first choice of entertainment and to Kath Jackson for organising the evening. The monies raised will go towards organising activities for parents and children of the group.

If you are interested and would like to join the Group please see the Greenfield School website for details and upcoming events.

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# Mike Dixon Aycliffe North and Middridge

As a native of County Durham I have a passion for the County. I have been an Anglican Priest for over 40yrs including 30yrs as a Prison Chaplain which has provided a broad knowledge of people and community.

- Since coming to Aycliffe I have been active in the local Labour Party and the community.
- For the last five years as County Councillor for the West Ward I have supported

and developed projects and community groups in the ward and across Aycliffe.

- I have sought to resolve individuals' concerns, to develop partnership working especially through GAMP and build up the Durham County Credit Union in Aycliffe.
- I am in touch with the concerns and issues of people, by attendance at PACT and residents' meetings, as governor at Woodham Burn



and St. Francis' schools, and through my church connections.

- I have taken a full and active part in all aspects of Council business, being specifically involved in planning, children's safeguarding (adoption) and housing.

I would continue to promote local groups and projects, and develop partnership working especially through GAMP. In accordance with the wishes of the people, the priorities will be employment and young people.

On the County Council I would continue to promote tax transparency and ethical behaviour from firms employed by the Council and, in line with other councils, encourage the creation of a Fairness Commission to increase fairness and reduce inequality in the County.

Along with Joan Gray and John Clare, I respectfully request your vote as the Labour Party candidate for Aycliffe North.

# Election Addresses

## Dan Summers Standing in the West Ward

Dan Summers Your Labour Candidate for the West Ward I have lived in the West Ward all my life, after attending Woodham Burn School I then attended Woodham Comprehensive and I'm now finishing my final year at Darlington College studying TV and Film production. I joined the Labour Party just over a year ago and when asked why I wanted to join the Labour Party my reply was "To make a real change to people's lives" and I stand by that to this day. Becoming a Town Councillor is my first real opportunity to make a positive change within my local community.

If I am elected as Town Councillor for the West Ward I have three major aims: my first aim is to work effectively with the police to tackle the wave of mini motorbikes that is vastly spreading throughout the West Ward and other areas throughout Aycliffe, I know through the local P.A.C.T meetings residents are equally concerned about this matter and I believe that by working together we can tackle this major problem. My second aim is to work with other Town Councillors



and County Councillors to provide clean parks and new activities for young people through community houses and other public services. My third aim is to act as a much needed voice of the youth on the Town Council as well as the voice of the people within the West Ward.

If elected I will undertake any available training and where necessary seek the advice of other Great Aycliffe Town Councillors so that I can be an effective voice working hard on behalf of all the people of the West Ward.

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# Joan Gray Aycliffe North & Middridge Ward

Joan Gray has lived in Newton Aycliffe since 1968 and has been a resident of Aycliffe North Ward for 28 years.

Joan has served on Great Aycliffe Town Council since 2003 and in 2004 was elected to Sedgfield Borough Council. She is the sitting County Councillor for Aycliffe North Ward since being elected in 2008 for Durham County Council.

Joan has gained extensive knowledge of local council work and services and sits on several committees including Planning, Environment, Licensing and Corporate Parenting Panel. She is also a board member on Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

Through Neighbourhood Budget funding from Durham County Council and partnership working through GAMP, Joan has helped fund many projects in the ward and across Newton Aycliffe. These include a very successful employment project that has so far helped 21 local residents into jobs. She has also helped support voluntary sector projects and initiatives to help local people into business. She attends PACT and residents association meetings across the ward and has always been active within the community and the wider area; she

has a long association with Woodham Community Centre and is presently Chairperson.

Joan's goal, since she became a councillor, has been to raise the views and needs of local residents at County level and respond to individual concerns quickly and efficiently. With your vote and support along with Mike Dixon and John Clare, she hopes to continue to represent Aycliffe North and Middridge Ward and the wider community.



## NICE JOB!

Dear Sir

I would like to say what a good job the chaps who have cleaned up the hedge in Burn Lane, opposite the Cobblers Hall pub, have done. It is so nice to see it clean and tidy.

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## George Robert Gray Standing in the Neville Ward

I have lived in Newton Aycliffe for 48 years, serving on Great Aycliffe Town Council for Neville Ward for the past ten years. Living in the ward for 14 years, I know what the resident's need from a candidate. I have worked hard for the Neville Ward over the last decade, working with residents and tackling local issues to help and improve the ward. I have worked with them and spoke up against the closing of Shafto House and supported the families who didn't want it to close. I also went up against the proposal of the Sunderland Homes when they wanted to turn it into a rehabilitation centre for young people with problems, supporting local residents - which in turn gave us much needed affordable homes instead. As an Independent



Councillor I wish to continue as your representative and will do my best for the Neville Ward as I have in the past with your support and help. I am standing for the Parish position only, so I have more time to support the needs of the Neville Ward. If you vote for me on 3rd May I will not let you down.

## Election Addresses

### Sally Annmarie Symons County & Town Council Elections

Unlike Party members, being an Independent candidate means I am free to focus upon the issues that matter.

I am a 40 year old mother of three children and I work as a volunteer Kitchen Manager and Cook at The Cubby. I hold a Health & Safety Certificate and believe I have the confidence and ability to make important decisions representing my ward and town.

I have lived in Newton Aycliffe West Ward for four years. I wish to represent you all on the Town and County Council as I am a very approachable person and able and willing to be there for the people and families of West Ward and resolve their day to day



issues.

I am not afraid to voice my opinions and promise to attend all Council and PACT meetings working hard for the community.

I am standing with a first class ex Borough Councillor, Lileen Cuthbertson, who does a tremendous amount of work for charity and the disabled.

## Dorothy Bowman County & Town Council Elections

I promise to continue making a difference as an Independent County and Town Councillor and will consider it to be an honour if I am elected.

Many people have asked why am I standing as an Independent candidate when I always topped the polls as a Labour candidate?

I was elected with the highest number of votes in the 2005 and 2007/8 elections as a Labour Town and County Councillor. At the selection meetings of the Labour Party two sitting County Councillors (myself being one of them) were deselected and three virtually unknowns selected (Kate Hopper, Mark Catmull and Eddy Adam). This was carried through by their family/friend block vote members of which have never been to a branch meeting either before or since the selections.

This was legal but totally underhand and unfair in mine and many people's opinions. I hope people will understand my reason for changing to Independent and for making the above truthful statement to clarify my position. Please vote for me to enable me to carry on the work I have enjoyed doing for nearly 14 years

As an Independent Councillor I will work and vote with the Group that will bring the most benefit, in my opinion, to the Residents of the WEST WARD at both Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council. If I am Elected I will remain Independent for the full term. I worked with the Town Council Labour group to freeze the Council Tax. Worked with the Town Council and the County Council to bring grass cutting/snow clearing and various other services to Newton Aycliffe. I have nearly always used money from Durham County Council via the AAP, in my area.

I campaigned for better buses on our routes to a higher standard and alter the routes to be more accessible to residents which Arriva has done mainly in the Western Area.

#### Personal Achievements

My highest honour was to serve in 2010 as Mayor of Great Aycliffe. I have worked in my community since 1999 improving the area and the lives of residents. Since 2002 until 2009 I organised a Disco using money raised to fund family outings.

I have received many awards for working in my community with Junior Neighbourhood Watch which I set up in 2000. 2003 and 2004 Neighbourhood Watch U.K. Outstanding Achievement. 2001: 2003 and 2004 Citizen of the Year. 2007: Paul Harris Foundation



Award the highest award from Rotary International. 2007: Evening Gazette Tees Valley Charity Award Young Peoples Award for my group. 2008: Sunday Sun Champion in the Community Award 2008: Evening Gazette Community Champions Volunteer 2009: Evening Gazette Community Champions Award. 2012: Police Authority award dedication to community 2012: Age Concern UK. Intergenerational Award I worked with the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership to bring money into my area especially for young people. Worked with the Police / PCSO's /PACT and all partners. As the chairperson of Corporate Parenting at DCC I have had the responsibility of visiting all Children's Homes ensuring young people where looked after and progressing all their Education and Health needs were met.

I have carried out in-depth scrutiny projects on the Education of our Looked After Children also Domestic Violence and how it affects young people and families. Many of the findings from both projects have been put into practice with excellent results and changes.

## Paul Gittins Standing in the Aycliffe East

I was previously a County Councillor for Aycliffe North, but with the boundary changes I will now be standing in Aycliffe East, as I believe that a candidate should stand in the ward that they live in. The last four years have been very interesting and demanding work, but I have found it thoroughly rewarding.

Over the last four years I have worked on a variety of projects, working with other County Councillors and Town Councillors for the good of the Ward.

I have lived in Newton Aycliffe all my life, previously running a shop in the town centre and a mobile disco.

I have worked a lot with the Agnew Community Centre and also been an active volunteer with Bishop FM, learning about community radio and working with the directors and producers for the last two years.

I would like to ask for your support in the upcoming Town and County elections.



## Election Result

The five candidates for election of Middridge Parish Council have been elected unopposed. They are Anne Clarke, John Clarke, Harold Howe, Walter Mellors and Philip Makinson.

## George Gray County & Town Council Elections

I hope the electors in the West Ward have noticed my



campaign banner attached to my garden fence. I won't be disturbing your meal or your favourite TV programme, by knocking on your door.

I think you will already have too many people doing that and I hope my record of service over 23 years will be enough to get me elected.

I have always worked to bring the best to my ward and the town. I will always be available to anyone who needs help with a problem - just a phone call away.

I will be putting a leaflet through your door and I hope you take the time to read how much I have been involved over the last 23 years as a Councillor. I have been privileged to serve you and I promise, if elected, to carry out my work with the same pride and passion. George Gray

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## Tom Twissel Standing in the West Ward

Tom Twissel has lived in West Ward; Newton Aycliffe for 18 years. He is currently finishing his final year as a student at Darlington College studying Computer Games Development. Tom's aim is to improve the local area for all ages in the West Ward, making better it a place to live. He strongly believes in giving the youth of west ward a voice to improve their area and is open to any suggestions from the public about what changes they feel need to be made.

Tom feels that the youth of Aycliffe don't get a say in their local area and what happens in it. If elected he will be the much needed voice of the youth and play an active part



in making important decisions within the community. Also Tom would be an active party member keeping check with the public with their local problems and suggestions.

## Sandra Haigh

I have lived and worked in Newton Aycliffe since 1968. During this time I have been a school governor at St Mary's Primary school and the fundraising for Moore Lane play group.

I hope people in Aycliffe North will vote for me as I will put in 100% to help the people of this area and I do not have any political ties to stop any good work I can do. I was a Borough Councillor for 2 years before Labour changed it to the Unitary, and Town Councillor for Woodham and Aycliffe North for 6 years. Since being a Councillor over the last 6 years I have helped anyone who has requested help. If elected I can bring your



concerns to County Hall without any party influence. I can take your concerns as they are not as a party says they are".

So I trust your vote will be with myself, an Independent, who can work on your behalf honestly and without undue influence.

## Jed Hillary Standing in the Aycliffe East Ward

Jed Hillary – An active Labour Party supporter, organiser, and Secretary of the Neville (Aycliffe East) Branch of the Labour Party, I am a manager with County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and a Staff Governor on the Trust's Governing Council.

Following a 17-year military career in the Light Infantry I have held management positions in manufacturing, retail, utilities and healthcare, giving me sound practical experience of people and asset management. I am also the Trustee of a registered charity. These skills will stand me in good stead as your elected representative and I will bring that management experience to bear on your behalf.

I am standing as the Labour Party candidate for Durham County Council in Aycliffe East and for Great Aycliffe Town Council in the Neville Ward.

In November 2012 the residents of Neville Ward placed their trust in me to be their elected representative on GATC. Prior to election I sat on the GATC Customer Panel for four years. I've been involved in a number of community improvement programmes in the Town and I'm passionate about maintaining the high standards



of service we currently enjoy and an environment that we deserve. You have my word that I will continue to put the needs of the residents of the Neville Ward and Great Aycliffe first and foremost in my role as a Town Councillor. Great Aycliffe needs a strong voice at County Hall. Together, your Labour candidates can give you that voice and help to safeguard the prosperity of our area and protect the vulnerable. I can assure you that the interests of Great Aycliffe and its residents will be first and foremost in my activities at County Hall and in the community. On your behalf I will strive to provide the best outcomes for you.

## Brian Haigh

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## Bill Blenkinsopp County & Town Council Elections

Why should you vote for me? Because I have and will continue to attend all meetings of the Council and PACT. I always fight for the rights of the people I represent and will continue to do so!

As a person born and bred in Aycliffe Village I wish to continue serving the people in Aycliffe East and the village, who I have represented to the very best of my ability for the last 20 years.

The Labour Party could not be bothered to select anyone to oppose me for the Town Council seat. One of my opponents in the County Election is on the board of Livin who made the decision to stop cutting pensioners grass. Another has only been on

## Election Addresses

### William (Bill) Iveson Standing in the Central Ward

Once again I am standing for election to Great Aycliffe Town Council, this time in the newly established ward of Aycliffe Central. Having lived for 36 years in the heart of the new ward I am familiar with all its aspects and with the problems of many constituents.

With over 10 years continuous service on the Council and a member of all major committee's my focus has always been on finance and I have chaired the best value and audit committee's set up to ensure prudent handling of Council spending.

This close control of spending has established us to freeze the Council Tax for the last four years and to achieve un-qualified approval of our Financial position from the Audit commission which investigates all Council functions on an annual basis.

I believe we already have a lot to be proud of in Newton Aycliffe with an abundance of open green spaces, play areas throughout the town, well maintained and well used parks together with good schools and a vibrant youth centre.

However I am in no way complacent and will continue to strive for improvement to the Town Centre, which is privately owned, by co-operating with the centre management and urging them to provide a comprehensive range of shops and facilities which Newton Aycliffe residents deserve particularly young families with limited means who should not have the expense of travelling to other towns to meet their shopping needs.

Having ran a business on the industrial estate for more than 20 years I am acutely aware of my responsibility to continue the campaign to bring more companies to Aycliffe and to help with the expansion of those already here.



With Hitachi development now going ahead all Council members must do everything they can not only to support Hitachi but also encourage companies in the supply chain to make Aycliffe their base.

The lack of affordable housing is also of great concern and as in the past I will always be prepared to work with Livin or any other housing providers to drive forward viable building programmes.

If you decide to re-elect me on May 2nd you will be ensuring you have experienced and continuous representation with the assurance that I will always be available to listen to your concerns and resolve any problems if at all possible.

## Lileen Cuthbertson County & Town Council Elections

My name is Lileen Cuthbertson and I am standing in the Aycliffe East Ward for the County Council and Town Council for the Neville Ward. I have lived in Newton Aycliffe with my partner (David Dobson) since February 1999. I am the mother of 4 and Granny to 5, (6th due in June!)

I was born and brought up in Edinburgh until I left to join the R.A.F. when I was 17.

I married a Sailor and moved 26 times in 19 years all over the U.K. and Gibraltar. I divorced and then met Dave Dobson, fell in love with Aycliffe and wanted to settle down and bring our family up here.

I was attracted by the green open areas, trees and peacefulness (compared to the big cities). My partner is from Aycliffe Village where he grew up.

I believe community spirit is important and I will fight tooth and nail for any causes that I am involved in. I was an Independent Councillor on Sedgefield Borough Council where I attended



every meeting, took every phone call and visited my constituents when they asked for my help.

I am heavily involved with Making Changes Together, (mctdurham.co.uk), a parent group who work with Durham County Council to improve the lives of disabled children and young people. I was on the G.A.M.P as a member of the public.

Please give me have the chance to represent you, the people, at County Hall and the Town Council. I will give 100% of me to you.

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Due to the prompt distribution we have now run low on stock again, so if you would like to donate your new/nearly new children's and adults clothing then the Helping Hands team are ready to take your call on 07936 431262. We will gladly arrange collection

at a time to suit you. Alternatively you can e-mail [lifeline.action@googlemail.com](mailto:lifeline.action@googlemail.com) with your details and we will get straight back to you. If you are reading this and need our help with clothes or household items then please ring 07936 431262 (ring back service available).

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Another date for your diary is a Folk Musical Concert on Saturday 18th May at 6.30pm. Bring your own drink and glasses, admission £2 including tea and cake during the interval. To book ring Peter on 313924.

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Please, if you are able, knit 'Blankets for Africa' and drop the finished goods off at the Youth Centre (opposite Tesco), between 9.00am and 4pm, or ring me on 01325 308094, mobile 07967 901477 anytime to arrange collection.

Thank you for all the letters of appreciation from knitters who have written thanking me for setting up this project.

If any person would like to join a knitting group that I intend to set up following on from the enthusiastic comments, details will follow in the Newton News shortly.

We have a lot of Children's groups in this country who could also benefit from small knitted articles to keep them warm.

rows (i.e. knit each row). The square should measure 8" or 20cm cast off.

Use a variety of colours (avoid white) for the different squares and join together.

The finished blanket (child size) is made up of 48 squares (6x8)

#### Strips:

Alternatively knit in garter stitch strips of colours equivalent to 8 squares (times six).

If you would like to finish off the blanket by crocheting a border using double/treble stitching this would be acceptable.

#### Crocheted blankets:

For those who prefer crocheting, either in small pieces joined together or one big square measuring 65" they will be very acceptable also.

Dorothy Bowman  
Tel 01325 308094

## Coffee Morning Sale

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## NEW TERM OF COURSES AT GREENFIELD ARTS!



This week the sun is shining and our Spring term of courses is beginning at Greenfield Arts. All our well-loved courses are back again, including Spanish, Yoga, Painting and Drawing and Cusical Sessions with John Melvin. We are also continuing our new courses French Beginners and Wire Jewellery Making – if you are interested in learning a new skill or continuing to develop your confidence in languages, our courses are designed to help you with this.

For young people we have a new project starting this term: "Book Bound" with artist Theresa Easton and author Eileen Wharton, exploring printmaking, bookmaking and storytelling – an opportunity we are able to offer for free to local young people thanks to funding from the Arts Council as part of Theresa's larger "Fantastic Books, Fabulous Places" project. All courses are enrolling now, and starting this week and next, so if you are interested, visit our website to download the course guide, pop in and see us, or call us on 01325 379048.

## Tigers Triumph at Festival

The Durham Tigers under 11 team came roaring out of the blocks in their first outing of the 2013 season at the festival at Winlaton. Up against 5 other sides from Peterlee, Cramlington, North Yorkshire, Whitley Bay and Winlaton, in a round-robin format, the team showed their passion and team spirit with 4 wins and a draw to win the festival.

The Club's Secretary, Phil Selby said "This just shows that with some good coaching and some commitment on the player's part they can succeed and I think that they will do very well this season if they keep up with their training and work ethic."

If you would like any more information about the Durham Tigers RL or you would like to support/attend any of their games, you can visit their new website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/durham-tigersopenage/> or like "We are Durham Tigers" on Facebook.

## FREE FITNESS FUN AT THE PIONEERING CARE CENTRE

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in partnership with Nouveau Fitness CIC, are offering a free week for people to sample their new fitness timetable.

The new classes include friendly exercise sessions for all ages and levels of fitness and more specialised sessions for families, seniors and young people. The free week is from Monday 22 to Saturday 27 April and includes:

**New Age Kurling & Boccia:** New Age Kurling is an adapted indoor version of the Olympic game Curling. The game can be enjoyed by both able-bodied and disabled people of all ages. Boccia can also be enjoyed by anyone and involves rolling the Boccia balls as close as possible to the Jack or the target in a range of different ways. Mondays 1-2pm and Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am. Usual price: £2.50

**Children's Street Dance:** This urban dance class teaches moves in the style of street dance and break dance. Learn how to dance like some of the most popular dance groups today and be part of this new crew. Age 7+. Wednesdays 6.30 – 7.30pm Usual price: £2.50

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**Nouveau Fitness:** CIC is an award winning enterprise that aims to develop healthy lifestyles and positive well-being through a vast range of popular but specifically designed dance and fitness programmes.

To book your place or for a full programme of activities on offer at the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF, Tel: 01325 321234, email [enquiries@pcp.uk.net](mailto:enquiries@pcp.uk.net) or visit [www.pcp.uk.net](http://www.pcp.uk.net) - Details are also available on the PCP Facebook page: [facebook.com/PioneeringCare](https://www.facebook.com/PioneeringCare)

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## Little Gems Story Time

Following the initial three months of Little Gem's Story Sack Toddler Group, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is pleased to advise its re-launch. The project will recommence with effect from Friday 19th April 2013 between 10 and 11.30 a.m. following successful funding for a further three months. The cost of the 90 minutes will be £1.50 which will include a drink and a health snack you're your little gems and a welcome cuppa for mum or dad or grandparent. To register your child/children telephone the Youth Centre on 307522 or email Jayne on jaynus@hotmail.co.uk or even just pop into the Youth Centre and speak to one of our reception staff.

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## Aycliffe Energy Firm Cuts Lighting Cost by 60%

Lighting costs at one of the Tyne & Wear Metro's repair and maintenance depots are being cut by 60% after a project to install 500 energy efficient lamps.

Tyne and Wear Metro engaged County Durham lighting specialists Big Energy Ltd to help make their huge train repair and maintenance operation at Gosforth more energy efficient.

Newton Aycliffe-based Big Energy worked with Metro managers to install new generation High Bay Street and Tube LED lighting units into engine sheds, pits and sidings. The lights reduced energy usage from 500 watts to 120 watts per unit.

The result is a brighter working environment with significant energy savings for the company each year and payback on the capital spend predicted within one year. LEDs or Light Emitting Diodes convert electricity to light with very little heat generation, which is a major source of energy consumption in more traditional lighting.

Richard McClean, Managing Director at DB Regio Tyne and Wear, which operates the Metro on behalf of Nexus,



said: "We always look to operate Metro in a way that is both efficient and green. We were very pleased with the support and expertise we received from Big Energy's technical staff, which included recommending movement sensors to many of the High Bay LEDs.

"The new lighting has such a long operational life it also massively cuts down on maintenance costs, in addition to reducing our lighting power consumption by over 60%."

David Cliff, Director at Big Energy said: "LED lighting is a proven technology and working with Tyne and Wear Metro has helped reduce energy and maintenance costs impacting positively on the bottom line.

In these challenging and competitive times energy costs are significant for many companies and LED Lighting is a great way to massively reduce that energy consumption. We are delighted to have assisted Metro in this way."

## Sarah's Three Race Challenge

Three big challenges, one big goal... Sarah Tilley, 28 from Newton Aycliffe will be warming up her trainers in three running events all for Cancer Research UK.

Starting with the Darlington 5km Race for Life on Sunday 9th June as a warm up, Sarah will then be joining members from Shildon Running Club dressed as Snowmen join in the "The Summer Christmas" themed 22 hour Relay for Life at Jarrow's Monkton Stadium on Saturday 13th July finishing Sunday 14th July.

Then finally finishing her challenge with the 13 long miles from Newcastle to South Shields in her first BUPA Great North Run on Sunday 15th September.

With training underway, Sarah is now taking on the task of getting Sponsorships and running fundraising events so that she can raise as much as possible for this charity that is close to her's and so many others hearts.

On Saturday 13th April, Sarah was joined by members from the "Shildon Snowmen" relay team to do a collection at the Aycliffe vs. Shildon Football match at Moore Lane Sports Club.

Sarah will be then holding a Spring/home and gift fete at Moore Lane Sports Club on 20th April 1pm till 4.00pm. With stall's including SentimentAli Paper Cuts, Tallulah Button, Joey and Annie at Home, www.woodgift.co.uk, Golightmecandles, Herbalife, Safi's Bows and many many more.

Food will be available from Auntie Ann's Kitchen including sandwiches, toasties



and hot beverages, the bar will also be open in the next room. On the day there will be a raffle with prizes including paintball vouchers, beauty vouchers, soft play vouchers, farm vouchers plus many more.

To donate any gifts for the raffle, or to donate towards Sarah's Challenge please visit www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Tilley1 or Text: SGNR50 followed by the amount (for example SGNR50 £5.00) TO 70070. Or contact Sarah directly on 07527675579.

## SCOUT CENTRE AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association is to be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in the hall at the Scout Centre. If any member would like to stand for election to the Management Committee they are asked to complete a form available on the notice board in the bar area as soon as possible.

## AYCLIFFE SHOPPING CENTRE ADVISORY NOTICE

As Centre Manager I am aware that the major works being carried out, particularly on Beveridge Walkway, do mean that people visiting the town centre may have to walk around a bit more to get to their destination.

However full access to shops is maintained at all times during the day and with the occasional closure required to move machinery, no longer than 5 minutes, this is also the situation at night.

Our contractors have provided numerous signs advising people how to access the shops on Beveridge Walkway and will continue to work with these tenants to help wherever they can.

The new spiral staircase is fully open and the new access ramp from the car park will be fully operational as of Monday 29th April 2013.

**Bryan Haldane**  
*Centre Manager*

## EXCURSIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Application forms and information leaflets for the free excursions for Senior Citizens of the Parish will be available from Tuesday 23rd April at the Recreation Centre, Oakleaf Sports Complex, the Library in Central Avenue and at Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices during opening hours, Monday to Friday or will be posted to you if you telephone 300700. The closing date for applications is Monday 13th May 2013.

Applications will be accepted at the Council Offices in person, by post or by e-mail to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk. Please note if you choose to deliver your forms in person, you should park vehicles in the Council Car Park (Lorry Park).

Please note that you must provide proof of your age and residency, e.g. your birth certificate or passport, and a current utility bill showing your current address, proof of age and residency must accompany your application form. Please do not send originals, the library in the town centre will photocopy your original documents for a small fee.

Residents aged 60 or over on 1st April 2013, who live in Newton Aycliffe or Aycliffe Village are eligible to choose one excursion. This year's destinations are Scarborough, Dumfries, Skipton, Blackpool, the Lake District or South Shields and will operate on weekdays from 3rd June to 11th July.

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# Great Win for Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe 52 v Seghill 17

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club continued their recent good form with a convincing win over Seghill in Durham and Northumberland Division 3. With the weather again fine, suiting Aycliffe's pacy back line, the home side were optimistic about racking up a 4th league win out of 5 games. Aycliffe started brightly, but it was quite a long time before the scoreboard was troubled, with Luke Crossen scoring a try which Luke Tinkler converted. Aycliffe increased their lead soon after; Craig Holmes picked up the ball at the back of an attacking scrum and darted over the line. When Chris Wilson added another try from a move involving the entire back line, the score was 17 – 0 to Aycliffe and that is how it stayed to the break. Seghill were not beaten yet and scored a try to close the gap, but it was not for long as James Thacker restated Aycliffe's dominance with a try that secured the bonus point. Another score came when a lineout was thrown over the top, the ball ricocheted into Craig Holmes' hands and he was able to score the try. Two more tries followed in quick succession for Thacker as he scored a hat-trick for the second week in a row. Seghill attacked again but were thwarted when Sam Daltry ripped the ball from the attacker and started a counter-attack. With the game winding down, Aycliffe suffered two sin-binnings and conceded two tries, but, with Aycliffe still a man short, Crossen picked up a loose ball and completed the scoring. With Tinkler converting all five second-half tries, the final score was 52 – 17 in Aycliffe's favour. This was another indication of what might have been if Aycliffe were able to field a full strength team throughout the season. On 20th April, Aycliffe continue their league programme at home to Richmondshire, kickoff 3pm. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club is sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the website at [www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe)



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**CRICKET  
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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training played their inaugural match in the prestigious NYSD league, when the club's second team travelled to Seaton Carew for their Sunday division 2 clash. However things didnt go to plan as Aycliffe, who elected to bat first, struggled to get any momentum in their innings due to a number of stoppages for rain. Only Chris Palmer managed to reach double figures with a decent innings of 33 as Aycliffe were eventually bowled out for just 70 after 35.2 overs. In reply the home team coasted to victory with Aycliffe captain John Gledhill taking the only wicket to fall as they were defeated by 9 wickets. It was a tough start for the young Aycliffe team, but they will be looking to bounce back when they entertain Darlington RA on Sunday 21st April start time is 1.15pm. The first team will be hoping to get off to a flyer when they begin their season on Saturday 20th April at 1pm when they host Yarm at Moore Lane. The club are still very keen to recruit boys and girls of primary school age to bolster their under 11's squad and any interested youngster is asked to contact either Malcolm Dawes (07989 093946) or Lee Weldon (07759 754959) for more details.

# GKR Success at Regional Rournament



Six students travelled down to Bradford to take part in the first GKR tournament of the year. It was a day enjoyed by all and was followed by a lot of success from GKR students from Newton Aycliffe, out of the 16 medals that came back to region, 14 came from Newton Aycliffe Dojo everyone put a lot of effort into their Kata and Kumite and all of their time and effort in training for this tournament paid off. Everyone was focused on the job at hand and I was really proud said Sensei Dez Tinkler. Annalise Tinkler came away with 2 gold and 1 bronze she got a gold in Kata and Kumite and Bronze in team Kata. Nathan Lovejoy came away with 1 gold a silver and a bronze he got the gold Kata, silver in Kumite and bronze in team Kumite. Dez Tinkler came away with 3 Bronze for his Kata Kumite and team Kumite. Asa Fletcher was awarded 2 Bronze for his Kata and Kumite. Denise Askew came away with a gold and a silver she got the silver for her Kata and the gold for Kumite. Daniel Askew came away with a bronze for his Kumite. We train regularly on a Thursday night at 6:30 till 8 and on a Saturday morning from 10:30am till 12 at Greenfield School. Everyone is welcome to come along and train with us.

# Youthy Girls Cup Final

The Under 13 girls travelled to Newbottle, near Houghton Le Spring on a bitterly cold night for their much anticipated cup final. A great crowd from Aycliffe encouraged the girls in a very tight game, but it was Lumley who made the break through and followed up with a second before half time. After a good half time team talk and a few tactical changes, the girls got to grips with the game in the second half. However a rare Lumley attack caught the girls on the break and they got a third goal. The Aycliffe crowd needed something to cheer and Cora gave them a much deserved goal. However once again Lumley stepped up their game and got a fourth, but the girls never gave up and with a few minutes to go Aycliffe produced the goal of the game when Leona made a defence splitting pass to Cora who hit a rasping drive that the keeper couldn't hold and Lucy was at hand to prod the ball over the line Final score 2-4. The girls didn't let anyone down on the night as they showed a great spirit and determination and were a credit to the club. With only a few games left of this season we are looking to add to our squad in preparation for next season. If you are currently in year 8 and would like to join this group of girls ring Berni 07939 045242 or check out our web site [www.naycafc.co.uk](http://www.naycafc.co.uk)






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## A TASTE OF CYCLING & WALKING IN DURHAM

A guide has been launched at the Durham Dales Centre to give visitors a taste of the county's walking and cycling trails that are featured on a new Durham website designed to encourage them to explore rural Durham on foot and bike.

The Durham Dales Centre in Stanhope is a member of the county's Visitor Information Network and following the county's high-profile national marketing campaign they are gearing up for an influx of outdoor enthusiasts as the tourist season gets underway. Gillian Welsh, supervisor at the Durham Dales Centre, said "We stock a dedicated range of walking and cycling information for the county and the new guide is an excellent way to give visitors a taste of just a few of the many trails available across the county, and hopefully inspire them to explore more of Durham."

The Durham Dales Centre welcomes all walkers and cyclists and has a variety of facilities in place to suit their needs, everything from maps and publications for walking and cycling to on site cycle racks, boot cleaning station and Tea Room for well-deserved refreshments. Shane Harris, Tourism & Communications Manager at the North Pennines AONB Partnership, one of the campaign partners said "The North Pennines is marking the 25th anniversary of becoming an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) this year and what better way



to celebrate than getting to grips with this stunning landscape on a walk or cycle ride? Visitors will find open heather moors, dramatic dales, tumbling upland rivers, glorious waterfalls, quiet roads, traffic-free routes, big skies, fantastic country walks, peace and tranquillity. In fact it's an ideal place to explore, take stock and refresh."

The guide features walks and cycle routes on the Durham Heritage Coast, in Hamsterley Forest, at Derwent Reservoir as well in the North Pennines AONB.

Walking and cycling is the first theme in a three year marketing campaign that will see Durham's heritage and food and drink offer promoted on a national level. The campaign is made possible with funding of £450,000 from the Government's Regional Growth Fund (RGF) administered by VisitEngland, and backed by match funding of £210,000 from partners and businesses in the county.

Visit [www.thisisdurham.com/outdoors](http://www.thisisdurham.com/outdoors) to view the full range of cycling and walking routes in Durham, as well as attractions, places to eat, and accommodation options.

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## 3 GOLDS FOR HANNAH

Hannah Featherstone competed in the Scottish National Championships held in Glasgow week ending the 14th April 2013. She won gold medals in the 100 and 200 meters FS and the 200 meters Backstroke.

In the 200 meters Individual Medley Hannah took the bronze medal and was placed fourth in the 100 meters Backstroke. A truly outstanding performance and the first time any one from the club has won three gold's

at a National Championship. The results should stand her in good stead, as she is being considered for a place in the GB Team to compete in the European Junior Olympics to be held in Holland later in the year.

The Northumberland and Durham Championships were held at the Sunderland Aquatic Centre. Philip Hodgson won gold in the Open 100 meters Freestyle and was fourth in the 200 meters Freestyle. Philip Walker was fourth in the Open 100 meters Backstroke and seventh in the 100 meters Breaststroke.

Claudia Chapman competing in the 11 years age group, won the Bronze medal in the 50 meters Breaststroke.

Hannah Featherstone competing in the fourteen year age group won gold in the 200 meters Backstroke, 200 FS and the 100 meters FS taking bronze in the 100 meters Fly.

Australian National Masters Championships: Caroline Saxby competed in eight events setting six new National Records. Everyone in the club sends their congratulations and best wishes to Caroline.

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**THE FAMILY** of the late Jennie Tarvit would like to thank you all for the "grand send" off for our Mam, the flowers and the cards of condolence you bestowed on her. We would also like to thank Doctors Stevenson, Walsh and especially Anth Archer and his associates; the Legion and most of all Jessica / Meynell / Martin King for the brilliant Service. Not forgetting her Son Billy and Grandson James helping Jennie to her final resting place, you did us all proud. Yours truly, from all the family

Obituary

**GELL** (nee Winter). April 4th, suddenly at home. Freda, aged 87 years of Aycliffe Village. Wife of the late John Eric; loving Mother of John and Pauline; Mother-in-law of Linda and Michael; Grandma of Caroline, Charlotte, Sarah, Amy, Tanya and Chris; Great Grandma of Georgina; also a dear Sister of Edna, Jean, Rita and the late Ivy, Richard, Stan and Tom. Funeral on Tuesday April 23rd. Would family and friends please meet at 1.00pm for a Service at Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired may be made after the Service for The British Heart Foundation.

**ALDERSON** Suddenly on April 4th, Christine, aged 59 years, of Newton Aycliffe (formerly of Chilton). Much loved Mum of Sharon and Mother-in-Law of Clive; also a loving Sister of Ken, Jean, Ann and Marjorie. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Darlington Crematorium on Thursday 25th April at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired may be given to Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research, plate provided at the crematorium.

**WATSON** April 14th, suddenly at home after a long illness bravely bourn. Peter, aged 49 years of Newton Aycliffe. Loving Husband of Carol; also a dearly loved Dad, Grandad, Son and Brother. Funeral Wednesday 24th April, would friends please meet 10.00am for a Service at St Marys R.C. Church prior to Cremation at Wear Valley crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to St. Marys R.C. Church, a plate will be provided.

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**JOSEPH HEDLEY** 13th April. Another year has gone by. Many tears we have, when we cry. Of memories we shared of what we had of times with you our loving Dad. Love from Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxxxx

**REG TAYLOR** 25th April 2012. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. A loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. Carol, Neil, Angela and family xxxxx

**FLORENCE DUNN** (Flo), 22nd April 2010. My precious Mum. Unforgettable in every way and forever more that's how you'll stay. It was a special privilege to be your Daughter Mum. Miss you so much. Love, Wendy xxx

**FLORENCE DUNN** (Flo). 22nd April 2010. If memories bring us close, we are never far apart. Because you are always in my thoughts and forever in my heart. Love, Les xxx

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**WINTER - WILLIAMS** Claire and Andrew are pleased and proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful Daughter "Freya", born on 16th April 2013, weighing 9lbs 1oz. Thanks to all concerned.

**WINTER - WILLIAMS** Sheila and Jim Winter are very happy to announce the birth of their beautiful Granddaughter "Freya", many thanks to Claire and Andrew, much love to all three.

**WINTER - WILLIAMS** Congratulations to Claire and Andrew on the birth of your beautiful Daughter. All our love, Deborah and Charlotte

**WINTER - WILLIAMS** Congratulations to Claire and Andrew on the birth of "Freya". Lots of love from Diann xx

**WINTER - WILLIAMS** Many many congratulations to Claire and Andrew on the birth of our amazing, beautiful Granddaughter "Freya" on 16th April 2013. Health, wealth and happiness is wished for her always. Thank you so much, Claire and Andrew, love and best wishes on the birth of "Freya", your beautiful Daughter. From Auntie Mae, Uncle Kevin and family in Australia

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Congratulations

**Jessica Mason**

**Happy 18th Birthday** 19th April  
Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Grandma Ann and all the family xxx

**C.J. HEDLEY** 23rd April. Happy 1st birthday. Love, Nanoo and Grandad Roach

**FAITH RICHMOND** Lots of love and kisses on your 21st birthday on 19th April. Have a wonderful holiday. Love you lots, Nana and Grandad Richmond

**JUSTIN HANNAH** Happy 13th birthday for 25th April. Have a lovely day and never lose your E.L. and S.L. and I'm good. Love, Nan, Granda and Bonnie xxx

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Claire Young and Mark Lewis on your Marriage on 19th April 2013. Love, Dad

**BETTY STANWAY** Happy 65th birthday to my wonderful Wife. Love, Stan

**BETTY STANWAY** Happy 65th birthday. Love, Mum and everyone in Glasgow

**BETTY STANWAY** Happy 65th birthday. Love, Linda, Steve, Mark, Tracey and Grandchildren

**BETH RELTON** 24th April. Happy 18th Beth. All our love always, Mam and Dad

**BETH RELTON** 24th April. To my Sister Beth on her 18th birthday. Have a fab day Beth. Lots of love, Laura

**IAN MCKENZIE** (Canada, formerly of Newton Aycliffe). Congratulations on your 50th birthday on 23rd April. Lots of love from Mam, also Susan, Chris and Family (USA) and all family and friends

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**Daz Williamson**

**Happy 40th Birthday** 23rd April 2013  
To my wonderful Hubbie, have a great 40th. All my love, "The Dwarf" xx  
Look who is finally 40! Happy birthday Dad. Love from Tom and Jack xxx  
To our Son-in-Law Darren. Happy 40th. Love, Keith and Jean xx

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**Happy18th Birthday**  
Love you always, Alex xxxxx

**The Big 50**

**Debby Weir**  
25th April 1963  
Happy Birthday Deb  
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Cash from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Aycliffe Sports Club and some from the Cricket Club's own coffers have been spent on improving the pitch and



wicket as well as investing in new pitch covers and sight screens.

Chairman Ian Palmer said: "We started work on the pitch and the square at the end of last season to make sure it could be in tip-top condition for the 2013 season. Since then, with a great deal of help from GAMP, we've introduced roll on, roll off pitch covers which should help us get a lot of games on. We had a lot of games postponed last year, and hopefully we'll have a better summer this season, but the covers will hopefully help as well. A total of more than £12,000 has been spent. We have new sight screens, an improved scoreboard, drainage in a problematic area of the pitch, work on the wicket and general improvements around the ground."

Palmer says it's really exciting times for the club, adding: "We're looking forward to bringing some of the bigger clubs in the area to Newton Aycliffe, and we want our facilities to reflect what we're trying to do in the league. We'll be going to other grounds, some of the best in the league, and we don't want to be left wanting." Secretary Lee Weldon has been involved with cricket in Aycliffe most of his life, he said "Saturday will be an incredibly big day for the club. Hosting a game in the NYSD, we've been working towards this for a number of years, so it's very exciting times. The NYSD is arguably one of the best leagues in the country and we've had

to do a lot of hard work to be accepted into that league. It's a big step up for Newton Aycliffe. It's on a par with the football now. The Northern League is the best amateur and semi-pro league in the North-East, and the NYSD is definitely the equivalent for cricket. It's the Premier League of amateur cricket and we can't wait to get started."

## Agnew Centre NEWS

At the recent Annual General Meeting held at our Morrison Close site, the following were elected to serve on the Management Committee/ Trustees:

President: Jean Cochrane  
Chairman: Paul Gittins  
Treasurer: James Ross  
Secretary: Ron Mitchie  
with the Committee being:  
Audrey Armitage  
Jim Rodwell  
Jane Taylor  
Darren Anderson  
Rachael Mawston  
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Sharon Stokell attends Aquacise in the pool 3 times a week. She started using the pool to relieve pain caused by her acute prolapse of discs, it also eases her asthma.

Sharon says: "When I left hospital, attending the pool was a very important part of my recovery. I have continued coming ever since as it has not only improved my health and mobility, I have made some great friends and I now come to socialise." Have you had a dip in PCP's Hydrotherapy Pool? You don't need a GP referral and we currently have some availability at the following weekly sessions:

### Aquacise

Monday 7.30-8.30pm, Wednesday 7.45-8.45pm  
Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, Friday 9-10am

### Mixed Session

Tuesday 4.15-5.15pm & 5.15-6.15pm

### Ladies Only Session

Thursday 9-10am

### Hydrotherapy Pool Prices

1 hour session: Adult: £6.30 (concessionary £4.50)

Ages 3-16: £4.50, Ages 0-3: £2.50

There are more pool times available Monday-Saturday including Parent and Toddler sessions, visit PCP's website for further information. It is ideal for people of all ages and abilities and is safe for non swimmers. The pool area and changing rooms are also fully accessible to disabled people with overhead and chair poolside hoists available on request. To book your place at any of the sessions please contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF, tel: 01325 321234 enquiries@pcp.uk.net, www.pcp.uk.net



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