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AYCLIFFE PAYS RESPECT TO DRUMMER RIGBY



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same time, demonstrating great sympathy for the soldier's family.

Nearly 200 people met with flowers at 12.30pm last Saturday to pay their respects to this young soldier cruelly murdered by fanatics. It was an emotional occasion organised by serving Newton Aycliffe soldier David Pickering who called the townspeople together to show support for Drummer Rigby's family.

Rev. Julie Wing was among the mourners and led with a homage and prayers for the fallen soldier. St. Clare's Church was opened for people to sign the Book of Remembrance and refreshments were served in the church hall.

Since Saturday more people have added bunches of flowers and there are now well over 100 floral tributes. Newton News was in attendance at this event and has printed copies of all the photographs taken on this occasion which will be placed in the Book of Remembrance.

The photographs and messages of condolence will be sent along with copies of the Newton News to the wife and family of Drummer Lee Rigby with the hope it will bring some comfort and support in their bereavement.

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This conflicts with a letter we have from the NHS which quite specifically states the Pharmacy will close.

We can only conclude it will close and re-open again with a revised contract and new hours.

Coffee Pronto Move Cafe

The popular Town Centre Cafe Coffee Pronto move this weekend from their premises up the ramp to the old Post Office building on the ground floor. Customers will be welcomed at the new Cafe at 9.00am on Monday morning.

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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 MEGGGGAAA... 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 rounded off an absolutely brilliant gig at the Turbinia. I for one thoroughly enjoyed Feed The Bear, and look forward to their (guaranteed) return here soon! Nice one lads, some happy punters here!!

Saturday 15th June - "Enzymes"

Review: "The Enzymes hit Peterlee like a musical version of Hurricane Katrina, they set the place ablaze with their frantic hard hitting sets loaded with a great fun attitude that is infectious. They have a powerful engine room with bass and drums, a touch of blistering guitar topped off with good vocals then just a dab of harmony and tons of patter to round em off. If you're in the room then you're gonna be entertained, there's nowhere to hide, the place was jumping. This band just can't and won't be ignored, everyone I spoke to since the gig said they loved them and when are they coming back?" And another: "Good crowd in and these 'lads' certainly didn't disappoint. Rocked/punked up versions of "Any Dream Will Do" and "Back For Good" amongst other re-interpretations, alongside proper punk stuff such as "God Save The Queen", "Ever Fallen In Love...", gave a thoroughly enjoyable nights entertainment. The banter was canny and plenty of audience participation - several punters up as backing singers for "Johnny B Good" alongside Eddie KneeJerk guest appearing on bass. If you like something different to the usual rock band go along and see Enzymes!

For more information on bands go to

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Concert at Auckland Castle



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Police Notice

Dear Sir
Re article 'Ex-councillor gets convicted paedophile removed' in a recent issue of Newton News.
The article may have given the impression that local councillors did not act on their constituents' concerns. In fact, the opposite is the case and they followed the well-established procedures we have in place with our partner agencies to deal with such sensitive matters. Councillors Adam and Hopper did exactly the right thing and this helped us to resolve the situation without unduly adding to any concerns within the community. Michael Banks, Deputy Chief Constable.

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The County Durham Environment Awards 2013 are now open for nominations. The awards, now in their 24th year, are held to recognise and reward the efforts of individuals and organisations whose work has improved and enhanced the environment in County Durham. Nominations for the 11 categories are being accepted until Friday, July 12. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony which will be held in October. Terry Collins, chair of County Durham Environment Partnership, said: "There are many people and organisations in County Durham who put a great deal of effort into protecting and improving the local environment. "These awards are about acknowledging their hard work and their success and we are calling for people to nominate those who are worthy of recognition." The awards are an opportunity for businesses, community groups, schools, colleges and public and private organisations in County Durham to showcase their environmental achievements. Individuals who give up their time to improve the environment can also be nominated in the volunteer of the year categories. The categories in this year's awards are:

- Built environment
- Climate change
- Community partnership
- Craftsmanship
- Greener business
- Natural environment
- Schools and colleges
- Volunteer group of the year
- Volunteer of the year - under 18
- Volunteer of the year - over 18
- Waste management

The awards are administered by Durham County Council on behalf of the County Durham Environment Partnership. The sponsors of this year's awards are Groundwork, Living Housing and Durham Wildlife Trust. Further sponsorship opportunities are still available and interested organisations are invited to contact the Environment Partnership. Nominations and enquiries can be made through the Environment Partnership website at www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk/ envawards or by calling 03000 265 545. The website also has further details about the awards, including the different categories.

Quality of School Swimming Raised

Woodham Sports Academy is currently working alongside local primary schools in an effort to raise the quality of swimming opportunities for primary school children. The national curriculum for schools in England says children should be able to swim at least 25m unaided by the end of primary school. However a recent report by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) has warned that half of seven to eleven year olds in England, some 1.1 million children, cannot swim the length of a standard pool. Only 2% of schools surveyed delivered the government's recommended 22 hours per year of swimming lessons. As Woodham Academy has such a fantastic swimming pool, local primary children from Byerley Park and St. Francis schools have been attending Woodham Academy on a weekly basis to use the swimming pool as part of their swimming lessons and will continue to do so up until the end of the summer term. Students have quickly progressed from swimming widths to lengths and all students continue to make progress relative to their ability, regardless of whether they are a beginner, improver or advanced swimmer. Swimming lessons are led and run by Heather Brewster, a fully qualified ASA swimming teacher, alongside Woodham Sports Academy staff.

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NEvolution Makes Case for North East Growth

Newton News is joining newspapers across the region to spearhead a campaign, backed by local authorities and business leaders, to call for support to grow the North East economy.

NEvolution, a campaign created by newspaper editors, is designed to make the case for the North East ahead of the Spending Review later this month, sending out a clear message to Chancellor George Osborne that – with the right support – North East England is geared up to grow.

The campaign, which calls for greater devolution of powers and the redirection of funding into the North East, is described by the Association of North East Councils (ANEC) as a positive and proactive initiative that makes a strong case for the economies of this area of the country.

Launched last week in newspapers across the North East, NEvolution appeals to George Osborne to back this area, devolving budgets and powers to local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships. NEvolution presents a united voice that makes the case for economic investment in the North East. It is hoped that the campaign will help shape announcements made in the Chancellor's Spending Review, on June 26th.

Paul Watson, chair of ANEC, said that the decision by North East councils to get behind the NEvolution campaign was testament to the importance they attach to the opportunity presented by the Spending Review to devolve greater powers, freedoms, flexibilities and funding to local areas to help grow

their local economies.

He said: "The NEvolution campaign is a unique and ground-breaking approach that celebrates the great things we have achieved across the whole of the North East, and makes the case for this area of the country to the Government. We are a capable, constructive collection of people in this part of the world. We know our strengths, we know the areas in which we need extra support, and, with the help of Government, we believe that we can make things even better, and grow our economies and the UK economy."

"We believe that, if we are given the power and financial wherewithal, we can make this area of the country even more prosperous. And this is the spirit of NEvolution – a collaborative, positive and progressive campaign that calls for support to allow us to realise the huge potential that exists here."

NEvolution seeks to showcase to Westminster the benefits of acting on the Heseltine Report. No Stone Unturned, published in October 2012, looked at Government policy affecting economic growth and made a series of recommendations challenging politicians, civil servants, business leaders and individuals to make changes that would generate economic growth.

A key part of Heseltine's report was a recommendation to direct power to local areas and leaders, as those best placed to understand and to address the opportunities and obstacles to growth in their own communities. The report called for the decentralisation of economic power, as well as packages of investment that allow local economic areas to really demonstrate a track record of delivery.

As well as power and funding, NEvolution calls for support from the Government to drive the development of the skills, improvements to transport and connectivity and improved access to funding for growth, including European funds. The campaign targets the Spending Review as an opportunity for George Osborne to give the area the right tools for creating the change we need to deliver conditions for economic growth.

In a report recently published by ANEC, councils in the region highlight the role that they and the Local Economic Partnerships can play in growing their economies. The report states, 'North East councils are committed to creating the right conditions for business growth and investment in their areas, in developing skills and employment opportunities, in infrastructure developments, promoting investment opportunities, capital expenditure and developing strategic relationships with partners in the private sector.'

Local government has enormous potential to help Government re-balance the economy, to foster growth, promote inward investment, increase overseas exports and help reduce the deficit. We are fundamentally part of the solution.

'The two Local Enterprise Partnerships for the North East are making great strides forward and are implementing strategies that build on the positive strengths and assets of their respective geographies and for the whole of the North East. But building strong economies is a long term game and our economies are fragile. We welcome the Government taking forward an approach to decentralisation that will give LEP geographies more powers to make the choices that are right for their local economies, to generate and accelerate growth. There is ample evidence to demonstrate that, to date, with both LEPs for the North East maximising the opportunities available for funding to create an investment fund and developing capacity to deliver for their areas.'

Colin Tapping, chairman of the Society of Editors Northern Region, said: "Newspapers across the region have put aside their rivalries to support a compelling case to the Chancellor on behalf of their communities."

"The whole of the North East stands four-square behind implementation of the Heseltine Report to deliver investment programmes to the region. Our communities have an outstanding track record in transforming investment into real economic growth."

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"There is a direct correlation between alcohol misuse and its price. The Government has a clear opportunity to deal with this by introducing a minimum price per unit of alcohol. This will make the cheapest and strongest alcohol less affordable to vulnerable younger and heavier drinkers who are more likely to drink it and suffer the consequences."

"In short, a minimum unit price is needed, it's wanted and it works. The North East needs it because we've the highest alcohol related hospital admissions. Not only that, alcohol is also linked to nearly half of all violent crime and 39% of domestic violence. It's wanted by a majority of North Easterners and importantly, the evidence shows that it works. In British Columbia a 10% increase in price resulted in a 32% fall in deaths."

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5 Woodham Students in County Athletic Event

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Notable performances came from Callum Smith 2nd in 800m, Callum Clasper 1st in shot putt, Alex Coatsworth 2nd in high jump, Kaleb Stephenson 2nd in discus and Chloe Farley 2nd in shot putt. Due to their placing all 5 students have qualified to compete in the Durham County Athletics meet later on in June.



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HALF THE WORLD ON INTERNET BY 2017

Nearly half of the world's population will have access to the internet by 2017, according to a report from Cisco. The networking firm predicted 48% of people across the globe will be able to go online in the next five years – equivalent to 3.6 billion individuals – leading to a trebling of data going across networks compared with today's volume.

The UK alone will see internet traffic rise by an annual growth rate of 17% between 2012 and 2017, with an equivalent of one million DVDs per hour being transferred across the country's infrastructure. This will be enabled by a surge in broadband speeds, rising from an average of 16.5Mbps to almost 50Mbps in the same period.

A significant portion of the traffic will be video, according to Cisco – 69% of data in 2017 for both businesses and consumers, compared with 54% last year. Globally, average speeds will rise from 11.3Mbps to 39Mbps, with the average household generating 74.5GB every month. In 2012, this figure stood at 31.6GB.

PCP Adult Learner's Regional Achievement

PCP achiever, Jane Pickard, has been rightfully awarded the Gateshead College North East Award for Learning through Sport. Judith Doyle, Deputy Principle at Gateshead College presented Jane with her award by at the North East's Regional Adult Learner's Week Awards celebration event at Gateshead College Academy for Sport last week.

A deserving winner, Jane began her time at the Pioneering Care Centre 2010, as a member of the Get Active, Get Cycling Group. It was at this point when she really started using cycling as a platform to transform her life.

Due to a series of traumatic family events, Jane, aged 48, suffered almost 10 years of very ill health. Her mental and physical health problems were having a significant impact on her family and in 2010 her daughters persuaded her to try cycling as a way of getting out of the house and

meeting new people. Although she had never cycled before Jane joined the Group and although she was extremely nervous at first, this decision turned her life around.

Jane enjoyed it so much she soon completed her Cycle Marshall training and achieved a First Aid Certificate enabling her to lead cycle rides. Jane also completed a Food Safety Level 2 whilst volunteering in the Pioneering Care Centre's Coffee Shop, where she has now found employment.

She went on to train as a cycling coach and obtained her British Cycling Level 1, this encouraged her to become a self employed Get Active, Get Cycling instructor giving her the satisfaction of coaching others and she hopes to achieve the British Cycling Level 2 Award.

Jane is still achieving and has just obtained her RSPH

(Royal Society of Public Health Award) Level 2 in Understanding Health Improvement, and is qualified as a volunteer Health Trainer Champion.

Liz Godfrey, PCP Learning and Guidance Co-ordinator nominated Jane and says "Throughout her learning journey Jane's mental and physical wellbeing have improved significantly which has meant her confidence and self esteem have soared making her an excellent ambassador for cycling and physical activity which should be an inspiration to others. She has ambitions to build a successful career in health and wellbeing to help people who have been in similar positions."

Further information from: the Pioneering Care Partnership, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net www.pcp.uk.net



Jane at the award ceremony with gold medallist and Captain of GB men's athletic squad Stephen Miller

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Agnew Community Centre and EML Music have joined together to provide a unique, fun filled and exciting programme for 2 – 6 year olds as an introduction to Music.

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The classes take place every Monday and cost £3.50 a week for a 45 minute session over 10 weeks.

For more information check out the web page on: www.emlmusic.co.uk or contact Ron on 01325 321504 or Evelyn on 01388 329148.

UPPER BEVERIDGE WAY TO BE MOTHBALLED



Once the ramp comes down there will be no public access to Upper Beveridge Way therefore the premises there will be mothballed.

We are told these former shops and offices will be tidied up so as not to spoil the look of the area.

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Road Improvement



Dear Sir,
I am pleased to let you and your readers know that Langdale Place has finally been resurfaced/skimmed. It was completed about a week after I last wrote and I can now show you the "after" photographs.
As you can see it now looks very nice despite a

slight dip at the edge of our driveway. I now hope it will last especially through the wet and cold weather that is inevitable during the winter. However, the work was carried out by the same contractors who resurfaced Burn Lane last year!
Yours sincerely
JW Hogg

Have You Seen Stolen Bike?

Police are appealing for witnesses into the theft of a pedal cycle from the garden of a property in Hawkeshead Place, Newton Aycliffe which occurred between 17:00 on 24th May and 09:00 25th May.

The stolen bike is a white and burgundy 'Pinnacle P10' 18 inch, with black wheels. It had a bright red child's seat attached to the rear.

Any witnesses to this crime or anyone with any information which may lead to identifying the suspect please contact PC 2228 Debbie Woods at Newton Aycliffe Police Office by calling 101 quoting incident number DHM-25052013-0445.

Newtonians Open First Shop In Darlington



A la Mémoire is a Luxury Handmade Gift Store that places the customer at the heart of its business. Founded by two sisters from Newton Aycliffe, A la mémoire was created to introduce to the public the creation of bespoke personalised items for every occasion.

Claire once delivered Newton News and Leanne once worked in our offices, and it was working here

that inspired her career as a Graphic Designer.

With Claire's passion for creating beautiful handmade gifts and Leanne's background in design, their combined talents are the perfect balance for achieving the visions for a wide range of individual tastes.

Situated at 6 Clark's Yard in Darlington town centre, the gift shop is perfectly placed off the busy high street. The

small cobbled yard reflects a relaxed and inviting atmosphere for the selective gifts they have on offer.

From handmade crafts, to beautifully designed wedding stationery and greeting cards, A la Mémoire aims to inspire their customers' dreams to produce perfect unique creations. Alongside their bespoke designs, A la Mémoire also offers a range of gifts on sale, as well as their own gift wrap, tags and the perfect finishing touches for every occasion.

The beautifully designed wedding stationery is one of the most unique aspects of A la Mémoire, which allows customers to create their dream wedding invitations by personally choosing the size, format, style, colour and wording options etc. The sisters have invited other local talent to display their creations in the shop, in order to offer a wide range of items that appeal to all tastes.

Jewellery is on display by Sue Simms, Artwork by Suzanne Pearson and Chris Carr, all from Aycliffe, along with other handmade crafts such as personalised wooden gifts and paper cut-outs. The shop will also be the base for Leap Studio, where Leanne will continue producing her design and website creations.

Bad Experience at Aycliffe Leisure Centre

Dear Sir,
I write to highlight the appalling service and facilities received recently at the Leisure Centre.

We were met by a surly receptionist who spoke to me in a derogatory manner throughout our interaction, commenting I was 'too early'. It was 5:50pm, the pool opens at 6pm, surely 10 minutes changing time isn't that unusual? She disbelieved my two girls were 10 and 11 then finished by reminding me that I was to 'make sure the children behaved at the poolside'.

Things went from bad to worse when the girls entered the pool - They are confident swimmers having completed swimming lessons to high levels in the main pool.

From the spectators' area I saw a lifeguard approach them and in an aggressive manner told them to swim up and down to determine whether they could go in the deep end or not. Fair enough I thought, and good safe practice, however, he lent over the side of the pool in such an intimidating manner that both girls immediately panicked and put their feet down, as they thought they

were in trouble.

That was that, two very sensible and able swimmers were consigned to the shallow end, as the lifeguards chose to ignore a very small child in the deep end, jumping in without any flotation aid and no adult in sight.

The rest of the swim consisted of the girls being told not to jump in as they have done many times in their swimming lessons. The staff ignored me when I asked if there was any problem with the girls' behaviour as the staff were being generally unpleasant. After the session the girls got out of the pool to find a disgusting, dirty toilet and changing area.

I appreciate the Lesuire Centre staff will be met with all kinds of behaviour but my girls were sensible throughout and they were accompanied by an adult who would have taken them home had it been a concern.

The attitude of the staff was unnecessary and belittling and after this terrible experience we won't be returning to our Lesuire Centre. We will use the Dolphin Centre where the staff are pleasant and the building is clean!

Name and address supplied

Manager Replies:

Lesley Tindale, manager of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, said: "We would like to apologise to the writer of the letter and their family. We pride ourselves on offering a high level of customer service but are sorry that on this occasion the family was disappointed. We have spoken to the family and will be carrying out a full investigation so that we can address all of the issues they have raised."

Meet GAMP in the Community Shop

The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) will be holding a drop in event to give people a chance to meet the team, find out more about what they do and have a say on neighbourhood issues.

The team will be on hand at the Community Shop (next to the Post Office) in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, on Tuesday, 18th June between 10am and 2pm.

The partnership is one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009 to help the authority better engage with residents. Those who attend can find out more about becoming a forum member. Being a forum member is a chance for local people to have a real input on where councillor budgets are spent locally and have a say on priorities for the town.

Representatives from Livin will also be in attendance as well as the local Neighbourhood Police Team who will be distributing free security equipment.

The Council intend to make the following 2 orders:

Order 1:

**(UN-NAMED ROAD LINKING C34 BURN LANE & GREENWELL ROAD, NEWTON AYCLIFFE)
(ONE WAY AND PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN) ORDER 2013**

Under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will (a) prohibit vehicles (including pedal cycles) from making a left hand turn from Greenwell Road onto the un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Road; and (b) impose a one way restriction on the un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane & Greenwell Road from its junction with Greenwell Road in a north easterly direction for a distance of 155m.

Order 2:

**(NEWTON AYCLIFFE)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PROHIBITION OF STOPPING, PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY) (AMENDMENT No. 1) ORDER 2013**

Under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of the Order is to introduce No Waiting at Any Time on (1) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, on the south eastern side of the road, from its junction with Greenwell Rd in north easterly direction, for a distance of 63m; (2) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, on the south eastern side of the road, from 108m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd in north easterly direction, for some 47m; (3) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, on the north western side of the road, from its junction with Greenwell Rd in north easterly direction, for some 42m; (4) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, on the north western side of the road, from some 108m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd in north easterly direction, for some 65m; (5) C34 Burn Lane from its junction with B6443 Central Ave. in a north westerly direction, for some 43m. (6) B6443 Central Ave from its junction with C34 Burn Lane in a north easterly direction for some 71m. Exemptions for wedding and funeral vehicles will apply to items (5) and (6) above. Loading Only on Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, on the south eastern side of the road, from some 63m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd in north easterly direction, for some 45m.

A copy of the above draft Orders, plans and supporting documents may be inspected at County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri 9am-4pm; via the Council website and at New Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours. Any person who wishes to object to the proposed Orders should send their grounds of objection, in writing, to Loraine Holding, Legal Assistant at County Hall, Durham or by email to Highways.orders@durham.gov.uk (quoting ref: 92562 - Order 1 or ref: 92563 - Order 2) by 28.06.13.

Dated: 7 June 2013



**Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
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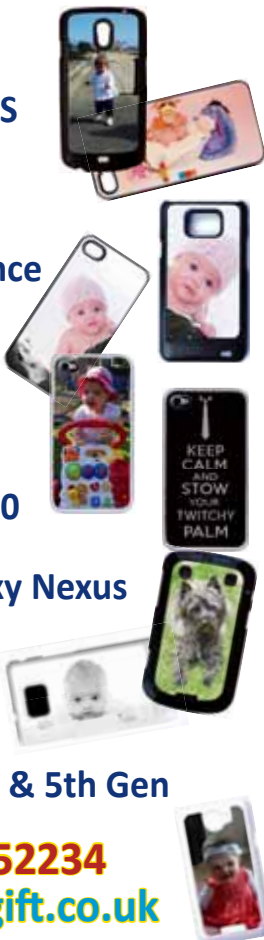
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Aycliffe Bands Perform at Stockton Festival

On Saturday 1st June, the Looka Festival in Stockton was invaded by talent from Aycliffe when "Heroine" produced a great sounding set at the open air Terrace stage outside the Don Bar, in the on a lovely sunny day. Everyone moved and sang along with Heroine's interpretation of some classic numbers. The Unsound took the stage and there are videos of their performance on the website www. TheUnsound.co.uk. After they were pursued by a scout for a TV programme giving an amazing interview and are expected to take part in Diversity's "Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew" on Sky 1 in the near future. The Unsound played a second

set headlining the open air Terrace Stage pulling people in from other pubs. The band was asked to take part in Redcar Festival and also added to a pub's list of bands to appear in Middlesbrough. The two Aycliffe bands made a great impression and The Unsound will be back in Aycliffe on 9th August at The Big Club with Heroine playing there on 21st December. You can pre-book tickets for these gigs on 07704646346. Both are family shows and are to raise funds for young talent in Aycliffe, so get a ticket and support youngsters of Aycliffe and help them make a future in the entertainment industry.



College Build Replica Bomb for Aycliffe T.A. Unit



Major Chris Prince watches as the Principal of Darlington College Tim Grant attempts to safely de-activate the inert device

Territorial Army soldiers from Aycliffe have taken delivery of a bespoke training aid, in the shape of a replica bomb, which was built for them by engineering students. Darlington College students built the device for 124 Recovery Company, 102

Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), based at northfield Way. The training aid - which must be deactivated by cutting the correct coloured wire before an alarm sounds - was officially handed over on JUNE 13th. The project came about after Darlington College engineering tutor and 124 Recovery Company vehicle electrician, Lance Corporal Steve Corner, tasked his students with building a replacement for an existing training aid which had started to look a little dated. Major Chris Prince, Officer Commanding, 124 Recovery Company, said: "The students and tutors have taken our original device, redesigned it, and manufactured a fantastic and professional looking piece of equipment, which is a testament to their skills. "We will be taking it to

recruiting events and using it on exercises as we develop our engineers and future leaders. "It was great to hear the students have been able to use this project as an element of their course work and I hope it has given them an insight to the many engineering opportunities there are in the Territorial Army. "I hope this can be the first of many successful partnership projects between the college and ourselves." 124 Recovery Company is recruiting potential recovery mechanics, vehicle mechanics, vehicle electricians, armourers and other trades. Reservists are paid at the same rate as those in the regular Army and receive full training. For more information call 01325-375001 or google "Army jobs".

Too Loud!

Dear Sir,
Regarding the Fun Fair at The Hunstman Car Park at Woodham. I have lived in the area for 25 years and I agree with Mrs McCord that the music was too loud. I have to open my doors to help a breathing problem, but while the Fair was there I had to keep it closed and even then could not hear the television. I am disabled and 83 years old and I did complain about the noise to my Councillor. J M

Town Centre Police Station

Dear Sir,
We are hoping to demolish the existing Police Station at the end of this year and have the new smaller one in place on the same site around May 2014, provided we get through both the planning process and Natural England requirements in relation to any protected species which may be present. Gary Ridley Assistant Chief Officer Durham Constabulary



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HURRAH FOR TRAFFIC WARDENS

Dear Sir,
I am pleased Newton Aycliffe now has Parking Wardens, as parking around our Town Centre by inconsiderate and not so law-abiding motorists is ridiculous to the point of being dangerous! Even some Blue Badge Holders think they can just park anywhere, yet Newton Aycliffe is one of the few towns that offers Free Parking in it's car parks. I am also hoping the Wardens will visit other areas such as outside schools, where parking by parents continues to be done illegally and dangerously, like stopping on the Zig - Zag lines, on the corner of junctions, in front of drive ways. I recently observed on

more that one occasion, a driver parking in front of a driveway on Vane Road, display his Blue Badge and then walk into the school, surely this is an abuse of the rules. Will Wardens visit residential areas of our town, where car owners don't seem to think before they park? They park on the pavement /grass, double park, on bus stops, in the turn round arrears of Cul - de - Sacs, close to or in front of other peoples drives/garages or just where they please. It doesn't matter to them if they upset other residents, cause problems for other drivers or pedestrians, or worse still deny access for Emergency Services. Aycliffe Resident

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Open Day at PCP Centre

The Pioneering Care Partnership invited people to an Open Day at the Centre on Saturday 1 June. 137 visitors enjoyed experiencing everything PCP has to offer, for free!

PCP were showcasing the new family activities on offer including Dodgeball, Street Dance, Stride Fun and Games and Arts and Crafts. Visitors also discovered the full programme of social activities, aimed at getting them out of the house and meeting new people such as New Age Kurling, Colour your Life creative arts classes, Boccia, Zumba Gold, health walks and cycling.

PCP Health trainers delivered their maximum 10 health checks for the event where people aged 40 – 74 had their height, weight and waist measured, a simple finger stick test for cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Anyone wanting a free health check can contact PCP to make an appointment.

Pat Lerigo was the lucky winner of the prize draw on the day and has won a £25 therapy voucher.

Carol Wood, Business Development Director for the PCP says: "We were happy to welcome some new visitors to the Centre as we want more people to experience what PCP have to offer. We organise a full range of inexpensive, friendly classes, groups and



courses to help people get fit, learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or improve their confidence and self-esteem. We also wanted to raise awareness of our therapy suite and hydrotherapy pool which offer an alternative way to relax, reduce aches and pains and improve mobility.

We're hoping 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."

For further information please pop in to the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, or call: 01325 321234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit: www.pcp.uk.net. PCP are also on Facebook.com/PioneeringCare and Twitter: @PioneeringCare

Boyes Celebrate 20 Years in Newton Aycliffe



Staff at Boyes celebrated the shop's 20th Birthday last Tuesday, 4th June, with an in-store party hosted by the Company Directors.

Andrew Boyes MD attended along with other directors Tim & Robin Boyes, Ernie Gee and General Manager Mr. Slaymaker.

Andrew Boyes Managing Director confirmed his company's long term commitment to Newton Aycliffe stating whilst everyone was experiencing difficulty in retail Boyes are staying to serve their many loyal customers. Aycliffe Store Manager Lynn Bowker presented a Chocolate Bottle of Champagne for Andrew Boyes to take back to his sister Carol who officially opened the store 20 years ago.



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7th June 2013

Foreword by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs Val Raw

It was a great honour for me to represent the Town Council of Great Aycliffe in my role as Mayor during The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games. I attended many community events to celebrate these remarkable occasions. I also had the wonderful opportunity to unveil the stone commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the commemorative woodland the Town Council planted along a section of The Burn. As well as the formal civic duties I attended a further 166 engagements.



I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise £6511.00 for my nominated charities this included the generous donation from Barclays Bank. This amount was shared as follows the Butterwick Hospice received £4,761, Combat Stress for Veterans returning from war received £1,550 and the two food banks on the Town received £100 each.

The Town Council endeavours to rise to all challenges whilst focussing on the community's needs and continuing to improve our services this is becoming increasingly difficult during these current economic times.

This annual report provides a brief summary of some key achievements from the past year, an overview of financial information and a snapshot of the year to come.

SOME KEY THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR

- ✓ A major achievement last year in this current economic climate was once again not raising the Town Council portion of the Council Tax.
- ✓ Achieved £264,000 savings across all service areas which have been added to council balances, this will enable us to continue to deliver all of our services to you without the need to make cuts.
- ✓ Achieved a clean bill of health with our finances and received an unqualified audit.
- ✓ Installed an upgraded BMX track at Woodham Park.
- ✓ Expanded the skateboard area within the Town Park.
- ✓ Installed outside gym at West Park.
- ✓ Worked with a range of partners to deliver a variety of events and services.
- ✓ Finalised the licence agreement with Durham County Council which will enabled the Town Council to manage and improve a number of areas of land.
- ✓ Entered into an agreement to undertake a limited snow clearing and gritting service on behalf of Durham County Council.
- ✓ Held 38 public environmental events even with the bad weather we had.
- ✓ Held another successful Town Pride Environment Week working with the Youth Council, local schools and volunteers.

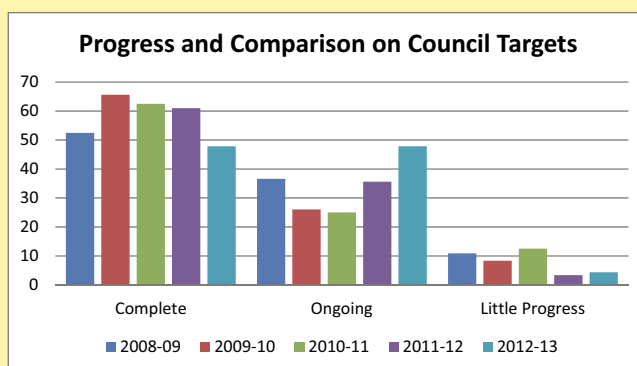
A message from the new Mayor, Councillor Mrs Barbara Clare

It was an honour to be appointed as Mayor for the Town Council of Great Aycliffe at the Annual General Meeting held in May. I am looking forward to a full year of civic events and public engagements. If you would like me to attend an event or special occasion please contact Christine Ryder on 01325 300700.

The Town Council has been working very hard to find cost savings, yet still deliver the high level of services the residents of Great Aycliffe have become accustomed to. However, changes in legislation to the way that Council Tax is calculated resulted in an unexpected shortfall in the Town Council finances of over £352,800. Whilst this was partly offset by a Government Grant of £296,150, it still left the Council facing a net shortfall of £56,650 in the 2013/14 Revenue Budget. Due to careful management of the Town Council finances we achieved this saving without the need to make cuts to front line services or staffing levels, although, vacant staffing posts did need to be deleted.

We encourage the residents of Great Aycliffe to engage with the Town Council and make their views known. We have a customer panel where residents can be actively involved in Town Council business and we are always looking for new members. Please contact the Town Council Offices 01325 300700 for further details. Or, why not attend one of our Council or committee meetings to see for yourself what goes on. Everyone is welcome.

The table below shows progress, as a percentage, on the Council targets over the previous 5 years. Regular reports are provided to both Councillors and the Customer Panel who have the opportunity to discuss progress on individual items.



SOME KEY TARGETS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The Town Council constantly strives to provide excellent services for its residents. Some of our key targets for 2013/2014 are:

- The Town Council will be starting work on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan. This is a very important piece of work which will help the residents of Great Aycliffe plan for the future. **We will need your help to ensure the best plan possible is produced.**
- Finalise the licence agreement with Durham County Council which will enable the Town Council to manage and improve a number of areas of land.
- Improve our partnership working.
- Improve our community engagement and encourage more residents to become involved in local government.
- Continue to provide all existing services without the need to make cuts.
- Commence a review of all service areas to ensure value for money.
- We are aiming to once again freeze the Town Council portion of the Council Tax.
- Undertake 40 public environmental events.
- Undertake 60 school environmental engagements.

AIMS AND TARGETS 2013/2014

AIM 1 "TO PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL"

- 1 Publish a Parish Performance Plan by 30th June
- 2 Achieve an unqualified audit opinion on the Annual Governance Statement
- 3 Pursue the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, improving community engagement and encouraging the residents of Great Aycliffe to become involved in the process
- 4 Quarterly performance reports are presented to Policy & Resources Committee
- 5 Deliver the Internal Audit Plan Schedule of Work and report to Council
- 6 Provide a Member and Town Clerk training programme to comply with guidance for Quality Status
- 7 Undertake a review of all records and filing systems annually to comply with Freedom of Information Act
- 8 Improve advertising of Council facilities and services by targeting a service area in each publication
- 9 Undertake a town wide questionnaire consultation, as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process
- 10 Complete the new Health & Safety Manual, ensuring requirements for feedback from Managers is incorporated
- 11 Quarterly reporting to Performance Management Group regarding Health & Safety requirements, accidents and other information
- 12 Develop and deliver a training plan for new Members

AIM 2 "TO MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S FINANCES AND ASSETS IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER"

- 13 Produce annual statement of accounts by 30.6.13
- 14 Achieve an unqualified audit opinion of the accounts by 30.9.13
- 15 Ensure the Medium Term Financial Plan is approved by 30th June each year
- 16 Quarterly budget control reports are presented to Policy and Resources Committee
- 17 Undertake a review of all Council risks every March and report to Council
- 18 Budgets/Precepts approved by 31st January 2014
- 19 Manage the future financial impact of the localisation of support for council tax (LCTSS) and any future cuts to LCTSS
- 20 Commence a programme of financial reviews of all service areas
- 21 Undertake an annual update of the Asset Register including the schedule of expected life and replacement costs for plant and machinery. Ensuring that any works are prioritised by the Equality Act and replacement plant and machinery is built into the capital works programme as necessary

AIM 3 "TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE LEISURE FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES"

- 22 Deliver 40 public countryside events
- 23 Deliver the Council's programme of special events
- 24 Expand the activities offered at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex
- 25 Complete the programme of asset management planned work at the Oakleaf Sports Complex
- 26 Provide at least 10 bar/catering promotions to develop the social side of the OakLeaf Complex business
- 27 Investigate ways to extend the cycle paths on the Great Aycliffe Way and around Great Aycliffe
- 28 Assist Aycliffe Youth Council to hold a Free Family Fun Day in the Town Park on 30th July 2013 to coincide with the first Fun in the Park event

AIM 4 "TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AS APPROPRIATE IN GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 29 Achieve successful Ofsted Inspection Results (if undertaken)
- 30 Aim to maximise child numbers at both pre-schools

AIM 5 "TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF AYCLIFFE BY MANAGING AND DEVELOPING PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND GREEN SPACES"

- 31 Environment Officer to work with local schools and community groups to develop volunteer opportunities
- 32 Work with the Youth Council, schools, community and voluntary groups hold a Town Pride Environment Day
- 33 Undertake maintenance and management of specific DCC environmental areas as per the management agreement
- 34 Undertake a limited snow clearing and gritting service on behalf of Durham County Council as per the management agreement

AIM 6 "TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 35 Support and encourage Aycliffe Youth Council (AYC) by

Organising the election process
Holding at least 8 meetings a year
Helping to organise at least 1 project a year

- 36 Working with other groups to develop community activities to encourage pride in Great Aycliffe
- 37 Work with partners and assist with initiatives to reduce litter

AIM 7 "ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY"

- 38 Hold at least 5 Customer Panel meetings with the residents of Great Aycliffe
- 39 Hold a budget setting consultation meeting with the Customer Panel
- 40 Hold a Parish Meeting
- 41 Hold an Allotment AGM
- 42 Hold 6 allotment representative meetings
- 43 Hold or take part in at least 2 events to inform residents about Town Council services

AIM 8 "TO RESEARCH INFORMATION AND MAKE THE CASE FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE"

- 44 Produce timely responses to all major consultations carried out
- 45 Undertake benchmarking and research where appropriate for new policies and procedures
- 46 Keep up to date with any changes in legislation and report to council as and when required

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Town Council, as a relevant body, applied under the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations (2012) to Durham County Council to designate the parish boundary of Great Aycliffe as a Neighbourhood Area. After the appropriate consultation period the application from the Town Council was approved in February 2013.

Work on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan will commence in the next few months please keep an eye open for public events which will be advertised in the Newton News as well as our own website and publications. The findings from the public events and questionnaires will help shape the future of Great Aycliffe and will become supplementary planning guidance for our area. Please take the time to attend one of these public events and share your views for the future of Great Aycliffe.



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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013 / 2014

CHAIRMAN / VICE-CHAIRMAN **Number of Members**

COUNCIL *(All Members)* **Councillor Mrs. Barbara A. Clare (Mayor)**, **Councillor Mrs. Wendy P. Hillary (Deputy Mayor)**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE *(26 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, **J.D. Clare**, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, **I. Gray**, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

RECREATION COMMITTEE *(26 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, **B. Hall**, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, **J.P. Hillary**, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE *(26 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, **R.S. Fleming**, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, **M. Iveson**, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers and C. Wheeler.

SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS from the Policy and Resources Committee

SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP *(7 Members)*
Councillors J.D. Clare, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, M. Iveson and C. Wheeler.

GENERAL APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE *(Members chosen as necessary)*

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE *(10 Members + Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, Mrs. B.A. Clare, M. Dalton, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, M. Iveson and Mrs. V.M. Raw.

APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE *(9 Members + Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors E. Adam, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad and C. Wheeler.

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE *(7 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)*
Councillors A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, M. Dalton, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and W. Iveson.

ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP *(9 Members)*
Councillors J. Atkinson, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, K. Henderson, J.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C. Wheeler.

CHARGES WORKING GROUP *(Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environment, Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor)*
Councillors J.D. Clare, Mrs. B.A. Clare, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary and M. Iveson.

WORKING GROUPS from the Recreation Committee

GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP *(3 Members)*
Councillors J. Atkinson, R.S. Fleming and M. Iveson.

SPORTS COMPLEX WORKING GROUP *(Members chosen as necessary)*

SHOW WORKING GROUP *(7 Members + Chairman & Vice-Chair of Recreation)*
Councillors J. Clark, M. Dalton, Mrs. M. Dalton, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, P. Kjenstad, D. Summers and T. Twissell.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL EVENTS

The following Civic Dates have now been finalised for the the newly appointed Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Barbara A. Clare.

CIVIC SERVICE - Sunday, 14th July, 2013
at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe – 10.00 a.m.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, 30th August 2013 at Oakleaf Golf Complex

TOWN COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE
Sunday, 15th December 2013 (Provisional) – Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre – 2.30 p.m. to 4p.m.

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE
Sunday, 22nd December 2013 at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe – 6 p.m.

CIVIC DINNER AND DANCE - Date and venue to be arranged



REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/14

- (a) **Youth Council - Three + 1 Officer**
Councillor J.D. Clare, Councillor D. Summers, Councillor T. Twissell, Corporate & Policy Officer
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils - Two Members only at AGM + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor J.D. Clare, Town Clerk
- (c) **Citizens' Advice Bureau - One plus One reserve**
(Vacancy)
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association - Two**
Councillor N. Collinson, Councillor K. Henderson
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee - Two + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor B. Hall, Town Clerk
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum - Two + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor J.D. Clare, Town Clerk
- (g) **Lifelong Learning Committee - Three**
Councillor J. Clark, Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh, Councillor W. Blenkinsopp
- (h) **Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre - One**
Councillor D. Summers
- (i) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society - Two**
Councillor I. Gray, Councillor D. Summers
- (j) **Sedgefield Health Network - One**
Councillor N. Collinson
- (k) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve - One**
Councillor I. Gray

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

29th May 2013	Environment	27th Nov. 2013	Environment
29th May 2013	Recreation *	27th Nov. 2013	Recreation *
5th June 2013	Policy & Resources	4th Dec. 2013	Policy & Resources
12th June 2013	Full Council	11th Dec. 2013	Full Council
3rd July 2013	Environment	15th Jan. 2014	Environment
3rd July 2013	Recreation *	15th Jan. 2014	Recreation *
10th July 2013	Policy & Resources	22nd Jan. 2014	Policy & Resources
17th July 2013	Full Council	29th Jan. 2014	Full Council
4th Sept. 2013	Environment	26th Feb. 2014	Environment
4th Sept. 2013	Recreation *	26th Feb. 2014	Recreation *
11th Sept. 2013	Policy & Resources	5th Mar. 2014	Policy & Resources
18th Sept. 2013	Full Council	12th Mar. 2014	Full Council
16th Oct. 2013	Environment	9th Apr. 2014	Environment
16th Oct. 2013	Recreation *	9th Apr. 2014	Recreation *
23rd Oct. 2013	Policy & Resources	16th Apr. 2014	Policy & Resources
30th Oct. 2013	Full Council	23rd Apr. 2014	Full Council

All meetings commence at 7.15 p.m.

* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

14th MAY, 2014 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

21st MAY, 2014 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m. (*)**

(***) (N.B. – this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700). The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

Personnel Sub-Committee - This Sub-Committee will be held as and when required. **Audit Sub-Committee** - This Sub-Committee will meet, as a minimum, on a quarterly basis (dates as appropriate). **Appeals Sub-Committee** - This Sub-Committee will be held as and when required. **General Appeals Sub-Committee** - Will be held as and when required.

The following Working Groups will meet as and when required.

Charges Working Group - Asset Management Member Working Group - Golf Working Group
Sports Complex Working Group - Show Working Group - Service Review Working Group - Personnel Member Appeal Panel

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Listed below for public disclosure is the allowances and other expenses claimed by the Council's Elected Members during the financial year 2012/13 in line with statutory requirements as set out in the Local Authority (Members Allowances) Regulations 2004.

Surname	Forenames	Title	Total Payment	Allowance	Subsistence	Mileage Claim
Bambridge	Stephen	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Blenkinsopp	William Maurice	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Bowman	Thomas Raymond	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Bowman	Dorothy	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clare	John Duncan	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clare	Barbara Anne	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Crosby	Vincent	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Curtis	William James	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Dalton	Maria WH	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Ducker	John Paul	Mr	£ 452.27	£ 452.27		
Fleming	Robert Stuart	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gittins	Paul Steven	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	George Coulson	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	George Robert	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	Joan	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	Ian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Haigh	Brian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Haigh	Sandra	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hall	Brian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Henderson	Keith	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hewitson	Irene	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hillary	Jeremy Paul	Mr	£ 353.20	£ 353.20		
Hillary	Wendy Patricia	Mrs	£1,030.17	£1,030.17		
Hopper	Catherine Mary	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	William	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	Sarah Jane	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	Malcolm	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Palmer	Alison	Ms	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Paylor	Enid Marion	Mrs	£ 794.70	£ 794.70		
Raw	Valerie Margaret	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Warburton	Alan Derek	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		

Subsistence figures are for Conferences – As per approved Members Allowance Scheme

Annual Report on the Council's Finances 2012/13

1. Introduction

Welcome to the annual report on the Council's finances which we hope you will find informative and of interest.

This report sets out a summary of the Council's spending plans for 2013/14 and explains how this will be funded by you, the council tax payers of the Parish. The report also provides a summary of the Council's financial performance in 2012/13 and details of the outcome of the annual audit inspection by the Audit Commission.

2. The Council Budget

The Council Budget is an estimate of the resources that the Council will require to be raised from council tax to fund all of the services it provides for a period of one year.

The Budget covers the financial year which runs from 1st April to 31st March.

The Council needs to set a Revenue Budget and a Capital Budget each year.

The Revenue Budget funds the day to day running costs of the Council's services such as salaries, supplies and services and the net cost after deducting any income receivable from fees and charges and grants is met from the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill.

The Capital Budget funds major one off investment in the Council's fixed assets such as its buildings, vehicles and play areas and is funded from the Council's Balances and Reserves and any external grants that may be available.

3. Localisation of Support for Council Tax

The Council has been subject to a fundamental change to the way in which it is funded following the localisation of support for council tax by the government.

These statutory changes to the way in which council tax benefits are funded and accounted for in the council tax system, left the Council facing a reduction in its tax raising capacity of over £350,000 with effect from 2013/14.

While the government has put in place Localising Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) funding totalling £300,000 per year to offset the impact of these changes, the Council was still left facing a £50,000 shortfall which needed to be met from savings in the setting of Council's 2013/14 Revenue Budget.

In addition, the Council has found itself in a position moving forward whereby it is now reliant on an external funding stream which accounts for nearly 20% of its Budget. This has created much uncertainty and concern for subsequent years as the future receipt of the LCTSS funding is by no means guaranteed

4. 2013/14 Revenue Budget

The 2013/14 Revenue Budget was developed on the principle of protecting front line services and avoiding

Service Area	2013/14 Budget £
Members and Civic Expenses	70,800
Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	453,850
Capital Financing Charges	30,150
Pre Schools	235,150
Community Events	150,950
Sports Complex	624,700
Golf Course and Driving Range	228,550
Environment and Open Spaces	120,000
Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	239,850
Works and Depot	133,600
Street Equipment	8,000
Cemeteries	70,600
Allotments	14,750
Contingency Sum	25,000
Total Cost of Running Town Council Services	2,405,950
Contribution to Capital Reserves	50,000
Total Planned Spending	2,455,950
Less Income	
LCTSS Grant	(296,150)
Pre-Schools Funding and Fees	(208,000)
Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(419,150)
Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(166,900)
Cemeteries and Allotments Fees and Charges	(26,400)
Feed In Tariff Income from Solar Panels	(12,000)
Other Income	(26,750)
Investment Income	(4,000)
Use of Council Balances to fund 2013 Election	(25,000)
Total Income	(1,184,350)
Net Budget Requirement / Council Precept	1,271,600

the need for any job losses, whilst striving to freeze the Town Council Tax for what would be a fourth year in a row.

The setting of the Revenue Budget needed to take into account the likely changes in costs and income between the two years. This included making additional budget provision for pay awards, inflation, falls in leisure income and the withdrawal of double taxation grant by Durham County Council, and offsetting these through efficiency savings and budget reductions including the 2012/13 officer pay freeze, the new insurance and brewery contracts, a restructure of sports complex staffing.

The Council also needed to fund the £56,650 shortfall created by the localisation of support for council tax. This was met through the deletion of vacant staffing posts.

In overall terms, the Council's 2013/14 Precept reduced by £352,800 from £1,624,400 to £1,271,600, reflecting the loss in tax raising capacity following the localisation of support for council tax, the inclusion of the new LCTSS Grant which partly offsets this loss, and the budget reductions made to balance the budget.

5. 2013/14 Council Tax

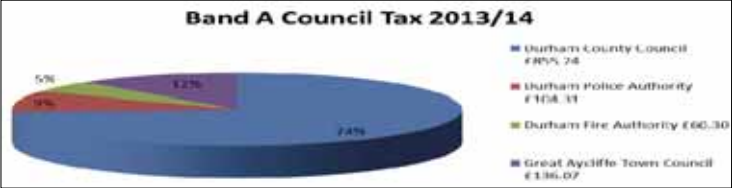
The Town Council Tax is calculated using the Tax Base for the Parish which is a calculation of the total number of chargeable properties in the area.

The Council Tax Base reduced by over 20% from 7,959 properties to 6,230 properties following the localisation of support for council tax, reflecting the inclusion of council tax benefits payments in the calculation.

However, by reducing the Council Precept to £1,271,600, the impact of this reduction has been offset and **the Council is pleased to report that a freeze in the level of Town Council Tax has been achieved for 2013/14.**

This is the fourth year now that the council tax has not been increased and the Council hopes that this will make a small contribution at least towards easing the burden on local tax payers during these difficult economic times.

The **2013/14 Council Tax at Valuation Band A**, which is the band at which the majority of properties in Great Aycliffe are valued, will therefore remain at **£136.07 per year or £2.62 per week.**



6. 2013/14 Capital Programme Budget

Following the change in the Council's financial situation following the localisation of support for council tax, a decision was taken to undertake only essential capital investment this year.

The 2013/14 Capital Programme Budget was therefore set at a lower level than in recent years at **£187,250** and includes provision for various building works, replacement machinery and equipment, footpath and play area safety surface repairs, and refurbishment of bus shelters.

The Capital Programme Budget **will be funded in full from the Council's Earmarked Capital Reserves,**

as there is not currently expected to be any external capital grants and contributions available to support the Council's spending plans, and the Council does not need to undertake further borrowing at the present time.

7. Council Balances and Earmarked Reserves

The Council's Balances and Earmarked Reserves stood at just under **£950,000 at the end of March 2013.** After accounting for the funding of the 2013/14 Capital Programme Budget and a number of on-going revenue and capital budget commitments from 2012/13, as well as the cost of the 2013 Elections, it is likely that the Council will have just over **£750,000 in Balances and Reserves at the end of the 2013/14 financial year.**

This is considered to be an adequate level of reserves to support future capital spending commitments and to provide some protection against future spending commitments and possible cuts to LCTSS funding.

8. 2011/12 and 2012/13 Actual Revenue Spending

A summary of the Council's actual expenditure in 2011/12 and 2012/13 in running its various services, and how this expenditure was funded, is detailed below:-

2011/12 £	Service Area	2012/13 £
70,119	Members and Civic Expenses	68,670
401,443	Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	413,560
29,768	Capital Financing Charges	30,184
228,521	Pre Schools	232,968
141,617	Community Events	140,409
730,367	Sports Complex	702,778
275,625	Golf Course and Driving Range	274,390
341,265	Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	321,138
311,134	Environment, Works and Street Equipment	318,284
71,945	Cemeteries	79,666
22,656	Allotments	18,057
-	Contingency Sum	3,933
2,624,460	Total Cost of Running Council Services	2,604,037
	Less Income	
(39,075)	Grants	(38,475)
(222,412)	Pre Schools Funding and Fees	(251,345)
(437,827)	Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(424,563)
(196,294)	Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(152,110)
(18,267)	Cemeteries Fees	(18,575)
(5,419)	Allotments Rents	(6,425)
(43,163)	Other Fees and Charges	(37,725)
(3,727)	Investment Income	(4,592)
(966,184)	Total Income	(933,810)
(364,050)	Exclusion of Depreciation Charges	(359,843)
1,294,226	Actual Net Cost of Council Services	1,310,384
322,624	Contribution to Council Balances / Savings	314,016
1,616,850	Council Precept / Council Tax	1,624,400

and to provide for further investment in Council and community assets for the benefit of the tax payers of Great Aycliffe over the coming years.

9. 2011/12 and 2012/13 Actual Capital Investment

A summary of the Council's capital investment in Council and community assets in 2011/12 and 2012/13, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed below:-

2011/12 £	Investment Area	2012/13 £
47,009	Council Buildings Works	71,105
61,475	Council Offices Solar Panels	10,183
40,000	Sports and Golf Complex Access Road	-
-	Aycliffe Show Field Improvements	46,585
10,000	Replacement Vehicles and Machinery	25,500
33,225	Computers, Servers and Website	-
85,788	Parks and Play Areas Investment	61,008
46,760	Allotments and Environmental Initiatives	2,520
14,245	Other Capital Investment	19,681
338,502	Total Capital Investment	236,582
	Funded by:-	
35,785	Capital Contributions	61,076
302,717	Use of Council Balances	175,506
338,502	Funding of Capital Investment	236,582

replacement vehicles, machinery and equipment.

This is all investment that would not otherwise have been possible if the Council did not include a contribution to capital reserves in the Revenue Budget each year and achieve efficiency savings against the Revenue Budget year on year. The Council has also actively sought external grant funding, securing over £500,000 from various sources to support capital investment in the town in recent years.

10. Annual Audit Report

The Council is subject to an external inspection by the Audit Commission each year and the overall opinion on the financial standing of the Council is set out in an Annual Audit Letter. The Audit Commission looked at three main areas in 2012/13:-

1. Statement of Accounts 2. Annual Governance Statement 3. Value for Money (Use of Resources Assessment)

The Council is pleased to report that it has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the audit inspection.

This means that the Audit Commission considers that:-

- the Council's Accounts present fairly its financial position;

- it is well managed and governed with sound strategies, policies, procedures, systems and internal controls;

- its finances are in good order;

- it delivers value for money to the local community.

This was a very positive Audit Report for the Council and the Audit Commission commended the Council for the progress it has made over the last few years. This is an excellent achievement and has been achieved as a result of the hard work and commitment of all councillors, management and staff.

It has also been agreed by the Council that it will continue to seek a greater level of external audit in 2013/14 despite a change in legislation which would allow the Council to move to a limited assurance audit regime.

As one of the largest Town Councils in the country and which spends nearly £3 million of local tax payers' money each year, it felt it needed to continue to manage its finances to a higher standard and to seek a greater level of assurance from external auditors in order to demonstrate efficient use of public money.

The 2012/13 Audit Letter is due to be received later in the year, following the completion of the 2012/13 Audit.

Free Family Fun Day



On Saturday 1st June the sun shone and nearly 200 people joined us at Greenfield Arts for our free family fun day, the culmination of the "Out of the Bag" project. Families enjoyed tasty food demos, face painting, an art treasure hunt, a chance to illustrate the gallery walls, making happiness bags, printmaking and making recycled sculptures as well as a fantastic live aerial dance performance by the "Baretoed" company. Families also received a free bag of art materials and an inspiration booklet, with ideas on how to continue to be creative at home after their experience on the day. All those who came had a great day, enjoying the opportunity to be creative, learn new ideas and spend time together as a family. The project has been a success in allowing people in the community to experience the opportunities available at community centres and in supporting those centres in reaching new audiences. "Out of the Bag" was funded by GAMP Area Action Partnership, with three local community centres working in partnership to inspire families to be more creative and work together, as well as seeing the fantastic opportunities available to them in their community. Agnew Community Centre, Woodham Community Centre and Greenfield Arts would like to thank everyone who helped make this project such a success: the families who attended the sessions and those who attended the fun day, the fantastic artists and facilitators who delivered the activities, and all the partners who helped promote the project. We are keen to develop more creative opportunities for families so watch out for some coming up this summer.



NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Marie Curie Fundraiser: Coffee/Tea & Scones Drop-in on Saturday 6th July, 10am - 1pm
Charity Fashion Show by Bon Marche, Friday 19th July at 6.30pm. Tickets £5 (including buffet supper). Thanks to one of our supporters we are running a quiz at a cost of £1, the answers are all places in the North East. If you would like a copy, send £1 with your name and address to 5 Ainsty Hunt, The Chase, Newton Aycliffe and I will post it out for you. We are looking to start Carpet Bowling in July - to show interest ring 313924. Would you like to see a new activity introduced? Ring the above number for a chat. We have vacancies in our large hall for you to hire and run your own class and are looking for someone to run the following:
1. Fitness Class (easy) for senior citizens
2. Walking Club
3. Family Disco Club
4. Old Tyme dancing Club
5. Cycling Club
Ring 313924 to show an interest. New Age Kurling Open Day for you to try it out to see if it is for you - Wednesday 12th. June from 10-12noon. Ring to book on 313924. Just come along and try it out - first session free.

DO YOU TRAVEL TO HARLOW?

Dear Sir,
I would like to contact a haulier/driver who would take two/three black plastic bags full of knitting and drop them off at a factory unit near Harlow Essex (a very short distance off the M11) for onward shipping to AFRICA for the Knitting for Africa Charity Project. This would only be once a month but it would help tremendously. Please ring. Dorothy Bowman. Tel: 308094 & 07967901477



Teenager's Use of Bad Language

Dear Sir,
I often walk around Aycliffe Parks and Great Aycliffe Way with my grandchildren and a couple of dogs. Recently however, this hasn't been a pleasant experience. On Tuesday evening I was walking behind the TA center on the Aycliffe Walk when a foul mouthed teenager set upon this poor lady with her young children. I can honestly say in my 67 years I have never witnessed a young girl use so much foul mouthed language. The young children were clearly very upset and I begin to wonder what up bringing

they get and are her parents proud of this behaviour. These kids must pick up this foul language from them. I take my young grandchildren to parks near to where I live, but they seem to be home to lots of swearing teenagers who just meet and swear at each other! The park has a sign to say no over 5's allowed in this park, but these youths are around 15 years old. Do we have wardens to check on these parks? If so they need to step up and visit them more often. Bring back bobbies on the beat !!! F Hill, Pease Way

Win a Wedding or Sell the Caravan



Another Aycliffe couple who want to win a wedding is David Grey and Julie Grayson who have been together through some rough times. Finding the right partner has been a long haul for them and they would love this chance to get married. If they don't win David would have to sell his caravan which means a lot to him and his two sons so please vote for them. Text WEDDING to 80360, leave a space then 1231. Call 0901 360 1231. Calls cost no more than £1.02 per call from BT Landlines. Calls from mobiles and some other networks may cost more. Texts cost £1.00 plus your normal operator text charge. Telephone and text lines open from 28/05/2013 and close 23/06/2013 at 23.59pm. Full terms on: <http://www.newquest.co.uk/terms>. Newsquest Media Group Customer Service 0800 280 0896.

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PHOENIX MUAY THAI BOXING AT THE BIG CLUB

Saturday 29th June 2013

MAIN EVENTS

Anth Shelton vs **Lauren Humphrey**

Junior & Senior Bouts

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Contact: Gary Mcallister
07812 737718

After the recent success of Reece McAllister defeating Britain's #1 Tim Thomas on Glory 5, it is now time for Phoenix Thai Boxing to showcase their up and coming fighters on it's first promotion. Topping the bill in title fights are local fighters, Anth Shelton and Lauren Humphrey. Anyone wishing to sponsor this event or purchase tickets please contact: Gary on 07812 737718, Reece 07581 571569 or Anth 07985403930

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Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

Greenfield Community College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of sex, race, marital status or disability

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All posts are subject to satisfactory DBS clearance.

Closing Date: 12 noon – 20th June 2013

Your place of work will be Greenfield Community College. The school is part of the Aycliffe and Shildon Schools Education Trust (ASSET) and you may be required to work in any of the school sites within the Trust.

"We Need to Manufacture More" says Aycliffe Boss

John Elliott, founder of Ebac Ltd, has told academics and industry experts that he would "suspend innovation for a year". Delivering a keynote speech at the National Manufacturing Debate 2013 at Cranfield University, Mr Elliott said the move would drive UK manufacturing forward by placing the focus upon goods people in the country consume.

The National Manufacturing Debate is an annual event which brings together professionals from a range of sectors to discuss and debate current challenges in the industry, and encourage long term growth.

Mr Elliott was a panellist in the debate, alongside a range of experts from across manufacturing. Other guest speakers included Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise.

Mr Elliott said: "There are two ways of living within our means. One is spending less, which we are trying to do, the other one is making more, and that's what we need to do and where manufacturing comes in." He added that people in the UK buy "cheap" imported goods, they actually also pay the unemployed worker in this country who could have made the items, but is instead receiving benefits.

"We've got to stop kidding

ourselves that we are getting cheap jeans from China because we are paying for the guy who could've made them anyway, so it is costing us twice," he said.

"The UK household spends as much money in one year on washing machines as the entire world spends in two years on Rolls Royces."

"We have got to look at the simple stuff, we have got to look at the boring things that we all consume on a day to day basis. If I had a wish, if I was King for a day I would suspend innovation for a year. Innovation to me is the cherry on the cake but we haven't got the cake."

He added: "It is vital that something is done to bring global trade into balance and one option which should be seriously considered is adjusting currencies to create a level playing field."

Mr Elliott also stated the current economic model in which people in countries such as China work to produce goods which they cannot, themselves, afford.

"It's not only financially stupid, it's immoral," he said. "Our economists talk about stimulating demand. We don't want to stimulate demand, we want to stimulate supply. The Chinese need to stimulate demand. Why shouldn't those people benefit from their hard work?"



FEEL GOOD FILM AT ST. CLARE'S

St. Clare's Church begin a series of "Feel Good" films on Tuesday 11th June by showing "The Best Marigold Hotel" at 1.15pm. Tea and Coffee will be served before the film starts at 1pm. Admission is £2.00 and everyone is welcome.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 29th MAY

At the Environment Committee meeting it was decided to ask the Service Review Working Group to set away the Neighbourhood Plan; this key document will determine how the town develops in the future.

The Committee also asked the officers to look into the feasibility of closing the lorry park, following newspaper reports that some users are using it as a toilet.

A number of trees have been damaged/vandalised at School Aycliffe, to the point where some trees may need felling, and the cost to rectify the damage will be £500. Members resolved that, if/when we find out who did this, the Council WILL prosecute them.

The Recreation Committee considered a report that (due to the closure of other local council fireworks events) the Town Council Firework Display is now attracting so many people from outside the area that it is causing concern – in particular in regard to crowd control or emergency evacuation of the site.

Parked cars are damaging the verges, and the mixture of heavy traffic, parking cars and large numbers of pedestrians creates a real danger that one year someone will be knocked down. Officers have approached the SAG (Safety Advisory Group) for County Durham, for advice to establish if the event venue remains suitable for the increased numbers attending. Members do not want to close down the Fireworks Display, but neither can they recklessly ignore the growing safety problems.

Chaplain Out of Action

To all Town Centre Premises staff:

Dear all

I write to let you know I will be out of "action" for a few weeks as I am going into hospital to have an operation on my foot on June 19th, so I will slightly disabled for a while until it heals.

I apologise that during these last couple of months I have not been able to pop in and visit you as much as I would have liked, because of this problem.

Please know that just because you do not see me around does not mean you are forgotten. You are all constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

I do know how hard it has been for you all to keep your morale high during this long regeneration programme of our Town Centre. Try and keep smiling through, it is looking good and hopefully things "Can only get better" as the song goes, and we will have a beautiful place for folks to come and shop in. Bye for now, and chin up everyone. God bless.

Pam Lovelass. (Town Centre Chaplain)

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ST. CLARE'S SUMMER FAYRE



The annual Fayre was very successful with large crowds supporting the event. There were numerous attractive stalls all trying their hardest to extract money from visitors. The home-made Cake Stall sold out as usual in very quick time and Bacon Butties at only £1.25p were very popular. The Church members work very hard to make this a good money raising event, devoting hours in preparing items for the stalls and organising this popular occasion in the church calendar. Our Parish Church faces some serious expense in repairing the roof and funds from all sources are necessary to maintain the services provided by this popular town centre venue which in addition to worship is being used regularly for a number of community activities. St. Clare's Church plays a big part in the life of our town. It enjoys a strong presence in the heart of the centre of Newton Aycliffe. The War Memorial stands proudly outside along with a statue to the "Aycliffe Angels". Hopefully the townspeople will support the church in with its essential repairs.



St. Andrew's Open for Visits

St. Andrew's Church, at Aycliffe Village is open for viewing each Thursday from 2-4pm. This ancient Saxon Church is beautiful and worth a visit to see the Saxon stonework and artifacts. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in pleasant surrounding and take time to look at old tombstones in the Churchyard. Stewards will be available to answer questions and give a guided tour. For information ring Revd Julie wing on 320278 or Dawn Herbert on 300040.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's first team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training won their fourth game of the season by 108 runs away at Billingham Synthonia in the 3rd division of the NYSD league. Batting first, Aycliffe hit their highest score of the season when with 197 all out after 45.4 overs. A special mention for 18 year old opener Sam Telford who batted with maturity when he carried his bat for a superb career best score of 72 not out. Captain Chris Palmer also deserved praise for his second half century of the season when he scored a typically aggressive 58. Aycliffe bowler Sean Morgan took a season's best 5 for 31 dismissing the first five homeside batsmen with a terrific spell of hostile fast bowling. Spin twins Sam and Luke Telford mopped up the tail with a couple of wickets each as Aycliffe ran out easy winners with 24 overs remaining. Aycliffe's second team capped a great weekend for the club winning their first game in the NYSD with a fantastic 63 run victory at home to Maltby 3rd team in the 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe's opener Kyle Robinson smashed an excellent 53, including 10 fours and was given good support from Nathan Blakeburn who scored 21. Aycliffe's middle

ordered struggled to maintain the momentum, but the team were thankful for a brilliant 2nd team club record 10th wicket partnership of 55 from captain John Gledhill (33 runs) and Tom Wickins (22 not out), which helped push their innings to 189 all out after 44.2 overs. Aycliffe fast bowler Dan Weldon was in terrific form to blast out the top three visiting batsmen and finish the game with career best bowling figures of 5 for 25. Tom Wickins also capped a fine individual performance when he chipped in with 3 wickets for 31 runs as the hosts dismissed Maltby for 126 after 31.2 overs. Newton Aycliffe's under 18's lost by 9 wickets at home to Bishop Auckland in the league cup. Aycliffe had to call upon four of the U13's squad due to player unavailability and the inexperience showed as they were bowled out for just 42 with only 12 year old debutant Adam Lamb and captain Dan Weldon reaching double figures. Another 12 year old debutant, Ryan Patrick had the honour of taking the only Bishop Auckland wicket. The under 13's were well beaten at home to Stockton despite creditable performances from both James Knowlson, who took 2 wickets and the in form Adam Lamb who blasted an excellent 23 runs.

HEIGHINGTON BOYS FC SEEK NEW PLAYERS

Heighington AFC Boys look forward with a lot of confidence to their end of season presentation event, on Saturday the 8th of June in the Big Club in Newton Aycliffe. Structurally and financially the club has never been as healthy and supported as it is now, having recently started an Under 8's team. The club is keen to continue this growth, and is seeking both new teams, and players to complement the existing ones, and if anyone is interested could they contact the following managers for more details: Under 8's - Shaun Falconer (07877 908 796) Under 10's - Dave Brassell (07870 777 779) Under 12's & 13's - Jim Barr (7899 862 079) Under 18's - Greg Lyons (07748 503 995) The club is also looking for a new Chairman and Treasurer, and anyone interested in any of these roles should contact Mel Oakes on 07775 855 352.

UNDER 14 WATER POLO CONTEST AT AYCLIFFE

Sedgefield Water Polo club entertained Yorkshire's leading clubs Sheffield and Rotherham and local team Durham City in a Under 14 tournament at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. In closely fought games Sedgefield came out on top against Sheffield 9-2, Rotherham 10-6 and Durham 5-1. In the final Sedgefield were up against Rotherham and with Sedgefield's tight defence they triumphed 6-2. The player of the tournament for Sedgefield was Ben

Stephenson 12 who scored important goals in the two matches against Rotherham. He was ably supported by Connor Keeble, Michael cousins and Kris Egginton all 13. The other members of the young Sedgefield team were Haydn Craggs 11, Micheal Hampshire 12, Holly Turnbull 12, Niall Coulthard 10, Daniel Millington 10, Luke Curley 13, Hugh Masterson 12, Richard Murray 13, Poppy Stephenson 10 and Milo Curley 11

Aycliffe FC's 2013-14 Ticket Prices

Newton Aycliffe have announced their pricing structure as they bid to improve on last season's disappointing campaign which saw them narrowly avoid relegation with an eleventh hour escape. A slight increase on prices – the first for two years – should enable boss Allan Oliver to compete with the league's bigger spenders as Aycliffe aim to provide supporters with a more successful campaign this time around. Boss Oliver has already lost star defender Darren Craddock to neighbours Shildon, and has seen several close-season targets join clubs elsewhere in the Northern League, as the race to rebuild hots up. Matchday prices have risen by £1, with adult admission costing £6 and concessions £4. Concessions are deemed those aged between 12-16

inclusive, and the over 65's. As per the 'kids go free' incentive from last season, under 12's will once more be permitted for free, on a game-by-game basis. Season tickets are available and fans are encouraged to take advantage of the bulk saving. Adult tickets will be priced at £100 (a saving of £26 on a game-by-game basis) while concessions tickets will be priced at just

£60 (a saving of £24). Supporters have to contact club Secretary Steve Cunliffe (07872 985501) or Soccer Representative John Gaskarth (07590 925469) to purchase their season tickets. *Pre-season friendlies at Moore Lane Park will be priced at £3 for adults and £2 for concessions, with the exception of the Darlington friendly which will be priced as per 2013-14 league games.

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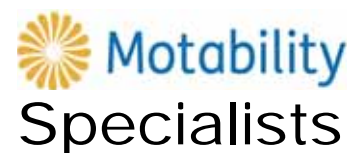
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cakes and more! We are also proud to present our Big Balloon Race. The children are busy encouraging friends and family to buy a balloon for £1.50. We hope to release over 400 balloons at 2pm. Entries will be available to buy on the day, so why not come along and join in? The prize for the furthest travelled balloon is an amazing two-day return cruise for up to four people on a AA 5* ferry to

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Obituary

ANGIE SEAL (Portugal). Formerly of Linden Place, passed away on 21st May, aged 45 years. Wife of Tony and Mother of Owen. Sadly missed by Wally, Sandra, Garry, Julie, Jack and Daniel, Wayne, Matty and Ollie. Forever in our thoughts

CARR Suddenly on May 20, at home. Jackie aged 44 years. Much loved Daughter of Ann and the late Robert, loving Mam of Ryan; Nana of Baby Millie and Sister of Robert. She will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends. Will family and friends please meet for a Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday June 13th at 10.00am. To be followed by a private family interment. Everyone welcome to return to Newton Aycliffe Sports Club following the Service.

Thank You

THANK YOU The family of the late Joan Birmingham wish to thank friends, Rotarians and neighbours for their support, flowers and cards. Special thanks to Father Campion for a heartfelt Service, Gillian and staff at Co-Operative Funeralcare, Floral Box for the beautiful floral tributes, Kate at the Foresters Arms. Thanks also to Syd from Newton News for his kindness which was much appreciated by Caroline and Lesley

KILLIP Westmorland Way. Dorothy and family of the late George wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy shown during their recent sad bereavement. Thanks for your kind donations of £485 towards the BHF. Our thanks to the Rev Stephen Liddle and the staff at the Co-Operative Funeralcare

THE FAMILY of the late departed Una B. Wright would like everyone to know they can finally lay their Sister to rest with the love and respect due. If friends would like, please meet on Saturday 15th June at 9.30am at Darlington Crematorium Garden of Remembrance

Charity Night for Soldier's Family

The Royal British Legion club is holding a Charity Night on Friday 21st June in aid of Drummer Lee Rigby's family. Lee was tragically killed in London and his death has caused widespread revulsion. Readers are asked to donate prizes for the raffle or money to the cause by contacting Sue Land on 320172 or Ray Henderson on 312876.

In Memoriam

ADA HUTSON 5-6-07. I remember the day I met you and the day God made you mine. I remember the day I lost you and I will until the end of time. But among the tears and heartache, there's one thing that makes me glad, that you chose me to share with you those precious years we had. Till we meet again someday. All my love, your loving Husband, Richard xxx

ADA HUTSON 5-6-07. In all the world Mam we shall not find, a heart so wonderfully kind. So soft a voice, so sweet a smile, inspiration worthwhile. A sympathy so sure so deep, a love so beautiful to keep. Months have grown day by day, it's now six years since you went away. Thoughts are full and hearts do weigh without you here to share the way we who love you will never forget. Loved and remembered every day. Your loving Family xxx

ALAN CAPELL 8th June 2012. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, so very dear. Loving Wife Vi and all your loving family

ALAN CAPELL 8th June 2012. Although we smile and make no fuss, no one misses him more than us, and when old times we often recall, that's when we miss him most of all. Love and miss you every day. Helen, Andy, Holly and Katie

ALAN CAPELL 8th June 2012, a year has passed without you in our lives and we miss you so much. In loving memory of a special Dad, Father-in-Law, Grandad, and Pops loved and remembered always Janice, Stewart, Clare, Louise and Heath.

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RON KIRTLEY 6th June 2004. It's been nine years Dad since you left us. Take care of Mam and Grandma. Love and miss you always. Lesley and Lauren xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. Ten years have come and gone since the angels came to call a loving Daughter home. You were so young Sarah, you still had your whole life to live, you were always kind and thoughtful with so much love to give. You left us far too early and only God knows why. You will be forever young, loved and missed every day. All our love, Mam and Dad xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. Treasured memories of my dearly loved Sister. Forever in my heart. Love and missed, Michael xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. There is a face that is always with me, a voice I would love to hear, a smile I will always remember of a Granddaughter I loved so dear. No longer in my life to share, but in my heart you are always there. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping and I have you in my heart. Loved and missed forever, Nana xxx

SARAH TEMPLE 12th June. Beautiful memories are all we have left to love, cherish and never forget. A little tribute small and tender, just to say we still remember. Loved and never forgotten, Nana and Uncle Barry xx

SARAH TEMPLE 12-6-2003. Ten long years and not a day goes by without you being in my thoughts. In my heart always Sarah. Much love, Wendy xx

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RITA ANN CHAPE (nee Lawson). 12-06-2006. There is a face we will always remember, a smile we will always recall, a memory to cherish forever, because you were loved by us all. Mam, Colin and family xxx

RITA ANN CHAPE (nee Lawson). Never will there be another, who gave in life such care to others, enriching lives of those she knew. We really thought the world of you. Loving you always from Martyn, Nicola, Natalie and Danny

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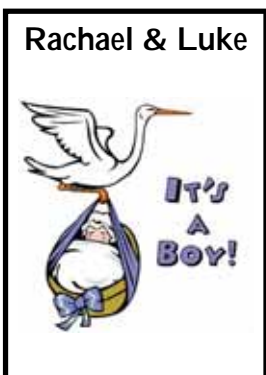
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Licence Applications

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Daniel Craig



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Happy birthday Daniel. Love Bank of Granma xxx
Happy birthday BaBa from Auntie Derek and Uncle Gordon.
Happy birthday Squishy. Love, Kitty Kat xxx

GARETH STEWART Happy 16th birthday Son. Love you loads, Mum, Dad, Chris and Tim xxx

TO LIZ Happy Anniversary and a Happy Birthday. All my love, Lee xxxx 8-3-1

ARRON J SAUNDERS 10th June. Happy 21st birthday Arron. Also 15th June for Amy-Jo, Happy 15th Birthday wishes. Love from Nana Ann and Grandad Neil xxx

WATERS Paris Jade Elizabeth, Friday 7th June. To a wonderful Daughter, happy 18th birthday. Also congratulations on getting 3 x A levels

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AYCLIFFE TEENAGER THROUGH TO FINALS

Local young athlete Courtne Mills (left) was in action over the bank holiday weekend, in the annual North-East Track & Field Championships at Gateshead International Stadium.

With the forecast for the meeting to be warm and bright, good crowds and high competitor numbers were guaranteed. Courtne was involved in three events, the 200m, long jump and triple jump.

Being a long jump specialist this is where the focus of the weekend would be for



her. Coaches Charlie Meite and Darren Hirst of Shildon Running & Athletic Club were confident of many Personal Bests from a number of the athletes and they were not disappointed.

Among those were 3 new PBs from Courtne in all of her events. The most notable was indeed the Long Jump, with a distance of 4.52m which brought with it a silver medal. The winner was local Gateshead athlete Emily Gargan, who is an outstanding athlete and fighting for the top

places in England, whilst third spot went to Grace Turner of Birtley Harriers.

Courtne who lives in Byerley Park and attends Greenfield College is constantly improving and making good progress year on year and has set her sights on many of the up and coming meetings this summer. She feels sure that the best of her performances are yet to be seen thus far and is looking forward to the County Finals on 8th June at Jarrows Monkton Stadium. Keep working hard Courtne and good luck.

AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB NEWS

Saturday 1st of June saw three Aycliffe Tri Club athletes represent the club at events across the country. Mark and Phil Harrop of Newton Aycliffe (right) took part in Triology Open Water Iron Challenge at Ellerton Lake near Scorton. They both opted for the Iron Man Challenge of a 3800m swim with Phil coming in first for the club in 1hr 23mins and Mark close behind in 1hr 35mins. This was a warm up session for the Harrop twins who will be taking part in Iron Man UK Bolton in July (updates to follow).

Michelle Scott our only lady competing that day took part in the BTF (British Triathlon Federation) Sprint Championships held at Holme Pierrepont Nottingham. The event was made up of a 750m swim



20k bike route and a 5k run and is a course that known for its speed and fast times. In a field of over 1100 strong triathletes Michelle came in 9th position in her category, an excellent result in such a strong field. If you are interested in the ever growing sport of

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