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The landlords of the building have invested a significant amount of cash to enable the project to start. The Soccer Factory, given planning consent in February 2012, will provide seven 3g five-a-side courts, as well as a brand new health and fitness suite, multipurpose studio, a café/bar and a sports injury clinic.

It will bring 15 new jobs and along with other leisure facilities on the Business Park ensure Aycliffe attracts people from the whole of South West Durham area. Managing Director Dan Lewis is the driving force behind the ambitious plans which had setbacks, but



he's de-lighted that the first of a three-phase programme is under way, with the refurbishment of the old unit well into its six-week schedule.

"We've had exciting negotiations over recent weeks with the landlords who have invested a significant sum" said Dan who expects the project to take 16-20 weeks and be open before Christmas.

"It's hugely exciting and something we think will be very popular - something for people and the business community to buy into, and we feel this will be a great development for Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area." Dan has been frustrated by a number of set-backs since planning permission was granted by Durham County 16 months ago. He explained: "A huge project like this involves a significant amount of money, and it's not an easy time for people financially. "There's been a lot of people very excited about the prospect, although

admittedly there's been one or two frustrations when it's come to the point of exchanging contracts, but now we're where we need to be, and it's very exciting."

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WOODHAM GOLF COURSE FOR SALE

Dear Sir,

I understand that KPMG have been appointed as Administrators of Washington Developments Ltd. who are the present owners of Woodham Golf Club and course.

This very sad news will not come as a surprise to many residents of Woodham nor even the majority of golf club members but it does beg the question why our Town Councillors, with one notable exception, chose to ignore the warnings given to them by their constituents.

Despite so much local opposition, the Town Councillors, having previously declared their opposition at the meeting of Woodham residents held a year or two earlier, changed their minds again and supported the company's application to build 50 houses and a hotel on the golf course when there was no funding package in place for the proposal.

The support of our Town Council undoubtedly had an influence upon the decision by the County Planning Committee to grant the application last year.

Would it be too much to expect or hope that in future our Councillors might just listen to what their constituents are telling them and maybe make some appropriate background checks upon the credentials of developers before backing such grandiose schemes which were never really viable or had a realistic chance of coming to fruition?

Thankfully, the existing staff jobs should be secure for now as the Administrators



have indicated their wish to continue to run the golf club until a buyer can be found. Ideally, that should be the golf club members themselves and this could turn out to be their opportunity to secure the site. Tragically however, the granting of planning permission will have raised expectations of the likely valuation and possibly put the price out of reach for the membership unless, possibly, lottery funding might be available. Perhaps a consortium of local businessmen with an interests in the game of golf might be the best hope? Or what about the Town Council taking it on or is that as unrealistic as the development plans?

When the Town Council changed their minds (not for the first time) to support the developer's plans, they did so in the hope that jobs might be created but you need to have investment for that to happen and that was never in place.

It is a very sad irony that instead of creating new jobs, the decision of our Town Council to support the unrealistic development plans may have

placed existing jobs at this excellent local recreational facility in some jeopardy. Residents of Woodham will hope that the site will remain a golf course and will begin to thrive again under a new owner, one that cares a bit about golf and the countryside and is not just a speculative developer with an eye only on profit. Councillors and County Planners must search their consciences and ask themselves why they failed to heed the warnings they were given by residents and also consider and take responsibility for the consequences of that failure which may have resulted in placing existing jobs at longer term risk.

Woodham golf course is without question an excellent local asset that enhances our local environment hugely and everyone must hope that it will remain so and work towards saving it in its present form.

Bob Taylor

EDITOR: The leader of the Town Council, Councillor Bob Fleming, will reply in next week's issue.

Local SSAFA News

Sadly we have to report the death of Wilf Emmerson, one of our dedicated case workers, during his six years uninterrupted service with SSAFA he helped many veterans and their families overcome their difficulties and I am sure they will be as shocked as we were to learn of his demise, our thoughts are with his widow Chris and family.

As we remember Wilf, I remind you that on 29th June, Newtonians celebrate Armed Forces Day. The event is a chance to support our Armed Forces and remember the contribution they make to the nation. Whilst enjoying the celebrations, we should also remember the personal cost that is so often paid by our servicemen, women and their families.

It is also a good time to think of all of those who have served before in little mentioned conflicts in British Honduras, Cyprus, Kenya, Rhodesia, Borneo and Malaysia, Northern Ireland, Palestine, Suez.

Next month is the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War. It was a conflict that cost the lives of 1,139 British Service personnel from the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. Thousands of others were imprisoned or injured. Many of those who fought were National Servicemen,

young men called up for duty without option. For many of those who served, the mental and physical wounds of this so-called "forgotten war" have left life long scars. SSAFA is here for all those who serve, or have served, in our Armed Forces, regardless of conflict. The network of trained volunteers, including our Sedgefield Division Branch, work locally to make sure that help is always close at hand.

Due to expansion we now have more vacancies for volunteers if you would like to find out more about the help we offer or would like to become a volunteer for SSAFA, please call (01325) 314043 in confidence. Brian Crawford Wilson, Divisional Secretary, Sedgefield Division (Incorporating, Wear Valley and Teesdale).

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who came to my aid after my accident in Burn Lane last Thursday evening, especially the lady who let me use her mobile phone so that I could call home. I have now fully recovered. Thanks, Ray Todd

Charity Hair Chop at Summer Fair

The House of Eden Nursery are holding their Summer Fair on Saturday 29 June, 10am - 1pm. Lots of activities will be taking place at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, where they are based, including a bouncy castle, family games, tombola and cake stall.

Jan Hooper, Senior Nursery Manager is getting her hair chopped on the day to benefit children who have lost their hair through illness such as cancer.

Zoe Burleigh's child attends the nursery and is the chosen one to cut at least 7 inches off Jan's hair, which will be donated to the Little Princess Charity and will be used to make a wig for a child. Jan is also looking for sponsors to make a synthetic wig as well as donating her hair so 2 children will benefit. Anyone wishing to offer sponsorship should contact Jan at the House of Eden, Pioneering Care Centre.

The House of Eden Nursery provide day care facilities from birth to 4½ years and offer before/after school care and a holiday club for children up to the age of 12 years.

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Band were nice and tight with Graeme his usual rocking self at the back, ably 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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Davys Rock Page review: "All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to hear newer covers with a good mix of older rock, 101 deliver."

Saturday 6th July - "Overdrive"

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Lord Lieutenant Opens "Nalu: The Wave" at Greenfield



An outdoor area designed and built by volunteers as part of the "Hands On" Project at Greenfield opened by the Lord Lieutenant

Last week the Lord Lieutenant Greenfield, taking a tour of County Durham visited of the school, meeting our

Future Business Magnates, and recording an interview for "Radio 4 Success" as part of her tour. The Lord Lieutenant also led the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of "Nalu" a new outdoor installation at Greenfield Arts designed and built by volunteers as part of the "Hands On" project.

The project provided opportunities for men funded by East Durham Trust and NHS as part of their larger "Cree" programme, which is concerned with the Mental Well Being of men in County Durham. At Greenfield Arts our project asked men to volunteer their time, experience and skills to design and build an outdoor area, in a previously under used area of the centre grounds.

Starting in September 2012 we attracted a group of men from the local community who came to together to discuss their ideas and make plans. The group experienced stone carving at "The Stone Festival" at the Bowes Museum and later participated in a workshop with artist Ewan Allinson continuing to develop their stone carving skills.

The men decided they wanted the area to be built using natural materials and sourced a large quantity of bamboo as the main material. They then designed the structure using curves and different heights to create "The wave." A scale model of the area was made and added to, then used as a reference point during construction.

In January 2013 the men started construction, including burying a time capsule put together by Greenfield Community College. Despite extreme weather conditions work continued and this summer sees the completion of "Nalu: the wave." Many men have volunteered their time over the past 9 months to bring the project from idea to completion. The structure is a credit to their dedication and hard work.

Newtonian Opens Business in Durham Indoor Market

Colin Flett became a Newtonian in 1989 and has recently opened Stall No. 63 in the Indoor Market in Durham "The Rock and Fossil Shop" and you can see details on www.durhammarkets.org.uk He was a professional geologist who moved here from Essex in 1989 to work for a Consultancy in Spennymoor. Colin is single and his other interests include gardening, tropical fish and astronomy. He collected rocks, fossils and mineral specimens since he was a youngster and saw an opportunity in Durham and thought if he didn't do it now he never would. "The feedback I have received so far from the public has been fantastic" said Colin. His stock is aimed at serious collectors all the way down to 'pocket-money' purchases for children. There are also loads of polished stone gift lines. Call in and see Colin next time you are in Durham.



SCHOOL LAUNCHES APPEAL FOR SAFETY BARRIERS

Sugar Hill School wish to install safety barriers outside the school gates to safeguard children from heavy traffic in the area especially at school opening and closing times when parents use cars to drop off and collect their children. School Governor and Town Councillor Paul Kjenstad has launched an appeal to purchase the steel barriers as the County Council have no money, admitting it could be "many tens of years" before they could fund the project. They have submitted a cost for doing the work which amounts to £6,577, leaving the problem of finding the cash to the school.

Paul is taking steps to raise the money and Honest John has already offered to help. Anyone else prepared to contribute should contact Paul on 494698.



FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW

St Clares Feel Good Film Show is on Wednesday 26th June featuring "Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War" starring Pauline Collins and John Alderton. Tea & Coffee at 1pm before the film starts

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Fun Day Raised £1,000



Support from Grandma



Newtonian for 37 years Mary Miller of St. Godric's Road recently supported her granddaughter Carly Auld in getting friends and neighbours to sponsor her in the Gateshead 5K Run in aid of Help for Heroes. Carly, a contestant for Miss Durham raised over £400 towards a total of £8,000 which was presented to the charity at Sedgefield Racecourse recently.

Specsaver Employees Married at Piercebridge



On Saturday 18th of May Graham Abraham, who delivered Newton News as a teenager, married Karina Alderson at St Andrew's Church in South Church. The groom, from Newton Aycliffe had his friend Matt Hutchinson as Best Man and his two brothers Matthew and Alexander as ushers along with friend Michael Sutton. The chief bridesmaid was the bride's sister Katie Alderson, with her cousin Aimee and friend Laura Coates as bridesmaids.

Her niece Aela Sutton was the flower girl. The bride was given away by her mother Liz Alderson. Both Graham and Karina work at Specsavers, which is where they met. The reception was held at The George in Piercebridge chosen for its riverside location. Unfortunately the river was in flood and cut short any photographs by the river, but the reception was still a great success. The couple are making their home in Woodham, Newton Aycliffe.

Sarah Redden from Aycliffe, with the help of friends and family, organised a Charity Fun Day at the Youth Centre last Saturday, choosing to support the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Her partner's daughter Tegan Ross had the disease when she was a baby and received a liver transplant. Sarah's aim was to raise funds for the charity and also raise organ donation awareness. "We had a lovely day with lots of stall holders, bouncy castle and much more. We raised in total (with our donation from Barclays Bank) over £1000" said Sarah The event was so successful Sarah has requests to help organise another event next year. She has also received many e-mails thanking her for her efforts. Her Facebook page carries details of up and coming events Facebook.com/fundraiserfun.days



Town Centre Improvement Better Done in Stages

Dear Sir, Whilst it is good to see them trying to make the town centre a nicer place would it not have been better to do one stage at a time instead of doing a bit here and a bit there? On Sunday it was impossible to reach Wilkinson's without doing a mini marathon as it was completely blocked off. I think Newton Aycliffe has missed a trick by not looking to build an out of town shopping area - after all there is plenty of space on the Business Park and would have created much needed jobs. As for taxi companys I think they also should be based on the Business Park in a purpose built area as there is little enough parking space in the town centre Now, with the tastefully done Cafe Pronto you can hardly get parked to shop at ALDI. Perhaps they should make it a pay to park scheme with your parking fee refunded at the checkout as do Morrisons at Bishop Auckland. J M Gowland Heighington

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New Exhibition at Greenfield Gallery

Greenfield Arts are busy preparing for the next exhibition in the Gallery. On Thursday 4th July “Abode” an exhibition of Artist’s books and printmaking will open to the public. The exhibition provides an opportunity for the work created by local young people and families to go on display in two different areas. Books made during the “Book bound” project, which has been on display at the Baltic in Gateshead returns home to Greenfield for the exhibition, and work created during half term workshops by families will form part of a large display of small scale prints. We are pleased to be able to show the work of local artists and members of

the community alongside more established touring exhibitions and artists, there are some very talented young people and families in the area who should be proud of the work they have made! Also in the exhibition is “The Sunderland Book Project” a touring exhibition of Artists Books co-ordinated by Theresa Easton, and “Special Edition” a display of printed artworks and artists books, all the theme of home and place all created in an edition of at least 3. This fantastic exhibition, open from Thursday 4th July until Thursday 25th July will be worth a visit! For more information visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

HONEST JOHN HELPS BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society is an accredited museum registered under the control of the Arts Council England. The Society is unique as it is a working collection of six restored vintage buses from the North East of England. Honest John funded the production of 45 replica head rest covers on the restored seats of the express coach, a 1958 ex United Bristol LS model, the only remaining example of the extensive fleet of coaches run by United of Darlington. The funding also provided a quality display board which gives details about the vehicle when on display. The society wish to express their appreciation to Honest John and his supporters for the donation.



Young Performers Stage “Blood Brothers”

Did you hear about the Johnstone twins? As alike as two new pins. Willy Russell’s 1983 musical, “Blood Brothers” is to be staged next week at the Civic Hall, Shildon by The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group. Blood Brothers tells the story of Mickey and Edward, twins separated at birth who at the age of 7, reunite, become friends, unaware of their relation to each other, or the dire consequences their relationship will bring about later in their lives. The hit songs from the show are ‘Tell Me It’s Not True’ and ‘Marilyn Monroe’. A spokesperson said “A lot of pupils are studying Blood Brothers for their exams presently at school. The Tearaways are presenting their musical adaptation of this well loved musical on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, June at 7.30pm. A final performance is on Sunday 30th June at 2p m. Amongst the cast and crew are local youngsters Charlotte McAdam who plays Linda. Blake Reed as young Sammy, and Katie Baldwin plays the older criminal Sammy. Jordan Sandford is the well-to-do Mrs. Lyons and Abbie Griffiths, Jade Townsley, Charlotte Lord, Gaynor Lambert, Howard Affleck, Nataly Wood and Sarah Donnelly all provide the musical side to the production. As always the whole production is under the watchful eye of Stage Manager Andrew Timmiss. Tickets priced £4-50 Adults, £2-50 Children /Concessions, can be prebooked by ringing 01325 313363 or 01388 774838. The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group is for all young people aged 11 - 19 years. www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk

Retirement Party for Norma



Aycliffe Care Home had a surprise retirement party for staff member Norma Moore. Norma has worked at the care home for 15 years, she left after 7 years and had a break for a couple of years but then came back and worked for another eight, so when she left at the end of May this year the staff decided to make a fuss of her and have a party to present her with a cake and a few gifts.

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Coffee Morning

Lindisfarne Care Home, Silverdale Place are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 26th June 10.30am - 12 noon.

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ADVICE BY SKYPE



On Friday 7th June, eleven Year 10 budding lawyers took part in a Skype lesson as part of Woodham Academy's global communications project. The session was delivered by Mark Richardson, a ex-Woodham students who left in 2002, completed A Levels at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form and studied Law at the University of Oxford. Mark is currently working for the legal company, Baker and McKenzie, and is based in London. Students had the opportunity to get a real insight about entry routes into the profession and qualifications needed. They had the opportunity to ask

questions about courses and the lifestyle. The session was both informative and supported them at a key stage in their academic careers. The use of Skype as a learning tool is a priority at Woodham Academy and this lesson forms part of a series of events offered to students in all year groups. Sarah McGinnety, coordinator of the event, said 'Skype is an excellent way of bringing inspirational speakers into school to help raise student aspirations and ensure that we develop well informed young people who will become effective contributors to our local community'.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS RECYCLE WEEK

Late County Council Notice

A week-long campaign to promote recycling in County Durham is underway. Durham County Council is marking the 10th annual Recycle Week this week 17 to 23 June and is reminding residents of the range of items they can recycle using the kerbside collection service. This year's Recycle Week campaign focuses on metals, plastics and packaging – all of which people can recycle using their household recycling bins and boxes. Kerbside recycling in County Durham started with the collection of paper in Derwentside in 2001.

Now residents across the county can recycle a range of items using the kerbside collection service, including paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic food containers, carrier bags, aerosols and food and drinks cans using their recycling bin and glass jars and bottles using their recycling box. Victoria Burrell, waste strategy team manager at

Durham County Council, said: "We've come a long way since the first kerbside recycling started in County Durham."

"The majority of County Durham residents are now using the kerbside collection service and we want to encourage even more people to recycle their waste and reduce the amount we send to landfill."

Residents are also reminded that they can take part in the North East Recycling Rewards monthly prize draw, which runs until the end of September.

To be in with a chance of winning residents need to apply for a unique sticker pack online at www.recycle-more.co.uk/nerewards or call 0844 844 4546 and then

put the stickers onto their recycled waste before putting it out for collection.

Further information about recycling in County Durham is available at www.durham.gov.uk/recycling or by contacting Durham County Council on 03000 26 1000.

EDITOR

We are sorry this information and another elsewhere is a bit out of date. Far too often Newton News receive press releases of events from the County Council which give little or no notice to residents. We have complained, but nobody pays any attention. It appears these notices are meant only for daily newspapers when in fact weeklies have more impact and a larger circulation.

WRITING ON WALLS



As part of the innovative teaching and learning programme that is taking place at Woodham Academy, the school has recently teamed up with the Smart Wall Paint company to offer students a more creative way to enjoy their learning.

Smart Wall Paint is a revolutionary style of paint that turns any surface into a whiteboard. Using the paint in schools can transform classrooms by designing creative learning spaces, enabling students to think and work more creatively.

So far, the paint has been used on the top of student desks and as student question walls in a number of classrooms, as well as a huge collaborative artwork space on the floor of an art classroom. In classrooms where the paint has been applied to the top of desks, students are encouraged to write key language on the desk as a visual prompt, together with personal targets for the lesson.

Jon Tait, Assistant Head Teacher at Woodham Academy commented 'We are delighted to be working with Smart Wall Paint in our creative learning spaces projects. The results we have seen so far have been incredible. The paint has really transformed these classrooms and has had a significant positive effect

on the learning experiences of our students'.

Byerley Park Summer Fayre



Byerley Park School held their Summer Fayre on a warm yet windy day last Saturday. The crowds turned out to enjoy the fun with lots of stalls, and games for the children.

The event from 10.30 am till 2.30pm offered refreshments including hot dogs, cakes and sweet shop etc.

A fire engine was on site for the children to see close up and long queues were evident for the face painter.



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TRAVELLERS LEAVE A MESS

Travellers seem to use the Simpasture Gate area, every year, as a stopping

off point, when going to and from Appleby Fair. They park their caravans on this part of the Business Park and Newton News has received photos of human excrement left by the travellers that has raised serious concern from people living in the area. Questions need to be asked of our County Council as to what can be done about this? What will be done about this? Do we accept it and perhaps provide portable toilets at this time of year. Or will that just attract more travellers?

CHANCE TO GET METAFIT

A new fitness workout is being launched in County Durham leisure centres – and people are being offered the chance to try it out for free. Metafit training is an intense workout which uses a person's own bodyweight instead of gym equipment. Sessions are due to start in Durham County Council's leisure centres programmed to fit in with people's busy lives, including early morning, lunchtime and evening sessions. Participating leisure centres include Newton Aycliffe. Further information can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/fitness

Global Classrooms



As part of the ongoing 'Global Classrooms' project at Woodham Academy, primary school teachers from across Newton Aycliffe were recently invited to a bespoke training event aimed at connecting more local schools to others around the world. The event, backed by the education team at the Skype headquarters in London, built on exciting projects that have already taken place in the classrooms at Woodham. The primary school teachers were taken through all of the steps to get their classrooms connected to other classrooms across the globe and engage in exciting projects of their own. The event even included a live Skype link up to a homeless children's school in the USA to demonstrate its huge potential. Jon Tait, Assistant Head Teacher at Woodham

Academy said 'In today's digital world we all have a duty to develop our students into global citizens who can communicate effectively with people from across the globe. With more and more businesses engaging with customers internationally, it is important that we ensure our students are ready to compete with people across the world for jobs in these multi-national companies and organisations.' Other lessons involving Skype as part of the Global Classrooms project at Woodham have included live fitness and dance lessons with a school in America, careers lessons with human resources executives from the Skype headquarters in London and question and answer sessions with former students working for top companies around the world.

HAIR TODAY, GONE FOR CHARITY



Assistant Cook at Aycliffe Care Home, Tina Davies, had her head shaved to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. Tina raised £150 and Julie Bialek, social life facilitator said "I am delighted that staff and friends and family got behind Tina and supported her". Tina has worked at the home for nearly 12 years and personally felt the impact of cancer through her relatives. When thinking of a way to raise money for charity Tina jumped at the opportunity to do something for Macmillan. She was very brave and we would all like to say a big well done to her alongside Sam Tedder of Roots Hairdressing who came to do the hair cut free.



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BBC radio favourites Hackney Colliery Band come to town to really shake things up on Friday 12 July at 7.30pm. Having supported the likes of Amy Winehouse, the band are responsible for bringing brass into a contemporary setting, adding their signature style to covers of songs by bands such as Kings of Leon, Beyoncé and even Prodigy.



Their eclectic mix of Balkan beats, contemporary hip-hop, rock and more is guaranteed to get the audience out of their seats and dancing

along. Tickets are only £7, £6 for concessions, and the night will also feature an exciting new collaboration with young musicians from Durham County Youth Big Band and the Roundhouse in London.

Before then, The Scottish National Jazz Orchestra will have helped music lovers get into the swing of the festival when they perform In the Spirit of Duke at 7.00pm on Monday 8 July. Heralded as the UK's best jazz ensemble, the performance will see them paying homage to the legendary Duke Ellington's six decade legacy, performing classics such as Black & Tan Fantasy, Harlem Airshaft and The Single Petal of a Rose. Tickets are just £17.50 or £12.50 for concessions.

One of the highlights of the whole festival for lovers of traditional brass will occur on Sunday 14 July at 3.00pm when Grimethorpe Colliery Band, the stars of the hit movie Brassed Off, come to Gala.

Formed in 1917, arguably the world's most famous colliery band will be performing an afternoon of spectacular classic brass and tickets are just £19.50 for this much in demand event.

On Friday 19 July at 7.30pm The Lake Poets and Stanhope Silver Band come together in a fusion of modern and traditional music. The Lake Poets, Sunderland born singer/songwriter Martin Longstaff, has shared the stage with the likes of The Futureheads, Jake Bugg and Get Cape, Wear Cape, Fly. In this special event he'll be collaborating with one of the region's leading bands to perform new material inspired by their traditional music heritage. Tickets are priced at £10 or £8 for concessions.

Robin Byers, programming and operations manager at Gala Durham, said: "Once again we're delighted to play host to what will be some memorable performances as part of BRASS.

The series of live events at Gala will see some of the best musicians from across the UK coming to Durham. With a mix of the best in traditional and contemporary brass as well as the finest jazz sounds there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

Tickets for all of the events can be booked via the Box Office on 03000 266 600, online at www.galadurham.co.uk or in person at Gala.

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If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.
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Ex Student Returns

Health and Social Care at Woodham Academy saw the return of a former health and social care student to the department.

Natalie Bradshaw was one of the first Young Apprentices in Health and Social Care and after working in many area of mental health since leaving school she is now completing her degree in this subject. Natalie worked closely with the students on issues related to stress and self esteem using a case study to show them how to identify and resolve issues using methods ranging from self help to professional support. Natalie also gave students information on career and qualifications required for this work and the different career pathways than can be taken in mental health care.

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Before the festivities get underway the Rehoming Centre in Sadberge is calling on dog lovers in the surrounding area to donate bottled products, from ketchup to shampoo, to wines and spirits for the 'Spin and Win a Bottle' stall. Indeed any items that can be used for prizes will be very gratefully received. The event will run from 12pm - 4pm and is free to attend. Highlights include a Fun Dog Show where prizes are given for classes with the Waggiest Tail, Best Biscuit Catcher and Handsomest Dog. Other activities on the day include children's games, a bouncy castle, tea cup ride, face painting, tombolas, refreshments and Dogs Trust merchandise stalls. Sue Embleton, Dogs Trust Darlington Centre

Manager, says:

"All money raised on the day will go towards caring for the unwanted and abandoned dogs at our centre. We never put a healthy dog to sleep and dogs stay in our care for as long as is necessary to find their forever home."

Sue adds,

"The Open Day is a great day out for all the family, whether you have two legs or four. It doesn't matter whether you own a dog or just like trying your luck with raffles! Make sure you don't miss out and come and join in the fun!"

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity and cares for over 16,000 stray and abandoned dogs each year through its network of 18 Rehoming Centres across the UK. For more information please call Dogs Trust Darlington on 01325 333114. Please label donations 'For Fun Day' and drop them off at the Darlington rehoming centre or charity shop. Any donations much appreciated and will help us to raise pounds for hounds!

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To book a place on the free taster session please contact Angie Cooke at PCP on 01325 321234 or email: angie.cooke@pcp.uk.net

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I went back to Aspire Fitness Studios and feel better already. I know this isn't the answer for everyone, but considering 1 in 3 of the population have mental health issues it's well worth a try. I send this anonymously as mental health in society is still surrounded by prejudice, fear and ignorance.

Name & address supplied

AYCLIFFE BIKER ON 12 DAY RIDE FOR CHARITY



Luke Stephenson (left) Lady Elsie Robson and Scott Norris

Scott Norris from Aycliffe Village and his friend Luke Stephenson are biking from Lands End to John O' Groats on Monday 24th June. The 1017 miles will take 12 days ending on 5th July.

Scott and Luke met at University 6 years ago whilst studying for a mechanical engineering degree. The bikers are shown here with Lady Elsie Robson who they were invited to meet with other supporters of the charity including family members and Jackie Charlton.

Money raised will go to the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and donations will be gratefully received on www.justgiving.com/Luke-Stephenson.

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New Kit for Cricket Team



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club last week revealed their first ever coloured kit, sponsored by Piggin Lush Hog Roast. In Newton Aycliffe Sports Club's traditional colours of maroon and gold the kit will be worn in the NYSD Fiftens Cup Competition, starting on Wednesday 26th June. The competition is similar to the County Championship Twenty/20 Cup with coloured clothing, fluorescent balls, free hits and powerplays. The club will be known, as "Aycliffe Hogs". Chairman Ian Palmer said "We are very

excited to be playing in this format of cricket for the first time and grateful that Steve Collins from Piggin Lush has agreed to sponsor our first coloured kit.

Although the kit will only be worn in the fiftens this season it will be worn in all NYSD cup competitions from next season and it was therefore important we obtained a kit sponsor that shared our vision for the club. Piggin Lush, like Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club, is looking to progress and expand and Steve was keen to get involved in a tie up that hopefully will be mutually beneficial".

The fiftens competition is

played on a group format with the top two from each group qualifying for the quarter finals. The group matches start 26th June when Aycliffe Hogs entertain Sedgfield 2nds at Moore Lane.

RA Rockets 2nds then visit Moore Lane on Wednesday 10 July before Aycliffe Hogs finish their group games with away ties at Barnard Castle 2nds on 17 July and Northallerton Nitros 2nds on 24 July.

Entry to all games, which start at 6.30pm, is free and, due to the shorter format, promise to be exciting fun filled nights with big hitting and lots of wickets.

AYCLIFFE TEENAGE ATHLETE SHOWS GREAT PROMISE



Henry leading the pack

Newtonian athlete, Henry Johnson had a flying start to the track and field season. Competing for Gateshead Harriers, Henry has attacked the ever-popular middle distances of 800m and 1500m and successfully brought down his finishing times to national standard.

At the start of the season Henry was placed 2nd in the North East Championships at Gateshead Stadium. He ran the 800m in just outside 2 minutes and finished with a silver medal which was quite surprising as he had been away all weekend completing his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The hike of nearly 30k over 2 days and sleeping under the stars did not deter the gutsy athlete, but Ryan Green, (Morpeth) just pipped him at the post.

Only a few days later, Henry ran one of the UK's fastest 800m for under 16 boys. With fresh legs and a goal in mind to qualify to represent Cleveland at English Schools, he stormed around the track at Durham in 1.57.2. (Qualifying time 1.59). Throughout the months of May and June, he has remained undefeated at district, county and inter-

county level, gaining gold medals at each stage in the 800m. The inter-county final, held at Clairville Stadium on 15th June was an outstanding performance, and demonstrated that at only 15 years old, he can out run those under 17s from Durham, Cumbria, Northumberland and Cleveland.

Still thirsty for more, Henry took part in the British Milers Club event at Durham on Monday 17th June. Attacking the 1500m, he hoped to run the national standard for under 17s, (4.07).

After 3 well paced laps, he kicked in the last 300m and crossed the line in 4.06.3, winning the heat against under 20s and senior men. His amazing performances will take him to the national televised event held at Alexander Palace, Birmingham, on July 5th and 6th.

He will represent Cleveland County, at the English Schools event, in the 800m and hopes to make the final and bring home a new pb. Thanks go to his great coach, George Reid, who has dedicated many hours helping Henry achieve his dream.

Year 7 & 9 Football Champions



Greenfield Year 7 Football Team



Greenfield Year 9 Football Team

The Year 7 and Year 9 Greenfield Community College winners were crowned Small Schools' League Champions last week. This year is the first time this format has transpired to make it more of a level playing field to allow the smaller schools to compete with one another to win the aforementioned league.

The Small Schools' League was made up of 8 teams of similar size with Greenfield's Year 7 and 9 teams both winning the league by two points.

The Year 7 team played 6 matches, winning 5 and drawing 1. They have shown lots of potential for the coming seasons in their first year at Greenfield and will certainly expect to build on this success.

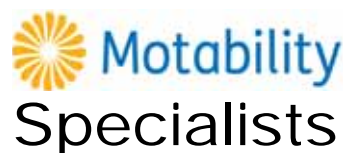
The Year 9 football team also remained unbeaten in the Small Schools' League Championship achieving a total of 11 points, winning 3 and drawing 2 matches. They finished 5th in the overall league.

The boys seen below in their end of season photographs are shown with their trophies which were presented recently in assembly in school. Well done!



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Football Five-a-Side League Open

Teams are being encouraged to sign up for a new five-a-side football league in County Durham. The league is being set up by Durham County Council and will meet at Shildon-

Sunnydale Leisure Centre on Thursday evenings between 7pm and 9pm from June 27. Games will be played indoors in the main sports hall and each team will play one 30-minute game (15 minutes

each way). Each team can have five players on the pitch at a time and up to three substitutes. Players must be at least 16-years-old and a maximum of 10 teams can enter. Players must wear indoor trainers, not football boots, and shin pads. It costs £20 per team each week and, as the league is affiliated to Durham FA, there will also be a one-off affiliation fee of £10. The deadline for teams to enter is next Thursday (June 20). To sign up, teams should contact David Curry at Durham County Council on 07881 268 938.

Heighington U12's Win Tournament



Fresh, from their recent runners up performance at the Blackpool Tournament, Heighington AFC Boys Under 12's took their good run of form into last Saturday's Mount Pleasant Tournament, narrowly losing 1-0 in the Semi Finals to eventual winners Marton A. However, they went one step better on Sunday at the Wensleydales, Catterick Tournament, winning this for the first time in their history. They beat Spennythorne 1-0, in a competitive final, so well done to all the kids for all their commitment and effort over the weekend.



A meeting be held at St Mary's Church Piercebridge on Tuesday 25th June. Residents of Heighington and Coniscliffe ward are invited to attend to discuss matters of concern within their areas and to hear updates about local issues. Councillors and parish councillors will be present. For further information please go to www.durham.police.uk Looking forward to seeing you there.

ST. JOHN'S CELEBRATE AMAZING FOOTBALL SEASON



On Wednesday St John's School and Sixth Form College held a unique celebration evening. In addition to the annual sports awards evening, the school wanted to recognise the outstanding achievements in football this year. Dick Malone, formerly of Sunderland FC was the guest of the evening bringing with him the FA Cup! He spoke warmly of the 'support and team ethic that made the schools' teams so successful this season'. His attendance alone made it a great experience for any Mackem parents. Headteacher Gerard Moran reflected on the year stating: "Every year group winning at least one trophy is incredible and we are very proud of all the students and staff who have contributed to an outstanding achievement." Some of the players received individual awards in recognition of their performances during the season. The teachers who run each of the teams helped celebrate the students' achievements in many unique ways, taking inspiration from football programmes the boys' were very familiar with. The Year 7 team was congratulated for winning the County Futsal tournament and finishing Runners-up in the regional finals. The Year 7 awards were; Player of the Year - Cameron Galloway, Player's Player of the Year - Josh Dunn, Most Improved player - Ryan Watson, and Sportsmanship Award - Shaun Brown. The Year 8 team had the most to celebrate. They won the highly competitive Bishop Auckland District League with 11 wins out of 11, the District 8-side tournament and 11 aside Cup final. The quadruple was complete after

they had beaten St Thomas More 1-0 in the County Cup Final. Their most amazing feat was going a whole calendar year without defeat. The Year 8 awards were; Player of the Year - James Frankland, Player's Player of the Year - Cameron Hall-Brown, Most Improved player - James Hardy, and Sportsmanship Award - Kieran Storey. The Year 9 team said a fond goodbye to Mr Swindells winning three trophies. They won the League, League Cup and the Bishops Cup final at Heritage Park. The Cup finals were won narrowly 3-2, coming from behind in both. The Year 9 awards were; Player of the Year - Steven Taylor and Charlie Wigley, Player's Player of the Year - James Twinn and Jack Armstrong, Most Improved player - Jack Armstrong, and Sportsmanship Award - Leon Sides-Roe. The Year 10 team continued their dominance in the League, winning their final game of the season against the league leaders to secure the title. They completed the double winning the Ben Potts

Shield 5-2 despite conceding two penalties. The Year 10 awards were; Player of the Year - Ben Bayles, Player's Player of the Year - Mark Brown, Most Improved player - Ross Hutchinson, and Sportsmanship Award - Ben Auld. Finally, the Year 11 team signed off their time at St John's with an impressive cup run, winning the Cup final 6-1. The Year 11 awards were; Player of the Year - Matthew Price, Player's Player of the Year - Matthew Lovegreen, Most Improved player - Jack Bromley, and Sportsmanship

Award - Michael Arrowsmith. In total an amazing ELEVEN trophies had been won in one single season. Head of PE Jo Somers said "Well done to all involved in the boy's football this year. I can't remember a more successful year. The achievements are amazing and the support we have received from the staff and parents is brilliant. Can we repeat it next year?" Hopefully the students can retain the drive to succeed into next season where most matches will feel like cup finals.

HEIGHINGTON U13's SEEK NEW GOALKEEPER

Over the years the current Heighington Under 13's (Under 14's from September), has been very successful at developing youngsters into great goalkeepers. Like any youth team, they move on to larger and more successful clubs as they become better players, and this is true for our club. We now offer an opportunity for any budding goal keepers out there to develop their skills or for someone who would like to become a goalkeeper who requires coaching and support to make that breakthrough into playing for a team.

Heighington boys would love to hear from you if you are currently in year 8 moving to year 9 in September. You are the right age for next season's Under 14's. We can promise the support of a small and welcoming village club as well as a friendly group of players and coaches who will support you in developing as a goalkeeper. Please contact Selwyn Morgans, Team Manager / Coach on 07774624341 for an informal chat and make arrangements to come and train with the team.

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Football Club Presentation Night

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club held their 16th Annual Presentation on Saturday 15th June 2013 at Sunnyside Leisure Centre and what a fantastic event it was. The stage included a state of the art PA system with two electronic screens so all could view the team DVD's which was provided by the council events team.

Massive thanks to all the committee members, managers and parent helpers who came on Friday night to help set up and those who throughout the Saturday helped in various ways to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Over 160 children took to the stage to collect their individual trophies before the awards were handed out. The morning session started at 11.30am and the afternoon session at 3.45pm and I would like to thank all the parents who supported their

children and brought them to the event. The children with an age range between 4 years old and 18 years old were all dressed smartly in club attire and behaved impeccably and were a credit to their parents/carers and the club. Stuart Dunn, Operations Manager for the Leisure Centre commented on how well organised the day was and how well the children behaved.

Summer Raffle tickets were sold and will be drawn on Monday 8th July 2013. The prizes kindly arranged by the teams and donated include an Acer Aspire Laptop (Tesco), Signed Liverpool Shirt (Liverpool FC), Flymo Hedge Trimmer (Flymo), Nokia Lumia Mobile Phone (Tesco), Blackberry Curve mobile Phone (Tesco), Mark Schwarzer Goalkeeper gloves (AC Aluminium Ltd), 4 Ball round of Golf (Woodham Golf Club), Free MOT test (Shafto Way Service Centre), Kindle

Fire Cover (Tesco) plus many more. If anybody wishes to purchase any raffle tickets before they are drawn please email najfc@outlook.com.

NAJFC is a completely voluntary organisation and all committee members, managers, coaches and parent helpers dedicate hours of their free time to ensure the smooth running of the club. They provide a safe and happy environment that promotes confidence, team building, self-esteem through sport. The club is dependent on the generosity of businesses in sponsoring the team kit which for the 2012/2013 season were; Beanies The flavour Co (u7); AC Door Systems (u8); Livin (u9); Livin (u10); AC Aluminium Ltd (u11); Livin (u13); Bengal Lounge (u14); Livin (u15); Honest John (u16); Plasmor (u18). Thanks also to the Mortgage Advice Centre for sponsoring the balls (u18) and our tournament sponsors Woodspray; JR Butterfield and Revolution Power also to Newton News for their continued support in providing press coverage.

Club Chairman Stuart Howe and Treasurer Mick Burnham are stepping down this season after dedicating over 14 years to the club. The club wish them both well and welcome their replacements Nige Slatcher as

Chairman and Carley O Neil as Treasurer.

A huge thank you to Woodham Academy who for four seasons have allowed us to use their indoor training and pitches for home matches. In particular, thanks to Assistant Headteacher Danny Morgans and Community Development Coordinator Marie Oswald for their invaluable support throughout this period.

As previously reported NAJFC will be moving to Sunnyside Leisure Centre having signed a Service Level Agreement which allows indoor training; outdoor training and small sided matches on the new 4G pitch and the use of a number of pitches including the magnificent stadium pitch. Not many junior football clubs can boast of such fantastic facilities all under one roof. During the consultation process the operations manager Stuart Dunn has been extremely supportive and we look forward in anticipation of a thriving and beneficial relationship to both parties and the local community. If you wish to be part of the club as a player and are aged between 4 years and 21 years then please email najfc@outlook.com or alternatively log onto www.najuniorfc.co.uk for manager and coach contact telephone numbers.

MAGNET SPONSOR TOWN WATER POLO CLUB



Sedgefield Water Polo Club have received sponsorship for this year from Magnet. This valuable support has enabled the club to buy subsidised hoodies for the team. The club are very grateful to Magnet for this support and some of the team are pictured above competing at a recent tournament in Lancaster. Sedgefield Water Polo Club welcomes children aged 6 and above to the club and has members competing at the highest level representing Great Britain.

Why not come along and try this fun and exciting sport any Saturday night at the Leisure Centre 5-6.30pm for a FREE trial. Contact 07818554449 or e-mail: sedgefieldpolo@hotmail.com

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initiative is being delivered by Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council as part of the Safe Durham Partnership. The project is also becoming available to other areas across the county as more volunteers come forward. Cllr Lucy Hovvels, portfolio holder for Safer and Healthier Communities, said: "It is no surprise that a higher proportion of people across our county are signing up to Neighbourhood Watch than in any other part of the country and it is initiatives like this that encourage them to do so."

Deputy chief constable with Durham Constabulary, Michael Banks, said: "The Safer Homes scheme is yet another example of how our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are delivering activities that people in our communities really value. We want people to be safe and feel safe."

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Gilbert Wilson

Died 19th June 1997

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Love and miss you always, Daughter Pamela xx

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The family are grateful for all the support they have received and would especially like to thank Pastors John and Lisa Greenow and their congregation at Xcel Church for offering their building for the funeral celebration and the many years of support in David's charitable work; Dr Winny Jose, Macmillan Cancer Care, the District Nurses, Unique Homecare and Alistair and his team at the Village Pharmacy for caring for David over recent months.

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21st June 1931

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21st June 1962

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Rachael Byrne



Happy 21st Birthday

24th June 2013

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JAMES KNOW Happy 5th birthday James. Love, Auntie Jayney, Luke and Jake xxx

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Aston Fairhurst



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Happy Birthday Christopher. Love from Mam and Mitch xxx

Luke Atkinson



Happy 18th Birthday

20th June 1995

Happy birthday to our gorgeous Son. We are so proud of you, have a fab weekend. We love you so much. Mam and Tony xxxxx

Happy 18th Birthday We love you so much. Harvey and Jake xx

Luke Atkinson



Happy 18th Birthday

20th June 2013

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Ethiopian Wins Aycliffe 10k Running with Only One Shoe

Ethiopian athlete Wondie Fikre Indelbu delighted the watching spectators by storming home to win this year's Aycliffe 10k race wearing only one shoe.

The 1500m silver medallist at last summer's Paralympic Games kicked off a loose shoe when he was only two-thirds of the way round the course, but carried on to cross the line in 32 mins 18 secs.

He finished 31 seconds ahead of Jim Bulman of New Marske Harriers, who was runner-up for the second year in a row, with last year's winner James Askew of Durham City Harriers third in 33:11.

Now in its 16th year, the race was organised by Aycliffe Running Club and sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council and Northumberland Water.

Shona Fletcher of Richmond & Zetland Harriers was the first woman home in 38:29, with Sharon Bulman of New Marske Harriers second in 40:41 and Bernadette Caygil

of Darlington Harriers third in 41:02.

"It was a great race and congratulations to Wondie for putting on such an incredible performance," said race director Trevor Needham. "We had over 300 entries this year and we would like to thank our sponsors for helping us to make it all possible."

The bright weather attracted a large number of local people to line the route through Newton Aycliffe to cheer on the runners, many of whom were raising money for local and national charities.

As well as sponsoring the event for the 12th consecutive year, the 3M site at Aycliffe also had runners taking part in the race together with friends and family members.

The 3M site's plant engineering services manager Alan Kellett added: "We are very proud to be associated with this event and this was one of the best races ever. The organisers once again succeeded in putting on a great day for the community

and everyone taking part should feel really proud of their achievements."

The annual 3K fun run held before the main event also attracted another 174 entries and this was won by Ethan Edwards, with Callum Smith second and George Dixon third.

Below: The Mayor of Newton Aycliffe, Councillor Barbara Clare with Councillor John Clare, 3M Aycliffe site manager Dave Watson (right) and 3M runners David Gurden-Williams, Graham Bostock and Austin McGlynn.



Right: Ethiopian Winner, Wondie Fikre Indelbu running with only one shoe.

Below: Shona Fletcher



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