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Organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, the popular show will feature an exciting programme of live arena entertainment, headlined by the UK's number one motorcycle display team, Bolldog Lings. Their performance incorporates extreme sports action based on competitive racing, freestyle motocross and daring aerial tricks, guaranteed to amaze spectators. Between action displays, the public will have the opportunity to get a closer look at the bikes and meet the riders.

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of Hazard are guaranteed to make spectators laugh with their skilful and hilarious display of Indian Runner Ducks tackling a series of obstacles - including the 'Bridge over the River Quack' - with the assistance of young volunteers from the audience.

The Playhouse Marquee will showcase local and national artists in live stage performances. On Saturday, KDanz will present extracts from their Wonderland 2013 show, while Aycliffe Dance Academy will be performing a selection from their summer show and local singer Rebecca Marcus will be singing a selection of popular songs. On Sunday, 4th Dimension will give a high-energy performance of hits, old and new, while international stand-up comic, Martyn James, will bring laughter to the Playhouse Marquee. Local singer Ruby Arnold and band Lost in the Crowd will round off the entertainment package. For the younger audience,

ever-popular Professor Nincompoop will be giving his magic shows and balloon modelling.

All the regular features of the Show will be available - handcraft and horticulture competitions, football competitions, pigeon, rabbit and poultry shows, vintage vehicles, environment and craft marquees, funfair, Punch and Judy, face painting, static displays, refreshments - and hopefully an abundance of sunshine! The whole community is involved, with local sponsors Newton Press, Cooperative Funeralcare, Bewick and Neville Pharmacy, Gregg Little Testing Centre, SS Seeds and Deco Trophies and Engraving making an invaluable contribution. Entrance to the Show is free, with ample car parking available at just £1 per vehicle.

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where you can park while you do the booking. Please ring the doorbell to gain attention. Any further information can be obtained by telephoning Pam Lovelass on 316841. Please note bookings for St. Elizabeth's Church Woodham and St. Andrew's Church Aycliffe Village are held at St Elizabeth's Church every Wednesday evening from 5-30pm to 6-30 pm. Please note also that the booking office in both churches will be closed due to holidays for last two weeks in August.

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Energy Suppliers Continue to Exploit Customers

Officials of the UK's "Big Six" energy companies should be taken out and shot for profiteering and exploitation of consumers, said Will Davies, MD of aspect.co.uk.

"They have made absolutely no effort to pursue savings through efficiency and pass this onto consumers in their bills. They continue overcharging customers to subsidise cheap offers," Davies said. The "Big Six" energy firms (EDF, E.on, British Gas, nPower, Scottish Power and SSE) collectively supply 99 percent of British homes with heating and lighting. As MD of www.aspect.co.uk, a leading property maintenance and refurbishment company, Davies is in an excellent position to see the results of the energy companies' predatory pricing. "When we do a refurbishment,

it's often a homeowner trying to make their home more energy efficient and bring down their monthly bills. The energy companies could learn from that," he said.

Davies cited a recent Institute for Public Policy Research's recent analysis showing energy consumers will pay £2 billion more than the actual cost of the energy by 2020, barring stricter market regulation by Ofgem. Improved competition and fair pricing is needed, he said. In its report, "True Cost of Energy," the London-based think tank estimated the true costs for energy companies to supply households with gas and electricity for the financial year 2011-12. It included several scenarios involving different levels of competition and examining how they could affect household energy bills in 2020.

The analysis showed that

annual efficiency savings of just 2.5% could deliver £1.9 billion in savings in 2020, an average of £70 for the average household annually.

However, Ofgem's own evidence gave no indication the 'Big Six' energy companies have made efficiency savings and passed them onto consumers through lower bills.

The report also found some households pay £330 more than their neighbours next door for the same energy from the same company.

"That is absolutely insane. That it's even allowed to continue is borderline criminal. All this occurs while the Big Six's profits have increased from £15 per customer to £125. The UK energy market needs real competition," Davies said. Ofgem needs to step up and create competition in the energy market by doing its job and enforcing the appropriate regulations, he said.

Davies noted the Labour Party has declared that it will attack the Big Six's market stranglehold that shuts out new companies and keeps energy bills rising. However, it shouldn't take a new government to bring this outrageous situation under control, he said.

"Consumers need to let Ofgem and the rest of the Government know that these high energy costs and closed markets are unacceptable in a free society and are severely impacting the average UK resident," Davies said.

GAMP Community Grant Fund Now Open

The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership has £27,000 funding available to be spent on the local area and groups and organisations are being invited to apply for a share.

All 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) across the county are providing an opportunity for local groups and organisations to apply for a community grant through a participatory budgeting activity to help deliver projects and activities locally. Participatory budgeting (PB) directly involves local people in making decisions on spending and priorities. The process involves residents and community groups from all parts of the local area coming together to discuss and vote on a range of projects developed for the benefit of the area.

Groups are invited to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £2,500 as long as the project fits into one or more of GAMP's priorities: activities for young people, employment, enterprise, education and training and

support to the community and voluntary groups.

The projects which meet the criteria will be invited to the partnership's next forum event in November where the public will be able to get more information to help them choose their favourites. At a time of increased pressure on council budgets, the authority recognises the importance of ensuring the public are able to influence decision-making.

The Community Grants Fund and budget consultation are an important part of giving people the chance to decide how public money is spent. Cllrs Eddy Adam, Jed Hillary, Mike Dixon, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Sarah Iveson and Joan Gray contributed to the funding with £1,000 each from their Neighbourhood Budgets.

For further information and an application pack please contact the GAMP Team on 327441 or at gampaap@durham.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is 13th September.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Party in the Park Spoilt by Smokers

Dear Sir,
I took my son to the Party in the Parks on Tuesday 13th August. but was quite disappointed that a number of parents turned up smoking. Even after all of the health warnings, parents still chose to smoke not only around their children, but other children too.

No-one in my family smokes and my one year old son and I both have asthma. I would like to attend these kinds of

events without the constant breeze of chemicals being blown in our faces.

Those parents may want to cause their own helpless children harm, but I certainly should get the choice if my son gets it blown in his face. I know this is a public space but for events like these could the council not create smoking areas for those weak willed few who can't go five minutes without nicotine?
Anthony Foster

Neville Community Centre

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Saturday 17th August - "Rhubarb Red"

Giglit review: The second time I've managed to catch 'Rhubarb Red' and again I wasn't dissatisfied. 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

Saturday 31st August - "Tony Liddle Band"

Bio: Tony has fronted many bands and has undertaken world tours with legendary musicians including: 60's super group 'The Animals', 'Oliver/Dawson's Saxon', 'The Tygers of Pang Tang', 'Strangeways' and American rock band 'Liddle/Rush and Thrall'. He has also been produced by Kevin Elson, record producer for the legendary American band 'Journey'.

Reviews: 'The room was full, and the sound was deafening with a mixed bag of people in, being entertained with the likes of Toto, Rainbow, The Cult, Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams, Judas Priest, Led Zep, Stereophonics, Whitesnake, AC/DC and Boston - my favourite 'More Than a Feeling'. Jon on bass/keyboards seems to be having a good time in the now settled line up: Ade looking ice cool out front with the shades on; Tony being his cheeky self cracking on to the crowd. Tony and co always deliver the goods and he has a cracking sense of humour. They sound even better now their set list has been re-vamped.'

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READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Liam Williamson (age 10) took this impressive photograph of the railway track being re-nixed at Aycliffe train station. The line is being upgraded with longer lines to take heavier coal trains.

'Active Aycliffe' at the Great Aycliffe Show

Do you represent a local organisation/group that provides activities to help improve people's lifestyles? Would you like a free spot in the Active Aycliffe tent at the Great Aycliffe Show?

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are part of a local partnership called 'Active Aycliffe', which aims to help get children, young people and families fitter and healthier and participate in activities more.

To promote and encourage this initiative there will be an 'Active Aycliffe' partnership tent at the Great Aycliffe Show on 24/25 August at Oakleaf Sports Complex, which will showcase the activities of local organisations such as the PCP, Lifestyle Fitness, GAMP and Healthwatch County Durham as well as clubs and associations who will be demonstrating their sports and activities.

Last year 1,936 people visited the Active Aycliffe tent and this year they're aiming to attract more people with a fuller range of what's available in Aycliffe help get children, young people and families fitter and healthier and participate in activities to improve their lifestyles. The tent (60 x 30ft marquee with full interlocking wood floor) is large enough for small demonstrations (there is also space outside of



the tent if required) If you would like to attend with an information stand please have a think of something interactive to do with visitors which gives people a taster of what you provide and hopefully encourage people to engage after the event.

This is a fantastic opportunity to reach thousands of people from Aycliffe and the surrounding areas, stalls will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Priority will be given to activities being delivered in Aycliffe that fit with the Active Aycliffe aims.

The 'Active Aycliffe' partnership consists of Durham County Council's

Sport and Physical Activity Team, Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Woodham Academy, One Point, Great Aycliffe Town Council and the Rotary Club, have got together to raise the profile of what's going on in Aycliffe.

If you represent a local organisation/group that fits in with the Active Aycliffe aims above and would like to provide a demonstration or book a stall please contact Angie Cooke, Events & Project Admin Development Worker at PCP on email: angie.cooke@pcp.uk.net tel: 01325 321234. Stalls will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

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A £120,000 improvement scheme to a local sports facility in County Durham is underway.

The project will see a new artificial pitch installed at Shildon-Sunnydale Leisure Centre as well as further improvements to make it more widely available for local people, sports clubs and schools.

The work has been funded by Durham County Council, local councillors, Shildon Sunnydale Community College and Sport England. The old pitch surface has

already been removed ready for the modern artificial surface to be laid.

Improvements will also be made to floodlighting, enabling the facility to remain open for longer hours during the winter months and provide more opportunities for local people to use the pitch.

People can find out more or ask about booking the facility by contacting the leisure centre on 03000 266 448 or by emailing leisure-shildon-sunnydale@durham.gov.uk

Summer Fun at School Club

On Wednesday 31st July the children at Woodham Burn out of School Club visited Mini Moos farm in Durham. What a fantastic day, fun, fun, fun and packed full of activities for all ages. We had a great time in the enclosed play area climbing up and over, then sliding down the huge slides. We then went onto the ice rink what a laugh, even the staff attempted to ice skate not very well though!. Then off to the outdoor zip wire, upstairs to the large sandpit, bungee walk and go karts.

We sat in the sun for lunch, went on a woodland walk, jumped on the giant pillows, visited all the animals and went to see the animal show before heading home with J&C Coaches after a fun filled day.

The children and staff visited Newton Aycliffe Fire Station, to be greeted by the friendly fire and rescue staff of Blue Squad. We were given a tour of the building before looking at the new fire engine. The fire fighter explained what the appliances on the fire engine are used for and how they help keep themselves and the people they rescue safe.

We sat on the fire engine and had the opportunity to try on the helmets, oxygen masks and jackets. We ended the session by each have a turn with the hose and listening to the alarm that sounds to let the fire fighters know when they are needed in an emergency.



Thank you very much for a fun and educational visit.

We hope you like the cards and posters we made for you, from the children and staff at Woodham Burn Out of School Club.

We recently gained outstanding in our last Ofsted inspection. 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 contact Kendra on 300080.

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Married at Headlam Hall



Marc and Becky Straughan (nee Hurst) were married at Headlam Hall Hotel on the 14th July, 2013.

Becky who has always lived in Newton Aycliffe married Marc from Darlington, and enjoyed the most perfect weather and venue with an amazing rainbow-themed wedding.

The Best Man was Dale Brindley, Bridesmaids were Stephanie Gaunt, Rebecca Henderson, Ashleigh Barker,

Sophie Minto and Sarah Collier. The flower girl was Marnie Atherton.

Marc who works for Boots and Becky who is a stay at home Mum will continue to live on Greenfield and are so excited about their future together which includes a baby boy due in December. Much Love is sent to the happy couple from all who know them and who helped them celebrate their special day.

OLD POLITICIAN SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Aycliffe North and Middlesbrough County Councillor John D Clare was particularly delighted recently when he passed 100 friends for his councillor facebook site.

John told the Newton News: "Each day, I post onto my facebook site an account of everything I have done that day as a councillor, so anybody who wants can see what I am doing, and why ... and comment if they wish."

You do not have to become a 'facebook friend' of Councillor Clare to look at his website - it is publicly available at www.bit.ly/JDClare - but he would like to add even more

'facebook friends' in the future.

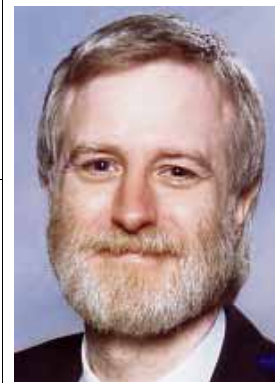
He says: "Eventually, I would hope that most people in my ward will be following me on facebook, and sharing their ideas and comments. If you 'do' facebook, it is a particularly easy way to have your say."

CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS

Are you or someone you know mad about Classic Cars? Then why not come along to the OakLeaf Sports Complex on the second Thursday of every month at 7.00pm.

You can meet other likeminded enthusiasts while enjoying a drink and perhaps a meal in the privacy of the Function Room.

The Bygones are a very friendly group of people who welcome new members enthusiastically, so if you are interested and would like to know more contact Paul Jackson on 07968367438 or contact Reception on 01325 300600 and we will be happy to pass on your details.



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Durham County Council is seeking nominations for its Awards for Personalisation 2013.

The annual honours celebrate excellence across the care and support sector, recognising those organisations that offer members of the public the most choice and control over the help they receive.

CLr Morris Nicholls, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adult services, said: "Ensuring people have choice over the type of care services they receive is extremely important in enabling them to retain control over their lives."

"These awards recognise the commitment of the many organisations that work hard to offer that choice to older and vulnerable people across the county while also

providing the highest levels of care and support."

The awards, which have been running for three years, are free to enter and are open to care providers of all sizes.

Prizes will be awarded in the following five categories:

- Best example of personalised services in a community setting

Awarded to the organisation that most empowers people using community services by offering them the greatest choice and control.

- Best example of personalised services in a building-based setting

Awarded to the organisation that most empowers people who live in a residential setting or attend services at a care venue by offering them the greatest choice and control.

- Best example of innovation in a personalised service

Awarded to the organisation that best demonstrates innovation in the delivery of its services.

- Best example of 'co-production' within service delivery

Awarded to the organisation that best involves people in how its services are created, planned and delivered.

- Best example of personalised services nominated by health or social care staff

Awarded to the organisation, which has been nominated by a health/social care member of staff for its commitment to empowering people who use its services.

The Awards for Personalisation are open to private, independent and voluntary sector organisations of any size, which provide services for people living in County Durham.

Entry forms are available from www.durham.gov.uk and should be sent to personalisation@durham.gov.uk

The closing date for nominations, which should be no longer than 1,000 words, is Friday, 23 August.

TABLE TOP SALE IN COMMUNITY SHOP

Newton Aycliffe Mind is holding a fundraising Table Top Sale in the Community Shop in the Town Centre on Monday 19th August from 9-30am -4-30pm. Please come and support your local Mental Health Charity.

We rely on the support and generosity of the community to allow us to continue with our much needed and valued service. Thank you to Angie Cooke from the PCP for allowing Mind to use the Community Shop.

Mind Wellbeing Centre staff are available to listen, offer support or give advice, during opening hours Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm at Silverdale House, Silverdale Place. Tel. 300121

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Peter Thompson took this shot of 'Mortimer Mouse', the bold birdfood bandit. He's a long tailed field mouse, aka a wood mouse. This is his second year seen in his Kemble Green garden. He's very photogenic, but doesn't stay on view for more than a few seconds.

Tesco Competition for Kids this Month

Dance Class with JLS

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How cool would it be for the kids to have a dance class with JLS boy band member Aston Merrygold? He's certain to get them all up and on their feet busting a few moves on the dance floor - and if they're lucky, he might demonstrate his legendary trademark backflip!

And the winner will be part of a fabulously creative and entertaining art class with TV's much-loved Mister Maker - letting their budding artistic side run wild! Then they can finish their special day by whipping up a treat in the kitchen with a cookery lesson taken with this year's MasterChef winner, Natalie Coleman.

To be in with a chance of winning the best day EVER at school all your little one needs to do is visit Tesco on the 23, 24, 30 or 31st August

Once in store, locate the 'headmaster', take a Back to School quiz sheet from them, have fun filling it out as you go around the store together, then post the completed form in the entry box before leaving - it's as easy as that!

Alternatively, they can go online at www.tescomagazine.com/competitions/win-a-celebrity-visit-at-your-childs-primary-school.html between 12th & 31st August and complete. And for further information, log on to Tesco Facebook from the 19 August. #bestdayEVERatschool - The winner will be drawn and notified mid-September, and then the excitement starts!

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COMMUNITY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE KICKS OFF AGAIN



The Weight Loss Challenge for September 2013 is about to commence. The Challenge takes the participants' through a 12 week course, teaching them about different aspects of nutrition – related to weight loss. The club is held at Agnew Community Centre on a Thursday evening and provides an informal and friendly setting. The next challenge is due to start on Thursday 5th September 2013 at 6.30pm nicely after the kids go back to school and we all return to our normal routine!

As well as a weekly weigh in and a different topic of learning each week, every participant has a one to one appointment so that their specific nutrition and diet problems can be addressed. As well as measuring weight, body fat % and hydration are looked at and monitored over the weeks so that participants get to see their statistics

improving which really helps in terms of motivation.

Personal Wellness Coach Jules who runs the classes says "This unique mix of education and motivation, with the added incentive of winning a cash prize is providing Newton Aycliffe's slimmer's with a solution that works. I have been around people who have lost weight, improved their health and made new friends which is lovely to see – including myself. I became part of this because I saw how effective the challenge was"

The 12 week Weight Loss Challenge costs £39 to join. The finishing prizes are based on percentage body weight lost and participants can win up to £300 (depending on number of participants joining the challenge!).

Participants from the latest challenge have all said that the support from Jules has been a massive help with

them achieving their goals !!

Newton Aycliffe based Personal Wellness Coach Jules also offers 1:1 weight loss coaching for those that are unable to attend a class. Book your place - contact Jules now on 07966 968388 as its already half full !!

FILM SHOW

St Clare's "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" on Wednesday 21st August features "WIDOWS PEAK" starring Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright, Natasha Richardson and Jim Broadbent. "Scandal, seduction, blackmail and murder! Thank heavens their husbands aren't alive to see it!"

Tea / coffee at 1pm included in the £2, film starts at 1-15pm. All are most welcome. For details please ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

CAMRA Membership Doubles as Women Turn to Real Ale

Despite overall beer sales in Britain experiencing a steady decline, CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) is welcoming its 150,000th member as increasing numbers of people, particularly women, try real ale.

Overall UK beer sales have reduced in the last three years by more than 500 million pints whilst real ale has outperformed the market and even enjoyed a small increase in 2011.

In the same period, more than 250 new real ale breweries have set up business in Britain and new market research shows that the number of people* trying real ale has grown from 34% to 53%. Women trying real ale for the first time has grown from 14% to 34% in this short period.

WALKIES IN THE WOODS

Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland are inviting supporters old and new to bring along their four legged friends and put their best paw forward.

A special route has been devised, set in the idyllic surroundings of Hamsterley Forest for dogs and their owners to take part in the first ever "Walkies in the Woods". The event will take place on Sunday 8th September commencing at 11am, and will cover a 3 mile route.

Activities, advice and stalls guaranteed to get tails wagging will run from 10am, when registration opens and owners can collect their "woofie goodie bag".

Upon completion each dog will receive their own "dog tag" which can be attached to their collar as a lasting memory of this great event.

There will be show case activities and tricks from the County Durham based dog training company "Have a Good Dog" who will be able to advise on effective training methods, behaviour consultations as well as fun and agility displays.

Entry is just £5 per dog and Butterwick Hospice request that entrants try to raise essential funds by raising sponsorship via family, friends and colleagues by giving your pooch a pound to complete the route and the opportunity to set up a "just giving page".

Entrants must register in advance, to sign up please apply for a registration form by telephoning Butterwick Hospice - 01388 660644 or e-mail claimcgregor@butterwick.org.uk

So come on register NOW, you would be barking mad to miss out!

Colin Valentine, CAMRA's Chairman said, "We're enjoying a genuine and sustained revival in real ale as it shows the way to success for the UK beer market. There are now more than 1,000 breweries brewing in excess of 8,000* different real ales for consumers to choose from. More people are looking for something brewed locally and with so many breweries in Britain, everybody has a local beer to try."

It's very exciting that more and more women are trying real ale. Our national drink threw off its flat cap image years ago and now it is increasingly seen as a drink for women as well as men. That trend will help put the whole British beer market back on a track towards growth."

In the last decade CAMRA membership has more than doubled from 65,000 to 150,000, with women now accounting for 22% of the membership. A growth of 20,000 members in the last decade.

Christine Cryne, a member of CAMRA's National Executive said, "The upsurge in interest in real ale amongst women in the UK is in no small part thanks to the sheer range of beer which is now available. At the Great British Beer Festival this year, there are beers that range from rich and chocolaty Stouts to light and citrusy Golden Ales perfect for summer sipping. It's not a case of whether you like beer or not - but whether you've yet found the right beer for you."

"I think that women are realising that beer is a lower alcohol option than many other drinks and they are associating real ale with social occasions with friends in pubs."

It's been great to see the increased number of women attending beer festivals to try the different flavours that are available. With the Great British Beer Festival having a huge variety of beers, we are making it easier by having third pint stemmed glasses so people can experiment to find their perfect real ale!"

Woodham Ambassadors

On Thursday 11th July 2013 8 Woodham Academy students went to Framwellgate School in Durham to be trained as peer supporters. It is an initiative inspired by Princess Diana whereby young people support other young people.

Our students networked with other students from around the County to exchange ideas and share good practice. They gained practical ideas and received top tips on how to ensure that everybody feels safe and happy in their school.

The Ambassadors will now take their ideas back to school and develop our peer support programme which will strengthen the existing excellent support already embedded at Woodham Academy.

All of the Young Ambassadors were excellent representatives of the school. Joshua Blackburn and Jordan McAteer were awarded certificates for their excellent contribution to the day.

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interesting. Following a successful period in an empty shop at Dalton Park Outlet Shopping Centre in Murton, the exhibition will now be on display at Greenfield Arts until Wednesday 18th September 2013. This is a re-telling of the exhibition, featuring selected works and some new pieces included specially at Greenfield. The Gallery is open Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm, and Friday 10am - 4pm. For more information about the gallery and Greenfield Arts visit website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk



Helping Hands Fashion Show



On 4th August Aycliffe charity 'Helping Hands' team held a Fashion Show at Bethany Centre, Woodham Way. Helping Hands were able to give five free vouchers to those who have been assisted by us in the last 3 months. Friends from our community volunteered as models for an exclusive showcase of the new clothing, shoes and accessories we had on the evening. Clothes ranged from casual to wedding outfits. Debbie shared her remarkable story during the show and sang 'Hero' by Mariah Carey



so beautifully. There was a free prize draw, which put an extra smile on faces when they found they had won one of the donated gifts. Event organisers Caroline, Debbie and Kerry said "We've been delighted with everyone's generosity considering the times we're in. It is amazing. It was a fantastic evening. All the models had such fun. It was such a huge success that we will be having another one at the end of September." The Helping Hands project supports families and individuals in crisis where members have lost their jobs, are struggling to pay basic living costs or have other personal circumstances that leave them in need of support. If you are reading this and need our help then please ring Alwyn White 07936431262. We offer a ring back service.

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Dog Owners Dodging Their Responsibility

Dear Sir,
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contaminated soil. Symptoms include abdominal pain, cough, and headache and in extreme cases can result in permanent vision loss. I witnessed a couple walking their two dogs through the park, leaving their older dog to do its business in the grass right next to the park fence. Whose responsibility is it to clear away dog fouling? It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. The regulations state specifically, that being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up after your dog. If you do have a dog and are one of those dog owners that is simply too lazy and anti-social to pick up their animal's waste, then get rid of the dog! You wouldn't like me to cover you in my child's poo would you? Dog mess is a public health hazard - Bag it! Bin it! Leyanne Penington-Foster



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Great AYTP Fundraising Event at The Big Club

More than 50 talented youngsters from Aycliffe sang, danced, played and acted the night away at the Big Club, raising over £1000 for their organisation AYTP.co.uk.

Every single person was a star, all the dancers from "Stepping Out with Clare Walton" were great, dancing very professionally and keeping the room entertained.

The night started with a new Aycliffe band "RAWH", with Will Kirton, Alex Hindmoor and Tom Bussey, fronted by 12yr old Hannah Bussey.

Two other Aycliffe groups The Unsound and Unplugged also did great sets. Hannah Bussey also sang as soloist along with Holly Hardy, Libbi Dagleish, Bethany Clarkson, Fran Porritt, Keira Durham, Ciaran Jasper and Stacey Sherman. Everyone received a great reaction from the sell out crowd. Magician and illusionist Ryan Metcalfe, stunned the audience with his card tricks and Houdini inspired illusions.

Two highlights of the night were when the Stepping Out dancers took the floor and danced while Soloist Hannah Bussey sang "Fix You" and they all joined The Unsound to dance the final song of the night, "Crazy".

The Unsound and Stacey Sherman received a recording

contract after pleasing the owner of Kingdom Audio, a recording studio in Aycliffe. A big thank you to Jason Snowball for offering to donate this great prize.

Stacey Sherman was offered 3 paid gigs in Aycliffe from Clare Walton from Stepping Out Dance School. The Unsound were given a paid slot the next night at The Turbinia, where they rocked the place and gave 5 encores as the crowd didn't want them to stop playing. Debbie the event sponsor from Deb'n'hair hairdressers



attended with some of her work colleagues and had a great fun night. Thanks to Debbie and Emre for their support. A big thank you also to the Aycliffe companies that advertised in the programme: VC Carpets, Eastern Spice Indian Takeaway, Taylors Newsagents and Post Office, Badge.me.uk and Newton Press for printing our event programmes and posters.

We would also like to thank the people and companies that donated raffle prizes: Mikes Fish Bar, Cycleways, Occasions, Pace, Petals, Eastern Spice, Jessie Bussey, Planet Leisure, Stephen Russel, Stan James and the families of Stepping Out with Clare Walton.

Six raffle prizes remain unclaimed, White 83, Green 68, 93 & 183, Orange 88 & 178. If you have these tickets contact Ian on 07704646346. The Mayor, Barbara Clare, and her consort John Clare, stayed the whole night and enjoyed every act, especially Ryan the amazing magician and Unplugged with their great sound.

The most asked question from the audience and those that took part was "When is the next one, we can't wait". So here is the news, on Saturday 7th Sept we



are holding an 80's night with Unplugged headlining and Rock Pit DJ playing all types of music from 80's with optional fancy dress. Then on Sat 21st Dec we are holding a Christmas/Glam Rock night, to get everyone ready for Santa. Contact www.aytp.co.uk, ian@aytp.co.uk or 07704 646346 for details or keep an eye on the Newton News.



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More Employees Cycling to Work at Roman



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L-R Johnny Austin, Joe Brown, Malcom Stobbs, Will Smurthwaite and Ally Chesney

A LOCAL employer has seen a large surge in the amount of employees cycling and walking into work at their head office based on Aycliffe Business Park, with a massive 15% of staff now regularly walking or cycling in each week, despite the business's out of town location. This figure, from Shower Manufacturer Roman, beats

the average national statistics for England, which highlights that 10% of adults in England cycle at least once per week. With their interests sparked by this sudden increase, Roman, have spoken to their employees about this trend, and found out there was a wide range of reasons for this change from saving money on transport, to those working to get fit,

through to the recent change in weather, along with those who are being mindful of the environment.

Ally Chesney, from Roman's Marketing Team, commented: "Cycling to work is a great way for me to get some extra exercise in each week. I'm currently training for my first triathlon and to complete the Spartan Race, so cycling to work ensures I get some extra training."

Chesney is in good company, as a number of Roman employees are in training for a variety of sporting events including: triathlons, the Great North Run, Tough Mudder and various 10k races, so for them cycling and walking to work has become part of their regime.

For others, it's just a regular part of their daily routine. Customer Relations Advisor, Gavin Gorman, said: "I walk every day - sun, rain, snow, everything. I live fairly locally so it doesn't take too long."

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David Osborne, Director, commented: "It's great to see so many of our employees cycling and walking to work. It's such a great way to get fit and healthy. Not only is it good for their own well-being, but it's also great for the environment, with less people driving. From our point of view, as a manufacturer, we are always working to reduce our impact on the environment, and hold ISO14001 accreditation. We are delighted to see so many of our employees are choosing to leave their cars at home, and cycling in to work so regularly."

UK Trade Growth Should be Over 5% Says Ebac Chairman

Politicians and economists who hailed the recent growth in GDP as evidence of improved economic health have very low expectations according to Aycliffe manufacturing entrepreneur John Elliott of Ebac.

Speaking after the announcement of the latest UK trade figures with non-EU countries, Mr Elliott said: "As a developed nation with years of manufacturing experience we should be showing growth in GDP of more than 5% and even more important we should be moving from a deficit economy to one with surpluses."

"To achieve this is remarkably easy but it needs a change in our thinking. We need to think about making the ordinary things that we consume day in and day out. These are simple to do and there is a big demand. We must realise that buying cheap goods from China is not cheap because, as well as paying the Chinese workers that made them, we're also paying through benefits those in this country who could make them."

"The overall cost would be less if we were paying more for the products but less in benefits and we would stop the spiralling debt because of high imports. We need an agreement with China that they won't dump goods on our market and they would allow their own people to buy the goods they produce. This way everybody wins."

The latest trade figures showed that exports to and imports from non-EU countries had both increased in June, compared with May. Whilst exports had grown by 4.5% to £13.4bn, exports had risen by 0.6% to £16.6bn, meaning the UK remains a net importer, with a June trade gap with non-EU countries of £3.3bn. Figures for 2012 also showed that, during the course of the year, the trade gap was £52.6bn. Forty years ago, Mr Elliott founded Ebac, the County Durham company of which he is still chairman.



He said: "We borrow money from other countries, only to plough it back into those economies to buy many products we are capable of manufacturing here, but don't. By investing in setting up manufacturing facilities in the UK to produce many of these goods, we can keep the money in this country, create employment and reduce the deficit."

"It isn't a question of making everything here and closing down global trade, it is a question of balance, of substituting many of the imports when domestic manufacture is possible. There are things we can't make, and there are things that we can make which other countries can't, so we do need to trade, but it is senseless to blindly keep borrowing ourselves into economic trouble. This is what Einstein meant when he defined madness as repeatedly doing the same thing in the hope of a different outcome."

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Special Recreation Committee Meeting

Thursday 29th August 2013 at 7.15pm

Item on the Agenda

To consider the future of the Annual Firework Display

Question Time: A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council

Notice is hereby given that:-

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

Thursday 29th August 2013

(Immediately following the Special Recreation Committee)

Item on the Agenda

To consider and approve the minutes of the Special Recreation Committee meeting held on the 29th August 2013.

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girls taught our children to count in Chinese while our children taught them English songs. On Friday August 9th we held a farewell party and sports afternoon. The girls enjoyed taking part in the races and at the end we had a small graduation ceremony and presented them with a certificate and a farewell card. The two mums also took part in the parents' egg and spoon race. We have really enjoyed the experience and we are going to keep in touch with Zoey and Fayer."

Invitation to PCP Annual General Meeting

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 27th September at 11.30 am. The PCP is a local charity whose aim is to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. The charity is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way in Newton Aycliffe which is where the event will be held. Those attending the meeting will be given an update on activities over the last year and refreshments will be served after the meeting. If you would like to go along to discover what impacts the charity has had on the lives of local people and hear about some of their key achievements, please contact Kath Ferry on 321234, or email kath.ferry@pcp.uk.net before Wed. 18th September.

Aycliffe Running Club



On Sunday 11th August members of Aycliffe Running Club joined a record line up of 1450 athletes to take part in the annual Darlington 10K road race. Weather conditions were good although a little warm and sunny for some. There was a great atmosphere with music at the start and finish and lots of spectators around the course cheering the runners on giving them support and encouragement. First to finish for Aycliffe was Richard Campbell in 39:04. Sandra Collins smashed her previous 10K PB by 5 minutes to achieve a new PB of 49:16. Ladies team captain Kelly Smith, making her comeback after injury, was well pleased with her run and a new PB of 47:04. There were also PB's for Wendy Bake who finished in 46:48 and Shelley McCormack 48:29. Other finishers for Aycliffe were Tom Porter 41:11, Marc Smith 42:59, Peter Smith 43:32, John Burnside 44:11, Ste Smith 47:11, Lisa Thompson 47:38, Naomi Kellett 48:15, Trish Kay 49:41, Chris Forster 51:14, Penny Johnson 52:26, Simon Robinson 52:30, Judith Porter 53:11, Dave MacKenzie 56:36, Michael Smith 58:39, Ronnie Pluck 60:02, Tracey Warrior 60:59, Susan Clark 61:09, Yvonne Williams 62:33. Well done to all the runners and also thanks must go to all the non runners from Aycliffe Running Club who travelled to Darlington to show their support. It was greatly appreciated by all. Photo: Lisa Thompson and Kelly Smith enjoying their run.

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NEWTONIAN'S FIRST GREAT NORTH RUN FOR CHARITY

A Newton Aycliffe man is preparing himself for his first half marathon to raise funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. Dave Cooper, 32 and a mechanic at the GT Hodgkin garage in Winston, will run the Great North Run for the British Skin Foundation on Sunday 15th September. He will be one of 20 runners that make up this year's largest ever Team BSF, as they each make their way around the second largest half marathon in the world. Dave is hoping to raise £300 for the British Skin Foundation, the only charity dedicated to finding cures, or at least better treatments, for the eight million people in the UK who suffer from skin disease. There are two reasons close to Dave's heart for choosing to run for the British Skin Foundation. He has suffered from the chronic skin disease psoriasis for several years, and in 2006, lost his uncle to malignant melanoma, the least common but most serious form of skin cancer. "Since my psoriasis diagnosis, I have been amazed by the amount of people who also suffer from skin disease" says Dave "I wanted to do something that would not only help raise funds for research, but also raise awareness of the unique work the BSF do". This is not the first time Dave has fundraised for charity. In 2007 he took part in the Durham big ride, and along with his fellow fundraisers, raised a large sum of money for the St Teresa's hospice in



Darlington. Every penny raised by Dave will go straight towards funding vital research into skin disease and skin cancer. To date, the British Skin Foundation have awarded over £8m to 260 different research projects in the UK.

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swimmers as the aqua-catch features an attachment at the end of the slide which is used to slow the rider to a gentle stop. Mark Lee, centre manager, said: "Why not cool off this summer and head for our pool. We've got the slide and a wave machine to keep younger ones entertained now that school is out." For more information, opening times and prices, please contact Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 03000 261 161.

Town Gun Club's Charity Day for Baby Care Unit

Yackley Sporting Club is a clay pigeon shooting club which was set up by people of Newton Aycliffe, for the people of the town over 30 years ago. It has continued to be run by people from all over Newton Aycliffe, (and yes we are the people who make all the noise every other Sunday morning, sorry about that) Our club is open to give people an opportunity to experience the thrill of handling and shooting a gun in a controlled and safe environment, where full training on gun safety is given, by our CPSA trained Safety officers. Our club is not elitist in any way and is open to everyone; for instance we have a number of junior members of our club including female shooters. The most common question we get asked is "does it hurt"? The answer is not if it is done properly and as such, we have a variety of guns available to shoot

including smaller guns for use by children and people who are slightly built. The guns can be used by children as young as 10 years old. The club is fully sanctioned by Durham Constabulary, fire arms department to enable non-shooters under supervision by our safety officers, to be shown how to use guns in a safe environment. We are running a Charity Fund raising event in aid of Special Care Baby Unit at Darlington Memorial Hospital, a charity that has special significance to three of our club members, who

have had premature babies cared for by the staff at the Special Care Baby Unit. The event starts at 11am at Aycliffe Quarry which can be accessed from Walkers Lane, Middridge, with ample onsite parking, and will be sign posted, from Aycliffe. Included in the ticket cost is: 25 clay Targets including shot gun cartridges and use of club guns, along with full training on safe use of the gun, by our fully trained and experienced CPSA safety officers. After the shoot a light lunch will be provided at the Cobblers Hall, in Newton Aycliffe where we have 4 live

musical acts starting at 2pm running through to closing time. Also during the day we will have a Bucking Bronco competition with a £50 cash prize to the person who can stay on the longest. We are also running a charity raffle with quality prizes donated by many local businesses, including Ramsey's, Ebac, Spray Vehicle Body Repairs, Revolution Power, and the Veg Oil Warehouse. The Raffle Prizes include a Spa Day (ladies only) at the Water Fall Spa in Leeds, a selection Waterfall spa lotions and potions, various bottles of quality booze including Moet Chardon Champagne, along with many other prizes including free food: see the full list on Yackley Sporting Clubs Facebook page, as prizes are being donated and added daily. If shooting is not for you but you would like to support a well loved local charity, then the after shoot party at Cobblers Hall is FREE entry to absolutely EVERYONE. You can enjoy a full day's entertainment for FREE, and who knows you might even win the bucking bronco competition.

Cricket Team's Winning Streak Halted

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training, were heavily defeated away at promotion rivals Saltburn by 95 runs, bringing an end to their nine match winning streak. The home team were asked to bat first and Aycliffe were delighted to restrict them to just 159 for 8 from their allotted 50 overs. Sam Telford bowled superbly for Aycliffe, finishing his 11 over spell with an impressive career best 5 for 33 and he was given good support from his cousin Luke Telford, who finished with 3 for 47. Aycliffe batted very poorly and were dismissed for just 64 after 27.1 overs, with only Ross Dixon (13 runs), Dan Craggs (12 runs) and Adam Gittins (11 runs) managing to reach double figures. This defeat still leaves Aycliffe at the top of the NYSD 3rd division, 14 points clear of second placed Saltburn, with just six games remaining. A weakened second team travelled to Wolviston and battled really hard to earn a draw in the NYSD Sunday 2nd division. The home team were asked to bat first and scored a hefty 197 for 9 in their allotted 45 overs with Aycliffe's Tom Wickins the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 38 from his 10 overs. Acting captain Chris Palmer smashed the bowling to all sides of the ground as he scored 79 in a batting master class, which included 12 boundaries and 2 sixes. Ben Nicholson batted well scoring a patient 13 in partnership with Palmer, but once these two were dismissed, the

Aycliffe innings looked in trouble and a defeat looked a likely outcome. However, a long defiant innings of 26 from Danny Weldon and good support from Dan O'Connor (13 runs), James Layfield-Carroll (4 not out) and Andy Burnham (2 not out), saw Aycliffe steal a creditable draw from their frustrated opponents.

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The hospitality suite hosting Soul singer, Jaki Graham and raising funds for The Great North Air Ambulance is full to capacity, however tickets are still available for Capital FM DJ, Rob Howard and Moni on the same evening and are bound to be popular so please book in advance so you don't miss this event!

This annual raceday gets started at 4.55pm and will include seven races plus a Best Dressed competition with the chance to win £500 cash plus many more prizes! For more information on Ladies Evening or to book tickets visit www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk or call 01740 621925.

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Aycliffe's Raisco Take Over Project from Failed Company

An Aycliffe company is looking to expand after taking over and completing a major contract for a leading car dealership from a troubled Welsh construction firm.

Raisco, joined forces with construction specialist Mark Jerman, made redundant by Newport-based Dudley and Sons, to enable a Volkswagen garage to complete its refurbishment on time.

Dudley's was plunged into administration in April, with almost 50 staff losing their jobs, including contracts manager Mark.

The firm worked for Sainsbury's as a preferred tier one contractor, and Tesco and Waitrose delivering projects worth up to £18m, but the company was half-way through a 12-week project to completely revamp VW's Merthyr dealership in South Wales before it went bust.

However, with the help of fast-growing Newton Aycliffe firm Raisco and Mark, the project was finished on time and within budget, despite obvious difficulties.

Mark is now heading up Raisco's new South-West England office as the firm's new construction manager and with more than 20 years' experience in the construction industry, he's hoping to build on Raisco's rapid recent growth.

"I'm delighted to be joining a young, vibrant company which appears to be very much on the up," says Mark. "I've known Gary for a lot of years and he's earning himself a fine reputation in the construction business for delivering professional jobs on time and within budget, which is the number one priority for main contractors these days."

He added: "We have the skills, expertise and knowhow to deliver these kinds of contracts and I'm confident we'll win more work like this in the very near future."

Gary formed Raisco in 2007 after 17 years in the construction industry and, aged just 33, was named amongst the Young Business Elite of Great Britain. He has quickly grown the company, doubling turnover two years running to March 2011 then March 2012 to £4m.

Gary said: "We steadied the



Raisco managing director Gary Raistrick (right) with Mark Jerman, in Raisco's factory at Aycliffe

growth to March 2013 and consolidated and are now looking to push our growth through to 2014 and 2015, and have recently increased employment over the last couple of months to take us in excess of 30 full-time staff."

"We're delighted to

welcome Mark on board – the knowledge, experience and contacts he'll bring to our table will be hugely beneficial. We have an excellent, growing workforce and one of the best facilities on Aycliffe Business Park, and have exciting plans to expand."

Thinking Creatively at September Courses

Greenfield Arts is happy to welcome back some fantastic local artists who will be delivering more great courses for us this September.

Jeweller Lindsay Peter will be covering more advanced techniques in Wire Jewellery Making, building on the success of last term; however beginners are still welcome. Lindsay studied in Glasgow to make her stunning pieces; this is a great opportunity for local people to learn from her. We also have an amazing textile printmaking course, with Anna Cole. This 4 week course will cover some basic techniques and give anyone interested the opportunity to experiment, creating your own fabric designs.

Anna studied textile design in London, and now has her

own small creative business in the North East, she is keen to share her love of printing with local residents! To encourage participants to be as creative as possible both courses include all materials in the cost, and are a great starting point. Greenfield Arts is pleased to be able to offer these creative courses for the community.

In addition to these great creative courses we continue to offer a range of activities for the community such as yoga, painting & drawing, guitars, floral art and more. Enrolment week is at the start of September but it's never too early to book a place. For information on all of our courses, visit our website: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, or call us on 01325 379048.

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Thank You

PAT SPELLMAN would like to thank family and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and gifts received on her 70th birthday

Birthday Remembrance

MOLLY ELLIOTT 20th August. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper for you to hear "Happy Birthday, wish you were still here. Love and miss you Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxx MARY ELLIOTT "Molly". 20th August. Deep in our hearts you will always stay, much loved and remembered every day. Love and miss you Mam. Barbara and Rob xxx

Obituary

NIGEL THOMAS DAWSON passed away suddenly on 3rd August, aged 51 in Freginalis, Spain. Beloved Son of Jean and Ken; Wife Sheryl and youngest Son Callum in Spain and oldest Son Keith in Hull. Service and cremation was on Tuesday 6th August in Santa Barbara, Spain. Attended by Mam and Dad, older Brother Kevin, his Wife and Daughters. JOHNSON, Michael (Mick the Brick) of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully on 5th August, aged 85 years. Dearly loved Husband of the late Mabel; much loved Dad to Michael and Janet; Father-in-Law to David and Vivienne; treasured Grandfather to Lindsey, Amber and James. Also a Great Grandfather to Charlie. Family and friends please meet at St Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 20th August for 10.00am.

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Mark Fletcher



21st August 2012

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Lee George El-Hakim



11th August 2006

Time goes so fast, it's seven 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

JACQUELINE THAIN 12/7/1969 to 21/8/2007. 6 years since you became a star. Keep looking after us! Love always, Mum, Dad, Angela, Alex, Matthew, Laura, Riley and Ava xxx - Also love always, Callum, Kyron and Erin xxxx

Congratulations

Jim and Margaret Carney



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

17th August 2013

Congratulations Mam and Dad. All our Love, Graham and Helen, Gary and Paula, Glenn and Bridget and all the Grandchildren and Great Grandson Taylor xxxxxxxx

Thomas Cant



Happy 2nd Birthday

16th August 2013

Happy birthday to our precious baby boy. We love you so much. Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Alison Dolan



Happy 21st Birthday

15th August 2013

Have fun in Amsterdam. Enjoy your birthday. Lots of love, Mam, Rich and all the family xxxxx

David Gregory



Happy 50th Birthday

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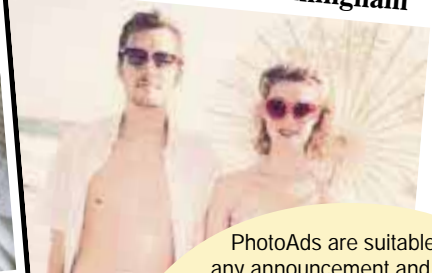


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to our beautiful Daughter on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Mam & Dad xxx

Bonny and Clyde Cunningham



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Durham Tigers Host Rugby Training Camp

On Tuesday the 27th and Wednesday the 28th of August the Durham Tigers will be hosting a two day rugby league training camp with the Bradford Bulls at Shildon's Sunnydale Leisure Centre. After a very successful camp this February the Super League club has agreed to come back to the town and host another two day event. Tickets will cost £10 per day and can be bought by calling The Tiger on 07432649513 or alternatively you could turn up to one of their training sessions at Sunnydale leisure centre on either: Tuesday evening when they have training for their open age (16+) and Under 15's teams from 6:30pm or Saturday when they train all their teams train from 10:30am. This will be the fourth time that the Tigers have hosted Bradford Bulls coaches at

Sunnydale, Club Secretary Phil Selby said "Following three highly successful previous courses we are very pleased that the Bulls have agreed to come back to Shildon again because we are determined to give local kids the best training and opportunities possible, so that if they have an interest in rugby and would like to pursue it further this would be a great opportunity for them to progress. The Bulls are always looking for new players that have the potential to play professionally and as the UK is hosting this year's Rugby League World Cup they are looking to use this as a way to get more kids into rugby. It's a great opportunity." For more information about the team, or if you are curious about the Bradford Bulls, you can like "We are Durham Tigers" on Facebook.

Twins Complete Triathlon Over 13hrs



Twins Mark and Phil Harrop from Aycliffe completed the gruelling Ironman Triathlon crossing the line together after a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike race and a 26 mile run. They raised over £1500 for The Kyran Richmond Fund, a young Chilton lad diagnosed with Juvenile Batten Disease. This is a rare genetic metabolic neurodegenerative disease for which there is no cure.

The Harrop twins who own Workshop Supplies on the Business Park would like to thank friends, customers and suppliers for their donations to this worthy cause. People can donate by visiting Kyrans web site: www.kyranrichmondfundraising.co.uk



NAFC LATEST NEWS

Newton Aycliffe's Family Fun Day will take place on Sunday August 18th, after the original event was postponed due to the weather.

Activities and stalls, including a tug-of-war competition, a speed goal and a bouncy castle, will ensure families are kept entertained.

The event starts at 11am at Moore Lane Park. Tables remain available for the table top sale at £5 each. They can be arranged by contacting Barry Waters on 07864 718243.

Please note those with tables will have to have their car inside the ground at 9.30am due to a cricket match on the adjacent oval.

On the pitch, the Royal Blues began their campaign with a victory in a special evening kick-off away at Penrith.

As the Northern League celebrates its 125th anniversary, a Cumbria groundhopper took place, with games staggered on the West Coast.

Aycliffe's game took the 'main-event' slot at 7.30pm, and two goals each for last season's top scorer Danny Earl and new signing Jamie Owens led Allan Oliver's boys to a thrilling 4-2 victory. The result was made all the more impressive as key defensive trio John Close, Stephen Gibson and Stuart Owen were all unavailable. They will all return this weekend as the Newtonians begin their FA Cup campaign with a trip to second division side Darlington RA.

Aycliffe have never won an FA Cup tie. The game kicks off at Brinkburn Road at 3pm on Saturday August

17th, with the club hopeful of a large turnout in travelling supporters as they attempt to make history.

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AYCLIFFE'S BUDDING BASKETBALL STAR



Woodham Academy student Ryan Harris was the star man for the North East Under 13 Regional basketball team in their recent tournament at The Wildcats Arena, Nottingham. Ryan is the most recent in a long line of students from Woodham to have represented the north east region at England trials. Ryan has developed his skills under the expert tutelage of Woodham Assistant Headteacher and Durham Wildcats coach Danny Morgans. Ryan finished the tournament as top scorer for his team and he received special commendation from his coach as a result of his excellent performances. Durham Wildcats have recently confirmed that Woodham will continue to be one of their junior satellite centres and the lead venue for all of their junior development and National League programme