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An amended planning application has been submitted to the County Council for the development of land at Cobblers Hall Road known as Site O.

The new plan is for the construction of 182 houses of 2, 3 and four bedroom homes along with associated infrastructure and landscaping work.

This site has been awaiting development for a number of years but the original application in 2006 by Shepherds has expired.

A new developer, Keepmoat Homes, Gateshead has come forward with proposals for the site, the last to be released for development in this area. If permission is granted the company told Newton News they will not hang around and will begin work on the site immediately. There are some technical details to solve around environmental issues, but when they are complete it won't be long before work starts.



Good News for Aycliffe

The Secretary of State Patrick McLoughlin has announced the replacement of the current fleet of Intercity 225 trains on the East Coast Main Line with Hitachi Class 800 series trains as part of the Intercity Express Programme. This is great news for the Hitachi factory, soon to be built in Newton Aycliffe. The contract provides further orders for the future 730 employees of the new train manufacturing plant.

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The Helping Hands Great Giveaway last Thursday at the Youth Centre was a fantastic event and we want to thank all those who made

it a success especially Linzi Nicholls who coordinated the event. Special thanks goes to Life Church for their support and to those who

attended and had great fun while waiting, enjoying the shopping, and chilling out with us for a couple of hours. If you missed it and are wondering what The Great Giveaway was...? Picture a massive room, filled with high quality items...but everything was FREE to help yourself! There was clothing, toys books and household goods all for the taking. Helping Hands are passionate about helping and loving people, blessing others, and bringing hope to those here in our community. At the Great Giveaway our hope was to do exactly that by helping meet the needs of local people. Please keep an eye out in our friendly Newton News for another giveaway in the not-too-distant future.

Holiday Fun at the Pioneering Care Centre



Looking for some fun activities to keep the kids busy this summer? There's plenty of school holiday fun to be had at the Pioneering Care Centre!

Summer Dance -Street dance and musical theatre. Nouveau Fitness CIC will be delivering this fun workshop where children get the chance to try and enjoy urban dance in the style of street and break dance. Thursday 1 August 10-3pm. Cost £15.00

Summer Sports Camp- Nouveau Fitness CIC will also be organising fun games such as dodgeball, rounders, mini Olympics, football, cricket and tennis. Friday 9 August 10-3pm. Cost £15.00. Free Family Arts and Crafts- the 'Colour your Life'

programme offers families the opportunity to get creative at weekly interactive and creative sessions.

The summer holiday times are:

6th August 10am-12noon,
13th August 1-3pm, 20th August 10-12noon, 27th August 1-3pm (The family sessions take place during school term time every Tuesday 3.30 – 5.30pm)

To book a place or make enquiries about other activities on offer, visit the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, tel: 01325 321234, email enquiries@pcp.uk.net . Details are also available on the PCP website: www.pcp.uk.net and Facebook page: facebook.com/PioneeringCare

Summer in the Library

If you're looking for something to do over the summer holidays for your children, why not visit the library where we are holding several craft sessions each Thursday during August.

Salt Dough - Ghosts; 1st August; Haunted House - 8th; Skeletons - 15th; Batmasks - 22nd and Spiders on 29th August.

The craft sessions will take place in the library from 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm and will be open to children of various ages so please contact the library for more information. All sessions are 50p per child and due to popular demand places must be booked in advance by either calling into the library or phoning on 03000 269 519.

We are also holding the annual summer reading challenge, which this year is based on the Creepy House. This involves reading 6 books, collecting stickers and receiving a medal. Call in to join in the fun.

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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."

Saturday 3rd August - "Avatar"

Gig Pit review: I just couldn't resist the lure of my old mates in Avatar, who were playing their comeback gig with their new line up after far too long an absence! The band have been in a bit of a limbo since the departure of ace axeman Paul Nesbitt and the mighty lungs of Graham Mannion and the search to find replacements willing to give the commitment required and focus on the direction that the band wanted to go was long and hard, but in my humble opinion they've got it nailed now! Old soldiers Titch on drums, Jeff on bass and Stan on rhythm have now been joined by Skinfint's Kev Burdon on lead and ex Kimra frontman, Chris Kerswell on vocals.
Avatar have always prided themselves on playing the tunes as near to the original as possible and Kev is well up to the task and oozes enthusiasm during his performance as Skinfint fans will know! Chris is a natural front man with a great voice, well suited to the Avatar set and a great line of patter with the crowd, you just can't help but like the guy! I was told that he was a bag of nerves before he went on, but I saw no sign of that, just a bloke having a great time on stage and sweating like a pig! If you like your music hot 'n' heavy, Alice In Chains, Pantera, Megadeth, Ozzy, System Of A Down and that ilk, you'll not be disappointed, the crowd wasn't and yelled for more! Another great night at a great venue with a great set of lads!

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Music Activities at The Youth Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Management Committee are thrilled to be working with Music Junction Studio based on Aycliffe Business Park and together we are looking to provide the young people of the area with school holiday activities.

The sessions are being presented by professional and experienced musicians and accomplished published song writers. We already have eager young people booked on our DJ Synchronization Sessions. We will be running two sessions Monday to Friday throughout the school holidays excluding August Bank Holiday Monday. Numbers will be limited so book early for a place for your youngster. All sessions will be only £3 each.

Monday: Lyric Writing - 9-12 yrs - 4.30-6.30
13-19 yrs - 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday: Song Writing

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Wednesday: 9-12 yrs Drop in sessions for advice on the music industry. For singers, musicians and budding song writers - 4.30-6.30; 13-19 yrs 7-9 p.m.

Thursday/Friday 9-12 yrs: DJ Synchronization using apple, Protocols and NI Traktor DJ Professional Equipment and Software: 4.30-6.30; 13-19 yrs: 7-9 p.m.

To register a place please email joan26@live.co.uk or info@musicjunctionstudio.com or call in at the Youth Centre between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

TEENAGER LOSES HAIR FOR CANCER CHARITY

16 year old Zoe Maitchell very bravely had her long hair shorn off last week in aid of a Children's Leukaemia Charity. Her family have been affected by cancer and Zoe wanted to give her support to victims suffering from this awful disease.

She was in tears as she stepped up for the hairdresser Deborah Surtees to do the job and as her locks fell to the floor her mother and sister also cried.

Onlookers however cheered and applauded this kind and thoughtful young lady. Reading about Zoe in Newton News, Matthew

Dudley donated £90 to Zoe's fundraising appeal and went along to Royal Pizza where Zoe works part-time to present the cheque.

Matthew's mother died recently and the money was collected in lieu of flowers. As Matthew's sister had died of Leukaemia at the age of seven he decided to support Zoe and her chosen charity.

Zoe's target is £500 and if you wish to help, donations can be left at Newton Press offices on the Business Park or our agents Newsforce in the Town Centre or Walkers at Simpasturegate.



Woodham Academy Summer Fair

Thanks to everyone who attended the Woodham Academy Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July. Bright sunshine and blue skies welcomed visitors to a



wonderful summer event which left them spoilt for choice. With free activities running throughout the morning,

the event offered a host of fun and games including art workshops and creative activities which saw families creating elaborately decorated masks, finger puppets and giant spiders! The Jungle Run inflatable had the children tackling tunnels, tubes, scramble nets and a huge slide, whilst others created delicious smoothies using a range of exotic fruits in the Let's Get Cooking workshops. Woodham Sports Academy worked non-stop on American Football. For some, there was only just enough time for a quick stop to have their faces painted. Refreshments were available throughout and after an exhausting morning of enjoying the activities on offer, a light lunch was included to round off the event.

Fined for Dog Fouling & Littering

Three people have been prosecuted for environmental crimes this week. Deborah Renforth, 30, of Park Road, South Moor was fined £150 in absence with £130 costs plus a £20 victim surcharge for failing to pick up after a pet in Westfield Park.

Jane Hoare, 25, of Poplar Street, South Moor was fined £200 in absence with costs of £173 and a victim surcharge of £20 for breach of a litter clearing notice.

Ashley McCamley, 22,

of South View Stanley was fined £100 with costs of £130 and a victim surcharge of £20 for littering in Stanley Bus Station.

Oliver Sherratt, head of Direct Services, said: "Durham County Council takes environmental crime very seriously and crack down on those responsible for issues such as dog fouling and littering, using a variety of methods including; fixed penalty notices and possible court action."

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We start with tea & coffee (included in the £2) at 1pm, the film starts at 1-15pm, runs for 105mins and really will leave you feeling good. Everyone is most welcome to come. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755

Aycliffe Students Graduate as Industrial Cadets

Students from Woodham School in Newton Aycliffe travelled to take part in a national competition in London on 10th July having recently graduated as 'Industrial Cadets' through an initiative with international healthcare company GSK. As Industrial Cadets the students have worked for a period of ten weeks with mentors from GSK, who have a manufacturing operation based in Barnard Castle, on a project called "Energise Your School".

The project has looked at the energy issues around their schools and has combined this with activities designed to open the world of local industry to them, to enable them to see how the subjects they study at school can be utilised to solve practical everyday issues in companies like GSK, and to encourage them to consider careers in local industry.

Industrial Cadets was launched as a national initiative earlier this year by HRH the Prince of Wales and is rapidly becoming established as the major route for enabling students at secondary schools to understand what happens in local companies like GSK, and how their studies in science,



technology, engineering and mathematics equips them to follow interesting careers with such companies.

By working on a practical project with mentors who actually work in these industries the students can be inspired by role models who can demonstrate to them the usefulness of their studies for careers in local industry.

David Lynch, Head of Engineering, Glaxo Smith Kline said: "GSK firmly believes that the Industrial Cadets programme represents a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation about the exciting and rewarding career paths in UK engineering and manufacturing. In support of this initiative we provide

talented role models and engaging activities from within our diverse organisation. The programme firmly aligns with our commitment to supporting education in our communities, and with our mission to help people do more, feel better and live longer."

The national event was held at GSK House in London and involved the following year 9 students: Ben Alliston, Corin Lathan, Eden Hancock (photo), Emily Bussey, Meghan Cumming, and Sian Boulwood.

The students demonstrated their project ideas by the use of display stands and a presentation to a panel of judges from GSK and EDT, the charity that runs Industrial Cadets.

Supporting Families with a Disabled Child

Dear Sir
Contact a Family – the only UK charity that supports families with a disabled child whatever their condition or disability – is worried that many local families remain unaware of the government's cap on benefits which was rolled out across the UK on Monday 15th July. The cap, which has already been piloted in four London boroughs, limits the total amount of benefit payments, including housing benefit, that a family receives. However it won't apply if you, your partner or any dependent child gets disability living allowance (DLA) or the new personal independence payment (PIP) and in certain other circumstances.

Although it's good news that households in receipt of DLA are exempt from the cap, Contact a Family knows that more than half of disabled children do not claim this benefit. This can be for a range of reasons such as lack of awareness of this allowance, difficulty completing the DLA form or because they don't see

their child as disabled. This means that some families with disabled children could find themselves hit hard by the new benefit cap.

In addition, having an older child at home who gets DLA does not automatically mean you are exempt from the benefit cap. If your son or daughter receives certain benefits such as Employment and Support Allowance in their own right, or if they have left full time education and your child tax credit and child benefit for them has stopped you may not be protected from the cap. Contact a Family wants to encourage all local parents who have a child with a disability to be prepared and find out more about this latest change to benefits. If you are a parent of a disabled child and are concerned about the new benefit cap or would like more information about how to claim DLA please call our team of expert benefit advisors on freephone 0808 808 3555. Don't be caught out by benefit changes.

Una Summerson

PENSIONERS OUTING

Dear Sir,
May I send a big thank you to our Town Council for the Pensioner's Day Out. Once again they have come up trumps!

This year my sister Freda Tinkler and I chose to try Skipton and we weren't disappointed. The very pleasant driver and courier ensured we had a pleasant and comfortable journey. A delicious meal was served by very courteous staff at the beautiful Coniston Hall Hotel where we stopped. I'm sure everyone enjoyed every part of the trip and our Town Council are to be commended for providing

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Woodham Celebrate Academy's High Achievers

Hardwick Hall was the venue for Woodham Academy's prestigious Sports Academy Awards Evening. An audience of two hundred students and their parents were entertained by guest speaker, Ben Heason a professional rock climber who has spent his lifetime climbing the world's highest mountains.

By the age of 13 he had climbed the highest mountains in Morocco, Greece and Thailand and had been to 16,000 feet in the Himalayas. In 2005 Ben was a lead climber on the international team who made the much heralded first free-climbed ascent of the main wall of Angel Falls in Venezuela, the highest waterfall in the world. His account of how he managed to climb 3212 feet, eating and sleeping whilst attached to the sheer rock face, amazed everyone. His message of "Go do it, don't

just try" was an inspiration. The 192 members of Woodham's Sports Academy including dance, gymnastics, football, cricket, softball, American Football, table tennis, swimming and basketball, were all awarded certificates of achievement.

There were four special awards: The Individual Achievement Award won by Calvin Beaton a talented gymnast, who has taken a lead role as a coach, helping to develop boys' gymnastics. As Calvin is currently working at Camp Cody in the USA, taking part in the Academy's Sports Leadership programme, his award was presented by Mr Ketch at Camp Cody and filmed for the occasion.

Team of the Year was awarded to Woodham Warriors who in the past 18 months have twice been National Finalists and competed internationally



in the US Armed Services Dadds League. They are currently unbeaten this season with a record of nine wins in nine games. What sets the Warriors apart from every other American Football team

in the country is that they are the only school team, having to pick from students aged 14-16 instead of selecting from a whole county and players aged 14-18.

Young Performer of the Year is Lauren Towell part of the dance and gymnastics academy. Lauren has been involved in all the gymnastics competitions throughout the year and part of the team that represented the north at the national floor and vault finals. The nominees for the award of Woodham Sports Academy Performer of the Year 2013 were all athletes who excel at regional or national level in their chosen sports. The winner was Victoria Archer, a member of both the Dance Gymnastics Academies. She in the team which competed in the national finals earlier this year. As well as being an outstanding athlete in her own right, Victoria has also coached Year 7 and 8 gymnastics during lunchtimes. Woodham Sports Academy Director, Liam Clough says, "This was a wonderful evening, celebrating the achievement of our most talented athletes. Not only are they successful in their chosen

sport, but their academic progress, attendance and effort in their studies are also excellent. We are very proud of their achievement this year."

Woodham Sports Academy will introduce two additional sports, handball and water polo for September. The provision for dance, gymnastics, basketball and football will also be extended to meet demand. 2013-14 looks set to be an even better year for Woodham Sports Academy.

COUNCIL HEAR BAD NEWS FOR TOWN'S FUTURE FINANCES

At last Wednesday's meeting of its Policy and Resources committee, the Town Council received the Medium Term Financial Plan, which was presented by Finance Manager Dan Austin.

Town Council finances are, actually, in a very healthy condition. The Council has recently achieved, yet again, an 'unqualified audit opinion' (i.e. the auditors found no issues with the Council's accounts).

Even though council tax has been frozen for the last four years, the Council ended the year with very healthy balances just shy of £1 million. Outstanding loans stand at only £223,150, and Council assets are worth £5.5 million. That does not mean, however, that the Town Council does not face huge difficulties in the next four years.

Last year, the government changed the way it settles Council Tax Welfare Benefit (CTWB) - which accounts for £350,000 of the Council's £1.3 million precept.

For the first time in its history, the Town Council is now reliant upon a grant which the County Council has promised (but is not required) to pass on. Moreover, the government has cut and cut again the amount of grant it is giving.

Last year the government made a 10% cut in the grant which (with the loss also of the double taxation grant) made a £100,000+ hole in the Council's income. The Chancellor's Spending Review last month cut funding by a further 10%, which is expected to reduce the Council's income by another £100,000 over the next four years.

More cuts may be coming, and there is no guarantee that the County Council will continue to pass on the grant - by the worst-possible scenario, Council revenue could be cut by a disastrous 25% per year.

The Medium Term Financial Plan, therefore, presents a dark picture of the Council's finances in the next four years. Basically, even if there are no further setbacks, the reality is this:

- We can expect balances steadily to fall, since we will no longer be able to replenish unavoidable capital expenditure from income.
- We are going to have to raise council tax to maintain services.
- If the government puts a cap on increases in council tax, or if there are further cuts in CTWB funding, then the Council may have to consider cutting services as well.

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Joy of Town Floral Displays

Dear Sir,
I wish to congratulate our Council gardeners for their wonderful care of plants and flowers. As always our parks, roundabouts and beds on the main roads into town are a joy to behold. Whatever else the town lacks no one would could ever criticise the displays which are always beautiful. The staff involved deserve our thanks for providing lovely floral designs giving so much pleasure to so many, all regardless of the cuts we are facing. Thankfully they keep up the high standard year after year and I, like all residents, really appreciate this good work.
Audrey Humble
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Town Opticians Boost Vision Overseas

Newton Aycliffe residents have been doing their bit for charity by donating unwanted pairs of glasses to people in the developing world.

The town's Specsavers store has received more than 1500 pairs of glasses in the last year and the donations are still rolling in. The old or unwanted specs are recycled by Vision Aid Overseas, a charity which specialises in providing eyecare for those in poverty-stricken countries around the world. The money made from recycling the glasses is then used to fund the charity's work.

Since its inception in 1987, the UK-based charity has helped more than one million people in the developing world.

Fiona Curtis, Director of Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe says: 'We would really like to thank the public for being so generous with their donations.'

'Vision Aid Overseas is a

fantastic organisation and we would love to continue to support the charity with the help of the community. We would like to encourage anyone with old glasses to drop them off at our in-store collection point.'

Vision Aid Overseas works in Africa to transform access to eyecare services and is part of the Vision 2020 initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020. Since 2003 Specsavers stores have collected and recycled more than a quarter of a million glasses for the charity, and have raised over £550,000.

As part of its work with Vision Aid Overseas, Specsavers has made a significant commitment to improving eyecare provision in Zambia. Previously there had been very limited provision for the one in four Zambians who desperately require it, with just a handful of qualified optometrists serving the 12million population.

Last winter saw the official opening of the country's first optometry training centre by Dame Mary Perkins, Vision Aid Overseas' Ambassador for Zambia. The Chainama College in the capital city of Lusaka is a clinical facility where students gain valuable experience working with patients. Some 24 are currently training to become fully qualified optometrists. Specsavers has set a target to fund vision centres in the country's eight further provinces, with four of these now open.

Ebac's Further Expansion into Heat Pumps

World leader in dehumidifier and watercooler technology Ebac has invested £500,000 in adding air source heat pumps to its range of products manufactured at its North East England factory.

The move – the latest step towards further growth under the ownership of the Ebac Foundation – utilises existing knowledge used in the manufacture of air coolers and dehumidifiers at Ebac's Newton Aycliffe's operation.

However, with the market expected to grow through the advent of Government backed green incentives, the company has made the investment, acknowledging the potential for air source heat pumps to become a significant business stream for Ebac, safeguarding and creating jobs.

Rising gas and oil prices and returns on investment within five years make air source heat pumps an increasingly viable product for Ebac. The company has developed, and received approval certification on, 5kw and 9kw heat pumps.

Air source heat pumps allow home owners to counteract rising fuel prices by providing heat from a renewable source. Production is anticipated to reach up to 3,000 units per year within two years.

Ebac's products are also designed to fit into any environment, with a palette of colours available, while they are also fitted with wireless technology which alerts those responsible for maintenance should any issues arise,



ensuring a swift response.

Pamela Petty, Group Managing Director, said: "Air source heat pumps using one kilowatt of energy can create heat output of between two and seven kilowatts. They are much cheaper to run than electric and, as gas prices increase and the same happens with oil, air source heat pumps become an increasingly viable option."

"We have developed a good, strong product and are very excited about the potential for air source heat pumps to become a large part of the Ebac portfolio of products."

"Making things is what we thrive upon at Ebac, and this adaptation of the technology we have developed and fine-tuned during the company's 40-year history is an excellent opportunity for stimulating future growth."

"The increased viability of air source heat pumps could become even more enhanced with the eventual implementation of the Government's Renewable Heating Incentive, as with the products' inclusion on the Green Deal approved list. Therefore, we believe now is an excellent time to take this first step into the market."

Impossible for Wheelchairs

Dear Sir,
I am sorry to complain once more about the new town centre re-build but the way they have laid the temporary footpaths along past Cafe Pronto and Pound Stretcher and upwards is plain ridiculous! It is almost impossible to walk to the Nat West Bank, and for those on mobility scooters an impossible task. The planning of the refurbishment is bad enough but now the paths are unusable to a large number of people and no doubt the traders will want and need compensation for this ill thought out plan. J M Gowland Heighington.

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Thank Landlords for Their Investment

Dear Sir,

It is fabulous to see Coffee Pronto alive and thriving now it has been relocated. We do have a community and it is lovely to see them all enjoying a natter over a cuppa and a bite to eat. So much better than being hidden away upstairs.

The town centre can seem so quiet at times and I really enjoy seeing the hustle and bustle on a weekend. I'm sure that Coffee Pronto must be enjoying so much more passing trade being located next to the busy Aldi car park.

Daejan's response has also got me delighted to know that the HSBC, an eyesore, will also be upgraded to mirror Coffee Pronto along with the Your More Store and the vacant Woolworths building. A brilliant idea!

There will always be teething problems when such a large scale revamp takes place but I am so glad that the shops have been able to remain open and that I have not had to travel out of Newton Aycliffe to collect my daily shopping.

This is something that if we had all had to do would definitely have seen more shops closing. Let's not look for the negatives of the experience but thank Daejan for being willing to invest £3m in Newton Aycliffe. Hitachi will soon be with us and we need to make sure those who work there want to shop in Aycliffe and keep our town prosperous.

Karyn Syms

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School Visit Preston Hall W.I. News



Our school has been very lucky in being allowed to take part in a project called ‘Making a Mark’ at Preston Hall museum. Our project lasted for 2 and half days and we had an amazing time and learnt lots of new skills and facts. On the first day we had an Introduction

to Art and learnt how to read pictures and photographs. The second day was spent focusing on Art. We worked with a professional artist called Tony Charles. We learnt that one of the most important skills you need in sketching and painting is to use your eyes carefully. In the afternoon was

the best bit! We were divided into pairs and we all got a turn to use a professional easel and acrylic paints to create a portrait using complementary colours. Our final day was focused on photography. We worked with a professional photographer called Rob, who was amazing! We got the chance to take our own photographs and edit them in groups. We also chose a Victorian costume and props for a photograph. After that we had great fun imagining we were a character from the Victorian times, and answered questions about this. We were also able to bring these photographs home to show our parents, who were very impressed. We bought ourselves a treat from the Victorian sweet shop and had fun exploring the gifts on offer. Preston Hall is an amazing place and we are going to try and return there in the summer holidays when there are free family craft days. By Year 3 children from St. Mary’s R.C.V.A Primary

Another successful meeting was held at St Clare’s Church Hall on Tuesday July 9th. This month’s speaker was Margaret Beck from Bosom Buddies, speaking and inspiring all present about her getting through Breast Cancer. Along with her daughter they raise money to help further research with RVI Hospital Newcastle alongside Newcastle University by making Guardian Angel’s jewellery. She is a very special lady! Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13th August, but with a difference, we will be taking an evening visit to a smallholding in Aycliffe Village! For further information please contact Lyn on 01325 314805

STUDENT LEADERS INVITED TO COUNTY PRESENTATION



Durham Leadership academy celebration was held on Friday 12th July, at Durham Town Hall organised by Durham Sport to congratulate top leaders in the County. It was a fantastic evening of celebration and entertainment, followed by a welcome buffet. Lee Fawcett (GB Wheelchair basketball player and GB Fencer and Head coach for Newcastle Eagles Wheelchair Basketball team) made an inspirational speech before presenting the leaders with their well-earned awards. Greenfield Community College have over 100 dedicated sports leaders. Many have given over 100 hours of their time to support others throughout the year. It was a great honour for 14 students to be recognised at County level, and a credit to the commitment of the young leaders involved. Rubi Alderson (middle left with her trophy) recently named Greenfield’s Sports leader of the year, was awarded the outstanding achievement award for the Sedgfield SSP at this event. Rubi is one of a number of dedicated young leaders from the school, she is an inspiration to others and an outstanding role model to her peers. Well done Rubi. Other dedicated leaders invited to this event include (Yr11) Bradley Blyth, Jessica Hall, (Y10) Sam Dobinson, Sam Morgan, Megan Eldvidge, (Yr9) Amber Dolby, Courtne Mills, Emily Farlow, Sam Robinson, James Addy, Rubi Alderson, (yr8) Sam Clark, Sophie Hayes & Abbey Warburton. Durham Sport thanked them for their hard work throughout the year.



pet corner

Newton News Readers Pets Photographs



Mary Bosomworth’s dog “Jordie” with his bedtime buddies

Squeal Wakes The Town

There were reports of a high pitch squeal coming from the Business Park on the early hours of Tuesday morning. It persisted for a while and stopped around 1.15am. A number of residents were woken and it caused more disturbance due to bedroom windows being open in the hot weather. We have been unable to source the squeal - maybe a reader knows?

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LOCAL CHARITY HELPS 1000 NEWTONIANS

The Helping hands team had great joy in supporting over a 1000 people in the Newton Aycliffe area during the last 12 months that's 100's more than last year. People ask how this is accomplished and it is mainly down to a small team of dedicated volunteers led by project leader Alwyn White and the generosity of our supporters. Helping Hands has distributed goods to a value of £250,000 reaching those in the most need in our community. These goods are free allowing recipients to concentrate on tackling bills and feeding their families. We are blessed to see the changes that have taken place in so many lives. Helping Hands, is a non-profit ministry serving low-income individuals and families in Newton Aycliffe. We help those in crisis reach self sufficiency by giving household goods to families who are struggling due to redundancy, broken relationships, benefit payment delays, debts, house repossessions and the



consequences of the latest round of Welfare Reforms. Alwyn says although we have done far better than expected there is so much more need in these turbulent times through a depressed economy, rising costs and increasing demands for our services. Newton News readers can make a difference in the lives of those in need by financial and in-kind

donations of food, clothes or other services. People need fridge freezers, washing machines and cookers. If you need help we would love to reach out and offer emergency assistance, food and support. Please contact Alwyn on 0793 6431262. We will visit you in the privacy of your home. Every application is dealt with confidentially.

Pupils and staff at Byerley Park Primary School really did 'bathe' in all the sunshine last week! With the weather forecast predicted to be hot, it was decided to hold a Water Fun Afternoon on Friday 12th July, which involved pupils bringing in their swimming costumes, towels and whatever water toys they could get their hands on! Staff filled up large bins with water so pupils could top up their water pistols and bombs ready for action in the designated wet area on the school field! Paddling pools were brought in duly filled and a sprinkler, ready for pupils to run through! Everyone had a fantastic afternoon of fun and friendship. Both pupils and staff alike were soaked through to their skin. A short break in proceedings was warmly welcomed, especially as there was an ice lolly for everyone to enjoy. Some of the children stated that this was one of the best days of their school life!

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Simpasture Park



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Moore Lane Park



Woodham Park



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Fun in the Park & Family Fun Day

To launch the Town Council's successful Fun in the Parks summer activities Aycliffe Youth Council have been working hard to put on an extended **FREE Family Fun Day on Tuesday 30th July at the Town Park**, which is the first of the Fun in the Park events.

Working with a range of partners we have been able to provide an extended event for the whole family to come along and enjoy a fun day out with the opportunity to get some free advice from the partners in attendance.

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To name just a few of the partners who will be there on the day.

A Scooter Competition will take place from 11am. You must register in advance and applications forms can be obtained at the Youth Centre or the Park Keeper's Office in the Town Park. Forms will also be available on the Town Council's website.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Football Team will be holding an Under 8's 5-A-Side competition and you can meet Sampson the Sunderland Football Club mascot and take part in a football speed kick competition.



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Summer Fun in the Local Environment

KRAFTY KRITTERS will again be gracing Moore Lane Eco Centre on **Wednesday 24th July 10.30am-11.30am**. This fantastic group will be coming along to kick start the summer countryside events programme in Aycliffe. Sue and her trusted band of helpers will be on hand to explain all about her amazing animals and you will get a chance to handle the animals if you are brave enough!! Booking will be essential for this event by contacting Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

POND DIPPING has long been one of the most popular events in Aycliffe but this activity will take place at **Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**. The ponds here are a little hidden gem that team with life. During our last visit there was an abundance of dragonfly nymph's but the star prize went to a huge water scorpion. Come along on **Thursday 25th July 10.30am - 11.30am** to see what we can find this time.

The **FUN IN THE PARK** sessions will be **launched at the Town Park on the 30th July**. The Town park event will be expanded this year with several other activities for the whole family. Look for the other adverts for more information.

During Fun in the Park at Moore Lane on **Friday 2nd August**, the Eco Centre will be open to allow participants the opportunity to try their hand at clay modelling.

Moore Lane will again be the starting venue for the chance to **HELPPAINT A GIANT NEWT SCULPTURE**, when this is complete we will take a walk along to Aycliffe Nature Park when there will be a chance to have a go at pond dipping. Meet at Moore Lane on **Monday 5th August at 1.30pm**.

SOMETHING FOR THE OLDER AUDIENCE. Local expert Andrew Hall will be visiting Moore Lane Eco Centre on **Thursday 22nd August from 10.30am** to demonstrate the art of wood turning. **Participants over the age of 16** will be able to have a go on a full working lathe, whilst there will be various other fun activities for the younger participants to have a go at.

For more information about any of these activities please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on **01325 300700** or e-mail steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk



TOWN PRIDE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

On the week of the 8th of July the Newton Aycliffe Youth Councillors played a major role in Town Pride Environment Week, to do this they organised school litter picks in most primary schools throughout Aycliffe.

The Youth Councillors attended the schools and presented primary school children with a fun and enjoyable presentation explaining the risks and costs of littering and the effects it has on the environment, the children were astonished as they were told by the youth councillors just how long it took for different bits of litter to decompose and the costs behind it.

Following the presentation, the children were taken outside and were given litter pickers and litter bags and with the Youth Councillors, they ventured round different areas throughout Aycliffe collecting as much litter as possible. While out, the children found a variety of odd objects including a TV and even a gate, throughout the litter pick the Youth Councillors made the children aware of the different effects of the litter they collected. It was a great week for the children of Aycliffe and a great week for Aycliffe as the high levels of litter are most definitely down!

The Youth Councillors are a part of the Town Council and were selected by different schools to represent the young people of Aycliffe which they do very well by providing funding for projects and by getting involved with young people throughout the community.

West Ward Councillor Dan Summers who works as a representative of the Town Council said: "It's fantastic to see such a great bunch of mature young people making a real difference in their Town" The Youth Council are playing a large part in the Fun In The Parks that is being held at the Town Park on the 30th of July, it would be great for the people of Aycliffe to attend this fun day to see first-hand what great work the Youth Council can do!



MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

4th Sept. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.	15th Jan. 2014	Environment	7.15 p.m.
4th Sept. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.	15th Jan. 2014	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
11th Sept. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	22nd Jan. 2014	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
18th Sept. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	29th Jan. 2014	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
16th Oct. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.	26th Feb. 2014	Environment	7.15 p.m.
16th Oct. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.	26th Feb. 2014	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
23rd Oct. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	5th Mar. 2014	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
30th Oct. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	12th Mar. 2014	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
27th Nov. 2013	Environment	7.15 p.m.	9th Apr. 2014	Environment	7.15 p.m.
27th Nov. 2013	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.	9th Apr. 2014	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
4th Dec. 2013	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.	16th Apr. 2014	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
11th Dec. 2013	Full Council	7.15 p.m.	23rd Apr. 2014	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

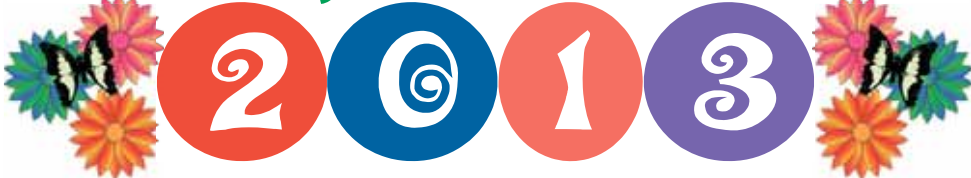
* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

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

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

(* *) (N.B. - this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).

Community Enhancement Award



The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 16th August 2013.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

House No: Street:

or Full Street:



THE 'REALLY' GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

The Great Aycliffe Show is the largest of all the events we organise and this year the dates are Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of the August.

As you would expect, there is always something to do at Great Aycliffe Show. If the weather is a bit inclement (as is often the case on a bank holiday weekend), there is still plenty to keep you occupied under the canvas.

On the showfield there are free or subsidised activities as well as fairground rides, lots of indoor and outside stands, free water walkers and free face painting and Punch and



Judy shows and much, much more.

Whatever your area of interest you're sure to

have a great time at the Really Great Aycliffe Show which has something of interest for all members of your family from the very young to the not so young. There is a wide variety of professional and amateur entertainment in the Playhouse Marquee.



You can get involved by entering some of our competitions

- Junior Football Tournament
- Handcraft Competition
- Poultry Show
- Pigeon Show
- Golf Tournament
- Horticulture Competition
- Rabbit Show



In the Playhouse marquee there are two of Newton Aycliffe's Dance Schools performing live on stage as well as Professor Nincompoop and professional entertainers, Martyn James and 4th Dimension.

PLAYHOUSE MARQUEE TIMETABLE

Saturday	Start	Sunday	Start
Rebecca Harcus	12:30 pm	Ruby Arnold	12:30 pm
Aycliffe Dance Academy	1:05 pm	4th Dimension	1:00 pm
Professor Nincompoop	2:10 pm	Martyn James	1:45 pm
KDANZ	2:40 pm	Lost in the Crowd	2:45 pm
Professor Nincompoop	3:45 pm	4th Dimension	3:25 pm

Our main act for the arena is the incredible dare devil motor cycle stunt team Bolddog Lings, Honda's official and the UK's number one motorcycle display team. They incorporate the latest in extreme sports action, based on competitive racing and freestyle motocross.

ARENA TIMETABLE

Saturday	Start	Sunday	Start
Ridgeside Lurcher Racing	12:00 pm	Ridgeside Lurcher Racing	12:00 pm
Drakes of Hazard	12:35 pm	Drakes of Hazard	12:35 pm
Ridgeside Falconry	1:10 pm	Ridgeside Falconry	1:10 pm
Bold Dog Ling	1:30 pm	Bold Dog Ling	1:30 pm
Ridgeside Lurcher Racing	2:15 pm	Ridgeside Lurcher Racing	2:15 pm
Drakes of Hazard	2:50 pm	Drakes of Hazard	2:50 pm
Bold Dog Ling	3:25 pm	Bold Dog Ling	3:25 pm
Ridgeside Falconry	4:10 pm	Ridgeside Falconry	4:10 pm

SPONSORS

Most important are the sponsors whose contributions to the Show help to make it possible. We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Newton Press, Cooperative Funeralcare, Bewick and Neville Pharmacy, Gregg Little Testing Centre, Deco Trophies and Engraving, Aycliffe Caravans and SS Seeds.





SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE
NEWTON AYCLIFFE

01325 300600

www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

MINI ACTIVITY SESSION

Takes place on

Wednesday 7th August

9.30am until 11am, ages 4 to 7 yrs

Big fun for little people

£2.40 members, £2.75 non members per session

FUTSAL

Tuesday 23rd July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August

10am until 11am

The ultimate indoor 5-a-side football experience.

Only £1.00 per session

SUPER SPORTS SKILLS SUMMER 2013

GOLF

This 6 session course takes place every Thursday during the holidays

10am until 11am - Perfect for beginners or developing existing skills

Great Value at only £25.00 per person

Thursdays 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August

SPORTING FUN

Wednesday 24th July & 21st August

10am until 11am

£2.40 members, £2.75 non members per session

ACTIVITY DAY

Mondays 22nd & 29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August

9.30am until 3.30pm

A fun filled day of games, sports and craft activities

Only £11.00 per day

Don't forget your packed lunch



YOU COULD WIN A BIKE!



ARCHERY

Thursdays 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August

9.30am - 11am

Perfect for any budding Robin Hoods or Maid Marians.

£3.20 members, £3.70 non members per session

CRAFTY KIDS

Wednesday 14th & 28th August

9.30am until 11am

Get creative!

£3.20 members, £3.70 non members per session

DANCE MATS SESSION

Wednesday 14th August

11am until 12 noon

Lets see your funky moves!!

£1.00 per child

(parents must stay)

Courses take place during the school 6 weeks holidays, to book your place or for further details please contact us on **01325 300600** - Booking is Essential - Sessions are for ages 8-15 years (except mini sessions)

SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS

The Senior Citizens' Excursions are one of the most popular events organised by the Council. Each year, we organise a series of free excursions for the senior citizens (60 years or over) who live in our Parish.

The picture shows residents having lunch at the Coniston Hotel, Skipton.

The coaches provided are 49-53 seater executive coaches with toilet facilities. There is also a 53 seater executive coach with a wheelchair hoist to each destination. This ensures that even people with severe mobility problems can enjoy a day out. The hoist can be used for loading wheelchairs for those residents who need to travel in their wheelchair, or for use by people who cannot manage the steps on the coach.

The application forms and information booklets are available in April or May each year from the Council Offices, Golf and Sports Complexes, Recreation Centre (Beveridge Way) and the Library in the Town centre.

This year, residents had the choice of visiting Dumfries, Windermere, Skipton, Scarborough, Blackpool or South Shields for the day with a three course meal and tea or coffee provided in a good quality hotel with disabled facilities.

Apart from Skipton and South Shields, each of the excursions makes a comfort break stop en route to the destination and also on the homeward journey. On one of those comfort breaks, the Council pays for morning or afternoon refreshments. The Skipton and South Shields excursions made no stops either way.

Each person who qualifies is entitled to one 'trip'. To qualify you must be aged 60 or over and must have lived in the electoral parish by 1st April in the year of travel. This year, there were 1364 applications.



**School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe
T. 01325 310820**

2013/2014 SEASON TICKET SPECIAL OFFER 9 Months For The Price of 8!

UNLIMITED GOLF UNTIL 31st MARCH 2014

Adult 7 Day Ticket £200 - Adult 5 Day Ticket £170

Senior Citizen (over 60) 7 Day £170 - Senior Citizen 5 Day £135

18-21 years in full time Education £100

School Holiday Saver £25 - Junior £36*

* inc. £11 Club Membership

AVAILABLE FROM 1st JULY 2013

GREEN FEE SPECIAL OFFER

Play between 1pm & 5pm Monday to Friday for only

£10 per round (adults) or £7.50 (concessions)

Driving Range £2 Small or £4 Large

Visiting Parties Welcome - Please contact us for more details.

PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES

St. Oswald's Pre-School is located in St. Oswald's Park, Wren Close (8.45am to 3.30pm) and Woodham

Burn Pre-School is located in Woodham Burn Community School Primary School, Humphrey Close (8.45am to 3.15pm)

Open to all children from their 3rd birthday.

We provide full and part time places and will try to provide flexible hours to meet your individual needs.

For further information please call into the Pre-Schools (no appointment needed) or contact Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880

A quality service provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council

FREE nursery funded places are available, the term after a child's 3rd birthday. We only charge £3.00 for a 3 hour session if funding is not available. Hours in excess of the first 15 are just £3.50 each.

We provide nursery education through the 'new' Early Years Foundation Stage, which came into effect in September 2012

Both Pre-Schools have received a 'good' grading from OFSTED.

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX & OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

FRIDAY 30th AUGUST 2013

(Tee Off Times between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m.)

Entry Fee - £100 per team

(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

In Aid of the Mayor's Charities

Cardiothoracic unit at James Cook Hospital and St. Clare's Food Bank

Further Information and Application Forms from: The Mayor's Secretary (Tel 01325 300700) or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

The Really



Great Aycliffe Show

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th August

11.00 am - 5.00 pm

School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

A great weekend for all the family

Punch & Judy Shows, Face Painting, Handcraft and Horticulture Competitions, Football and Golf Tournaments, Quad Biking, the thrills of the Fairground Rides plus FREE Water Walking.

Rabbit, Pigeon & Poultry Shows, Craft Demonstrations, Fire Brigade Demonstrations plus the Playhouse Marquee with local dancing and singing talent, professional bands and a comedian / illusionist.

The very best in arena entertainment with Bold Dog Lings, Honda's Official UK Stunt Team and the UK's number one Freestyle Motocross Team as well as Ridgeside Falconry and Lurcher Racing, plus the Drakes of Hazard.

Vintage Vehicle Display, Punch & Judy with FREE Face Painting and lots lots more.

Fairground rides, on-site catering, trade and fundraising stands and lots, lots more



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For more information, telephone 01325 300700 or visit our website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

HOME PRODUCE - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Please note that all items will remain on display until 5.00 pm on Sunday. Jars/containers used to have plain covers (i.e. no trade names) and in jars.

- 1 A jar of home-made strawberry jam
- 2 A jar of home-made blackcurrant jam
- 3 A jar of home-made lemon curd
- 4 A jar of home-made marmalade (not jelly)
- 5 A jar of home-made chutney (any variety)
- 6 1 Fatless sponge cake (no filling)
- 7 Decorated Victoria sponge sandwich (top only) to be cut
- 8 Four pieces of tray bake (not pastry based)
- 9 Gingerbread (7" square or 8" round tin)
- 10 Six Melting Moment biscuits
- 11 Dundee cake (8" square or 9" round) - made to Bero Recipe
- 12 Four almond slices
- 13 Plate apple pie (shortcrust pastry)
- 14 Chocolate cake with butter cream filling (1 cake, cut, butter cream filling, not iced)
- 15 Four pieces of flapjack
- 16 4 Scones (2 fruit and 2 savoury)
- 17 1 lb White loaf (made with breadmaker)
- 18 1 lb Wholemeal loaf (without use of breadmaker)
- 19 Egg custard
- 20 Date and walnut loaf
- 21 Tea loaf
- 22 Lemon drizzle cake (loaf tin)
- 23 Any item of sugarcraft (in sealed, transparent container)
- 24 Four sausage rolls (Shortcrust pastry)
- 25 Egg and bacon pie - Shortcrust pastry (saucer or tea plate size)
- 26 Pastry savoury flan
- 27 A picnic on a tray. "To celebrate the birth of a new baby" including 3 whole items of produce from above. Space allowed 3' x 2'

CRAFT SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

No Soiled or Laundered Work Accepted

- 28 Crochet For baby, any article in yarn
- 29 Crochet For a toddler - any article
- 30 Coloured Embroidery - Needlepoint - canvas work picture (framed)
- 31 Coloured Embroidery - Embroidered picture in cross stitch (any count)
- 32 Coloured Embroidery - Hand embroidered item in cross stitch (not framed)
- 33 Coloured Embroidery - Christmas tree decoration - any media
- 34 Coloured Embroidery - 18" x 18" cushion (or equivalent round)
- 35 Coloured Embroidery - Miniature embroidery to fit into 2" (51mm) square
- 36 Coloured Embroidery - Any article
- 37 Patchwork - Any article machine stitched

- 38 Decoupage - Any picture (framed and glazed)
- 39 Any piece of home-made jewellery - beadwork (Theme - Wedding)
- 40 Any piece of home-made jewellery - wirework (Theme - Wedding)
- 41 Machine stitched item for a dolls house
- 42 Hand sewn item for a dolls house
- 43 Any hand-made toy
- 44 Any doll dressed
- 45 An item made from rag rugging
- 46 An item made from hooking and knotting
- 47 A machine stitched shopping bag

HAND KNITTING SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- 48 Any article
- 49 Sweater in double knitting
- 50 Baby's 20" cardigan
- 51 Any article in 3 ply

WOOD SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

- 52 Article in wood (not painted or decorated, left in natural form)
- 53 Article in wood (may be painted or varnished)

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Mounted on card, NOT FRAMED. Overall size including mount A4 or less fixed to card. Rests allowed. Max exhibits per entrant 5.

- 54 Black and white print
- 55 Colour print - Birds
- 56 Colour print - The Sea Shore
- 57 Colour print - Nature
- 58 Digital Art "Before and After"

ART SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Rests may be used if desired.

- 59 Oil painting (framed unless(on 3D canvas)
- 60 Water colour (framed and glazed)
- 61 Acrylic painting (framed, unless on 3D canvas)
- 62 Pastel (framed and glazed)
- 63 Any artwork - any medium not listed in classes 59-62

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Please ensure that the age of the child is on exhibit. (No names on exhibits please) NO KITS to be used unless stated otherwise

Age 4 - 6 years

- 64 An original picture (any subject any medium)
- 65 Clown's face on a paper plate
- 66 Decorated hard-boiled egg
- 67 Decorated iced digestive biscuit
- 68 Garden on a Tray
- 69 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 7 - 10 years

- 70 Design for a sculpture
- 71 A glove puppet
- 72 An original picture (any subject any medium)
- 73 A home-made crown
- 74 Garden on a Tray
- 75 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 11 - 13 years

- 76 An original picture (any subject any medium)
- 77 A scarecrow model
- 78 3 butterfly cakes
- 79 Aycliffe Show (any medium, model, picture, collage etc.)

Age 14 - 16 years

- 80 DVD Sleeve
- 81 Airfix, Lego (or similar) model - any subject any size (kits allowed)
- 82 An original poster to publicise a music concert (any medium)
- 83 Computer Art - picture created or edited using computer

HORTICULTURE SECTION

LEEKS - COLOUR PORTABLE TV PLUS PRIZE MONEY

AND TROPHY FOR BEST LEEK

- 84 Two pot leeks 6" tight button

NOVICE SECTION - (For beginners or people who have not yet won a trophy at the show)

- 85 An assortment of 4 vegetables (not shallots) from the open vegetable section

OPEN VEGETABLE SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST

OVERALL VEGETABLE ENTRY

- 86 Two long leeks - min of 12" to tight button
- 87 Three Onions, not shallots (fresh pulled with tops and roots washed)
- 88 Four onions - round under 250g
- 89 Four shallots
- 90 Two carrots - long root (fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- 91 Two carrots - stump rooted
- 92 Two parsnips -(fresh pulled with 3" tops)
- 93 Three beetroot, round -(to be cut by Judges)
- 94 One cauliflower with 4" stalk
- 95 Collection of 4 different vegetables (cucumbers and tomatoes not accepted)

- 96 Best Truss of Tomatoes
 - 97 A Dish of 4 Tomatoes
 - 98 Vegetable Marrow
 - 99 One round Cabbage with 4" stalk
 - 100 Three Potatoes - kidney or round
- ### OPEN FLOWER SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL FLOWER ENTRY
- 101 Container of Flowers for effect - to face all round (no foliage allowed)
 - 102 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - Intermediate (large or medium)
 - 103 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - any variety incurve medium
 - 104 Vase of 3 stems of spray Chrysanthemums - any variety
 - 105 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety medium
 - 106 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety small
 - 107 Vase of 3 Dahlias - small pom pom
 - 108 Vase of 3 Hybrid Tea Roses
 - 109 Vase of 3 Gladioli Spikes
 - 110 Vase containing a single Gladioli Spike
 - 111 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter 6" or less
 - 112 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter bigger than 6"
 - 113 One Buttonhole - any variety
 - 114 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 90mm/3.5")
 - 115 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 127mm/5")
 - 116 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub (Max pot size 154mm/6")
 - 117 One mini std. clear stem 150mm - 250mm (6"-10")

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GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW EXHIBITION - ENTRY FORM FOR ALL CLASSES

Class No	Class Description	Number of Entries in Class

I request you to enter the above named Exhibits, subject to the rules and regulations of the Great Aycliffe Show Exhibition which I have read and understood. **Please note that a separate entry form is required for each person** (photocopies are acceptable).

NAME (as to be shown on certificate or trophy).....

FULL ADDRESS.....

..... Post Code..... Age (if 16 or under)..... Telephone No.....

*e-mail (please print clearly).....

*Acknowledgements will be sent by e-mail unless no e-mail address is given. Completed entry forms (photocopies are acceptable) must be received by Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF or show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before 5.00 pm on Tuesday 20th August 2013.

Challenging Maths



Woodham held its annual Maths Challenge on Wednesday 3rd July 2013. Ten teams of Year 5 students from Chilton Foliat CE VA Primary, Woodham Burn Community Primary, St. Joseph's RCVA Primary, Timothy Hackworth Primary School, Stephenson Way Community Primary and Sugar Hill Primary School competed in a series of activities to find the winning team. The aim of the day was to offer the more able mathematicians in year 5 the opportunity to extend their understanding of mathematics whilst having fun. Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of activities including constructing origami cubes from "limping seagulls", playing "Round the Clock" and "Pentominos", the Woodham Crystal Maze and finally a team maths relay. Teamwork and problem solving were essential. All pupils and Year 9 helpers worked hard showing resilience and resourcefulness and thoroughly enjoyed the day. In first place were Chilton Team 1, second place went to Woodham Burn and in third place were St. Joseph's. Well done to all mathematicians!

Aycliffe Family Move into Their Dream Home

A FAMILY from Newton Aycliffe could not be happier after they were able to secure their dream new home thanks to leading housebuilder Miller Homes. Gary Beswick, his wife Wendy and their six-year-old son Aaron found their five-bedroom Stratford home at Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe after discovering how much they admired the picturesque development from Miller Homes whilst out on a family walk. Miller Homes' sales adviser Audra Patterson commented: "The Beswick family initially visited Cobblers Hall just to have a look around but whilst exploring The Stratford showhome they fell in love with its light and airy feel and knew they'd found their perfect family home. "Gary and Wendy were able to take advantage of Miller's Home Exchange scheme which allowed them to move into their new home at Cobblers Hall quickly and easily." Gary, who works part-time as an assistant referee for the Barclays Premier League, said: "After passing Cobblers Hall on a walk one day we really liked the appearance of the homes so we decided to call in and have a look around. "The development is an ideal location for us as it's close to local amenities and transport links whilst being in a very peaceful and quiet area of Newton Aycliffe. After viewing The Stratford and finding out about the help we could get to sell our old property from



Miller's Home Exchange scheme we put a deposit down, and we'd have to say it's the best thing we've ever done. "We love our new home and couldn't be happier with the service we received so we'd certainly recommend Miller Homes to any of our friends or family looking to move." Miller Homes offers a range of incentives designed to help people to make the move they need. This includes offering the 95% mortgage scheme NewBuy* with its Home Exchange scheme. This means that those interested in a new Miller home but who need to sell their existing property first would have a guaranteed buyer through Miller Homes and only need a 5% deposit to purchase their new home using the government-backed incentive scheme NewBuy*. For more information on developments located across the North East from Miller Homes, or any of its purchase incentive schemes, house hunters should visit www.millerhomes.co.uk. *Subject to availability, status and eligibility and satisfying lender criteria.

CALL TO SUSPEND PARKING FINES DURING REDEVELOPMENT

Dear Sir, Aycliffe needs a moratorium on parking fines while the town centre is being redeveloped. I recently queued at traffic controls only to find no access to the town centre ground floor car parks. I then queued at Stephenson Way until parking safely near Homeplan while observing DCC wardens ticketing cars on that road before moving elsewhere. The reactions all round were unbelievable disgust at this being done while the town centre was being developed. The DCC have no consideration for Aycliffe's needs during this upheaval and often ignore us as the largest town in the Durham Authority. Our County Councillors should be calling for a suspension of parking fines during the construction period. Don Fraser, Woodham

IMPACT

Cash Flow Solutions Ltd

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Woodham Academy Humanities department (History, Geography and RE) took Year 7 students to Beamish Museum on a school Specialist Day, a day where students are able to have educational experiences they would not have in the classroom. Whilst there, students explored the various sites, including the mine and mining village. In the mining village they experienced education as it would have been 100 years ago, which turned out to be very different from what they are used to today. At the town, the big draw was the sweetshop, where lots of students mysteriously developed blue tongues. They also had the opportunity to visit the funfair which, on such a beautiful day, was very popular. Although nothing like the "white knuckle" rides we might find today, a ride on a carousel, a swing boat or a turn at the coconut shy proved a most enjoyable experience. When asked for their opinion of the day, students described it as "The Best Trip ever!" and wanted to know when they could do it again!

A Poem for my Great Nana

by Kennedie, Aged 10

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and the sip of a hot cup or tea.

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The kiss of my Mum
and the last touch of my hamster Biscuit

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Hannah Wins a Bike



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For your chance to win a new bike get involved in our Summer 2013 Super Sports Skills programme. For further information visit our website www.great-aycliffe.gov.co.uk ,to book your place please contact our Reception on 01325 300600.

A QUESTION OF CHILD PROTECTION

Dear Sir,

My friend and I who are members of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex have been playing squash there on a weekly basis for over 25 years and are very well known to the staff.

We attempted to book a court for 5.30pm on Tuesday 9th July, but were told by the receptionist that this wasn't possible because junior coaching was taking place at the same time even though two courts remained empty.

I asked a senior member of staff what particular threat we posed bearing in mind that children often run totally unsupervised throughout the squash court balcony area, changing rooms and toilets. Her response was to apologise simply saying there was nothing she could do as it was council policy for child protection reasons.

It would appear our Town Council's maxim is 'assume everyone is guilty until proven innocent' as they seem to believe all adult squash players are prospective paedophiles or child molesters.

Whereas I very much appreciate the need to protect children from predators I question the quality of guardianship during the junior coaching sessions in that if the supervisor isn't able to control all charges, then surely there should be more attendants on duty. This would allow fee paying members to also enjoy the facilities with consequential revenue received by the Complex.

Derreck Pinkney

Town Clerk Replies . . .

Junior coaching and mini-league takes place on a Tuesday from 16.15 until 18.15, aimed at 8-15 years and seeks to develop squash skills in a fun atmosphere.

The courts are closed to the general public during this time and have been so for approximately ten years. This decision was taken following an incident involving a junior attending the coaching and an adult player who were using the courts at the same time.

The situation was revisited at a later day and again the opening up of the two courts tried. Again, adult players complained that the younger people were over-enthusiastic and noisy. Therefore the decision was taken not to let the remaining two courts when junior coaching takes place.

Child protection is clearly part of this decision. However, this covers a greater area than cited in your correspondent's letter. Child protection is not only in place to cover paedophiles and child molesters, but to protect the welfare of a young person, this is included in the Children Act 1989, which defines 'harm' as ill-treatment (including sexual abuse and non-physical forms of ill-treatment) or the impairment of health (physical or mental) or development (physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural).

The arrangements put in place are reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances.

A Bailey, Town Clerk

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Flying High for Careers in Engineering

AN after school club that gives budding engineers an insight into their future career has been hailed as a flying success by teachers and training bosses.

S.W. Durham Training (SWDT) has teamed up with Woodham Academy in Newton Aycliffe to run Flight Club, a 12 week programme in which students have the chance to learn about aerodynamics and engineering.

The club is designed specifically for those in years 9 and 10, and aims to get young people exposed to a manufacturing and engineering environment in a fun and creative way. It is hoped that students who attend Flight Club will be inspired to pursue a career in engineering, gaining a better insight into the sector during their time at SWDT.

Colin Walsh, fabrication and welding instructor of SWDT and vice chairman of Teesside Model Flying Club and Air Show Director with 34 years' aero modelling experience, said: "Flight Club has been a great success so far, and the students that have taken part have really enjoyed it. We have seen some real engineering talent from some of the students, and it is exciting to think that some of them may well be the engineers of the future.

"Quite often, people have an outdated view of what an engineering environment is like, and the reality is very different. We were keen to engage with the next generation of manufacturers



and engineers early, and show them that this sector is modern, cutting edge and exciting – and one they could enjoy working in."

During the programme, students have built two radio controlled model aircraft – one powered by an electric motor, the other by a two-stroke engine – which has involved the design and build of the craft using various hand-tools, traditional skills and engineering techniques.

Nick Pearson from Woodham Academy, said: "Everything the students have learned at Flight Club has certainly enhanced their skills and knowledge, as well as giving them hands-on experience of manufacturing and engineering.

"It can be difficult when students are approaching the end of school, when they will soon have to make decisions about their future and are often unsure of which path they want to take. Flight Club has helped a number of our pupils decide that a

career in engineering is for them. They've thoroughly enjoying it."

The work produced by students at Flight Club was showcased at Teesside Model Flying Club's Annual air show. The club was formed in 1965 and is now the largest of its kind in the North East with more than 150 members.

Flight Club members will be treated to lessons to allow them to fly the aircraft they have built.

For more information about Flight Club and courses at S.W. Durham Training Ltd, visit www.southwestdurham.co.uk or call 01325 313 194.

Cricket Team's 6th Win

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right continued their winning streak when they notched up their sixth consecutive league victory with a hard fought win away at Whitby by 34 runs.

Aycliffe batted first and quickly found themselves in trouble at 66 for 6, but some excellent batting from Joe Haines (28 runs), Sean Morgan (20 runs) and Michael Howe (19 runs), helped push the total to a more respectable 132 all out after 48.3 overs.

Aycliffe bowlers Dan Craggs, Sean Morgan and Michael Howe battered the homesides batsmen into submission with some fiery and hostile fast bowling. Craggs earned the man of the match award for his second consecutive five wicket haul after a magnificent 11 over spell which yielded season best figures of 5 for 39, including a burst of 4 wickets in 13 balls.

The hosts were blown away for 98 after 36.4 overs and this win takes Aycliffe to second place in the NYSD 3rd Division.

The second team played Bishop Auckland and were well beaten by 6 wickets despite a vastly improved batting performance as Aycliffe made an impressive 191 for 8 from their allotted 45 overs.

16 year old Ben Nicholson top scored with an excellent 47, captain Adam Gittins, who also batted well with an aggressive 41 and debutant Mick Bloomer chipped in with an enterprising 27 as the pair combined to set a

new 2nd team team 7th wicket partnership record of 76. In reply Sam Telford bowled well for Aycliffe taking 3 for 30, but Bishop Auckland star batsman Scott Oldfield dominated the homeside's innings scoring 121 out of the 192 needed for victory as his side raced to victory in the 36th over.

In mid week, Newton Aycliffe continued their fine start to the NYSD 15/15 competition with a straight forward home win against Darlington RA by 7 wickets. The vistorys were bowled out for just 61 after just 14.5 overs thanks to good bowling from both Ross Dixon (4 for 11) and Luke Telford (3 for 10) and the Aycliffe pair combined again, this time with the bat with Telford unbeaten on 24 and Dixon unbeaten on 16, taking their team to victory after only 9.2 overs.

The under 13's were desperately unlucky to lose by just 4 runs away at Wolviston. There were good performances from Aycliffe's Dylan Tribley, who top scored with 19 and James Knowlson, who chipped in with 14 and also Jack Lowery, who took two Wolviston wickets.

The club's u11's were well beaten at home by high flying Darlington, but there was good performances for Aycliffe by Oliver Brass, who bowled superbly to take one wicket for just 3 runs from his 3 overs and Lucas Pilling, who took two excellent catches and top scored with 11 runs.

Woodham Achievement Rewards

Over two hundred and eighty students from Woodham were congratulated for their hard work and commitment to studies in a recent Rewards Assembly.

Students were selected from each of the three houses, Brancepeth, Lambton and Raby, for demonstrating excellent effort and attainment in their recent Rising Star assessments. They sat in anticipation, hoping their name was one of the lucky ones drawn to win one of the many gift vouchers that were on offer.

However, for those who weren't so lucky, a



certificate of recognition was presented. Special recognition was given to five Year 9 students, Sian Boulwood, Corin Lathan, Emma Sandford-Hodgson, Olivia Tarn and Robyn Teasdale, who were identified for their outstanding academic

achievement and effort. They received a £10 River Island voucher and a letter from the Headteacher Mrs Forsyth (shown in the photo with the students), commending them for their hard work and dedication.

Well done to all!

CAR PARKING FINES AT ALDI STORE

Since Aldi opened Newton News has received numerous complaints over the strict parking arrangements at the store where customers have been issued with fines for overstaying the 1½ hours limit.

A number have appealed as they may have been only a minute or two over or unavoidably detained in the store itself-queuing! The manager is not able to deal with appeals as parking control is franchised to another company so the customer has to go through the long and stressful process of sorting the matter out themselves.

It is causing a lot of aggravation and many are deciding not to shop at Aldi and use Tesco instead where there is a more relaxed attitude. It is also pleasing to know the manager is available and there is a special customer services manager to deal with any queries.

The other problem is making contact with Aldi Head Office to make your protest. Like most large companies they make this very difficult causing people to vent their anger with the company on

facebook.

There you will find a string of angry customers from all over the country objecting to the fines for parking and calling on Aldi to review the policy. The local store manager should be able to cancel any doubtful parking infringement.

Newton News contacted Aldi's press office for a statement asking them to provide an easy way to contact the company in a dispute. We received the following reply:

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On Thursday 27th June 2013 Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club played their last game at Woodham Academy. Next Seasons under 9's, managed by Craig Turnbull took on a team from Byers Green.

Both teams were eager to play this out of season match, as the teams warmed up the sun broke through for a perfect game of football. Both teams played excellent football throughout the game. The evening finished with a penalty shoot-out. We would like to wish Byers Green, Spennymoor, good luck for the forthcoming season.

We would like to thank Brett for being our referee for the evening and all our parents and supporters who came along to support both teams.

A huge thank you to Woodham Academy who for a number of seasons have allowed us to use their indoor training and pitches for home games. A special thank you to Assistant Head Teacher Danny Morgan and Community Coordinator Marie Oswald for their invaluable support throughout our time at Woodham Academy.

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club has now moved to Sunnydale Leisure Centre in Shildon with age groups starting from development right through to Under 21's. If you wish to become part of our club and you are aged between 4 years and 21 years please email najfc@outlook.com for further information.

Pain Relief Therapy Talk

The Federation Of Holistic Therapists Local Support Group Meeting are holding A Talk/ Demonstration of The Emmett Technique

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Exceptional Season for Town Swimmers



Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club again demonstrated their prowess in the pool at the end of season Durham ASC gala held at Freeman's Quay in Durham. The team consisted of mainly young and novice swimmers, so the results were truly amazing; out of 63 entries across the weekend the team medalled in 44, with 17 Gold, 15 Silver and 12 Bronze, along with numerous personal bests by all swimmers.

The team included Claudia Chapman, Kate Carmichael, Alyssa Craggs, Katelyn Craig, Sophie Wilkinson, Anna Chaytor, Sadie, Carla & Kate Abel, Michal Ondrej, Haydn Craggs, Zac Hodgkinson and Niall Coulthard. Attending Coach Lee Craggs said 'It was a privilege to take the team to Durham, for such a young squad they demonstrated true professionalism and sportsmanship as well as having fun in the pool'.

This has been an exceptional season for the club boasting two Great Britain representatives, as well as National and Regional champions, which could not be done without the support of coaches, volunteers, parents and Leisure Centre staff, plus the dedication and commitment of its swimmers. Swimming is a great way of improving your cardiovascular and general all-round fitness and lots of Sedgefield 75's younger members excel in other sports and regularly represent their schools at athletics, track and field, biathlon, triathlon, football, rugby to name a few. Sedgefield 75 train at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on most evenings, if you would like a try out to join the club, come along on Monday nights between 6 -7pm and speak to one of the coaches. Visit the their website at: http://freeteams.net/sedgefield75.

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In an era where Football Academies are springing up everywhere, it is comfortable to know at grass roots level, a village club continues to prosper and grow. The development squad would be grateful if any local businesses interested in aiding us in the nurturing and developing of the childrens talents, by sponsoring us and helping us raise money to provide them with new equipment, training kits and raincoats.

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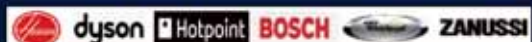
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Alongside the start of the scheme the County Council is also revising its street lighting policy. Cabinet members will be asked to start a public consultation on changes which include getting rid of redundant street lights in some rural unpopulated areas, but only where it is safe to do so. It also proposes a carefully controlled dimming programme in times of low pedestrian and road traffic usage.

The Cabinet member with responsibility for the environment is Cllr Brian Stephens: "The LED lights bring a whole host of benefits. They are much more energy efficient, so will reduce our carbon emissions, and they have a longer lifespan, so will reduce maintenance costs. "They also provide a clearer white light, which

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Subject to the consultation process, the revised policy will set out the council's approach to reducing

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The Young Hooves club is free to join and is designed to make family days out at Sedgefield Racecourse, and at all 14 of Arena Racing Group's (ARC's) other UK courses, even more fun for under-18s, who already get free entry. While adults get to enjoy thrilling racing, with annual highlights at Sedgefield Racecourse including Boxing Day Racing on December 26, now children have a reason to ask for a day at the races too.

Jill Williamson, general manager at Sedgefield Racecourse said: "Children love days out at Sedgefield Racecourse – the fresh air, space to run around, the thrill of seeing horses run and lots of facilities for picnics, eating and drinking. "Our previous family events have proven parents and kids love to visit our racecourses for a special day out – more than 50,000 visitors attend family-friendly fun days across ARC's courses each year - and we think the new Young Hooves club makes

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In terms of value, Young Hooves is free to join and includes a welcome goody bag with binoculars, a certificate and membership badge, as well as quizzes and sheets about horses. With adult entry into family-friendly events at Sedgefield Racecourse starting from just £13 when booked in advance, a family with two adults pays from just £26 for a full day of racing, entertainment, activities and a chance to meet the horses, with parking also free.

Youngsters who join Young Hooves will get newsletters and birthday treats and when they attend family fun days, entertainments such as face-painting, inflatables, circus workshops and visits from TV characters ensure they're entertained for hours. On the Young Hooves website, children are also able to upload their photography to an online gallery and download puzzles and games.

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JOY COSH 19th July. Always in our thoughts, loved forever. Ian, Yvonne, Kenny, Andrea, Alex, Sara, Grandkids and Great Grandkids

JODEY SLATER 19th July 1997. Treasured memories of my beautiful little girl Jodey. You were only six when God needed you back, but to me it was an eternity. Knowing now Nanna Lilpot and Grandad are all together, gives me great comfort. Until we all meet again, God bless. Love, Mammy xxx

JODEY SLATER 19th July 1997. Never forgotten Jodey. Love always, your big bro Dan xxx

WYN LYDON 18th July. Happy 90th birthday. All our love from Maureen, Barrie, Andrew, Diane, Sharron, Luc and Conor

KIRSTY ALLEN Happy 18th birthday "Honey Bun". Lots of love, Auntie Mandy, Uncle Gary, Danny, Darren and Jenna xxx

HARRY JOHN WINTOUR 21st July 2013. 1 year ago our wonderful Son was born. It was the proudest day of our lives. Happy 1st birthday Harry. Loves, lots n snots. Mammy and Daddy

HARRY JOHN WINTOUR 21st July 2013. Happy 1st birthday to our amazing Grandson. Love, Nanna and Grandad Kelly

HARRY WINTOUR 21st July 2013. To our beautiful Nephew, have a wonderful 1st birthday. Love, Auntie RaRa and Corey

HARRY JOHN WINTOUR 21st July 2013. Happy 1st birthday little man. Love, Uncle Shane n Cousin Adam x

HARRY JOHN WINTOUR Happy 1st birthday to my wonderful Great Grandson. Love you loads. GGranmda Oakley - Happy 1st birthday Harry. Love, Uncle Mally

ARMSTRONG, Jeannette Happy 50th birthday to my big Sister. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love, Vince, Gill, Sam, Emily, Abbie, Ruby and Lacey xxx

OWEN WHEELER Congratulations on achieving a 2:1 Degree in Maths at York University. We are so proud of you. Love, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Gary, Auntie Julie, Jade, Woof from Teddy

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Mam. Love, David and Jenny xxx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Granny. Lots of love, Brogen xxx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Mam. Have a great day and enjoy your party on Friday. Love you always, Roberta and Reggie xx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Granny. See you on Friday for the party. Lots of love, Adele, Orin, Rhys and Ava xxx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Granny. Sorry we cannot be there to help you celebrate, but sending all our love from New Zealand. Love you, Robert, Hayley, Kaitlyn and William xxx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Granny. Have a lovely day. Love, Anne-Marie and Andrew xx

AGNES MORRELL Happy 80th birthday Granny No 2. Love you. Love, Jodie and Jack xxxxx

THOMAS KNOW Happy 3rd birthday to our special little monkey. Lots of love, Mummy, Daddy and big Brother James

KNOW Happy 3rd birthday Thomas. Love you, Great Gran xxx

KNOW Happy 3rd birthday Thomas. Love, Auntie Jayney, Luke and Jake xxx

KNOW Have a lovely party Thomas on your 3rd birthday. Love and kisses, Grandma and Grandad xxx

KNOW Happy 3rd birthday to our brilliant nephew Thomas! Love, Uncle Adam, Auntie Kim, Eva and Harry xxx

Thank You

THANK YOU to Andrew's Gardening (and Gary) for the good job, well done. Jean Clark

Congratulations

Noah Hall Happy 1st Birthday



25th July 2013

Happy 1st birthday to my beautiful little ray of sunshine. Love you millions baby boy. Lots of love, big cuddles and kisses from Mammy xxx
One year old today! Happy birthday Noah. Lots of love and kisses from Nana and Lucky Pup xxx
Happy 1st birthday Noah. Lots of love love, Uncle John and Sophie xx
Happy 1st birthday Noah. All our love, Auntie Sarah, Uncle John and Tia xx

Jeannette Armstrong (nee Spensley)



Congratulations

on your 50th birthday on 18th July. Lots of love and best wishes always. Mam and Dad xxxxx

Jeannette Armstrong



Happy 50th Birthday

18th July 2013

To our lovely Mam and Nana. Hope you enjoy your day. Lots of love from Stephen, Tony, Thomas and Keira xxx

Melanie Palliser



Happy 33rd Birthday

the most wonderful and beautiful Wife and Mother in the world. Lots of love John, and our boys Jake, Kain, Callum and Saxon xxx

CONGRATULATIONS



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Revenge is sweet bro!
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Claire Young



Congratulations Claire

we are so proud of you.
All our love,
Mam and Dad xxx

Holly Adamson



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Great Year for Youthful Football



Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club, one of only 20 FA Charter Standard Community Clubs in County Durham, recently held their Annual Presentation day at the Big Club. The growth in the number of players wanting to play for the Youthful and the increase in the number of teams representing the club, has meant that a full day is required to reward everyone. We opened up early afternoon with over 300 people attending to support our 6 boys, 2 girls and Adult Soccability mini soccer teams and 30 young boys from our thriving development section together with our guests from Newton Aycliffe FC, team captain John Close and 2 former Youthful Players James Oliver and Mark Wood. Every age group had excellent seasons but special mention

was given to our under 8's who were awarded the TJFA Fair Play award and our Under 9 Falcons who finished runner up in a tight Cup Final. As every player was introduced to a full house at the Big Club and each came up to receive their Representative Trophy, the cheers and roars could have been heard in Aycliffe Village. With extra awards for Player of the year, Top Goal Scorer, Managers Player, and Most Improved there was plenty to cheer about.

This year the football club booked a photographer to ensure every player had their special moment captured and after a fantastic and enjoyable 2½ hours it was on to the games to round off a memorable day for our youngest players. After a few hours break we returned for the evening presentation to our 7 boys and 2 girls 11-a-side teams. We were again supported by Newton Aycliffe FC with Gary Farley, Chairman and Danny Mellanby, player coach. Success achieved for our older age groups were the under 13 Eagles who gained their 3rd promotion in 4 seasons, Under 13 girls finishing Runner Up in the Cup Final and the Under 11 girls finishing League Runners Up.

As everyone picked up their awards the huge crowd were on their feet cheering every single player. As the climax of the night arrived our Mini Soccer referee of the year was awarded

to Lydia Simpson with Mark Katoroz receiving Referee of the year. Goalkeeper of the year went to Jamie Cockfield of the under 9 Eagles and Secretary Award was given to Debbie Moore for all her admin work for the football club. The final award of the evening was the much anticipated Manager of the Year with so much success it was wide open this year. As Berni Borsberry explained our manager of the year is not just about success on the pitch but hard work around the club, helping out with other age groups, coaching in schools and working hard with fund raising and that he was proud to announce this year it was awarded to Mike Pearson of the under 13 Girls. As the cheer went up it was obviously a very popular choice.

As the evening drew to a close thoughts had already turned to the start of next season with pre-season training starting for most in July with all teams training at the Oakleaf Sports fields in Newton Aycliffe, as well as playing all our matches at this venue. Winter training facilities are provided at Greenfield Community College 3G pitch and Sports Hall. If you are a boy or girl from 4 yrs old to 18 yrs old and want to be part of this well respected junior football club check out our website www.naycafc.co.uk and follow the contacts page

Photo – Mini Soccer Managers with Assistants and captains

Aycliffe Hosts National Roller Skating Contest

Skaters from far and wide converged on Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre over the weekend of 6th and 7th July for a very successful national competition of dance, figures, free and show skating.

Local clubs from Shildon and Middlesbrough took numerous prizes. Shildon skaters, ranging in age from 5 to 65, won silver medals for the club. Picture is of 5 years old, Hannah Anderson, skating her Toy Story routine. Hannah has been skating with us since she was three.

Caprice Roller Skating Club meets most Saturdays in the Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon at 2.30 pm and welcomes skaters of all ages and abilities.



CRICKET CLUB'S PLAY SCHEME FOR JUNIORS

Do you have a child aged between 6 – 11 years and are they interested in cricket or would like to give it a try?

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are holding a summer play scheme at Moore Lane Sports Club every Wednesday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 during the school summer holidays, commencing on Wednesday 24 July. Members of the 1st team squad will be present to organise Kwik Cricket and other fun games aimed at getting children at all levels interested in the game. It is hoped that some of the children will then be invited to train with the clubs development squad during the winter months with a view to joining the clubs under 11 and under 13 teams next summer.

The play scheme, which will be supervised by members of the club vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service, costs £2 per session and is open to boys and girls of all abilities. All necessary equipment to participate will be supplied by Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club. For further information about the scheme or to register your child please contact club secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754 959.

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