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## Town Council Kicks Off Fun in the Parks Events



The Fun in the Park season got off to a fantastic family-orientated start on Tuesday 30th July with an extended event in the Town Park. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Barbara Clare 'kicked' things off with the starting whistle for an Under 8's 5-a-side competition. There was a great range

of activities for everyone to enjoy with a scooter competition for the Under 18's, the usual fun in the park activities and extra traditional family games provided by Aycliffe Youth Council. The Youth Centre Sports Hall hosted a number of partner organisations giving promotional items and advice.

With over a 1000 people attending the event, it was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone with many families making a day of it. Aycliffe Youth Council and the Town Council would like to thank all our partners who attended the event and assisted with promotional items and support.

Car owners are reminded that the raised area on the road between the Town Park and Tesco needs to be kept clear to allow emergency vehicles to

gain entry to the park should there be an emergency, not

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The staff and children at Sugar Hill primary school wish to thank Suzy Pengkereggo for her brilliant work on designing and creating a beautiful new centrepiece display for the main school entrance.

Suzy spent 8 weeks in the school encouraging all children in Key Stage 2 to sew a button on to the tree which forms part of the Sugar Hill emblem. Each child also took time to design their own shield and Suzy then took home one shield from each class to make them into textiles for adding to the display's border detail.

The results, as can be seen, are astonishing and the centrepiece is something that will certainly impress and welcome visitors to the school for many years to come.

Thanks also to Miss Smith's mum, and to the children, for bringing in buttons for the display.

Thinking of something to do with the kids, that doesn't cost? Why not come along to the weekly 'Colour your Life' art sessions at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe? It's always buzzing with creative activity for all ages.

The Pioneering Care Partnership have organised weekly family sessions encouraging all ages to get creative. The classes are packed with easy, fun projects and activities such as painting, sculpture, graffiti and dance, allowing youngsters express themselves in a variety of ways.

The times during the school holidays are: Tuesdays 13th August 1-3pm; 20th August 10-12 noon and 27th August 1-3pm.

The family sessions take place during school term time every Tuesday 3.30 - 5.30pm and are free for the first 8 sessions. If families continue to come after these sessions a small donation is requested to help towards materials. Children attending must be under 11 years old accompanied by an adult.

Colour your Life for adults also takes place every week at the Pioneering Care Centre on Mondays 10am-12pm and 1-3pm and Tuesdays 6-8pm. These mixed arts activities welcomes people who would like to learn a new craft from professional artists who are working in the marketplace today. Plus all classes take place in pleasant surroundings and give everyone the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and relax in a friendly atmosphere. No artistic experience necessary! 'Colour your Life' is an Arts on Prescription project funded through the NHS and delivered through the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) in Newton Aycliffe. It aims to provide access to

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Why not call today to find out more or book your place at the family sessions. Tel: 01325 321234 Email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net.

A County Durham museum has received top marks for school visits.

Killhope: the North of England Lead Mining Museum has again been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge.

The badge is presented by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom to organisations that provide a safe, high quality experience

for youngsters outside the classroom.

Killhope was the first venue in the North East to receive the award when it was introduced in 2009.

Shelagh Connor, Killhope visitor services officer, said: "We are very pleased to receive the LotC badge again. It's a fantastic endorsement of the effort we put into ensuring the best possible experience for all our visitors including school parties."

The LOTC badge was introduced to make it easier for teachers to identify venues that provide quality educational visits.

In order to gain the quality mark, organisations must meet a set of six of quality indicators.

The awarding of the follows a series of recent honours and achievements for the museum, including a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, a Green Tourism Business Scheme Gold Award and a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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**Saturday 10th August - "Hybrids"**

Gigpit Review: Popped along to watch 'The Hybrids' in Gosforth on Friday night, what a great band. This trio sound full and powerful with some nice tight playing from the drums and bass. Guitar and vocals were spot on and some great tunes from a wide range of bands the likes of Led Zeppelin, Manic Street Preachers, Foo Fighters, Dire Straits, Paul Weller. All songs were handled by the band without problem and the vocals adapted to all the tracks effortlessly. I did notice that the vocalist did put his own slant on some of the tracks, rather than mimic the artist, which I liked. Musically some tracks were also played slightly differently, which again I personally prefer when watching a cover band, I feel it shows the bands own identity. These guys are very competent musicians, and boy do they play a set! The second set was a long one, but the punters loved it and they played to a packed house all night. The general vibe from the punters I was around was that these guys delivered a great night. Not only do they play a good range of music, but they are genuinely nice all round guys that get the job done without any fuss. These guys enjoy what they do and while they don't take themselves too seriously, they deliver a show of high quality covers played to a high standard of musicianship. A band to see next time they are near you. I had a great night as did all the people around me.

**Saturday 17th August - "Rhubarb Red"**

Gigpit review: The second time I've managed to catch 'Rhubarb Red' and again I wasn't disappointed. This afternoon they played to a fairly packed pub, the range of music was great from Thin Lizzy to Aerosmith with some Arctic Monkeys and The Who, Cream and The Stones just a bit of everything that's enjoyable in a good pub rock set. Yet another great guitarist on the circuit I enjoy listening to, is Steve Innocent who fits well into Rhubarb Red along with a great backline featuring Graham Hope on drums and Peter Dodd on bass, both very good musicians with Steve Firmager on vocals who can pull off any song they decide to cover really well from AC/DC to the Arctic Monkeys. Any way I really enjoyed the gig and recommend anybody to go along and catch a Rhubarb Red gig

**Saturday 24th August - "F.M."**  
*Was this our best pub gig ever ?? Probably !*

What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock n roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese, OK they did 'Whisky in the Jar', but hey!! FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW/OOMPH. The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, ie: instead of sticking to 'Sweet Child Of Mine', they did 'Welcome to The Jungle'. How long have FM been around now? Many a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome

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# Tea Party for Club Leavers



Woodham Burn out of School Club celebrated the end of term with a leaver's party. The children had a tea party followed by a special presentation. Each child received their journal to take home containing photos, news articles, samples of their work and observations made by staff over the years that they have attended. The children are due to move to Secondary School in September after attending the club

from a young age. We wish them good luck at their new school and a fond farewell. To find out more information about the OOSC club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time (before or after school-transport available to/from local schools) or in the school holidays (7.45am-6.00pm) please do not hesitate to contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

# Reclaiming Footpaths for Pedestrians

Ron Hogg, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Durham, is urging adult cyclists to be considerate when using public footpaths. The announcement is part of a wider campaign to reduce the number of blocked footpaths by drivers and cyclists and reclaim public footpaths for their main purpose, the safety of pedestrians. Ron said: "It is encouraging that more people are using their bicycles as it is a sustainable way to travel, healthy and a much cheaper alternative to cars. "That being said, we are getting more and more comments from pedestrians who feel that some footpaths are being blocked by cars or they have to move out of the way for adult cyclists. I urge adults to be considerate when using their bikes and to

leave cycling on footpaths for children whilst playing. "I recognise there are some circumstances when this is not possible, for instance when an adult is cycling with a child and therefore safety in these circumstances should not be comprised. We are lucky in County Durham and Darlington as there is a wide network of cycle routes already in place which I encourage cyclists to use, instead of footpaths, wherever possible". Information on cycle paths in Durham is available at: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/>, and for Darlington: <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/LocalMotion/cycle/routesandmaps.htm>. The Sustrans website is also helpful for cyclists at: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/change-your-travel>.

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# FUN IN THE PARKS

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only for events but for normal park usage. Although the Police had placed traffic cones here for the event on Tuesday some inconsiderate person moved them so they could park right outside the Town Park gates.

## FUN IN THE PARK

Tuesday 13th August - Simpasture Park  
Friday 16th August - Aycliffe Village  
Tuesday 20th August - Horndale Park  
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# Report on Action taken by Wardens and ASB Team

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Dog fouling is one of the major issues dealt with by neighbourhood wardens. We have investigated 9 reports of dog fouling. We have also removed 14 stray dogs and issued 1 stray dog warning letter.

Litter is another important issue. We investigated 1 report of littering and issued 1 fixed penalty notice for littering.

49 incidents of fly tipping were reported during June. We carried out 10 investigations into these incidents in order to try and find any evidence to link the fly tipping to those who dumped it. We carried out 4 duty of care inspections at business premises and issued 1 householder duty of care letter.

We have issued 36 first or second advisory letters and 17 Litter Clearing Notices to properties with untidy gardens or yards and have issued 5 fixed penalty notices to residents who have failed to respond to requests to clear their gardens or yards.

Antisocial behaviour Wardens dealt with 5 reports of antisocial behaviour reported by members of the public, as well as 19 incidents which were passed via the

Police Airwaves system.

Since April 2013 the following numbers of Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in the Newton Aycliffe area: Littering x 5, Dog Fouling x 3, Failure to comply with Litter Clearing Notice x 8

## ANTI SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS

There have been 43 reports of ASB received and investigated by the ASB Team across the Newton Aycliffe area during June 2013.

Warning letters 8, Home visits/Meetings 6, Current ABCs 6, Current Court Orders (eg. ASBOs) 3, Cases currently managed on LMAPS 16

A countywide Driving Out Litter will be carried out during August, and will consist of both educational and enforcement activity.

The aims of the campaign are:-

- To raise awareness of the problems that car thrown litter causes;
- To encourage more people to dispose of litter from their vehicles responsibly;
- To reduce the amount of car thrown litter in specific hot spot areas

15 locations have been selected county wide (5 hot spots from each Streetscene area), which will be regularly patrolled/monitored by Neighbourhood Wardens and the Police, to identify any individuals throwing litter from their vehicles. The hot spots have been chosen based on reports of litter recorded on the CRM and intelligence from Neighbourhood Wardens and Clean and Green staff.

The hot spot location for Newton Aycliffe area is McDonalds, Newton Park Services, In addition, participating fast food retailers have been asked to record the registration numbers of individuals seen throwing litter from cars in their car parks, and forward this information on to Neighbourhood Wardens for follow up.

Fly-Tipping - we carry out stop and search exercises, installing our covert CCTV and patrols in hot spot areas. You can really help by providing us with information in confidence by calling 03000 26 1000 and help

us stop illegal dumping. In the last four years there has been a 20% reduction in the number of fly-tips which have been removed countywide.

## SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Magistrates imposed a fine and costs for three cases where the offenders had failed to pay their £110 fixed penalty fines for failing to adhere to litter clearance notices, Wardens have passed information to the fraud team regarding an address in Newton Aycliffe.

Wardens assisted with a car accident at Tesco in Newton Aycliffe by telephoning the police and helping with traffic control.

## ASB TEAM ACTION

A 16yr-old male from the Newton Aycliffe area has voluntarily signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). This male had been involved in several incidents of antisocial behaviour including shouting and swearing in a public place, for which he was also arrested. The ABC was offered to him following a multi-agency meeting organised by the ASB Team and involving school staff, 4Real (young peoples' alcohol and drugs service), Police, the Youth Offending Service and other agencies.

The group agreed to offer the young person an ABC and a referral to the Youth Offending Service in an effort to provide him with guidance and boundaries to enable him to change his behaviour, before the situation escalated further and required Court action. A number of other interventions were also agreed for him and his family. Prior to signing the ABC the male had refused to engage with all agencies, so his agreement to sign is a positive step; he has also accepted the referral to the Youth Offending Service, who will work with him around consequences of offending and victim awareness amongst other subjects. His behaviour will be closely monitored by all agencies concerned and further action taken if necessary.

Contact Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 261000. If you or anyone you know is suffering from ASB, please contact the ASB Team on 03000 260000

# Your Sports Club Could Win £500

Miller Homes is giving local sports clubs in the North East a chance to win £500. Following on from the success of a pilot initiative last summer the leading UK house builder is again urging clubs and organisations in the North East to enter the competition by collecting an application form from one of the Miller Homes North East developments.

To be in with a chance of winning entrants have to say in no more than 200 words why their sports club deserves to win the money, how it will benefit the club and what it will be spent on. Steve McElroy, regional sales director said: "Our judges will be looking for examples of how the sporting clubs in our communities will make the most out of our donation, for details of how it will directly support the learning and fitness for its members and examples of what new equipment they will be able to buy."

"We strongly encourage anyone with an affiliation to a sports team or club to have a go, and wish all entrants the very best of luck." Details of the initiative will be distributed at a local

level among sports clubs and associations; however community leaders and club managers can also pick up an entry form at any one of Miller Homes' marketing suites.

To find your nearest Miller Homes development, please call 0808 2506426 or visit [www.millerhomes.co.uk/Locations/North-East-of-England](http://www.millerhomes.co.uk/Locations/North-East-of-England).

The closing date for entries is Sunday 1st September 2013, giving applicants plenty of time to prepare a winning application.

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## £10k Lottery Award for Woodham Academy

Woodham Academy have been successfully awarded £9,975 from the Lottery fund Awards for All to build a new outdoor classroom. The purpose is to provide active learning opportunities for students in an outdoor space.

Local company Dig-it has been working with English teacher Josie Geatches to design a classroom that includes a bespoke garden that is beautiful yet functional. Ms Geatches said: "It is a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy nature and learn at the same time. The project will take place in a garden within the schools' grounds and enable students to take an active role in the formation of a wild flower garden, butterfly garden and fruit beds to be used as part of Enterprise projects."



# TEACHERS LEARN TO USE SKYPE

With the recent success of the Global Classrooms project at Woodham Academy, assistant head teacher Jon Tait recently shared his expertise with primary school teachers from across the town. The bespoke training session was hosted at Woodham Academy and aimed to upskill primary school teachers from every school across the town in using Skype in their own classrooms. The Global Classrooms project at Woodham Academy has connected students with classes all over the world and the next step was to extend this to primary schools. Jon Tait, assistant head teacher

at Woodham Academy, commented ‘It is very important that we develop our young people into global citizens who can compete with people from all corners of the globe for the top jobs at the top organisations. By learning to communicate with people from different cultures and countries, it develops the characteristics and skills needed to collaborate on a global scale’. Primary school staff were treated to an interactive training session which even included a live Skype link up to a school for homeless children in Oklahoma City, USA.

# Householders Warned to Beware of Rogue Traders

Residents in County Durham are being warned to only employ reputable traders after repair work carried out on one person’s home was found to be potentially deadly. Trading standards officers from Durham County Council are investigating the incident, in which a chimney was left blocked up by a trader touting for work in the south east of the county. The trader told the householder that the chimney needed repairing and that people from neighbouring properties had complained about a brick falling from it. But after the work had been completed it was discovered that the chimney had been left completely blocked with no ventilation. The consequences, had the householder used their gas fire, would have been a build up of carbon monoxide inside the property which could have proved fatal. The problems came to light when the householder contacted trading standards after being left dissatisfied with the standard of the work. The incident is under investigation and Durham County Council is warning householders to be wary of employing tradesmen who could call residents and who they have no prior knowledge of. Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection at Durham County Council, said: “Durham County Council operates a Registered Trader Scheme, which is a list of vetted traders who are committed to honest and fair trading. “It gives the consumer peace of mind that a trader on the scheme has satisfied membership criteria, including a check on criminal convictions, a police check for employees and sub-contractors, county court judgement checks and references from previous customers. “We urge people to carry out necessary checks on all tradesmen prior to agreeing to work being carried out on their home. “We have seen many residents pay extortionate amounts of money for work on their property following contact from unscrupulous traders and this latest incident has also highlighted that in some cases the work carried out can put lives at risk.” People can get further information about the Registered Trader Scheme by contacting Durham County Council on 03000 261 016 or by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/registeredtraders](http://www.durham.gov.uk/registeredtraders)

# Newtonian Opens Showroom in Yarm



Nicky Maull has lived in Newton Aycliffe all her life living with her parents in Mellanby Crescent, attending Vane Road School and Woodham. Her home now is on the Chestnuts with her partner and son Niall aged 7. When Nicky left school she started on a YTS at Linden on the Industrial Estate and left there to work for Natwest Bank at Durham and Newton Aycliffe. She is a fully qualified Financial and Mortgage adviser but after having Niall decided to do something different. She has been running the Euphoria internet business for three years but decided she needed a base and has opened a showroom at Winpenny House, 135/137 High Street, Yarm, TS15 9AY. Tel: 01642 961566. [www.euphoriashop.co.uk](http://www.euphoriashop.co.uk). She offers Pia Michi celebrity endorsed dresses, evening dresses, prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, shoes and bags (which can be dyed to any colour) hats, fascinators, jewellery,

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# Flower Talk

Area demonstrator, Nick Grounds from Wisbech, will present an evening of flower arranging entitled ‘Inflorescence’ at the next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday, 2nd September at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Centre. Free for members (Annual subscriptions now due) £5 for visitors - pay on the door

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# New Poultry Section Added to Great Aycliffe Show

Great Aycliffe Town Council’s very popular ‘Great Aycliffe Show’ (sponsored by Newton Press) will be taking place on the showfield next to the Oakleaf Sports Complex on August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 24 August and Sunday 25 August. Entry forms are now available for the Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition. There are 117 classes ranging from cakes and photography to vegetables and flowers, plus the closely fought Pot Leeks competition. Prizes of £5, £4 and £3 will be awarded for first, second and third place entries in each category. In the Pot Leeks category, the first prize is a portable television, plus £30 prize money and a trophy, with second and third prizes of £20 and £10. The trophies are sponsored by Deco Trophies and Engraving; horticultural trophies are sponsored by Gregg Little Testing Centre. The closing date for handcraft

and horticulture competitions is Tuesday 20 August. The competitions are free to enter, only skill and imagination are required! Although the marquee will be closed while judging takes place on the first morning of the Show, Saturday 24 August, all entries will be displayed to the public from around 1.00 pm and all day Sunday. The football competition (sponsored by Cooperative Funeralcare) is expected to surpass even last year’s success, with teams of ‘under 10s’, of ‘under 9s’ and ‘under 8s’. The popular tournament attracts teams from all over our region. This year’s Golf Tournament is sponsored by Bewick and Neville Pharmacy and is free to all residents of the Parish of Great Aycliffe and takes place on Saturday 24th August. Members of the Oakleaf Golf Club and season ticket holders from the Oakleaf Golf Course

may also participate free of charge. There are categories for ladies, gentlemen, seniors and juniors and entries close on Monday 12 August. There will be show pigeon competition (sponsored by SS Seeds) on Saturday, with birds in 62 different categories, entries close on 15 August. On the Sunday of the Show, pigeons give way to the pedigree Rabbit Show, which is always very popular with children. Prize money will be awarded in each class and entry forms for this must be returned by 18 August. New for 2013 is the Poultry Show which will be sharing the marquee with the rabbits on Sunday. We are expecting around 250 entries of ducks, chickens and eggs. Entry forms may be obtained from the Town Council Offices, tel 01325 300700, from the Oakleaf Sports Complex, tel: 01325 300600 or downloaded from the website at [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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## BAREFOOT STEVE TAKES UP BUPA GREAT NORTH RUN

A NEWTON AYCLIFFE man is showing he is a hardy 'sole' by rising to one of the UK's biggest sporting challenges and tackling it barefoot.

Steven Wood, aged 45, will be taking part in this year's Bupa Great North Run - the world's biggest half marathon - on Sunday 15 September, to raise money for Cancer Research UK, and will be pounding the tarmac without shoes.

Steve is encouraging anyone who has secured a place to raise money for research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer by joining Cancer Research UK's Sports Team.

Steve is determined to conquer the famous 13.1 mile route from Newcastle to South Shields in support of his partner's mother, Ruth Parker, who is currently being treated for cancer.

Ruth, 68, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma in March of this year and is being treated with chemotherapy.

Steve, who owns an IT networking company, has been training hard to get his feet in shape for this challenge. He has managed a distance of nine miles barefoot so far to toughen them up for the big day.

He said: "When Ruth was diagnosed earlier this year it knocked the wind out of us. So I decided I wanted to do something challenging to support her and Cancer

Research UK. I thought doing the Great North Run in bare feet would be something different and that it would catch people's attention."

Cancer Research UK hope over 2,500 runners will raise £750,000 to help beat the disease. Cancer Research UK receives no Government funding for its ground-breaking research but with help from the people of the North East, the charity intends to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, Cancer Research UK spent around £5 million last year in the North East supporting the work of doctors, nurses and scientists who are dedicated to beating cancer by understanding its causes and investigating how best to prevent and treat it.

## DOG SHOW

Darlington Retired Greyhound Trust, is holding their Fun Dog Show at Hardwick Park on Sunday August 18th from 11am with lots of side stalls, bouncy castle, face painter, candy floss etc. Dog Show classes start judging at 1pm. Please come and support us and also find out more about the dogs we have for rehoming.

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Helen Jackson, Cancer Research UK's Head of Sports, said: "We're delighted that Steven is part of our team this year. It's thanks to support like this that Cancer Research UK's doctors, nurses and scientists are able to go on making progress in the fight against cancer."

"We are keen to hear from anyone who has secured their own place in the Bupa Great North Run but hasn't chosen a charity to run for yet. Please join the Cancer Research UK team and help raise money for vital research. We'll be there on the day to cheer you on and would be delighted to welcome you back to our post race reception once you've crossed the finish line."

To sponsor James go to [www.justgiving.com/steven-wood10](http://www.justgiving.com/steven-wood10)

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## Mega Fun at Shildon Summer Festival

Riding a penny-farthing, pedal powering a scalextric set and a mini-gym for kids are all part of a healthy, fun packed family festival in Shildon on 10th August.

The Local Motion MEGA Summer Festival takes place between 10.30am and 4.00pm in Hackworth Park and will feature rides, information stalls, demonstrations and activities for everyone to try. The event, organised by the Pioneering Care Partnership and funded by Durham County Council and Shildon Town Council, aims to promote physical activity, healthy lifestyles and green transport choices to those living in the Shildon, Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe area.

As well as performances by dance troupes and fitness demonstrations by local gym members there's plenty for people to get involved in. Festival goers will be able to tackle a climbing wall, play with model trains and try out a range of bicycles. A host of information stalls will be

there to give people advice on everything health and fitness related and there'll also be cooking demonstrations throughout the day.

There's truly something for everyone with face painting, Meccano, Nordic walks, bicycle maintenance and even a magician as well as coffee and food stalls to keep everyone's energy levels up. More information about the Local Motion project can be found on their website: [www.dothelocalmotion.co.uk](http://www.dothelocalmotion.co.uk)

## Bus Trips

Seats for the South Shields Trip have been taken with a few reserves and the Lightwater Vally trip is full. REDCAR COACH TRIP WEDNESDAY 21st August has seats at £5 each.

Pick up St Clares and Williamfield. Money to be paid by Friday 16th August Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for details and booking.

## BBQ at Nature Park Meeting



Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers are again hosting their successful "BBQ on The Park" at Aycliffe Nature Park (near the Blue Bridge) on Sunday 18th August from 4 pm. Everybody will be made welcome as usual and you can bring along a picnic if you wish.

It will be an informal event where you can ask questions about the Nature Park, Wildlife Explorers or anything else that interests you about our activities. We request that children are accompanied by a responsible adult. After the BBQ, there will be a moth trapping event starting at about 8 pm. Our last two meetings have been "wash outs". In June, rain fell so hard that we could not find anything on the Park, let alone the butterflies we were looking for.

Our July meeting looked like it was going to be the same up until the start of the meeting, and then the sun came out gloriously, making it a perfect day for butterflies, moths, damselflies, and dragonflies. Unfortunately, people had been put off by the weather and did not turn up however the leaders were not deterred and enjoyed the afternoon anyway.

These poor turnouts have encouraged us to reassess our programme and will hopefully be holding more meetings at the Eco-Centre at Moore Lane, which will be on weekday evenings. Watch the Newton News for future dates.

Our next meeting at the Eco-

Centre is on Sunday 29th September, when we will be talking about different homes and habitats for wildlife, and how we can help them.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends, and meeting new ones. See you there. For any further information about our activities please contact Dave or Sue on 01325 317347.

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## NEW SCULPTURE AT GREENFIELD ARTS



Last week a group of young people joined artist Vicky Holbrough in a sculpture workshop to create something new and exciting for Greenfield Arts.

The group used different plastic components, dyeing them bright colours, then creating an explosion themed piece which now hangs in the atrium in the Arts Centre.

This session was one of many we have planned over the Summer period for young people and families in the

area, the majority of which are free of charge. We have been having a great time being creative and getting messy with our artists, and have plans for plenty more before the summer is over! Due to high demand for our activities we have even had to add extra creative sessions for young people! We still have spaces to see our Family Films - our next one is on Friday 23rd August at 1pm if you want to join us! Visit [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) for more information.

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I have some concerns over the Cobblers Hall development which extend to all building projects on wetlands and flood plains. This wetland is now almost impassable on foot in rainy periods and I can see no sense in building houses in such an area.

Planners tell me that water from roads, roofs and impervious surfaces will be directed into new drains, which is fine as far as it goes. But every housing estate brings with it much more.

Proud owners develop their properties with patios, sunhouses, garden sheds, greenhouses and the like and also with people comes a greater use of water for other purposes such as plant care, car washing; water which does not go down the drain. Rarely does positive thinking seem to be applied, or action taken towards draining the remainder of the land, which still remains as original wetland.

There is always the temptation of painting a pretty picture of new home ownership to tempt buyers but so often the reality destroys the expectation. The pleasurable thrill of driving

along a new road, to your new drive, outside a new house, walking through your new home can soon take a nosedive when squelching out into a waterlogged back garden.

A home is rather more than simply a house and it's contents. For all round enjoyment the environment counts, plus perhaps the contentment of having made a wise investment of a very significant sum of money - an ambition to be nurtured not put under stress.

Yet without further attention to drainage back gardens will remain wetlands. Further, there are surrounding areas already built upon at a lower level than the Cobblers Hall site. To use the existing boggy areas to the east of the site as a sump is hardly a long term solution.

Water has a habit of finding it's own way - downhill - and, unless drained off or properly diverted, it will continue to do so, irrespective of the distances involved. Existing houses can easily be affected unless precautionary measures are put in place. If this is not done at the outset it begs the question who will be liable, not if but when the

situation does arise? And later answers are generally inconvenient, usually conflictive and invariably (but always) dearer.

Newton Aycliffe is largely built on a wetland. In the past it had it's uses - protecting the Aycliffe Angels from German bombers through fog. But times are rather different now and wetlands and bogs are less welcome as places to live.

A surprising number of houses here are already being affected by an increase in unwelcome surface water, principally because the problems have not been foreseen and allowed for. It is now virtually undisputed that climate change is already in progress. Our weather is becoming wetter, a trend that is forecast to continue for the foreseeable future. So the situation will only worsen. Today's convenient solution is unlikely to cover tomorrow's needs without remedial and preventative action being taken now.

The Politician who blandly agreed to building on wetlands did his Country no favours. It is unsurprising that their function is considered to be as today's creators of tomorrow's problems.

With some experience, I have no faith in housebuilding on wetlands. There generally seem to be more losers than winners and our youngsters deserve better than that. If it has to happen here at Cobblers Hall, then so be it, but I sincerely hope the decision makers will consider these observations and make certain adequate precautions are in place to cover more than simply today's immediate solution. Name and address supplied



£10,000 for Aycliffe Village History Society

1st World War Comemmoration

Aycliffe Village Local History Society has received £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project to commemorate men and women in the Great Aycliffe area who were involved in the First World War. Awarded through HLF's First World War: then and now programme, the project will focus on research over the next 18 months with the aim of having an exhibition in Aycliffe Village Hall during September 2014 and the production of a book to record their service.

To mark the Centenary of the First World War, the project will enable local people in the Great Aycliffe area to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived through the War. Volunteers will collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as family tales passed down to help them build a clear picture of what life was really like.

With help from professionals, the information gathered will be digitally recorded and placed on our website [www.aycliffehistory.org.uk](http://www.aycliffehistory.org.uk) which can be accessed by all interested parties worldwide. The archive will allow the public to discuss, contribute, share and research information about the Home Front.

Commenting on the award, Harry Moses Chairman said: "We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and this will enable us to honour those who served in the First World War in a perpetual record available in print and on the worldwide web for future generations".

If local people could provide information on their relatives who served in World War 1 it would be appreciated.

Ring Harry Moses, telephone 321773, [harold.moses034@gmail.com](mailto:harold.moses034@gmail.com) or David Lewis 319196, [davidlewis0944@gmail.com](mailto:davidlewis0944@gmail.com) or via the website [www.aycliffehistory.org.uk](http://www.aycliffehistory.org.uk)

On Tuesday the 16th of July Playday Nursery held their Graduation Day. Children who were leaving sang a collection of their favourite songs and were presented with a gift and certificate by manager Linda Watts.

Linda and staff would like to wish the children lots of luck and best wishes as they move on the next stage of their education. The longstanding nursery which had an excellent Ofsted inspection earlier in the year, is open 8-6 Monday -Friday for children aged 0-5years. If you would like any more information please contact Linda Watts on 01325 312505

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Emma Howell's picture of her cat Tequila yawning after she had just woken up.

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## How to Spot Sinister Scams and Avoid Rogue Traders

NAPIT has issued new advice to help householders avoid being ripped off by rogue traders. This follows a recent claim from the Office of Fair Trading that almost half of us have been targeted by con-artists at some point in our lives.

Consumers are advised to be cautious of doorstep sellers, cold callers, and flyers through the post. If you're contacted, never pay on the spot before work has been carried out and don't be pressured by hard sell tactics. Remember, if products and services worth over £35 are sold to you on the doorstep, the seller is legally required to let you know, in writing, that you have the right to cancel within 7 days.

Steer clear of suspiciously low quotes or estimates. If it sounds too good to be true, the chances are it is. You should also avoid anyone who is unwilling to provide important details about their business (such as an address) or is reluctant to supply references from past clients. Search for a tradesperson registered with a Government approved membership scheme provider such as NAPIT. NAPIT ensures a range of tradespeople meet strict qualification requirements and are regularly assessed to ensure their ongoing competence. NAPIT registered installers include; electricians, plumbers, renewable technology installers and Green Deal Installers and Advisors.

Check the credentials of the people you hire. Sometimes rogue traders make false claims about being a member of a trusted organisation. To check a NAPIT member, ask to see their ID badge and search for the company on the NAPIT website: [www.napit.org.uk/consumer/fastSearch.aspx](http://www.napit.org.uk/consumer/fastSearch.aspx). Some cowboys will even falsely claim to be part of a reputable, registered contracting firm. Phone the company they claim to work for or check their website to verify their claims.

Always ask for a written contract to protect against non-fulfilment of a formal agreement. This should cover all aspects of any agreed work and be signed by both parties. Be wary of a 'tradesperson' who asks for cash up front or says they only accept cash. Paying up front gives rogue traders the opportunity not to complete an agreed program of work. Tradespeople who ask for cash in hand may be trying to evade tax. Ensure the contract you sign only requires payment when the job is finished or after a set amount of work has been completed.

Shop around. Get at least three written quotes and compare prices. It can also be a good idea to pay for work costing over £100 by credit card to take advantage of additional protection. Once work has been

completed, ensure you have received certificates for work that is notifiable under the Building Regulations for England and Wales. Competent tradespeople, registered with an organisation such as NAPIT, can legally self-certify the work they do and make sure you get the documents to demonstrate the compliance of your home.

NAPIT work closely with TrustMark, a register of trusted tradespeople operating to Government endorsed standards. Liz Male, Chairman of TrustMark, said: "TrustMark is continually looking to empower the consumer and root out rogue traders who falsely claim to be professionally qualified or registered. We urge consumers to be wary of uninvited tradesmen and always check the credentials of any firm to ensure they are approved and reputable. By not checking out a tradesman, consumers could be inviting in a rogue and costing themselves a fortune with an over charged bodge job."

"There are some simple steps homeowners can take to check they are dealing with a genuine tradesman. Be wary of 'customer feedback' websites for finding your tradesmen as the reviews can often be false or inaccurate, but do check websites like NAPIT and TrustMark. We are here to signpost you to the trustworthy and reliable firms."

If you're looking for a tradesperson, search at: [www.napit.org.uk/consumer/fastSearch.aspx](http://www.napit.org.uk/consumer/fastSearch.aspx) or [www.trustmark.org.uk](http://www.trustmark.org.uk)

## New Charity to Help Families of Sick Children

*Founded by Ebac M.D. at Aycliffe*



Pamela Petty

A new charity to support the families of sick children has been launched, inspired by the short life of a manufacturing company boss' own daughter.

The Olivia Mae Foundation has been set up by Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Newton Aycliffe firm Ebac, with the first fundraising ball scheduled to take place in June. The aim of the charity is to support families during difficult periods when a child is ill in hospital.

Olivia Mae, the daughter of Pamela and her husband, Richard, who live in Bishop Auckland, died in the Summer of 2007, aged nine and a half weeks, as a result of Primary Pulmonary Hypertension. Seven and a half weeks of Olivia's life were spent in the Freeman Hospital, in Newcastle. The charity ball will take place at Crook Golf Club, Crook, County Durham, on June 15th.

While tables are already fully booked, thanks to strong support from family and friends, donations of raffle prizes and items for a "money can't buy" auction are being sought.

Pamela said: "The Olivia Mae Foundation has been set up to help families who are struggling to cope with the difficulties which can arise when a child is in hospital with an illness. These can be simple ways that help them to keep their family together throughout such difficult times, including practical support, such as helping with travelling costs."

"We felt it was important to use our loss as a spur to do something which would support other families. Illness doesn't discriminate. It can

Hospital, because we have a strong emotional tie to its PICU (paediatric intensive care unit) as a result of the way they looked after us. However, the future may well see us able to expand the ways we can help people in these situations.

"We have received a lot of support to this point and my sister, Amanda, and our colleague, Graham Currie, are trustees of the charity alongside myself, while a lot of friends and family have been very keen to attend our ball. However, support is always needed for any charity, so donations for the raffle and auction would be very gratefully received." Anybody wishing to donate a raffle or auction prize can e-mail [info@oliviamae.foundation.org.uk](mailto:info@oliviamae.foundation.org.uk). "The Olivia Mae Foundation will initially focus its support on the Freeman

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## Help for St. Mary's



For the second year running, Gordon Fletcher & Sons, the independent Family Funeral Directors now based at Cobblers Hall Village centre, have made a substantial donation to St Mary's Church for the production of its weekly Parish Newsletter. Fr Michael Campion, Parish Priest at St Mary's, told Newton News: "Our weekly Newsletter is read by up to 800 people in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon every week. We are very grateful to the Fletcher family for this generous donation towards our running costs. As I frequently witness

at first hand, Gordon and Peter Fletcher offer a caring and good value for money service to members of the community at what can be a very difficult and stressful time in people's lives. In our Church community we value this service highly."

Fletcher and Sons has been serving Spennymoor and the surrounding areas since 1938. They opened their new office and Chapels of Rest at Cobblers Hall in 2011.

Photo: Colin Fletcher presenting the donation to Fr Campion with (right) Patrick Connolly, a member of the Church's Finance Committee.

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# Aycliffe Training Boss Backs Apprentice Scheme

A LEADING North East training provider has backed a Government-led multi million pound engineering apprenticeship scheme. Charl Erasmus, chief executive at Newton Aycliffe based SW Durham Training (SWDT), a 45-year old company that delivers engineering and manufacturing apprenticeships and training support, has welcomed a new Government initiative, which aims to encourage young people to sign up to engineering apprenticeships. Prime Minister, David Cameron, announced the Government's commitment to ensuring more people can access quality on-the-job training programmes to gain a recognised academic qualification and help to rebuild the economy. The initiative, created by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Engineering and Technology and backed by £10m from the Gatsby Foundation, should create 100,000 engineering jobs across the country by 2018. Charl Erasmus, who was appointed as chief executive of SWDT at the end of



Charl Erasmus

last year, has regularly championed apprenticeships and urged the Government to put forward extra funding and local expertise to meet the growing demand of industry sectors with skill shortages in the area. He said: "As an industry, we're passionate about bridging the youth unemployment gap, and we're in a good position to see what sort of trends are coming down the track but this can only be viable through a localisation strategy, working side by side one another to reintroduce the younger generation into what we hope to be a longstanding

industry in the North East. "I am pleased the Government realises the importance of keeping British engineering alive, the provision of high quality training schemes is vital to youth employment and central to economic recovery for this part of the world in particular. The initiative will seek to create a generation of highly skilled, engineering experts and that's something that can only be good news for businesses in the North East."

Manufacturing and engineering in the North

East has enjoyed a significant boost, with Sunderland based business Nissan recently adding to its team and Nifco planning further expansion that will see it employ close to 500 people. SWDT currently works with more than 1,000 people each year, including staff at Nifco among other leading manufacturing businesses. Mr Erasmus hopes that the Government scheme will encourage even more young people to take up a career in the industry. He added: "The Government

focus on apprenticeship schemes will go a long way to help the manufacturing and engineering sectors, where there is no shortage of well-paid roles, but not enough fresh talent coming through. "It is great to see an improved outlook in manufacturing and engineering, this kind of investment is an encouraging sign for the future of these vital sectors." For more information about courses at South West Durham Training Ltd, visit [www.southwestdurham.co.uk](http://www.southwestdurham.co.uk) or call 313 194.

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# Ninth Straight Win for Aycliffe Cricket Team

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training continued their blistering form with a ninth consecutive league win, this time defeating Norton at home by 6 wickets to stay at the top of the NYSD third division table. The visitors were asked to bat first and found acting captain Luke Telford in unplayable form taking 7 for 33 as Norton were bowled out for just 141 after 41.3 overs. In reply Adam Gittins was in superb form smashing 71 runs, including 12 boundaries and a six and with good support from Sean Morgan, who remained unbeaten on 33, Aycliffe hurried to an excellent win in the 31st over. Aycliffe's participation in the league 15/15 cup came to an end when the first team lost away to a very strong Middlesbrough team by 17 runs. Chasing 124 for victory, Aycliffe fell just short at 106 for 8 from their 15 overs despite some excellent batting from Michael Howe (28 runs), Sean Morgan (25 runs) and Luke Telford with 20 runs. Aycliffe's second team came agonisingly close to upsetting

title hopefuls Saltburn as they lost by just one wicket in the NYSD Sunday 2nd division. Asked to bat first Aycliffe were thankful for a 2nd team club record 9th wicket partnership of 46 between Tom Wickins (35 runs) and Andrew Jennings (14 runs) and also good innings of 26 from captain Adam Gittins and 18 from Matt Capper, which helped their team to reach 122 all out after 36.3 overs. In reply Aycliffe's Danny Weldon bowled a hostile opening 7 over spell taking three quick wickets to put Saltburn on the back foot. Andrew Jennings, Pat Howe and Ross Dixon each took two wickets to continue the good work for Aycliffe, however the visitors edged to victory in a tense finale to win a fantastic game of cricket by the closest possible margin in the 32nd over. The club's under 13's team lost by just 9 runs away at Sedgfield in the NYACC league despite good performances from Aycliffe's Daniel Bowmer, who top scored with 18 and also two wickets each from both Adam Lamb and Usman Abbassi. The under 11's team lost away to league leaders Stockton by 32 runs despite some good bowling performances from both captain Nathan Parry and Ali Abbassi, who each took a couple of wickets. The club's school holidays fun cricket days continue this Wednesday at the Sports Club from 10am to 12pm, boys and girls of any ability, between the ages of 6 and 11 are welcome, cost is £2. For more details contact Club Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959

# Great Results for Town Dance School



Below are the results of the Qualifier Street Competition held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday, 23rd June, 2013:  
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# County Durham Junior Tennis Competition

Competitions for young tennis players in County Durham are being held in Chester-le-Street later this month. The events, organised by Durham County Council, include three age categories and will take place at Riverside Leisure Complex on Thursday, August 29. The Chester-le-Street branch of Barclays Bank is sponsoring the competition for young people aged 11 to 16, which will be held between 1pm and 3pm. There is an entry fee of £3 per child and those taking part are required to have some experience of playing tennis and an awareness of the rules. Children aged between five and eight can take part in matches from 9.30am until 11am and those aged between eight and 11 can compete from 11am until

12.30pm. Entry fees for the two younger age categories are £2 per child and again those taking part are required to have some experience of playing tennis. For further information people should contact Andy Burn, at Durham County Council, on 07730 502 854, or email Andrew.burn@durham.gov.uk People can book a place by contacting the Riverside Leisure Complex on 03000 266 447

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Eight Aycliffe runners took part in the Adidas Thunder 24 hour event held in Catton Park in Derbyshire over the last weekend in July. The event is a 10k cross-country relay competition and the aim is to complete as many laps as possible over 24 hours. On 27th July, midday, Dez Fielden started the ultra endurance race and he whizzed round in one of the fastest legs of the day in 40.52. Temperatures of over 25 degrees, made the conditions hard but a well-placed water station at 5k helped many of the 2,500 competitors. A baton had to be exchanged in the finish zone and next up was team captain Lee Wren. The picturesque countryside was a wonderful backdrop and dashing through the woods and over the fields surrounded by tents, gave the competition a festival feel. Lee ran out of his skin in 41.27, which gave the ARC Angels a great start. As the day progressed the weather changed and after 7 hours of torrential thunder and lightening storms, the course was flooded and



sections were extremely hazardous. John Burnside, veteran member, thoroughly enjoyed the night-time run. "Wearing a head torch and running through the woods, when you can't see your hand in front of you, was one of the best running experiences of my life!" he remarked. Dez was determined that the 24 hours would be utilized and as the other team members tired of running in liquid mud, he

stayed out on the course till the end. He ran 3 x 10k continuous loops in under 3 hours on top of the 3 laps he had ran throughout the rest of the day. Other team members included Ste Smith, Penny Johnson, Naomi Kellett, Tracey Warrior and Graeme Miles. All of the team had an amazing time and were extremely proud to finish in 29th place out of 253 teams with a total of 26 laps making it 161.2 miles ran in 24 hours.

# Aycliffe Students at County CC

From the media centre during the T20 matches, Woodham Academy students tweeted and blogged their way through the Yorkshire and Lancashire matches. They also conducted post-match interviews with England player Ben Stokes and team captain Paul Collingwood. The programme allowed them to work alongside sports journalists in an environment which was inspirational and enhanced their literacy and oratory skills. Adam Murphy, Year 10, said "it was so useful as it boosted my confidence, gave me a good insight into sports journalism and allowed me to meet my hero, Paul Collingwood".



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Essentials such as a 500ml bottle of water cost £2.09 (95 pence on the high street in London) while the cheapest cheese sandwich cost £3.99). On the high street, the everyday shopper can expect to pay 25 per cent less than a service area user. At a popular high street newsagent, a standard size Mars bar costs £0.79 and a pack of Walkers crisps is priced at £0.95). Motorists are dissatisfied with the value for money available at Motorway Service Areas but are left with little choice when making long trips around the country. When

asked to rate the price of food and drinks at Motorway Service Areas, more than half of respondents (51%) rated them unreasonable. The survey also found that sixty-five per cent of respondents are most likely only to stop at Motorway Service Areas just to use the toilet facilities. Price comparisons include:

- A medium white coffee - £3.09 (£2.10 London high street)
- A standard sized Mars bar - £0.95 (£0.79 London high street)
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- 500ml bottle of water £2.09 (£0.95 London high street)
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London offers the most expensive white coffee at £3.09, while generally prices were around £2.50. Fifty-four per cent of respondents consider the price of petrol at Motorway Service Areas unreasonable. With petrol prices averaging about ten pence per litre more than at off-motorway forecourts the IAM is calling for a complete review of motorway prices, together with filling stations being forced to advertise their and their competitors fuel prices, as is the case in France. The research also revealed that from one Motorway Service Area to the next, the price of petrol can vary by up to 10p per litre.

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donated to the school and raised a massive amount of money. The school would like to say a special thank you to Digiprint for donating a

banner to advertise the event. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the fair which raised approximately £700!

# Rugby Club Prepare for New Season

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club's preparations for the new season are well underway with the recent recruitment campaign with the help of Newton News being a success. Several new players have joined and some old boys have come back into the fold. In terms of squad numbers for the season this is fantastic. However there is still room for more in particular any front row players. Props especially will be welcome whether you have little or no experience. Please contact club coach Pete Ryans for details of training times. mob nr 07886242476.

The club is running a squad game this Saturday kick off 2pm. This will be a match of probabilities against possibles and will get everyone match fit for the first game of the season on 17th August at 3pm a friendly against Northallerton.

Following this Saturday's squad game there is a Hog Roast event for Rugby Club members and families. Ticket price is £3 per individual adult or £6 per family. Contact Pete Ryans for details. May the games commence!

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# Newtonian Donated Bone Marrow to Save a Life

**TWO brothers from Newton Aycliffe have raised over £3,500 for a blood cancer charity.** Trevor and Jeff Tinkler endured the Great North Swim, at Lake Windermere in the Lake District and saw them swim two miles to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust. It is a charity close to the heart of Trevor who donated his bone marrow a few years ago and saved the life of a man who lives in the south of England. That man - Mike - was on the shores of Windermere during the event, cheering on the brothers. Although donors of bone marrow aren't allowed to know any details of the recipient, that doesn't stop the latter from enquiring about the donor. This is what Mike did and eventually the two families met and have become firm friends. Trevor has two adult sons and Mike, two young



## In Memoriam

**Lee George El-Hakim**



*11th August 2006*  
Time goes so fast, it's six years since you left us. There is never a day that passes without thinking about you. You are always in our hearts and thoughts. You will remain there forever. You are loved and missed and will be loved forever by all your family and friends here in England and Beirut and your wife Marie  
To a wonderful Dad. We miss you so much. You taught all of us so much. We mention your name every day. You didn't live to see your Grandson, but he is named after you, so your name, heart and spirit lives on. You will never be forgotten by your children and grandchildren. George, Kay, Lee, Michelle, Alister and Solomon

**SHAUN HARPER** Time will pass you by and three years have gone by, can still see that smile on your face. Thinking of you at this time, Glen  
**AMY DOBSON** 9-8-2007. Miss you more each day Mam. Forever in our hearts. Love, Susan, Godfrey, Richard and Leanne xxxxx  
**DOROTHY POSKETT** Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a loving Mam and Grandma. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx  
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daughters. Trevor is very modest about what he has done but Jeff, who regularly organises charity events for various good causes, including local hospices, is very proud of his brother and wanted to help him raise money for the charity. Jeff's workmates at 3M in the town are always supportive, sponsoring him and this charity event was no different with them, handing over hundreds of pounds. The brothers' mother, Freda Tinkler of Gilpin Road in the town, is proud of them both. "Mike is alive because of Trevor's bravery because donating bone marrow isn't a comfortable experience," she said. "And now they are good friends and between them help raise money so more people with blood cancer can survive." In 1971, Anthony Nolan was born with a rare condition called Wiskott Aldrich. The only known cure was a bone marrow transplant, but there was no process or system to find a matching donor but in 1973 the first successful bone marrow transplant between unrelated donors was carried out. Previously, matches had only been made through relatives. His mother Shirley had a vision: to start a bone marrow register that would connect potential donors with people like her son, who desperately needed a transplant. At present, over 3,000 blood stem cell (which is found in bone marrow) transplants take place every year. It all began with this legacy that saved and continues to save thousands of lives because the following year, the bone marrow register was founded. It was this register that Trevor Tinkler added his name and was called upon to donate. He didn't hesitate and journeyed to London where the bone marrow was extracted in a hospital over several hours. If you would like to help the charity, visit the website at [www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org)

## Congratulations

**Daniel McDade**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Congratulations on your 18th birthday. All our love, Dad and Mam xxx

**Romie Cowens**



**Happy 9th Birthday Babe**

You make us so proud in everything you do. We feel so lucky to have a Daughter like you. We love you so much Babe. Hope you enjoy your hot tub party on Saturday. All our love and kisses, Mam and Dad xxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**Yvonne McKee (Elliott)**



*9th August*  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay, much loved and remembered every day. Love and miss you Mum . . . to the moon . . . and back xoxox

**BRIAN DUNN** 9th August. Another birthday, another year, with precious memories of one so dear. Thoughts today of our lives together, hold a love that will live forever. Always in my thoughts, loved always. Your loving Wife, Margaret xxxxx  
**BRIAN DUNN** 9th August. To the best little Dad and Granda in the world! Someone very special is in our hearts today, never for a moment is he very far away. Deeply missed and loved always. From all your bairns and Grandbairns xxxxxxxxxxxx

**PAT SPELLMAN** Happy 70th birthday on 7th August. Love from your Husband Terry and Ann-Marie, Paul and John xxxxx  
**CHAPPELL**, Peter Antony. Wishing you a very happy birthday on 9th August. You are the best Husband and Dad in the world. Also congratulations on your new job and promotion. We are so proud of you and love you dearly. Karen, Ashley, Lesley, David, Andrew, Jaimie, Sean. Lots of love and kisses from your little Princess Anna

**DANIEL McDADE** Happy 18th birthday. Have a great day. Love, Uncle John, Auntie Carole and Toni xxx

**DANIEL McDADE** Glad you have survived all those years abroad to reach your 18th birthday. Have a good one! Love, Uncle Rich, Auntie Diane, Aimee and Sophie xxx

**HOWE** Congratulations Stuart and Jennifer on your Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6-8-13. Love, Mam and Dad

**HOWE** Stuart and Jennifer, happy 25th Wedding Anniversary. Love from Nicola, Juanjo, Claudia and Andrea

**PAUL MORTON** Happy '30th' Birthday Son on 16th August. Lots of Love, Mam & Dad xxxxx

**PAUL MORTON** Happy '30th' Birthday Bro on 16th August. Lots of Love, Neil xxxxx

**THOMAS CANT** Many happy returns to our beautiful Grandson Thomas on your 2nd birthday (16th August). Lots of love always, Nanna, Grandad and all the family xxxxx

**ELLIE FRASER** To a gorgeous Daughter on your 18th birthday. All our love from Mam, Col, Archie, Alex, Rosie and all the family

**ELLIE** Congratulations to a lovely Granddaughter on your 18th birthday. Love, Gran and Tom

**ROMIE COWENS** Happy birthday you little stunner. Lots of love, Auntie Cheryl and Cuz Dolci xxxxx

**ROMIE COWENS** Happy birthday darling. Love you millions, love, Nana Vera and Granda Trevor xxx

**BETTY FLACK** To a very special Mam and Grandma on your 70th birthday. Enjoy your special day with all your family and friends. Love you forever, Joanne, Stevie, Lauren, Sophie, Luke and Ruby xxxxx

**BETTY FLACK** To my Wife on her 70th birthday. Love you lots, John xxx

**BETTY FLACK** To my Sister on her 70th birthday. Love from Arlie, Harry and family xxx

**JEFF RAINE** Happy birthday to the best Dad and Granda in the world. Love, Kay, Shaun, Charlie, Abie and Riley xxx

**JEFF RAINE** Happy birthday. Love you loads, Tracey

**JEFF RAINE** Happy birthday Dad. Love, Mick, Josh and Chloe xxx

## Obituary

**BODDY** Jean (nee Rennoldson) of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully in hospital on 5th August, aged 83 years. Dearly loved Mam to Michael and Peter; Grandmother of Christopher, Leanne, Emma and Katie. Family and friends please meet for Service at St Clare's Church on Friday 16th August for 12.45pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to The British Heart Foundation.

**Shannon Williams is 18 today**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
*10th August 2013*

To a beautiful Daughter who is 18 today (10-8-2013). Hope you have the best birthday ever. Enjoy your day and don't get too drunk! HaHa. Love you loads, Mam and Dave xx  
**My Baby Shannon** has finally turned 18!! I love you so much my little pumpkin. Have a great day. All my love, Jack xxx

**Happy 18th birthday** Shannon. Hope you have an amazing day. Love you lots, Nicola xxx

**Happy 18th birthday** Auntie Shannon. Love, Jack, Megan, Blake and Hallie xx

**Happy 18th birthday** to my beautiful little Sister. Hope you have a great day. Love you loads, Denise xxx

**Shannon Williams.** Happy 18th "dog head". Lots of love from your big Brother Wayno xx  
**Auntie Shannon.** Have a happy 18th birthday. Love you lots, Jay, Parker and Erin xxx

**Harrison Taylor**



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
*13th August 2013*

To a beautiful little ray of sunshine who never stops smiling. Love you millions. Love, Nana and Grandad Gray and all the family xxx  
One year old today. Lots of love and big cuddles, Grandma and Granda Taylor and Uncle Peter xxxxx  
**Happy First Birthday** to our gorgeous son. Harrison Gray Taylor. We love you to the moon and back. All our love Mam 'n' Dad xxxxxxxx

**Lewis Anthony Greenwood**



**Happy 1st Birthday Son**  
*15th August 2013*

Hope you have a special day. Love you always, Mummy, Daddy, Nathan and Liam xxxxx

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**Happy 10th Birthday** to our precious babies. Hope you both have a fab day and enjoy your fun filled weekend. Love you lots, like Jelly Tots. Mam, Dad, Grandma and Grandad xxx

**Christine & Colin Bewley**



**Silver Wedding Anniversary**  
*13th August 2013*

Congratulations Mam and Dad on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love from Katie, John, Paul, Jackson, Shaun, Kirsty, Will and Jessica xxxxx

**Dave Burke**



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
*7th August 2013*

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## Aycliffe Tri Club Race Strong

As summer draws to a close Aycliffe Tri Club are still racing strong and travelling the country to compete in the sport they are all so passionate about.

Bamburgh Castle was the stunning venue for Castles Sprint Triathlon held on 27th July. The 750m sea swim 20km bike and 5km run was undertaken by four members of the club. Michael Scott was first home in 1hr 20mins followed by Martin Sedgwick in 1hr 27mins. Lee Hoar came next in 1hr 57 with Mick Casey close behind in 2hr 5mins.

August 4th was a busy day with members taking part in three different events. Three travelled to Carlisle for a 500m swim 20km bike 5km run Sprint Triathlon. Excellent results were achieved with Andrew Sedgwick coming 2nd in his category with a time of 1hr 4mins followed closely by Michelle Scott who was 1st in her category with a fantastic time of 1hr 9mins. Vicky Howse was next home in 1hr 25mins, placed 12th in her group.

Hebburn Sprint Triathlon was the next race with a 400m swim 20km bike and 5km run. Wendy Bake was first home in 1hr 18mins followed by Melanie Rowland in 1hr 19mins. In her Triathlon debut Diane Savage finished in 1hr 34mins.

Aycliffe Tri Club gained two new Iron Men as Mark and Phil Harrop travelled to



left to right: Lee Hoar, Martin Sedgwick, Michael Scott and Mick Casey

Bolton to compete in Iron Man UK. This prestigious event involves a 2.4 mile swim 112 mile bike and a 26.2 mile run.

The twins showed their supreme fitness and stamina by completing the course in an amazing 13hrs and 38mins not only was this a massive physical and mental effort but they also used the challenge to raise funds and awareness for Juvenile Batten's disease.

The club wish to congratulate Mark and Phil on becoming Iron Men and well done everyone racing for Aycliffe Tri Club.

If you are interested in Triathlon and would like further details about Aycliffe Tri Club please visit website [www.aycliffetriclub.com](http://www.aycliffetriclub.com) or by email [aycliffetriclub@gmail.com](mailto:aycliffetriclub@gmail.com) Call Club Coach Andrew Sedgwick on 07887817960

## SPARTANS BASEBALL PLAYOFF CHANCE



Newton Aycliffe Spartans and their British Baseball Federation AA Division playoff aspirations received a massive boost last weekend - and they did so without even facing one pitch.

Spartans were due to travel to Lancashire to twice play Bolton Robots of Doom but the home side were unable to fulfil the fixtures due to a player shortage. As a result Spartans were awarded both games 7-0 and took a valuable 4 points. This still leaves Spartans outside the playoff positions but with six games left to play in the regular season and all of these at their home field at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre in Shildon, Assistant Coach, Mike Holton reckons the team can challenge for the playoff place.

"You never like to take the points without playing a game, but this at this stage of the season, points are more critical. With six games to come, all at home, I'm confident that six wins will send us to the post season playoffs"

In recent weeks Spartans have had mixed results, splitting games on the road against bottom side Oldham North Stars and most recently again splitting a 2 game series at home against third place and in-form Manchester A's. Mike Holton added, "Against Oldham we should have won both games. We are scoring plenty of runs and the fact we are the third highest scorers in the division reflects that. But we need to keep the opposition from scoring and we have been working the defensive side of the game in our training sessions". Spartans face Sheffield Bladerunners in a two game series on Sunday 11th August with the first pitch at 12 noon. All Spartans home games take place at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre in Shildon.

If you fancy trying Baseball, new players, female or male, experienced or inexperienced are invited to come along and try one of the fastest growing team sports in the UK. Details of training sessions are on the Spartans website [www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk)

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