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Great Loss to Aycliffe as Catholic Priest Leaves

As Father Michael Campion prepares to leave Newton Aycliffe to take up a new post we reflect with gratitude on his contribution to the

community. Fr. Michael made a real impact on the parish and was not afraid to strike out against injustice or neglect of duty. He was Vice Chairman of the Great Aycliffe Residents's Association and supported its campaigns vigorously. He was instrumental in its formation and allowed church premises to be used for committee and public meetings.

A man of great intellect, deep thought and

compassion he will be remembered fondly by all those who he knew and his departure leaves a huge gap in our midst.

We know Fr. Michael did not want to leave, but he was bound by his calling and obedience to the Bishop.

On behalf of the community he served so well we thank him for his valuable contribution to Great Aycliffe and wish him every success and happiness in his new position.

Thank You and Farewell

Dear Sir,
As this is my last weekend in Newton Aycliffe, I am grateful for this opportunity to express my thanks for the warm welcome and and generous support that I have received here over the past five and a half years.

The happiest years of my life as a priest have been spent here in Aycliffe. It has been a privilege to serve this community and to share in people's joys and hopes, grief and sorrows.

I have been richly blessed here in so many ways, receiving far more than I was able to give. I shall always remember with great affection my time 'on the town' and for all the blessings that have come my way here, I am most grateful.

To the Newton News and its readers, the Town and County Councillors, all those in the



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Acorn Residents Fun Day



The first Fun Day on the Green event was on Thursday 15th August near Christopher Walk. Nothing new about Fun Days in the summer you may say, but this event was very special as it was organised by the junior section, Little Acorns.

Let down by the main attraction, a bus full of farmyard animals: Dorothy Bowman quickly stepped in to arrange an inflatable slide to complement the Toy Story bouncy castle.

Professor Nincompoop entertained dancing children and adults; following this with a magic show, which enthralled kids and adults alike.

Hook a Duck proved very popular with sweets for prizes whilst a buzz of excitement surrounded Harry Potty as he transformed children into cats and bears etc. with face paint.

Tombola sold out within an hour.

Neighbourhood Police Beat Team put in an appearance with their vehicles which were opened up for public inspection; leading to several people being treated to a lock up experience including Sid the ACORN Squirrel and Professor Nincompoop.

The most impressive event of the afternoon was the Teddy Bear's picnic, which required children and adults to attend with their own teddy in fancy dress with prizes for the winners.

This was a real community event, with loans of a gazebo, marquee and other items. Residents pulled together to make the event the most memorable ever known in the area. People of all ages thoroughly enjoyed the event

Town DJ to Climb Mountain for Charity

Darren Norcup DJ at DL5 sports bar, in the Town Centre is raising money for St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington where his Mum spent the last few months of her life.

The hospice made her very comfortable with a devoted staff team and excellent facilities. Darren is climbing Mont Blanc which is 4,810m high, which will be one of his most best personal achievements to date and his first for the hospice.

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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.'

One of the most talked about bands on the circuit.

Saturday 7th September - "Uncle Gilbert"

RIFFS Online Review: 'An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill and Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance - as did all the other punters in the venue tonight. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right - this band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league'

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COFFEE MORNING

A Macmillan Coffee Morning, is arranged for Thursday 5th September at 10am. at Bethany House, Woodham in the Bethany Court lounge.

We have cakes and refreshments, raffle and tombola. If anyone would like to donate any items this would be appreciated, or turn up and have a cuppa and chat.

Fun Day at The Cubby



The Cubby held a very successful Fun Day around their premises with lots of entertainment, plenty of food and a special supply of Candy Floss provided by Rev Julie Wing and volunteers from St. Clares.

Professor Nincompoop was popular along with Face Painter Harry Potty. There was a Guess the Cake weight competition and a raffle. Chairman Billy Blenkinsopp thanks all volunteers who helped on the day and all those who supported the event.

Around £250 was raised for Cubby funds. Please note the premises will be open as usual on Bank Holiday Monday.



Summer Barbecue

St Andrew's Church will hold a Summer BBQ at Aycliffe Village hall on Saturday 31st August from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine. Children under 12 - £3. Available from Dawn Herbert on 300040.

GREAT WEEKEND FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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Also in the arena will be Ridgeside Falconry, Ridgeside Lurchers and also the Drakes of Hazard. There will be demonstrations of flying and racing, with the highlight being a race between the lurchers and a hawk - a unique spectacle. The Drakes 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 showcases local and national artists in live stage performances. The professional entertainment in the marquee on Sunday is 4th Dimension giving a high-energy performance of hits, old and new, while international stand-up comic, Martyn James, will bring laughter to the Playhouse Marquee

All the regular features of the Show have had a great response with over 800- handcraft and horticulture entries, 150 pigeons, and 400 in the poultry show. You can also see the ever popular rabbits, football tournament, vintage vehicles, environment and craft demonstrations, 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, Co-operative Funeralcare, Bewick & Neville Pharmacy, Gregg Little Testing Centre, SS Seeds and Deco Trophies & Engraving making an invaluable contribution.

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FOSTER CARER AWARDS

A Newton Aycliffe fostering agency has celebrated the achievements of its foster carers, including one couple who are retiring after fostering many children and adopting sixteen youngsters. Reach Out Care Fostering Services held their annual afternoon tea awards ceremony at Hardwick Hall Hotel in Sedgfield. "We like to recognise the individual achievements of every foster carer, every birth child and every foster child," said manager Lynne Brown. "Ofsted rated us as outstanding in our recent inspection and a huge part of that is down to the enthusiasm and expertise of our fostering families." Dave and Diane Griffiths,

from Darlington, are retiring after a 22-year fostering career. They have been with Reach Out Care, which also has offices in Billingham, for seven years.

"We didn't start to foster until our own two children were grown up - I was late 40's and Dave was in his early 50's," said Diane.

"We actually adopted a sibling group of six - we just about emptied one of the children's homes in the area. There was one little girl left - she was not related to the others and we always felt for her. We saw an article about her three years later and adopted her too."

"We then went on to adopt another sibling group of four but we have fostered many,

children and also had several mother and baby placements. We have enjoyed a sometimes challenging but rewarding career as foster carers."

Peter and Karen Weaver, from Newton Aycliffe, received a ten year foster carer service award and Lorraine McAloon, one of the agency's social workers, also received a ten year service award.

"I started out as a foster carer with Reach Out Care, then became a support worker, then a fostering officer in the team and the company supported me to fulfil my dream of becoming social worker," said Lorraine.

The agency is the only one in the region to have Investors in People Gold accreditation.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Sent in by Christine Young of Woodham. Is it a hot dog?



left to right: Directors Derek and Dot Butler, Dave and Diane Griffiths, Peter and Karen Weaver, fostering manager Lynne Brown and social worker Lorraine McAloon

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Next month's Heritage Open Days event offers the chance to do all this and much more as the county takes part in the annual celebration of the country's history, heritage and culture.

Dozens of venues are taking part in this year's event and details of all activities around County Durham are included in a special guide.

Published by Durham County Council, the free booklet is available from locations around the area including libraries, Customer Access Points and participating venues.

Sandra Robertson, Durham County Council's heritage, landscape and design team leader, said: "County Durham's Heritage Open Days programme continues to expand, with 20 new venues taking part."

"We know from the feedback that we have received, that our guide to Heritage Open Day events and activities is very popular, giving detailed information about venues and opening times."

"I would encourage people to get their copy early so they can plan how to make the most of these four special

days."

Heritage Open Days 2013 runs from Thursday, 12 September to Sunday, 15 September, offering the opportunity to take a look at behind the scenes at places that are not normally open to the public or attend specially organised events.

This year, activities include a magical mystery of Teesdale on a 1950s Leyland Tiger coach, the chance to try the traditional art of stone carving and guided tours of Victor Pasmore's Grade II* listed Apollo Pavilion in Peterlee. Copies of the Heritage Open Days guide are available by calling 03000 267 133 or emailing heritageopendays@durham.gov.uk

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Film Show

Air cadets from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron have had a busy summer! Starting with athletics, our cadets came home with some impressive results from the recent inter-squadron event.

Four of Aycliffe's cadets completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition after a two day walk through Teesdale. A further four cadets completed their three day Silver Expedition in North Yorkshire. They are all now well on their way to completing the rest of their awards.

Cadet Donkin has spent a week at the Air Cadet's adventure training centre in Windermere. There he mountain walked, cycled, swam, kayaked, rock climbed and ghyll scrambled. He thoroughly enjoyed every minute. While at this summer's Devil's Tower Camp in Gibraltar, Sergeants



Lowe and McCormack experienced different units of all three services, visited two tips of Gibraltar's rock and even walked through it! They also took trips to Spain and saw the dolphins in the bay. Sgt McCormack said "One of the best experiences a 17 year old can have, meeting amazing people and doing amazing things!" At the recent Wing Competition Day our squadron competed against others in the area in 1st aid, aircraft

modelling, aircraft recognition and drill. Our drill team came an impressive 3rd out of 35 squadrons and Sgt Lowe performed very well in the aircraft recognition competition; winning his age group and being selected to represent our Wing at the next level. Sgt Lowe is currently working towards his BTec in Music and represented the Cadets at Beating the Retreat at Edinburgh Castle where he played his trombone. The cadets have also been

helping out in their local community. They formed the guard of honour for the Spitfire on the Green and performed duties at a Veterans' Parade, both at Sedgfield.

With a camp to Arnhem, Netherlands, a swimming competition, the Battle of Britain Parade and the Adventure Training Challenge on the horizon, there's lots to look forward to. All this on top of our parade night activities.

We are now actively recruiting. If you're aged between 13 and 17 and like flying, gliding, shooting, sport, field craft, adventure training, gaining awards such as DofE Awards and BTecs, going on camps and making new friends then why not consider joining? Look out for our stall at the Great Aycliffe Show or come and see us on a parade night. See our website www.1407aircadets.org for details.

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church is on Wednesday 28th August. The film is "WATER", the inspiring tale of Chuyia, a young girl orphaned at the age of eight and sent to a home where Hindu widows must live in penitence. But Chuyia is a feisty girl!! Tea/coffee is served at 1pm (inc in the £2), and the film starts at 1-15pm. Everyone is most welcome, please ring Ric Hargreaves for further information 01325 316755.

Yoga Class

Have you always wanted to try the ancient art of Yoga, but don't know where to go to ensure you get the best instruction? OakLeaf Sports Complex has classes on a Thursday evening, taken by an experienced wheel of yoga instructor Rebecca Orr. Yoga classes start at 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Relaxation is a vital part of keeping a health body and mind so why not unwind with us. Places are limited so book now on 01325-300600

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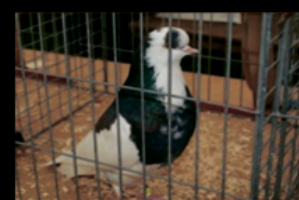
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Cooking Oil Recycling Makes Durham Greener

Durham County Council is encouraging residents to recycle their used cooking oil at 12 household waste recycling centres throughout the county.

The new initiative, organised by the council in partnership with waste contractor HW Martin Waste Ltd, will enable residents to dispose of their used oil in a safe and environmentally friendly manner in specially designed collection tanks.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "It's really important that people dispose of cooking oil safely and not pour it down the sink, because it can block drains, get into watercourses and threaten wildlife."

"By recycling the oil it helps to reduce landfill waste and produces an alternative energy source which is cleaner and greener."

Once the oil is collected, it is naturally recovered by eco-firm Living Fuels into a clean, green bio-liquid for use in renewable energy facilities which produce carbon neutral electricity for the National Grid.



Rob Murphy, Living Fuels' operations director, commented: "We're delighted that people in Durham will be collecting their used cooking oil and recycling residents can be proud that they will be helping to improve the environment for us all."

"Just one litre of used cooking oil can power a laptop for 160 hours, or make 240 cups of tea. One full tank can power the average home for an entire year."

Steve Hodges, contract manager at HW Martin Waste Ltd, continued: "We are really

pleased that we've been able to bring cooking oil recycling to the household waste recycling centres since we took over their management in June.

"It makes a huge difference to local residents wanting to dispose of the oil in an environmentally friendly way and reduce the effects of pollution."

Further information about recycling in County Durham is available at www.durham.gov.uk/recycling or by contacting Durham County Council on 03000 26 1000.

Volunteers Wanted at the PCP



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is looking for volunteers to help with a project aimed at improving the health, wellbeing and quality of life for local people.

The PCP Health Buddy Scheme is aimed at people living in or around Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Spennymoor, Sedgfield and Ferryhill who may feel isolated, lonely or vulnerable, to regain their independence and confidence.

As a Volunteer Befriender/Health Buddy you will develop a trusting relationship with clients, help them with shopping or attending medical appointments, encourage them to engage with social activities or groups and access services, or simply take the time to listen over a cup of tea.

If you know your community, are patient and reliable then this could be an ideal opportunity for you. A full training and support

package will be provided by PCP and volunteers can give a minimum of 2 hours a week.

Grace is 34 and is currently volunteering as a Health Buddy for the scheme; she says "I wanted to volunteer in an area which helps other people. This role has not only helped me get out of the house more, I can fit it around my family commitments. I find everyone so friendly and welcoming. I have enjoyed meeting people and it has not only given me the satisfaction of helping others, I have gained qualifications and experience, which will help me find employment when I'm ready."

If you are interested in this volunteering role please contact Fiona Chrishard, Health Buddy Development Worker, tel: 01325 321234 email: healthbuddy@pcp.uk.net based at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF.

Visit from the Dentist

On Monday 12th August Oasis Dental Practice in Bishop Auckland visited the children at Woodham Burn out of School Club. The dentist brought an assortment of educational resources to help teach the children how to look after their teeth and how to brush them correctly. After a short talk the children used 'disclosing tablets' to see how clean their teeth really were! They were then given their own tooth brush and tooth paste and practiced cleaning their teeth.

The children took part in a healthy food game with Yas. The pictures of the food with lots of sugar that is bad for your teeth stuck to the tooth, the healthy/good foods fell off.

The children also had the opportunity to mix dental clay; one of the children had

an impression made of their teeth.

A huge thank you to Jamie (Oasis dentist), Claire (dental nurse) and Yas (dental nurse) for their time given to the children, putting each and everyone of them at ease and making the dentist great fun.

A big thank you for the goody bags the children received which were full of treats including a tooth brush tooth paste, cleaning your teeth chart, stickers, gloves and a dentist mask to take home.

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.



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Nothing Worse Than the Hard-Shoulder

Record temperatures this summer resulted in an increase in road-side emergency call-outs with the RAC quoting up to 30% increase in costal areas, but ask yourself this, when was the last time you looked under your car bonnet, do you even know where the catch is? Seized-up bonnet catches account for many summer roadside call-outs including, air conditioning problems, engines overheating, broken fans and cooling related problems. It sounds sensible but checking your vehicle prior to summer holidays is probably the last priority on most people's check list. However, many garages (Ramseys included) now offer free summer health checks ensuring your heading for the sun and not the hard-shoulder. Here's our top ten tips to safer motoring this summer...

1. Always carry a spare set of keys for your vehicle and keep them in safe place.
2. Ask your garage to check the cooling system and fan,

the main cause of over-heating

3. Check windscreen fluid levels and wiper blades for wear and tear
4. Check tyres and pressure. If you're unsure ask your garage to do this for you. Minimum tread can mean a maximum fine. It's also worth remembering to check the spare too.
5. Any dashboard warning lights should be identified and checked by your local dealer
6. Check oil levels
7. Plan your journey with regular breaks for rest and refreshments (although avoid eating large meals before driving)
8. Take extra supplies of medication, they may not be able if you're abroad
9. If you're planning a long journey, remember to bring games or audio books to keep the children entertained.
10. Keep a first aid kit in your car all the time.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and safe motoring
Elliott Ramsey
Aftersales Manger

School Club Summer Outings



Children who attend 1st Four Kidz Out of School Club based at Sugar Hill Primary

Darlington Weddings Local Events



Weddings are big business in Darlington, not least for Craig Maddison and his wife Vicky, whose Darlington Weddings business is set to expand this year, hosting wedding fayres at some of the leading venues in the region. The local wedding publishing and events company has recently partnered with Walworth Castle and the Holiday Inn Scotch Corner Hotel to help run the events, which are held twice a year and regularly attract large volumes of customers from all over the region. DarlingtonWeddings.co.uk was setup by Craig Maddison in 2005 as a hobby and potential small lifestyle business. Vicky joined in 2011, helping to expand the business events with her events planning skills. Since then the duo have run successful wedding fayres at Redworth Hall, Hall Garth Hotel and Bannatyne Hotel in Darlington. Craig also launched a successful Darlington Weddings magazine, which has grown significantly in 2 years and has now matured into 'Unveiled', a regional bridal magazine for the North East. Their next event is at the Hall Garth Hotel in Coatham Mundeville on September 1st, from 12-3pm. Pre-register your details on DarlingtonWeddings.co.uk for a free goodie bag, sponsored by House of Fraser, Darlington.

school have enjoyed some great activities over the holidays including messy play days, mini beast hunts, discos and outings in local area including attending fun in the parks The most popular trip proved to be Adventure, where children and staff had a great day out, enjoying all the activities adventure valley had to offer. Children also enjoyed Preston Park and are now looking forward to our last trip to South Shields. 1st four kidz are open all day through the school holidays and also provide full day care on teacher training days. We still have places available for September for breakfast and afterschool care, If anyone would like to find out more information about the club please call 07583 381008 to speak to owner Liz Jones or manager Sharon Lynch

(LINK ROAD BETWEEN GREENWELL ROAD AND BURN LANE NEWTON AYCLIFFE)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

The Council, on 15.08.13 made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, its effect to close to vehicular traffic a 155m length of un-named link road linking Greenwell Road with the entrance to Tesco's car park off C34 Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe to enable maintenance works namely kerbing, drainage, re-surfacing and new signage, to be undertaken.


The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required from 02.09.13 for the duration of the works, anticipated to be 6 weeks. However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic via Greenwell Road, Central Avenue and Burn Lane Newton Aycliffe, and vice versa.

(FOOTPATH NO. 5 GREAT AYCLIFFE PARISH NEWTON AYCLIFFE)
(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2013


The above-named Order made by the Council on 15.02.13, under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and which became operational on 25.02.13 has been continued in force from 25.08.13, as approved by the Secretary of State for Transport, until 25.08.14 or archaeology and site development works are completed, whichever is the earlier. The effect of the Order is to temporarily close to pedestrian traffic an 830m length of Footpath No. 5 Great Aycliffe Parish that extends westwards from the western side of the railway track, Newton Aycliffe.

An alternative route will be available to pedestrian traffic from the eastern side of the closure northerly along the highway of Long Tens Way and westerly along Heighington Lane to the public footpath leading to the western side of the closure and vice versa.

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West Park Lakes Explained

Dear Sir,

The West Park lakes were developed, originally, as boating lakes – when I first came to the town you could still watch people sailing their (amazing) models.

Even then, however, there was a problem with weed. The lakes are shallow and the water becomes warm. Meanwhile, the water is nutrient-rich:– fertilisers from farmers’ fields, hydrocarbon run-off from local estates, bread people feed to the birds, and those birds’ droppings, in that warm water, create an explosion of weed and algae growth in summer.

When I was elected to the Environment Committee in the late 1990s, the Town Council still periodically drained and cleaned the lakes, but it was an unsatisfactory business. The tractors cracked the base of the lake and aquatic life was destroyed. The water-soaked weed weighed so many hundreds of tons that it could not be transported away immediately, but had to be left to drain and dry out ... hence the awful smell.

Today, given new regulations about health & safety and movement & tipping of controlled waste as required under the Environmental Protection Act, it would be inconceivably expensive to clear the lakes – when we sought a price recently, we could not get even an estimate.

The turning point was environmental. One year, a pioneer duck had managed to nest by the lakes and, to protect the ducklings, local residents physically prevented Council workers from opening the sluice to drain the water. In a time of changing attitudes, we decided to turn the lakes from an artificial feature into a natural resource.

Instead of clearing the lakes, we began putting in a retardant – a bacteria which devours the nutrients. It is perfectly natural and absolutely safe. As you can see, it does not work perfectly – especially in a very warm summer such as this – but it does reduce plant growth.

The lakes, therefore, have become an ecological feature in their own right, and part of the Council’s biodiversity offer. When I inspected the lakes last week, they were beautiful ... as long as you were looking at them as an environmental, not an artificial, asset. The mats of weed covered less than half the surface, and were multi-coloured; if you had chanced upon such a pond on a country walk you would have taken a photograph! The water, meanwhile, was crystal clear, and teeming with all kinds of swimming things. Dragon flies and damson flies danced around the edges, and the lakes were covered with ducks, geese, seagulls and swans.

Nature left to itself, of course, does not look manicured, and I can appreciate why people wanting an ornamental feature are disappointed. Every year we get a few complaints, some from people who are politically motivated, but others from people who simply do not understand what we are trying to do with the lakes.

Last week’s letter in the Newton News was typical, combining misunderstanding with misinformation. May I assure readers that there has NEVER been poisonous algae in the lakes.

We did not take the boats off the lake because of the weed; we

stopped them because people had stopped using them. Whilst the revenue-take had fallen to pennies, we were paying thousands for staff – in a world anxious about child safety, it was impossible to get properly-checked, suitably-qualified staff, for just a few weeks, for a temporary unskilled job at holiday time.

Thus the lakes represent a success, not a failure. They are not a rare ecological resource but, given the location and the limitations, they are a remarkable achievement. If anyone wishes to speak further about this, either myself or the town council’s qualified Environment Officer would be happy to visit to explain further.

And – if anyone has a good idea as to how we might reduce the weed without wrecking the wildlife it supports – we will always be prepared to consider it. Apparently turning the upper lake into a reed-bed would work, but we decided that the cure was worse than the weed! Personally, I think that what we’ve got is the best we can have.

Beyond that, I really don’t know how to address the perennial problem of people who go to the park wanting a disinfected boating lake, and who jump to the wrong conclusion that the lakes are ‘dirty and diseased’.

Perhaps people reading this letter can help to spread the word that the lakes are actually clean and eco-healthy! Counc. John Clare

New Recruitment Agency Opens at Aycliffe

Delivering the extraordinary is all in a day’s work for a new and determined recruitment agency who have put down firm roots on Aycliffe Business Park.

Whurk Recruitment based in St Cuthbert’s House is the brainchild of Managing Director Laura Claugan, 27 from Willington, who has worked in the industry for 10 years.

“I could see there was a gap in the market and wanted to bring back strong relationships with candidates and clients in order to find the right person for the job. I often had clients



and candidates asking if I specifically could help them and one day decided to go it alone. It took guts to do it and make the move; but I am so glad that I did.” said Laura.

Laura is on a mission to make Whurk recruitment stand out from the crowd bringing a fresh but traditional approach to the sector.

“Taking time to find the most suitable person and finding out what the candidate or the client wants is crucial. We don’t just look at streams of CVs, we actually work hard to find the right personality that fits” said Laura.

Whurk Recruitment provides temporary and permanent recruitment solutions in six key areas including manufacturing, engineering and technical, warehouse and distribution, contact centre, business support and executive search.

Laura started the company earlier this year and has spent considerable time training her team on a one to one basis to pass on her own skills and knowledge of the industry.

“When we visit a new client it is important we take time

to really understand their business and what kind of person is going to be a benefit to them. We build relationships with our clients and become an extension of their team, someone they can rely on to bring the right result. Within a three month period Laura has gone from operating solo to a team of five, based on successful results achieved with clients and repeat business secured.

Whurk recruitment currently work with clients of all sizes and disciplines, both here in the North-East and elsewhere in the country including Manchester and Luton.

Choosing to operate from Aycliffe Business Park was an easy decision for Laura to make.

“The location is fantastic,” Laura added. “It’s amazing we often get phone calls from people who are on their way home noticed us on the way past; it is a brilliant place to be seen and a great opportunity to support businesses here.”

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During the trip the group explored the museum, including the award-winning Victorian Street, seeing blacksmiths, a sweet shop and more! A picnic in the park

filled up lunch time, followed by an afternoon enjoying the outdoor areas, including a giant slide and jungle gym. Some of the families took the opportunity to visit Butterfly World, which is also on the grounds, seeing some fantastical and colourful butterflies!

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PETITION TO REDUCE FAMILY TRAVEL COST IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Travelzoo is aiming to bring down the cost of family-holiday travel in the UK. Travel during school holidays is more expensive than any other period and from September, 2013, new government legislation will come into effect that will obligate schools to reject holiday requests for children to be taken out of school during term time.

Travelzoo are calling this the 'Parent Trap' as families are forced to travel during school-holiday times, when prices are highest.

Travelzoo's European managing director, Richard Singer has worked in the travel industry for many years and decided to start this campaign via an online e-petition to lobby the UK government to consider suspending or reducing Air Passenger Duty (APD) during the six weeks of the school summer-holiday period. APD is an extra tax that is added on to flights

departing from the UK, and it varies depending on the distance you are travelling. APD on a typical holiday to a long-haul destination adds at least £350 to the travel bill for a family of four.

This is one simple way to help reduce the price of family holidays. He needs to get to 10,000 signatures to get an initial response from the government and a total of 100,000 signatures on the e-petition in order to bring this debate to Parliament.

"I urge all of you who feel passionately about affordable travel for families and teachers to sign the petition. So far we have over 7,500 signatures and lots of support on our Facebook page. If you sign our petition and urge your friends and family to do the same, we may just be able to bring down the cost of family travel" said Richard. Click here now to sign the petition: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/53002>

Food Bank Celebrates 1st Birthday



The Durham Food Bank, operating a branch at St. Clare's Church, celebrated its 1st birthday last Sunday, bringing together all the volunteers and supporters of the scheme.

Co-ordinators Ernie and June Temple organised the event to report on progress and express thanks to everyone for their magnificent support.

Statistics show a steady increase in demand by families who do not have the cash to buy essential food. The Durham Food Bank Headquarters in Chester-le-Street collect the foodstuff and distribute to various church premises throughout the county.

CHARITY NIGHT FOR CANCER CARE AND ANNE-MARIE

We are all growing up with the knowledge that one of our family or friends has been touched by cancer. Treatment is no run in the park and it seems a 50:50 chance that you will get remission at the end.

MacMillan Cancer Care are always there to help you through the situation and advise you in any way they can. They have a great group of people working for them and nothing seems to be too much trouble.

A friend of mine and fellow charity fundraiser Nicola Mason asked for help to raise money for MacMillan and her long time friend and Aycliffe resident Anne-Marie Pattinson, recently diagnosed with cancer.

I jumped at the opportunity as this charity is very close to my heart and I am all for helping Aycliffe people. So we have organised a charity 80's night, with optional fancy dress. We have Planet Leisure on board as Event Sponsors to cover all the out of pocket expenses and letting us use their facilities, thank you Darren.

We also like to thank The Fab Shop, in Aycliffe, for making the stage for the nights events. We have secured Tom Bussey from www.aytp.co.uk as host for the night and thank him for use of his PA equipment. Rock Pit DJ from, The Merry



Monk, Bishop Auckland, has also agreed to be DJ for the night and to play 80's songs instead of her normal Rock Only Disco, believe me that's a big ask for Kal to do this. Local band Unplugged, www.UnpluggedBand.co.uk, will be treating us to 2 hrs of great 80's music. A few local acts will also take part. All these people and firms are doing their bit and not charging, so a big thank you to everyone for supporting this great cause.

Now it's your time to show support in any way you can. If you would like to help you can contact Ian from AYTP on 07704 646346. Tickets for the Charity 80's gig are available at £3 in advance. You can get them from Ian from AYTP or from Planet Leisure. Businesses on the town are also welcome to help. Contact Ian for details.

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Council Organise Map and Compass Course

A two-day course to help people learn vital countryside skills will take place in County Durham. The course will teach beginners how to use a map and compass to avoid becoming lost and stranded when out walking.

It is being organised by Durham County Council's Countryside Service and will be held over two days on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1 between 10am and 3pm on both days.

The first day will cover how to read a map, understand the symbols, find and give a grid reference and how to use a compass. This session will be held at a location in Durham City.

The second day will give those taking part the chance to put their knowledge into practice out in the Durham Dales. The cost of the course is £30 and bookings are being taken now.

People will need to bring a Silva-type compass and

a North Pennines Outdoor Leisure Map number 31 with them.

Maria Murphy, countryside development officer at Durham County Council, said: "Satnav and GPS are great, but there's no substitute for being able to read a map. It's an essential skill for anyone who enjoys being outside, especially in remote places."

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 4th September 2013

Environment Committee

Recreation Committee

from 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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Academy Introduce 3 Year Business Course



For Woodham's Year 9 in September, a new challenge awaits. For several years now, the school has offered its students the chance to study GCSE options a full year earlier than most schools. It has, in part, been one of the reasons for Woodham gaining more A and A* grades in recent times. It is probably not surprising, given the future prospects for the town and region alongside the success of existing businesses, that Engineering has enjoyed its highest ever uptake. Two groups will follow a joint programme developed by the schools Design and

Technology department and South West Durham Training, a long-standing partner of Woodham. After the huge success of BTEC Business Studies programmes over recent years, Woodham has introduced a new 3-year GCSE Business Studies course. Deputy Headteacher Ian Bickerdike said, "The students have set about choosing their subjects in a mature, informed way. It is no surprise that they recognise the importance of these subjects as part of their progression towards securing relevant careers."

Is Cobblers Hall Nature Reserve Secure?

Dear Sir,
The letter in Newton News (week ending 9th August) about building on the Cobblers Hall Wetland reminded me of a meeting for local residents held by Sedgefield Borough Council in 2005. It was to establish a group of "Friends of The Moor Local Nature Reserve" to keep their eyes on the proposed facilities for this designated Local Nature Reserve (LNR). We were given a glossy leaflet showing a plan of the reserve with fencing and viewing platforms. The idea was to use the run-off from the new housing area in a 'SUDS' or 'sustainable urban drainage scheme'. This was to involve an underground storage chamber for any rapid run-off from the housing roads and

paved areas which would slowly release its water to the wetland, keeping it healthy by preventing it from flooding and drying out. The planning permission was granted by SBC in August 2006, but the housing got delayed. SBC were taken over by Durham County Council and The Moor hasn't been improved. In fact the Wetland seems to be drying out as it becomes more overgrown. There is no longer any open water, the moorhen is no longer seen and the skylarks no longer use the field where the housing is to go. I don't know any details of the latest proposals in terms of drainage, the 'SUDS' and the future of the LNR. Hopefully DCC and the Developers have a plan!
Graham Stevens,
Ashtree Close

New Boot Camp Open

Stuart Furlonger has just started a Fit4Longer Boot Camp at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on a Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Stuart is a fully qualified personal trainer who is DBS checked said "I only charge £2.50 which is cheaper than most other Boot Camps. I believe in client satisfaction and love what I do, getting alongside people and helping them achieve their goals". Joan Clark Treasurer of the Youth Centre added "As this is a new course there are still a few places left. As Stuart is DBS checked he is able to take younger people and he has suggested that youngsters over the age of 12 could come along with their parents".

For more information please contact Stuart on 07903 449590 or find him on Facebook Co/Durham/fitforlonger. Bootcamp is a fitness programme that is increasingly popular across the country. It is a workout programme that entails circuit training generally in twos to workout all parts of the body. There are a number of stations on the circuit such as weights, body stretches, cord stretch, medicine balls, sit ups, and press ups. In an hour normally 3 or 4 circuits would be achieved. Bootcamp is a fast moving programme suitable for all ages.



READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Pete Thompson took this photo of a sparrowhawk feeding on a sparrow in his Kemble Green back garden.

Aycliffe Keeper's Goal Sets up FA Cup Tie with Spenny

Newton Aycliffe recorded their first-ever FA Cup victory at the weekend, setting up a mouthwatering preliminary round clash with local rivals Spennymoor. The Royal Blues ran riot away at Darlington RA in the extra preliminary round, with even goalkeeper Dan Molyneux getting his name on the scoresheet in a thumping 5-1 victory over the Northern League second division side. Reigning FA Vase winners

Spennymoor edged past Sunderland RCA in their opening round tie to set up the game at Moore Lane Park on Saturday August 31. Aycliffe have never beaten the Moors, but have always beaten the Vase holders whenever they have faced them the following year - Whitley Bay in 2010 and 2011 and Dunston in 2012. And if they show the same goal threat they have in their opening three games, where they have scored 13 goals with three resounding victories - then they will have a great chance of springing a surprise. Darlington RA had no response to the blistering display at the weekend.

taking one bounce on its way. That knocked the stuffing out of Aycliffe's opponents, and it was soon 4-0 as Stephen Salvin headed in from a corner for his first goal in a Royal Blue shirt. Owens teed-up substitute Dan Mellanby for a fifth before Steve Allison bagged a consolation. The tie against Spennymoor next Saturday kicks off at 3pm at Moore Lane Park. Admission is £6 adults, £4 concessions and under-12s FREE.

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Ex-Premiership Star Celebrates 1st Year at Shildon Soccer Centre

The Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre on the George Reynolds Industrial Estate near Shildon is coming up to its one year anniversary on August bank holiday. The Soccer Centre is a state of the art indoor football facility, boasting the best FIFA 1* & 2* rated 3G turf available. Originally the venue was an empty warehouse which was run down and in need of major repairs, Alun and his partners spent a significant amount of personal money to convert the warehouse and offer the local and surrounding area some of the best training facilities in the north east.

The Soccer Centre holds 6 five aside football pitches available for public hire as well as holding leagues for different ages, training sessions for children aged 4-14 years old, winter training for the local youth and adult teams as well as hosting Middlesbrough F.C development training. The Tesco FA Skills coaches stated it as "A superb inspiring football facility."

As a celebration of the centre's one year anniversary, there will be a special offer in which the pitches will be available for hire for the small price of £15 per hour from the 26th August to the 30th August 2013 from 5pm-9pm. Each pitch is outlined with rebound boards which act as a perfect advertising opportunity for local business due to the high number of people the



centre has through the doors on a daily basis. Many local businesses have already seized this opportunity and now have their own boards on one of our six pitches. As well as the football pitches, the Soccer Centre has a café with a viewing windows of the pitches, a conference room which is available to host birthday parties, fitness classes and business meetings.



The Centre is owned and ran by the ex premiership footballer and current Middlesbrough FC U16 coach Alun Armstrong himself.

LOCAL SPORT

Aycliffe Remain Top of the League

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training beat the showers and then defeated Wolviston at home by 9 wickets to remain top of the NYSD 3rd division.

The visitors elected to bat first and found Aycliffe bowlers Sam Telford (3 for 24), Luke Telford (3 for 37) and Sean Morgan (2 for 9) in superb form as they were dismissed for just 123 after 44.5 overs.

In reply opener Luke Telford got Aycliffe off to a flying start with an aggressive 32, including two boundaries and a couple of big sixes. However, after a long delay for rain, Telford was quickly dismissed after the restart, but fellow opener Sam Telford batted superbly to cap a man of the match performance with an unbeaten 58 and he was given good support from captain Chris Palmer (28 not out) as Aycliffe raced to victory after just 18 overs.

The second team were heavily defeated by 193 runs away at a very strong Billingham Synthonia 3rd team in the NYSD Sunday 2nd division.

The home side elected to bat first and scored an impregnable 260 for 6 in their allotted 45 overs despite some excellent

fast bowling from Danny Weldon, who finished his 12 overs with the creditable figures of 3 for 33. In reply, the Aycliffe youngsters were dismissed for just 67 after 25.5 overs with only captain Adam Gittins reaching double figures with the bat. The club's school holidays fun cricket days come to an end with the last session on Wednesday 28th August 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

September at Greenfield

The school holidays might nearly be finished but we have lots going on at Greenfield Arts to occupy both adults and young people. We have fantastic courses such as textile printmaking, wire jewellery making, yoga and more.

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Aycliffe Running Club



Last Sunday saw 10 members turn out for the annual Billingham 10k Road Race. This is quite a flat course, but a strong wind made it just that more difficult for the runners on the day.

Richard Campbell was first home for the club and for the second time within a week broke the 40 minute barrier, finishing 35th in 39m:40s. Tom Porter was next , 63rd in 41:52, followed by Peter

Smith, 105th in 45:24. Michael Smith completed the male contingency finishing 222nd in 59:39.

Trish Kay battled against a painful achilles to lead the ladies home finishing 156th in 50:55. She was followed by Julie Nisbet, 229th in 61:24, Susan Clark, 230th in 61:58, Yvonne Williams, 233rd in 62:35, Bev Phillippo, 235th in 63:22 and finally Elaine Pearson, 251st in 69:39.

Car Wash for Cancer Research UK

Newtonian Anne-Marie Dunn is organising a fundraising day on Saturday 31st August with the help of car wash company "soapycar.com" located on Abraham Industrial Estate, Tindale Crescent, near Starbucks and Dominos Pizza, They will donate ALL money that people pay for getting their cars washed on that day to Cancer Research UK.

Anne-Marie is part of a group of ladies on a year of fundraising for Cancer charities, and hope you will support them by getting your car washed at soapycar.com on Saturday 31st August.

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DURHAM WILDCATS APPOINT NEW HEAD COACH

The Durham Wildcats are pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Davie as Head Coach for the 2013/2014 BBL season. Lee will bring a new dynamic to the Wildcats coaching staff, bringing innovative practices to help stimulate and develop the team. The returning Ralph Bucci will take up a new position as player/assistant coach. The duo will be working together for the first time but are hopeful of a successful debut season in the BBL.

With a number of years' experience as a basketball coach, Lee brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. He has seen success as Senior Coach with Team Durham's women's basketball team, assistant coach to the U20 GB Women's Team and Head Coach to the England Under 15 Girls Development Squad. He has also been a prominent figure in promoting local basketball programmes and sporting initiatives in the region for a number of years. Lee is relishing the opportunity to lead the Wildcats into the new season and support the ever growing ambitions of the organisation. Lee states, "I am really eager to get started and begin pre-season training, the team and myself are very excited for



the season ahead. We are all working hard to give the fans what they want to see and build a Wildcat Basketball Team that County Durham can be proud of" The 2013/2014 season will see a more competitive BBL league, "this year the league is stronger and more competitive than ever" Lee explains, "all teams have invested well and have strong, solid sides going in to the new season" However this has not damped Lee's aspirations, he is hoping

for a strong start to the season and with the commitment and determination of the Wildcat team, hopes are higher than ever that they can improve on last year's 10th place, "this season we are looking for a playoff position and will work towards that. We will also train hard and look for a good cup run in both of the two trophy competitions." The Wildcat roster is close to completion and new team signings will be announced in the lead up to September and the start of pre-season.

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Michael Nelson, Head of Technology at Woodham Academy will continue to be the North East of England's Royal Academy of Engineering Teacher Co-ordinator for 2013-14. This is a highly prestigious role that involves Michael building up a network of schools and delivering training throughout the year. The latest training involved was using the Royal Academy's Athlete or Machine STEM resource.



The session was really well attended and included valuable contributions about the local skills and engineering jobs market from a manufacturer and a representative from the local authority. Michael's contribution to science, technology, engineering and mathematics was recognised nationally at the prestigious Royal Academy of Engineering Celebration in London in July.

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BARKER 12th August, suddenly at home. Stewart (Stewie Diamond), aged 48 years of Newton Aycliffe. Loving fiancé of Jacki; adored Daddy of Catey, Flynn, Charlie and Sam; Dearly loved Son of Norman; Stepson of Wendy; also a dear Twin Brother of Graham. Funeral on Tuesday 27th August, would friends please meet at 11.00am for a Service at St Clares Church prior to private cremation.

BENNETT 15th August, peacefully at home of Aycliffe Village. Kath, aged 72 years (nee Lowe). Beloved Wife of Ben; Loving Mother to Helen and Sandy; Devoted Nan of Ben and Sam; Much loved Sister to Mary and Patricia and Sister-in-Law of Alan, Ernie, Renee and Dave. Also a dear Auntie and Great Auntie. Funeral on Tuesday 27th August. Will friends please meet at 1.15pm for Service and Cremation in Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Cencer Research - a plate will be provided at the Crematorium
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MARJORIE AITKEN 21-08-2010. In memory of a loving Mother and Grandma. Three years have passed since you left us. You are in our thoughts every day and forever in our hearts. Sadly missed, love from Stuart, Linda, Daniel, Amber and Geoff xxxx

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Fixed penalty notices for careless driving offences such as middle lane hogging came into effect last Friday 16th August 2013.

Following a government consultation announced in June, the £100 fine will be introduced for a wide range of careless driving offences including tailgating and middle lane hogging.

The IAM advise that in car distractions that cause you to swerve or drive badly could lead to prosecution, you don't have to inconvenience other road users to be issued with a ticket. Some typical examples of careless driving are:

- *overtaking on the inside;*
- *driving inappropriately close to another vehicle;*
- *inadvertently driving through a red light;*
- *emerging from a side road into the path of another vehicle;*
- *tuning a car radio; when the driver was avoidably distracted by this action;*
- *selecting and lighting a cigarette or similar when the driver was avoidably distracted by that use.*

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "If the police target the worst and most persistent offenders this could be good news for road safety. If, however, it just becomes another numbers game with thousands of careless driving tickets issued then the impact will be limited.

The IAM believes that driver retraining courses have a much bigger potential to actually improve poor driving than simply issuing a standard fine and should always be offered as the first stage of prosecution."

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22nd August 2013
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Declan Greenwood

Happy 18th Birthday Son
28th August 2013
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Happy 18th Birthday to our Brother. Lots of love, Kaitlyn and Harley x
Happy 18th Birthday. Lots of love, Nana xx
Happy 18th Birthday. to my Nephew Declan. Lots of love, Auntie Andrea xxx

Sam Stevenson

Happy 18th Birthday
26th August 2013
Congratulations to a wonderful Son. Love from Mum, Dad, Gemma and all your family

Chloe Melton

Happy 21st Birthday
20th August 2013
To my wonderful Daughter, I love you very much, with love from Mum xxx

Stephanie Wilson

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CHLOE MELTON To my gorgeous little Sis. Happy 21st birthday. Lots of love, Zoe, Chris and Bradley xxxx

RUBY ARNOLD Congratulations on your A-Level results. Good luck with your Chemistry and Maths Degree at Aberdeen University. Love from Mam, Dad, Simon and Oscar the Guinea Pig

PATRICIA KENT 26-8-2013. Happy 60th birthday Mam. Lots of love, Angela, Lee, Julie, Kevin, Claire, John, Mike and Sam xxxx

PATRICIA KENT Happy 60th birthday Grandma. Lots of love, Jake, Ollie, Arthur, Caleb, Olivia and Harry xxx

KENT Happy 60th birthday Pat. All my love, John xxx
CHLOE To my gorgeous girlfriend on your 21st birthday. Love you loads and loads babe, you mean the world to me. All my love, Phil xxx

CHLOE To my beautiful Granddaughter on your 21st birthday. With lots of love from Grandma xxx

SHANNON POOLEY Happy 16th birthday. Lots of love, Auntie Deb and Uncle Rob xxx
SHANNON POOLEY Happy 16th birthday. Lots of love, Nanna xxxx

SHANNON POOLEY Happy 16th birthday. "Love you always". Grandma and Grandad xxx

ANDREW congratulations, you worked very hard. Enjoy University. Love from Grandma Bryan

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC



Back Row: left to right: Paul Eales (Manager), Michael Burns, Carl Little, Connor Hughes, Chris Jones, Mark Craggs, Jon Hughes, Tom Watson. Front Row: Anthony Campbell, Jonathan Clegg, Damien Jose, Stephen Richardson, Matty Alder, David Hall (Capt), Adam Gittins, Gareth Boyes, Paul Cook

NASC FC was founded this year and will compete in the Darlington Sunday Invitational League (2nd Division) for the 2013/14 season. Home games

will be played at Moore Lane Park. Managed by Paul Eales, the squad consists of 31 players all aiming to cement a regular

start in the team each week. Pre-Season friendlies has seen a mixture of results whilst the team has looked to gel, playing 10 in total, winning five, losing 4 and drawing one.

NASCFC is sponsored by PEC Packaging. Based in Liverpool, PEC have recently opened a site on Aycliffe Business Park and offered to sponsor the newly formed team. This led to arranging a home and away fixture to compete for an Annual Friendly Shield. The first leg, played in Liverpool was drawn 2-2, with the 2nd leg played at Moore Lane Park Saturday 17th August, which NASC FC won 3-1, taking hold of the shield in its first year. Sunday 18th August, saw the first league of

the season for NASCFC and it was a derby game against local rival British Legion FC. Although there were some tired legs from the previous day's game, NASCFC started brightly enough holding and passing the ball well. An injury to key midfielder Gareth Boyes after 10 minutes, saw Paul Cook take his place and made an immediate impact by scoring the resulting free kick with his first touch. Paul Cook then set up the 2nd goal with a neatly threaded through ball to Damien Jose continuing his early good pre-season form, getting his first goal of the season. Paul Cook got himself on the score sheet again a few minutes later for the 3rd goal of the game and the half was finished off with a fourth goal by Chris Jones. Half Time Legion 0-4 NASCFC.

British Legion came out for the second half a lot more resilient and it took 25 minutes before any more goals were scored. Damien Jose notched his 2nd of the game which then allowed the Sports Club to open up the game again push on for more. Chris Jones went on to score his 2nd and 3rd goals in quick succession and not content with just a hatrick finished off the game with a fourth. Result Legion 0-8 NASCFC.

Team: Stephen Richardson, Jonathan Clegg, David Hall (Capt), Mark Craggs, Anthony Campbell, Tom Watson, Matty Alder, Gareth Boyes, Connor Hughes (MOM), Chris Jones, Damien Jose.

Subs Used: Jon Hughes, Paul Cook and Adam Gittins
Upcoming Fixtures: 22nd August; Green Dragon (A), 25th August; Wheatsheaf (H), 1st September: British Legion (H)

Pond Dipping in the Lakes

On Tuesday 27th August the next 'Fun in the Park' series will be at West Park. During this event Great Aycliffe Town Council will be including a public pond dipping session around the lakes on an informal basis from 11am to 2pm.

Nets and buckets will be provided and the Council's Environment Officer who will be on hand to explain about the various wildlife which can be found in the lakes.

EX-CAPTAIN RETURNS TO LEAD RUGBY TEAM

Newton Aycliffe Rugby club chose its new 1st XV captain for the 2013/2014 season. Blind side flanker Warren (Woz) Parsonage made a timely return back to the club during the pre season training sessions, after playing last season for Sedgfield.

Warren was Aycliffe Captain before but decided a change of clubs might improve his game. He has certainly led the way in training and has been rewarded by a unanimous vote as the preferred captain for the new season.

The squad has recently enjoyed a complete overhaul in management and with new and old players coming back to the club it promises to be an exciting season for everyone associated with the club. Last Saturday's squad game showed the commitment and skill factor was on the rise for the club with some fantastic rugby played.

The game was refereed by old boy Carl Hall, who is doing well in the rugby referees society as a level 5 national coach. The squad will get their chance to see how they have really progressed with a friendly against Yorkshire 3 side Northallerton this Saturday at Moore Lane. Kick off is 3pm. Anybody interested in playing for Aycliffe rugby

club will be made welcome on training nights Tuesday and Thursday evenings -

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COACH TRIP TO KESWICK

New Friends New Places welcomes you to join them on Thursday 19th September. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for further information and to book.