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## Town Centre Owners Unaware of Difficulties

### Daejan Finally Respond to Criticism

As Owners of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, Daejan was disappointed to read the report in the Newton News. We were asked for comment with one hours notice when the most knowledgeable personnel were not available. Both Daejan and the Centre Manager were fully conscious of the impact the development was going to have generally within the centre. Prior to the works commencing on site, we held several open days for tenants to meet with the project team and discuss the plans and the programme of works. Each tenant was provided with a detailed phasing document outlining how the works would be carried out.

The comments we received at this meeting and from Head Offices including Boyes was overwhelmingly positive, and still are. In these days of austerity it is rare to see a private owner willing to invest nearly £3m to improve our town centre. We have already attracted Aldi to the town centre and are continuing to invest in order to attract more new retailers. Sadly this is not the case in many town centres where there is no investment and a rising number of vacant units. There was never any question that there would be some inconvenience during the programme but this will be more than balanced with the positive impact the development will have on the whole of Newton Aycliffe. The contractors have worked very hard to minimise disruption and we have endeavoured to maintain not only full access to all shops but to the centre itself. To help in this substantial directional signage has been provided, relocated the disabled parking to a level surface with ramp access via Beveridge Arcade and have indeed provided advice via the Centre Manager to Newton News. Neither us nor the Managing Agent have been approached by any shops with indications that the works were causing them excessive difficulties

We have listened to comments made by the public about the "Aldi Wall" - This wall was originally put in place for safety reasons due to the proximity of the Aldi loading bay to the footpath. We recognise that this has caused access issues and have agreed to a specification of works which will allow for this area to be opened to public use once safety procedures have been put in place. The walkway from the multi-storey car park alongside Boyes will be open to the public on 24th July. We do not accept comments made that the Taxi Rank on Greenwell Road is a 'long trek'. It is directly accessible from the middle of Town via the passageway at the Halifax Bank and is a short walk from Dalton Way and Beveridge Arcade. The relocation of the taxi rank was a matter for Durham County Council., however, the previous location in a busy service road used by delivery lorries was always a significant safety concern to Daejan. In conclusion we would advise all Newtonians that all shops within the centre are fully accessible at all times and there is full and easy access from - Dalton Way, Beveridge Arcade, Halifax Passage and Stephenson Way. Beveridge Walkway - no

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in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre to hold table top sales. The dates are as follows :  
Saturday 13th July, 9am-3 pm  
Monday 15th July, 9am -3 pm  
Tuesday 16th July, 9am-5 pm  
With your generosity and kindness we raised £3,000 in 2012 which was shared between the mentioned charities and many more. Please come along and "HELP US TO HELP THEM" The Community Shop is near the Town Centre Post Office

# Sell Out for Woodham Show



Fawcett, Ruby Palmer and Hana Stephen  
Older students have also taken the role of leading dances or contributing to some of the choreography, which is particularly beneficial for those studying GCSE Dance. Year 9 student Victoria Archer led and choreographed her own original group composition, an innovative and edgy piece entitled 'Psycho'.  
The concert was finished off with performances from vocal group Woodham Sound, led by Mrs Taylor, featuring solo performances from several

students.  
As usual, the music department had the chance to say thank you and good luck to its outgoing Year 11 students, with a total of 15 individuals making their final appearance in this year's Summer Concert. Many of them are, thankfully, going on to study music at college or sixth form, and we wish them all the success they deserve. Those that remain at Woodham from September will soon be preparing for the next event – the Christmas Concert. Please contact Woodham Academy for further details.

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Last week Woodham Academy's Main Hall was once again filled for the annual Summer Concert, an evening of entertainment provided by the Performing Arts department. Acts this year included a wide variety of music and dance performers, with more than 60 students taking part on stage to produce a packed programme, covering several different musical genres.

Woodham Instrumental Group and Woodham Jazz Band, led by Mr Boyd and Miss Jackson respectively, showed that instrumental playing at Woodham is going from strength to strength. Mr Boyd commented that the quality of instrumentalists is improving year on year at Woodham, leading to some impressive performances. Year 8 student Charlotte Kirton played a leading role in one of the Jazz Band performances, despite being only in her second year of learning to play the saxophone. Other members of both Instrumental Group and Jazz Band, including Liam Brown (Year 10) and James Newton (Year 11), took their talents to the streets of Durham this weekend, where they were involved in the Durham International Brass Festival.

Year 9 student Zoë Efthymiadou appeared on several occasions, playing a different instrument each time! Zoë performed one of her grade 4 exam pieces on the violin, as well as an enchanting harp solo. Zoë regularly rehearses at The Sage, Gateshead, where she receives harp lessons. A third performance from Zoë came in the form of accompanying Year 10 vocalist Keira Durham on the cello, for an acoustic version of David Guetta's 'Titanium'. Other notable performances came from Year 11 band 'Vicky and the Schnells', who most recently performed a half-hour set at their prom; a Year 9 band consisting of Ben Alliston, Meghan Cumming, Sam Gittins, Jonathan Jarvis and Callum Smith who performed the Oasis hit 'Don't Look Back in Anger', which they had prepared as part of their Year 9 performance module; and solo performances from Year 10 and 11 students Francesca Porritt, Rhys Kingston, Lizzie Lovejoy and Adam Nicholas. Year 7 student Hannah Bussey also gave a moving rendition of Coldplay's 'Fix You', ably accompanied on acoustic guitar by her older brother and former Woodham student Tom, who was keen to return to help out once again. New to the programme for this year was the inclusion of Woodham Dance Academy, directed by Miss Minervini. 26 Year 7 students auditioned in September for only five available places, so the standard is incredibly high. Over the year, Woodham Dance Academy has performed in Woodham's Christmas concert, March's production of We Will Rock You and also at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Last week they showcased one piece involving the entire company, and a smaller group performance choreographed by the five Year 8 students involved - Libbie Anderson, Sophie Banner, Courtney

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

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**Saturday 27th July - "Witchkraft"**

REVIEW: "First appearance this year for old favourites Witchkraft saw them playing with last minute dep drummer Mick Kerrigan, (ex Force and currently bashing the skins for Blitzkreig). The band played a solid two hours, eventually coming off as the witching hour approached - sort of appropriate really. True to form, it was a different set from what we've had in the past but the good crowd still sang along and had a great evening. We hadn't met Ray, their new Darrass Hall bassist either but he fitted in a treat and knocked out a canny rendition of 'Mr Big' which I've seen Free tribute bands mess up. Up front and central Mick belted out the vocals with humour and aplomb whilst Mal dazzled us with his dexterity on the fretboard. As always, an excellent show and we look forward to their return next year."

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# Town Centre Owners Reply to Criticism

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access to Town Centre for prams or wheelchair users. Going forward we have now relocated Coffee Pronto to purpose designed new premises at what will become a major new entrance to the centre at Aldi and we are currently in the process of tendering for upgrading the former HSBC bank to replicate the frontage of Coffee Pronto.

In addition we are tendering for upgrading the former Your More Store and Woolworths. Again two major projects of benefit to the Centre. The future of Newton Aycliffe as a viable Town Centre is a positive one and something we should all be proud of.

John Tinley, Director

*Editor: Newton News refute the statement that Daejan were given 1 hours notice to comment. We have copies of e-mails sent on Tuesday 25th June at 3pm and a record of telephone calls to the Manager at Aycliffe and the company in London which prove how hard we tried to get a response in time from them in the same issue, even holding our deadline back to give them time. Daejan's response, 15 days later, still does not adequately cover the concerns of residents or answer the problems facing their tenants.*

# County Healthwatch Moves to The Work Place



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Darlington College will continue to use The Work Place as one of their satellite sites and will be offering courses again from September 2013 following the success of this year's courses. For more details, please call Tracey Laycock on 07921 125 303, or the Course and Information Team on 01325 503050.

In April 2013 The Work Place welcomed another new tenant, Healthwatch County Durham. This is a new body set up to help local people have a say on health and

social care services, as part of the changes to health and social care that came into effect on 1 April 2013. Healthwatch County Durham provides a way for local people to communicate, challenge and shape the decisions of commissioners and service providers to improve health and social care services in County Durham. If you would like to have your say on health and social care services, or need help finding services, contact them Contact them on 01325 375960, Signposting and Information free phone 0808 8010384, Text: 07738 994067, email us: info@healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk

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spanning all eras and genres. The race night is on Saturday 13th July in Heighington Village Hall and kicks off at 7.30pm with tickets at £5 on the door. The night will include 7 digital horse races for you to have a flutter on. This will be followed by Corridor Pass, when the tables will be cleared to create a dance floor. The evening will close with a disco. There will be a very competitive bar open until late. You are welcome to bring your own food and nibbles. Tables are available to be pre-booked for party sizes of 4 or more. If you would like to pre-book a table, please contact Charlie on 07842 696634. The evening will raise vital funds to keep the village's only adult football club running for another season. To find out more about Corridor Pass, visit their facebook page www.facebook.com/corridorpass.

# Maths Can be Fun!



Specially selected students from Greenfield Community College represented their school at the County Maths Competition this week where they took part in a wide range of Maths challenges, activities and speed relay races.

The two teams did a great job throughout the day and won two awards. They came 4th in the whole county in the Speed Maths Concert and 4th in the whole county in the Maths relay race. Miss Hender who organised the trip said "I was so proud of the two teams. They really did such a good job and seemed to have so much fun too! Well done!"

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Don Fraser, Woodham

## "What If?" Premier at Greenfield

This week was the premiere of "What If..?" a live performance at Greenfield Community College. The performance, by Unfolding Theatre, was devised and designed by students from Greenfield and scientists at Durham University and was a tremendous success. The interactive performance called on the audience to engage with actors to stimulate their curiosity and wonder. The performance honestly realised the ideas that have been explored by students and scientists over the past 5 months and everyone involved in the project was very pleased with the outcome!  
We have been commended by many who have seen it this week and the tour, that followed the premier to schools across the North East,



was a triumph. In developing the performance the students from Greenfield Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Club, started by developing their ideas of what science and creativity means to them, working with professional theatre director and performer Annie Rigby (founder of Unfolding Theatre) and mentor scientists from Durham University including Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology Research Departments. The group visited the

University, performing hands-on experiments and investigations, and explored their own responses and sense of wonder and curiosity. During follow-up after-school sessions they combined their ideas together to develop a live performance, which was performed by Unfolding Theatre. We would like to say well done to all those involved, thank you to the great staff and actors involved, and to the schools on the tour for welcoming us!

## Former Aycliffe Resident Reaches 100

Dorothy May Kinsey (nee Ralphs) was born on 5th July 1913 in Shropshire the third child, having an elder brother and sister and a younger sister and brother. Dorothy left school at 14 and looked after her Grandma for a period of time. During the war she worked for the Navy in Shropshire and during that time met her husband Norman Owen Kinsey a Welshman who was a dog handler in the Military Police. They married in 1940 and lived in Roden, where Norman worked for CWS Nurseries as a Tomato grower. In 1953 Norman was offered promotion to Foreman but the couple would have to move to the North East CWS Nurseries at Merrybent. They decided it was a golden opportunity and when her first child started school Dorothy also worked part time at the CWS packing cucumbers earning the name of "Champion Cucumber

Packer." In those days they were not all uniform in shape so 12 cucumbers had to fit in each box to go on to restaurants and wholesale suppliers. She also graded tomatoes on a conveyer belt and when they introduced flower growing Dorothy also planted seedlings. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and knitting cardigans, jumpers, teacosies. She joined the WI at High Coniscliffe and enjoyed amateur dramatics. Norman died suddenly in 1978 and in 1979 Dorothy moved into a house in Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe. In May this year she fell and broke her hip and had to give up her home and move into Feryemount, Care Home at Ferryhill where she is receiving the best of care including a celebration birthday party. The Mayors of Ferryhill and Newton Aycliffe were in attendance.



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## Excellent Summer Show

Dear Sir  
The summer Dance Show held recently by the Mccadam School of Dance was excellent with superb costumes and routines. The dancers were a credit to Diane's teaching and choreography. She is a very talented and dedicated teacher. Well done to all dancers and a big thank you to those who helped with the costumes without whom we could not manage. Both Diane and Mary are held in high regard by all pupils and we wish to thank them sincerely for all their efforts.  
Love from all your girls.

### P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

A PACT Meeting will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 18th July from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers and they want to hear your views and opinions on any local issues. Councillors and Representatives from all responsible partners will attend when available. For more information visit [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

## Strawberry Teas in the Village Hall

Strawberry Teas will be served in Aycliffe village hall on Sunday 21st July at 3pm. The cost is £3 and other attractions include Tombola, Raffle, Quiz, and Candy Floss. All proceeds to St. Andrew's Church.

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## Beauty on Our Doorstep

Dear Sir,  
Despite some chronic illness I do still play golf, but one morning recently I turned up as usual at my club to find it closed to members due to a Northern Counties competition. Somewhat aggrieved and downhearted I returned home but I still wanted some exercise so armed with my walking stick I set out down by the Burn. I live close to the footpath and walked along near Woodham Academy. Crossing the bridge I turned left towards Woodham Burn School and received my first thrill of the morning. There had been some new planting of trees and the grass and wild flowers had been allowed to grow unhindered. The result was a glorious and luxurious growth of many wild species - an intoxicating sight! Taking the path under the bridge I was absolutely overwhelmed by the beauty of this area. My immediate thought was that if this was transported to the south of England or to any of the

renowned beauty spots in the country it would be featured in the picture books of Glorious Britain. It is lovely to see trees and I believe they are the most beautiful objects on the planet. Our climate may be extremely perverse, but it does produce some splendour. I walked towards Simpasture and the Railway Station, under the Blue Bridge and along St. Cuthbert's Way. Trees everywhere and this entrance to the town makes you very proud. After passing St. Clare's Church we are presented with civic and commercial buildings, but every town must accept these as necessary. Even so the Council have done as much as possible to beautify this area, but I would suggest more trees would help. I then made my way back home and having set out on a rather sombre mood found myself happy and somewhat exhilarated. It brought to mind a recent discussion with my sister in law who lives in Sedgefield who until the recent death of my wife was a frequent

visitor to our home. She told me of a conversation she had over tea and biscuits with friends where the subject of Newton Aycliffe was discussed. One person commented she could not live in that slum! My sister in law admonished her in no uncertain terms commenting on the many good features of this town that I have mentioned. I recount this incident because there are many of us guilty of putting our town down and in the case of the Council frequently and vehemently. Let's give credit where it is due and I think with regard to our environment, in particular the tree and green open spaces some wise decisions have been taken and we should be grateful for this. In conclusion I would offer one small piece of advice to readers of this piece - the next time you are feeling glum - get out and look at the trees, smell the flowers and admire the beauty of nature on our doorstep!  
Harry

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## Summer Fun at St. Clares

The annual Messy Church Olympics takes place on Saturday 13th July @ 4pm at St. Clare's Church. The afternoon will start with Summer crafts and will be followed by the 'mini olympic races'. A shared picnic (hopefully outside) will end the afternoon. Open to all young children and parents/carers, everyone welcome. Parents are asked to bring a plate of food (sandwiches/cake/fruit/sausage rolls) to share at tea time. Thank you.

## TEACHER RETIRES



Mrs. Susan Wood (right) retires at the end of the term after thirty three years of

service to Aycliffe Village Primary School. Sue Beadle Chairman of Governors presented her with flowers and a gift to mark her service at the school.

Mrs. Wood joined the school back in 1980 until her children were born in the mid-1980s. She then taught as a supply teacher helping the school out occasionally until returning as a full time teacher in 1993. Her contribution to the school has been enormous. She has taught in all phases of the school before returning to the Key Stage 2 class that she started in originally.

Her first task in retirement will be to book flights to Australia in order to visit her son and daughter in law. We send a fond farewell to Mrs. Wood who will be missed by staff, pupils and parents.

Best wishes from everyone at the school.

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Residents in Care Homes in the town are invited to Neville Community Centre to play Kurling. Ring 313924 to book 10-12 noon most days of the week. Cost is just £2 per person and includes a cup of tea on arrival. This sport can be played sitting on a chair. Give it a try! This is also open to Disabled people.

If you are interested in starting a Men and Ladies Darts Team please ring the same number. Indoor Carpet Bowls is a nice relaxing game for all ages - If you want to play ring the number.

On behalf of all Senior Citizens who enjoy the day trips provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council we send our grateful thanks. These trips are just fantastic, very well organised with very comfortable coaches. Well done, and please do your utmost to keep this going.

Don't forget Bon Marche Fashion Show on Friday 19th July at 6.30pm in the Centre. To book and collect tickets on the door ring 313924.

## Have Your Say on Local Issues at GAMP Meeting

Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets later this month.

The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) board will meet on Tuesday, 16 July, between 6.00pm and 8.00pm at Woodham Community Centre and local people are invited to attend to observe proceedings. This meeting will include a presentation from a Durham County Council planning officer on the Newton Aycliffe Master Plan.

Residents can also raise any neighbourhood issues they would like the board to address. These should be put in writing and sent in advance.

Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register by telephoning 01325 327441 or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

## DIABETES EXPLAINED

Join retired Consultant Physician, Dr David Carr, on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland and wise-up on the subject of diabetes - a topic which affects a large percentage of the population. A free event. All welcome.



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## Anna - You're a Wizard!



Pupils enjoyed a magical walk on the morning of July 5 as they made their way to school dressed as students from Hogwarts. St Joseph's RCVA Primary School pupil Anna Shorten, 9, won a competition to decide the theme of the walk as part of the MEGA Motion campaign. Anna chose Harry Potter and was delighted when Hagrid himself turned up at her door to escort her and her classmates to school as well as her fellow pupils, Anna was joined by parents and the muggles of Local Motion as part of the Durham County Council backed scheme. Following the walks, Hagrid, played by a member of the Histrionics drama company, gave the pupils a special assembly at the school to highlight the issues of greener travel.

MEGA Motion comes under the wider Local Motion campaign promoting sustainable transport throughout south Durham. The campaign aims to encourage children to walk, scooter or ride to school to make them aware of the health and environmental benefits from an early age. Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "It's great to see local children not only having a memorable day but leading the way in promoting healthier and more environmentally friendly ways of getting to school." Photo: Anna Shorten with Local Motion staff, Hagrid, played by a member of the Histrionics Drama Company and with classmates on the way to school.

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This is all due to the disruption and downturn in trade caused by the "improvements", guaranteed to cause insomnia. I would

gladly swap places and buy some earplugs!  
Worried Shopkeeper  
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### STOP PRESS

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## Spiderman Visits Aycliffe



On Friday 21st June Spiderman visited Aycliffe Village Primary School. This happened because a boy in Year Four won a competition called, "Who would you want to walk to school with and why?" The winner wanted to walk with Spiderman and had "amazing" reasons why. The Local Motion team organised for Spiderman to walk to school with children dressed up in their own superhero costumes. When Spiderman arrived at school, everyone was crowded round the school gates cheering for Spiderman. To start the day

Spiderman rang the school bell. Once in school Spiderman and his helpers held an assembly which was based on a Spiderman story. This involved Spiderman getting

helpers up on the stage to help him.

This day was held to encourage children to walk to school and stay healthy. Everyone had a great time. By Maddison Hunter.

## Aycliffe Talent Show at Big Club

Aycliffe's Young Talent Project confirm Aycliffe's Mayor Mrs. Barbara Clare and her husband John Clare, will be attending our event on Friday 9th August at the Big Club.

Bishop FM are also sending a team of reporters to record and play back on local radio with interviews of participants.

Lots of Aycliffe's best young acts will be performing on the night, including the bands "The Unsound", "Unplugged", "Buskees" and "Vicky and the Schnells". World champion dancers from local dance school who train at Aspire Fitness Studios "Stepping Out with Clare Walton" will also be displaying their routines. A magic set from Ryan Metcalfe and his lovely assistant Fran Porritt, Fran will also be taking part as a solo artist as well as Holly Hardy, Libbi Dagleish, Hannah Bussey, Keira Durham, Bethany Clarkson, Molly Cunningham and Stacey Sherman. There will also be a display of local artist work in the exhibition area.

4 hours of great entertainment for only £2.50, Deb'n'hair Ladies & Gents Hairdressers from Simpature Gate Shops has agreed to sponsor the event, which means all money raised will be put in the AYTP pot, to help youngsters in Aycliffe make a future in the entertainment industry. See facebook page www.AYTP.co.uk for more details and ticket information. The event is expected to sell out and no

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## Spanish Brass Band at Greenfield

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of "Always Drinking Marching Band" at Greenfield next week as part of BRASS: Durham International Festival!

he fantastic and energetic band will be performing at Byerly Park Primary School and Greenfield Community College during the day, and will stay for an evening performance for members of the community. This is a great opportunity for students at these schools to see the band perform, experiencing the atmosphere of the festival and the music and culture of Spain.

At Greenfield Arts we have raised some funds to also be able to offer this great performance for local people free of charge, to continue our programme of live performances and arts activities. The performance will take place on Wednesday 17th July at 7:30pm at Greenfield Arts, if you would

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# Aycliffe Girl Swims for Great Britain

Hannah Featherstone has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Junior Youth Olympics to be held in Holland during the 14th to the 19th July 2013. She will be competing in three events. The 100 meter Freestyle Team and the Medley Team and the Mixed Freestyle Team. The situation surrounding the programme leading up to this event has been very unusual as we were forbidden by the British Olympic Association to let any one know until the 4th July. As always the squad responded

well to the change in emphasis in training without knowing why. My sincere thanks to them as this selection reflects the work put in by them, as well as the committee and all the staff at the Leisure Centre without whose help and support this would not have been possible. Michael Ondrej who is one of the Masters Group training with A Squad has been selected as part of the Great Britain Aqua-thon Team. Congratulations!! Owen Wheeler who competed in the York University Gala

came away with two Gold Medals and set new record times in the 100 & 50 meter Breaststroke, Elisabeth Yaneski also in the Masters Group competed in the Northumberland & Durham Championships and won Gold in the 400 meter freestyle and Silver in the 25 Meter Butterfly Mathew Bradley competed at Tynemouth Open Gala.

This was his first competition in over a year following a knee injury sustained while running. The results were truly amazing. He competed in the 100 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 IM, 50 Back 200 FS and the 50 FS. He won Gold in all six events. The swims in the 50 Fly and 100 FS produced two silver medals. All of the swims were new best times.

# TOWN CENTRE SKATE PARK COMPETITION



## Tennis Leaders Assist Greenfield Tennis Club



On Wednesday the 19th June 2013 the young people from Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Skate Park Project held their final skate park event. This is the third successful event the young people have organised and they were not disappointed. 22 young people on Micro Scooters and BMX participated in the competition with another 14 young people watching along with the gathering crowd of spectators including parents and members of the public. The young people thank GAMP who funded the project, the Town Park Wardens for maintaining the skate park and the One Point Youth Workers

Franceene Birbeck and Laura Langdale for their on going support and encouragement. There is now a steering group formed from the project and they will continue to meet and work on plans for the proposed visit to ScooterFest in August 2013! Laura Langdale - One Point Youth Worker said "It has been a fantastic project to work on. There has been some amazing experiences and the young people have been keen to progress on to bigger and better things everytime. GAMP have been a great support through out the project and it was great for the project to end on such a high"

A number of students have been volunteering to coach tennis to young people on Saturday mornings. Greenfield Tennis Club offers coaching and fun activities to players aged 4 to 16 years every Saturday at 10am. Amber Dolby in Year 9 has been leading tennis sessions since last November. Many young players appreciate her enthusiasm and commitment as they learn tennis and social skills. Amber has gained confidence in organising activities and communicating with players aged 4+. Her standard of play has also improved as she gains more experience. Details of tennis activities can be found by visiting [www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk)

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The Burn on the Woodham side has nice cut grass while the opposite side is overgrown with nettles. Woodham folk may pay higher council tax, but we all pay and should get the same level of service.  
I have friends in Woodham and it seems their greens and bushes always looks nice. come on Durham County Council give equal attention to our town's green areas.  
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# GREENFIELD STUDENTS IN MATHSPLOSIAN!



Last month eight of the most able mathematicians from Greenfield Community College, accompanied by Mrs Browbank, spent a day at the Life Centre in Newcastle at the Mathsplosion Event. The event was organised by the Further Maths For Schools Project. Our pupils worked in groups with pupils from as far afield as Haydon Bridge, Middlesbrough and Tynemouth. They spent time in the Planetarium, challenged themselves with puzzles and activities and learnt how to do some amazing card tricks.

They also had to put their knowledge of Trigonometry and Pythagoras Theorem to good use working out the length of helices. Two other pupils, Megan Cross and Harry Heaton spent 2 days at Conyers School in Yarm working on advanced maths problems recently – its been a great year for Maths here at Greenfield! They found it challenging but enjoyed the experience. All of the pupils enjoyed their experiences and were a credit to the Maths Department and Greenfield – well done!

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# DOG DIRT & LAZY OWNERS

Dear Editor,  
I find it absolutely disgusting that certain individuals with dogs do not even bother to pick up their hound's mess! A lady walking a dalmation breed dog, through the Armstrong Close area at approximately 10pm this evening didn't even bat an eyelid when her dog left a foul deposit of waste on the green area. She simply called her dog and walked away. Our children play on this green. It is selfish and unacceptable for this careless dog owner to just walk away! If you cannot look after your animals correctly then you should not have them at all!

Armstrong Close resident  
Dear Sir,  
We live in Humphrey Close and our paths are always covered in dog muck. The children who pass by to go to school walk through it every day. Does a child have to go blind before anything is done? Where are the Dog Wardens who issue fines? I have never seen one! Dog owners who just do not care need to be caught, named and shamed or the whole town becomes one huge dog toilet! Name & address supplied.

# WELFARE REFORM

There will be an event at Burnhill Way Methodist Church on Wed 24 July from 10.00 - 1.00pm. Durham County Council and Livin will give presentations about covering all aspects of Welfare Reform. The event is hosted by Sedgfield Residents Association. Further details from Christine Hall 01740 650475

# What's On?

St Clare's Church is showing the academy award winning film "LIFE OF PI" on Sunday 21st July. Tea, coffee and juice (included in the £2) at 2pm and the film starts at 2-15pm. Everyone is most welcome. The film carries a rating of "Parental Guidance" for children under 12, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please ring Ric Hargreaves on 316755 for further details.

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# School Fair Raised £800



On Thursday the 27th of June Aycliffe Village Primary School held a Summer Fair to raise funds for the PTA. The fun began with Tommy Bungle and friends entertaining the children on the yard and despite the poor weather the Army Paintball, Tea Cup ride and a visit from the Fire Engine proved a big hit. There were many different stall holders selling their items which ranged from pirate themed items from Captain Raggy Beard for the children to Aloe Vera, Nail Products and Jewellery for the adults so there was something for everyone to

enjoy. Face painting and glitter tattoos proved popular with the children as well as the Penalty Shoot Out game. The kitchen sold refreshments including snack plates and hotdogs along with sweets and hot and cold drinks. All items on the children, adult and mufti tombola along with a raffle were donated to the school and raised a massive amount of money. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the fair which raised approximately £800!

Written by Maddison Edmead, Class 5



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# Greenfield Prom Night

Wednesday, 3rd July, 2013 at Redworth Hall Hotel

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Fabulous sunshine, a stunning setting and an expectant crowd gathered to welcome the class of 2013 to their leavers prom at Redworth Hall Hotel on the 3rd July. The setting and atmosphere were nothing in comparison to the stunning gowns, polished shoes and super smart suits that were modelled by Greenfield Community College's year 11 leavers.

and to mark the occasion as they move on to post 16 education, apprenticeships and employment. The James Bond theme chosen by the pupils couldn't have been more fitting for the occasion. 'Diamonds are Forever' was the title of the event and this was indicative of the very high regard in which this year group are held within the college.

Headteacher David Priestley commented "I am really proud of this year group and what they have achieved collectively. We have seen them mature and excel as they have progressed through the school. Not

only have they transformed themselves but helped with the continuous improvement of the whole school."

The arrivals, which seem to be more extravagant each year, included an Aston Martin, AMG Mercedes, Subaru sports car, fire engine, a London double decker bus, an American Cadillac and two fabulous VW camper vans, showing the incredible lengths that some students will go to in order to make a spectacular entrance. Impressions made, the group enjoyed a reception on the lawn and photographs with family and friends before heading into

the Surtees Suite and a warm welcome from many of the teaching staff from the college. Newton Press, once again, organised awards to be made during the evening to high performing students in the fields of academic performance, sport, service to the community, young carer, art, helpful student and overall progress. These awards, sponsored by local businesses were very well received by students and act as an added incentive to aim for success for future year 11 learners.

Paul Howarth of the Newton News made a speech to

announce the awards and presentations were made by the founder of the paper Syd Howarth.

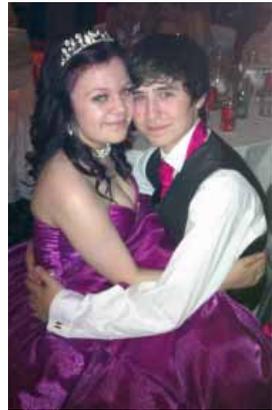
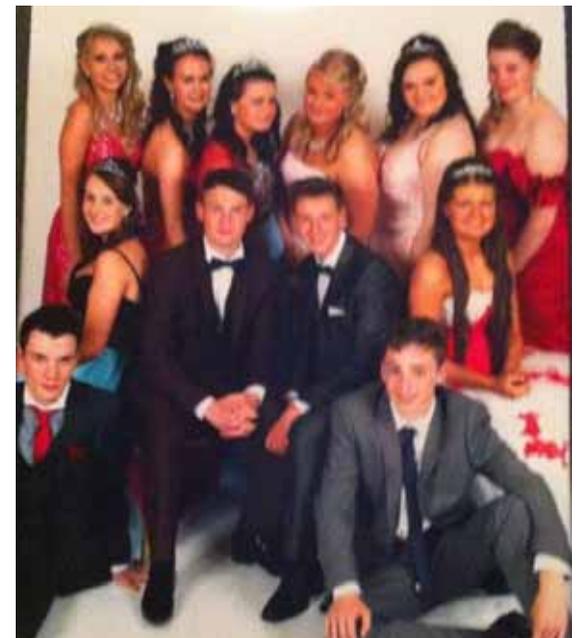
The award for Top Academic Student was Shannon Hamilton. The Top Sport Student for class of 2013 was Jessica Hall. The Most Helpful Student in College award went to Kieran Reid. The Most Helpful Student in the Community was Callum Reid. The Greenfield Art award was awarded to Georgia Ireson. The Most Improved Student award went to Grzegorz Glowacki. The newest award "Planet Leisure Carers Awards", was awarded to Bethany Maddison.

The sponsors of this year event were Newton Press, Tesco Extra, Itec, Honest John, Newton News, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Aycliffe Shopping Centre Management and Planet Leisure.

Stuart Dixon, Assistant Heateacher at the College hosted the event and introduced two specially commissioned films, dedicated to the year group, created by Greenfield staff which were applauded loudly by the young people. Stuart went on to speak about the year group, presenting further awards and, on behalf of the whole school, wishing the year group the best of luck with their exam results and for their fantastic futures that they all have ahead of them.

The speeches were followed with the meal and a night of dancing. A wonderful night was had by all.

Greenfield community College would like to thank Newton Press and the local businesses for their generous support of our students. We would also like to thank Mrs Cooper and Mr Parkin for all of their efforts with the prom and the families of our young people for their support of such a well-received event.



Winners



Teachers



# HELPING AUNTY LES WITH HER 893 MILE CHARITY BIKE RIDE



Lesley Thompson, a regular charity worker, from Aycliffe is having problems with her latest fundraising attempt which may be the last one she can do. She has been involved with many charities and has always chosen to pay her own her own travel fees, equipment, training, etc., never taking it out of funds raised. In the last few years she has scaled Kilimanjaro and Everest base camp 1 where whilst on the trail the other person with her and Sherpas died of altitude sickness. The other Sherpas wanted to leave the body but Lesley insisted on carrying the body down which took a week, then continued her objective alone. She had breast cancer in 1996 and has raised a lot of money for research. She spent years dedicated to animals and also adopted a problem child two years ago. The child has totally changed socially, improved in school and will be returning home shortly. With all going on and training to cycle 930 miles in 9 days she is struggling to raise the funds for the make-a-wish foundation. Without the knowledge of his Aunt, David Kirkbride is asking Newtonians to help. So far Lesley has raised £893 of the £2500 target. The link to her page is: [http://www.justgiving.com/Lesley-Thompson6/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=Lesley-Thompson6&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](http://www.justgiving.com/Lesley-Thompson6/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Lesley-Thompson6&utm_campaign=pfp-share).

# Greenfield at Level 3 Finals



Durham County Council in Partnership with County Durham Sport and various School Sport Partnerships (led by Norah Loftus) ran a fabulous and very well organised Level 3 County Finals at Maiden Castle and the Freeman Quays on Friday 5th July. Throughout the year Sedgefield SSP have run a range of qualifying events to determine which school would represent Sedgefield in the level 3 Games County Finals. Sedgefield Community College won through to the

Golf final and Whitworth Park gained a place in the Yr 7 & 8 Boys cricket final. Greenfield finished 3rd place in both these qualifying events. Greenfield College were absolutely delighted and very proud to represent Sedgefield in 5 out of the 7 activities on offer to Secondary schools on the day, including Tennis, Rugby, Girls Cricket, Boccia and Mountain Biking. The students performed extremely well against some of the top teams in the County with Joel Wraith and Josh Jackson coming away with

Bronze medals in the Inclusion tennis and Greenfields U14 Girls rugby team managing to achieve bronze medal position in the U15 Girls rugby event. All teams had a fantastic day and had the opportunity to meet Sophie Cox - Olympic Judo team GB, (pictured above with Greenfield's mountain biking team). In addition Greenfield leaders were also recognised at this event. Because of their commitment throughout the year, seven of Greenfield's top leaders were invited to lead a range of activities at this special event. Well done to Jessica Hall, Sam Dobinson, Amber Dolby, Rubi Alderson, Courtne Mills, Sophie Hayes and Sam Clark. Fourteen of Greenfields leaders are set to attend the County Durham celebration event on Friday 12th July to receive their County Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates - for giving over 50, 100 or 200 hours of their time to others - a fantastic achievement. Well done and enjoy.

# Aycliffe F.C. Host Darlo F.C. in Summer Friendly

Aycliffe's first home friendly of the summer will see close neighbours and reigning Northern League champions Darlington visit Moore Lane. The Newtonians welcome Martin Gray's outfit on Wednesday July 17th (kick off 7.30pm) as both sides prepare for the 2013-14 campaign. Admission for the game will be £6 for adults and £3 for concessions, with the gate receipts equally split. Aycliffe are looking for funding to help them climb back up the Northern League first division table, after flirting with relegation last season, while the Quakers are planning an assault on the Evo-Stik, hoping to return their home matches to Darlington. The 2011 FA Trophy winners who currently groundshare with Bishop Auckland, played two huge money-spinning friendlies against Allan Oliver's side in 2010 and 2011 and the tradition has returned after their brief stop in the Northern League last season, with Darlo taking the title by a clear 13-points. The Newtonians' chairman Gary Farley said: "This

is another chance for the people of the town to witness the professionalism of Darlington and enjoy what should be a great occasion for our club. "We are thankful to Darlington for bringing a team to Moore Lane, as they have done in the past, when we have had crowds of 1300 and 800, which is remarkable for a friendly. "Hopefully we will have another large turnout and both clubs can receive a financial boost going into their respective league campaigns." With a large crowd anticipated spectators are advised to arrive earlier than usual and consider the local community when parking their cars in the proximity of the ground. Newton Aycliffe FC have arranged a meeting for all the participants of the Frank Swinburne Memorial Walk, taking place at the Sports Club, Moore Lane, on Tuesday July 16th at 7pm. It is a chance for those taking part to make any queries about the club fundraiser, while the club will give out tips to the walkers, cyclists and runners who are partaking in the event.

# Aycliffe School in Boccia County Finals



On Friday 5th July Lee, Allanah and Jessica from Stephenson Way Community Primary School represented Sedgefield School Sports

Partnership in the County Finals for Boccia. They played exceptionally well and only lost one match. At the end of the tournament they were tied for 1st position so it came down to a count back. Durham City partnership had scored just a few points more throughout the tournament so they took gold whilst Stephenson Way took the silver medals. Lee, Allanah and Jessica are pictured above with the Mayor of Durham.

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# Great Sporting Year at Greenfield



On Thursday 4th July Greenfield Community College held its annual Sports Presentation Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and families at school to support and celebrate the success of a school hall full of inspirational students.

The pupils were joined by Michael Barron, an ex-professional football player for Middlesbrough and Hartlepool, who enjoyed a career that spanned over 12 years and over 300 league appearances. Since retiring in 2008 he has taken up a role of management for Hartlepool before leaving this position in 2013. In addition, Geoff Sheldon, the County Durham PE Inspector was also in attendance, who alongside Michael presented the awards to the successful students. The school would like to thank both for their inspiring and motivational words.

All pupils who attended received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield offer throughout the year. The sports included: football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, x-country, dodgeball, rowing, basketball, indoor athletics, girls football, rounders, trampolining, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball.

The evening encapsulated a whole year of sporting success at Greenfield which inspired by the Olympics last summer has seen PE and Sport thrive within the school. The first half of the ceremony presented opportunity to celebrate winners for personality, commitment, most improved, team of the year, sports leaders and a special award. At the midway point of the evening a range of pupils were invited up onto stage for the annual infamous entertainment round. This year saw the students take part in a numeracy in PE quiz involving a series

of maths challenges related to a sporting context. At the end of the evening the two most prestigious awards were presented for Outstanding Performance in School Sport with Courtne Mills winning the accolade for the Girls for the second year running and Sam Dawson for the boys.

The evening was drawn to a close with a series of questions by the pupils for our special guest, Michael Barron. Congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself and your families proud. Award winners

Sports Personality Male & Female – Elliott McKenna, Jessica Hall. Sports Commitment to Sport Male & Female – Connor Elston, Megan Cross. Most Improved Male & Female – Kieren Kemp, Becky Adams. Team of the Year – Year 7 Netball 'A' and 'B' Team. Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female – Sam Dawson, Courtne Mills. Sports Leader Award Male & Female – Sam Dobinson, Rubi Alderson. Special Award – Jack McLaren

## Table Tennis at Greenfield

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# HEIGHINGTON BOYS SECURE NEW SPONSORS

Heighington AFC boys have recently set up a new under 9's squad. It has been a hectic few months for the manager, coaches, and parents involved. The club have been magnificent with us from the start, supporting us financially and offering us advice to help us get off the ground.

We are now up and running, with everything in place and are training hard for the upcoming season in the TJFA under 9's league. We would like to give massive thanks to our new kit sponsors, Cartronix, and Jacks Driving School for their financial support and willingness to be part of what we hope will be a successful period for all parties involved.

We would like to express thanks to Herbalife for sponsoring our training jackets, and ML Plumbing & Heating for their contribution to our training kits.

We have been overwhelmed with the support from everybody involved with the club, including the parents and boys, who have worked hard fundraising for new training equipment, and team bonding days out. It has been an enjoyable few months, and we hope to continue in this manner for many years to come.

The club are always looking to expand, so if you would like to get involved with the club, either with a new team, or would like your child to



play for one of our many fantastic teams then please get in touch.

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## Cub & Scout Vacancies

Heighington Baden Powell Scout Group will have a few vacancies in our Cub Scout and Scout sections in September due to a number of members moving up to other sections.

If your child is interested in joining please can you send an email to Heighington\_Scouts@outlook.com stating their name, address and date of birth.

Also provide contact details (email and phone number) for a parent, guardian or carer and we will get back to you with more details.

## Film Show

St Clare's Church "Feel Good Film Show" on Wednesday 17th July features the inspirational film "The Help", based on the best selling novel about women in the American south in the 1960's. Tea / coffee (included in the £2) is served at 1pm and the film starts at 1.15pm and everyone is most welcome.

## Greenfield Students in Skype Research



At Greenfield Community College two classes are exploring the use of Skype as a teaching, learning and research tool. The groups, learning German and RE, have been speaking to experts in their subjects over Skype in lesson time for the past few weeks to develop deeper questioning and wider understanding.

The activity at Greenfield is part of a larger research project from Culture Lab and Newcastle University, which is taking place in four schools across the country. We are pleased to have been chosen for this innovative project, and look forward to seeing the results of the activities in the classroom and the research as a whole!

## Pony Rides at Fayre

A Summer Fayre will be held at Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall on Saturday 20th July from 10am.

Pony Rides, Bouncy Castle Stalls, Tombola, Raffle with refreshments served all day.

### In Memoriam

**BRIAN DUNN** (8-7-2010). There's a pain in my heart that never goes away. But the memories of you are with me every single day. Deeply loved and always in my thoughts. Your loving Wife, Margaret xxxxxxxxxx

**BRIAN DUNN** (8-7-2010). The "best little" Dad and Granda in the world!! They say time heals, but that's not true, we will never get over losing you, today, tomorrow, our whole lives through, we will always love and remember you. Deeply missed and loved always. From your Bairns and Grandbairns xxxxx

**JOYCE MOORE** 12-7-2003. We can't believe it is ten years since you passed away. Still loved and remembered every day. A beloved Mam and Nana, sorely missed. Love, Anthony, Marie, Paul, Susan, Mark, Becky, Ashleigh and Dale xxx

**LAWRENCE BRUMWELL** Died 15th July 1987. Always remembered and forever loved. God bless. Jeannette, Owen and Carl

**PATRICIA FISK** 24-03-1936 to 07-07-2000. In Loving Memory of our very dear Lady Pat who sadly left us suddenly but peacefully surrounded by her loving family 13 years ago. Loved always, Tony, Susan, Michael & Family x x

## Congratulations

### Dolci Cowens



Happy 10th Birthday  
12th July 2013

Happy 10th birthday gorgeous girl, double figures now, I can't believe how fast you have grown up, as it just seems like yesterday since I had you, I am very proud of you, hope you enjoy your hot tub party / sleep over on Saturday with your friends. Love you millions my special girl, love Mam xxx

Happy 10th birthday sweetheart, you bring so much happiness to us with your natural talent, we are very proud of you darling, hope you have a lovely party and enjoy another holiday next week. Love you millions, Nana Vera and Granda Trevor xxx

Happy birthday Dolci - to our gorgeous niece and Cuz, you are a little stunner. Love you lots, Auntie Jo, Uncle Wayne, favorite Cuz Romie xxx

Happy 10th birthday Dolci. Lots of love, keep entertaining us with your little shows. Storey and Cowens family

### Beckie Minnes



9th July 1997  
"Little Cutie"

All grown up, 16 today. Happy birthday. Love, Gran, Grandad, Daniel, Kerri and Emily Rose

### Leland Hedley



Happy 6th birthday  
16th July 2013

Love from Nanoo and Grandad Roach

### Beckie Minnes



Happy sweet 16th  
Birthday  
9th July 2013

How you have grown up! All our love always, Mam and Dad xxxxx

## Congratulations to Caela-Louise



for competing in the Deerness Floor Championships. A big thanks to her coaches at Athena. Love, Mam and Connlon xx

### Georgina Howson



Happy 18th Birthday  
12th July 2013

Have a fantastic birthday. Enjoy all your celebrations. All our love, Dad, Mam and Thomas xxx

### Robyn Molloy



Happy 21st Birthday

To a wonderful Daughter and Sister. Hope you have a great day, enjoy Magaluf. All our love, always. Mam, Dad, Ross and Reed xxxxx

## Hip Hip Hooray Lil Mo is 60 Today



Happy Birthday

to a lovely Mam and Nana. Love you lots and lots. Love, Sharon, Mark, Benjamin, Ellie-Mae, Luci, Claire, Stephen, Imogen and Isabelle xxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**WILLIAM BARKER** 4th July 1923. Happy 90th birthday. We wish you were here to celebrate. Love always, Sandra, Peter, Ann, Chris, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

**JOHN ALAN PARKER** 9th July 1934. Thinking of a special Dad and Grandad. Love and miss you always, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx

## STROKE ASSOCIATION MOVES MEETINGS TO NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to inform you that the Stroke Association's Peer Support Group has changed its venue and starting from 10th July we will be meeting at the Youth Centre, Burn Lane. If you are interested please come along from 1pm - 3pm.

The service offers support in a group setting, friendship networks, support to access training or to return to work, recreational activities, access to volunteering opportunities, support for carers, and information about resources and opportunities to meet others in a similar situation.

Speakers from different organisations are invited, depending on what people in the group are interested in or keen to hear about.

The sessions enable stroke survivors and their carers to meet with other people, share thoughts, regain confidence, re-learn skills, and support each other.

I would like to offer anyone who thinks this would benefit them the opportunity to join us. People who are interested should please contact me on 01388 771 524.

Kay Seymour - Peer Support Coordinator for the Stroke Association

## EON'S CHANGE TO WIND FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

Eon, the energy company wanting to erect the largest wind farm in Co Durham on Newton Aycliffe's doorstep are changing their strategy in pursuance of planning permission.

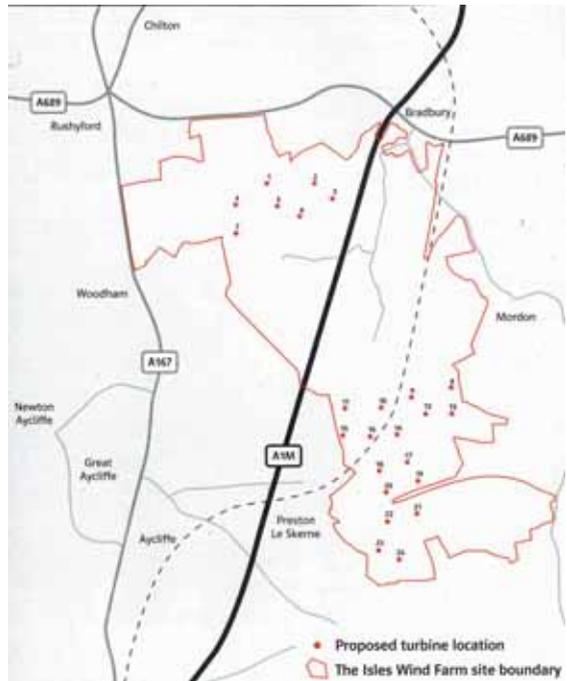
No longer are they going direct to the Secretary of State, but instead are taking the normal planning procedure route through the

County Council. This could be a clever move as they can expect a refusal from the Council from which they would then go to appeal. The application would land on the Inspectorate's desk and perhaps a quicker and favourable decision is expected..

Eon have made some minor alterations to the plan

following their consultation, but their is still 24 turbines towering as high as 126 metres.

The company are also looking at concerns around noise, traffic and the effect on the local environment and it is possible some of the turbine locations will need to be changed. The application will be submitted in early 2014, but there will be another public event to show the final layout.



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### Thank You

**EMMERSON** In remembrance of Wilf. The total amount raised was £402.59 collected in donations and has been deposited safely in our local SSAFA account. On behalf of SSAFA we would like to express our gratitude to Chris, her family, and friends of Wilf, for their kindness in thinking of SSAFA at this sad time.

**FROM** Jack and Lilian TO family and friends who attended our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 5th July. Many thanks to all for making it a wonderful evening. Special thanks to "Micky Rich" who, withstanding the heat, kept it moving all night; also to Carol for the lovely buffet provided. Thank you one and all

# Cricket Club Scoreboard

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training, secured their fifth consecutive win after a hard fought 32 run victory away at Yarm 2nd's in the NYSD 3rd division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings with only Chris Palmer (49 runs), Dan Craggs (22 runs) and Michael Howe (16 runs) emerging with any credit as they were bowled out for 182, with almost 13 out of their allotted 50 overs still remaining. Aycliffe fast bowlers Dan Craggs and Michael Howe bowled an aggressive opening spell to put the homside under pressure at 29 for 4. However, despite another three wicket haul by Aycliffe left arm spinner Luke Telford, Yarm appeared to be inching their way towards their winning target. The return of paceman Craggs had the desired effect as he bowled superbly to mop up the tail and finished with a season's best 5 for 48 to dismiss the hosts for 150 after 54.5 tiring overs. Its 10

years since the 1st team won five successive league games and their tremendous run of victories has taken them up to 4th place in the league and handily placed for a push at promotion at their first attempt. The previous week, the first team won away at Bishop Auckland 2nd's by 108 runs with major contributions coming from Michael Howe, who scored a brilliant 58 and Sam Telford with 45 as Aycliffe totalled an impressive 211 all out after 48.4 overs. In reply the homside were blown away by some superb Aycliffe bowling as they were dismissed for just 103 after 38.4 overs with Luke Telford taking 4 for 35, Sean Morgan 3 for 9 and man of the match Michael Howe 3 for 28. The 2nd team travelled to Hartlepool and were beaten by 10 wickets, however there was some joy for Aycliffe as 18 year old Dan Weldon scored his maiden senior NYSD half century with a chanceless unbeaten innings of 51. Dan Weldon and 15 year old Pat Howe (16 not out) batted superbly together to set a

new 2nd team club record 9th wicket partnership of 72 as they rescued their team's score from a paltry 77 for 8 to a more respectable 149 for 8 after 45 overs. However, Hartlepool reached to their winning target in the 30th over without losing a wicket. This week the 2nd team lost at home by 6 wickets to Thornaby 3rd team after the visitors chased down their victory target in the 26th over. Earlier Aycliffe totalled 127 in their innings with new captain Adam Gittins leading from the front with an excellent unbeaten 45 and he received good support from Ben Nicholson with a fluent 24. The under 18's team were desperately unlucky to lose away at Langley Park by 6 wickets off the penultimate ball. Batting first Aycliffe score 91 for 7 in their 20 overs with Tom Wickins and James Skerrett both scoring 18 and 12 year old Adam Lamb finished unbeaten with 10. Two wickets each from captain Dan Weldon and Tom Wickins had the home side in trouble at 48 for 4, but an unbroken 5th wicket partnership of 44 took the game away from Aycliffe. Newton Aycliffe's under 11's had a brilliant 29 run home win against Blackhall in the NYACC league. Lucas Pilling and guest player Josh Weldon from Australia both jointly top scored with 10 not out and the rest of the team also batted superbly and did not lose any wickets during their innings, which is the first time that this feat has ever been done by the club's under 11's team.

# Charity Shoot to Help Hospice



## YOUTHY GIRLS TEAM JUST LOSE IN FINAL



The under 12 girls travelled to Darlington to compete in the prestigious Spraire Lasses Tournament. Teams travelled from across the North East to Blackwell Meadows the home of Darlington Rugby Club. A very hot afternoon tested the girls fitness and stamina as they cruised through the group stages winning all 3 games without conceding a goal. The Q/Final was against host club Spraire, and there was nothing between the teams. As the game entered the final minute Aycliffe grabbed the important winning goal. On to the S/Final to meet Coast FC, who had travelled down from Whitley Bay and had won their group. The majority of the chances fell to Aycliffe but the Coast FC defence held firm until mid way through the second half when Aycliffe scored to take them into the Final. Aycliffe met Cleveland Jnr's in the final, a team they had already beaten 2-0 in the group stages, but the heat and the efforts of the girls were now beginning to show and the game was played end to end. With extra time and penalties looming it was Cleveland who won a corner and as it came into the box it fell to their striker to calmly slot into the corner for the winning goal. Everyone of the girls who make up the squad played their part in an exciting and hugely enjoyable day for the large following of family and friends. To go to their first tournament and come away as runners up shows how much girls football has progressed in Newton Aycliffe. We also have under 11 (current year 5) and under 10 (current year 4) girls teams that still have places available in their squads. If you are interested contact Berni 07939 045242 or visit www.naycafc.co.uk

A local, friendly gun club are inviting novices, experienced shooters and children, to their charity clay pigeon shoot which on Saturday, 20th July. Held by Dog Inn Clay Target Shooting Club, it will help raise money for Butterwick Hospice Care, and everyone is welcome to take part. Novices and children over 10 years old are also encouraged to participate, with full instruction given from CPSA registered club officials and safety officers. Julie Nisbet, fundraiser at Butterwick Hospice said, "The Dog Inn Gun Club are very family friendly, and the event also aims to attract interest from people who haven't done a sport like this before. Everyone is welcome." Cost is £20 per 25 clays. Children can share their allocation of 25 clays. Refreshments and food will be available on the day. The event takes place behind the Dog Inn Pub, Heighington from 10am, and places must be pre-booked by contacting Clare Smith on 07760 283151 or Julie Nisbet on 01388 660644.

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