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Hitachi Sign Contract to Build Train Factory

with Merchant contract Place Developments for the construction and fit-out of a rolling stock manufacturing plant in Newton Aycliffe.

The contract paves the way for the construction of Hitachi's first train factory in Europe, which represents an investment of £82 million to create its state-of-theart manufacturing hub in the North East of England. Hitachi Rail Europe receives a £4 million grant by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to support the build of the factory.

Alistair Dormer, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Rail Europe said: "The close of contract with Merchant Place Development signals a new phase in Hitachi's commitment to the British rail industry.

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"This is the formal element of bringing Hitachi Rail Europe to the North East. We have taken the design of the plant to a detailed stage and have been in discussions with suppliers and contractors so that we are ready to move ahead with the development programme," says Geoff Hunton, Director, Merchant Place Developments. believe this says much about our region, our skills base and the connectivity to Europe and beyond through our ports in particular. It also says a great deal about our investors who have been very loyal to this project since we first acquired Amazon Park five

of the factory.

It is these investors who financed the purchase of the site rather than the traditional institutional funding route and without those investors we would not be where we are today. It is also a tribute to the team effort that brought this very significant inward investment to Newton Aycliffe notably through the help we have had from Durham County Council,

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There will be the George and Dragon traditional hog roast on offer along with burgers etc of the barbecue. Don't worry about the weather as there will be a huge marquee just in case we get the traditional English summer.

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Over the last few weeks more than 40 pupils from Greenfield, Woodham, and other schools in South West Durham have been eagerly rehearsing and preparing for the first public performance of the South Durham Rock Choir at the Sage Gateshead as part of the Durham Music Service Showcase Celebration.

The South Durham Rock Choir is based at Greenfield Community College (A Specialist Arts and Science School), rehearing each Thursday under the musical direction of Jane Parker (Durham Music Service) and assisted by Greenfield's Music Specialist John Tobin.

A rock choir was first started at Greenfield

some four years ago and that experimental group has developed and expanded to invite singers from the whole of South Durham, and were extremely pleased to be invited to perform at the Sage this May. The choir repertoire ranges from the tub-thumping 'Some Night' by Fun to soulful refrains of the Leonard Cohen classic 'Hallelujiah'.

Rehearsals are held at Greenfield Community College in the Music department every Thursday from 4pm - 5pm; however the singing usually gets underway much earlier with Mr Tobin. If you are of Secondary School Age and would like more details, please contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379

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Tracks covered by: Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Def Leppard, Guns n Roses, Linkin Park, Metallica, Ozzy, Pearl Jam, Skid Row, Poison and more. www.thekill.co.uk

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The "Shine" children's community choir at St. Clare's held a Sponsored Sing this week in aid of Christian Aid Week. The Church Hall was full as parents and friends enjoyed the singing along with a cuppa and a cake. The children were delightful and sang for an hour covering their large repertoire of music which they had learned off by heart including a new song for the occasion: "Make Someone Happy".





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Our popular Day Trips start in June. Watch this space!

Academy Receives Young Carers Charter Swimathon Success

On Friday 10th May 2013 MP Phil Wilson presented Woodham Academy with the Young Carers Charter. Woodham prides itself on the care, guidance and support it gives to the individual child and in order to meet this vision, staff at Woodham Academy are working hard to find ways of listening to young carers.

Young carers may be helping to look after a parent or sibling and take on additional responsibilities to those appropriate to their age and development. This could involve nursing care, emotional care or domestic care for relatives who may have a physical disability, a learning disability or a mental health problem. Woodham recognises that this can have an adverse affect on the education of the young person



and believe that all young people have the right to learn, enjoy and achieve regardless

of their home circumstances. Family Action have worked Woodham

and understanding of young carers and their issues. Teachers have received training and all students have attended special assemblies to give them a better understanding of who the young carers are and where to go to for support.

McTague, Special Mrs Educational Needs Co-ordinator said "We are very proud to have been awarded this charter and it is hoped that through raising awareness we can better understand the difficulties that some of our young people face on a daily basis and be able to support them so that they can reach their full potential."







The annual Rotary and Lions Swimathon was held at Spennymoor last Sunday with the usual good support from local organisations swimming for charity. Aycliffe was well represented and we caught teams from the Boys Brigade and Bewick Crescent Surgery among the participants.

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George Nuttall Newton News records the death of George Nuttall Husband of the former Deputy Town Clerk Isabel who moved to Newton Aycliffe in the early 60's.

Obituary

The family lived in Moore Lane and later moved to Aycliffe Village. George, a former Miner, worked for a few local companies including Abex and was an enthusiastic member of the Sports Club and a regular at the Royal Telegraph.

He supported Isabel in her duties and helped at Christmas as Santa and at the annual Bonfire as a volunteer.

George was a keen sportsman enjoying golf and snooker and in his early days was involved in amateur car racing.

In 1999 George and Isabel retired to the Isle of Man where George died after a short illness on 3rd May at the age of 84. As well as his Wife Isabel and S-on Stephen he leaves a Granddaughter Stefany.

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Ed: Tesco rightly say that if one car was affected by contaminated fuel then there would be hundreds. It only appears to be a few very isolated cases and it could be for other reasons.



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presented this award to the children.

At a ceremony in the school hall, pupils spoke of how they helped shape school life. These included representatives from the School Council, the School Nutrition Action Group, School Grounds, Bike It Committee and the **Eco Warriors**

Rob Johnson of Investing In Children, said: "St Joseph's definitely deserves this award. I met the pupils and it is clear they felt their opinions were being listened to and that things were changing"

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In addition to support from Durham County Council for the core service, thanks must also go to the town and parish councils that provide local support, and have enabled us to maintain all of our outreaches, details of which can be found on our website: www.cab-sedgefield.co.uk or by telephoning our gateway line on 01388 825429

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Music Festival

annual music festival in County Durham have revealed their line-up for this year's event.

Auckland Music Bishop and Arts Festival will be weekend June 29-30 promises stellar live performances from Bishop's own mod influenced 'Circuit 68', County Durham acoustic roots band 'Midway Arcadia' and London Indie band 'Playmaker'.

Playmaker, a four piece band with a classic line up of bass, drums, two guitars and two vocals, released their debut album 'Lucky Bag' in March and are also performing at the Love Music Hate Racism Festival in Medway, Kent, and award-winning London music venue The Barfly this summer. For Proms fans Andy Jackson will be conducting The Cobweb Orchestra, an award winning community orchestra which takes classical music

to unusual places including recent performances in Newcastle's Grainger Market and Central Bus Station.

It is the sixth year for the festival, which last year attracted 6,000 people to see top name performers. A new format has been devised by organisers for next month's event due to the torrential rain and flash floods which almost forced the cancellation of last year's festival and caused extensive damage to the fields, some of which are owned by St John's School and Sixth Form College.

Continued poor weather in recent months has prevented reinstatement works meaning the festival, sponsored by Bishop Auckland Town Council, has to be moved indoors to Bishop Auckland College's Woodhouse Lane campus for this year, although a family fairground will operate outdoors over the weekend.



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Toddle Waddle for Charity



The House of Eden Nursery arranged a Toddle the awful weather condition and helped by Waddle in aid of the Meningitis Trust recently. Both staff and children walked around the Stephenson Way Schoolfield on the morning and afternoon (in terrible conditions on the afternoon) and raised a fantastic £300 so far. The manager Claire said "The children braved

encouraging the staff to keep going, but it's for a very worthwhile cause and we are delighted at the money raised so far and donations are still coming in".

Claire can be contacted on 01325 315623 or through our website www.edennursery.co.uk

Students Receive Letter from Baroness

A group of students studying Religious Education in Year 9 at Greenfield College have been engaging with the wider world regarding Human Rights and specifically the rights of girls around the world to enjoy an education. Inspired by the experience of Pakistani school girl Malala Yousefzai who was shot by Taliban sympathisers following her outspoken views on girl's education on her blog site, the class wrote letters to William Hague, the British Foreign Secretary, explaining Malala's situation and asking him to intervene to help girls like her whose rights are denied.

The class received in return a letter from Baroness Warsi,

Senior Minister of State who manages the UK's relations with Pakistan. She informed students she had read all their letters, that she too was concerned that Malala make a full recovery, and was inspired by her nomination for a Nobel Peace Prize. She went on to outline the measures the British Government had taken to support schooling in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Malala's home province, through UK Aid. She thanked the students for writing and wished them the all the best in their studies. The class were very pleased

with the letter and this has inspired students to write to believes

other notable political figures on issues they are concerned about. Their teacher, Mr Matthews-John this, along with a recent interview of Phil Wilson MP by Greenfield students, is the first step to students engaging with the wider political world and encouraging a sense in them that they are able to make changes and influence the course of events on a local and global scale.

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The Council intend in not less than 7 days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to close to all vehicular traffic a 140m length of Durham Way between its junctions with the eastern and southern entrances to Katell Fire Surrounds, and also on a 20m length of Carlbury Rd. that extends southwards from its junction with Durham Way, Aycliffe Ind. Est. to enable new flood alleviation sewer works to be undertaken.

The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required from 28.05.13 for the duration of new flood alleviation sewer works anticipated to be 4 weeks. However, for operational reasons, on rare occasions, closures may be necessary on dates and times other than those set out above and where this occurs, closures and/or diversions will be signed accordingly.

An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the northern side of the closure from Durham Way North westerly via Redworth Way to the junction with Whinbank Rd, then southerly to the junction with Whitworth Ave. then easterly to the junction with Durham Way South to the western side of the closure, or continuing south to the junction with Welbury Way that leads eastwards to Carlbury Rd. to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa.

Dated: 17 May 2013



Colette Longbottom Head of Legal & Democratic Services County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

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Forthcoming Events

FATHERS DAY SPECIAL

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"THE HYENA LOUNGE" COMEDY CLUB

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JIMMY CARR

Saturday 6th July - Sunderland Empire Theatre - $\pounds 42.50$

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SUNDERLAND AIR SHOW

Saturday 27th July - £8.00

LIGHTWATER VALLEY Coach Only - Adults £9.00, Children £8.00

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Sunday 11th August

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A number of trees, under the Town Council's ownership, have been damaged/vandalised at School Aycliffe. The trees are located on the walkway to the rear of Forresters Path and Hansard Close. In some cases, the damage is so extensive that the trees may require removal at a cost to the Council and thus to the residents of Great Aycliffe. The Council has reported the damage to the Police, but in addition would ask for any witnesses to this act of vandalism and damage to contact the Council directly on 01325 300700. Andrew Bailey, Town Clerk



Jessica Baker sent this photo in from her mobile phone

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roads in Newton Aycliffe.

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get repaired so quickly? I

have attached some "before"

photographs of Langdale

Place, but sorry to say I have

no "after" photographs.

JW Hogg



MEMORIAL SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE **OF LOVED ONES**

On Sunday June 2nd at 4-00 pm there will be a short Memorial Service at St. Clare's Church in the town centre to which anyone can come along and light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones.

All are very welcome to this Service which will consist of hymns, a bible reading and prayers. There will be a time for reflection after we light our candles, and also time set aside after the Service to view our Memorial Book in the Remembrance Room in which you can have your loved ones names entered if you wish.

Everyone is most welcome to stay for light refreshments afterwards. If you would like any further information about this Service you can contact Pam Lovelass, Pastoral Assistant of the church on 316841. e-mail pamlovelass@gmail.com.



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What About Our Road? NATIONAL SMILE MONTH



Dear Sir,

How lovely of you to show the before and after photographs of Stanfield Road and also the comments of Councillor Derek Atkinson, praising the work of the Council and GARA. Now maybe this example will be followed by other members of the Council encouraging them to do the same for their areas of the town.

We have contacted DCC and our esteemed MP with photographs - about Langdale Place several times in the last 2 years, with no results whatsoever, and the road continues to deteriorate further which will ultimately add to costs. This also applies to residents of Oakfield, and I suspect many more. Both of these roads are in appalling condition as are many of the

SUSPICIOUS PLAKAPIEK9

Approx 2 weeks ago a silver vehicle (possibly a RAV4) with black paw prints all over the sides and bonnet, driven by a female and a female front passenger has been seen in suspicious circumstances enquiring about dog walker's dogs near to Burn Lane.

If you know this vehicle or have any information regarding this vehicle please contact the Police on 101 and ask to speak to PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson. PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team

20th May - 20th June Research shows a smile is glucose, sucrose and fructose.

one of the first things we National Smile people. Month is a perfect time to offer advice on the threats to teeth posed by acids in our

In my busy dental practice I find that new patients are mostly unaware of the dangers to their smile caused by hidden acids.

BE ACID AWARE

As we all enjoy acidic drinks like juices, wine or fizzy drinks from time to time, consider the following to minimise damage.

AVOID repeated sipping, down the drink in as few mouthfuls as possible. CHILL the drink - less acid

DRINK through a straw so notice when meeting other the liquid does not touch your teeth DON'T drink out of cans -

the acid is concentrated on your top front teeth which dissolves them faster. FACT – artificial sweeteners

are "stickier" than sugar, causing acids in man made drinks to adhere to teeth for longer resulting in more damage

BEWARE of drinks labelled "diet", "low sugar" or "no added sugar".

READ the small print on man made drinks - culprit chemicals to avoid are phosphoric acid and citric acid. Sugars will be labelled ending in – ose, for example

TOP TIPS for keeping a healthy, happy and confident smile are as follows:-

Be well informed about threats to the health of your teeth and gums.

Ask questions about the health of your mouth at your regular dental examination and hygiene appointments. Give bacteria the brush off,

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A Helping Hand When it was Needed



Dear Sir,

May I express my sincere gratitude to the 'Helping Hands Project'.

A short while ago I was struggling to find a job. and I had just moved house with my young son. Trying to survive on benefits was hard during the move and I was getting anxious while looking

One afternoon I received a call from a friend, who told me about Helping Hands Project who said they could help me by sending me some boxes of household items and food. I received my items within a week and it felt like Christmas had come early.

I had more than I could imagine, I even had a couple of great presents for my son, which I put away for special 6431262

occasions. It was a great weight lifted off my shoulders and the money I would have had to spend on household items etc. was now free to spend on other important things like gas and electric. I cannot thank them enough for their kindness. Since then my situation has changed for the better and I now have a job and have a much more positive outlook on life.

I would highly recommend anyone who is struggling financially to get in touch with the Helping Hands Project. They really did make a difference in my life when I needed help. Thank you again to all the team.

From Mel and Nathan If you need a 'Helping Hand.' phone Tel: Alwyn M: 0793

Training Centre Help Secure Contract for Local Firm

A local manufacturer has the order using their own addition to the machine hire, secured a £20,000 work contract after utilising an Aycliffe training centre's facilities to fulfil the order. Izumi Products has fulfilled a significant order thanks to an overflow service provided by S.W. Durham Training

The manufacturer, which innovative produces precision hydraulic tools for the electricity distribution construction industry, was able to use SWDT's state of the art equipment to deliver a large contract to produce hydraulic press tools for a client. The company did not have the capacity to fulfil

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machines, so signed a hire agreement with SWDT to ensure they could deliver the work within the timeframes required. Jenny Williams, managing

director of Izumi Products, said that without SWDT's support, they would have had to deliver the work over a much longer timeframe, something that would have cost the company money.

She said: "We have enjoyed a busy period lately, which is fantastic for the business. However, we operate in a sector in which capital investments like machinery and equipment can spiral into many thousands of pounds. The availability of cutting edge equipment at SWDT means that we don't need to purchase additional equipment until we are absolutely in a position to invest, and that's a hugely helpful resource for businesses during what remain quite unpredictable trading conditions, especially small businesses that may find it difficult to predict future workload."

The company made use of SWDT's equipment after seeing it when they attended an engineering forum at the organisation's multi-million pound training centre. In call 01325 313 194.

the firm has also employed apprentice SWDT and put one of their employees through a short

SWDT is based in large, modern, purpose built premises in Newton Aycliffe and has a comprehensive, fully equipped training centre and their facilities boast cutting edge manufacturing and engineering equipment.

Charl Erasmus, chief executive of SWDT, said: "SWDT is a not-for-profit organisation, and one that was set up to support the needs of industry in the North East. We have some of the most advanced manufacturing and engineering equipment on the market for use by our learners, but much of this equipment is only in use for a small proportion of the day. "Hiring out our equipment for commercial use is an innovative way of supporting the local business community. while also generating revenue that we can reinvest for the greater good of the North East manufacturing and engineering sectors. It is a win-win solution."

For more information about courses at S.W. Durham Training Ltd, visit www. southwestdurham.co.uk or

Ladies Fun Run at

being encouraged to take part

Park. Organised by Durham County Council, the fun run celebrates ladies sport and physical activity, and is open to all women aged 16 and

Competitors can choose to run 1k, 3k or 5k on a course that loops Hardwick Park, with a medal being given to every runner who completes

Helen Tones, sport and physical activities development officer, said: "This event is one of many activities we coordinate across the county to encourage women and girls to take part in regular exercise, and we hope to see a fantastic turn out.

"As well as the many health benefits from participating in the run, this is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Hardwick Park.'

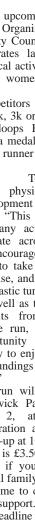
The run will take place at Hardwick Park on Sunday, June 2, at 11am, with registration at 10.00am and warm-up at 10.45am.

Entry is £3.50, discounted to £2.50 if you register early, and all family and friends are welcome to come along and offer support.

The deadline for early entry is 12pm on Friday 17 May, but runners will still be welcome to just arrive on the day.

For further information or to book your place in the run, please contact Peter Garrod on 03000 262 798, or Helen Tones on 03000 262 797.

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HITACHI **START TO BUILD**

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Business Durham and crossparty political support headed by Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield."

of contract The close Hitachi between Rail Europe and Merchant Place Developments enables the developer to award further contracts for the build of the plant. Currently, an archaeological exploration is being carried out on the site, which will take approximately three to four months. Hitachi Rail Europe is keen to ensure that any historical remains are uncovered and preserved. Construction of the plant is expected to start at the end of 2013, with the factory scheduled to go into production in 2016. The Super Express Trains will go into full passenger service in 2017.

The site in Newton Aycliffe best fits the company's business requirements for its factory, including good access by road, rail and ship, highly skilled workforce in the vicinity. Since contract award by the DfT, Hitachi Rail Europe has been working with Merchant Place Development and the architects to design all aspects of the factory, so that further contracts can be awarded to sub-contractors over the next

and more. We would like to

thank all the local community

partners for their support in

this great project - and hope

to see lots of families from

Newton Aycliffe on the day!

For more information contact

us on 01325 379048, or visit

our website www.greenfield-

arts.co.uk

May Half Term at **Greenfield Arts**

We have been busy planning a fantastic programme of activities here at Greenfield Arts for the May half term week later this month. Places for our arty sessions have filled up fast, but we still have some places left for our popular Family Cooking sessions with Season to Taste. Also this half term we have the finale of the project we have been co-ordinating for the past few months: "Out of the Bag!" This project, funded by GAMP AAP, has been a great opportunity for Greenfield Arts to work together with two other local community centres: Woodham Community Association and Agnew Community Centre to encourage families to visit the centres, to see what they have on offer, and to experience free creative activities. As a finale celebration of the project we are holding a free family fun day on Saturday 1st June at Greenfield Arts from 10am to 3pm, including live performances, creative activities, art workshops, food

SPRING FAIR

Vane Road School hold a

Spring Fair on Tuesday 21st

May from 3.30pm onwards.

view the various craft and

welcome

Everyone

TRAIN INFO

The latest Train Timetables for Newton Aycliffe is now available from Darlington Library and major Train Stations in the area. It runs from 19th May - 7th December 2013.

Students Learn Bridgebuilding



Last week the ICE (Institution of Civil Engineers) bridge came to St Francis Junior School in Newton Avcliffe. Throughout the week the classes took it in turns to take part in bridge building lead by volunteers who are civil engineers. The week started with group 1 who, not surprisingly, thought that the bridge was made out of ice! All the children were asking "When is it our turn?" as they

were going to have! During their sessions the children were given the opportunity to dress in safety equipment; gloves, protective helmets, high visibility jackets and safety goggles to ensure they didn't get hurt.

After that they worked in teams to build their own bridge, this involved fixing nuts and bolts, rotating cables and taking on real

and scaffolders! All of the children and adults involved in the building of the ICE bridge, including parents and carers who came in to help, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, a year 4 child explained "It was a great opportunity to work with real engineers and one that I will not forget!" Everybody hopes that they have the chance to do it again in the future!





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people to a free Open Day on Saturday 1st June between 10am and 2pm to find out what's available for them.

If you're looking for something fun and different to do with the kids, there will be family games, arts and crafts and smoothie

Perhaps you want to know what social activities are available to get you out of the house and meeting new people. There will be information on group activities such as New Age Kurling, Boccia, Zumba Gold, Colour your Life,

health walks and cycling. If you are aged 40 – 74 come along and have a health check. Health checks include height, weight and waist measurements, a simple finger stick test for cholesterol and blood pressure checks (if eligible) Health Trainers will also be offering advice on the diet and nutrition, physical goal setting, activity, stopping smoking and much, much more.

Have a dip in the relaxing Hydrotherapy Pool, between 12-2pm it's ideal for people of all ages and

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PCP staff will be on hand to answer questions and all visitors will receive a special offer for the Mall Coffee shop.

There will be a full programme of activities and it's all free for one day only! Carol Wood, Development Business Director for the PCP says: "There is a full range of exciting and interesting activities on offer to help people get fit, learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or improve their confidence and self-esteem."

"We would also like to know if there is something people want to do that isn't on offer. Please pop in, have a nosy and tell us what you would like the Pioneering Care Centre to offer you.

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students to fly the plane as part of the fly past during their annual air show on the weekend of 1st and 2nd June. The students are really looking forward to the weekend and are all keeping their fingers crossed for good weather

THANKS FOR YOUR VOTES

Dear Sir

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and happy landings.

Aycliffe Fighter Wins 2nd British Title

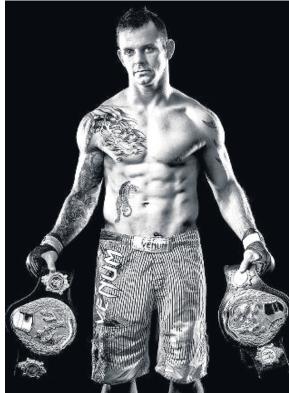


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Mixed Martial Arts fighter I've met, pushing himself to Mikey Hogarth fought at Total Combat on May 11th against a fighter from Cumbria. The fight lasted only 3mins with Mikey dominating from the bell to secure a win by submission and earning him his 2nd British Welterweight title.

Mikey, who trains with local Viper MMA Club is now the Unified Champion and will be defending both belts later in the year. Viper coach Mark Reay says: "Mikey is a true champ, he works harder than anyone the limit in all aspects of the sport. He's one of the nicest lads in the sport and a great asset to the club. I'm sure he will hold these titles for a very long time."

Anyone interested in trying the sport can pop along - new members are always welcome, We are based at Acorn House Durham Way North on the Business Park with a fully insured gym, and new Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes starting in

WORK IN TOWN CENTRE MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

Work in the Town Centre is progressing well and on schedule according to Manager Bryan Haldane. he accepts there may be some inconvenience and apologises for that, but not one shop has lost its access during the upheaval.

Shoppers are urged to follow the signs taking them to the shopping area. There may be some difficulty for people with pushchairs and they are requested to access the town centre from Greenwell Road. The old paving is all but

gone and the surface is being prepared for new paved areas and modern street furniture to be installed. This will take time and not be complete for at least another 4 months. Meanwhile the builders are working out the logistics of removing the old ramp and revitalising the entrance to the town centre at the Aldi end of Beveridge Way.

Readers will notice that common sense has prevailed and the wall next to Aldi denying access to the town centre from the multi-storey

car park has been taken down. The areas is now being prepared with paving and lighting to allow public access.

Newtonians can start looking forward to completion of this phase of the redevelopment in November when the town centre will be transformed into a very attractive shopping experience. Bryan Haldane is very optimistic and already has a number of retailers intereasted in moving into Newton Aycliffe.

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Aycliffe F.C.'s Player of the Year

Stuart Owen was named last season. player of the year at Newton Elsewhere, Danny Earl Aycliffe FC's annual presentation evening.

appearances during the campaign as the Royal Blues ended 17th in the Northern League first division, after winning five of their last six fixtures.

Owen, a midfielder by trade, spent the majority of the season filling in at left-back but still managed to match his tally of five goals from



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picked up a hat-trick of awards. The former The Newtonian made 48 Billingham Synthonia striker added the players' player and the supporters' player awards to his top scorer trophy, after netting 25 goals in 41 games after arriving from Norton &

> Summer signing Martin Young picked up the secretary's player of the year, following an impressive debut season which saw him score six times in 41 appearances from midfield.

> And the manager's award went to Fred Woodhouse, who scored 10 goals in 49 outings and made a name as a striker after previously playing out wide.

Woodhouse topped his successful night off by being put under the brilliant hypnotist Adam Night's spell.



Mark Wood was another volunteer in the night's entertainment and the pair were made to undertake a variety of embarrassing acts. Chairman Gary Farley added an emotional tribute to the late, great Frankie Swinburne, whose passing away during the campaign brought much sadness to the club.

Last year's multiple awardwinner Darren Craddock will leave the club in the summer after agreeing terms with local rivals Shildon.

The former Hartlepool United and York City centreback joined his hometown club at the beginning of the 2011/12 campaign and went on to make 83 appearances for Allan Oliver's side.

The 28-year-old leaves Moore Lane Park with a heavy heart.

He said: "I would like to thank the club for helping me enjoy my football again. It's a fantastic club with fantastic people and I'm sad to leave. 'I have nothing but good things to say about the club and the people than run it.

"It was a privilege to play for my hometown club and I wish them all the best for the

Newton Aycliffe Cricket

On Sunday 28th April of 1 hour 36 mins and Wendy Aycliffe Triathlon Club took Bake who was 6th in her group also in 1 hour 36 mins. part in a variety of events across the North East. First Gareth Elkin was first athlete saw 3 members in Durham home for the club in 1 hour Duathlon an event made up 21 mins taking 18th place in of a 5k run followed by a 25k his category. On Sunday 12th Andrew

Robertson and

Sedgwick were

their group.

club.

Cleveland Sprint Triathlon.

Altogether a great start to the Triathlon Calendar for

Aycliffe Tri Club with some

fantastic results. A very big

well done to everyone who

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Busy Race Calendar

cycle then another 5k run. Kevin Greenhall was 1st in his category (again) coming home in 1 hour 50 mins, Gareth Elkin was 5th in his category with a fantastic finish time of 1 hour 34 mins and Andrew Robertson in the same group as Gareth came in 1 hour 48 mins in 14th position.

Across at Teesdale Andrew Sedgwick and Ian Knight were taking part in the Teesdale Mountain Time Trial, the course was a tough 40 mile route which both riders completed in very fast times of 2 hours 7 mins for Ian Knight and 2 hours 22 mins for Andrew Sedgwick.

Over at Sunderland Wendy Bake took part in the Sunderland Marathon coming home with a new PB going sub 4 hours with an impressive time of 3 hours 53 mins. Altogether a very busy but successful day for the club, despite the terrible weather conditions everyone thoroughly enjoyed their races.

Sunday May 5th the club had five members competing at the Darlington Rotary Sprint Triathlon. There were two new athletes making their debut in the 400m swim-26k cycle-5k run event, Melanie Rowland was 9th in her category coming home in 1 hour 39 mins and David Fisher 23rd in his group with 1 hour 23 mins. Also racing was Jen Bainbridge who was 15th in her group and a time

Aycliffe Tri Club's | SPECIAL SUCCESS



Walworth School recently successfully defended its Durham, Darlington and Cleveland Special schools cross country championship. The Key Stage two boys` team performed exceptionally well in the event staged at Preston Park, Stockton.

Walworth boys filled the first three places in the race and the team were strongly backed up by other boys finishing 7th and 22nd. About 45 boys were in the event, the

children running a distance of one mile over a very undulating course.

Teacher. Head Wallbanks, said the children had really practiced hard up to the event. Cross county is not easy and the children were well rewarded with the first three positions in the race. The whole team had performed really well on the day supporting each other and deserve great credit for their attitude and endurance.

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> the 46th over. The second team league game at home to Billingham Synthonia was cancelled due to bad weather.

The first team were well beaten away at Whitby in the quarter final of

the league cup, despite a fantastic 106 not out from captain Chris Palmer, who hit 16 fours and 2 huge sixes in his innings and his century came from just 67

lost at home to Bishop Auckland by 45 runs, victory, the homeside were

The under 15s had a wicket victory at home to Bishop Auckland thanks to a superb career best score of 48 not out from 12 year old Adam Lamb and an excellent unbeaten 24 from opening batsman Pat

Darlington at Feethams, chasing 116 for victory in 20 overs, Aycliffe managed to reach a creditable 77 for 5 with good contributions coming from Adam Lamb and Jack Lowery, who both batted well to each score 21



balls. Newton Aycliffe's u18s chasing 118 in 20 overs for dismissed for 72 from 19.1 overs with Craig Robertson top scoring with 30 runs. tremendous 7 Howe. The u13's lost away to

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The programme, which has been developed by Woodham, enables 16 year olds to travel to, and coach at Camp Cody, a summer camp with almost 80 years of history. Situated on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire, students will live in log cabins and work with campers from all over America, an opportunity usually only available to students aged 18 plus. The programme is the first of its kind in the UK.

The four lucky students had to go through a strict application and interview process before they were selected to take part in the scheme. The young students will spend their time

coaching American children

aged 7-15 in a multitude of

activities, including water

skiing, wind surfing and kayaking, alongside traditional sports of baseball, basketball and American Football. Not only will the students have the summer of a lifetime, but they will also develop essential skills needed in leadership.

This will undoubtedly see them continue to develop into successful, mature and dynamic individuals ready to realise their dreams and ambitions as young adults. Students will undergo an advanced training programme in preparation for their departure in July, developing their coaching and leadership skills.

Jon Tait, Assistant Head Teacher at Woodham and leader of the Camp Cody programme commented, "This is a wonderful and truly unique opportunity for our students. The benefit that this will have to them as young people cannot be underestimated. The summer will now be a great way to utilise their energy and enthusiasm for sport and helping young people'

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My repair bill was £1000.

I contacted Tesco Customer Services who dismissed my complaint out of hand. I replied asking them to investigate properly and with an offer to supply them with a sample of the suspect fuel, the fuel filter and the specialists report.

Tesco have sent 2 further letters dismissing my complaint on the grounds that no-one else has complained, "so it can't be their fault". They refuse to investigate the matter and ignore my questions. evidence and

Incredibly the most recent letter ends by stating that they hope I will continue to shop with them.

I feel sure that their refusal to take my complaint seriously, is because they do not want to encourage others to think a complaint about fuel quality could be successful.

Now that I am aware that other customers have also experienced the problem and received similarly dismissive treatment from Tesco, I feel that the customers of Tesco should be made aware of the risk of purchasing fuel from this outlet.

I'm also wondering whether there is any way that those of us who have been affected by this can find a route to achieve redress from Tesco.

If this incident is of any interest to you, I would be happy to provide any further information you require. Patrick Montgomery 0797 4742679

WELFARE REFORM EXPLAINED

Sedgefield Reform Explained" Event, on Wednesday 29th May 10am till 1pm at Jubilee Fields Community Centre,

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Obituary

JEAN ELEANOR SMITH

Passed away peacefully on 11th May 2013, aged 93 years. Loving Wife of the late Norman; adored Mother of Margaret and the late George; precious Granny to Lee, Joanna, Julia and Melanie and Great Grandchildren, much loved by George's Sons; Treasured Sister and Aunty. Heaven is richer, for a beautiful angel has left this Earth to be with her Husband and Son in the arms of God. Funeral Service at St Clares Church on Thursday 23rd May 2013 at 2.15pm, followed by Private Cremation. Thank you to the devoted team of nurses on Ward2 UHND, who gave my Mam exceptional care and compassion to her family. Thank you to all at Rose Lodge Care Home for your years of love and friendship, we are so grateful

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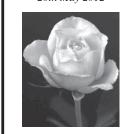
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In Memoriam

PETER SCOTT

20th May 2012



prayed we had woken from a bad dream. A year's past Peter, shock and sadness has become a reality. You are our first thought each and every waking day and the last at night. The love and guidance you gave us will be with us for life. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. A true gentleman, sadly missed by all our friends and family and three broken hearts missing an amazing Husband and Dad. Patsy, Sophie and Alexander xxx

PETER SCOTT

20th May 2012



Our precious Brother-inlaw and Uncle, our tears are still falling, we miss you so much. Love, Gary Bev and Christopher x

PETER SCOTT In memory of our dear friend. One year has gone by without you, no last farewells were spoken, we never said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, God alone knows why. Remembered always, Martin and Rosa

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(Nee Elliott) 16th May 2012



Beautiful Mum I can't believe it's been a year Not a day has gone by that I don't shed a tear, my heart aches, it hurts so bad. I have ALL happy memories . . . but they also make me sad. Mum, I miss vou more each day Your smile, your laugh, your hugs . . . more than words can say. As I've said before in my other little poem, if I could build a stairway to Heaven, I'd climb it and bring you straight home. (To the moon and back, Mum). Lorraine

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Congratulations Gemma Howarth

Happy 18th Birthday

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Squad consisted of Ryan Farley (player coach), Longstaff (not Thomas pictured), Jack Slatcher (Captain), Tom Pilkington (not pictured), Connor Lyon, Luke Allenby, Haydn McKenna, Christian Taylor, Jack Garbutt, Andrew Vincent, Tom Olley, Harry Winwood, Cory Loscombe, Ben Stevens, Joe Young, Kyle Hardy, Callum Lester, Nige "Slatch" Slatcher (Manager), Tracy Slatcher (Team Administrator & not pictured) and Alan Hardy

(Parent Helper)

All the players should be very proud of what they have achieved this year not just for their success on the pitch but for how they have conducted themselves whilst representing the club throughout the season. You are all a credit to your parents and to this junior football club. Three of the current squad also went on to pass their FA coaching qualification with Ryan Farley being appointed player coach for the u18.s whilst Jack Slatcher and Harry Winwood agreed to manage and coach the newly formed development squad whilst still playing for the u18's

The team can now look forward to being presented their league title trophy at the annual TJFA awards ceremony which is to be held at Tennis World in Middlesbrough on Tuesday 28th May

Finally I would like to thank Plasmor Concrete Products and the Mortgage Advice Centre for jointly sponsoring the U18's team this season.

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Aycliffe Rugby News

Newton Aycliffe RUFC considered now is the time have been busy setting out plans for the new 2013/2014 season.

recruitment The campaign has been launched and they are hopeful that new players will join the club to help build up a squad that will have a serious chance of promotion from Durham and Northumberland League division 3.

As a reminder anyone wishing to take part in pre season training will be made most welcome. Players who will be at the age of 18 can automatically play at senior level. The club also will be encouraging local lads who will be 17 years old from September 2013 to come and join the training camps. Under supervised assessment some of these lads may be eligible to play senior rugby also. So if it is a sport that you have from NARUFC!

to test yourselves and come down to the training sessions. With only approximately 15 weeks to go before the new campaign starts give it a go you will get fit at the very

To pre register for the training sessions please leave your contact details by text or e-mail to Stuart Mob 07812 372675 or email stuiemadgiraffe@yahoo. co.uk

Message to all current registered players the clubs AGM is this Sunday 19th May at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, 10.30am start. Dates and times for the new training sessions will be announced next week following the election of the new committee

Good Luck to the British Lions Test Series in Australia



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