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## HORNDALE MEETINGS

A PACT MEETING is to be held on Wednesday, 5th June at 6.30pm in Evangelical Church, Ladybower off Meadowfield Way.  
PCSO Michael Hutchinson with Neighbourhood Wardens, Park Wardens and possibly a representative of Livin and the ASB team will be in attendance.  
The Horndale Residents Association will meet afterwards.

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The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are inviting people to an Open Day at the Pioneering Care Centre on Saturday 1st June between 10am and 2pm to experience everything PCP has to offer, for free!

If you're looking for something different to do with the kids, there'll be family games, arts and crafts and smoothie making. Or if you're wanting some 'me-time' have a therapy taster or a dip in the relaxing Hydrotherapy Pool (between 12-2pm) don't forget your swim wear!

Or why not increase your social time by joining a group such as New Age Kurling, Boccia, Zumba Gold, Colour your Life, health walks or cycling?

Health trainers will be offering health checks and advice on diet and nutrition, physical activity, goal setting, stopping smoking and much, much more.

There'll be PCP staff and volunteers on hand to tell you about the full programme of services and activities available to keep people in good physical and mental health.

PCP can also assist groups and organisations by offering affordable room hire and conference facilities in the Centre and free use of a community shop in Aycliffe Town Centre, for weekly or one off activities. Plus all visitors will receive a special offer for the Mall Coffee shop.

Carol Wood, Business Development Director for the PCP says: "We want more people to experience what PCP have to offer to help people get fit, learn a new

skill, discover a new hobby or improve their confidence and self-esteem. Our new family activities and Supporter Scheme means we can reach out to a wider range of people who may not have visited the Pioneering Care Centre before."

The Open Day is this Saturday at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net.

## Flower Club

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Shildon and District Flower Club will take place at Shildon Civic Centre on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm when Area Demonstrator, Di Smith from Market Raisen, will present a flower arranging programme entitled 'Somewhere Under the Sun'. Free to members, guests £5 (pay on the door).

## Half Term Activities at Greenfield

The week was jam packed with activities at Greenfield Arts! On Tuesday we were printmaking with artist Jilly Greenwood, using collage printing, mono printing and more to make unique artworks, some of which will be on display in The Greenfield Gallery in July. On Thursday 'Season to Taste' showed us how to make some tasty treats with seasonal ingredients and on Friday we made Shrink Plastic Jewellery.

Everyone who joined in our activities had a great time, and we are all looking forward to the 'Out of the Bag Free Family Fun Day' on Saturday 1st June! Thank you to everyone who took part and made the week such a success!



## Repeated Damage to Infant School

Police are appealing for witnesses after criminal damage was caused to a window at the rear of the Infant School, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe which occurred between 18:00 hours on 16th May and midnight on 17th May.

The school is suffering from repeated incidents of criminal damage. Anyone with information please contact PC 2228 Debbie Woods at Newton Aycliffe Police Office by calling 101 quoting incident number DHM-20052013-0273.

Police are appealing for witnesses after an 11 year old boy had his brand new pedal cycle taken from him between 19:50 hours and 20:00 hours on 19th May 2013.

The young male was in Bluebell Woods, when he was approached by a white male, approximately 5 feet 9 in height with a slim build.

The male had short blond straight hair and a 'skinny' face. He was wearing a red jumper and tracksuit bottoms and was in possession of another bike which was red, blue and white in colour.

He asked the young boy how far away he lived and on being told the male took the bike and stated 'It's my bike now, you've got a long walk home!'

Any witnesses to this crime or anyone with any information which may lead to the suspect being identified please contact PC 2228 Debbie Woods at Newton Aycliffe Police Office by calling 101 quoting incident number DHM-19052013-0505.

The stolen pedal cycle has a black frame with a purple handle bar and yellow brake cable. The make of the bike is Mongoose 'Program'.

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Graham then went on to do recordings with JOHN MILES and TERRY SLESSOR. He then joined 'ERIC BELL'S THIN LIZZY' as lead guitarist comfortably performing all their hits throughout Europe. In 2002 Graham was inducted into the MONSTERS OF ROCK alongside STEVIE HUTCH on keyboards where he could really show his talents as a 'Rock God' performing the world's greatest rock songs to massive audiences throughout Europe.

In 2009 Graham joined The UK LEGENDS performing his first gig with the band on stage in front of thousands of fans alongside ALAN SILSON Ex SMOKIE original guitarist. Since then he has been amazing audiences throughout Europe with his excellent guitar playing and vocal talents.

**Saturday 8th June - "Feed The Bear"**

GIG PIT REVIEW: From a previous gig at the TURBINIA, Well! What can I say? Awesome! What a brilliant band this lot are! Very friendly and full of banter to a rather small audience. Steve was, as Marky had predicted, all over the shop, outside within 30 seconds of the first track kickin in - on the tables, on the floor, snogging the dog, the works! Mansell was extremely accommodating with Steve singing to him on the floor, Animal on drums was great to watch, bare chested and hair all over. The tattoo on his back is MEGGGGAAAA . . . Love it! Some fab renditions of some of my favourite tracks, including Alice Cooper, Faces, Bowie, Nazareth and a couple of AC/DC tracks in the first set. Have to say I thought "Highway to Hell" and "Whole Lotta Rosie" was fabulous, proper loud and ear-splitting, just how we like it. Second set gave us "California Man" (Mott the Hoople), "Bad Bad Boy", "Sin City", "Don't Believe a Word", and a track I've not heard in a long time - "Black Knight". A couple of Zep tracks and "Cat Scratch Fever" for an encore round of an absolutely brilliant gig at the Turbina. I for one thoroughly enjoyed Feed The Bear, and look forward to their (guaranteed) return here soon!

Nice one lads, some happy punters here!!

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# TALENT EVENT RAISES £1,000 FOR MIND CHARITY

On Saturday 25th May, a charity event took place in the Big Club organised by Aycliffe Young Talent Project, AYTP.co.uk. Taking part were some of Aycliffe's most talented youngsters including - The rock band The Unsound who have been putting Aycliffe's name all over the country with their rocked up versions of popular songs.

Nemesis Allstar Cheerleaders kept the audience gasping and cheering throughout the evening. If you would like to become a cheerleader give Sarah a call on 07808 504132. Two of the cheerleaders Holly Hardy and Sophie-Jean Richardson had very busy nights as they doubled up as



solo artists, giving it all and singing some great songs to everyone's delight. The most nervous solo artist Libbi Dagleish sang a great set with her jazzy soul voice and I am sure we will be hearing more from Libbi

soon. The youngest star singer of the evening was Hannah Bussey aged 12, who brought tears to many eyes as she sang her heart out. Backing all the solo artist were the Buskees, a set of young musicians that just love a challenge, playing any type of music and requests wherever they pop up. Newly formed group Dorian, with only 2 weeks practice behind them, sang 3 great songs and were booked for another show in the Legion straight away.

Alan Armstrong from MIND also took the stage with his guitar and performed two good songs.

Raffle prizes were donated from kind people, businesses and organisation on the town including Dave Parker, PACE, Shafto Way Garage - Dave Bell, J&A Headstart, Cycleways, Wilkinsons, Dave, Husqvarna, Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club, Sainsburys, Vicki Lawrence, Mandy Parker, June Croft, Muriel Gordon, Brian Croxdale Fast Fit, Julies Pets, Aycliffe Computer Shop, McDonalds, Subway, Co-op, Michael from FeastLand and Planet Leisure. They all made the raffle well worth entering. Linda Wilson bid the highest bid in the auction for The Unsound signed goodies.

All the costs for the event were covered by a donation from Trident Taxis who were the event sponsors and we would like to say a big thank you to Andrew Grout the owner for his support. Donations were received from Sidd from Eastern Spice, Michael from FeastLand, Emily from Badge.Me.UK, Andrew from Cibo's, Pizza Cottage & Cuccina by advertising in the event programme and thank you to Newton Press for the printing.

This is a great example of Aycliffe community spirit with businesses and individuals helping other Newtonians. It was a great night of entertainment and Newton Aycliffe MIND received well deserved funding, with over £1000 raised from the event.

AYTP.co.uk are auditioning for the next fundraising event, so if you are a talented singer, musician, comedian, juggler, dancer, basically anything and would like your time on stage in a family atmosphere, give Ian a call on 07704 646346.

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped organise, took part and the 300 people who attended the event from all the staff at Newton Aycliffe MIND.



## Parish Meeting Had Only 3 Parishioners

Thursday 23rd May was the occasion of the Great Aycliffe Parish Meeting. It is arguably the most important meeting of the civic year - the meeting where, not the Councillors, but the electors of Great Aycliffe, turn up to have their say.

The meeting heard the Mayor and Finance Manager give an account of the Council's year, 2012-13. This was followed by presentations by the town's Youth Council, and by Roger Curtis, Rotary Club President, who gave a very interesting account of the Rotary's good work in the town and worldwide.

After the presentations

comes the time for the electors to have their say. They can discuss any topic they want which is relevant to the town and (with a majority vote) make recommendations to the Town Council. Which made it disappointing, therefore, that only three electors were present - two former Councillors and the editor of the Newton News. There were NO questions, comments or proposals. The Council has many tasks this year, some of them of great importance to the people of the town, but its greatest task of all must be to try to restore public engagement with the democratic process.

## Silverdale House Community Centre Activities

### KNIT and CHAT Club

Ladies don't forget our Knit and Chat with a game of Bingo at Silverdale House behind Lindisfarne Nursing Home. Monday 12.30pm until 2.30pm. Admission £2. Ring for a lift. on 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

**Youth Club** every Tuesday night with youth workers 6pm until 8pm. A Thursday night session starting towards the end of June for 11yrs and upwards. Monday and Thursday 4pm until 6pm.

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# LET'S BE FAIR!

Dear Sir  
I would like to respond to Mrs Vera McCord's letter, regarding the fairground at The Huntsman in Woodham.

I am a Woodham resident, whose property faces the shop/pub car park, within 75 yards. Yes, the fairground rides were in a residential area, but all the rides were closed for the night by 9pm at the very latest.

The music was not overly loud and no louder than some of the car radios booming music out or revving their engines much later (up to midnight) most weekends.

There was no more litter than the usual amount that is dropped in the car parks behind the takeaways. The fairground is not responsible for the minority of people who throw their rubbish away, illegally, every day.

I have lived in this property

for 12 years and the fair has been every year that I can remember.

Having spoken to my neighbours, who like me, were surprised by the letter you published last week, a fellow neighbour has lived in the street for 20 years and said that she remembers the fair coming every year, although it used to be on the grassed area in front of the shops.

Mrs McCord's last line was 'she hopes it's not going to be a regular event'. It is, and has been, a regular event for at least 2 decades.

Although nothing to do with the fair, a plastic bin outside the shops was set alight. When asking for the bin to be replaced, we are told it will not. When suggesting a concrete bin would not be destroyed by fire we are told there is no money to pay for one.

Sue Sinclair  
Address supplied

# Notice Board for Middridge



Former Councillor Dorothy Bowman was called to Middridge Village Hall to perform her final duty in officially installing a Village Notice Board and presenting a new projector, funded from her DCC Neighbourhood Budget. She thanked everyone for the support she received while a Councillor and explained how she lost her seat. "I now have to wait for 4 years but I will be back standing in your ward regardless of boundary changes, so please do not forget me" said Dorothy.

# GCSE Textiles Facility at Woodham

Forty seven Year 11 students have just taken their exam for Textiles Technology at Woodham Academy after having completed a two year GCSE course.

The course involved completing a controlled assessment project which enabled each student to design and make a commercially viable textiles product.

Most students opted to produce a fashion garment and learnt a variety of technical and creative processes required to create a bespoke piece including pattern making, fabric cutting, tailoring skills, hand and machine sewing, adding zips and fasteners, printing, dyeing, knitting and embroidery.



Students studying textiles technology at Woodham Academy have been enjoying working in a specially designed facility at the school. The textiles room includes dyeing facilities, sewing machines, overlocking machines and a bespoke cutting table.

This offered a fantastic opportunity for students at the school to develop their creative and technical skills by using top of the range machinery to make high quality and innovative textile products such as toys, hats, bags, fashion and artwork.

## Vane Road School New Admissions

Vane Road Primary School is holding an Induction Meeting on Thursday 6th June at 6pm for parents/guardians of children due to start school in September 2013. Please come along, everyone welcome.

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## Flower Power for Drummer Rigby

David Pickering a serving soldier from Newton Aycliffe based at Catterick has set up a Facebook page to get people to join him on Saturday 1st June at 12:30 to lay flowers outside St Clares Church to show support and respect for Drummer Rigby who died in Woolwich.

He has received a good response with 90 people promising to attend on the day. His Facebook page is called Drummer Rigby's Flower Protest.

"It's happening all over the UK, and I just think it will bring people together in Newton Aycliffe and make people think what our soldiers do for our country," said David.

Rail Restoration North East was buzzing with excitement as flocks of people, young and old, came to see the progress of the new-build G5 locomotive. The star of the Open Day was one of the four massive driving wheels; they are now ready to be finished with their steel 'tyres'. Along with the enormous boiler, 4 wheel bogie and chassis frame it was easy to see how the skeleton of this NER 0-4-4 locomotive is well on its way. One of our younger visitors remarked "Cor! I didn't know they were this big!" Luke Sheppard, aged 9. Several other viewers reminisced about how they used to see G5s on the mainline and "...were very glad that someone was bringing the North Eastern workhorse back."

There was a flurry of activity at the merchandise table where a limited edition range of G5 tee-shirts and mugs were ordered by keen enthusiasts who wanted to contribute to the build fund and own a piece of locomotive history. For the younger train buff a special range of gorgeous I love G5 pencils proved to be irresistible!

We were also able to welcome a record number of visitors who were so impressed by the build progress that they signed up to be Friends of the G5 and a few who chose to become component sponsors. Their names will

be on the prestigious G5 Roll of Honour and they will also have The build to date has been completely financed by either shareholders or membership of the 'Friends of the G5' and each distinct unit has been built with the funds available. All of the G5 Locomotive therefore belongs to the company. We are now ready to launch, in the next few weeks, our first construction bond issue, in units of £1000, to finance the next stage of the project: the four driving wheels tyre fitting and manufacturing and fitting of the cylinders and axle boxes. It will attract an interest of between 4-5%, therefore making it a very attractive investment.

Our June Open Day is on Saturday 1st June, 10am - 2pm, when we will unveil the welded driver and fireman's cab. The engineer drawings will be on display and a photograph gallery of the progress to date, as well as our engineer Derek who is always happy to answer any burning questions you may have. There will also be the opportunity to take part in our monthly raffle to win some fabulous prizes and purchase from our range of unique G5 Locomotive merchandise. Further 2013 Open Days will be Saturdays 6th July, 3rd August and 7th September. All the Open Days are free at Rail Restorations North East Ltd, Unit 8A, Hackworth



Sometime overnight on 9th May into the morning of the 10th May unknown persons have taken the spare wheel from underneath a Ford Transit parked in Bluebell Close. We are asking if anyone saw any suspicious vehicles or persons in the Bluebell Close area. If you have any information regarding this incident please contact Police on 101. REF DHM10052013-0133. Richard PCSO 7438 Scott Newton Aycliffe NPT

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# ANGLERS HELP NEEDED WITH FISHING EVENTS FOR H.M. FORCES

Local children's charity 'Fishing With Tom' are to host three full day events in aid of Fishing For Forces. The dates are 25th June, 2nd and 9th July all at West House Trout Lakes in the village of Bishopton TS21 1LL which will be sign posted on the day. We will be fundraising one day for members of the forces who have lost their sight in conflict and two days for returning members of the forces from active duty. These events will cost around £1000 to organise and we need help: We are looking to all Fly Anglers who can give their time on any of these days to come forward to help. We also need twenty mentors who can assist the injured personnel. Secondly we need funds and it is a lot to ask of people these days, but this is our chance to give something back to those who have given so much for us and asked for nothing in return. You can donate through paypal using: fishermanL2@aol.com or donate direct to us or come along on the day and donate at the event and meet members of the forces. For those who attend

breakfast and lunch will be provided FREE. We are also having someone very special turn up for one day only!

For more information please contact Fishing with Tom on 01325 308049 or 0775 9469032 to confirm you are willing to help.

## Maths Achievement



This year a group of students from Greenfield Community College took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge which is run yearly by Leeds University. The challenge involves answering a series of Maths questions under exam conditions in schools. Students across Year 9, 10 and 11 from Greenfield Community College took part this year, with eight students receiving certificates including two students receiving best in year certificates! Well done to these students for this fantastic achievement!

## Noise Level of Fun Fair Acceptable

Dear Sir,  
The Fun Fair on Huntsman Car Park has been a regular event for several years. It used to be on the green, but moved for insurance purposes. As for the noise levels, I believe this has been monitored by the Council following a complaint and it was found to be well within the limit. The fair was open from 6-8pm which is not excessive, and as for litter, the complainant only needs to walk around the shops to see more from discarded pizza and fish & chip wrappings. My neighbours and I have no complaints against the fair we live only 50 yards away! M. Shelton and neighbours.

## Summer Fayre

Saturday 1st June come along to St. Clare's Church Newton Aycliffe at 10am for the start of Summer! Enjoy a bacon sandwich, home-made cakes, pies and a hot cuppa. Browse the stalls and support YOUR town centre Church. Hamper, gift parcels, bottles, books and much more....

# VOTE TO GIVE AYCLIFFE COUPLE A DREAM WEDDING

Karon Woodfine and Neil Coates both 51 from Newton Aycliffe would love to win a dream wedding! Neil says: "Karon and I grew up in Newton Aycliffe and have known each other since we were 16 years old. I loved Karon from the moment we met, I asked her out four times but each time she said no! I was heart broken." They went on to live separate lives, Neil joined the army and moved to Canada. Karon never married but had two serious relationships. After 22 years in Canada, Neil returned to England in 2012. He had an interest in Northern Soul and attended the Whitby Soul weekend in July with his friend Ian. The first afternoon they went to the Pavilion, bought a drink and went to find somewhere to sit.

"As soon as I saw the person sitting at the table that we were headed towards I knew right away it was Karon, and my heart skipped. I sat beside her and we started chatting. We talked all weekend and had a great time. Since then we have been dating and on Valentine's Day 2013, I proposed and Karon said yes," said Neil. Neil was wounded in Afghanistan in 2006 and lives on a medical pension,



Karon is registered disabled due to problems with her back. They are not rich but are very happy and as Karon has never been married it is a dream of hers to have a nice wedding. This prize would be an ideal way to seal their

special love story. To Vote for the couple you can ring 0901 3601239 or text WEDDING (then a space) 1239 to 80360 Telephone and text voting lines will close on Sunday, June 23 at 11.59pm

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## The Stroke Association's Peer Support Service

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to inform you that the Stroke Association's Peer Support Service has organised a Peer Support Group, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Wednesday 5th June at the Pioneering Care Partnership. This will run once a fortnight. The service offers support in a group setting, friendship networks, support to access training or to return to work, recreational activities, access to volunteering opportunities, support for carers, and information about resources and opportunities to meet others in a similar situation.

Speakers from different organisations are invited, depending on what people in the group are interested in or keen to hear about. The sessions enable stroke survivors and their carers to meet with other people, share thoughts, regain confidence, re-learn skills, and support each other. I would like to offer anyone who thinks this would benefit them the opportunity to join us. People who are interested should please contact me on 01388 771 524.

**Kay Seymour**  
Peer Support Coordinator

## LADIES LUNCH IN AID OF BUTTERWICK HOSPICE

Butterwick supporters are invited to attend a Ladies Lunch at the Park Head Hotel, Bishop Auckland on Wednesday 19th June.

The theme is the Great British Public and the guest speaker is Royal collector and historian Anita Atkinson.

Anita is deputy lieutenant and also editor of the *Weardale Gazette*. Her collection includes ceramics, trays, porcelain, trinkets, tea towels, coins to name but a few and totals over 6,000 catalogued items.

Anita's passion for Royal memorabilia began in the 1930's when she inherited her mother's Royal collection and has escalated into the phenomenal amassed collection. Only a fraction of selected items will be on display at the Park Head on the day of the luncheon.

As a nation Great Britain have been collecting commemorative souvenirs and memorabilia since the early 17th century. It reached its peak with the coronation of Queen Victoria and as a nation Royal marriage, birthdays and coronations have been marked with a host of items to mark these occasions. In true tradition fine English teas will welcome your arrival and lunch will



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Fundraising Department on 01388 600644 or email [lynnalbury@butterwick.org.uk](mailto:lynnalbury@butterwick.org.uk) - There will also be traditional British crafts and local preserves and home baked pastries on sale!

## Ballroom and Latin Dancing

Our Summer term of Community Learning Courses are in full swing at Greenfield Arts. A range of courses including Floral Art, Painting and Drawing, Spanish and Jewellery making are all halfway through, and the participants have been creating and learning some fantastic new skills and artworks over the last five weeks - we look forward to seeing what they achieve next half term!

We also offer weekly Ballroom and Latin sessions, with a fantastic friendly group who gather each week on a Tuesday evening to hone their skills and learn new techniques. The group are always happy to welcome new participants, from beginners to those who want to practice their skills. If you would like to join this group, who meet at 7pm on a Tuesday evening, please contact us on 01325 379048. For more information on all our courses and activities visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Top Brass at the DLI

County Durham's top brass are tuning up for a series of outdoor concerts starting this weekend.

The DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery is the venue for a series of Sunday afternoon brass band performances throughout June and July.

Pittington Brass kicks off the free concerts this Sunday (2 June) at 2pm. The programme continues with Murton Colliery Band on 9 June and Durham Constabulary Band on Sunday, 23 June.

The museum hosts the Durham County Brass Band Association Contest on Sunday, 8 July, with performances starting at 10am and running throughout the day.

On Sunday, 21 July, it's the turn of Ferryhill Town Band, with Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band rounding off the series on Sunday, 28 July. All concerts, excluding the contest on 8 July, start at 2pm. The DLI Café will be serving ice creams and refreshments throughout the performances.

The DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery is open from 10am to 5pm every day. Usual admission charges apply.

For more information about the museum's collection, exhibitions and talks, or to book tickets, call 03000 266 590, email:

[dli@durham.gov.uk](mailto:dli@durham.gov.uk) or visit [www.durham.gov.uk/dli](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dli) All concerts are free. There is only a charge if members of the public wish to visit the museum and gallery.

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## Colour Your Life Art Exhibition at PCP

A new exhibition has been put up throughout the Pioneering Care Centre showcasing some of the fantastic art work that has been produced in the second year of Colour your Life. The exhibition will officially open on Monday 3 June at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to take a tour around the Centre to view the brilliant displays and enjoy some refreshments with the artists. Art sessions with professional artist Tina Fuller will also be taking place in the Stephens Room so feel free to pop along to see what's involved in the Colour Your Life project or have a go yourself. Carol Wood, PCP Business Development Director explained, "PCP delivers 'Colour Your Life' across East Durham with funding from Durham County Council. It aims to provide free access to creative activities to promote positive mental health and

wellbeing. The exhibition includes many of the crafts participants have produced with guidance from professional artists who are working in the marketplace today." The weekly Colour your Life sessions take place at the Pioneering Care Centre on Mondays 10am-12noon and 1-3pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm. There is also a family session after school on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm. An additional adult session also occurs at the Settlement Centre in Spennymoor on Thursdays 10am-12noon. All classes take place in pleasant surroundings and give everyone the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and relax in a friendly atmosphere. For more information about 'Colour Your Life' please contact the team on 01325 321234, email colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net visit www.colouryourlife.org.uk

## New Houses Built for Aycliffe Firemen



Our Fire Station was opened in 1961 and was crewed using a day-manning system and as a result houses for the crew were built alongside the station on Central Avenue. During the 80's the houses were put up for sale as a new shift scheme came into operation whereby living accommodation adjacent was not required.

Recently another scheme has been put into operation which now requires the Fireman to be accommodated nearby. Readers will have noticed the building taking place next to the Fire Station. Some thought it was the new Police Station being built, but this

modular building will be erected on the site of the old Police Station which is waiting to be demolished. We are told that Bats are nesting in the building and as protected species have to be safely removed before demolition can take place.

## AYCLIFFE RECRUIT SAILS THROUGH ROYAL NAVY TRAINING

A 21-year-old from Newton Aycliffe was among the successful Royal Navy recruits on Parade at HMS Raleigh to mark the successful end of basic training.

Engineering Technician (Marine Engineer), Sam Barron arrived at the Royal Navy training base in Cornwall in March 2013. During a 10-week course he has been given a thorough induction into the Royal Navy, learning skills that he will rely upon throughout his time in the Service. The course culminates with the passing-out-parade attended by families and friends. Sam is a former pupil of Woodham Community Technology College and previously worked in retail before joining. He said: "I joined the Royal Navy to gain engineering qualifications whilst having the privilege to travel the world. It's been the hardest 10 weeks of my life and I'm so happy to have finally completed my training. There were many highlights, the best being assessed as superior for the physical training elements of the course. I look forward to beginning my career in the Royal Navy." Since completing his initial Naval training, Sam's next port of call is HMS Sultan. There he will learn the skills in marine engineering to keep the ship running smoothly, safely and effectively. Once fully qualified he will work on everything from the ship's hull and engines to its electrical, fuel, hydraulic and fire fighting systems. As the ship will be away from port for weeks at a time, he'll be trained to make spare parts and other vital components in the ship's workshops. The Royal Navy's Initial Naval training course is



underpinned by nine Core Maritime Skills that are the foundations of naval life and underpin operational effectiveness. Recruits are taught the basics of Naval discipline and customs. They learn about navigation and are given the chance to take the helm of their own medium sized inflatable boat during a waterborne orienteering exercise. With Royal Navy personnel playing a vital role in Afghanistan and other land-based operations, recruits undergo training in basic combat skills which includes survival in the field. Fitness is a key component of the training and is delivered using a disciplined method of military fitness which focuses on developing co-ordination and individual physical strength and endurance. As the course progresses the recruits take part in three extended exercises to test their skills and understanding of the principles they have been taught. Details of career opportunities within the Royal Navy are available online at www.royalnavy.mod.uk or by calling the Recruitment Line on 08456 07 55 55.

## Notification of Road Closure

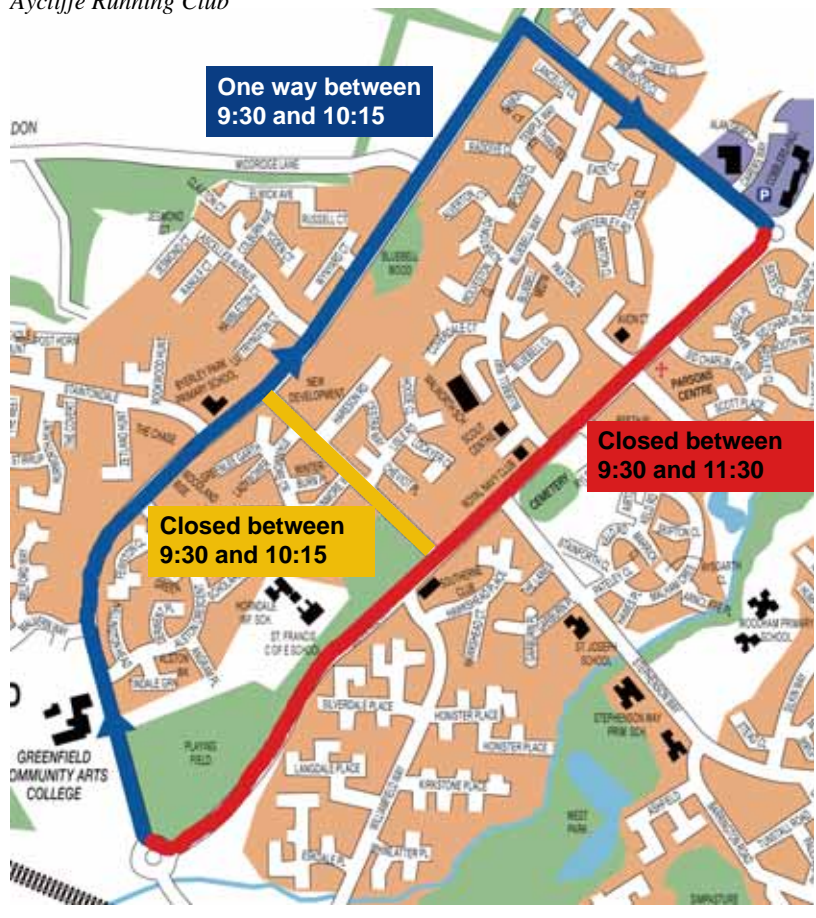
### Sunday 16th June - Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run

From 9:30 to 11:30 Burnhill Way in both directions is closed with no access, Burn Lane from Cobblers Hall to the junction with Greenfield Way is one way West-East towards the town centre, Greenfield Way from Burn Lane to the roundabout with Burnhill Way is one way South-North towards Rope Moor. Meadowfield Way is closed in both direction for the first lap 9:30 to 10:15.

Aycliffe Running Club are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause the road closures are a requirement of the race risk assessment agreed with Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. We hope you will join others in cheering the competitors on their way.

This is the 16th annual Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run with over 600 competitors, if you wish to take part, enter online at [ayclifferunningclub.org.uk](http://ayclifferunningclub.org.uk), post a SAE to Aycliffe Running Club c/o Colin Gibson, 12 Ainsty Hunt, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7PH - Closing Date for Entries Sunday 9th June 2013

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## P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



A PACT Meeting will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 6th June 2013 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please come along to hear about updates and have your say on local issues in an informal and friendly meeting. PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers and they want to hear your views and opinions. Councillors from DCC, Great Aycliffe Town Council and Livin Representatives have been invited to attend. Great Aycliffe Town Council Representatives, Park Wardens and DCC Neighbourhood Wardens will attend when available. For more information on what's going on in your area visit [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk) Regards Tony Jary (Police Volunteer)

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# Woodham Musicians Star at The Sage



On Monday 29th April, Durham Music Service showcased their talents at The Sage, Gateshead, one of the world's finest concert venues. A large number of Woodham Academy Students took part in various wind bands, vocal

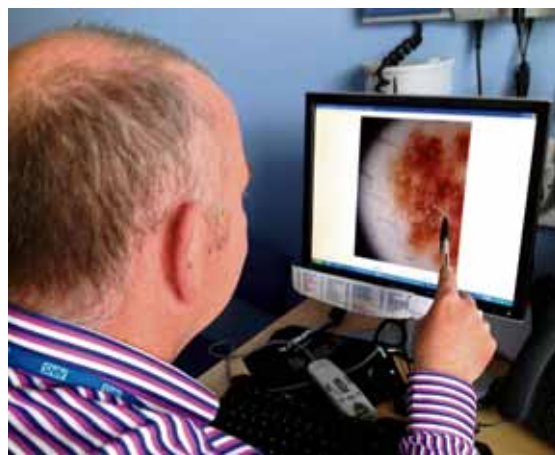
and string ensembles. Jonathan Lumb, Deputy Headteacher at Woodham Academy said, "To see our students in such a fantastic venue was amazing. It was an absolute delight.

## Patients with Moles and Lesions Checked

People with moles or lesions can have them checked out much quicker thanks to a new pilot available at GP practices in the Sedgefield area.

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical

Commissioning Group (CCG) has introduced the pilot in all 11 GP practices in the Sedgefield locality, which covers the Newton Aycliffe, Ferryhill, Spennymoor, Sildon and Sedgefield areas. GPs can now study images



Dr Andrew Clarke examines an image of a mole at Peaseway Medical Centre in Newton Aycliffe

of a patient's mole or lesion with a dermatoscope and if they detect anything of concern, can send the image for further scrutiny to a Dermatologist, who will decide whether the patient needs to be referred for further treatment.

The pilot aims to ensure that patients have their skin conditions assessed more quickly, improves the early detection of skin cancer, reduces the number of patients referred for a hospital appointment when they don't need one and ultimately will save the NHS money.

Every GP practice in the Sedgefield area has been provided with a dermatoscope and has identified a GP who will act as a 'Dermatology Champion'.

Dr Andrew Clarke, a GP and Dermatology Lead at Peaseway Medical Centre said: "I'm really excited about this new service as I can only see advantages for patients and clinicians alike. Atypical moles are becoming more common and there is a large grey area between obviously malignant and obviously benign moles.

"The first mole I examined with a dermatoscope was

suspicious, prompting an urgent referral. A melanoma was confirmed and excision showed it to be at a very early stage and a complete cure is expected."

The pilot will be evaluated and if successful, could be extended across the Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG area.

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To continue with improving literacy within Greenfield Community College, our students were delighted to receive a new arrival of a selection of books from "Awesome Books" this week to use during Reading for Success, as part of Time 4 Success. "Awesome Books" are an online new and used bookseller, and they kindly gave the school a selection of new books to read for free. These new books will help provide our children with some enjoyable reading for the coming months and foreseeable future in raising literacy levels across the school even further – thank you Awesome Books! [www.awesomebooks.com](http://www.awesomebooks.com)

# £1000 Raised for MIND

A fantastic event was held in The Big Club on Saturday night with the attendance of about 300 people who helped to raise over £1000 for Newton Aycliffe Mind. The evening was sponsored by Trident Taxis we would like to say a massive thank you to Andrew for his generosity. We were all entertained superbly with The Unsound a brilliant rock band and also Nemesis, Dorian, Libbi, Hannah, Holly, The Buskees, Emma and Sophie. They all played to the packed house with boundless energy. Nemesis Allstar Cheerleaders put on a fantastic display with breath-taking lifts and dancing. All of these are young people from the town, we should be very proud to have such talent. Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes Husqvarna, Dave at Shafto Way Garage, J&A Headlines, The Unsound,

Julies Pets, Cycleways, The Co-op, Sainsburys, Wilkinsons, Neville Parade Chemist, The Computer Shop, P.A.C.E., Walkers Butchers, Feastland, Planet Leisure, Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club, Brian at Croxdale Fast Fit, Dave Parker, Dave Kemp, June Croft, Stuart Blenkinsopp and Mandy Parker. Your support is very much appreciated. All Raffle Prizes were claimed on the night. Can we say a massive thank you to Ian Bussey who put the whole evening together, his organisational skills are most excellent, he worked so hard to make the evening the success it was. Here's to the next one!!! Finally the biggest thanks go to all who attended on the evening, for giving their support towards such a worthwhile cause. Newton Aycliffe MIND is continuing to go from strength to strength despite the current economic crisis, funding is a major problem for every charity these days so we rely on the support and generosity of the community to allow us to continue with our much needed and valued service.

Muriel, Vicki, The Management Committee, Volunteers and Friends of MIND wish to say Thanks to you all.

# Madagascar Madness

KidzFlicks Cinema Club invites children to a half-term treat "Madagascar 3" on Sat 1st June. The film begins at 2pm, come early to get your tuck from the shop - all seats £1 (St. Clare's Hall)

# Learning About Their Town



Newton News photographer caught this scene of a local class of students enjoying a lesson about the Aycliffe Angels and the War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church.

# HONEST JOHN DONATIONS

Honest John would like to record his thanks to all who have donated goods to his stall now located in the Cubby, open daily from 10am to 3pm (except Wed & Sun). This month £500 donations have gone to Acorn Players and Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade.

# TRAINING COMPANY COMES TO AYCLIFFE & CREATES JOBS

A leading hospitality apprenticeship company has opened a new office in the north of England to train hundreds of young people and create jobs. HIT Training has set up a new regional operation covering the north east from an office in Newton Aycliffe in County Durham. Area manager Simon Liversedge is spearheading the development and recruiting staff. He has already taken on three trainer assessors and an administrative assistant. In the next two months he expects to have five trainer assessors and eventually a full complement of eight. HIT was already operating in the region and currently has 45 people studying towards an apprenticeship or NVQ. Simon soon aims to have 225 of them on board. "This is an incredibly exciting time for us and HIT Training," said Simon. "There is great potential in the North East. We already knew that because we have several companies and businesses who train their employees with us. "Now we have a new base and are recruiting staff, we can build on that and the number of young people benefitting from our training and opportunities will snowball." Simon explained that people were realising that apprenticeships, NVQs and

other training courses were the solution and a natural alternative to amassing huge debts through college and university fees. "More and more young people are recognising that learning while you earn is the smart way to get a foot on the employment ladder and create your own career opportunities," he said. "Building up debilitating debts through further education fees can be a burden for years to come and have a drastic effect on young people's lives. "Don't wait to drown in debt. Be proactive, grab your career chances now and break into the jobs market. If you're offered a job lifeline, it could well lead to a job for life." Simon and his team are already forging partnerships with other companies and looking out for new developments that will be mutually beneficial. Simon said: "The north east is a vast area and there are several new projects on the horizon such as retail and leisure developments, including a multi-screen cinemas, in Darlington and West Auckland. "They will create hundreds of jobs and we're hoping to work with the various companies to train their staff up to exceptional standards." Another big opportunity is the £750,000 redevelopment of an old Victorian pub,

Dougies Tavern, in Blackett Street, Hebburn, as a pub and restaurant complex, which will be called The White Lead. "HIT Training will be working closely with Blake Leisure and helping to recruit and train a number of new staff for The White Lead," adds Simon. "There is currently a government grant of £1,500 for small and medium sized enterprises looking to recruit new apprentices and this is something we can help companies access as well as funding for the training itself." HIT's North office is at G15, Evans Business & Incubation Centre, Durham Way South, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6XP. You can contact Simon on his mobile 07940 491610 or email [simon.liversedge@hittraining.co.uk](mailto:simon.liversedge@hittraining.co.uk). HIT Training provides hotel, hospitality and catering apprenticeships, and ongoing staff development training, at all levels and across all areas of hospitality throughout London and the UK. Since its formation in 2006, HIT has supported 30,000 learners at more than 7,000 employer sites across the UK. Apprenticeships are available across a wide spectrum of roles from chefs, bar staff and waiters, to jobs in sales and marketing, banqueting, conferences, events and functions.

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## New Traffic Courts for Offending Motorists

Traffic-light jumpers and speeding motorists are to be dealt with in special traffic courts in a bid to free up time for more serious cases, the Government said today. About half a million motoring cases are heard in magistrates' courts every year and can often take longer to progress than major offences, the Ministry of Justice said. Ministers want to set up traffic courts to reduce delays as part of a wider plan to improve Britain's criminal justice system. Justice Minister Damian Green said: "Enforcing traffic laws is hugely important for road safety and saving lives. "However, these cases take nearly six months on average from offence to completion, despite the fact that over 90% of cases result in a guilty plea or are proved in absence - this is simply unacceptable. "The justice system must respond more quickly and effectively to the needs of victims, witnesses and local communities, and these dedicated courts will

enable magistrates to better organise their work and drive greater efficiency." The Government is discussing with the judiciary, who are responsible for managing cases in the courts, how the traffic courts can be delivered across the country. Chief Constable Chris Eyre, the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) lead on criminal justice, said: "We have implemented this new procedure to traffic cases with great success in nine police forces - radically simplifying and speeding up the process. "This is only implemented when there is a guilty plea or where the case against a defendant is not contested. "Effective first hearings have significantly reduced the amount of adjournments and a single court can deal with up to 160 cases a day." The nine areas which have trialled the new traffic courts are Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Metropolitan Police, Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and West Yorkshire.

## Helping Hands of Aycliffe



Dear Sir,  
Before receiving help from the Aycliffe 'Helping Hands' project, I had got myself into debt and every day was a constant worry trying to make ends meet even though my partner Stu and I work!  
I suffered from depression and anxiety and cut myself off socially as I didn't want to be seen as the 'poor one'. I heard about the project from my mum who had also had some help from them. They arrived at my home with a huge box

of household items with practical things like washing powder, bedding and toys and cleaning products, which would help save money in the long run. I was overwhelmed when I saw how much there was and almost cried! Since getting their help things have become much more positive I have my debt under control, we have a new home and I feel so much happier in myself, its truly amazing how they have helped us and I have met some great people through them.

I am now a volunteer for Helping Hands. My advice to anyone struggling is to get in touch with Helping Hands who support people in crisis living in the Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas of County Durham. They are non-judgemental and help people, who are found to be in genuine need. I didn't think we would be entitled to anything but I'm so glad we tried. If you need a 'Helping Hand.' Telephone: Alwyn Mobile 07936 431262. Rachel

## HORNDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE

At our previous meeting it was agreed to change the meeting time to make it easier for people who are getting in from work or childcare commitments to attend. The meetings will start with refreshments at 6.15pm with the PACT starting at 6.30pm followed by the Residents meeting.

At this month's meeting our new County and Town Councillors will be attending, and this is an ideal platform to speak to them. Representatives from the Police, Town and County Wardens and Livin to help make your good neighbourhoods better.

If you have any concerns or questions they will be more than willing to resolve them. We will be discussing what activities you would like the Committee to arrange for the coming months i.e. Quiz, Table Top Sale, Bus Trips (Sunderland Dogs).

We are also looking to more training courses like First Aid, CIBT (building site safety). If there are any courses you think will help our residents to gain employment or further their job prospects and improve their life skills please come to the meeting and help us to make this possible.

Please if you can bring along something for the Food Bank, you donated 53.6kg in our first donation, which was a fantastic effort. I would like to thank everyone who donated and I am overwhelmed by the support this project has received showing that people care for the most vulnerable in our society. Looking forward to seeing you at your Residents meeting. Philip Clark, Chairman

## Come Along and Meet Your Neighbours

ACORN Residents Association incorporating Neighbourhood Watch and Little Acorns is going from strength to strength. Local residents encourage participation of representatives from the Police, Livin, and County and Town Councillors who attend, giving their time and experience to provide advice and help to our members. We have to acknowledge that help and assistance has been forthcoming from many groups within and outside of Newton Aycliffe.

ACORN meetings are preceded by Little Acorns Junior Section who plan their own activities with finance and guidance from the main group. Issues which concern our young people are discussed amongst themselves.

Police play a pivotal role within the ACORN organisation and a very special function is enacted in keeping the group informed of current police priorities with the area.

Our speaker for the month is Joanne Dunn, Financial Wellbeing Manager for Livin Housing Ltd., who will be delivering an update on the effects of current welfare reform on local residents.

ACORN membership is open to anyone who would like to make a difference in improving our brilliant town. We try to deal with issues affecting us with humour and common sense; we have no political affiliations and welcome guidance from those who hold public office.

ACORN Residents Association has helped foster better relationships; encouraging development and change in our neighbourhood. If you think there is support in your area for a friendly group of neighbours to start a residents association we would love to help in any way we can. Please feel free to contact us on the phone number provided or on

the facebook page Aycliffe Central Open Resident Network. Or take a look at our website on [www.kenrobson.talktalk.net/](http://www.kenrobson.talktalk.net/) to see the type of activities which we organise and take part in.

A.C.O.R.N want to engage with any group with similar aims, insofar, as we look on the optimistic side of life and try to further improve our neighbourhood in any way that we can.

If you would like to get involved with us, speak at our meetings, help with our projects or suggest new ventures. Please contact me on the number below, or via our facebook page. Alternatively, come along to our meetings on the second Thursday of each month. We are a jolly lot and welcome new faces so come along and meet the neighbours.

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The Finals begin at 4.00pm and include the ladies and men's plate followed by the ladies and men's finals.

This will be an excellent opportunity to watch some high quality squash with the added bonus of anyone interested in joining the club to meet the team players.

Aycliffe Squash Club look forward to meeting both old and new members in the bar for a few social drinks and of course the great after game debate.

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Heighington Boys AFC Under 12's returned from a fantastic weekend in Blackpool, where they came Runners Up in the annual 9v9 Tournament. We were blessed with tropical conditions throughout, and everyone involved, kids, parents and the coaching staff all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Having finished a respectable 5th position in the

Russell Foster Premier Division, we now all look forward to our presentation on the 8th of June, as well as some local tournaments, before taking a well earned break over the summer. The club is seeking to recruit a new Chairman, and Treasurer, as well as players for our U13's team. Anyone interested please call Jim Barr on 07899 862079 for more details.

# SPORTING SUCCESS AT STEPHENSON WAY SCHOOL



The management and staff at Stephenson Way Community Primary School would like to acknowledge the sporting achievements of our children for the year so far.

Year 5/6 netball team competed in a league at Greenfield. The team trained weekly in preparation for the league and their hard work was rewarded when they finished 3rd overall and returned to school with hard earned bronze medals.

A range of pupils competed for the school in the area cross country event hosted by the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. The children were brilliantly behaved and ran bravely in cold, muddy conditions and our results showed a fantastic improvement from the same event the previous year.

Our football team has had further success by finishing third in the football league held at Greenfield and winning the year 5 football competition at Woodham Academy. The team trained hard for the events, staying after school for coaching and the results were noticeable, with the team provoking remarks from onlookers who complimented the team on their style of play. The children who attend our after school Dance Club wowed the audience at a Dance Festival held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre with their well rehearsed routine performed to the song 'Sway'. The children spent weeks

perfecting the performance and their teacher and watching parents were immensely proud. The group are now working on their performance for our end of year talent show.

A group of gymnasts competed at Spennymoor Leisure Centre, the school provided extra after school tuition in preparation for the event and we were rewarded with some superb, disciplined performances from the children who were very close to medalling.

We sent two Year 5 basketball teams to compete in a tournament held, once again, at NALC. Both teams competed well, with one side getting all the way to the final, only to be pipped by one basket by St Johns. However, a silver medal is an excellent result for a burgeoning sport at the school.

Not all events are about competition; during the past term a group of children attended a 'Sportsability' event in Spennymoor to participate in a number of fun activities ranging from football to Zumba dancing!

We hope to continue our sporting successes by developing, and adding to, our own sporting programmes whilst continuing to access support from the Sedgefield School Sports Partnership. We also wish the best of luck to our Boccia team and our athletes who have made it

through to the School Games County Finals.

# TOWN TEAM MOVES TO SHILDON

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club are pleased to share with you the exciting announcement of their pending relocation to Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre NAJFC, formerly known as Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, were founded in 1997 and originally based at Moore Lane before moving to Woodham School several years ago where they have enjoyed a mutually beneficial partnership, and we will always be grateful for their support.

However as the club continues to grow with teams representing age groups, starting from development right through to U21's, the club needs to ensure we provide the right calibre of training and playing facilities. We need to sustain our current membership and to aid its development plan for girls and disabled football teams whilst building on the clubs current Charter Standard status to gain community club status.

From July the club will move to Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre who will provide indoor facilities for 5 a side, fitness training, and outdoor facilities including the use of a brand new 4G pitch for training and as well as 7, 9 and 11 a side football pitches. The club will also be provided with team and referee changing

rooms, a kitchenette for matchday refreshments and onsite parking.

Whilst it is a shame an Aycliffe based football club is moving away from the town, the club's committee and team managers were unanimous in their decision to move to Shildon, based on the exceptional facilities the club will have at its disposal.

The club will be hosting its annual end of season presentation at Shildon Leisure Centre on Saturday 15th June which will give all the players and parents an opportunity to view the facilities. All our coaches are FA level 1 qualified, CRB checked and hold first aid certification, so if you would like to join a growing and progressive club log onto our website for more details on how to contact us.

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**Nige "Slatch" Slatcher**  
Club Chairman  
and U21's Manager

# No One for T/Tennis

The Newton Aycliffe Table Tennis group which was to be held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on a Thursday at 1pm, has been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

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# Skate Park Users Raise £257 Children's Dream House Competition



On Sunday 26th May 2013 five young people from Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre who participate in the skate park project steering group undertook a bag

pack at Sainsburys in West Auckland. The group packed customers shopping for over 3 hours and raised a fantastic total of £257 in which they are donating £100 to The Great North Air Ambulance. The young people that participate were Arran Taylor, Harry Duggan, Billy Wade, Adam McCabe and Drea Latue and will use the funds raised to help the group achieve their goal of going to ScooterFest

in August. A big thank you to all who supported the group on the day!

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## In Memoriam



**Lee Smith**  
It's six long years since we lost you Lee and we still can't believe that we lost such a wonderful part of our lives. You are in our hearts and thoughts always. Love forever, Mam and Dad

**LEE SMITH** Six years have gone by in the blink of an eye. Tears of sadness are now turning to smiles as we remember the very many happy times. Miss you loads yung 'un. Debbie, Paul and Connor xxx  
**JOE CARRUTHERS** 4-6-12. A beautiful Husband, Father and Grandad. Sadly missed, thought of every day with the fondest of memories. We miss you so much, because we loved you so much. Jean and family xxx  
**GALLACHER,** Patrick Thomas. In loving memory of Patrick who died on 5th June 2012. He left us quietly, his thoughts unknown, but left us memories we are proud to own. So treasure him Lord, in your garden of rest, for when on Earth he was one of the best. Lovingly remembered always, Chrissy, David, Joanne, Michelle, Ryan and Charlie xxx  
**PHILLIP JAMES** 2nd June 2012. To our dear Dad, we miss you. Always in our thoughts. Love, Tony, Linda and family

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## Rugby Club's 54th Annual Presentation

Newton Aycliffe RUFC will be holding their 54th annual presentation evening at the Sports Club on Saturday 1st June. Some tickets are still available at £10 and meet up time is 7pm at the club. New coach Pete Ryans has prepared his training schedule for the pre season and beyond. Any new player who would like to get involved will be made welcome. The general plan is to train on Saturday afternoons from 1pm starting June 15th. Then the following Saturdays on 22nd and 29th June. Basic fitness and ball handling

LEADING artist Mackenzie Thorpe is to judge a competition in Darlington, Newton Aycliffe and North Yorkshire which challenges schoolchildren to create a piece of artwork called 'My Dream House'. The art competition, which offers prizes worth more than £2,000, is being promoted by estate agents Nick and Gordon Carver Residential. It will result in the winning entries being put on display at Mackenzie Thorpe's Arthaus Gallery, in Richmond. Mackenzie Thorpe, who is one of the most collectible artists currently working in the UK, will judge the competition in early June. It is open to children and schools in three age groups; 4-6 years, 7-8 years and 9-11 years. Entrants are being asked to produce a piece of artwork using any medium other than photography to show what 'My Dream House' would look like. Mackenzie Thorpe said: "The competition, organised and sponsored by Nick and Gordon Carver Residential is a fantastic opportunity for children to think about their perfect house and to use their artistic skills to create the fantasy house of their dreams. "The sky is the limit - there are no rules as to what it should look like, so I am looking forward to seeing some creative and imaginative houses from artists of the future."

James Carver, of Nick and Gordon Carver Residential, said: "Children will be the next generation of home owners and they already have some say in the kind of houses their parents buy. So it seemed very appropriate for us to ask our young, potential home buyers to show how they would imagine their dream house to be. "Having the endorsement and support of an artist of the calibre of Mackenzie Thorpe gives the competition an added edge and we are greatly indebted to Mackenzie for giving up his valuable

time to judge the entries and to put them on display in his impressive Richmond gallery." Due to the amount of interest and positive feedback from many schools, the deadline for entries has been extended by two weeks. All entries are to be received by June 14, with results being announced in the following fortnight. Entries are restricted to one per child and must be entirely the child's own work. Entries can be emailed to James Carver at jamesc@carvergroup.co.uk or posted to My Dream House, Carver Residential, 18-20 St Cuthbert's Way, Darlington, DL3 7AA

## Obituary

**Margaret Lilian Clark**



Sadly passed away on May 19th 2013, aged 89 years. Always a loving caring Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother and friend, much loved by all. Thanks to Dr Andrew Clarke and all Doctors, Nurses and staff at Peaseway Surgery and the devoted team of nurses at Sedgfield Community Hospital, Darlington Memorial and North Tees University Hospital.

**GALLACHER,** Newton Aycliffe, May 24, peacefully in St. Teresa's Hospice, Penny, aged 63 years, of Bluebell Close. Dearly loved Mother of Samantha and Gillian and loving Nana of Jennifer. Sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral to be held on Monday 3rd June. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 1:15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu will be divided between St. Teresa's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Care and may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600

**JOYCE CRISPIN** (nee Fahy) Wife of the late Noel. Mother to John, Fay, Ken, Lesley and Pat (Deceased); Sister to Ruth; Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Service and Cremation on Thursday 6th June at 11.45am at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only, donation in lieu if so desired to Marie Curie. Very special thanks to Marie Curie Nurses (Durham).  
**ANGIE SEAL** (Portugal). Formerly of Linden Place, passed away on 21st May, aged 45 years. Wife of Terry and Mother of Owen. Sadly missed by Wally, Sandra, Garry, Julie, Jack and Daniel, Wayne, Matty and Ollie. Forever in our thoughts



## Congratulations

**Doreen Hay**  
*2nd June 2013*  
**Happy 65th Birthday**  
To an amazing Mam and Nanna, enjoy your special day, you are one in a million.  
  
Love from all the family and all your Grandchildren who love you very much  
xxxx  
  
**Happy 65th Birthday**  
Love from Geoff xxxxxx

**WOODHEAD,** Chantelle. Happy 18th Birthday Chantelle. Its here at last. Hope you have a wonderful day. Enjoy your first legal drink, love, Mum and Dad xxx  
**JENNIFER LOUISE** Happy 18th Birthday, have a wonderful day, all our love Mam, Phil and Peter xxxx  
**JENNIFER LOUISE** Happy Birthday Jennifer, 18 today, 29th May. All our love Lauren & Adam (New Zealand) xx  
**WESTON** Happy 18th birthday to a dear Granddaughter, Francesca. Love you loads, Nanna, Grandpa, Uncle Chris and Auntie Carol xxx

## Thank You

**NICHOL-BROWN** Katie and Sean would like to say a big thank you Mum, Dad, Nan and Bradley for making their Wedding Day so special, and thank family and friends who joined us and for all the gifts we received.  
**NAN** The family of Annie Bibby wish to thank relatives and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Also thank you for your kind donations towards Rose Lodge Care Home. Our thanks to Rose Lodge and Co-op Funeralcare  
**GIBSON** Patricia and Family would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and the local Police Beat team for their cards of condolence, floral tributes and donations received during their recent and very sad loss of David. Sincere thanks to Minister Jan Carr of St Clare's for the lovely Service. Special thanks to Dr. Pounder and Staff and the Doctors and Nurses of Darlington Memorial Hospital. Sincere thanks and gratitude to Gordon and Mark Brownless, Funeral Directors, for their sympathy and kindness shown during our traumatic bereavement

**Lisa Ballantyne**  
  
**Happy Birthday**  
Lots of love, John-Paul xx  
**Happy Birthday Mam**  
Love you loads, Loren, Aimee and Dylan xxx  
**Happy Birthday**  
Love, Mam, Frasier, Dad, Sam, Gran, Grandad and the rest of the family xx

**Kennedy Peacock**  
  
**Happy 16th Birthday**  
"Sweet 16" 29th May 2013  
Happy birthday to our beautiful Daughter. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx  
**Happy 16th Birthday**  
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Lots of love, Holly, Lilli and Tyler xxxxx

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**Francesca Louise Weston**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
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## Change of Comedian Boxing at The Big Club

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have arranged a second fund raising evening on Friday 7 June. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the comedian has been changed from Aiden Jay to the very funny Mark Rough.

Mark has interrupted his current tour to stand in for Aiden at short notice. With 13 years as a professional Comedian and over 3500 shows to his name, Mark has gone from the national comedy circuit to performing all over the world. His fast, gag based act is unique to mainstream comedy as he uses 100% original material. In addition to Mark, In a Spin Roadshow will again be providing the music and a hog roast, supplied by Piggins Lush Hog Roast, is also included in



the price. A vegetarian option will also be available. Tickets priced £8 (including food) are available from Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, from any member of Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club Committee or by phoning 07976 392173.



Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club is hosting a boxing evening at Newton Aycliffe WMC on Friday 7th June. On show will be the members of Aycliffe ABC and other boxers from the north east. The evening is held in conjunction with the Illegal Money Lending Team and County Durham Credit Union to inform the public on the perils of borrowing money from loan sharks and the alternatives available from the Credit Union. Tickets are on sale from the Boxing Club for £10, or ring Les. Boxing is Lewis Craggs v Declan Brady

from Stanley, Liam Naish v Dylan Ward from Sheffield, James Lepiodevin v Louis Nicholson, Sunderland, Luke Bell v Hussain Malik, Middlesbrough, Kieran Jewett v Connor Samms, Newcastle, Ben Everitt v Kieran Williams, Sheffield, Andrew Steele v Louis Harrison, Middlesbrough, Andrew Chopin v John Gregg, Boldon, Richard O'Neil v A Kenza, Birtley, and other local boxers. Aycliffe ABC train at Acorn House, Durham Way North on the Business Park for male and female members from 6 to 68 years. More

information about tickets or training please ring Les Gibson 01325 313855/308830.



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's first team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training played two league games in division 3 of the the NYSD over the holiday weekend and earned an excellent victory away at Wolviston on the Saturday and then on the Bank Holiday Monday they were defeated by Preston at home. At Wolviston the homeside were asked to bat first on a difficult wicket and were dismissed for just 78 after 29 overs thanks to excellent bowling from Aycliffe's Sean Morgan, who took 4 for 28 and Luke Telford with 3 for 22.

In reply Aycliffe also struggled throughout their innings and were thankful for good contributions from Michael Howe (17 runs), Sam Telford (14 runs) and Joe Haines (9 runs). The last wicket pair of Tony Travis

and Tom Wickins held their nerve in a tense finish to see Aycliffe to an exciting one wicket win in the 44th over. On Monday, the first team were heavily defeated at home to Preston by 148 runs after being bowled out for just 58 runs when chasing a challenging 207 for victory. There were however, good performances with the ball from Aycliffe's spin twins, Sam Telford (4 for 39) and his cousin Luke Telford (3 for 50) and captain Chris Palmer top scored in Aycliffe's feeble reply with 19.

The club's u13's team lost away at Darlington RA despite good performances from Daniel Bowmer and Adam Lamb, who both scored 15 runs for Aycliffe and the u15's lost by 8 wickets away at Crook in the semi-final of the league cup.

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