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Formica Group Celebrate 100th Anniversary



John Strickland with the Mayor Barbara Clare

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In attendance were some of the longest serving employees: Steve Dixon, Ian Watson and Colin Whitehead who are celebrating an incredible 39 years' service this month. The tree was planted by John Strickland who has worked for Formica Group for 35 years. The majority of the Newton Aycliffe employees (70%) have more than 20 years' service. The employees chose an Oak tree as the Acorn is a symbol of the area which used to be an oak forest; the origin of the name Aycliffe is the Old Saxon name "Acle", meaning "oak leaf".

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Senior Partner Dr. Robert McKinty presented a TV, jewellery and flowers to Pat and an iPhone and Coffee Maker to his colleague.

The function was attended by former GP partners who recruited Dr. Ramsay and previous staff receptionists, district nurses and health visitors.

Dr Ramsay thanked the staff at Bewick Crescent, the community nursing team, and the new pharmacy staff under Robert Pitt who now share a new relationship.

Everyone enjoyed a BBQ in the garden with lovely weather and both Pat and Peter said how much they had enjoyed their time at Bewick Crescent and through Newton News send a fond farewell to all patients.

The Royal British Legion

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School Club Visit Preston Park



During the holidays children from Woodham Burn Out of School Club visited Preston Hall Museum and Park. The weather was not great, but this did not dampen the children's spirits. On arrival we headed straight to the park and had it to ourselves for the morning. We were provided with a wooden lodge to have our lunch, keeping us warm and dry.

Afterwards the children were eager to explore the museum, which was our first visit after the recent refurbishment. We looked around the museum and the children particularly enjoyed the interactive

games, IT information, old toy memorabilia, old appliances such as hoovers, washing machines, bikes etc, all of which sparked lots of discussion.

Outside in the old street the children visited the Blacksmiths and watched the men making hanging basket brackets. In the chemist the lady told us how they used to make medicines and tablets. The sweet shop was the most popular with the children choosing an assortment of old fashioned sweets to take home.

We would like to thank J & C coaches for a safe journey

(as always) and the staff at Preston Park who made our visit to the museum informative and enjoyable.

We gained "outstanding" in our last Ofsted inspection. To find out more information about the OOSC club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time (before or after school - transport available to/from local schools) or in the school holidays (7.45am-6.00pm) please do not hesitate to contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

Formica's 100th Birthday

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Also present were Richard Pollington, President of Formica Group Europe, the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Barbara Clare and her husband Councillor John Clare.

Councillor Barbara Clare was once a Secretary to the Finance Director of Perstorp-Warnerite, based in Newton Aycliffe, which was later bought by Formica Group. The Newton Aycliffe factory was built in 1969 at a site that was originally used by the Ministry of Defence during and after the Second World War. Nowadays, the plant employs 79 members of staff and currently produces all of the recently relaunched European Axiom® by Formica Group range of worktops as well as a range of CPL laminates. Formica Group has recently invested in the facility and in July it will become the UK distribution centre for Formica® High Pressure Laminate.

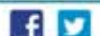
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Governor's Pride for a Wonderful School

Dear Sir,

As Vice Chairman of Governors at Sugar Hill Primary School, I am delighted to report that following a recent Ofsted inspection, our wonderful school – the beating heart of our community and the fulcrum for so many of our hopes for the future of our town – has been classified as being a 'Good' school. The achievement of the pupils, the quality of the teaching, the behaviour and safety of the pupils, as well as the leadership and management of Sugar Hill Primary School were all classified as being good. But that does not tell the whole story.

I have been a governor at Sugar Hill for eleven years and have never felt so proud of our school, its Admin staff, its pupils and their teachers as I do now. Not only are our teachers doing a brilliant job, delivering the curriculum and imbuing values to our pupils, but there is a palpable sense of togetherness and caring, throughout the whole school.

I continue to be astonished by not only the academic progress of the pupils, but also the love and genuine social support that pupils exhibit both collectively

and individually.

The senior management team of Headteacher, Linda Cumming, her Deputy, Paula O'Rourke and Assistant Headteacher, Linda Edwards, deserve the very highest praise.

Finally, in this my final year as Vice Chairman, I wish to pay tribute to our long-serving, hard-working, Chairman of Governors, Lyn Swift. Lyn has dedicated herself to achieving the very best for the pupils of our school; working tirelessly to support the staff and governors in taking Sugar Hill to where it is now. Well done, Lyn! Well done, Sugar Hill!

Councillor
Derek G Atkinson,
Vice Chairman,
Sugar Hill Primary School.

Flower Demo

Area demonstrator, Gill Bainbridge from Yarm will present a flower arranging evening entitled 'Down Stream' at the next meeting of the Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday, 1st July at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Centre. Free to members. Visitors £5.00

National Care Home Open Day Friday, 21st June, 2013

Defoe Court Care Home will be opening their doors to the public for National Care Home Day

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Saturday 22nd June - "Insanity"

"Two great sets with something a bit different - early Sabbath, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and a brilliant version of Queens Of The Stone Age 'No One Knows', were amongst the stuff Insanity serve up. Not all my cup of char, but thoroughly enjoyable.

Band were nice and tight with Graeme his usual rocking self at the back, assisted in the rhythm section by Hirdy, playing great bass and jumping around like only he does. Brian on vocals has a perfect voice for the material and headbangs and poses like a proper frontman.

I was most impressed with John "I only play rhythm really" . . . yeah, right! Trigg on guitar - great, clean, but dirty tone playing in a variety of tunings and some real tasty phrasing and playing. Definitely a less is more style, but some lush soloing that was even more impressive considering the lack of saturation, each note ringing out nicely. Excellent stuff!" - Gig Pit Rewiew
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Keep Your Houses Tidy

Dear Sir,
I appeal to private let householders to tidy up the outside of the property they rent. A coat of paint on gates/sheds would help our streets look much better. Shed roofs also are in dire need of repair and tenants should remember it is not just the inside of houses that need attention. I used to walk in our area with pride, but now I do not!
A Robson

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The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 102 Battalion (REME) together with Standards from both the REME Association and the Royal British Legion.

Armed Forces week was first held in 2009 when it was an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men

and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families and from recruits and veterans.

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Aycliffe Village School's Summer Fair

The PTA at Aycliffe Primary School, North Terrace Aycliffe Village, is once again working hard behind the scenes to organise the school's annual Summer Fair, which is to take place Thursday 27th June from 3.30 to 6.30pm.

Along with an array of stallholders and tombolas there will be fun and games for the children including Tommy Bungle & Friends, Tea cup rides, Face painting and Glitter Tattoos to mention but a few.

The kitchen will also be open for hot food and refreshments throughout the afternoon. The Fair is open to all so please come along and join in the fun.

YMCA Volunteers Day Off



The YMCA shop gave its volunteers a rest to celebrate National Volunteers Week 1st-7th June. During volunteers week they had a "Onesie Day" in the shop, to chill out and relax!

The YMCA would like to thank all their volunteers for their commitment,

hardwork and time they give. they are the best donation we have ever received and are priceless! Volunteering is very rewarding said Manager Emma who invites more helpers to call her if they are interested (01325) 321580, or pop into the shop and find out what volunteering can do for you.

COUNTY COUNCIL CABINET MEETING

Wednesday 5th June

Regular Report Submitted by County Councillor John D. Clare

At Durham County Council, the Cabinet of senior councillors is empowered to make key decisions (which are then monitored by 'Scrutiny' committees). Thus the meeting of 5 June dealt with some huge issues.

The Empty Homes Cluster Programme is a £4.4m scheme to bring 120 uninhabited houses back into use. Helped by government funding, the Council will purchase empty properties and do them up, so they can be rented out. It is a bold initiative to address the housing crisis; the areas which will benefit in south-west Durham are Chilton, Coundon and Ferryhill.

The Cabinet also approved an exciting scheme to investigate

forming a 'Combined Authority' to coordinate the economic policies of the 'magnificent seven' north-east local authorities. The focus will be to deliver Lord Adonis's Economic Review recommendations for the area, especially with regard to transport and infrastructure. Also approved was an interim Procedure for the Adoption of Public Open Space on new housing estates – those odd plots of land which belong to the developer, but are often poorly maintained. Among a list of target plots was land in Ranulf Court and Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe.

The Cabinet agreed to 'refresh' its Safe Durham Partnership Plan, in order to incorporate its 'Think Family' strategy, which is designed to make sure that families facing multiple challenges receive multi-agency support. The Cabinet also considered a number of very detailed reports: The Performance Management Report

measures the Council's performance over the last year against the various performance indicators. In a desperate financial situation, whilst having to deliver £93m

savings, the County Council still managed to attain many of its targets ... and many of those where it fell short (e.g. unemployment) are arguably due to the recession and/or the cuts.

The Update on the Medium Term Financial Plan reported that the Council has met its savings targets. Sadly, in the past year, 428 jobs had been lost – 190 by early or voluntary retirement, 125 vacant posts had not been filled, and unfortunately there were 113 compulsory redundancies. The Council had consulted widely with the public about where the cuts might fall – consultations which showed that the Council had so far managed the process well, given the tough decisions necessary.

Finally, a very full report outlined Government Legislation affecting Durham County Council and reflected on its implications for the Council; it is well worth a read if you want to know in detail about what this government is doing to the County.

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Durham County Council is currently looking for families living in the Aycliffe area who can offer a child a permanent family through adoption.

Claire, 41, and Tom, 44, have recently been approved as adoptive parents. They have been matched with two children and are excited to meet their new family.

Tom said: "We knew that we couldn't have any children naturally, we tried IVF and it didn't work out for us. We have always wanted a family and so began to seriously consider adoption.

"We researched online and it really scared us as we began to worry that we would be too old or that we didn't have the right income so we eventually decided to have our questions answered and attended an information session.

"I was worried beforehand about meeting a social worker and how they would judge us but when we arrived it was friendly and relaxed. The social worker answered all of our questions and we were reassured that all of the things we were worried about wouldn't stop us from adopting."

Tom and Claire attended an Information event which gives prospective adoptive parents the chance to think about adoption and meet some adoptive parents. You

can also find out more about the professional support that is available to adoptive parents.

If you are thinking of adoption, an information event is taking place on Thursday, June 27 at Gala Theatre, Durham between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

It's a chance to meet

adoptive parents and chat with social workers who specialise in adoption. If you are unable to attend but would still like to find out more you can contact the Adoption Service by calling 03000 269 400, emailing adoption@durham.gov.uk or by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/adoption.

Please Get a Move on!



Town Centre shoppers are getting increasingly annoyed that this access to the Multi Storey Car Park is still being denied. The wall has come down and a temporary door is tantalisingly in its place so why can't it be opened? We were told the area has to be prepared and paved yet elsewhere in the town temporary footpaths are the norm. It is frustrating after the wall was taken down weeks ago, to see this easy access still blocked.

Coffee Pronto has just opened and they would welcome this access being available to their customers, as would Aldi and all the shops in Beveridge Way.

Concert at St. Mary's

Local virtuoso guitarist Jonathan Parkin is on tour throughout June and July and will appear at St. Mary's Church on Friday 5th July at 7pm.

Now in his 3rd year at the Royal Welsh College of Music, Jonathan will play many of the classical favourites to delight and amaze his audience.

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A campaign to spruce up the county has proved a dazzling success thanks to the efforts of residents, community groups and schools. Litter Free Durham's Big Spring Clean results are in. The two month-long initiative, which ended last month (May) saw 85 litter picks take place, involving almost 1,400 volunteers who collected a total of 1,086 bags of rubbish working over a total of 2,000 hours. The campaign, which is now in its third year, is supported by both Durham County Council and Darlington

Borough Council. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships at Durham County Council, said: "The Big Spring Clean shows just what can be achieved by everyone getting together to help tackle the problem of litter. "We will continue to support clean up campaigns such as the Big Spring Clean and the 'Love where you live' campaign from Keep Britain Tidy to help make our environment cleaner and greener." In addition to the fantastic results achieved by the

litter picks, a team of volunteers removed over seven tonnes of rubbish from the Denemouth area in Blackhall. The volunteers were supported by neighbourhood wardens, the council's Civic Pride Team, Clean and Green, Durham Constabulary, Durham Heritage Coast, Environment Agency and Natural England. Anyone interested in taking part in future campaigns to improve their local environment contact: 03000 261 000 or visit: www.durham.gov.uk/civicpride

Aycliffe Day Nursery's Good Ofsted Report



The management and staff of Aycliffe Day Nursery are very pleased to be graded 'good' in their Ofsted Report. We are also now able to offer the free 15 hour nursery entitlement to 2, 3 and 4 year olds. The report states that children are confident and skilled communicators and are motivated and keen to learn in this inclusive and welcoming setting and are supported by well qualified and knowledgeable staff. The Children develop positive relationships with staff and other children. We have made lots of changes to our outdoor area and now have a lovely space for children to play with a new digging area where children enjoy various sand, water and planting activities. We are also making home made books for our children

to share in our story area. I would like to thank all our staff, students and volunteers for all their hard work and commitment and our families and the Agnew Community Association for their continued support. If you would like any further information about the nursery or would like a visit please contact Jane on 07761 818514.

NEWTON PRESS 50th ANNIVERSARY STAFF REUNION

Were you, or do you know someone, who was employed by Newton Press at some time over the last 50 years? If so, we would love to hear from you . . . we would like to give you a special invitation to our 50th Anniversary Party to be held on September 7th 2013.

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Little Gems Sessions at Youth Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is pleased to welcome Jayne Latcham who is going to lead their successful Little Gems sessions. The sessions are available for all young people from 6/9 months of age to 5 year old. Thanks to The Rothley Trust the Management Committee of the Youth Centre is pleased to tell all Mums and Grandparents that we will be running these sessions all the way through the school holidays. During the recent spell of fine weather the youngsters were able to enjoy time in the fresh air

in the newly renovated secure garden area. The renovation was carried out during the recent refurbishment of the centre working with Livin and their partners. The outdoor garden toys were provided by Livin too. I am sure the children will have hours of fun playing in the sand and water. Discounts are available for more than one child from the same family. To register your child please can you contact Jayne on jayne.naye@live.co.uk or Joan on naye.joan@live.co.uk You could also ring the office on 01325 307522.

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Both girls excelled and enjoyed their time working in the library. If any school would like to take part in our scheme please contact the library on 03000 269 519 and speak to Tracie or Kathleen.

AYCLIFFE PROJECT HELPING YOUNG ADULT CARERS

Since its launch in 2012, Horizon Young Adult Carers Service has been a great success with nearly 300 young people referred into the service, for all kinds of help and support.

The transitions service supports young adult carers between the ages of 14-25 years and we can provide 1-1 support, group activities, young people's forums etc. We aim to improve confidence and well-being, increase choices available and help young adult carers to achieve their aspirations and full potential. UK data show there 229,318 young adult carers aged 18-24 in the UK; 5.3% of all people in that age group. One quarter of these are providing care for more than 20 hours per week and almost 12% are providing care for more than 50 hours each week.

Our team of project workers have supported young people recently with accessing learning and training opportunities (including Steps 4 Success and the Prince's Trust), accessing Carers Breaks, registering with housing associations, applying for benefits and CV preparation, in order that they achieve their own aspirations and ambitions.

The team also supports young people in training to become peer mentors, so that they can use their own experiences to help others and expand their own skills within Horizon and beyond.

Young Adult Carers Rebecca and Siobhan have recently returned from a residential Media Training weekend in Derbyshire, supported by Horizon staff. The weekend was a great success with carers from around the country

attending. The media training included learning how to interview, questions to ask etc, conducting the interview and capturing the necessary footage. They also learned how to edit their interview report using the latest hi-tech equipment.

The films they created featured their caring role and challenges they face, as well as any positive factors and outcomes. They also took part in photography training capturing the different emotions that carers face in their daily lives, ranging from tired and anxious to happy and empowered. Rebecca and Siobhan worked really hard throughout the weekend and Horizon won a specialist award for their quality of work inputted onto the 'Makewaves' website. The website is designed specifically for education, primarily used by schools, as well as organisations and projects that work with young people. <https://www.makewav.es/> The pieces of film interview which the girls created are going to be used at conferences as well as been played "on loop" at the Carers Festival in Southampton at the end of June. They were very proud of their work.

HORIZON CASE STUDY: Lisa is 17 and has a substantial caring role for her father and mother from around the age of 6. As a child it was more difficult for Lisa to go out and 'play' with peers and she was supported by the young carers service before Horizon. Horizon has been supporting her to relieve her caring role into young adulthood whilst studying Art & Design at College and working part time in a local clothes store. The team recently supported

Lisa in accessing driving lessons after identifying that being able to drive would help Lisa increase her independence as well as helping her caring role, to access the community more easily. Lisa has now passed her driving test and was absolutely thrilled!

She has also been accepted into University; still continuing with her caring role and is even able to have a social life! Lisa is an inspiration to people who care from a young age and continues to help Young Adult Carers and professionals through her experiences.

If you are 14-25 and caring for someone in County Durham or know of anyone who is then please get in touch with us on (01325) 731 160 or e-mail horizons@disc-vol.org.uk and one of our staff will take some details and arrange a visit.

Young people can also contact the ASK helpline run by Cornforth Partnership by texting ASK (followed by their question) to 80800 for questions about any issues they feel they need support with.

Horizon is partnership between DISC, Action for Children, Consett YMCA and Cornforth Partnership funded by Big Lottery Fund. Youth in Focus is a £30 million England-wide funding programme launched by the Big Lottery Fund in 2010. The programme aims to help vulnerable young people to lead active and fulfilling lives by funding 30 local projects and three England-wide learning and awareness raising projects. Horizon, DISC, Sapphire House, Unit 2, IES Centre, Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe. Tel: 01325 731160 E: horizons@disc-vol.org.uk

Commissioner Welcomes New Police Powers

Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner approves of new measures being introduced to tackle dangerous drivers.

Ron Hogg consulted with the public when he developed his Police and Crime Plan and one of the top policing priorities voted for by County Durham and Darlington residents was road safety related issues.

From July, motorists could be issued with £100 fines and three points for careless driving offences that would currently have to go to court. Current fixed penalties for

using a mobile phone while driving or not wearing a seatbelt will also rise by £40 to £100. Other fixed penalties could be issued for persistently driving in the middle lane on motorways and tail-gating other drivers. Mr Hogg said: "I fully welcome these changes to improve road safety, particularly to deter those who still insist on using a mobile phone while driving. Giving the police more discretion to act is good news as the new process will target offenders without the need for lengthy court procedures

DID YOU WORK AT EATON AXLES?

We are holding a reunion of all former employees of Eaton Axles, Newton Aycliffe, at the Pennyweight in Darlington Market Place (now owned by Malcolm McKee) on Monday 17th June from 7 pm.

Please come and join in (even if you can only make it for a hour or so) as it will be great to see everyone again!

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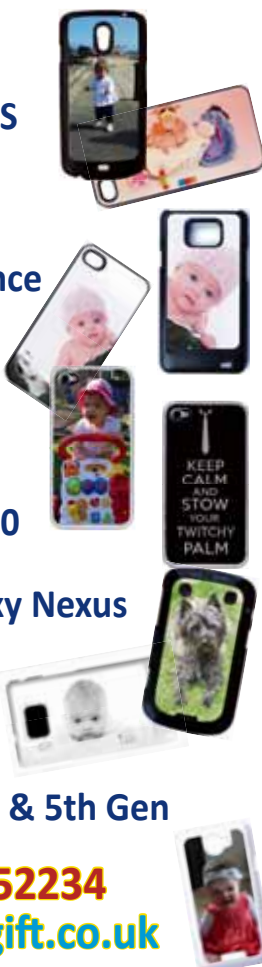
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Successful Dance Auditions



On Tuesday, 28th May, three students from the Macadam School of Dance auditioned for The Mandy Ellen performing Arts College for their September intake. They had to take classes in tap, ballet and jazz, perform a solo song and a monologue.

The college takes no more than 10 new students each year as it prides itself on giving the best it can in all aspects to the students.

The girls have all been offered a place out of 100's who auditioned. Diane, Mary and all at the school would like to say how very proud we are of them and whilst we will be so sad to lose them wish them the very best of luck in the future.

The auditions were followed by workshops, where students enjoyed dance sessions in Tap, Musical Theatre and Jazz, taken by Mandy and her deputy principal Emma West. A great time was had by all and it is hoped to become a regular event.

Students are now rehearsing for their summer Show "Chance 2 Dance" on the 6th and 7th July at Mainsforth Community Theatre. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3.50 for under 14's. Contact Diane 07890 511243.

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M.P. TRIES TO FORCE AYCLIFFE WIND FARM DECISION

Recent Government announcements indicate that local people will have more say on whether wind farms are to be located in their area. In a Parliamentary debate Phil Wilson tried to raise the situation at Aycliffe, but as can be seen with the dilaogue below the Minister sidestepped the issue,

PHIL WILSON QUESTION: E.ON wants to build a wind farm consisting of 25 wind turbines in the middle of my constituency, generating 64 MW of electricity, which is therefore over the 50 MW threshold. The final decision will be made by the Secretary of State. Does this announcement today mean that if the local planning authority is opposed and the local community is opposed, the Secretary of State will say no to it?

MARK PRISK ANSWER: It is cute of the Hon. Gentleman to try to tempt me into that area. He knows that these are quasi-legal decisions, and I am not going to comment on any individual application. What we have done today is make sure that the balance in discussions is correct at the local level and at the appeal level, so that there is an appropriate level of decision making. I am not going to be drawn into individual applications, as he will understand.

Students Exhibition

Last week saw the opening of the annual exhibition of work by Greenfield Community College students in The Greenfield Gallery. The work includes graphics, textiles, sculpture, photography and more, and is a fantastic way to see the work of the talented students at Greenfield.



The work on display shows the hard work the students have put into the subject during their time at Greenfield – well done to those involved! The exhibition will be open until Thursday 27th June for members of the public to see the work – for our opening hours please visit the website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Steam Engine Ready to Run



Shildon Merlin builders left to right Phil Gains (Founder Member), John Cain (Trainer), Alan Hindmarch (Chairman), Dale Brunskill (Locomotive Caretaker), Dave Heaton (Vice Chairman) and Steve Down (Secretary).

On Friday 7th June, "Merlin" had it's final inspection, and the Merlin Locomotive group were pleased with the outcome. the Merlin Locomotive group are now looking forward to "Merlin" moving to the Derwent Valley Light Railway, which is located on the Yorkshire Farming Museum site at Muron Park, just outside York, where it will run for the next two years.



A Meeting will be held at Simpature Court Coffee Lounge on Tuesday 18th June, 6-30pm to 7-30pm. A meeting is to be held at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 22nd June, 11am to 12noon. For more information visit www.durham.police.uk

Funding for Community Games in Co. Durham

The Community Games programme provides communities in County Durham with the opportunity to come together for a day of sport and culture on their own doorstep. The national programme which is in its second year, offers communities funding and support to organise an event inspired by the Olympics and Paralympics, celebrating the uniqueness of each community. The event can take place in a local park, a village green or a local community centre. There were 27 Community Games held in last year with over 750,000 people getting involved. Events included torch relay celebrations, Village and Urban games and Family Fun days. This year the programme opened for applications on April 1st and County Durham Sport, in partnership with the County Durham Community Foundation are looking to fund up to 30 Community Games before the end of September. Communities who can apply include local sports clubs, community centers, schools, parish and town councils, workplaces and many more. For more information on who can apply and the funding available please visit www.countydurhamsport.com or alternatively email countydurhamsport@durham.gov.uk



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Show Will Spread Curiosity and Wonder

Greenfield Arts and Greenfield Community College have been working in partnership with Durham University over the past few months to engage students creatively with Science. Greenfield Arts, Unfolding Theatre and Durham University are working with a team of students from Greenfield Community College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Club. The students have devised, designed and created a piece of live theatre which aims to stimulate wonder and curiosity within their audience about the world and their place within it. The students started by developing their ideas of what science and creativity means to them, working with professional theatre director and performer Annie Rigby (founder

of Unfolding Theatre) and mentor scientists from Durham University Research Departments including Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. The group have visited the University, performing hands-on experiments and investigations, and exploring their own responses and sense of wonder and curiosity. During following-up after-school sessions they combined their ideas together to develop a live performance, which will be performed by Unfolding Theatre. The premier performance of this fascinating show will take place in July at Greenfield and will then tour to other schools in the region, spreading the curiosity and wonder to other students.


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Items on the agenda:

(i) To consider and approve the Council's Statement of Accounts 2012/13.

(ii) To consider and approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2012/13.

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The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Victims Can Challenge Prosecution Service

Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner welcomes plans to give victims the right to challenge the Crown Prosecution Service when it decides to abandon a prosecution or not charge a suspect.

The new policy took effect on Wednesday 5 June although it doesn't include cases where the police have decided to take no further action. Mr Hogg said: "Putting victims at the heart of what we do is vital and I have focussed on this in my Police and Crime Plan.

"If victims are given the confidence they will have a voice when their case goes through the Criminal Justice System, this should help other victims to come forward to report a crime against them. I believe that this is a step in the right direction for victims of crime".

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JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT WALWORTH SPECIAL SCHOOL



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Pupils explored Japanese culture through a series of workshops including calligraphy, origami, Japanese lessons and dressing up

in yukatas/hapi jackets. There was even time for both staff and pupils to learn a traditional Japanese dance.

All pupils agreed it was a fantastic evening learning all about a new and exciting country.

200 STUDENTS JOIN CRIME INVESTIGATION



Students at Woodham Academy have been taking part in a reading project using a fictional crime to rekindle their passion for reading. Technology and the written word have triumphed against the odds. Clues have been revealed in a number of multimedia formats such as podcasts, pre-recorded video interviews as well as the written word. Using their detective skills, students have had to complete tasks on a weekly basis linked to the mysterious crime scene discovered by the site staff. Drawing together all of the information, students then submitted a report with their findings including the

scientific evidence to reveal who was the mastermind behind the crime. ICT teacher, Darren Smith, said: "We were hoping for up to 50 pupils to take part but have been delighted to find four times that amount. We are now struggling to choose the winners to take part in the rewards activity." The high level of interest the competition has proven that if teenagers are engaged they can demonstrate remarkable

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Our Fun Days have been very successful in the past, so come early to ensure you meet and greet all the animals and have a fun packed day out.

Artists Offered Use of Portable Print Studio

On Monday 17th June local artist Jilly Greenwood is bringing her portable print studio to Greenfield Arts for the day!

This follows on from recent activities and events linked with printmaking at Greenfield Arts, including half term workshops, "Book Bound" project and more - all leading up to a fantastic exhibition in the Gallery in July.

Jilly will be demonstrating different print techniques and allowing artists and those interested a chance

to use specialist equipment and materials for the day, from 10am to 4pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet one of the talented local creative people, create work which could go on display in the "Abode" exhibition in The Greenfield Gallery in July, to learn something new and see the portable print studio in action!

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work or further education at the College. The young people gain valuable experience dealing with customers, handling cash and generally improving communication and people skills. They plan menus and cook various dishes, pastries and making sandwiches, even using the opportunity to raise cash for charities selling their scones and cakes.

Clare Mitchell a Mancunian living in Kirk Merrington is the Professional Tutor appointed by the College to run the courses. The cafe opens at 9.30am and has a brisk sale of bacon buns at only £1.20p. Lunch includes a hot meal tasty salad, wraps and sandwiches Jason Benson, Kirsty Haplin and Jodie Proffitt are shown in the photograph with their Team Award for Workplace Achievement.

Aycliffe Church Sends Missionary to Europe

This week 18 year old Joshua Barber from Newton Aycliffe left his family, friends and employment to voluntarily serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church. Young men and women smartly and modestly dressed, as Mormon missionaries are often recognisable within the communities where they live and teach of Jesus Christ. Joshua will begin his 2 year service with 6 weeks of intensive training in German, and spend his time there teaching in the southern part of Germany, south-eastern Switzerland, northern Italy and Austria. Joshua is the third young man from Newton Aycliffe currently serving as a missionary. His brother Christopher Barber (20 years old) is currently serving in Greece and Cyprus, while Owen Crake (19 years old) is serving in Winnipeg, Canada. At this young age, what creates the desire for these young men to leave so much behind and self-finance two years of missionary service? Firstly they hold a firm belief there is a God and that Jesus Christ is His Son. They believe the Holy Bible to be the word of God, thereby believing that Jesus Christ came to earth, performed miracles, organised His Church, was crucified and then resurrected. They believe the Book of Mormon



to be the word of God. These young men will testify that Jesus Christ lives and that every person can come to know of this and of Him. Elder Owen Crake said "One of the significant reasons I chose to serve as a missionary is because the gospel of Jesus Christ has helped me tremendously in my life. I have felt a peace, comfort and happiness from the teachings of Christ, from trying to follow the example He set. I want to share this with others, so they too can come to know of Jesus Christ and experience those feelings which I have felt in my life." If you would like to know more of the Mormon faith, or of missionary service, visit: www.mormon.org or contact 07800 614643 We welcome all visitors to our Services. Our Sacrament Service is held from 11:45am to 1:00pm each Sunday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Shafto Way.

Aycliffe Couple Enter Wedding Competition



Alan Gaskarth and Helen Brischuk have known each other for the past 8 and a half years as family friends and have been in a relationship for the past 18 months. Helen's brother recently married Alan's sister after a long engagement, during which time our relationship has grown stronger, along with strong family ties. They now share a home together and would love to cement their relationship with a 'dream wedding'. They are working between 10 and 13 hours a day to help make that dream come true, working

these long hours' means they don't spend as much time together as they would like at the moment. To win the competition would be a fantastic opportunity to invite family and friends they have to cut back on because of cost. It would also mean they could use some of the money saved to pay for a honeymoon and make it a truly memorable occasion. Please Vote by text to 80360. Starting your message with Wedding then a space followed by 1225 or Call 0901-360-1225

Congestion at A1M Junction to be Reduced

A multi-million pound project to reduce congestion on one of the county's busiest sections of road will go ahead following a successful bid for funding. Motorists and businesses will be celebrating the news that the £3.1m project, carried out and part funded by Durham County Council, will see work undertaken on the A167 in Chester-

le-Street. The junction of Park Road and Junction 63 of the A1(M) motorway will be widened to instantly ease the congestion as well as improve access to adjacent development sites. Currently the area sees significant queues of traffic in the peak hours on both the motorway and the local road network. The Department for Transport will provide £2.2m as part of the Government's Local Pinch Point Fund. The remainder of the money will be provided by the council. The £170m fund was created by the Government to tackle bottlenecks on the local highway network that may be restricting the movement of goods and people and impeding growth. Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We're delighted that our bid was successful and look forward to making improvements that will make life easier for motorists as well as boosting the local economy." The project is scheduled to be completed in 2014. Utility diversion works will commence in early 2014 with construction beginning in March.

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A Lesson on Litter for All



On Wednesday 5th June my class (Year 4) went litter picking and learnt so much! We found crisp packets, sweet wrappers, cans, tissues and lots more!

All these things were dropped by other people on the pathways around our school. It looks horrible but most importantly it could cause damage to the environment and people may no longer want to live

here.

Litter could hurt wild animals for example glass can stab or cut them, they could choke on small things or they could suffocate on plastic bags.

If you go for a walk or you are in the car and you need to get rid of some litter please think about your actions. Should you throw it on the floor or should you put it in a bin or even take

it home?

Germes and micro-organisms live on the litter and this can cause disease in humans and other animals.

I hope I have convinced you not to drop litter and will make the right choice in future.

Litter is for bins and not for the floor.

Sophie

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For further information, contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex 01325-300600 or go to www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk and follow the links.

AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB

With May's race calendar being the busiest of the year, Aycliffe's runners have been far and wide to compete.

The Raby Castle 10K always provides a challenging race and this year was no different with the race taking in the scenic surroundings of the castle and all of it's hills! Dez Fielden continued his excellent season finishing 8th overall in 37:36. Other runners were Naomi Kellett 49:21, Dean Barclay 50:38, Trish Kay 51:20, Simon Robinson 52:39, Chris Forster 56:43, Judith Porter 58:14 and Susan Clark 67:17. There was another good turnout only 6 days later at Kirkby Malzeard. Dez Fielden picked up the prize for first male over 40 in 36:10, Naomi Kellett was rewarded for her strong season so far picking up the under 35 ladies prize in 48:27 and Sue Milburn was first over 55 lady in 48:58. Other times as follows: Lee Wren 39:20, Martyn Knox 41:10, Peter Smith 44:15, Peter Milburn 44:16, John Burnside 45:08, Kevin Greenall 47:28, Trish Kay 50:38, Jason Dixon 53:31, Judith Porter 54:33,



Alan Kellett 56:29, Kat Aspey 59:41, Tracey Warrior 60:49 and Michelle Dixon 61:20.

Rob Nicholson continued his assault on marathon running with a run he described as 'hell' at Windermere. A hilly course with great scenery and lots of support from spectators helped get him round in 4 hours 58 mins with Julie Nisbet finishing just 4 minutes behind.

Rob also completed the Edinburgh Marathon in 4 hours 55 along with Wendy Bake 4:25, Craig Robinson 4:56, Ste Smith 5:11, Yvonne Williams 5:18 and Elaine Morgan 5:41. Taking on

the shorter half marathon distance and putting in excellent performances were Alex Lineton 1:33:58, a new PB, and Kat Aspey 2:19.

Also competing recently were Richard Campbell, Tom Porter and Michael Smith who all achieved PB's in the Middlesbrough 5K and Andrew Robertson who took part in the first open water triathlon of the season in Northumberland, finishing 88th overall and knocking an impressive 3 minutes of his swim time.

The Aycliffe 10K takes place on June 16th, entries are still open. Road closures have been advertised.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training entertained Bishop Auckland 1st XI, who are two divisions higher than Aycliffe, in the quarter final of the league cup and were beaten by 5 wickets.

Batting first, Aycliffe scored a creditable 103 for 2 in their 20 overs with opening batsman Luke Telford scoring an excellent unbeaten 53 and he was given good support from both Adam Gittins (24 runs) and Chris Palmer (19 not out). In reply Bishop Auckland reached their target in the 18th over despite some good bowling from both Luke Telford and Michael Howe with two wickets each. Newton Aycliffe 2nd team were unfortunate not to win away at Stokesley 3rd team after a fighting performance saw them lose by just 3 wickets in the NYSD Sunday 2nd division. Batting first, Aycliffe's opening batsman Nathan Blakeburn was unlucky not to reach a deserved half century as he was dismissed for a career best 49.

16 year old Ben Nicholson continued the momentum, also hitting a career best score, as he made 60, hitting six boundaries and two sixes. Captain John Gledhill smashed two huge sixes and hit 3 boundaries in a late order cameo of 26, which helped push his team to 185 all out after 43.5 overs. In reply two wickets each from Tom Wickins, Dan Craggs and Kyle Robinson was not quite enough as the home

side reached their victory target in the 36th over.

Newton Aycliffe's under 18s lost at home to championship hopefuls Tudhoe by 71 runs despite Patrick Howe's career best bowling figures of 4 for 12 and good innings from both Craig Robertson (21 runs) and Ben Nicholson (18 runs).

The under 15s team had a tremendous 12 run victory at home to Brandon with Adam Lamb again top scoring with 18 runs and also good contributions from Josh Pearson with 16 runs and Sam Dobinson who finished on 14 not out.

The club's under 13's

had a brilliant 5 run win away at Blackhall thanks to an excellent all round performance from the in form Adam Lamb who took two wickets and then top scored with 14 runs. There were also good contributions with the bat from both Usman Abbassi with 12 runs, Daniel Bowmer with 11 and Arran Taylor who scored 10.

The club's under 11's had an excellent 34 run victory away at Billingham Synthonia with good contributions coming from captain Nathan Parry (2 wickets and 16 not out), Oliver Brass (2 wickets) and Lucas Pilling (9 not out and 2 catches).

Film Show

St Clare's "Feel Good Film Show" this week will feature "The Last of the Blond Bombshells", starring Judi Dench on Tuesday 18th June. Tea/Coffee at 1pm, film starts 1.15pm, Admission just £2. All welcome.

Jonah - A Fishy Tale

This exciting new musical adaptation of Jonah and the whale has a balmy summertime feel with sun, surf and a few scurvy pirates including the mix of sea-themed songs.

Come along and join the 'SHINE' children's community choir as they perform this latest production. Tickets are £3 each for either the Saturday 29th June 6pm show or Sunday 30th 3pm show. These are available by phoning 319002 or come along to rehearsals 4.30pm-6pm on Monday evenings at St. Clare's Stage Hall. The production is suitable for all ages with a fun and lively script delivering a message of God's love for all people.

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Rugby Club Presentations

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club held their 54th annual awards Presentation evening last Saturday at the Sports Club. The occasion marked the end of a season hampered by poor weather and inadequate availability at times.

That said when the squad was at full strength they were a force to be reckoned with and if they were not penalised by points deduction by the RFU they would have finished comfortably mid table in the Durham and Northumberland Division 3.

The awards on the evening were presented to the following achievers. The most prestigious award which is the

Players Player, awarded to Drew Gibson a great team player who made the transition from wing to flanker and excelled in the new position all season. Almost as important was the award for Most Improved Player which was duly awarded to Mike Dunn, who again learned to switch from wing to scrum half, and for a young player he has learned the game pretty swiftly and is fearless in his application on the field. James Thacker was awarded 2 trophies for top points and try scorer.

The committee went on to award trophies to others who have done great work for the club throughout the season. Presidents award went to Cymon Lee, Chairmans award went to Tommy Cooper, Players Legend award went to Luke Crossen. Finally a special thank you award was given to out going Head coach Bob Malvern for his loyal service to the rugby club for several years. Well done to all.

A great occasion for all who attended and it must not be forgotten to thank all of last



Drew Gibson

years sponsors to the club, in particular, Lift Right, Workshop Supplies and Taylor Haswell Steeplejack Services. The club would like to remind potential new players to come down to the club when the new pre season training starts on Saturday 15th June 1pm start. You can contact club public relations officer Stuart McLean for details. Text 07812372675 or e-mail stuimadgiraffe@yahoo.co.uk. This includes any school leavers who will

AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB

The weather was warm and sunny on the 9th June for the Blaydon Race and couldn't have been more different from last year when the Scotswood Road was under an inch of water.

Five Aycliffe members were among well over 3000 runners who took to the start line. Andrew Robertson, running with his wife Aly, entered the 'me and wor lass' category, finishing in 42:35; all the more impressive as they had been celebrating Andrew's birthday the day before. Tom Porter was first home for the club in 37:57, Simon Robinson 46:46, Judith Porter 49.14 and David Thompson 55:28.

Elaine Pearson, Penny Johnson, Denise Raine, Yvonne Williams and Elaine Morgan joined friends and thousands of other women to take part in the Race for Life at Darlington South Park. It was a great day with a wonderful atmosphere as women walked, jogged or ran round the park. No fast times, just a fun day for a good cause. Susan Clark travelled to St Albans to take part in the half marathon. She recorded a fantastic time of 2 hours 14 mins in her first half marathon for the club - beating her previous time by 10 minutes.

Martyn Knox completed the Windermere Marathon in an excellent 4 hours and 2 minutes.

be moving onto college next september. The pre season training starts with fitness and basic ball handling skills. All will be made welcome. So if you have been thinking about joining just come down. Time to be a rugby player and enjoy some great social craic, you wont be dissapointed!

Sports Day for Disabled Cancelled

The Rotary Club has to cancel Sports Day for the disabled at Shildon this year due to a lack of interest, but hopes to rearrange it for next year.

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LOCAL SPORT

Durham Tigers Relaunch Touch Rugby

Next Monday, 17th June, between 7pm and 8pm Durham Tigers will relaunch their touch rugby session at the Millennium Stadium, across the road from the Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon. Touch Rugby is a non contact form of rugby league and is open to all ages and both genders.

The difference between rugby league and touch rugby is that instead of opponents physically tackling each other, the opposition is required to pass the ball to his opponent if his opponent touches him.

The clubs secretary, Phil Selby, said "Touch Rugby is a great way to get into rugby league, or to get fit, because it is still a very energetic and sternum sport, there is still the physicality of running with the ball, scoring tries, passing and running from your opponent, so if you would like to get fit or you are interested in rugby league but not the idea of physical tackling then come along on Monday."

If you are interested in the Durham Tigers or would like more information you can either like 'We Are Durham Tigers' on Facebook or just turn up at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon at either: 6:30 on Tuesday Evenings for our open age (16+) team or at 10 am on Saturday mornings if you are interested in our junior teams, or at every Monday from 7pm on Monday evenings for touch rugby."

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Busy Time for Jake



Ten 10 year old Jake Mendelsohn who attends Byerley Park Primary School had a busy weekend. First he took part in a sponsored swim for Sedgefield Water Polo Club on Saturday evening with 102 lengths, raising £65. He would have carried on longer but needed to keep some energy to do his final Brown Belt martial arts grading on Sunday at Evolution Martial Arts in Darlington.

He has attended the academy since he was four years old and after achieving the third brown belt this weekend will be working his way towards his black belt, hopefully before he's 12.

His five year old brother Isaac is now following in his footsteps and has an orange belt. All Jake's family and friends are extremely proud of him.

Students in Charity Fun Run



Sunday saw the continuation of Woodham Academy's sustained efforts to raise money for The Teenage Cancer Trust. A group of students participated in the Race for Life in Darlington where they completed a 5k cross country track. Members of the local community and Woodham staff members have raised just over £500; this is in addition to the three hour bootcamp which took place in November.

A Woodham staff member said the event was overwhelming as the girls respected how important it was. One student stated, "Crossing the line gave me an enormous sense of accomplishment. What a wonderful event for a

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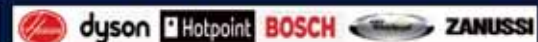
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WARDROBE single teak, £20, can deliver. Tel 07587 736357

UNDER BENCH Fridge, £25, can deliver. Tel 07587 736357

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Wedding Package at Darlington Hotel

The Kings Hotel at Priestgate, Darlington town centre, has just been awarded a civil ceremonies licence by Darlington Borough Council. The hotel, owned by Cairn Hotel Group, will now be able to host civil ceremonies in its Pullman Lounge and Ballroom, which were transformed as part of an £8m makeover in October 2012.

The 60-seater Pullman Lounge, on the hotel's first floor, has been designed specifically for intimate weddings, while the refurbished Ballroom, complete with nine chandeliers, can accommodate larger gatherings with up to 300 guests.

Both rooms will be available for civil ceremonies all year round, with only one wedding per day being permitted.

To celebrate the hotel is launching a new full-day wedding package, including room hire for the ceremony, breakfast and wedding reception, a free DJ and disco for receptions with more than 120 guests and free overnight accommodation for the happy couple, with

a champagne breakfast the following day.

The package, priced from £2399, also includes a red carpet on arrival, personalised menus and name cards, use of a cake stand and knife, white linen and napkins and discounted accommodation rates for wedding guests.

Thank You

I WOULD just like to say a HUGE thank you to the kind gentleman who pushed my broken down beetle for me on Monday evening at the cobblers roundabout. We were very, very grateful.

MASON COHEN LAWTON Thank you to everybody who came to celebrate my naming day and for all the gifts and cards! Thank you to Grandma and Grandad for the food and Auntie Jane for the cake! I had a lovely day xx

Fathers Day Remembrance

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You will always be missed and have a place in our hearts.
All our love from Helen, Steven and Natasha xxxxx

JOSEPH HEDLEY Happy Fathers Day to a Dad who left us so many happy memories. Missing you always. Anne, Ruth, Keith, John and Ruth xxxxx

BRIAN DUNN "The best little Dad in the world!" Your memory still lives on Dad in those whose lives you touched. For nothing loved is ever lost, and you were loved so much. Dearly missed and loved always from all your bairns xxxxxxxx

GRANDA BRIAN You were such a special Grandpa in every single way. We love and miss you very much and think of you each day. Loved always from all your Grandbairns xxxxxxxx

JOHN SMITH (Jack). Thinking of you on Fathers Day. Gone but not forgotten. Love, Catherine and Jean

FRANK SWINBURNE Happy Fathers Day wishes, you were simply the best, always in our thoughts and hearts every day. Love you always. Diane and Frank xxx

Fathers Day

JOHN HOWEY Happy Fathers Day to a top Dad. Love from Michael, Stephen and Paul xx

VIC SPENSLEY Happy Fathers Day Daddy. I love you more than you will ever know. Love, Julie and Den xx

STE HOWEY Happy Fathers Day Daddy. Hope you have a lovely day and we love you millions. Love from Poppy and Thomas (The Chief) xx

MICK HOWEY Have a great Fathers Day Daddy. Love you millions. Love from Kya May xx

PAUL HOWEY Hope you have a fab day Paul babe. Love from your little Olivia xx

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FRANK McCAFFERTY died 14th June 1999. Like falling leaves time slips by. But memories of you will never die. Love, Nancy, Frank, Kevin and Tracy

HI DENNIS. 11th June. It has been 5 years since you left me. I still think about you, but it does not seem a day gone since you were here. All my love and kisses from your Wife Eileen and family xxxxx

DOUGLAS DENHAM Died 15th June 2009. The day you died I can never forget, for a big part of my life went with you. We often sit and talk about you and have a laugh at some of the things you got up to. We love and miss you more than words can say. Till we meet again. God bless darling. Your loving Wife Pat and all the family

WILLIAMS, Mary Theresa. 15-6-2012. In memory of a wonderful Wife, Mother and Nan. Forever loved and remembered. Jack and all the family xx

THERESA WILLIAMS Mum. 30-3-1938 to 15-6-2012. One year since you've been gone. We didn't get chance to say goodbye or tell you how much you were loved. I hope you knew. Kate, Bill and family xxx

TAYLOR - MOYRA. Sadly passed away on 10th June 2003. Always in our thoughts and dearly missed. Will never be forgotten. A dearly loved Mother of Donna, Paul, Mick, David and Stuart; Mother-in-Law of Margaret and a dearly loved Nana and Great Nana

CATHERINE LOTHIAN Not a day has gone by without thinking of you Granny. I can't believe it's been 25 years since you passed away. I am sure you are up there looking down on us and keeping and eye on everyone. You meant so much to me, forever in my thoughts. Love, Richard, Sharon, your Great Grandchildren Adele, Fiona, Kirsten, Marissa, Sammy-Jo and Great Great Grandchildren Olivia, Holly and Jake

Congratulations

Kai Waters



Happy 16th Birthday
15th June 2013
Happy birthday and good luck in Barcelona with the football team. Love you loads, Mam and Jay xxxxx

Happy Birthday to our Daughters



Angie is 48 on 17th June
Karen is the big 50 on 20th June
Love to you both from Mam and Dad

Ashton Fairhurst




Hip Hip Hooray
Our little man is grown and 18 today
18th June 2013
Have a wonderful birthday Son. May all your dreams and wishes come true. We are so proud of you. Have a fab time in Ibiza. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx
Happy 18th Birthday to my big Brother. Love, Scarlett xx

Christopher Shepherd



Happy 21st Birthday
Little Bro, have a good weekend in Liverpool. Love, Katie and Scott xx
Happy Birthday to the bestest Uncle in the world. Love and kisses, Leighton-James xx
Happy 21st Birthday to a special Grandson. Love, Gran and Grandad xx
Happy 21st Birthday Christopher. Love, Nana, Uncle Steve and the rest of the family xx
Happy Birthday Christopher. Love from Mam and Mitch xxx

Jamie Brown



Happy 21st Birthday
All our love, Mam, Dad, Kayleigh, Grandma, Grandad, Auntie Lisa, Uncle Martin, Ashley and Kyle

Ashton Fairhurst



Congratulations
and best wishes to a special Grandson on your 18th birthday. Hope you enjoy your hols. Love, Nanna and Grandad xxx

Ruby Palmer



Happy 13th Birthday Chick!
Love always and forever, Mam, Dad, Aaron, Milly and Daisy xxxxxx

Birthday Remembrance

KENNETH INNES Birthday memories of a dear Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad on 13th June. Also Fathers Day wishes on 16th June. Forever in our hearts, your loving Wife Brenda and family

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RONAN DOWNIE Happy 13th birthday. Teenager at last. Love from Mam, Dad, Jack and Cheyenne xxx

RONAN DOWNIE Happy 13th birthday. Love from Uncle John, Auntie Rachel and Ashton

RONAN DOWNIE Happy 13th birthday. Lots of love from Grandma xxx

MALCOLM FRASER Happy 70th birthday to a wonderful Husband; a very special Dad and a fantastic Grandad. Lots of love from all the family xxx

ELLIS ATKINSON Happy 18th birthday El. Enjoy yourself on Friday. Will come and buy you a drink! Love from Nan and Grandad Ramsay

ANGELA COOK 16-6-2013. Happy birthday to a fantastic Sister. Lots of love, Tara xxx

Births

KAYLEIGH, David and Hadyn congratulations on the birth of "Coen" on 10th June. We are so proud of you. Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Danielle xxxxx

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Greenfield Tennis club, in partnership with Sport England are offering Tennis Coaching on Saturdays between 11am and Noon. The Sportivate scheme aims at attracting and developing players of all abilities aged between 14 and 25 years of age.

Head Coach, Ian Wilkinson who has over 40 years of coaching experience, takes sessions. The Sportivate scheme is Lottery Funded allowing the cost of each session to be just £1. The sessions run through June and July. Players are welcome to attend on Saturday or can Email Coach Wilkinson on rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk Greenfield Tennis Club also offers a quality tennis experience in a safe and supervised location for players of all ages and abilities throughout the year.

The Club has developed a new website to show full details of Club, social, coaching and Pay To Play opportunities. Details can also be received by contacting the Email address above. Website: www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk

Footballers Wanted for Junior Team

Newton Aycliffe Junior Under 18's are still taking on new players. If you are interested in joining the team please call Colin on 07736 686594.

There is also a place for a coach within the team who practice each Wednesday 6 till 7.30pm and Saturday 11am till 12noon. If you can do one of these days it will be a great help. Please call.

Newton Aycliffe FC are offering kids the chance to watch Northern League football for FREE this coming season. The Royal Blues, preparing for their third consecutive campaign in the first division of the second oldest league in world football, will allow under 12s free entry to all their home matches during the 2013/14 campaign.

With games against the last three FA Vase winners Spennymoor, Dunston and Whitley Bay, local derbies against Shildon, Bishop Auckland, West Auckland and Crook - not to mention FA Vase and FA Cup runs - it promises to be an enthralling campaign at Moore Lane Park.

General manager Dan Lewis said: "We understand it can be expensive for parents taking youngsters to watch football, so we are hoping this initiative will persuade more youngsters to attend matches at Moore Lane Park."

"It is important for us to create a new generation of supporters that will hopefully witness a period of success at the club."

The Newtonians' pre-season campaign gets underway with a trip to Barnsley on Saturday July 13th to face Athersley Recreation, with kick-off at 2pm, before recently-promoted Darlington arrive at Moore Lane Park on Wednesday July 17th for the first home game of the season.

Then the club host Northallerton on Saturday July 20th, when the club are undertaking a sponsored walk in memory of club legend Frank

Swinburne. Frankie travelled from Moore Lane Park to Northallerton alongside Peter Allison in 2010 and the club will honour his memory by completing the route in reverse, setting off from Northallerton to walk to the game which takes place at Aycliffe.

Supporters can walk all or part of the 26-mile route, or even cycle or jog it, ahead of the 3pm kick off. Anyone interested in partaking can contact aycliffefc@hotmail.co.uk for their information pack.

The pre-season calendar is rounded off with away games at Coxhoe, Tow Law and Darlington Cleveland Bridge before a return game against Athersley at Moore Lane Park on Saturday August 3rd and a visit from Darlington RA on Tuesday August 6th.

Aycliffe's league campaign begins with an away trip to Penrith on Saturday August 10th and the club's first home league game is against Billingham Synthonia on Wednesday August 14th.

For the full fixture list visit

www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk.

PRE SEASON FIXTURES:

Sat July 13th - Athersley Recreation (a) 2pm
Wed July 17th - Darlington (h) 7.30pm
Sat July 20th - Northallerton Town (h) 3pm
Wed July 24th - Coxhoe Athletic (a) 7pm
Sat July 27th - Tow Law Town (a) 1pm
Mon July 29th - Cleveland Bridge (a) 7.30pm
Sat August 3rd - Athersley Recreation (h) 2pm
Tues August 6th - Darlington RA (h) 7.30pm

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