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As part of the inspiring programme the eight trainees



from local surrounding areas welcomed one of their many external guests Lanchana Green & Martin Wilby from The Lab MMA gym in Darlington who kindly volunteered their time to talk to the group about the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle.

The group enjoyed sampling a nutritious smoothie made by Lanchana and took part in a discussion around healthy eating and then were put through their paces in A-Tech Training's external learning environment with a fun strength and core training session. The trainees thoroughly enjoyed the session and learnt the importance that fitness and wellbeing has on lifestyle and being work ready. The group would like to thank Lanchana and Martin from The Lab (www.thelabmaggym.com). Other guests have included Duke of Edinburgh Award through Durham County Council, CSI Drug and Alcohol Testing Service Ltd, Harvey and Hugo Ltd talking

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An impressive fourth place goes to the young Luke Allison, who got 14 correct. All of the proceeds from the competition and our tombola are much appreciated and will be used to help provide our young people with a wide range of excellent experiences.

We look forward to welcoming some new recruits on a parade night soon! If you're aged between 13 and 17 and are interested in joining then see our website www.1407aircadets.org for details.

The Magnificent Twelve



Twelve students from Woodham Academy were delighted to find that they

had gained a clean sweep of A* and A GCSE grades when they received their results this week.

The dedicated dozen have significant reward for the application and commitment that they have shown throughout the course of their GCSE studies and between them have amassed an astounding 135 A* and A grades.

Woodham Academy Staff are particularly proud of their achievements.

The work that has been done for all students by the dedicated Year 11 tutors has proved extremely successful. Differentiated tutor teams provide students in Year 11 with additional support where

necessary and allow students to work on subject specific target areas with specialist staff during tutor time.

In response to their achievements Woodham headteacher Christine Forsyth said "Well done to all our students. We know just how hard young people work for these exams and are delighted to see them succeed."

Academy Invests in Music Technology

ICT continues to be a strength at Woodham Academy. Whilst children (and teachers!) enjoy the summer sun the IT department will be replacing every single machine in the school to provide staff and students access to the latest software and hardware available.

As part of the development in ICT the music department are also moving forward to give students a more wide-ranging experience of music and music technology. iPads were introduced to curriculum learning at the start of this year, and many students have found this beneficial, either from being able to more easily record their performance and composition work, or simply from being able to



use apps to help develop their musicianship skills.

From September 2013, all KS4 music students will receive at least one lesson a week in the new Mac suite, where they will be able to use software such as Sibelius and GarageBand to produce their GCSE composition work.

The recent addition of midi keyboards gives the opportunity for students of all ages to easily compose,

perform and record their own pieces.

Current year 8 students Ben Greenow and Lewis Foulger have found it particularly enjoyable using the new equipment: "The midi keyboards are great; they're really easy to use, and they give you much more control over what you are doing in GarageBand. We like having wider range of ways to create our own music now."



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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" Covering tracks by Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Gary Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, Santana, UFO, ZZ Top and much more. www.unclegilbert.co.uk

Saturday 14th August - "The Last Fakers"

Bio: The Last Fakers are a band with a difference, massive tunes and stage presence (IPO Festival 2012) having some of their songs described as "brilliant in your face rock & roll". (BBC Introducing). With festival headline slots and major support gigs under their belt, The Last Fakers have become the band that impress every time. They were given the accolade of 'Band of the year 2011' by unsigned revolution website owner and 'Fist' rock radio presenter Loyd Harrell and have been described as "the best live band I've seen for 10 years" by musicians friend website publisher and journalist Timothy Forker. On the back of these comments the band were invited to headline the UK leg of the international pop overthrow on the Beale stage at the 'Cavern Club', Liverpool. Covers by Black Crowes, Chili Peppers, Small Faces, Chuck Berry, Beatles, Oasis, Jam, Who, Credence, Killers, Kings of Leon, Kasabian, Arctic Monkeys, Verve plus loads more.

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Farewell to Fr. Michael



St. Mary's popular priest, Fr. Michael Campion's last few days at Aycliffe were sad, but joyous as everyone gave him a fond farewell.
There was a special social evening at Shildon Civic Hall where congregations from both towns met to say goodbye. The final Services of Mass were equally well attended to wish Fr. Michael well in his new position at Jesmond.
The Rev. Graham Morgan, Methodist Minister was among the guests at Shildon Civic Hall where he was persuaded to give a "Stand up Comedian" performance. Readers may have seen him on Sky T.V. as part of Liverpool comic John Bishop's programme where people from all round the country tell jokes.
Also providing entertainment was Shamini, daughter of Shah Sandanarajah who owns Burnhill Way Petrol Station. Shamini wished to say "thank you" on behalf of her father who had been made so welcome by Fr Campion and the people of Newton Aycliffe when he came to Newton Aycliffe.



LIFE CHURCH HELP JOBLESS GET READY FOR WORK

Life Church is set to run a free club to help people in Newton Aycliffe get back into work. Members of Life Church in Newton Aycliffe wanted to help equip their local community to find employment in tough economic times so underwent specialised training from UK charity Christians Against Poverty.
Now they are offering a free eight week course to boost the job-hunting process for unemployed people by equipping them with the tools, skills and confidence to find work.
Job Club Manager Deborah Taylor-Smith, who will be leading the course, said: "With more people facing long-term employment, there is a real need for a personal service which provides practical and



emotional support for people to find work again. CAP Job Club is designed to do just this."
Life Church is one of more than 50 churches of different Christian traditions across the UK who will be running a CAP Job Club, as they work together to positively impact the communities around them. The CAP Job Club will be run as an eight week course covering topics such as identifying strengths, CV writing and interview techniques.
Deborah added: "We hope that we can help people to gain the confidence and skills they need to find employment, particularly for those who may have been out of work for a long period of time."
The club will run for eight weeks weekly starting Tuesday 10th September at 10am in the Art Space Greenfield School, Greenfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 7LF. To find out more about CAP Job Clubs or to book your place tel Deborah 07593 585082

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Labour Party Patronise Newton Aycliffe's Poor

Dear Editor,
In last week's edition of the Newton News, I read two articles which taken together signal grave concern to me. The first article celebrated the inauguration of a recruitment

agency. The second article celebrated the first birthday of the local food bank.

I am outraged that both recruitment agencies and food banks have become normalised within our culture. Our local industries are saturated by recruitment agencies in stiff competition with each other. The effect of these parasite employment proxies sees the minimum wage become the average wage.

Moreover, restricted by the minimum wage, some recruitment agencies resort to underhanded tricks to make them more competitive, such as requiring workers to work part of their contract unpaid under the guise of work based training.

In these local employment conditions it is of no surprise that, facing rising living costs, hard working people resort to food banks.

Our constituency M.P. Phil Wilson has taken great trouble to ensure that he is the face of the coming Hitachi contracts. We have not had any assurances from him that, these coming skilled industrial jobs will be offered to workers as permanent contracts with decent pay and conditions,

employed directly by Hitachi. It would be an abhorrent disgrace if our M.P., a member of a Democratic Socialist Party should permit these contracts to be farmed out to recruitment agencies offering temporary contracts for minimum pay. The working class cannot assume the support of Phil Wilson; he has let us down badly in the past. He fell silent when the Tory government voted to overturn the legal ruling that they had unlawfully withdrawn benefits from people who refused to work for free. He remained silent as did most of his Party when calls came to abolish the bedroom tax.

We have just returned three Labour County Councillors to the wastrel inefficiency of County Hall, where absenteeism is double the rate of any other industry. None of our representatives have made it their priority to abolish or block obscene privilege such as the 12k clothing allowance, paid for by the taxes of low paid workers. Meanwhile, our representatives offer platitudes and sympathy to their hard pressed constituents, all the while watching their living standards erode, without offering any radical solutions to this problem.

In my view, our local, county and national political representatives are a milieu of sycophants, joining the established order of politics. They lack the courage to call for reforms to the structure of politics which has proved highly ineffectual at representing the needs of ordinary working people. Bevan would turn in his grave if he saw what had become of Newton Aycliffe's aspirations and ideals; and all on the watch of the supposedly democratic socialist Labour party. Warren Saunders

AYCLIFFE SMELLS!

Dear Sir,
I have lived in Aycliffe for 36 years and although we have seen improvements in all aspects of the town over the last few years I must stress the smells we are currently enduring must be putting off any visitors and new businesses investing in the area.

Living in Woodham I have had to endure a foul smell many summer evenings from the nearby fields. Now, working on the Business Park I am having to endure the repulsive odours from the new Biogas facility. Myself and all of my work colleagues are having to keep all doors and windows closed on these warm Summer days to attempt to keep the atrocious smell out. How long will we have to put up with this dreadful smell? Hopefully not too much longer!
Frederick T Matteson

Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church features "FROM TIME TO TIME". Written and directed by Academy Award winner Julian Fellows, it stars Maggie Smith, Timothy Spall, Pauline Collins, Dominic West and Hugh Bonneville.

It tells the story of a boy's adventure as he unlocks centuries old secrets and learns the value of family. Showing on Wednesday 4th September, £2 includes tea/coffee at 1pm, film starts at 1-15pm. Everyone is most welcome, please ring Ric Hargreaves for further details 01325 316755

Contractor Brightens up Community Centre



Agnew Community Centre had its summer brightened up thanks to local businesses generously giving the facility a lick of bright paint. Mears who repair and maintain homes on behalf of livin and local firm Kerrison spent a week transforming the tired looking centre, reaching high ceilings which had previously gone unpainted for many years due to health and safety. Vibrant colours were chosen for each of the rooms which has been a real hit with the children. Agnew is a cornerstone of the local community, providing a day nursery, sports clubs and a youth club to name a few. The centre can now offer one of its rooms as a meeting room following the makeover with businesses already showing an interest in using it. Colin Middlemass, MD, Mears said: "It's great to see the impact of this project, we are committed to supporting the communities in which we work, we are delighted the children are happy." Ron Mitchie, Centre Manager, Agnew Centre said 'All the operatives were very efficient, helpful, interacted well around the centre and did a first class job. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the transformation.'

INVESTORS IN CAREERS



Woodham Academy celebrates this week as it received the Investors in Careers Kitemark, a nationally recognised mark for outstanding provision of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. Throughout the course of this year the school has provided a wide variety of opportunities for students to participate in careers information events both in and out of school.

'We take careers education very seriously here at Woodham Academy, ensuring that each and every student receives the right

level of support in order to make informed decisions at key stages in their academic career,' said Sarah McGinney, who led the work into gaining the Investors in Careers accreditation. Every year group follows a careers education programme supported by Further Education, Higher Education, the Armed Forces and local business. This year students also took part in a careers education promotional Skype video. In Year 11, students are taught by a team of specially trained staff who can help them to find their next step towards their chosen

career. In Year 8 and Year 11 students have the opportunity to speak to a careers advisor on a one to one basis. This enables students and parents to make informed decisions about their future. It is no surprise that the number of Woodham Academy students remaining in education, training and employment is above average for the area.

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Summer Activity at Greenfield Arts



We have had a fantastic summer of activity here at Greenfield Arts, with workshops, events and activities for young people and families to enjoy.

Our last week was filled with Arts and Science, experimenting with Heat, Light and Water to make our own puffy paint, heat transfer printed pillows, Sun prints, stained glass windows, light pictures and tie-dye. We have had a great week, and all those who participated have enjoyed experimenting with different techniques – learning about science along the way! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the artists and workshop leaders who joined us for the summer programme and to all the young people and families who came and enjoyed the sessions with us!

Continuing from this success we have been busy planning a range of activities for Family Learning Month in October, and more "Out of the Bag" sessions in November and December, working with local community centres to put together a programme of activity for families across Aycliffe.

The programme includes a film festival, a free live performance, a Big Draw competition and some great fun days during October half term, most activities are free, this is a great opportunity for families to be creative together! To see the full programme visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, or pick up a leaflet from Greenfield Arts.

New Blood Donors Wanted In Aycliffe

In September, as the summer holidays end, children head back to school and people return to work. NHS Blood and Transplant is urging people in the local area to make sure giving blood is part of their routine. Blood is always required with hospitals in England and North Wales needing around 7,000 units of blood every day to treat patients for a range of reasons. It is used in accidents and emergencies but also during surgery and treatment for cancer and blood diseases, like leukaemia. Please book your appointment now and get the date in your diary to help others.

It is important that vital blood stocks are maintained at all times, as red blood cells have a shelf life of just 35 days and platelets a shelf life of only 7 days. NHS Blood and Transplant needs to collect enough blood in the right quantities to meet patient needs and regular donors are crucial. Donna Batty, Lead Donor Relations Manager said: "It would be great to see people heading back to blood donor sessions as part of their normal routine. "We are grateful to those donors who gave blood over the summer. We appreciate not everybody was able to do so, as they may have been busy enjoying

the weather, been away on holiday or given blood too recently to donate again. If you can, please book your next appointment now.

"New donors are always welcome. The more people who register and donate, the easier it is for us to tailor our sessions, so we collect just what's needed. For example, if stocks of a particular blood group are falling, we have more people with that group who we can call on to donate. Now is as good a time as any to get your first appointment in your diaries."

Anyone aged between 17 - 65, weighing more than 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and in general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. For more information or to book an appointment call the Donor Line on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk. A Blood Donor Session will be held on 23rd September at the Community Centre, St. Elizabeth's Close, Woodham Village from 2.30pm to 4pm and 4.45 to 7 pm

Aycliffe Designer Impresses Ceramic Suppliers to Royalty

Cleveland College of Art & Design mature student Sharron Bates, from Newton aycliffe may get the opportunity to serve up her creative talents before members of the royal household or even world leaders after her work was snapped up by American ceramic company Fitz and Floyd.

For over 50 years, Fitz and Floyd, based in Dallas, Texas, has been the undisputed leader in the design and manufacture of hand-painted ceramics and tableware, providing tea services for the Queen and Presidential dinnerware for The White House.

Sharron 42, who sold her designs at the Surtex Trade Show in New York, in May, said: "I was absolutely overwhelmed when I found that Fitz and Floyd had bought two of my drawings.

"I did a little bit of research on the internet and was amazed that they supplied ceramic ware to Buckingham Palace and The White House – especially when the inspiration for one of the drawings came from three broken plates that I bought from a Hartlepool Flea Market. Sharron's chinoiserie designs were among work from 40 other students at CCAD who travelled to New York to



Sharron Bates (left) with tutor Lianne Hubbard, and some of her textile and surface designs

exhibit at the trade show.

The college was the only non business organisation to showcase its surface and textile designs at the Jacob Javits Centre, on 34th Street, over three days.

"Selling my first work as a designer to a major company was a pivotal moment for me," said Sharron, who has an 11-year-old son. It felt like the beginning of a journey I should have taken a long time ago. I always wanted to do art but was told at school that it wasn't a proper job.

"I trained for a career working with children with special needs, which has been very rewarding, but I always felt that there was something missing." Diagnosed with MS at 36, Sharron decided to take up her lifelong desire to become an artist and after taking local classes in painting and watercolours she signed up to do her BA textiles and surface design degree at CCAD.

"CCAD was recommended to me and it has totally lived up to its excellent reputation – and then some," said Sharron.

"I never thought I'd be selling my work, mid-way through my course, to a company like Fitz and Floyd in New York.

Textiles and surface design tutor Lianne Hubbard added: "Sharon's drawing content has a lot of commercial potential for companies like Fitz and Floyd which they can then develop into a variety of product areas, such as hand-painted ceramic giftware, dinnerware, tableware, decorative accessories and collectibles.

"We already have an impressive record of students selling their designs at the Indigo Trade Show in Paris but this is the first time that we have sold in New York."

For more information on courses contact (01642) 288888 or log on to www.ccad.ac.uk.

Hair Salon Encourages Young People

Trimmers Hair Salon at Bishop Auckland are holding an event for staff and guests designed to encourage apprenticeships and those interested in their personal development.

Three inspirational speakers will talk on issues affecting modern Britain including communication skills and the effect of smart phones, Ipads and social media are having on our lives.

The session from 11am - 2pm will also raise awareness on the necessity for training, learning basic skills, health, deportment and the ability to make polite conversation with strangers. All these attributes will help young people win jobs, business contacts, University places, and above all gain confidence.

These life skill programmes are used by Trimmers Salon when training apprentices. They also cover holistic treatment, how to deal with anxiety, headaches, mood swings etc., rather than resorting to medication and alcohol.

A study of the science of colour co-ordination is also important in the Salon which can save time and money when choosing your wardrobe. Anyone interested in attending the session should

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Good GCSE Results for County Students

Students across County Durham have bucked the national trend with yet another improvement in GCSE results.

The pass rate in the county has increased for the 11th year in a row, while early indications show that nationally the rate has fallen.

62.7 per cent of pupils achieved five or more A* to C grades, including English and maths, in comparison to 62 per cent last year. Particularly noteworthy, is the fact that 70 per cent of pupils have gained good grades in mathematics. Twenty-two of the county's 33 secondary schools have at least 60 % of pupils gaining five or more A* to C grades, including English and maths, with 14 schools having at least 70 % of pupils achieving this standard.

And in the east of the county, pupils performed particularly

well with an average of 67 per cent of students gaining five or more A* to C passes, including English and maths. This is in comparison to a national average last year of 59 per cent of pupils.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "We are delighted that we have once again seen an increase in the number of pupils gaining top results at GCSE level. This year, it means hundreds more students have the qualifications to progress to further education. "This is a very positive result and is a testament to the effort and determination of pupils, staff, parents and governors across County Durham. We are very proud of the achievement of all of our young people. "We congratulate them and wish them well for the future."

Aycliffe Designer's Print in London Fashion Show

A FLEDGLING designer's passion for fashion has seen her take her first steps into the design world with one of the world's leading couture brands. Aycliffe arts student Charlotte Jarps is flying high after seeing her print design debut for international fashion house Alexander McQueen.

Following a three month internship with the iconic label the Cleveland College student watched backstage as her twig skull print was paraded down the catwalk as part of the design house's autumn winter menswear collection for 2014. "It was very cool and a bit surreal to see my work become part of the Alexander McQueen collection," said Charlotte, who is based at CCAD's Hartlepool campus.

"I was backstage at the show, which was held at a disused Victorian coal yard behind Kings Cross Station, and it was amazing to see all the models stepping out onto the cobbles, through swirling mists of smoke, some of them wearing my print design."

The 24-year old, is in her final year studying textile and surface design. She hopes to make a permanent move to London into a highly sought after career in fashion.

"Being at Alexander McQueen has really opened my eyes and given me the confidence to believe in myself and what I am capable of," said Charlotte. The world renowned Savile Row fashion house, founded in the early 90s by the late Lee Alexander McQueen, is now led by creative director Sarah Burton, who alongside creating outfits for Michele Obama and Lady Gaga, made the dress worn by Kate Middleton, at her wedding to Prince William in 2012.

"I never really expecting anything to come of it," said Charlotte. "I'd attached some pictures of my work and a



Charlotte Jarps, with her Alexander McQueen design

link to my blog and was quite excited when I got a reply saying that they had received my e-mail but then I heard nothing more.

"I waited a week then e-mailed again and this time they replied straight away asking me to come down to meet with the menswear team."

A five minute interview and a look through Charlotte's portfolio was enough to convince the people at Alexander McQueen to offer her a three month internship.

"I was so shocked," said Charlotte. "It was an incredible opportunity but I still had three months to go until the end of my college year and didn't think I would be able to accept but my tutors at CCAD were so understanding and sorted out an extension to my project deadline so that I could go to London."

"I've always been a fan of McQueen but I didn't know much about their menswear line. I've always done prints for women so it was really exciting to be able to do something different."

"They really threw me in at the deep end, doing a lot of drawing and converting it into prints. The biggest thing I had to adjust to was designing to someone else's vision

Youth Centre Helps Talented Vocalist

Alice Jordan who attends a special school in Peterlee wowed the crowds at Great Aycliffe show with her amazing voice.

A year ago the Youth Centre Management Committee ran an "Aycliffe's got Talent" Contest. Steve Metcalf and Gerry Starkey from Music Junction, a new business on Aycliffe Business Park with a recording studio, came to the Youth Centre and after speaking with the Chairman Vince Crosby and Joan Clark Secretary agreed to sponsor the event.

Alice was a competitor and Steve seeing her potential gave her special training and made a recording. Before all this Alice could not even speak to a group let alone sing, due to her learning difficulties.

Music Junction aims to help



young people discover through music and creative activities, their true potential and find ways of developing their skills and talent. They build confidence and self-belief and are equipped with skills to help them through life.

Music Junction provides workshops in Song writing, lyric writing and arrangement, singing solo and choral. With many other musical activities all this takes place in Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre followed by work in the studio for recording production.

The studio is opposite Newton Press in St Cuthbert's House and people can always call in. Alice, with Steve's coaching and subject to funding, will be off to New York to sing. Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre are planning to hold a concert soon - watch out for another opportunity to hear a star of the future.

HELPFUL TESCO STAFF

After an elderly man collapsed in Tesco's store last Wednesday members of staff were quickly on the scene to assist. An ambulance was called and the gentleman was taken to hospital, but later released.

The family wish to thank Tesco staff Mike, Val, Julie and Ally for their prompt action and for staying and comforting the man's wife.

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CYCLISTS TAKING OVER FOOTPATHS

Dear Sir

I think you wasted your time printing the article regarding Ron Hogg's comments on cyclists using public footpaths. Not for the first time, I felt intimidated enough to step off the public footpath in West Park to let a snaking convoy of 20+ adults on bicycles go past.

I believe this is an activity arranged from the PCP Centre. I emailed them some months ago to make them aware of the law regarding cyclists on footpaths but like your article, I think it's just been ignored. I have video footage showing this blatant organised law breaking.

Jeremy Crowthorn

Reply on behalf of Cyclists

"County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust's Get Active team has been delivering the cycling project in Newton Aycliffe for over four years.

The project has encouraged over 300 members of the public to take part in and enjoy the health benefits of cycling. We have successful links with healthcare professionals who refer directly into the programme, in order to support the rehabilitation of patients with a wide variety of medical conditions.

Our local partner, the Pioneering Care Partnership, has trained ten qualified

marshals to support the delivery of the group, which has allowed the group to become independent and deliver three sessions each week.

All routes that the group cycle have been risk assessed prior to use, with 80% of the rides taking place on the Aycliffe Way, which has dual cycling and walking use.

We have a communication policy in all the groups to ensure all cyclists and other network users are aware of each other's presence, and will remind cyclists of their obligation to use roadways." Trust Spokesperson

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Exhibition in the Library

During the whole month of September Newton Aycliffe Art Group will be exhibiting a selection of their work in the Library. Whilst coming to the library to view their paintings, why not take a look at the display of books covering all aspects of art from help for beginners to more in depth techniques.

Greenfield Record Exam Results

There was plenty to celebrate at Greenfield on Thursday 22nd August as students received their GCSE results. Once again the school records were smashed and individual students achieved fantastic results. 70.34% of students achieved five or more high grades including English and Maths, an increase of

over 15%. Students achieved high results in Arts and Science subjects alongside huge increases in both English and Maths, with over 70% of students achieving C+ in each subject. These, combined with high grades in Modern Foreign Languages, History and Geography resulted in 31% of our students achieving the coveted Ebacc measure.

Chair of Governors Lesley Wilson said "We are particularly proud of the strong results in Maths and English this year".

ICT results showed significant improvement. Subject Leader for computing, Grant Sowerby said "These strong results are a strong foundation for future success". Strong results across the board resulted in 95% of students achieving high grades in five or more subjects.

Headteacher, David Priestley congratulated all students on their achievements, saying "Students and teachers have worked together to achieve excellent results this year".

Greenfield has achieved a range of regional, national and international recognition this year for its commitment to an all-round quality experience for its students. This is a growing school on an exciting journey.

Mr Priestley acknowledged the on-going support of the Asset Schools' partners which allows the school to offer a wealth of opportunities and to keep class sizes small.



Oaklife Over 50's Club

The OakLeaf Sports Complex have created a "club" for the over 50's. It's ideal for people who would like to feel a little fitter but feel the gym is not for them.

It takes place every Thursday 10.00am to 12 noon; we will only charge you £3.00 per week which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

Activities will include Bowls, Table Tennis and Archery along with lots of others, so telephone 01325 300600 and book your place today.



HELPING CARERS TAKE A BREAK

Unpaid carers in County Durham are being offered the chance to take a well-earned break from their responsibilities.

Durham County Council and the North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) have once again secured funding to help some of the 60,000 carers in the area take some time out for themselves.

The Government cash can be used to pay for a variety of break activities and equipment as well as holidays

for carers of people with a range of conditions.

Cllr Morris Nicholls, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adult services, said: "The council and the CCGs recognise and value the support provided by unpaid carers in the county and through this funding we hope to give them the chance to have a well-earned break from what can be a very demanding role."

For more information about carers' breaks, visit www.durhamcarers.info or call Social Care Direct on 0845 50 50 10 during office hours.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 11th September 2013

Policy & Resources Committee - 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)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

The Council on 22/08/2013 made 2 Orders under Sections 1, 2, 4 and Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 32 and Part IV of Schedule 9, respectively, to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effects of which comes into operation on 16.09.13.

Order 1:

(UN-NAMED ROAD LINKING C34 BURN LANE & GREENWELL ROAD, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (ONE WAY AND PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN) ORDER 2013

The effect of this Order prohibits vehicles (incl. pedal cycles) from making a left hand turn from Greenwell Rd onto the un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd; and imposes a one way restriction on the un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane & Greenwell Rd from its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 155m.

Order 2:

(NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PROHIBITION OF STOPPING, PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY) (AMENDMENT No. 1) ORDER 2013

The effect of this Order introduces: No Waiting at Any Time on (1) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, (south eastern side), from its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 63m; (2) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, (south eastern side), from 108m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 47m; (3) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, (north western side), from its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 42m; (4) Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, (north western side), from 108m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 65m; (5) C34 Burn Lane from its junction with B6443 Central Ave. north westerly for 43m. (6) B6443 Central Ave from its junction with C34 Burn Lane north easterly for 71m. Exemptions for wedding/funeral vehicles apply to Nos (5) & (6) above and introduces Loading Only on Un-named road linking C34 Burn Lane and Greenwell Rd, (south eastern side), from 63m north east of its junction with Greenwell Rd north easterly for 45m.

Full details are contained in the sealed Orders and plans both of which may be inspected at County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri 9am-4pm; via the council website and at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or of any provisions contained in them on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks from 30.08.13, apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

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Great Aycliffe Show

Despite a very gloomy weather forecast for the Saturday, the really Great Aycliffe Show lived up to its name once again this year, with breath-taking shows of freestyle motocross featuring Bold Dog Lings, lots of duck antics with Drakes of Hazard, fast action packed lurcher racing and speedy, graceful flying displays by Ridgeside birds of prey. The sun shone brightly on Sunday and visitors from Aycliffe and beyond enjoyed a great day of mostly free entertainment.

The community really came together this year with over 800 entries into the handcraft and horticulture exhibition of intricate crochet and embroidery, painting and photography, mouth-watering home produce and astonishingly long leeks, carrots and, of course, beautiful flowers that were a credit to the gardeners. The knitting judge told us that she really had to search for any minor faults, so that she could find the winners. Deco Trophies and Engraving and Gregg Little Testing Centre continued their sponsorship of the Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition. There were increased entries in the Pigeon Show with 150 entries, and the new Poultry Show attracted almost 500 entries, and much interest from visitors to the Show.

The Environment marquee was a huge success with all ages; amongst all things environmental was Krafty Kritters who had brought a range of creatures for display including a boa snake, tortoises and hamsters. Aycliffe Dance Academy and KDANZ were two of the dance troupes who performed in the playhouse marquee along with professional artistes 4th Dimension and Martyn

James, with enthusiastic support from the audience. Other local acts performing were Ruby Arnold, Lost in the Crowd, Rebecca Harcus and Professor Nincompoop. The football tournament, sponsored by Cooperative Funeralcare, was fully supported again this year with the under 9's being an 'all Bishop Auckland' Final with Kings beating Aces on Penalties. In the under 10 Final Redby CA from Sunderland beat Newcastle City Juniors 3-0. The Golf Tournament was sponsored by Bewick and Neville Pharmacies. Bryan Bovil thanked the Council for staging the Tournament and Bewick and Neville Pharmacies for their sponsorship when he was presented with his trophy for golf.

There was a touch of nostalgia in the air, with Vintage Vehicles proving to be a big attraction - a state trooper vehicle and a vintage caravan were great photograph opportunities, along with a variety of beautiful old saloons. Local organisations including Greenfield Arts, One Point and Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre all had interactive stands that were very popular with the crowds eager to 'have a go'. The Town Council would like to thank all those who took part in the Show, whether it was to staff a stand or enter one of the many competitions, and particularly the sponsors, Aycliffe Caravans, Cooperative Funeralcare, Deco Trophies and Engraving, Newton Press, Gregg Little Testing Centre, Neville and Bewick Pharmacies and SS Seeds, the Show would not be possible if it was not for your support.



Aycliffe Show Prizewinners



The trophy winners at Great Aycliffe Show were: Home Produce: Dorothy Bainbridge. Craft: Sarah Noble. Knitting: C. McDonald. Wood: K. Tarn. Photography: Mark Beenham. Art: Thomas Wright. Children: Shannon Hamilton
Horticulture: Leek: J. Howard. Overall Vegetable: G. Parsons. Overall Flowers J. Nicholson
Novice Vegetable: Aycliffe Village School

Pictorial Record 2013



NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

On Saturday 5th October Darlington Big Band return to Neville Community Centre at 6pm to give a Concert. On Friday 11th October there will be another performance by Marske Fishermen's Choir at 7.30pm. Tickets booked by ringing 313924. Kurling is great exercise and fun to play. Come along and meet new friends every Monday at 1pm and Tuesday at 2pm. it costs just £2 for a 2 hour session. Ring to book. Table Tennis and Snooker for adults starting Monday 9th September. £2 for 2 hours including tea/coffee. Ring for details on 313924.

Councillors' Surgeries

A surgery for Neville, Shafto and Central Wards is on Saturday 7th September at St. Mary's meeting room from 11am - 12 noon. County and Town Councillors will be in attendance.

Students Explore Next Steps



Students in Year 10 at Woodham Academy took part in an enrichment week in July. The aim was to enable students to consider and research post 16 opportunities.

Students visited local post 16 providers to find out more about the courses on offer, learned about the how national apprenticeship service can support budding apprentices and took part in an assessment centre style event led by the Durham Education Business Partnership in conjunction with local companies. "I have really enjoyed this

week, said Kyla Scott, a Year 10 student at the school. I would now like to find out more about different A level courses." The week forms part of the Careers Education programme at Woodham Academy, which has been recently deemed outstanding by Investors in Careers, a nationally recognised Careers Education regulator.

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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!

RISK FACTORS IN YOUNG DRIVERS

Inexperience (86%) and overconfidence (86%) are the main reasons that new drivers are the riskiest group of road users, according to the latest poll from road safety charity IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists). Respondents also rated peer pressure (67%), immaturity (52%) and shortfalls in the learning process (45%) as being important risk factors. Sixty-eight per cent of respondents lack faith in the current driving test as being an adequate system to produce safe drivers. There is a high degree of dissatisfaction with the current system for learning to drive. When asked to rate how well new drivers are taught using a scale of one to ten (1 being poor, 10 being ideal), half (57%) of respondents rated it as a 5 or below. When asked about the idea of a minimum learning period, respondents' opinion is split. Thirty-one per cent believe it should be six months with thirty per cent believing it should be at least a year. Poll results showed support for restrictions such as stricter drink-drive limits for younger drivers. Forty-nine per cent of

respondents believe that the drink-drive limit should be lower for younger drivers. When it comes to the number of passengers younger drivers can carry, seventy-one per cent support restrictions on the in the first few months after passing the practical test. Attitudes were more divided on night time curfews with forty-seven per cent support a nighttime curfew while forty-five per cent do not want to see any curfew enforced for young people. IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "Our survey has

shown that sixty-nine per cent of motorists lack faith in the current system which marks a clear need to review the learning process. It is clear that motorists want to see more restrictions on younger drivers, but this will not solve the issue alone. There needs to be a lifelong learning approach to driving that starts at school and continues through experience and coaching into the higher risk early days of solo driving. The more experience of driving that young people get the safer they will be in the long run."

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Rhiannon is in the GB junior team playing in the European Championships in Istanbul in September against the best teams in Europe. Rhiannon was a club swimmer who used her swimming ability to make a smooth transition to water polo. Water Polo is a great way to improve your swimming and all round fitness. If anyone is interested in playing water polo with the area's most successful club please contact 07818 554449.

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The regular PACT Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September 6.30pm at the EVANGELICAL CHURCH LADYBOWER off MEADOWFIELD WAY. This meeting welcomes all residents in the Greenfield, Byerley Park, Horndale and surrounding areas. PCSO Mike Hutchinson, Neighbourhood Wardens, Park Wardens and Councillors will be in attendance.

Woodham Taekwondo Launch "Little Tigers" Group for 4-6 year olds

Our Little Tigers course, open to 4-6 year olds, is a programme that focuses on improving pre-school children's basic motor skills and listening skills. These skills will help them enter society with a more confident and enthusiastic outlook. They will become better students at school and better

Aycliffe Have Eye on Division Title

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training had an excellent six wicket win at home to 4th placed Billingham Synthonia 2nd XI to consolidate their place at the top of the NYSD 3rd division. The visitors elected to bat first and found Aycliffe fast bowler Michael Howe in terrific form as he blasted out the top four batsmen for just 18 runs in his opening 7 over spell.

Left arm spinner Luke Telford carried on the good work, finishing off their innings with the superb figures of 5 wickets for only 9 runs as Billingham were bowled out for just 86 after 26.4 overs.

Opening batsman Luke Telford got Aycliffe off to a steady start with 20 runs, but the homeside lost 4 quick wickets to leave them stuttering at 47 for 4. However a timely unbroken 5th wicket partnership of 41 between Adam Gittins (27 not out) and Sean Morgan (10 not out) saw Aycliffe to an ultimately comfortable victory after 28.3 overs.

There are now only 3 games remaining as Aycliffe seek to achieve the notable feat of not only gaining promotion in their inaugural season in the NYSD, but possibly winning the divisional title as well.



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If you are involved in one, remember:

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- Try to take photos of the damage to all vehicles, discreetly if possible.

- Get a description of the driver and count the number of people in the other vehicle. Take photos, discreetly if possible, of all the people in the vehicle.

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Horndale Residents Association Meeting

On Wednesday 4th September at 6.30pm Horndale Residents Association hold their first meeting after the summer break. at Aycliffe Evangelical Church. Refreshments at 6.15pm
 Joanne Dunn Finance Wellbeing Manager for Livin will be talking about changes to benefits from October when payments will change to the Universal Credit.
 If you have any concerns about Benefit changes or are having difficulty dealing with changes come along and seek help, there is help out there C.A.B. and Christians Against Poverty are excellent at sorting out money problems.
 We will discuss projects for the coming year, start planning a Community Fun day in conjunction with Aycliffe Nursing Home. Police, Councillors, Wardens and representatives from Livin will be in attendance to answer any queries or concerns you have. This is an ideal opportunity to express your thoughts good or bad. People in authority can only help make changes if we talk to them and give the information needed to improve our neighbourhoods.
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 You are also most welcome to stay for light refreshments, and the chance to have a chat, if you wish with members of the church's Pastoral Team. If you have would like to know anything further about this Service please contact Pam Lovelass (Pastoral Assistant) on 316841

Telephone Scammers Targeting Elderly People

Dear Sir,
 A scam is being used over the phone by persons of Asian origin whereby they ring and say a payment had been taken out of the bank. In my case at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning and the sum was £49 which was to cover the cost of making sure all unwanted trash calls would be excluded from my phone.

Being a 72 year old lady who is fully aware of scammers targeting older people, I faced up to this person asking them to produce my bank details.. This he refused to do and asked me, to give details about the said contract. The conversation was very heated and his manner was very intimidating and bullying.
 I put the phone down and checked my bank details which were intact. When I rang 1471 to find out who had called the number 001100 came up which I passed on to Aycliffe Police. They put me through to the fraud department where I made a statement and this is now in the hands of Metropolitan Police to investigate.
 I am targeted sometimes up to 3-4 times a day by Asian speaking people, saying they are doing research for Life Style direct and do I have few minutes to help them. I constantly tell them I do not give any details about my life to anyone via the phone and ask them politely to stop ringing me. I believe these are the same people as I have rung 1471 and a similar number comes up.
 Please tell your elderly readers not to give details over the phone about their bank details and lifestyle. I would be interested to know if anyone else has been targeted and had any of these troublesome calls lately. If so they may ring me so that I can forward any more information on to the Police fraud line reference number that was given to me.
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Town Council Discuss West Park Lakes

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

The issue of the condition of the Lakes in West Park will be debated at a meeting of the Town Council's Environment Committee next week. **Wednesday 4th September at 7.15pm.** A Councillor from the West Ward, has asked for this discussion following the concerns voiced by many residents and letters of complaint printed in Newton News. A detailed report from Officers will be available at the meeting (and can

be found on line on the Council's website from Friday 30th August.) The object of the discussion is to provide in detail, what exactly the Council does currently, with regard to maintaining and cleaning the Lakes specifically in the control of weed and algae growth, together with examining any other possibilities that can be undertaken to alleviate the problem. This may mean a further report with costings on options, to be examined at a future meeting. There is no doubt the lakes are an eyesore and spoil what should be an attractive feature of Newton Aycliffe

and a local amenity we should enjoy. Residents who have expressed concerns on this issue, and want to see more done, may want to attend and ask questions on the 4th September, in support of their Ward Councillors efforts, at the public participation part of the meeting. All you do is ring the Town Clerk on 300700 to let him know you wish to speak. At the point in the meeting for public questions you will be able to express your views. The Town Council offices and Chamber are on School Aycliffe Lane near the entrance to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. A car park

is adjacent and entrance to the Council Chamber faces the main road.

Obituary

PHILLIPS, Newton Aycliffe. 28th August, (after an illness borne with great dignity, courage and determination), John, aged 75 years, dearly loved soulmate and Husband of Lil; much loved Dad of Lynn, Julie, and Janice; dear Father-in-Law of Derek, Kevin and Nev; beloved Grandad of Aimee and Bethany. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Thursday 5th September. Would family and friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 1.30pm followed by Cremation at Durham Crematorium at 2.30pm for family and close friends. Floral tributes if so desired will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN, Tel: 01325 318600.

NORMAN WARE, aged 93, passed away peacefully on 26th August at St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington. Beloved Husband of Olive and devoted Father of the late Brian and Victor. Grateful thanks to all who helped Norman throughout his illness. Funeral Service to take place at Stephenson Way Cemetery, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 5th September at 2pm. Family flowers only please

RAYMOND SPARKS, aged 67 years. Passed away peacefully on 23rd August, at home. Beloved Husband of Linda. Funeral Service to take place at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Friday 6th September at 2.45pm, followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 3.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research (plate at the church). Thanks to Doctors Stephenson, Hewitt and Bamford at Bewick Crescent Surgery; District Nurses and Macmillan Nurses and to all my very good family and friends for their support and love

In Memoriam

Kath Wheatley



27th August 2011

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Congratulations

Congratulations Caroline McArdle

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Lynsey Louise Smith



Happy 18th Birthday

To a very special Daughter and Sister on your 18th birthday. Have a wonderful day. All our love, Mam, Gary, Adam, Martin and Fran xxxx

Happy 18th Birthday

to my amazing girlfriend. have a great day. Love, Andy xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

to our beautiful Granddaughter on your 18th birthday. Lots of love, Nanna and Grandad xxx

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Happy 18th Birthday

Hope you enjoy your party and night out! Love you loads, Mam, Anth, Olivia and Owen xxxxx

Thank You

I WOULD like to thank Bob Ketch of Wise Owl Driving School for getting me through my test on 20th August. He is a patient and excellent instructor and would recommend him to all. Thanks Bob. Ashley Isaac
THE FAMILY of the late Dorothy Woodhall would sincerely like to thank the many friends for their messages of sympathy. Dorothy was obviously well loved by all those who were fortunate to know her. Special thanks to Andrea from Cop Funeralcare; John Metson for the wonderful Service and Marion and Dave at Thames Diner for the superb buffet. Donations amounted to over £220 for the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. Dorothy will be sadly missed, but never forgotten
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The winner will progress to the first qualifying round of the oldest knockout competition in football - a stage the Newtonians have never reached.

A first FA Cup victory was achieved in the extra preliminary round, when Aycliffe putt five past Darlington Railway Athletic. But they face a much tougher test to record back-to-back successes against Spennymoor, the side who have won three of the last four Northern League titles.

Moors' expensively-assembled side will start as heavy favourites on Saturday - they have never lost to the Newtonians in any competition - but FA Cup history is littered with upsets.

Aycliffe warmed up for the contest with a hard-fought goalless draw against Bishop Auckland on Bank Holiday Monday. Fred Woodhouse was sent-off just before the hour mark, but heroic displays from John Close and Stephen Salvin kept the Two Blues out for the remaining 30 minutes to earn a point that moved Aycliffe up to seventh in Division One.

The duo will have to be at their best again to repel Moors, while Oliver will hope strikers Danny Earl and Jamie Owens continue their blistering start to the campaign and fire Aycliffe into the hat for the next round. Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for conessions, with under-12s FREE.

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Anna Fullerton.

Rugby Club Ease to Cup Triumph

Jarrovians 3 Newton Aycliffe 44

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club began their competitive matches with a straightforward victory in the Durham County Plate. The bank holiday meant that both teams were missing players, but Aycliffe were still able to field one of their strongest back lines in recent years, with Chris Richards returning at scrum half, having missed the whole of last season on duty with the Forces in Afghanistan. The early exchanges saw Aycliffe playing into the hands of the home side's big forwards and over-elaborating when opportunities arose, but they took the lead when Jarrovians attempt to fling the ball wide was intercepted by Trevor Ward who ran the ball back to within 10 metres of the line before giving the ball to Luke Tinkler who scored the try. Jarrovians replied with a penalty kick but Tinkler soon returned the favour. Sam Daltry, playing at hooker for the first time, was in fine form but the Aycliffe forwards continued to make hard work of the game. Daylight finally began to appear between the teams when David Judge made a break through the defence, beating numerous players before being tackling just short of the line, but Tinkler was again on hand to score. Tinkler's conversion was the last score of the half and the

two sides turned round with the score 3 - 15. Early in the second half, the Aycliffe lead was extended after Warren Parsonage returned a clearance kick and released Richards with an excellent offload. Richards did the rest. Jarrovians continued to battle hard, but the greater pace in the Aycliffe team saw them stretched to the limit and Aycliffe soon found themselves with an overlap; Deryk Cairns scoring. Judge added a further try with a try from his own half and Jeff Hodgson powered over from a tap penalty. The final score came when Craig Holmes broke clear from the back of a ruck, and, as he tired, Michael Dunn was able to complete the score. Tinkler added a further two conversions to give a final score of 44 - 3. Despite the scoreline, Aycliffe were not completely satisfied as they did not play to their strengths in the first half and, against stronger opposition that could prove fatal. Aycliffe play at Northallerton on the evening of Friday 30th August before beginning their league campaign against promotion candidates South Tyneside College at Moore Lane on 14th September. website at www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe. The club wishes to thank new sponsors for this season, Boola CLothing and Hayward Home Appliance Services trading as Serviceforce.

Sports Club 11-0 Victory



The second away game of the season saw NASCFC pitched against the Green Dragon from Darlington. After a slow start NASCFC eventually took the lead after 15 minutes, with Anth Campbell powering through and hitting a sweet left foot drive into the bottom corner. This was followed by an own goal by The Green Dragon after pressure from a cross from the left hand side. A third goal came from top scorer Chris Jones which rounded off the first half. The second half saw NASCFC start brightly with Damien Jose scoring the 4th of the game. A 5th goal followed by left midfielder Matty Alder and then Chris Jones got his second on the hour mark to make it 6-0. Substitute Craig Clark (replacing Damien Jose) came on and scored his first of the game and then quickly followed it with a 2nd. Chris Jones completed his Hatrick with 10 mins remaining and not to be outdone, Clark notched his 3rd before Centre Half Carl Little completed the scoring to make it 11-0. An excellent

second win of the season, scoring 19 goals without return. Team: Ste Richardson, Jonathan Clegg, Mark Craggs, Carl Little, Adam Gittins, Matty Alder, Paul Cook, Anth Campbell, Jon Hughes, Chris Jones, Damien Jose. Subs (used): Jaimie Hindle, Craig Clark, Warren Richardson. Goals: Chris Jones(3), Craig Clark (3), Damien Jose, Matty Alder, Carl Little, Anth Campbell and an OG

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Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club has received further sponsorship from Gordon Fletcher & Sons Independent Funeral Directors of Cobblers Hall, Village Centre. Peter Fletcher said "It's important to sponsor our local sports clubs, there is so much talent in the area that needs to be supported" The club is always on the lookout for new players, experienced or beginners are all welcome as coaching is available with Derek Dodd. During the summer Oak Leaf Complex has run two drop in sessions with Derek Dodd, which has created a new Beginners League on a Thursday evening at 8:30pm

from September The autumn and spring season runs from September to April and the summer season from May to August each year. The Secretary of the Bowls Club, Michael Spencer stated. "It's with the great support of Peter and Colin for the past two years, as well as the dedication of our club members we are able to continue the English sports traditions "



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