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## Greenfield Win £2000 for Best Business Project

### 23 Schools in Business Magnates Competition

The future looked bright for business in County Durham on June 28 as the awards for the 2013 Future Business Magnates competition were announced.

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The competition, now in its eighth year, aims to introduce schools around the county to the world of business with each competing team paired up with local companies who generously give up their time to support and mentor the pupils and their projects. The school teams also complete six business related challenges throughout the eight month



scheme. Organised by Business Durham, Durham County Council's business gateway, the competition is supported by the County Durham Economic Partnership and Europe Direct and sponsored by local business. Cheered on by their business partner, Temp Team, Greenfield Community School were crowned overall winners for their Paper Shaper business idea to make cardboard furniture for children. As well

as the all-important Future Business Magnates trophy, presented to the school by Vice Chairman of the council, Cllr. John Robinson, the team earned a £2000 prize for their school and each team member also took home a £50 voucher. Greenfield was commended by the judges for "an excellent all round performance" which featured high quality work throughout the competition as well as a great product idea with huge potential.

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## No Response from Landlords On Town Centre

We regret to report we have not received a response from the Town Centre Landlords with regard to the front page story on the plight of shopkeepers struggling to survive during the current building upheaval.

We and the shopkeepers hoped for some consideration and a positive response from Freshwaters, but after 10 days and finding the Town Centre Manager was off sick for 2 weeks, we rang the London office to get a reply. Phil Hughes in the Commercial Department knew about the work being carried out, but had not read the Newton News report. We sent the story, but it was clear the Landlords will not meet the deadline this week. I explained to Mr. Hughes the main problem is poor access to the shops and customers are choosing not to put up with the dirt and inconvenience. Our common sense suggestions to clear the obstacles to restore access to the town centre appear to be disregarded. We hope we can obtain better news in time for next week's issue.

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# Aycliffe Village News

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** The committee of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association meets on Monday, July 8, for a monthly meeting at the village hall at 7pm; all are

welcome.  
**FIRST AID:** There is a full-day emergency first aid course on Tuesday, July 9th, at the village hall with qualified first aiders for anyone needing a

qualification for work or just wanting to know what to do in an emergency. There is another course planned for Thursday, September 12th. For more details or to book, contact Margaret on 07809-708709, via the village hall Facebook page or at aycliffevillage@btinternet.com.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** There is a breakfast club on Saturday, July 13th, at the village hall from 9am-noon, which this month is sponsored by Steven Hall Salon. There will be bacon, egg or sausage buns on offer, as well as cups of tea or coffee. There will also be activities for children and a book stall. All proceeds go to the village hall. This will be the last breakfast club until the autumn.

**COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS:** Computers for the Terrified is a four-week course from Wednesday, July 24th, to Wednesday, August 14th, for people with little or no computer experience who would like to learn the basics about using computers. The classes are provided by a team of tutors based at Woodham Community Centre and take place from 1-3pm. For more details, call David Sutton-Lloyd on 01325-316144.

**CRAFTING CLUB:** If you would like to learn some creative skills, including knitting, sewing, quilting, card-making or baking, then come along to this group at the village hall on Tuesday, July 16th, and Tuesday, July 30th. Sessions are from 1-3pm and there is an entry fee of £2; refreshments are available.

**WI MEETING:** The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, July 31st, at the village hall at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Roger Chappel and Len Mutton on Beekeeping. The challenge is for Shades of Summer. Everyone is welcome. For details, call Kathy Round on 01325-315732.

**SENSORY CLASSES:** Baby sensory classes continue to take place on Tuesdays at 10.30am at the village hall for babies up to 13 months. For more details, call Carly on 07881-922076.

**TAI CHI:** Learn the relaxing martial art of Tai chi. Classes take place on Wednesdays at the village hall from 3pm-4.30pm. The cost is £5.

## TEENAGER SHAVES HEAD IN AID OF CANCER CHARITIES



16 year old Newtonian Zoe Maitchell is having her long hair shaved on 11th July in aid of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia, aiming to raise £500.

Zoe's family have been affected by Cancer and she feels strongly about helping to fight the disease. She is also donating her hair to be made into a wig for someone who is losing theirs through treatment.

Any reader wishing to support Zoe can leave a donation at Newton Press Offices, St. Cuthberts Way.

### HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

Tel: Syd  
01325 300212  
or syd@newtonnews.co.uk

## WOODHAM GOLF COURSE PLAN FLAWED FROM THE OUTSET

Dear Syd

I was appalled but not at all surprised to see that Woodham golf course is to be sold. I stand to be corrected but I think I said in your paper that the time of the application that the Washington Development Ltd. spin on their plans was a lot of Irish Blarney.

Mr V. Crichton made it quite clear that the plans had failed to show any financial support and stated that, "The Irish bankers of this company have, according to a Panorama programme, stopped funding all new speculative property development so where will the funds come from?" This was in the Newton News w/e 6th January 2012 and he gave the address for registering objections to the plans.

I am given to believe that there were less than 50 objections to the plans when it went before the County Council which is a very small percentage of the town's or come to that Woodham's residents. Bob Taylor in his letter headed Woodham Golf Course For Sale implied that many Woodham residents were against the plans and made it known to their Councillors.

Where were they when the Town Council voted on the application? There were only approximately 12 non Councillors at that meeting and to the best of my recollection only two people spoke on this subject (myself being one of them) neither of whom were Woodham residents.

One has to question just how many residents had strong feelings about the proposals which would undoubtedly lead to the destruction of a large area of open and beautiful countryside let alone cause

chaos on the C35 Middridge Road; which was desperately in need of upgrading before the expected rise in traffic travelling North from the new development in Shildon adjacent to Middridge.

I have always said that the bungalows which were first built on golf course land was the thin end of the wedge and against the original covenant on the land. Now they have permission for about 50 houses in the half a million pound price bracket is this the start of the golf course becoming

another housing estate? I hope it is not in my lifetime if it comes to pass.

Let us hope that this is a salutary lesson for those who feel angry about the planning applications for the town. The Town Council has a forum before meetings for your views to be heard please use this valuable facility it really is the only way to get your views through to the Councillors, even if they ignore them when it comes to the vote!!!

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**Saturday 13th July - "Gatecrashers"**

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**Saturday 20th July - "This Machine"**

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# New President of the Town's Rotary Club



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# Quiz Regulars Donate £500 to Hospice

Friday Night Quiz regulars at the Blacksmiths Arms presented a cheque for £500 to Paula Wood of Butterwick Hospice. Paula thanked the manager, staff and customers for their generosity. The Butterwick was chosen after one of the pub customers had a family member referred to Butterwick who received excellent day care services. The Quiz Night is open to everyone - 50p per entry - all proceeds to charity.

# SUPPORT TOWN PRIDE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

8th to 12th JULY

Great Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Youth Council along with support from local schools are embarking on a week long series of litter picks and activities to celebrate and encourage Town Pride. The events have been registered with the 'BIG tidy up' campaign being run by the Tidy Britain Group. Each day will feature a litter-pick, involving children from local primary schools, who will be clearing an area near to their school. Prior to each litterpick the children involved will take part in an interactive presentation about littering and its consequences to both humans and wildlife. Safety equipment will be provided and the children will be accompanied by teachers, youth councillors, town councillors and staff from the Town Pride Team. Steve Cooper, the Town Council's Environment Officer who has worked hard to pull these events together says "this is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference to our town's natural green areas. We are targeting any areas within the town that are known to be or are perceived to be litter black spots within the town near each school". If you would like any further information give Steve a call on 07779 090842, telephone the Town Council on 01325 300700 or e-mail [steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk) Why not come along and help support this fantastic community event and help make your town a better place to live and work.

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# Weekend Factory Noise Annoys Neighbours

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 2) How are Tallents allowed to operate fork trucks after dark on public roads when they do not comply with Road Traffic Law regarding lighting?  
 Interesting points to which the residents of Aycliffe deserve an answer. Neighbouring Resident name and address supplied

**Reply from Tallents . . .**

The Company takes its obligations to the local residents and our neighbours very seriously and have been disappointed to receive a noise complaint from two residents. In response to their concerns we have worked closely with the Neighbourhood Services Department of Durham County Council, commissioned an independent Environmental Noise Assessment and made some changes in work practices and times to resolve the matter to their satisfaction. There are no ongoing issues with the Neighbourhood Services Department that we are aware of and will continue to monitor the situation. The Company has enjoyed sustained growth in its 65 years on the Aycliffe Business Park and currently employees in excess of 1300 local people. We do, and will continue, to fully comply with all legal requirements in all of our activities including Planning permissions for the changes that occur and most particularly the use of vehicles as the safety of our employees and our neighbours is of primary concern to us.  
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## Successful Mathematicians



On Wednesday 19th June four Year 9 students from Woodham Academy took part in a mathematics challenge hosted by Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College. They were competing against top mathematicians from nine schools across Durham and North Yorkshire. The challenge consisted of five rounds including problem solving, a treasure trail and musical maths. Throughout the competition the team from Woodham Academy were strong contenders, finally finishing second overall. Congratulations to the students involved in this excellent event.

## Parking Outside Schools to be Tackled

Dear Sir,  
After discussions with Police Commissioner Ron Hogg it was decided to arrange a public meeting to which all schools in Great Aycliffe along with the Town Council, County Councillors, parents and all others interested in the safety of children around schools, would be invited. The date, time and venue will be published when arrangements have been finalised, but expected to be at the beginning of the September School term.  
Councillor Sarah Iveson, Jed Hillary

## Greenfield Students at Durham Cathedral



June comes around and it is time once again for a Humanities field visit at Greenfield Community College. Last week Year 8 students visited Durham Cathedral and central Durham city as part of their studies. The weather was glorious with sunshine and warm temperatures. The students investigated the history of the Cathedral, assessed how religious the visiting public actually were and whether or not Durham was a tourist location. We received many compliments as to how well behaved and hardworking the students were. Highlights included interviewing a variety of nationalities from Australians to South Africans which went some way to prove that Durham is a tourist location, the sheer awesome interior of the Cathedral itself and a trip up the tower for the lucky winners of the History competition! The Humanities department have shown once again the degree to which History, Geography and RE are integrated and shown students just how vital and critical all three subjects are to understanding the world about us. Well done Year 8!!

## Dux Award Students Visit Newcastle University

Two Year 9 students from Woodham Academy were nominated by their Head of Year for the Dux Award 2013. Corin Lathan and Victoria Archer were nominated as a result of their outstanding academic achievement. This is the second annual Dux Award organised by the Department for Education, which celebrates the success of high performing Year 9 students. The aim is to raise aspirations and to provide students with the opportunity to visit and experience life at University. Corin commented: "Filled with a multitude of interesting degree related activities, the Dux Award visit to Newcastle was a pleasant day out to revise career choices. This opportunity was one that helped broaden our minds to the alternatives we may have



for further education routes. With a morning of 'Campus Monopoly', a selection of numerous tasks that the undergraduates performed within their courses, such as a Dental Hygienist Clinic molar filler routine, Bi-Lingual Poetry, Stereo Visual 3-D Technology Sessions and several other fascinating courses, we were immersed in a variety of choices that we may wish to choose. I found the day very interesting and hope to attend Newcastle University to pursue a career in Medicine".

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## Stephenson Way School Summer Fair

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## Peter Gallagher

Peter Gallagher former Manager of the Nat West Bank died on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 aged 78. A paratrooper, he served as a Major in the T.A. He moved to Newton Aycliffe to open the new Natwest branch in 1971. He became Chairman of the Youth Centre and was a member of the Round Table and Rotary Club. When retired he went to live in Brazil to be near his son Vince and his wife Gloria and grandchildren Victoria and Amanda. He later returned to the UK and lived in London at a Royal British Legion Retirement home near to his daughter Clare, husband Paraic and grandson Flynn. His youngest son, Paul, lives in Bath in Somerset.

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The Sing for Life Community Choir are performing their Summer Concert on Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm at St. Paul's Centre Spennymoor. Entry is £5 or £3.50 Concessions.

The choir is made up of members from all around South Durham and the music will be a lovely mix of Folk, Country and songs from the Musicals under the direction of our inspirational leader Emily Smith. It promises to be a really enjoyable evening!

# School Choir at Arrival of Lindisfarne Gospels



On Sunday 30th June 2013, St. Mary's School Choir were privileged to take part in a celebration concert to launch the arrival of the Lindisfarne Gospels to Durham Cathedral. After practicing for 3 weeks, with an extra special session with Mish Kelly from the cathedral, and a last session with five other schools – and receiving commemorative T shirts - they gathered in the cathedral with the Lindisfarne Gospels' Community Choir for a photograph. They then sang in the cloisters of the cathedral in front of

invited guests, visitors to the cathedral, parents and friends. Sadie said 'I was nervous watching all the people before we started singing, but once we started singing it was really fun.' 'I loved our last song about Mozart, it made everyone laugh' giggled Natasha. It was a choir of over 200 who sang songs and hymns to welcome the gospels, finishing with the whole assembly of choir and audience singing Jerusalem. 'It was exciting singing in front of so many people' said Eve and Faye.

# Fashion for all Sizes

A Fashion Show with a Difference will be held at Neville Community Centre on Friday July 19th at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £5 including a buffet supper with all proceeds to the above charity. Tickets available from Margaret Gent 01325 317 308 or Bon Marche Fashion Store

The difference is that the models will be of various sizes and ages not all skinny size 8 -10, so larger ladies need look no further! (I am one of her models, so you'll know what I mean!).

# Children Help Cancer Research



## Film Show

The weekly "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church, on Wednesday 10th July, will feature "Saving Grace".

A delightful comedy starring Brenda Blethyn and Craig Ferguson. Come and enjoy tea / coffee (included in the £2 charge) at 1pm, the film starts at 1-15pm and runs for about 90 mins. Everyone is most welcome to come and be thoroughly cheered up.

Children at Woodham Burn Primary School have been using their ideas to raise money for Cancer Research. In April, Mr Liam Montgomery, dad to Ciara (Y4) and Erin (Y6) approached head teacher, Mrs Rowe and asked if the school might like to support him in his bid to raise money for this worthy cause.

Mr Montgomery ran the London Marathon to raise much needed funds, and his efforts spurred children into thinking of their own fund-raising schemes. These ranged from car washing, to drawing and selling original artwork to holding a mini sponsored walk! The outcome was a cheque for over £500 which was gratefully received by Cancer Research who presented a certificate of thanks to the school. Ciara and Erin are shown in this photo with Head Teacher Riannon Rowe at School Assembly.

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# Holiday Activities at Greenfield Arts

Following the success of the "Out of the Bag" project we are now looking forward to the Summer holidays here at Greenfield Arts and some great activities for children and families to keep them busy during the time off! Last year all sessions were fully booked with some great groups of children and their families join us for creative sessions and workshops including our fantastic "Alternative Olympics". This

year we hope to build on that success with our programme, which includes a "Big Bang" week of creative activities, printmaking, sculpture, family cooking, films and more, most of which we are able to offer free to local families. For the full activity programme visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or pop in and pick up a leaflet. We look forward to seeing you all again this summer!



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# Partnership Boosts Regional Economy

A public/private sector partnership, boosting the County Durham economy by increasing Japanese investment in the area, is celebrating a successful first year. The North East Enterprise Company is an alliance between North East entrepreneur Sir John Hall, Durham County Council and the South Durham Enterprise Agency. Its purpose is to attract new investment from Japan, working to highlight the excellent opportunities that exist for foreign investors in County Durham and the

North East as a whole. At the board meeting on 20th June, the partnership looked back at its achievements during its first year and celebrated stronger partnerships created with Japanese businesses such as Hitachi, Panasonic, Nissan and many more. Working closely with Business Durham, Durham County Council's business gateway, and the highly respected Masao Kumori, who was recently awarded an MBE for his services to business in the North East, the partnership has

welcomed four inward visits from Japanese companies interested or already investing in the region this year. In addition, businesses in the North East have benefitted from the groups assistance in facilitating profile boosting visits to Japan and the British Embassy in Tokyo. Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The NEEC is a unique public/private sector partnership encouraging much needed investment in the county's economy. As Hitachi has recognised, County Durham is a fantastic place to do business and the NEEC is working hard to support new investment, promote growth and create vital jobs both now and for our future school leavers." Cllr Rob Yorke, Chairman of NEEC and the South Durham Enterprise Agency, said: "The NEEC has enjoyed a very successful first year and the relations between Durham and major Japanese companies has never been stronger. With the development of Hitachi's rail plant in Newton Aycliffe gathering pace, the partnership is looking forward to doing even more, showcasing the benefits of County Durham and the region as a whole as a business destination to these vital Japanese markets."



## 3M Aycliffe Receive a Big Tick



John Klee of 3M (centre) receives the award from broadcaster Sangeeta Bhabra and BITC field director Patrick Mallon.

Environmental initiatives carried out by 3M, which has a manufacturing site at Aycliffe, have been recognised with a Big Tick award from the national organisation Business in the Community (BITC). The accolade has come in the Marketplace Sustainability Leadership category of the annual awards and reflects the diversified technology company's achievements in continuously improving the ways in which its products are made and how it carries out its business. Its Heighington Lane plant at Aycliffe manufactures respirators for worker safety and products for the vehicle aftercare market. It contributed to the success with initiatives such as holding a

sustainable transport event to give employees an insight into greener ways of getting about. The award assessors were looking for businesses whose innovative thinking against short and long-term challenges and opportunities will transform business towards a more sustainable future. Commenting, Stephen Howard, BITC's chief executive said: "I congratulate 3M for its Big Tick, which recognises that it is part of a movement of companies creating value by living their values. We hope their example will inspire many more businesses to put responsible behaviour at the heart of how they do business."

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# RADIO DEBUT FOR AYCLIFFE BAND



Aycliffe band "Unplugged" were live on the radio with two songs and an interview on Bishop FM on Wednesday 19th June. The show went great and the DJ's said there was lots of good feedback from the listeners. They also made their debut in Bishop Auckland on Friday 21st and had The Merry Monk dancing to covers of Proclaimers, Gloria Gaynor, Jessie J, Queen, Beatles, Abba and many more, I lost count of how many encores were played, Kal the owner of the music bar said it was 7. Kal also booked them back for 22nd August, for more information on Unplugged and to see their radio debut, check out their website [www.UnpluggedBand.co.uk](http://www.UnpluggedBand.co.uk). Unplugged will be making their Aycliffe debut on Friday 9th August at The Big Club, along side of lots of Aycliffe talented youngsters, including The Unsound, Buskees, Stepping Out with Clare Walton and many young solo artists, see [www.AYTP.co.uk](http://www.AYTP.co.uk) for full details or call or text 07704646346 for tickets for a great packed show, well worth £2.50. All money raised goes to help youngsters in Aycliffe make it in the entertainment industry.

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# Town Council May Stop Annual Firework Display

## Town Council Report, Wednesday 2nd July

The Town Council discussed an issue which is bound to create a lot of debate and distress in the community. Due to concerns after last year's Fireworks Display, the County Durham Safety Advisory Group has been asked for advice on staging the event for 2013. There is a strong possibility that the Council may have to close down its November Fireworks Display on health and safety grounds. You can read the balanced, interim report of the Town Clerk online at <http://bit.ly/GATCFireworks>. The report suggests there are some problems that can be solved just by money; actually, even in these straitened times, money is not the issue. The problem is numbers, and that is a problem which does not go away so easily. The public fireworks displays in Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Aykley Heads have recently been stopped, and people who used to go there are now coming to the GATC display. Last year the Council got thank you letters from all over the county; in some ways it was the most successful display ever, but the fear is that the

site just cannot cope with the numbers. There are two main issues. One is parking. Last year it was crazy around the station, and the Council heard stories of strangers who parked so far into the Elmfield estate that they then couldn't find their car when it was time to go home. Together with the huge crowds walking up from town, this creates a traffic hazard, and the fear that someone will get run over. On this one, it is arguable that it is not the Council's responsibility, but that won't help much if a child is reversed over and killed. The police have no ideas as to what could be done - there is simply not the parking space available. The second is site evacuation. If there was an emergency - say on the industrial estate - how could such huge numbers be evacuated safely across the railway line? In the dark? In a panic situation? The SAG team had no real answers to this. The answer is to restrict numbers, but this simply creates the spectre of lots of people trying to watch from the roads and places nearby, which would be even more dangerous.

The other side of the argument, of course, is that the event - which was originally started to discourage people from holding bonfires and fireworks in their back garden - actually saves lives. To cancel the display raises the alternative spectre of house fires and burned children. Also, this sort of event always has to run with some level of risk, but the issue is whether it is right to continue with it given the level of risk it seems we would have to carry. The danger is that it continues without incident for a number of years, and then one year a carousel catches fire and a dozen people are trampled to death. Would people say that the Council was correct to have continued given that level of danger? For the moment, the Council will wait upon the final report of the County's Safety Advisory Group, and will also seek advice from its insurers, before holding a Special Meeting to make a decision. This is an issue which we cannot - as a community as well as a Council - simply ignore. Councillors would welcome suggestions and comments from readers of the Newton News.

# National Blood Week 2013 Smashes Target

A big thank you has been issued to donors and supporters across the North East after National Blood Week 2013 easily exceeded its targets. The themed week, which ran from June 10th, aimed to educate the public about blood donation and register 10,000 new blood donors nationally. And thanks to an overwhelming response from the public, NHS Blood and Transplant managed to smash that target and sign up almost 11,400 people, with 440 of those in the North East. NHS Blood and Transplant spokesperson, Donna Batty, said: "We are delighted that National Blood Week had such a strong response and we are very grateful for all the support we had from our donors and the public here in the North East which made it possible. We constantly need new donors - and in particular younger donors - to replace the 200,000 people nationally who have to retire from donating each year due to factors like poor health and certain medication, so I would urge people to keep coming forwards. "Giving blood is easy, doesn't take long to do and can help up to three people." Anyone aged between 17-65, weighing more than 50 kg (7st 12lbs) and in general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have

donated in the last two years. For more information or to book an appointment visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or contact 0300 123 23 23. The next session in town is on 15th July at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church Hall, Neville Parade from 2.30-4pm and 4.45-7pm.

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M. Taylor

# Scouts Thank Honest John



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# WOODHAM ACADEMY ART EXHIBITION

Woodham Academy's annual art exhibition took place on Tuesday 25th June. The Exhibition showcased the work of 65 Year 11 students across both GCSE and BTEC Art and Design courses and was held in Woodham's new exhibition space.

Every student's coursework was displayed in the corridors and classrooms, with final pieces from exam projects and coursework projects framed and displayed in the new bright airy exhibition space.

The evening was a great success with many people overcome by the standard of the work and the ambience of the space with Adam Nicholas playing the piano softly in the background.

Special guest of the evening was portrait and wildlife artist Pauline Alldis. Pauline's style of photorealistic oil painting has been of great inspiration to a number of students in Year 11. It was fitting that one of these students was able to show her around the exhibition.

Caitlin Hindle, who found Pauline's work online, contacted her seeking advice on how to improve her painting. Caitlin

looked initially at Pauline's portraiture work but also found much inspiration in her wildlife paintings. Pauline replied giving Caitlin advice on building up a painting in layers and how to use blending and tone and a range of shades of different colours to create texture and realism in her images. Through Caitlin, a number of other students were also influenced by Pauline's style.

On speaking with most visitors over the course of the evening, it was clear that everyone had their own favourite piece – the artwork touching different people in many different ways.

Teachers from local colleges were also in attendance and were eager to know if the exhibiting students would be going to their college. They said they were 'blown away by the level of talent and creativity'. They were taken aback by how the students had been able to work so independently to follow their own personal lines of study at this young age, resulting in a show of individual and unique pieces of work.

Pauline Alldis said that "It was a real delight to see everyone experimenting and



enjoying different media and themes. Beautiful work!"

# Book Sale at Town Library

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## AYCLIFFE DANCERS TOP OF THE WORLD

Stepping Out Dance School in Newton Aycliffe have just returned from the Blackpool World Championships 2013 bringing home some very prestigious titles, boasting the following:

#### Megan Sanderson

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#### Rebecca Summerill

5th in the World for Adult Champion Slow Dance, 3rd in the World for Adult Champion Fast Dance, 4th in the World for Adult Champion Pairs

#### Georgia Thelwell

Winner World Champion U12 Champion Fast Dance.

Lots of dancers were in supporting sections reaching Semi finals at this prestigious competition and Melodie McCourt came 5th in U10 Champ Supporting Fast Dance and Brooke Hughes and Aleah Loughran won the U8 Inter supporting pairs. This is amazing results for the school and all this talent is home grown in Newton Aycliffe.



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### Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Barbara Clare will be holding her Civic Service at St Clare's Church, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe on Sunday 14th July at 10.00am.

Councillor Mrs Clare would like to extend a cordial invitation to parishioners and friends to join her on this occasion.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall at the conclusion of the Service.

# Woodham Prom Night

Wednesday, 26th June, 2013 at Redworth Hall Hotel

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Teachers received gifts from grateful students



Year 11 prizewinners 2013



Redworth Hall was the venue for Woodham Academy's Year 11 Prom on Wednesday 26th June. Students began to arrive from 6pm for a reception on the lawn. Their choice of transport, like their outfits, was chosen to impress. Alongside the stretch limos were classic cars, a motorbike and a gleaming Ferrari. After photographs in front of the hall, guests enjoyed a three-course dinner.

Then began the formal proceedings. Syd Howarth and his son Paul from the Newton News presented awards donated by the local business community. The first of these was for the most helpful student in school, awarded to Ryan Metcalfe. Ryan has involved himself in all aspects of school life throughout his time at Woodham. He has run Games Club and Film Club for younger students, supported staff at parents' evenings and was part of the successful STEM team, winning tickets to the 2012 Olympics.

Most helpful student in the community was awarded to Richie Howe whose charity work for Diabetes UK led to an invitation to carry the Olympic torch last summer. Richie has represented students on the school's governing body. He is now about to begin a summer placement at Camp Cody, USA, working with American children at a traditional summer camp.

Adam Nicholas won the award for top academic

student. He has already achieved A\* grades in GCSE French and German and 100% in recent Physics and Mathematics exams. No-one doubts that Adam will achieve an outstanding set of results in the summer.

Given the number of students who excel in sports at Woodham, there were many contenders for the award for best sport student. The award went to Jennifer Lerner, an outstanding all-round athlete, who has represented Woodham in swimming, athletics and team sports.

Jordan Howe won the award for top design student in recognition of his exceptional practical skills in design and technology and the award for most improved student went to Stacey Shires, who is on track to achieve excellent results in all subjects.

Woodham Academy wishes to thank the sponsors of these awards: **Honest John, Town Centre Management, Itec North East, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Tesco and Newton Press / Newton News.**

Headteacher Christine Forsyth said "We are extremely grateful that the local business community has recognised the hard work and success of our young people. They are a

credit to their families, their community and Woodham Academy."

There was an additional presentation of a specially made trophy to James Newton, the winner of an apprenticeship with Gestamp Tallent.

Following a moving speech from Year 11's Head of Year, Mr. Jenkins, there was entertainment from Year 11 musicians, followed by dancing.

A wonderful evening was had by all, providing a fitting end to the students' secondary education. This was a proud moment for parents and teachers alike.



Newton Press Director Paul Howarth organised the prizes and introduced the winners nominated by teachers. Special thanks were given to the sponsors who donated money towards the prizegiving: Honest John, Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, iTec, Tesco Aycliffe, Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton Press and Newton News.



Jason Pape and Gemma Kelly with Headteacher Mrs Forsyth



## Nature Reserve Friends AGM

The Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve are holding their Annual General Meeting at Greenfield Arts College on Thursday 25th July at 7pm. New members are always welcome and anyone wishing to know what the group have achieved in their first full year are welcome to attend, as there will be full reports on achievements from the Chair and Secretary.

In addition, during the meeting there will be the annual election of governor posts including Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any current member is eligible for election to these posts by a nomination from one current full member and seconded by another. Anyone wishing to nominate can contact the Friends Secretary; Steve Cooper on 0777 9090 842 for further information. Alternatively e-mail Steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

## Time to Remember Rosemary



Following the death of Rosemary Boynton of Heighington a collection was made to commemorate the hard work and time she gave to the local community during her 89 years in the village. She lived in the village for most of her life where she

was a Postwomen for many years before owning The Fish and Chip shop for 20 years up to her retirement.

She was a founder member of the Village Hall, where she served on the committee and organised several village fetes, as well as being an active member of the WI and later the over sixties. After retirement she continued as a committee member and later became an Honorary member.

She served as a Parish Councillor and District Councillor always leading campaigns for the good of the community. Deputy Mayor of Darlington Gerald Lee spoke very highly of her at her funeral in January and said she always gave her time to the Village.

Taking up this theme the family approached the Heighington Village Hall committee who agreed to accept two Station Clocks as a lasting reminder of 'The Time she gave to the Village Community'

Three generations of Rosemary's family led by her daughter Jill presented the clocks to the committee. The clocks are now installed in both halls within the Village Hall for all to see. The family also gave Bethany Nursing Home a Bird bath and feeder for the residents' garden as a thank you for the care the staff gave Rosemary over the 3years she lived there. The family would like to say thank you for the generosity and support they have received from the villagers at this sad time.

## Local Girl Wins World Title and Place at Royal Ballet School

Georgia Thelwell Age 10 from Aycliffe Village has just won the Under 12 Girl World Freestyle Championships 2013 on Sunday at Blackpool, Winter Gardens. She competed against girls from South Africa, Norway, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, 46 in total and came away with the World title.

Georgia trains 6 days a week at Aspire on Aycliffe Business Park with her dance school 'Stepping Out' dance teacher Clare Walton.

She is a sponsored Premier Championship dancer at the highest level you can achieve in ADFP freestyle and this is a huge achievement for her, the dance teacher, and the training centre in Aycliffe at Aspire.

After an audition 2 weeks ago Georgia has been offered a place at the prestigious Elmhurst Ballet School in Birmingham on the Junior Associate Saturday programme in association with The Birmingham Royal Ballet, starting September 2013. This is a prestigious school, a big commitment and a huge achievement. Georgia trains at The Tiffany School of Dance in Darlington for her ballet, under dance teacher Rachel Tiffany,



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## Lambton 10K Run Results

Members of Aycliffe Running Club joined 280 other runners in the annual Lambton 10K Run on Sunday 30th June. The run, now in it's 3rd year, is held in the grounds of the Lambton Estate at Bournmoor and has been a different course every year. This year's course was multi-terrain, scenic but challenging with a steep grassy hill at 8.5K. However, this didn't deter the Aycliffe runners. First home for the club was Peter Milburn in 42:50 followed by Matt Heron 44:54 then John Burnside 46:06, Sue Milburn 49:38, Kevin Greenall 50:00, Trish Kay 52:14 and Rob Nicholson 57:59.

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# Youngest Player to Hit a Hole in One at the Oak Leaf



Aycliffe Golf Course Junior Andrew Neasham aged 16 hit a hole in one on Sunday 23rd June 2013 and became the youngest ever to achieve this ace in a competition.

Andrew achieved the goal of every golfer playing the 11th Hole, 160 yards into the wind, with a 5 iron. He was accompanied at the time with playing partner Steph Peareth, herself a very competent golfer.

Andrew who plays off a handicap of 8 is the Vice Captain of the Junior Team and was delighted with his shot which took only one bounce before entering the hole.

Golf Pro Neil Whinham, Andrew Neasham and Steph Peareth

# Hamsterley Forest 10k Trail Race

The last in a series of trail races is taking place in County Durham next month. People can take part in the event at Hamsterley Forest on Wednesday, July 17. The race starts at 6.15pm and participants must register on the day from 5.45pm. Entrants must be at least 16 years old, and those under 18 will need to have their registration form signed by a parent or guardian.

There will be an entry fee of £3 and prizes for the winners will be awarded on the night. Runners wishing to take part in the Hamsterley Forest 10k trail race should meet at the Grove Car Park, Hamsterley Forest, sign-posted off the A68 north of West Auckland. For further information people can contact Durham County Council on 03000 282 012 or visit [www.durham.gov.uk/walkingandrrunning](http://www.durham.gov.uk/walkingandrrunning)

# 300 Mile Bike Ride in aid of Macmillan

Local cyclist is set to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support team by cycling 300 miles in 24 hours. Gordon Panicca, 51, from School Aycliffe, decided to take up the challenge riding from Newcastle to London as a way of saying thank you, for the wonderful care his family received a few years ago.

Back in 2007, his wife, Moira and her sisters, were devastated to learn their mother, Elizabeth Duffy, was diagnosed with cancer. They relied heavily on the care and support offered by the dedicated staff from the Macmillan team. After a

brave battle, Elizabeth sadly passed away and the family could not have got through those difficult days without their support.

Gordon has cycled for many years and is not a stranger to long distance endurance events. He has raced from Paris to Brest to Paris, 750 miles, several times with an

amazing PB of 64 hours in 2003. Gordon is grateful to Raisco Ltd, structural steel company, where he works and has supported him with flexible working to enable him to train for 20 hours every week. He regularly rides with Darlington Cycle club, who have helped with his training.

There will be over 200 cyclists on the start line on 24th August and Gordon hopes to be up there with the top guys, many from over seas.

If you would like to sponsor Gordon then you can donate on his just giving page. <http://www.justgiving.com/Gordon-Panicca>

# Sugar Hill Sports Day



After last year's cancellation due to heavy rain, Sugar Hill primary school held its annual Sports Day recently. The event was attended by a huge number of parents, grandparents and other family, and the staff want to thank all those who came along for providing excellent support to their children and to the school. Children took part in numerous events around the field, including basketball, hockey, sprint relay and the

always hotly-anticipated final event which is the Year 6 Tug'o'War. Contested between the 'colour councils', the event is always taken very seriously by the children. After several close battles in the qualifying tournament and a thrilling final, the 'Pinks' team came out on top. Well done to all the children and staff, who thoroughly enjoyed the day and gave their all in making Sports Day a brilliant event!



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**GOLF COURSE FUNDING SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHECKED FIRST**

Dear Editor,  
 I was very surprised that the Leader of the Great Aycliffe Town Council writing in last week's Newton News said that when he attended the presentation given by the owners of Woodham golf club about their plans for the course, he spoke to numerous Woodham residents and golf club members and the vast majority were in

favour of building houses and a hotel on the golf course. I attended the very same presentation and I have to say that, with the exception of the representatives of Washington Developments, it was a very different story. Everyone I spoke to at that time, both residents and members of the club, were completely opposed. Perhaps Mr. Fleming spoke to the wrong

people or the owners made sure that he did!  
 The lesson here for our Town Council is that taking a straw poll of people in a confined area is a dangerously flawed approach to gauging opinions. The Town Council should find a rather more scientific method of canvassing views.

The other point that concerns me smacks of passing the buck. He states that it is "not a planning matter" to ensure that funding is in place for a development. Well, I can understand that it may not be necessary or relevant to check if a householder has funds to build a new conservatory on his home. Surely however, with a project such as this one was, requiring £32million of investment to complete (company's own figure) and which would have had such a huge impact on our local environment, the commonsense approach would be to check out the applicant.

I would urge our Councillors to change their procedures and in future, for major proposals, look carefully at the financials of any organisations promising the earth, as Washington Developments did, before supporting their projects. It could save embarrassment in the long run. I do hope that the members of Woodham golf club will find a way to buy the course and it will not have to close.  
 Mrs V Crichton

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Last weekend the team, led by Alison Dixon from School Aycliffe, completed the National 3 Peaks Challenge scaling Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in just under 30 hours. The team, battered and weather beaten returned home on Sunday to continue the planning for the remainder of their events.

Alison, a Subject Leader for Performing Arts at Greenfield College lost her mum to bowel cancer in November last year and vowed to help others suffering from cancer. 'I wanted to set up 'Make it Happen 2013 to repay St Therese's for their fabulous care of my mum.

At the same time as hopefully raising a massive amount of money, organising and taking part in these events is helping our family as part of the

healing process and putting a smile on our faces.'

So far, the team have completed the Harewood House 10k run, Manchester 10K run, Aycliffe 10k, The 150 mile C2C bike ride, Midnight Ladies Walk and the National 3 Peak Challenge.

More than 30 friends, family and colleagues of Alison are part of this fantastic team and they are all instrumental in the planning of the remaining events including a golf day, an evening of live entertainment, the Kielder Marathon, Hadrian's Wall walk, a charity auction and the a gala ball to celebrate their phenomenal achievement.

Currently, the group are looking for donations for their charity auction to help attract bids and support for their cause. Anybody who is able to help is encouraged to contact Alison's husband, Stuart at stuart.dixon@greenfieldschool.net

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## Thank You

**THERESA ELLEN BRETT** Peter, Andrew and Anthony Brett would like to say thank you to all who attended Theresa's Funeral. She is deeply missed. Thank you for all cards and donations. Money raised for Macmillan Nurses was £280. Thank you

**JOAN MADDISON** The family of the late Joan would sincerely like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards and kind messages of condolence received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Minister Jan Carr for her comforting Service; to Richard Hartley for his excellent tribute; to Dr Ruth Hewitt for her kindness; to Mr Mitchell and his team at Darlington Memorial Hospital; to Jessica and Lindsey at John Meynell Funeral Service for their kindness and help. Charitable donations raised £365.00

**RICHARDSON** Keith and Olivia would like to thank Evelyn Richardson's neighbours at Lyon Walk, friends at the Cubby and Barry at Gordon Fletchers for his professional manner

## Obituary

**RIPLEY** June 30th, peacefully at home, Jean aged 64 years, dearly loved Wife of Jim; beloved Mam of Chris, Terry, Paul and Andrew; a devoted Nana and Great-Nana. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral on Tuesday 9th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Darlington Crematorium at 1:45pm. Floral tributes or donations in lieu, if preferred in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care may be given at the Crematorium or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

**COLLINS,** Marion of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 20th June, aged 68 years. A much loved Mam to Ian, Carla and Darren; Grandmother of Ryan, Gracie and Zoe; also a much loved Sister. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday 10th July at 11.30am, followed by Interment at West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

**PETER GALLAGHER.** Passed peacefully on Tuesday 2nd July 2013, aged 78. Loving Father to Vince, Clare and Paul; Grandfather to Victoria, Amanda and Flynn.

challenge they would greatly appreciate your support. You can donate at <http://www.justgiving.com/Makeithappen2013> or by texting the code MAHP73 with the amount in £'s to 70070.

Make it Happen 2013 would like to thank Barclays Bank, Boudoir Darlington, Martin Gray Football Academy, Greenfield Community College, Woodham Golf & Country Club and all who have individually supported through sponsorship.

## In Memoriam

**Paul Clark**  
Died 8th July 2009  
Life long memories of our very dear friend Paul.  
Always in our thoughts, never forgotten.  
Joy-Marie and Georgie

**Paul Clark**  
Died 8th July 2009  
Another year has passed and you are not here. In our hearts you will remain, holding memories so dear. You gave us warmth and security, you were a true grafter. You gave us wisdom and guidance through stories of laughter. So fond memories we share, like the odd pint we once sank. As for the men we've become there's a Dad we can thank. There's a day when we'll meet, when we hope you'll say aloud, "I love you dear Sons, you've made me so proud". Love always, Adam and Matthew xxx

**Paul Clark**  
Died 8th July 2009 - Age 52  
Still hard to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. I will think of you forever because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife, Carole xxx

**Paul Clark**  
Died 8th July 2009  
In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xxx

**JIM BRODIE** 3rd July 2010. Nothing loved is ever lost, and he was loved so much. God bless Jim. Your loving Wife Sheila and all your loving family xx  
**PETER WHARTON** 9th July 1983. Remembering you is easy I do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that never goes away. I love and miss you Peter, Mam xxx God bless Dad. Love, Vikki (little Princess) xxxxx  
**CARMAN,** Stephen Brian. 4th July 2006. Special thoughts of you dear Son and Brother. We all miss you so much. Love, Mam, Dad, Trevor and Anne xxx  
**ANN ARROWSMITH** 6th July 2012. A little tribute small and tender to say we still remember. Love always, Irene and Dennis

## Congratulations

**Gemma Doonan**  
  
**Happy 21st Birthday**  
7th July 2013  
Congratulations Gemma on your 21st birthday. have a lovely day. All our love, Mam, Dad, Jake and Jodi  
**Happy 21st Birthday Mammy**  
All my love, Evie xxx  
**Happy Birthday**  
To a precious Granddaughter. Happy 21st. All our love, Grandma and Grandad

**Godfrey Beckwith (Molf)**  
  
**Happy 50th Birthday**  
4th July 2013  
Love and best wishes from all the family xxx

**LISA-JO ANDERSON** Happy 18th birthday. Enjoy your celebrations. Love from Mam and Charly xxx  
**LISA-JO ANDERSON** To my Granddaughter Lisa-Jo. Happy 18th birthday. Have a fab time. Lots of love, Nana Sue and Uncle Dean xxx  
**LISA-JO ANDERSON** Happy 18th birthday. Love from Dad, Laura, Charlie, Brooke and Matty  
**BELLA ADDISON** 3rd July. Happy 1st birthday Crackles. Lots of love and kisses from Mammy, Daddy, Nana Liz, Granda Reggy, Auntie Shelly, Uncle Rich, Cousin Calum, Uncle Nick, Auntie Claire, Cousins Macauley, Leah and Max xxx  
**WESTON** Evie Olivia Grace. 6-7-2008. To our gorgeous bo, happy 5th birthday. All our love, hugs and kisses, Mummy and Daddy xxx  
**WESTON** Evie Olivia Grace. 6-7-2008. Happy 5th birthday little Sissy, all my love, big Sissy Francesca xxx  
**WESTON** Happy 5th birthday to our granddaughter Evie. Love you lots. Love, Nana, Pa xxx Good luck for Saturday x  
**BECKIE MINNIE** 9-7-1997. Little Cutie, all grown up, 16 today. Happy birthday. Love, Gran, Grandad, Daniel, Kerri and Emily Rose  
**ADAM WILLIAMS** Hope you had a great 18th birthday. Enjoy yourself on Saturday. Love, Nana, Dad, Mick, Jamie, Nathan, Cai, Mam, Terry and Tommy xx

**Kelly and Michael**  
  
**Congratulations**  
to Kelly and Michael on your recent wedding in Paphos, Cyprus. We all had a wonderful time. Love from both families

**Emma Hayman**  
  
**Happy 21st Birthday**  
1st July 1992  
Congratulations, hope you have a wonderful 21st birthday. Thinking of you on your special day. Lots of love always, Mam, Jimmy, Max, Taz, Tess and Jay xxx  
PS: You still got that little C.A. Smile

**Births**  
**Bethany Addison & Chris Allick**  
  
**Happy 13th Birthday**  
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Lots of love, Nanna xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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**FORTY**  
Happy birthday. Love, Lisa, Darren, Elian and Jack

**Jaydene Chappell**  
  
**Happy 13th Birthday**  
4th July 2013  
Lots of love, Nanna xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Colin Pemberton**  
  
**Happy 65th Birthday**  
5th July 2013  
Time to relax Colin and enjoy your retirement. All my love, Doreen. Lots of love from all the family xxx

## Health Promotion

As part of their learning, health and social care students are studying the aims and purposes of Health Promotion. In recent lessons they have undertaken the task of researching health risks including the recent outbreak of measles in Swansea and the North East and role of immunisation programmes in reducing these health risks. In this unit they have to imagine themselves playing the role of a Health Advisor and so have to evaluate different resources used by professionals such as Alcohol Awareness and Smoking Cessation resources. The resources have enabled the students to have a real "hands on" experience and deepen their understanding of a complex topic. Tricia Stewart (The Hub) and Francene Birbeck (Youth Centre) will be delivering sessions to students on how to plan and prepare health workshops.

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## Greenfield at Sedgefield Olympics Town Cricket Club's Marked Achievement



Greenfield students had a fantastic day at the Sedgefield Olympics organised by Diane Snowsill and her team from the Sedgefield SSP. This was a very inclusive event which challenged the elite, and included a wide range of abilities in a range of sporting challenges. Over 100 students from Greenfield travelled to Sedgefield Community College to take part. Greenfield students left the event with an array of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Well done to the following teams. Yr 7/8 Girls Football team, Boccia team, Yr 7/8 Golf team and the Yr 9/10 Rounders team who all won Bronze medals, the Table tennis team, Cheerleading and the

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club were delighted recently to receive confirmation that, following a long drawn out assessment, they had been awarded Clubmark by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

Clubmark shows that the Cricket Club are prioritising junior development and creating a high quality community cricket club who have systems in place to ensure the safety of all participants. They were assessed in four themes and had to show that systems were in place to meet very exacting standards. The themes were:

- Duty Of Care And Safeguarding Children
- The Cricket Programme
- Knowing Your Club And The Community
- Club Management

The Clubmark logo featuring the club's unique number will now be displayed on all official literature and the certificate from the ECB is proudly displayed in the foyer of the Sports Club.

Anybody over the age of 6 years who is interested in cricket and would like more information about Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club should contact the Secretary Lee Weldon on (01325) 312424 or 07759 754959



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Yr7/8 Girls Rugby teams who all came away with Silver medals, and Greenfield's athletes who finished in Gold medal position in the finale. Overall results:-  
1st Sedgefield - 104pts, 2nd Whitworth Park - 102pts, 3rd Greenfield - 96pts, 4th FBEC (Ferryhill) - 50pts, 5th Woodham - 46pts, 6th The Oaks- 20pts.

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to Sedgefield for hosting the event.

On Monday 15th July Greenfield school are launching their adult Table Tennis club at 6.30, this will follow our Junior / Community table tennis club which runs 5.30 to 6.30 on the same night. For further information contact Michael Rippon (Facility Manager on 07879117224) or come along on the 15th July at 5.30 or 6.30 and have a game.

### Honesty Exists

A grateful parent wishes to thank the Council grasscutter who found her son's Iphone at Aycliffe Village Park and rang her on it to see it was safely returned. His honesty is very much appreciated.

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