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to compete in the team representing the North East. The team of 9 boys, 3 girls, support crews and helpful parents travelled to Perthshire for the weekend. HQ and 'hotel' was Strathallan School at Forgendenny. Ralf and Alex both gained pleasing results and are encouraged to compete further and develop their cycling skills.

The team coped with the highs and lows of national racing with dedication, determination and amazing teamwork returning to the North East with a wealth of experience, and a few bumps and scrapes. Ralf and Alex wish to thank Colin of 'Cycleways', Newton Aycliffe, for his utmost support and important cycle preparation for this event.

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## National Gold Medal for Aycliffe Swimmer



Elisabeth Yaneski (left) competed in the Scottish Masters National Championships on Friday 19th April and took the Gold Medal in the 800 Freestyle. This was a great performance and was the result of an intense programme of work leading up to the competition. She is pictured with team mate Hannah Featherstone whose Gold medal success was reported in last week's Newton News.

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Several groups of pupils at Greenfield Community College took their Maths GCSE early and achieved superb results. Already over 40 pupils have achieved a grade C at Foundation tier and around 60 pupils have yet to sit the Higher Tier exam in June. A special mention goes to Shannon Hamilton who took the Higher Tier exam in March, achieving a grade A\*. The Maths department at Greenfield are delighted that the hard work and dedication of the pupils has been rewarded with such good results and would like to congratulate these students.

## GESTAMP TALLENT'S APPRENTICESHIP CHALLENGE



Over the past term a group of nine Year 11 students have been taking part in an apprenticeship challenge with Gestamp Talents. Each week students have been working in teams to tackle a variety of challenges with a business or engineering focus. The challenge has concluded with an interview day at the plant in Newton Aycliffe.

Students tackled a range of activities including a group design and build task and a plant tour. Students then faced a one on one interview and then a presentation where they presented the work that they had prepared from the school sessions over the term to a range of representatives from the

company. The Talents team will be coming into school to offer an apprenticeship opportunity to the most successful student in the challenge.

Talents may also offer other apprenticeship opportunities to students that demonstrated the skills required to work and learn successfully with the multinational company.

Woodham Academy headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for all of the students involved to learn more about apprenticeships. I know that Talents will once again acquire a first-class employee, whoever wins the challenge."

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"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."

"They are a superb band, probably THE BEST in the North East, period"

Tracks covered by: The Who, Bryan Adams, Thin Lizzy, Free, Hendrix, Stones, Bad Company, Kings of Leon and much, much more.

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### Saturday 27th April - "Powerage"

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New additions to the band mean this is the best line-up in their history. they only play 5 or 6 gigs a year and this will be your only chance to catch them in a small intimate pub gig.

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.

### Saturday 4th May - "Uncle Gilbert"

RIFFS ONLINE REVIEW - "An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill & Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance - as did all the other punters in the venue tonight. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right - this band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league".

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## New Head of Woodham Learning



Woodham Academy has appointed a new head of Woodham Learning, Dr. Christine Warburton. Woodham Learning is a unique programme designed to help Year 7 students settle into their new school and develop the skills they need to succeed at secondary level.

During their first term, students spend the equivalent of one day per week with the same teacher. This gives them continuity and the security they need when getting used to a new environment.

Woodham Learning is based on the educational research of Professor Guy Claxton and helps students to become resourceful, reflective and resilient learners who are able to work effectively and co-operatively with others.

The programme has proved very popular with students, who say that it helped them to settle in easily and that the learning opened their minds to lots of new ideas.

After obtaining a first class honours degree in Geography at Edinburgh University, Dr Warburton travelled extensively. She spent four years in the Himalayas conducting research for her doctorate in Himalayan Geomorphology. She has taught Geography at Woodham for a number of years and brings a wealth of experience to the role. Dr. Warburton says, "I want our young people to know that there is a wide world out there, of wonder and opportunity. The world is such an interesting place and I want to help open their eyes to it."

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## P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

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## OSCAR'S FILM DEBUT



A young rescue dog from Dog Trust has made his debut in front of the cameras. Brenda Ingledew from Clanny Road in Newton Aycliffe adopted Oscar as a companion from Dogs Trust in October last year.

2 year old Osca attended training and day care at K9 Pursuits with Sonya, Brenda's daughter, and the potential was spotted by Gill and Andi at K9 Pursuits who said he was such a clever little dog with the ability to accept new situations and learn quickly.

When they were approached for a dog to use in an advertisement they immediately put Oscar forward.

Oscar a Sealyham Cross took everything in his stride and was not phased at all by the camera crew and equipment. Gill and Andi said Sonya has worked hard with Oscar and he is a great little dog with a huge character.

## Security Firm Support for Midnight Walk

A global security firm have pledged their support to a local charity. Securitas, which provides security in over 50 countries worldwide, has offered support to St Teresa's Hospice for the charity's annual Midnight Walk!

The women-only event, which takes place on 17th May at Darlington's South

Park, attracts hundreds of entrants from across the region. Securitas, which supplies overnight security for St Teresa's Hospice, has generously offered to provide security for the event free of charge!

Hospice Director Jane Bradshaw said: "For some time now Securitas have

been in charge of overnight Security in our Hospice, and we are delighted that their charity group has donated some lovely officers free of charge to enhance this event and keep it safe!"

Securitas Branch Manager David Bone said: "It's a pleasure to work in partnership with St Teresa's Hospice to help the local community. Securitas may be a global company, but

we believe in having a local focus, supporting local charities in the communities where our officers live and work."

Registration is still open for the Midnight Walk. To enter as an individual or a team, pick up a form from St Teresa's Hospice or its charity shops, or download on [www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk](http://www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk). Call Support Services on 01325 254321.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE GRAPPLERS WIN MEDALS

Two brothers from Newton Aycliffe have recently won a medal each in submission grappling. Brothers David and Stephen Cunliffe train at a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu gym located in Darlington - "The Lab".

They travelled to South Shields on 13th April to take part in the yearly Northeast Submission Serious Grappling tournament and came back with medals.

David brought home silver after entering the experienced division of the tournament and having some very tough matches.

Stephen entered the under 2 years experience after only training for 6 months and brought home a bronze medal following some very hard matches.

Both brothers have competed in mixed martial arts

events and have their sights on becoming competent grapplers in this fast growing sport.

The tournament is based on wrestling and grappling skills and The idea is to either beat your opponents by points, dominating the fight on every level or to get them to submit. Both brothers train in free style wrestling, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Thai Boxing in order to put it together for mixed martial arts events held in a cage.

Prior to this event the brothers fought on an MMA show in Newcastle both beating their opponents. David beat his last two opponents in the first round and is looking into entering forthcoming events. David and Stephen would like to thank their coach Martin Wilby for all his hard work over the months.

## Rotary Club Launch 'Poem For Peace' Competition Good Prizes for Three Age Groups

The Rotary Club in Newton Aycliffe is part of the global organization, Rotary International, active in over 150 countries.

As well as making a contribution to our local communities we are involved in international programmes such as the eradication of Polio, Water Aid, Shelter-Box, Education etc.

The Rotary theme for this year is PEACE THROUGH SERVICE recognising there are over 76 armed conflicts throughout the world at this time.

For the last 10 years Rotary have sponsored scholarships in Peace and Conflict Resolution at six Universities around the world. These scholarships enable students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds with different ages and professions to study for two years for a Masters degree in conflict resolution studies.

There are now over 700 graduates operating around the world, many in war zones, working with local communities to resolve disputes before they escalate into conflicts such as we are witnessing currently in Syria and throughout the

middle east.

We do not hear much of this work because there is a peaceful outcome and that doesn't rate as news in the media.

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club believes the future lies with our young people and we would like to think that we can support the work of the peacemakers with words of encouragement from children.

We are inviting school-children from our area to compose and send us a POEM for PEACE. We hope to compile a selection into a book which will go on sale throughout the north east with receipts

shared between the local community and in funding Peace Scholarships.

Entrants are deemed to agree to their work being published for this purpose. and Parents and schools are urged to encourage participation.

The Age groups are up to 11; 10-12 and 13 to 18. Suitable prizes will be awarded to the first three in each age category.

All entries to be in by 31st May, sent to Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, c/o Newton News, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6DX. e-mail: [syd@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:syd@newtonnews.co.uk).

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# Handball Coaching



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## P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

A PACT Meeting will be held at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 30th April 2013 from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. Please come along to hear updates and have your say on local issues. PC Alan Thompson & PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers. Councillors & Livin Representatives have been invited to attend. For more information on whats going on in your area visit [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

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On 2nd May you are asked to vote for your Town Councillors and I would like you to elect me as your Independent Councillor for the West Ward. I have lived in Aycliffe for the past 20 years and worked at Silverscreen for some time before retiring. I live in the ward with my wife Margaret and we have been married for 42 years and have a daughter and two granddaughters. At the moment I sit on the Town Council Customer Panel and attend the Sedgfield and Aycliffe Residents meeting very month. I am also a member of the committee at Silverdale Community House. I would like to do more to serve the people of the West Ward and Aycliffe in general. If elected I will do my utmost to represent them on the Town Council.

## Will These be Last Local Government Elections?

Dear Sir,  
I suspect few people reading this will be fully aware of the extent of the crisis facing local government in the next few years. Recently, a body called the 'New Local Government Network' held a 'war-gaming' budget-setting exercise in-volving 50 senior council officials from all over the country. It imagined an average council ('Any Borough'), estimated the scenario facing it (government cuts, rising numbers of old people, inflation etc.) and invited the officers to work out budgets through to 2018. In the game, the officers maintained the quality of provision for adults with learning disabilities – but that was all they protected. They cut all spending on 'culture' (theatre, museums, libraries etc.) and 'leisure' (recreation centres, swimming pools). They forced all their schools to become academies and thus cut all local expenditure on education. They introduced radical new 'total place' plans (where services are merged to end any duplication), for example merging NHS and Care budgets to meet rising care costs. They raised Council Tax and laid off council workers. All these measures together were not enough to fill the budget gap. The exercise was imaginary, but it gives an idea of the pressures facing the County Council and the Town Council in the coming years. The task facing councillors – to preserve what they can of council provision, and to minimise the damage to local communities – will be herculean. If ever you considered the candidates carefully, and voted in a local election, now is surely the time to do so. John D Clare

## Famous Artist Praises Student's Artwork

There's a buzz about the art department at Woodham Academy. During the spring term, Year 9 students have undertaken a project on portraiture looking at a number of contemporary artists and non-traditional methods of drawing the face. They have made portrait work in a variety of unusual ways using ink, ripped newspapers, sticks, candy corn, beans, spaghetti, thread and photography. Artists studied are Ben Tour, Maurizio Anzeri, Vik Muniz, Justin Sears, Sarah Beeton and Loui Jover. But even more exciting is that they have been complimented in their efforts by artist Loui Jover via Twitter. Jover is an Australian artist represented by the famous Saatchi contemporary art gallery in London. His work is distinctly recognisable by hand drawn stark black lines, scratches and drips against adhered together sheets of vintage book paper. Year 9 students are thoroughly enjoying the project and in particular Jover's work. Tweeting the artist, the school's art department sent Jover an image of students' work explaining that they had made work inspired by him and asked "what do you think?" Minutes later, Jover replied tweeting "I am so very honoured and think the results look FANTASTIC! Please tell the class I think they are AWESOME!". He continued on to say ".... what a fantastic expression of ART, truly appreciate that I may have inspired you in some way..x" He has further replied to tweets from students themselves showing him their tribute work to him



and other work made in art lessons. The art department tweet examples of exemplary student work daily, information on local art events and exhibitions and links to things of interest trending on twitter and the internet. You can follow the art department on Twitter at @WoodhamArt or on Instagram at Woodham\_art

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# NEWTON AYCLIFFE AFC AVOID RELEGATION

Newton Aycliffe will again compete in the Northern League first division next season after escaping the drop this week. The Royal Blues thumped relegated Norton & Stockton 4-0 on Monday night - their second successive 4-0 win on a Monday at Moore Lane Park - to move on the brink of safety. But a defeat for Sunderland RCA on Tuesday night against Whitley Bay meant Aycliffe could not finish in the bottom three and will be facing local rivals Shildon,

Bishop Auckland and West Auckland once again next year. Allan Oliver's men will round the season off with a home game against Guisborough on Saturday, where it is hoped a large crowd will come and celebrate the end of the season. Another four goal win would also add to the carnival atmosphere. On Monday Fred Woodhouse opened the scoring in the first half, while a Stuart Owen brace and a Danny Earl strike completed a comfortable win

over the Ancients, who turned up with just 10 players. Darren Craddock was unavailable so Josh Knox dropped into the defence with Martin Young returning to the midfield. Aycliffe struggled to break down the visitors in the early stages but that changed in the 26th minute as right-back Stephen Gibson's cross found Woodhouse at the back post and the former Stockton Town man clinically headed home.

Earl was denied a second on the stroke of half-time by a brilliant save from former Darlington goalkeeper Jack Norton, but the floodgates opened in the second half. Three minutes after the break Owen's sweetly-struck volley at the far post from Earl's cross doubled the lead. Woodhouse hit the crossbar before Earl headed wide as Aycliffe took full control of proceedings. And the third came with 15 minutes left as substitute Sean Tarling sent Earl clear and the striker swept home from close range. Owen rounded the game off a minute later as he drew a foul in the penalty area and then dispatched his spot-kick beyond Norton's grasp.

# DYING MATTERS

Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland will be celebrating 'Dying Matters Week' during May 2013 by providing information to the public through joining together with other organisations who work in the area of Bereavement and Loss. The subject this year is "Be ready for it" and it suggests that people can prepare in five ways in order to "live well and die well". These are: Making a will Record your funeral wishes Plan your future care and support Register as an organ donor Tell your loved ones your

wishes. We are holding an information day on Saturday 18th May where there will be short presentations from organisations including: Solicitor Funeral director Bereavement practitioners Health professionals Specialist organ donation nurses Citizens Advice Financial Advisors Creative Therapies The event is free of charge and open to anyone and will be held at Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland 10am-4pm.

# Town Centre Paving Spoilt by Gum!

Dear Sir, It's exciting to see that work has begun on the town centre and I look forward to seeing the end results. Whilst some readers have reservations about whether new shops will be attracted to the vacant shops I can't help thinking that the facelift is surely going to make the shopping experience a more pleasant one, we all need the feel good factor. However, on walking through the town this evening, out of curiosity I wondered how long it would be before the new paving would be spoilt with gum! Sure enough it has been! How I would love

to ban the disgusting stuff! How long will it be before the town centre begins to look as grubby as the passage outside the florists and leisure centre entrances. I really hope those concerned with spending the large sums of money to regenerate the town centre have thought about it's future upkeep otherwise in no time at all we will be back to square one. Just look at the state of the bins outside McGuiness Opticians. I truly hope I will be proved wrong and the fine upstanding citizens of this town will value what has been given to them. Karen Syms



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# All Greased Up Show

Take a very popular musical, bring it up to modern day, add a twist or two, add a talent show, and what you get is CentreStage's next production, All GREASED up. This production was originally in June 2003, so it has been re-worked and a decade later is giving another airing. As the title suggests, Grease will be the word, with many great songs from the great musical itself and a few extra numbers. The story line starts very similar but does have a twist and maybe a turn throughout the story, without losing that feel good factor. We will certainly

have you singing and dancing in the aisles, from the moment you arrive to as you exit at the end of the show, in fact you'll be humming the tunes on your way home. The show runs from 17th - 19th May, Fri / Sat evening performance doors open at 7pm, and you can dance along to all the fun, then the show starts at 7.30pm. On the Sunday, have some lunch and then join the party as the doors open 1.30 with the curtain up at 2pm. This will be fun for all, and plenty to keep everyone interested throughout. The cost of this Show is affordable for all the family, £4.50 for Adults / £2.50 for the kids / concessions. We do offer very special £1 tickets for the under 5's. Tickets are available now from the usual places, 01325 313363 / 01388 774838 or on our special web ticket page shildontheatretickets.webs.com.

# BUILDING A G5 LOCO FROM SCRATCH



Do you want to tell your children you've helped build a G5? Come to our Grand Open Day and see how you can be part of building a North Eastern Legend. On Saturday 4th May at Rail Restorations, Shildon you are invited to see how a classic G5 steam locomotive is built. We are hoping to unveil one of the 5 foot driving wheels that has been cast and machined. This is no restoration project; she is being built from scratch using the original engineer's drawings. These 0-4-4 Class G5 steam locomotives were last seen in 1958 and none were preserved for future generations to enjoy. A group of local train enthusiasts have so far funded the boiler, chassis, bogie, 4 driving wheels, built the cab and lots more. This is your chance to join in with the building of the loco: become a Friend of the G5 for only £10, annual membership, or £50 for life membership. How about sponsoring a component and having your name on the Roll of Honour? Grand Open Day: 10am

till 2pm on Saturday 4th May at Rail Restorations North East Ltd, Unit 8A, Hackworth Industrial Park, Shildon. Free admission. Light refreshments and merchandise available. Open days thereafter, first Saturday in the month till October. For further details visit www.g5locomotiveltd.co.uk or email-leigh.taylor13@hotmail.co.uk

The show was written by Andrew Timmiss who lives in Aycliffe, "I wrote this 10 years ago as the group wanted a feel good show, but something different so that's where All Greased Up came from. The idea is everyone, from the cast to the audience have a great time, and during rehearsals we are certainly having fun with this production. All our cast are from the local community. Tickets for the show are expected to sell fast so please order your tickets as soon as possible. If you are travelling through Shildon, our friend at Sweet Greetings in the main street (just near the supermarket) are selling tickets for us. We would love to see you there, so until then get "All Greased up"

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## Durham Tigers Beat Cramlington Rockets

The second league game of the season for Durham Tigers under 12 team was away against the Cramlington Rockets. With a great turnout from the squad everything was set for a cracking game and by half time the Tigers had a clear lead of 20 to the Rockets 4. The Tigers kept up their winning form in the second half to clinch a clear win of 38-8. The Under 12's coach Tom Dawson said "I'm very proud of the boys, they had their confidence knocked with a loss at their last game, but they used that as motivation to improve and that has shown itself with their win against Cramlington Rockets. I just hope that they can build on this because if they do they'll have a very good season." 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.

## ELECTION DO-YOU-KNOW?

### 1. You have more than one vote?

Basically, you can put as many crosses as there are councillors being elected. Your ballot paper will make it clear how many candidates you can vote for.

### 2. You do not need your poll card to vote?

Do not worry if you have lost your poll card. The polling station will need to confirm only your name and address.

### 3. Where your polling station is?

It tells you on your poll card.

## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE ACCUSED OF DECEPTION

Dear Sir,

How can voters trust Independent candidates when they deceive to get elected? I read with disgust at the false statements made by Mrs Dorothy Bowman in her election address last week. Mrs Bowman has misled the voters of West Ward for personal gain; therefore I would like to state the facts: Mrs Bowman could not have been deselected by the West Ward as she does not represent our area in the first instance. In fact she is the current County Councillor for Shildon East, elected in 2008 and is the current Town Councillor for Byerley Park and Horndale, elected in 2007.

Mrs Bowman did not mention that she was nominated as the Labour Party County Council Candidate for Evenwood, and she chose to stand down and become an Independent Candidate. Therefore, she was not deselected by the so-called Labour party 'family/friend' block vote.

She also states that the candidates chosen are 'virtually unknowns', this is untrue. Eddy Adam has a proven 10 year record as a town councillor and is an active Labour party member

for over 39 years. Kate Hopper is the current West Ward Town Councillor and is also an active Labour party member.

Eddy Adam's selection had no impact on Mrs Bowman inability to get selected. He was selected in January this year due to another candidate withdrawing; he then went through the democratic process, and Eddy was then selected as a Labour party candidate for the County Council.

I was greatly offended by the suggestion of being part of a 'family/friend block vote'. Mrs Bowman had to win the right to stand by convincing 28 members of the Labour party; she received 4 votes and therefore failed in that goal. All members work hard to promote and support genuine honest and trustworthy councillors and candidates, like our existing

councillors Mike Dixon and Kate Hopper. As far as I am concerned the best candidates were chosen and not because they were already an existing councillor or by a block vote but on ability.

Although a minor point but important from a factual point of view, Mrs Bowman did not top the polls as a Labour candidate at the County elections in 2008 or Town elections in 2007. Even so, it does not give her an automatic right to be nominated or selected to stand as a Labour candidate.

So, it's your choice at the ballot box, do you cast your vote for self-interested Independents or do you vote for integrity and ability of candidates who can work honestly with the community to deliver real change.

**Julie Adam**  
Labour Party member  
for 36 years

## NO NEED TO MISLEAD OR DECIEVE SAYS CANDIDATE

Dear Sir,

I have no need or wish to deceive, mislead or self gain from my Election address - every word is the truth.

This is election time so I can understand Julie Adams, wife of a Labour candidate, getting jittery and worried about her husband's chances.

She failed to state that it was many years ago that he was a Town Councillor from 1983 until 1994 when he left to take up a position as a lecturer at Darlington College. Is he going to give this up if elected, as being a County Councillor involves many day time meetings and to be involved in the Community is a full time job.

I stand by what I said, and was co-opted onto the Town Council 5th December 2001 and remained there through two elections to the present day. I was elected to the County Council in 2005 for Shildon East which covers Aycliffe, Middridge and part of Shildon.

In 2007 I was elected to Sedgefield Borough Council until the Unitary Council Elections in 2008. I won the seat for Shildon East with a Labour Councillor serving with me to the present day.

I am one of seven sitting councillors representing Newton Aycliffe on Durham County Council, the 8th Councillor represents Shildon and the boundary changes now reflect the fact that it is no longer included with Aycliffe.

I was de-selected by Julie Adams' family block vote and I think that is quite obvious. There had to be three separate meetings to decide the candidates for Labour West Ward. Kate Hopper and Mark Catmul were only kept by using the block vote.

I was asked to stand at Evenwood on recommendation and by my previous work record in the Community The Labour Party would not allow me to stand down from the Evenwood seat in January to contest the vacancy in West caused by Mr Catmull's resignation after moving out of Town, yet Eddy Adam was allowed to be added to the panel at that late stage to be considered for selection! He was selected by his family/friends to represent West Ward. I stood down from Evenwood and now stand as an Independent as I realised that I could not continue the work I was doing in Aycliffe and give 100% effort to Evenwood. At the selection meeting Mrs Adams refers to, only 23 people were voting including 9 members of the CLP executive. I was beaten by 14 votes to 9, her family block vote of 5 votes says it all.

If in her opinion the best candidates were selected on ability why did her family need to cast 5 family votes to prevent me being selected?

As for topping the polls, I got more votes than any other Labour Candidate in Newton Aycliffe in 2005 when I received 827 votes. In 2008 Brian Stephens got more votes from the Shildon part of the ward, but Shildon no longer figures in our Ward boundaries.

Dorothy Bowman.

## AGNEW'S BIG SPRING CLEAN

The Agnew Community Centre are having their Annual Litter Pick on Saturday 11th May to start at 10am until midday, meeting at the Agnew Centre in Morrison Close.

Volunteers will be provided with litter picking equipment but please wear strong footwear and suitable clothing. To Volunteer please contact the Secretary on 01325 321 504 office

or 07749 236 853 or email [agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com](mailto:agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com)

The Committee would welcome any and all those people who live in Morrison Close and immediate area to consider volunteering and we have insurance in place. We will be working on the bush land immediate east of the Centre with drinks & biscuits supplied.

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## ADVISORY NOTICE

As of Monday 29th April 2013 the new access ramp to Beveridge Walkway leading to Elachi, Stephen Russel, Phil Wilson MP and China Garden will be open to public and disabled access.

Please note that if disabled you can access these units easily but will then have to access the main Town Centre from a different access point at Greenwell Road due to works commencing at the lift core and Boyes Walkway.

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## ADVISORY NOTICE

Important notice regarding disabled access to Newton Aycliffe Town Centre from 29th April 2013.

Due to the ongoing major works in the centre we are changing how disabled drivers/pedestrians access Beveridge Way.

As we will have no access to Beveridge Way from the multi-storey car park we will be converting the small car park on Greenwell Road, opposite the Leisure Centre steps, to exclusively disabled parking allowing access via the ramp leading through Beveridge Arcade to Beveridge Way.

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# GREAT DAY FOR RAILWAY MODELLERS

The model railway exhibition organised by the town's Rotary Club and held in the Youth Centre last Saturday was the most successful yet raising £800 for SmileTrain and local charities.

Some 300 people visited the event which showcased the very best of model railways, in scales from "Z" to "O", not only from the local area but from as far away as Welshpool, Scarborough and Tyneside. The award for best layout in show went to "Alburne Park" exhibited by the Shildon Model Railway Club.

The seven traders present were selling new and used equipment along with all those bits and pieces which can be so hard to obtain elsewhere. The sales of books and die-cast models were brisk throughout the day.

Catering was provided by members of the Rotary Club with the bacon butties proving to be very popular, doing a roaring trade throughout the day.

Club President, Roger Curtis said "This has been a great event bringing visitors into the town but could only happen because of the support



Rotary Club President Roger Curtis with one of the exhibitors

from the Youth Centre Board and Staff, St Mary's Church for the use of car parking and especially Sabre Rail for their financial sponsorship."

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Green, 955 Pink, 774 Pink, 753 Pink, 10 White, 761 Pink, 850 Pink, 442 Green, 990 Pink, 871 Pink.

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# Live Theatre at Greenfield College

Greenfield Community College were pleased to host two live performances and workshops from Live Theatre last week. Live theatre devised and performed a piece call "Michaela's Mistake" which is a one person show that explores issues around internet safety. Written by Chelsey Cleminson, Michaela is about to make a mistake.

The same mistake any lonely, insecure school girl might make. For the first time in her life a beautiful young lad with abs and a suntan fancies her. But Facebook isn't real life is it? This play shows how easily an alternative world can be created over the internet and how quickly that world can come tumbling down.

The theatre company worked

with Year 8 and Year 9 students from Greenfield Community College and the piece provoked stimulating

debate and discussion about internet safety issues. We were very pleased to have this professional performance

at Greenfield Community College and are proud to say it is our 10th live professional performance this year!

# Scout Group Raise £1100



We would like to welcome our Beavers, Wolf Cubs and Scouts back after the Easter Holidays and hope that they are all ready to work hard.

The Leaders would like to thank the Beavers, Wolf Cubs and Scouts that came along to the fundraising event at Asda Spennymoor last Saturday where we managed to raise £1100 which we shared with 1st North Ormesby who helped with the bag pack.

A very big thank you to all the Asda Staff and customers who helped and donated on the day, we are very grateful.

On Sunday 21st the group were on parade in

Consett Town Centre along with all the other groups in the Northumbria Area to celebrate our Patrol Saint, St George.

On Thursday, 25th at 6pm at the Scout Centre we had a "Bird of Prey" show for all sections, (photographs were available for £4.50).

New members are always very welcome.

If you would like any information regarding the group please contact Barbara Cull (Group Scoutmaster) on 01325 320413 or come along either at 6pm on Wednesday nights for Beavers and Wolf Cubs or on Thursday nights for Scouts and Senior Scouts

# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Aycliffe Running Club's multisport man Alex Lineton travelled across country to Lancashire to race his first event of the season, the Clitheroe Triathlon. The race consisted of a 400m pool swim, 18 miles of hilly bike and a 4.2 mile off road run. Alex delayed the start of his season in the hope of finding 'Spring', but on race day morning was greeted with howling winds and lashing rain! Despite the adverse weather conditions, a good field turned out and it was a great race.

Alex was pleased with his performance and placed 23rd out of 230 finishers in a time of 1:40:11. The triathlon set Alex up nicely to take part in last weekend's London Marathon.

Congratulations to John Burnside and Lee Wren who both picked up new Parkrun personal bests. Lee 18:17 at Hackworth in Shildon and John, 21:26 at Sedgfield.

Entries are now open for the Aycliffe 10K on Sunday June 16th. Go to <http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk> for online entry and details.

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# Facelift for Youth Centre



Front: left to right: PCSO Gavin Laycock, Nick Bramble, Bullock, Tracy Wilson, Mears, Carol Mohan, Mears, Wayne Harris, livin, Jeff Talbot, Durham County Council  
Back: left to right: Special Constable Liam Callaghan, Julie Ken, livin, Rebecca Keane, Mears

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre has been given a facelift after 30 volunteers turned out as part of a week-long improvement project. The project, valued at over £19,500 was led by homes and communities organisation livin as part of its community fund set up to support local initiatives and was made possible with support from repairs and maintenance company Mears, construction company Bullock, house building group Southdale and Durham County Council. The facelift forms part of the preparations for the re-launch of the youth centre next

month to encourage more people to use its facilities. As part of the revamp young people that use the centre helped create the new designs which included decorating thanks to 165 litres of paint donated by Dulux decorator centre, new fencing, flooring, kitchen, gardening, furniture and electrical equipment. Joan Clark, secretary of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, said: "It is like all my birthdays and Christmases have come together. It has been a pleasure working with the whole team. Nothing has been a problem to them. I am sure the vibrant

colour scheme will please the young people who use the centre. They had considerable input into the choices." The centre's facilities include sports coaching, health and beauty, cookery, dj-ing and curriculum time support and accreditation on nationally recognised certificates and qualifications. Vince Crosby, chairman of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, said: "It has been great to see partnerships working together on the refurbishment of the Youth Centre. The results are outstanding. We are sure there will be a lot of long term benefits from the relationships formed." For more information about the Youth Centre call 01325 307522 or visit [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk). For more information about the livin community fund visit [www.livin.co.uk](http://www.livin.co.uk) or email [communities@livin.co.uk](mailto:communities@livin.co.uk)

## Aycliffe Ramblers in Ribblesdale!

Forty-three members of Aycliffe Fell Walking Club enjoyed an amazing day out in the "Three Peaks" area of the Yorkshire Dales on Saturday 20th April. Bathed in warming spring sunshine, walkers alighted at various points along the coach route – most choosing to ascend Ingleborough from Ingletown Village whilst others started from near Ribblesdale viaduct. A third group chose a lower-level but no less spectacular walk along Moughton Scars

and down into Crummack Dale, whilst yet others elected to start from Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Some peered into Gaping Gill as they descended the lower slopes of Ingleborough; several enjoyed scrambling over another of the Three Peaks, Pen-Y-Ghent; others watched the skies above Long Scar as a raven, intent on defending its nesting site, attacked, tumbled with and eventually chased off a buzzard, an impressive and fascinating spectacle for the gallery of onlookers. All enjoyed a wonderful day out, wandering across limestone 'pavements' playing hopscotch with the "clints" whilst avoiding those nasty "grikes" (gaps in between)! Afternoon tea was enjoyed in the cafe at Feizor and the walk finished with a relaxing drink in the sun-drenched beer garden of the Harts Head Inn, Giggleswick, before walkers headed homeward on the coach - weary, but extremely happy after a "grand day out" in the dales! ([www.afwc.org.uk](http://www.afwc.org.uk) Aycliffe Fell Walking Club is currently being supported by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership)

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## ALL ABOUT BOOKS



Greenfield Arts are pleased to be working on a fantastic new project for young people with North East artist Theresa Easton. "Book Bound" will explore printmaking, bookmaking and storytelling over 5 after school sessions starting Tuesday 23rd April.

Last week Theresa joined Greenfield College students and their teacher and author Ms Wharton during their lessons making books, and discussing ideas for the project.

The books made by the young people over the course of the project will go on display at BALTIC Art Gallery in Gateshead in May and June as part of Theresa's "Fantastic Books Fabulous Books" project which has been awarded funding from Arts Council England as part of the Festival of the North East.

We are looking forward to

seeing the ideas our young people come up with whilst learning new bookmaking and printmaking techniques, and to seeing their artwork on display at the BALTIC, and on tour at The Greenfield Gallery in July.

If you would like to join in these sessions, please contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048 for more information.

## AYCLIFFE SHOPPING CENTRE

### ADVISORY NOTICE

#### Tuesday Market Relocation

"As you are aware the centre is currently undergoing a well received redevelopment.

As part of the process and to provide ease of access for both traders and members of the public we are moving the market stalls on a Tuesday to the large car park on Greenwell Road behind Beveridge Way.

Unfortunately this means there will be no public parking in this area on a Tuesday however there is adequate space provided on all the other centre car parks including 3 levels on the multi storey car park, Bewick Crescent and Greenwell Road.

In addition as of 29th April 2013 the small car park opposite the leisure centre steps on Greenwell Road will become a disabled parking zone only replacing the current spaces on the top deck of the multi storey.

I will advise as soon as possible the date when the market will return to the main part of town.

Bryan Haldane  
Centre Manager



### Public Notice Of Annual General Meeting

To be held at  
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre  
on  
14th May 2013  
at 6.30 p.m.

The AGM is an essential opportunity to find out what we have been doing and what we plan to do in the year ahead.

We welcome nominations from anyone who would be interested in becoming an active member of the Management Committee

Nomination forms are available from reception  
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## Grants Available for Health Groups

County Durham Community Foundation has recently launched a £200,000 Priority Health Fund set up to benefit local groups who address three key health issues within County Durham and Darlington. Projects that focus on the three priority issues identified by the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships: mental health resilience/ wellbeing, obesity in children and alcohol awareness can benefit from the Priority Health Fund. Organisations that will be considered for a grant include front-line organisations that tackle depression, stress-related problems and prevention of suicide, as well as projects that support and work with families, provide after school education, and cookery and healthy eating clubs. Projects focusing on alcohol awareness, especially with teenagers, will also be considered for a grant. Barbara Gubbins, the Community Foundation's Chief Executive, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity

to access a considerable amount of money to help tackle what are some significant issues in the local area.

Groups based in County Durham and Darlington who aim to address these issues can apply. We are keen to distribute the money to worthy causes and see how the Fund helps these groups to achieve their aims."

A maximum of £10,000 is available for projects lasting up to 12 months and groups that currently hold a grant from the Community Foundation, have applied for one and/or are awaiting a decision, are not excluded from applying.

The deadline for submission of applications from groups is Friday 26th April at 12pm.

In order to apply groups must check the Fund Criteria and Guidance Notes and, if eligible, complete the Priority Health Fund application form which is available by post, email, or through the Foundation's website [www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups](http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups)

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# SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Left to right: Roger Goodes Durham County Council, Ron Hogg Police Commissioner, Joanne Dunn and Cathy Slater from Livin, Syd Howarth Chairman of GARA, Arun Chandran Secretary of GARA

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM on 21 March and after introducing the guest speakers held the election of officers and committee.

Chairman: Syd Howarth, Vice Chairman: Father Michael Campion, Treasurer: Barry Hutchinson and Secretary Arun Chandran., Derek Atkinson, Cllr Bill Curtis, Cllr Bob Fleming, Don Fraser, Chris Wheeler, Plus new members Elaine Gallagher and Paul Kjenstad. (elected unopposed). Affiliated Members: Ken Robson ACORN Residents' Association, Margaret Robson Friends of Senior Citizens (Neville Community Centre), and 2 Representatives of Great Aycliffe Town Council's Youth Council.

Phil Wilson MP was unable to attend due to parliamentary duties. Roger Goodes from the County Council and Kathy Slater and Joanne Dunn from Livin were present to give a presentation followed by a question and answer session on Welfare Reforms.

The Chairman in his opening remarks said GARA had been quite successful and matters, including some imposed without consultation, have been reconsidered and acceptable outcomes achieved. Said Syd: "Most times all is needed is the right word in the right ear and a problem is solved. "We have always found people in authority to be reasonable and willing to talk, and we act as a watchdog to safeguard the public over matters which may have been overlooked. Our Councillors and MP are always at our disposal and able to act immediately on behalf of residents".

The Police & Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg explained his decision to increase the Police Precept by 2% which raised £480,000. He faced Government cuts of £10 million over the next 4 years. Ron has protected frontline policing, 60 posts will be filled by police support staff rather than police officers. He explained that Newton Aycliffe Police Station costing £500,000 is a Modular building sited in the Town Centre and would be in place by spring next year when the

Police would move out of Parsons Court.

Ron wants the public to have a say in the design and choice of the new station and circulated three examples. He viewed Public satisfaction and Public confidence as the highest importance and listed seven priorities: Community Engagement, Public scrutiny, Prisoner visiting, Victims journey from reporting a crime to its conclusion, Digital engagement through social media, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, Anti Social Behaviour, Harm reduction re drugs and alcohol, and Speeding.

Rev. Michael Campion thanked Ron Hogg on the new Police Station, and gave a case of a victim of domestic abuse and a 3 hour wait at the Parson Court station, Ron Hogg said it was totally unsatisfactory and stated if you don't get the response you want to inform him.

Margaret Robson asked if there will there be a police presence in Town Centre pending the rebuild and Ron said he was still looking at that. Cllr Kate Hopper mentioned the delay when having dialled 101 with its unnecessary chief constable's message and menu system. Ron suggested users just press 3 to get straight through.

Ken Robson said he was pleased with the New Police Station as it will give confidence, but we don't see enough police walking about the streets, Ron said Neighbourhood Officers are being maintained and police presence was always an issue. Someone raised the issue of cars badly parked and how we should reclaim pavements for pedestrians. Ron said it was a real problem as lots of streets are not designed for cars and it was just inconsiderate parking. Roger Goodes gave a detailed presentation on the benefit reforms being introduced in stages, aimed at simplifying the system, giving incentives to get people into work, protect most vulnerable in society, and give fairness to claimants and the Taxpayer.

It is the biggest change in 60 years totalling 40 in all, affecting working age claimants, Universal Credit, Council Tax benefit localized, Under occupancy tax, Social Fund DLA replaced with PIP, Benefit Cap, ESA limited to 365 days, housing benefit paid direct to tenant.

Cathy Slater and Joanne Dunn from Livin dealt with many queries from the floor.

Great Aycliffe Residents Association was formed to provide a forum for citizens to voice their concerns and where possible to instigate action on their behalf. The aim is to work with councils and other organisations through talks and if necessary, public meetings, to carry the views of the general public towards righting wrongs and/or suggesting improvements to amenities, services and the general environment.

# Greenfield "Curiosity" Project



Greenfield Arts and Greenfield Community College are working in partnership with Durham University to engage students creatively with Science.

Greenfield Arts, Unfolding Theatre and Durham University are working with a team of students from Greenfield College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Club.

The students will devise, design and create a piece of live theatre which aims to stimulate wonder and curiosity within them and their future audience about the world and their place within it.

The students have started

Psychology.

During the Easter holidays the group visited the University, performing hands-on experiments and investigations, and exploring their own responses and sense of wonder and curiosity. During following-up after-school sessions this term they will bring their ideas together to develop their ideas into a live performance, the exact parameters and direction of which will be set by the students as the project develops.

In July the show will be performed to students at Greenfield Community College, and then go on to tour other local secondary schools.

## GREAT START TO NEW TERM COURSES AT GREENFIELD

The term got off to a great start over the past two weeks here at Greenfield Arts. Our Community Learning Courses, including Flower Arranging, Yoga, Painting & Drawing, French, Spanish and Wire Jewellery had their first sessions, with students starting their new learning journey! We look forward to continuing to see the floral arrangements, artworks, jewellery and hearing our newly confident language speakers over the next ten weeks.

We only have a couple of places left on the courses – but if you are interested in joining please get in touch by either phoning us on 01325 379048 or emailing [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk). The full course guide can be downloaded from our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk).

## Getting Married?

We remind those who are planning to get married they can have their wedding recorded in Newton News at no charge.

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# SUPPORT FOR GREEN DOG WALKERS' SCHEME

A campaign to encourage more dog owners to act responsibly has resulted in hundreds of people pledging to pick up after their pets.

Durham County Council – backed by town and parish councils – carried out a month-long campaign to promote responsible dog ownership.

During the campaign, which ran from February 6 to March 6, neighbourhood wardens across the county investigated 412 reports of dog fouling and issued 26 fixed penalty notices and 19 warning letters.

They also handed out 460 'golden tickets' to dog owners who were seen acting responsibly and picking up after their pets, putting them in with a chance of winning a prize draw.

The council's green dog walkers' scheme – in which members agree to always pick up after their pet and carry extra waste bags to offer to other dog walkers who don't have one – was also promoted during the campaign with 361 people signing up and a further 86 people taking the scheme's pledge cards away with them to fill in later.

Ian Hoult, neighbourhood protection manager for the Council, said: "The vast majority of dog owners in the County are responsible and do pick up after their pets. "However, due to the actions of a minority of people, dog fouling remains a major concern. "I am delighted that we have been able to get the message across to so many people that we will respond to

complaints about dog fouling through this campaign.

"We will continue to act upon any information we receive and would urge people who have details of incidents to get in touch so that we can respond."

As well as targeting the problem of dog fouling, Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team has also organised a number of free microchipping events, which led to 706 dogs being microchipped so that they can be easily returned to their owners if they become lost or stray.

The Civic Pride Team also organised education sessions about responsible dog ownership in 22 schools. Durham County Council's Neighbourhood Wardens also issued 89 fixed penalty notices for littering and 13 fixed penalty notices for failure to comply with a litter clearing notice during February.

## Youthy AGM

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 14th May at 6.30 p.m. at the Centre on Burn Lane.

The Management Committee extends an invitation to the public to come along and find out for themselves how the Youth Centre has developed during the year up to 31st December 2012.

There will also be an opportunity to see firsthand the tremendous changes that have taken place following the ongoing extensive refurbishment of the centre. Following the meeting we hope to have a short presentation from some of the users of the centre. The evening will conclude with light refreshments being served.

## Woodham Students Become Digital Ambassadors

With digital literacy becoming so important to the future of our young people, ten students from Woodham Academy got the chance to speak directly to one of the world's leading technology companies.

After recent successful projects using Skype at Woodham, representatives from the 'Skype in the

Classroom' team invited a group of year 10 Woodham students to take part in a live video conversation with Skype employees.

The students were able to ask questions relating to what it was like to work for one of the leading global technology companies and what qualifications they would need in order to



succeed.

The Skype team were so impressed with previous Skype projects in the classroom at Woodham that they sent a professional film crew up to Woodham to film the live video conversation in order to make a global promotional video.

Jon Tait, assistant head teacher, commented 'This has been a wonderful

opportunity for our students. With the fast changing digital world that we now live in, we are currently preparing our students for jobs that don't even exist yet.

Gaining an insight from one of the world's leading digital technology companies on what our students need to do to be successful in their future careers is invaluable'.

## TOP POSITIONS FOR AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB



Sunday 21st of April saw four members of Aycliffe Tri Club competing in the Stockton Dualthon Festival. The bike run event held over 3 distances of novice, sprint and standard saw Michelle Scott in the sprint come in with an excellent result of 3rd place over all in her category with a time of 1:11:14.

Kevin Greenall came in with a 1st in his category with a time of 1:18:09. Two club members took part in the longer distance standard race with Andy Sedgewick placed 6th in his category with a finish time of 2:09:14. Gareth Elkin came in 33rd at 2:25:47 in a very strong field

of almost 200 athletes.

Earlier in the season Andy Sedgewick raced in the Morpeth Duathlon where he came in 12th position with a time of 1:31:28. Both Michelle and Andy are Club Coaches at Aycliffe Tri Club and compete for BikeScience – Boardman Elite.

These are excellent results from this new club - well done to everyone taking part. Further details about Aycliffe Tri Club please contact the club on the website www.aycliffetriclub.onsport.com or by email aycliffetriclub@gmail.com Tel: Club Coach Andrew Sedgewick on 07887 817960

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On Monday 29th April Honest John opens his fundraising stall in "The Cubby" after the management committee kindly offered him space. John will operate Monday to Friday from 10am - 3pm and Saturdays 10am until 4pm. He will be closed on Tuesday, but will be found on the town Centre market as usual. John hopes the move to the Cubby will be

more convenient for donors to hand in their unwanted goods.

The extra trading days will no doubt increase John's sales and he will be making more money for town organisations.

John told Newton News he is very much looking forward to selling goods from his new permanent "shop".

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# Aycliffe Cricket Club Win First Game in New League



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's first team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training played their inaugural match in the NYSD league when they entertained Yarm 2nd team in their third division match and topped off an historic day for the club by winning the game by 77 runs. Electing to bat first on an

excellent wicket, the hosts totalled an impressive 191 all out after 40.3 overs with some good contributions from Graham Telford, who top scored with 41, Chris Palmer with 24 and Luke Telford who hit 20. In reply opening bowler Michael Howe (3 for 30) got Aycliffe off to a great start removing the first three Yarm batsmen with only 19 runs on the board. The visitors staged a bit of a fight back until left arm spinner bowler Luke Telford was brought into the attack and the Aycliffe all rounder took four wickets for just 32 runs during his lengthy 14.1 over spell, which helped dismiss Yarm for 114 after 41.1 overs.

A very young Aycliffe second team were well beaten at home to Darlington RA by 9 wickets in the NYSD Sunday league. The home side were bowled out for 65 in their innings with only Oscar Pearson and Dan Weldon managing double figures and then Tom Gledhill (1-14) took the only wicket to fall during RA's successful reply. The club's under 13's also lost by 9 wickets when entertaining Richmond, despite a good all round performance from captain Dylan Tribbley, who top scored with an unbeaten 13 in Aycliffes total of 65 for 4 and also took the only Richmond wicket to fall during their successful run chase.

# St. John's Launch Rugby Academy

St John's School in Bishop Auckland has announced the opening of a Rugby Academy which will launch in September 2013. This exciting new venture will enable talented athletes to combine elite rugby performance with academic study. The Rugby Academy is designed to work alongside a student's academic courses, enabling them to develop their rugby skills so that they may perform at the highest level. It will offer a specialised coaching system which will incorporate strength and conditioning, sports nutrition, 1 to 1 coaching and tactical analysis over the 2 year course. The academy will also help Sports students gain a detailed insight into the world of professional athletes, as well as further enhancing their subject knowledge. Students will have the option

of selecting A-Level Physical Education or BTEC National Level 3 Sport, along with a Community Sports Leadership Award and an RFU coaching qualification. Students receive 11 hours coaching each week, incorporating a strength and conditioning programme, nutritional structures and a student mentor programme. The team will have regular fixtures against local Colleges each Wednesday afternoon and will also be involved in cup fixtures. We also hope to incorporate an overseas tour at the end of the season which will further develop the students' technical and tactical prowess in the sport. If you are interested in joining the Rugby Academy or would like further information please contact Mr Steve Smith, PE teacher, at St John's on 01388 603246.



# WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Horndale Residents Association have joined the Evangelical Church based in Ladybower and our local Policing Team to help the work of Durham Food Bank. The Food Bank based at St Clare's Church gives out food parcels to those in need. At the April Residents meeting, it was agreed working together was a worthwhile project. The Bank needs donations of food and toiletries which can be dropped off at St Clare's on a Wednesday and Friday between 1.30pm -3pm or at the Evangelical Church at our monthly meetings or at their Thursday morning coffee morning 10am-12pm. Items can also be dropped off at the front desk of the Police Office. The Food Bank are looking for more volunteers to ease

the workload from the team. It will be a few hours a month and if you think you can help call in to St Clare's where you will be met by a group of lovely people. Parcels are given to people who have been sent by a doctor, nurse, CAB, social workers or other professionals. They don't judge or ask questions which makes a very relaxed atmosphere. The Food Bank needs dried and tinned fruit, meat and fish, also tea, coffee, dried uht milk, sugar, jam, biscuits, cereal, anything that be can be stored without the need of a refrigerator. It doesn't need to major brands it would be better to buy several own brands which will go further. Please think about this project as we don't know when we might need their help.

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# M.P. IMPRESSED BY EBAC AND JOHN ELLIOTT

Phil Wilson says "Secret Millionaire" boss John Elliott is just the kind of industrialist the region needs. Our MP visited John Elliott's Ebac factory on Aycliffe Business Park - where washing machine manufacturing is expected to return to the region next year. Phil Wilson said: "It's a terrific example of how a great business is run, and the vision Ebac has shown to expand by bringing in washing machine



manufacturing. "I think John Elliott has put a lot of foresight into what happens at Ebac. I've spoken to him at length about how his business works. "He's always thinking ahead, and he's the kind of industrialist we need in Newton Aycliffe and the North-East." Mr Elliott, who was the first to appear as TV's secret millionaire, said: "I think Phil was surprised with what we do here. We do love making things here and we manufacture a wide range of products and we do lots of different functions as well. We make circuit boards, metal fabrications, plastic moulding and assembly.

"It isn't the first time Phil has been here and I think it's very important as a manufacturer in this area that our local MP gets involved in our business, because there are always times when we need a voice in Westminster." Mr Elliott says the first washing machine is expected to roll off Ebac's production line a year from now. He said: "This is the big thing, by this time next year we expect our first washing machines to be rolling off the line. "It's going quite well. The design process is going well and everything is on schedule, so we should we look forward to making and delivering them next year."

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## Busy Town Runners

Athletes from Aycliffe Running Club were busy last week in various parts of the country. In the Gisborough Moors fell Race over 12.5 miles, Dez Fielden made much of being the only competitor from the club, finishing in a brilliant 7th position in a



### In Memoriam

**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 xxxx

**KIM FOWLER** Oakenfall, Newman. 25th April 2009, 4 years have passed Kim. Please forgive a falling tear, a silent wish that you were here. Others have lost like this we know, but you were ours and we loved you so. We will always love and miss you Kim. In Heaven now you've gone to rest. Love forever from Mam, Dad and Brothers, Craig and Martin xxx

**JOHN ROBIN BATES** 28-4-2003. Beloved Husband, sadly missed for ten years, resting with Daddy. Love you both, Barbara xxx

**MALCOLM GLENNIE** Died 26th April 2012. One year since you left us. We still think about you every day. Love from Mam, Linda, Darren, Michelle and Malcolm

**WYN ATKINSON** 29th April 2010. Your life was a blessing your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Always in our thoughts. Your loving family

**DENNIS KELVIN HARDY** 28/4/2008. No words can say how much we have missed you in the last five years. We always remember you every day. Your loving Wife Carol, Debbie, Barry, Lisa, Andrew, Suart, Sarah, Jordan and Leah ANN

**MARIE STEPHENSON** (nee Wood) Died April 26th 2012. In loving memory of our special Daughter. What it meant to lose you no one will ever know. Forever in our hearts and prayers. Love you, Mam and Dad xx

**MICHAEL THOMAS BARTLEY**. 27th April 2011. Deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every single day. Love Mam

**CHRISTINE ROBSON** 16 years have passed and we miss and love you lots. Always in our hearts

field of 148, in 93m:15s.

On the same day the club had three runners in the London Marathon. Alexander Lineton was 1st home for the club in 3h:50m. Not so far behind was Liam Montgomery 3h:58m and Michael O'Sullivan 4:00hrs. The previous Wednesday 16 runners from the club took part in the Redcar Coastal 5k.

In very windy conditions Lee Wren led the way home for the club, finishing in a personal best time of 18m:18s, and also received a prize for being in the 1st 25. He was followed closely by Richard Campbell 24th in 19:04 and Tom Porter 36th in 20:25. Peter Smith was next, 48th in 21:06. Naomi Kellett was 1st home for the ladies, 65th in 22:20, followed by Trevor Needham, 75th in 23:05 and Kelly Smith, slowly getting back to form after a long layoff through injury, 84th in 23:33.

Newcomers Jason Dixon and wife Michelle are quickly establishing themselves in the club racing scene and Jason produced another good performance finishing 91st in 24:38, followed by Trish Kay 92nd in 24:39, Penny Johnson

### Birthday Remembrance

**JOE CLISH** - 27th April. Dear Dad, I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, all I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, which I will never part, God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart. Happy birthday Dad, we love you, Jo and Mick, Philip and Dorothy, Alan and Margaret, David, Grandbairns and Great Grandbairns xxx

### Jacqueline Barion

Happy birthday to you up in the sky. Hope the Angels are looking after you. In loving memory and dearly missed. Love from all the family xxxxx

**DENNIS HESLOP**. April 28th. April 28th was your birthday, no cards or presents. My heart still aches as I whisper low 'happy birthday Dennis, I miss you so much'. Love Eileen and family

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#### Faith Hannah Richmond



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#### Madison Jackman



**Happy 17th Birthday 30th April**  
We love you so much gorgeous girl. Lots of love from Mum, Dad and Macca xxx  
Hope you enjoy your birthday (and the driving lessons)!

#### Just Look At This Mean Machine



**Patrick Billany 40 Years Old**  
Love always, Mam and Dad

**MADISON JACKMAN** with love to you for a very happy 17th birthday from Grandie, Grandad Cook and Rose, Grandad Jackman and Lesley, Nan and Davy, Auntie Bev, Uncle Dougie and family, Uncle Donny and Chloe, Auntie Mirelle, Uncle Simon, Bryn and Aron, Uncle Jay, Aunt Lisa, Jordan and Cerys and all your family and friends xxxx

**LEIGH MITCHELL** Happy birthday to my wonderful Daughter, I love you so much, from Mam xxx

**DYLAN KJENSTAD** Happy 12th birthday Son. Love from Mam and Dad xx

**DYLAN KJENSTAD** Happy 12th birthday Brother. Love from Chelsea, Lauren and Nathan xx

**BETH RELTON** To our lovely Neice Beth on her 18th birthday. All our love, Uncle Ron, Auntie Lynn and family

**FAITH HANNAH RICHMOND** To the bestest prettiest Aunty, happy 21st birthday, lots of love, Mason xxx

### Good Luck

**GOOD LUCK MAM** running your 1st marathon at Sunderland on Sunday. We know you can do it! Love Liz, Zac, Theo, Jake and Charlie xxx

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## Wembley Date for Aycliffe Footballer

A Newtonian is looking forward to a boyhood dream when he's expected to play at England's national stadium next week.

Chris Mason, a former Woodham Academy pupil has been with Spennymoor Town for the last four seasons, winning three Northern League titles with Aycliffe's County

Durham neighbours.

The 26-year-old defender, who works as a residential social worker at a Darlington young people's home, is hoping to play at Wembley next Saturday (May 4th) when his side take on Tunbridge Wells in the FA Carlsberg Vase Final, the FA's third biggest cup competition behind the FA Cup and the FA

Trophy.

Mason said: "It'll definitely be the highlight of my career so far. I've got about 15 friends and family going down from Aycliffe, everyone is really looking forward to it.

"It'd be great to see Aycliffe supporters, all football fans who have an interest in the non-league game, going down



to support us. Our chairman has done a cracking deal with travel meaning it'll cost just £35 return to go and see one of your local teams play at Wembley, which is decent value."

After winning three consecutive Division One championships with his team, Mason admits the FA Vase is Spennymoor's Holy Grail.

"It's what everyone at this level wants to win," he said. "We've seen Whitley Bay go and win it a few times and Dunston last year, so hopefully this year it'll be our turn.

"We've gone about things properly as a club, we've earned the respect of other players and managers and we've managed to lose the Big Time Charlie tag - we're just a normal bunch of working class lads, like most of the teams in the Northern League."

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