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NEW ORGANISATION TO AID AYCLIFFE'S NEEDY FAMILIES

Many people have shown interest in a project, proposed by Great Aycliffe Residents' Association, to form a new organisation, each keeping its own identity, but bringing together all parties involved or interested in giving better support for needy families in Great Aycliffe.

A Food Bank operates from St. Clare's Church, "Helping Hands" distributes food, clothes and household goods and various Church and other groups help people they know, or assist agencies in the relief of people in poverty. However the need is increasing and all these efforts could be co-ordinated, and other assistance gained, by this new group, to cover the needs of all destitute people in our immediate area. The ideal situation would be for the partners of the new organisation to seek to provide all the needs of a family in crisis - ie: food, clothing, furniture, bedding, white goods, household

goods etc. Great Aycliffe Residents' Association have received many offers of support for this scheme and feel confident it will succeed. It is also clear from information received that a Great Aycliffe based

organisation would attract funding if the money granted would be used for helping families in that specific area rather than going to a regional head office.

The plan is to call a meeting of those interested in being involved and from there to elect a Steering Group to take it forward with the aim of drawing up a constitution to tick all the legal and Charity Commission boxes.

A meeting is called for Monday 16th September at 7.00pm in St. Clare's Church Hall. This is also open to anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. Further information from Syd Howarth. Tel: 300212 or after hours 320901. e-mail: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

A Trip Back in Time

We are looking to encourage local groups and organisations to work in partnership, so in conjunction with Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society the Woodham Community Centre is organising a trip to see the Lindisfarne Gospels on Friday 13th September. Ride to Durham and back on the "Heartbeat Bus" view the Exhibition and lecture together with free time to visit the Cathedral.

£15 per person to cover admission, lecture and a donation to Woodham Village Community Association. Places limited, so book now with David on 316144.

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Clothes Given Away Free at Fashion Show

Due to popular demand the Helping Hands Team led by Alwyn White will be hosting our second fashion show of the summer on Sunday 15th September, at the Bethany Centre. Village Close, Newton Aycliffe between 7pm-9pm. The theme will be ballroom/cocktail.

Alwyn says we want this to be a glitzy event, not for the rich but for those who are facing financial crisis and for ladies and gentlemen who have never been to anything like this before.

For many people special occasions are just another reminder that they are less privileged than their peers and they are unable to afford a special outfit. "We want to go the extra mile to make our guests feel special by providing them with that special something. We really want them to feel good about themselves!"

We are not selling the beautiful clothes and shoes but we are giving them away to those who need them the most! Entry is by invitation only and each person will get five vouchers to redeem on the evening for items of their choice. We have a range of new ladies clothing from size 8 - 24 and a few men's items too!"

There will be a free prize draw for a complete makeover. One happy winner will be offered



a free hair cut, mini facial, makeup, a new outfit and to finish it off a free portrait as a constant reminder of their wonderful experience.

Pictured is one of our recent makeovers (before and after photographs) Jayne Silliker



says "I never thought I would ever have been chosen for all this special treatment it made me feel so amazing. I honestly feel transformed and my self esteem has massively increased. To top it all it was an evening of fun and laughter. Thank you so much Helping Hands."

All our female volunteers on the evening will be wearing ballroom or cocktail dresses. Men will be wearing black trousers, white shirts and bow ties! "It's great to see so many people so eager to help, and it is help we know goes a long way." To make it a huge success we still need help with the following: Make-Up Artist, Hairdresser, DJ, Caterers/Kitchen Staff.

Please contact fashion show director Caroline Sturgeon 07779 708844 to offer your support or to see if you qualify for a free invite for what promises to be an amazing event!

Town Council Cancel 2013 Firework Display

At a meeting of the Great Aycliffe Town Council Recreation Committee on 29th August 2013 members considered the staging of the Council's annual Firework Display for 2013. As a result of significantly increased numbers attending the event, following the cancellation of similar events in the region, a number of safety concerns were identified. Advice was therefore sought from the County Durham Safety Advisory Group (SAG), which offers advice and guidance on event safety.

Unfortunately, as the report to the Committee indicated, based on the recent discussions with SAG, although a number of matters could be addressed, a number of serious concerns remained unresolved.

Firework Display Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming and seconded by Councillor J.D. Clare that we cancel this year's fireworks display.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran and seconded by Councillor E.M. Adam that in view of the fact that the Town Clerk, as Principal Advisor, to the Council is recommending that we do not proceed with this year's display out of concerns for public health and safety and council corporate responsibility, and in view of the short timescale now available to achieve anything decisive this year, that this year's firework display be cancelled for this year.

That this council is committed to the annual fireworks display as a safer method for the community to enjoy a display, reducing fireworks in the community and the risk of fires and injuries in the community, by having an approved well run event.

With that objective in mind we instruct the Officers of the Council to look at all necessary measures to ensure that we can put on the fireworks display for 2014, fully meeting with SAG approval.

A named vote took place on the amendment which resulted as follows:-

The decision was therefore taken to cancel the display for 2013. However, it was agreed that the Council and Officers should look at all additional measures which may enable the event to take place in 2014.

Editor; This news will alarm everyone including the Emergency services who will undoubtedly feel the impact of this decision most. Residents can also expect to be annoyed more this year than usual as people make their own arrangements to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night.

There will be an increase in sales of fireworks and they will be set off indiscriminately on and around 5th November, frightening animals, keeping children awake and creating more accidents for the Hospital A & E Department.

For the amendment: Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler. Against the amendment: Councillor J.D. Clare, Mrs. B.A. Clare and I. Gray. The amendment was then carried. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was unanimously agreed.

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Saturday 14th September - "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 Beattie 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.

Saturday 21st September - "Sabbatica"

An evening of classic BLACK SABBATH music from the Ossie era

Davy's Rock Page review: "The singer had great presence even managing a stand up comedy routine in the middle of a broken string break. The other three members of the band were excellent, its unfair to give the lead guitarist all the lime light, but lets face it, the lead guitar is like the centre forward, he gets all the attention, and boy did this guy milk it and deliver some fret work that left us totally speechless, it's not often we are totally blown away but this guy did it, some of his solos made the hairs on the back of ya neck stand up. The bass was fantastic and the drummer gave an equally great performance, this may sound like we are going over the top but its not hype, we are paying £12 to see a U2 tribute band at the Customs House, and to be honest after Hearing SABBATICA we would gladly pay the same amount to see them - www.sabbatica.co.uk

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Syd Howarth moved to the town at the age of 25 to start the business and among other pioneers at the time has seen Newton Aycliffe grow from a few thousand people to a town of nearly 30,000.

Newton Press started in a small baking unit at the rear of Neville Parade shopping precinct, offering a specialist bookbinding and printing service.

Throughout the 70's, 80's Newton Press became well established taking retail premises in the town centre opening the second newsagency, a children's clothiers and a specialist stationery shop. Newton Press print works moved to new premises on Greenwell Road.

It was one of biggest disappointments to Syd when the ADC, facing dissolution, decided to sell the town centre to a private landlord. Syd led a consortium of shopkeepers which put in a bid to buy the town centre with the aim of each shop becoming privately owned. The ADC however went for the higher bidder, Grainger Trust, who also promised to put a roof over Beveridge Way. This as everyone knows, never



materialised and the new owners sold after a few years for a massive profit. We moved out of retailing as shop rents and rates increased, quickly realising it is best to own rather than rent. With this in mind and needing more space the print works moved from its Greenwell Road premises

to the unit we now occupy on St Cuthbert's Way on the Business Park. As with most manufacturing trades, technology has improved the way we produce things and in printing there has been a revolution. Syd

has seen it evolve from hand composition through to hot metal typesetting to computer generated origination, computer to plate, to the latest full colour digital printing. Newton Press pride themselves



Syd (seated), Paul, Stuart and Christopher Howarth

on keeping up with the latest technology and have invested heavily in the latest and environmentally friendly machines.

Syd was originally from Nottingham but moved to the North East to complete National Service in the RAF. Posted to Boulmer he fell in love with the countryside, married a girl from Alnwick and vowed never to return to big city life. He was attracted to Newton Aycliffe by its "garden city" environment, impressed by lots of open grassed areas, and the fact that industry was separated from residential areas and confined to an industrial estate.

Starting a new business in 1963 was hard work, there were no grants, rent or rate reductions for entrepreneurs - just hard graft and long hours to become established. But if you give good service and charge reasonable prices a business should succeed and Newton Press lived by that philosophy and kept abreast of the printing trade by always investing in new technology and training.

Syd admits he has been lucky in having his three sons Paul, Stuart and Christopher join him in the business since they each left school. They all started their training at a very early age, going down to the factory to help Dad out as schoolboys and each beginning their working life as apprentices earning their wages the same as any other employee.

They learnt to be independent and over the years have developed as employers, taking over the reins as Syd faced retirement age. Although the business is in the hands of his sons, Syd retains the role of Honorary Editor and enjoys a good relationship with the town's community, leading local campaigns, taking photos for the weekly newspaper and has worked on many local committees.

The Newton News is his pride and joy and has been acknowledged as the longest running free publication newspaper in the UK. As the current Mayor recently quoted "the Newton News is unique in its role as a community newspaper".

Syd is proud to be offering the townspeople a newspaper that is purely for them. Readers know they can contribute to the columns without fear or favour and many a battle has been won by exposing wrongs through Newton News publicity. Newton Press is often thanked for the service it provides through Newton News and that is reward enough for the Howarth family business.

It has become an institution and enjoys great influence in the area it covers. It is now read universally by Newtonians who have moved or work in countries throughout the world and since going on-line Newton News website receives over 10,000 hits per week and is also popular on facebook

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not to do around a dog and what to do if a dog suddenly approaches you. The children were shown practical moves to keep themselves safe and practiced them throughout the session. Gill and Andrea demonstrated how well trained their dogs are and how they can follow commands. The children took part in training the dogs; holding hoops, making a tunnel with their legs for the dogs to run through and holding poles for the dogs to jump over. All the children were confident enough at the end of the session to run around the playing fields with the dogs, and all had a great time.

Each child received a special certificate showing that they had participated in K9 Pursuits' activities. A special thank you to Gill and Andrea for a great session, we will see you again soon and hope you like the cards and pictures we made you. The OOSC recently gained outstanding in our last Ofsted inspection. To find out more information about the OOSC club, arrange a visit or to book a place for your child during term time (before or after school transport available to/from local schools) or in the school holidays (7.45am-6.00pm) please contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

Young Carers Celebrate at Sugar Hill

Celebrations are in the air at Sugar Hill Primary School to mark their recent achievement of gaining 'Young Carers' Accreditation'. Young Carers are special people who take on extra responsibilities in their young lives and this year staff and pupils have been working to gain Accreditation for the 'Young Carers' Charter', led by Mrs Kathy Legge (SENCo/Intervention Manager). Staff at Sugar Hill Primary are aware that, for some Young Carers, dealing with school life can be much harder. Identifying these caring pupils can result in additional help, advice and support being offered, with a few small changes making a big difference for Young Carers and their families.

Mrs Lynda Cumming (Headteacher) has demonstrated a strong commitment to building a happy, caring and secure environment for Young Carers and their families, and she has allowed the time and resources to provide the support that is required. Staff at Sugar Hill Primary have also shown real empathy with Young Carers and share a desire to provide the right support for these pupils. Mrs Legge acknowledges Accreditation is only the beginning of supporting Young Carers at Sugar Hill and it is recognised that only with continued support will the lives of those pupils who care for someone at home be improved.

Mrs Legge would also like to thank Glenys Newby from Bridge Young Carers for all her support with the 'Young Carers' Charter'. "We are so grateful to Glenys for her support and so proud to have our work recognised as worthy of the pledges in the 'Young Carers' Charter", said Mrs Legge. Emma Wilson, a pupil from Year 4 was chosen by Mrs Legge to receive the 'Young Carers' Charter' on behalf of the school at a special presentation by local author, Adam Bushnell. Adam warmly congratulated Emma on her appointment as chairperson to the new 'Young Carers' Action Group' which will be active in the school from September 2013.

COFFEE MORNING

Bluebell Close Community Centre will be holding a Coffee Morning on the 27th September to raise funds for Cancer Macmillan. There will be tea, coffee, scones, a raffle and a cake stall. Everyone is welcome to attend between 10am and 12noon. Entrance is free but if anyone wishes to bring along a tin of food to donate to the Durham Food Bank in Newton Aycliffe it would be much appreciated.

P.A.C.T. Meeting
Police And Community Together

A PACT meeting will be held at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 14th September, 11am to 12noon. PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott are your Community Police Officers and they want to hear your views and opinions on any local issues. Councillors and Representatives from all responsible partners will attend when available. For more information visit www.durham.police.uk

Phone Scams

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank all those people that replied to my letter of last week, to tell me about their nuisance telephone calls. Like myself they have received the same or similar calls..... Calls to these elderly persons are going back six or seven weeks and addresses are from all over the Newton Aycliffe area. I am very happy that so far no one has unwittingly given their bank details to these phone callers. Always be on your guard and if unsure about such calls inform the police.
Ann Dunn

Acorn Residents Association Meeting



Acorn Residents' Association cordially invite you to our monthly meeting to be held on Thursday 12th September in our new venue The British Legion Club. Little ACORNS meet at 5.30pm followed by the ACORN meeting at 6pm. Items for discussion will include ACORN fundays and events how to make them even more spectacular; ACORN Great Community Awayday; Halloween Spooktacular party planning. Great Aycliffe fireworks postponement (an explanation); What's to do with our boating lake. The Police, Councillors and a Livin representative will be in attendance. We are a very friendly group interested in pursuing the best Newton Aycliffe can achieve through discussion and encouragement in search

of an even brighter future for residents. Come along and let us hear your views on local issues, tell us what we can do better to help make Newton Aycliffe an even better place to live. Look forward to meeting everyone.
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ST. CLARES GIVE A HELPING HAND



Thursday 29th August was another momentous day for the Helping Hands team when they moved their resources into St Clare's in the town centre. Project Leader Alwyn White says 'distributing our resources from St Clare's is taking us on to a completely new level. We have struggled for storage space for sometime now, so much so we have had to restrict the amount of people we have been able to help. We will now be able to help at least another 500 people over the next few months because of St Clare's generosity in allowing us to use their premises to reach out to the most needy people in our community' The Helping Hands project continues to be developed to support people in crisis living in the Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. The project supports them through the provision of basic goods such as cleaning products, food, clothing, blankets, personal hygiene products etc. We access these products and using volunteers, we get these supplies to those who desperately need them. Individuals and families apply to us using a very simple form to access the support, and then our volunteers work to distribute the goods they need. Redundancy, illness, benefit delay, domestic violence, debt, family breakdown and paying for the additional costs of heating during winter are just some of the reasons why people find themselves in crisis. If you are in crisis please phone the Helping Hands team 07936431262

Aycliffe Dance School to Perform at The Albert Hall

Back in July, KDANZ performed at the Gala Theatre in Durham, not only was the theatre SOLD OUT! but the show was a huge success, with the audience travelling the globe to come and watch. Supporters and past members came from Leicester, London, Scotland and even Singapore to enjoy seeing their loved ones dance in such an amazing show. The story of Alice was told through an original script written jointly by mum Rowena Gilchrist, ex West End performer and daughter and principal director of KDANZ, Kay Thompson. The dances were dynamic and exciting, with every participant performing with vitality and enthusiasm. Pupils from 2 - 52 of all abilities enjoyed the wonderful experience of performing in such a lovely theatre. But after such a brilliant show and a fantastic 22 game performance schedule at Durham Wildcats, topping this would seem to be a very difficult task, until Kdan received an invitation to perform at the one and only Royal Albert Hall in London in May 2014! Kay commented, 'I am so proud of everyone at KDANZ for their efforts towards our Wonderland Show and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved. This opportunity to dance at the Royal Albert Hall is a dream come true!' With a new timetable and registration night being held on Thursday 12th September



6pm at the Youth Centre, the KDANZ team certainly have their work cut out. You can see the KDANZ' Elite crew, Extreme crew and Excite crew at every home game of Durham Wildcats at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. November sees them headline a performance at Darlington Football Club and February brings a pre-game and half time performance at Middlesbrough Football Club. For more information please contact Kay on 07900 365892 or Claire on 07932 698901



Confusion and Intrigue Over Lloyds Pharmacy

A few weeks back Newton News reported that Lloyds Pharmacy on Pease Way was to close, having received a copy of the notification from the NHS. Lloyds then came out saying this was false, printing leaflets and advertising that Newton News was wrong. We have now received further notification that Lloyds will close at the end of the year and to avoid similar confusion we investigated facts surrounding this change. It revolves around Boots wanting to vacate their town centre premises to take over Lloyds. Boots told the NHS their lease is expiring and as their premises are facing demolition they wish to take over Lloyds at PeaseWay. The NHS weren't swayed by this particularly when they discovered the Boots premises are not included in any demolition in the town centre. Accordingly the transfer request was rejected and Lloyds now have to negotiate new hours of business to stay open. Newton News obtained the following statement from Lloyds Press Office. "We are committed to offering

the best healthcare services and advice to the customers we serve in Newton Aycliffe and have no plans to close the Lloyds Pharmacy in Pease Way Medical Centre. We can confirm we are currently in the early stages of the process to review and update our opening hours for this pharmacy."

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OAK LEAF SUMMER HOLIDAY COURSES

During the summer break children have enjoyed the activities held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. The children have learnt new skills in Archery, Futsal and Table Tennis. We also held Craft Kids sessions and a Mini Activity day for the little ones. As the smiling faces show a good time was had by all. Watch out for our October holiday courses, take part and you could WIN A BIKE!



Archery Class on 1st August



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Mini Activity Day 7th August



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Dance Mats 14th August



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Futsal 27th August



Sporting Fun 21st August

Still Time to Apply for Community Grant

Residents are being reminded there is still time to apply for a share of funding being made available to local communities.

Local community groups in County Durham are encouraged to apply for funding from the Your Money, Your Area, Your Views community grants fund. All 14 of Durham County Council's Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) are currently running the fund but time is running out for groups to apply for a share. Groups have until Friday, 13 September to apply.

Each AAP has between £20,000 and £80,000 available and is asking members of the public to choose which organisations should benefit. In addition, the cash pot in five AAP areas has been boosted by a grant of £20,000 from the North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Individual grant amounts differ from area to area ranging from £500 to £5,000 and will be made available for projects and initiatives that meet the priorities of the local AAPs.

The final decision on where the money goes will be made by local people at voting events taking place across County Durham in October and November. Similar events in the past have attracted hundreds of people so it's also an excellent opportunity for groups to promote what they do and attract new members.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "This is the last chance to apply and I don't want any group who would like to apply to miss out."

Dr Kate Bidwell, North Durham CCG's clinical chair, said: "We are keen to support community based projects that improve health priorities and it's great we can work with the AAPs in the north of the county to do this."

Members of the public who attend the events will also have the opportunity to help the council decide how future savings in the authority's overall budget can be made and also vote on what they think are the key local priorities that their AAP should be looking to address in the future.

Find out more by logging on to: www.durham.gov.uk/aap or emailing: aap@durham.gov.uk or telephoning 03000 262 056.

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Its Heaven at Woodham



Richard Heaven will be joining Woodham Academy in September to help younger students to become more confident readers. Mr. Heaven has many years of experience of teaching reading in primary schools and will use this expertise to develop students' reading skills. This is part of a wider reading programme at Woodham Academy which recognises the importance of reading in order to learn, whatever the subject. In September, the school will open a new reading area. This will be used for the well-established Accelerated Reading programme in Year 7 and for strengthening phonics. It will also be used for lunchtime reading clubs.

HONEST JOHN'S STALL RAISES £4,840 IN TWO MONTHS

Honest John's Community Kitty has donated £4,840 during July and August to the following Aycliffe organisations. Food Bank £100, The Cubby £788, Girls Youth Football £450, Sports Club Youth Cricket Academy £450, St. Clare's Church Roof Appeal £2,500, Events Liability Insurance £152, Cubby Intruder Alarm £530. Honest John thanks all those who have donated items for him to sell to achieve this

marvellous total. "A special thanks to my good friend Valerie Wright who has given voluntary help in the shop over the last 4 months", said John. The stall is now taking unwanted good quality clothing handbags and shoes. Recycle your unwanted goods, help the environment and boost the Community Kitty, raising cash for Aycliffe organisations. Ring John on 316630 for details where you can drop off the goods.

Training Provider Teams up with Woodham

National Training Provider Teams up with Woodham Academy. National training provider of professional development for teachers, Osiris Educational, has teamed up with Woodham Academy to deliver high quality training in the North East. Osiris, a national company, who deliver courses all over the country at selected venues, decided that Woodham Academy with the perfect partner to host courses on their behalf. Woodham will host between

ten to fifteen courses per year for teachers from the North of England who had previously had to travel to the midlands or even London to access courses of such quality. The partnership developed after Osiris Educational attended Woodham's TeachMeet event last September and were so impressed with the venue and the high quality of customer care afforded to the delegates. Jon Tait, assistant head teacher at Woodham Academy, commented 'We are extremely pleased to be partnered with Osiris Educational as one of their select lead schools. This complements our commitment to the continued development of our teachers, not only in this school, but across the wider region. We are sure to see huge benefits at Woodham as the partnership develops with world class speakers from the UK, America and Australia coming to speak'.

Mayor's Golf Day Raised £725 for Charity



The Mayor Barbara Clare, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oak Leaf Golf Complex on Friday, 30th August 2013. The event was a huge success with £725.25 raised for the Mayor's nominated charities Cardiothoracic Unit at James Cook Hospital and St. Clare's Church Foodbank. The Mayor thanks the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely: Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Don Walker Butchers, E.W. Knapton (Insurance) Ltd., Newton Press, The Village Pharmacy, Heineken UK, Sabre Rail Services Ltd., Great Aycliffe

Town Council, Ellie's Pies, Oakleaf Golf Club, Gregg Little Testing Centre and Aslan Golf. The hospitality tent at the 6th tee was well received and the Mayor would like to thank fellow Councillors and friends for helping with the organisation of the refreshments. Presentations and dinner were held at The Oak Leaf Sports Complex Function Room. Winners of the competition this year were 'Val's Team' who were presented with the Annual Golf Trophy, donated by Hydro Polymers in 2003.



Young Trainees Progress with Pride



A-Tech Training in partnership with Baltic Training Services recently launched the national government funded programme 'Traineeships'. The organisation was proud to see a group of local young people reach an impressive milestone for the eight Trainees who graduated into their work experience. The group has now gone through their two week induction journey, which aims to get the young people work ready, with the right attitude and behaviours, which employers wish to see. All eight trainees delivered

an impressive presentation to their future employers and an audience of parents and local business representatives to promote their journey and detailed examples of what they have learned throughout their induction, which will help them progress into their next phase of work experience. Each trainee gave an insight into areas they have learned and demonstrated such as teamwork, rights and responsibilities, conduct and behaviour, health & safety, dexterity and how their skills and knowledge will help them

on their learner journey. The group gave a positive and strong presentation to a range of business people, and in return received encouraging feedback, so much so that they were given an invitation to present to an Aycliffe network group which hosts 70+ local business attendees this month. Well done to the group and all parties would like to wish them continued success on the programme. For further details of this scheme please contact Claire Welsh, Employability Manager of A-Tech Training on 01325 304033

MUSIC JUNCTION ENCOURAGE LOCAL YOUNG TALENT

Following last week's Newton News story on how they transformed Alice giving her the confidence to sing in public Cllr Dan Summers gave a glowing report. A survey by young people at Great Aycliffe Town Show clearly suggests they want more of what Music Junction have to offer at the Youth Centre. Vince Crosby Chair of the management committee told Newton News that he will do everything to ensure that this comes to fruition and said, "Being a governor on the TEWV NHS Foundation Trust in particular working with Social Inclusion and learning difficulties this shows what can be done to improve recovery as in Alice's story. Music Junction is a creative environment dedicated to providing facilities for creative and musical young people of all levels and abilities. They aim to help young people discover, their true potential and find a way of developing their skills and talent. They build confidence

and self-belief and are equipped with skills to help them through life. Music Junction is owned and run by Steve Metcalfe who after a career in the music industry working with many major talents returned to his home town with the vision of supporting and encouraging young people to develop their creativity. Steve is supported by colleagues with experience in song writing, arrangement, production, technical engineering, instrument making and maintenance. Music Junction provide Workshops in: Songwriting, lyric writing and arrangement, Singing, both solo and choral, Spoken words, plays, poetry etc., Recording and assisting with sound engineering and production, Advice and support on performing, Management and career advice in the music industry. They encourage visits by interested parties to see what we can offer and how we can use our enthusiasm and facilities to help young people in our community. Contact them on 07816 570086.

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Students Fun Week



During the summer holidays a group of 12 new, Year 7 students joined Greenfield Arts and staff from Greenfield Community College for a week of fun school activity. The programme included a range of activities, designed to prepare the students for what's to come next year, whilst giving them the opportunity to meet some of their future class mates. The group took part in team work and drama activities each morning, before spending time experimenting using arts and science. They spent one day in the food technology department, creating their own pizzas, smoothies and muffins from scratch. At the end of the week the group took a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield, accompanied by staff from Greenfield and artist Jilly Greenwood. During the trip they used sketchbooks, made by the students earlier in the week, to capture the artworks they found interesting. Their final day was spent with Jilly, casting their own fascinating group sculpture. Without even realising it they were reinforcing their literacy and numeracy skills through a creative approach to learning. Throughout the week the group worked well together, and had a great time – well done to those who took part, and we look forward to seeing your future achievements at Greenfield!

GREENFIELD PLAY TO BE PERFORMED AT FESTIVAL

Greenfield Arts are pleased to announce that “What If...?” the live performance developed by students at Greenfield Community College, in partnership with Unfolding Theatre and scientists at Durham University, will continue its successful tour of the region with a performance at Darlington’s “Jabberwocky Market” Festival of Theatre in October this year! This is a great opportunity to see this performance, which is designed to inspire curiosity in the audience members, which has only previously been seen in schools. For more information about the Jabberwocky Market Festival follow them on twitter: www.twitter.com/jabbmarket

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES

Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets later this month. The partnership’s board will meet on Tuesday, 24 September 2013, between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, at Greenfield Community Arts Centre and local people are invited to attend to observe proceedings. This meeting will include a presentation on public health in County Durham. Local people can also raise

any neighbourhood issues they would like the board to address. These should be put in writing and sent in advance. Also, there’s still time to apply for the Community Grant Fund. Grants of between £1,000 and £2,500 are available and the closing date for applications is Friday, 13 September 2013. To find out more about the Community Grant Fund or to register to attend the board meeting, please telephone 01325 327441 or email gampaap@durham.gov.uk

YEAR 11’s CAN WIN VALUABLE PRIZES

At the start of their final year of education, year 11 students at Greenfield and Woodham have the opportunity to win valuable prizes just by knuckling down. These awards were set up four years ago as a means to encourage students in their final year to do well in the upcoming examinations. Over the past three award ceremonies, held at the respective school proms, the prizes were awarded to the winners by Paul Howarth (Newton Press director), who also sourced the sponsors. “Every year has improved on the previous year and I am able to give more prizes out because of the generosity of the sponsors. I would like to pass on my thanks to the local businesses who are involved, Honest John, Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Tesco, iTec, Beanies, Planet Leisure, Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Jacks Driving School, Neville & Bewick Pharmacy and Newton Press” said Paul. The teaching staff at both colleges have, in the past, noticed an improvement in students during their final year and they agree that this scheme is a contributing factor. “I hope the ‘class of 2014’ will be as receptive to this award scheme as previous classes have and that you all gain the results you desire in your final exams” said Paul.

Free Legal Drop-in Clinic for Businesses

Business lawyers, the Endeavour Partnership is hosting a series of free legal drop-in clinics where one of

our solicitors will be available to answer your commercial law questions. We have listed below a selection of the sorts of questions we are regularly asked, but if you or your business have a specific issue please drop by and we will be happy to discuss it with you. Book your place by emailing j.gibson@endeavourpartnership.com or come to the Workplace on Aycliffe Business Park between 12pm and 2pm on Tuesday 17th September. Alternatively, if you would like to set up an alternative time or date please email j.gibson@endeavourpartnership.com and we will arrange a suitable time for you to speak to a member of our team.

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Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre invites all you talented people of all ages who entered the Great Aycliffe Show Cookery Competition to remake your creations for the GREAT AYCLIFFE CAKE OFF. Entries are open to all people within the Great Aycliffe area who have an interest in making cakes, biscuits, scones etc to enter our competition in aid of the Macmillan World’s Biggest Coffee Morning. The competition will take place on Friday 27th September between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entries will need to be in place by 9.30 a.m. There will be prizes for each age range. Under 10, 10-15 and 16 plus. See entry form below and ensure you advise us of your age and what you intend to bake. If you are not a cake baker, just a cake eater come along to the bake off. There will also be a cake stall, coffee and biscuits and a raffle so please come along and support this worthy event.

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Shawn & Marie Marry



Shawn Brown and Marie Vasey of Hutchinson Walk were married on Sunday 11th August at St Andrew’s Church Aycliffe Village. Marie was given away by her Uncle, Roy Mayos. Shawn’s Bestman was his brother Gary and the Bridesmaids were Shawn’s two children Rebekah and Sarah Brown and Marie’s daughter Jasmeen Vasey. The ring bearer was Marie’s son Tomas Lloyd. The Reception was held at Redworth Hall Hotel in the Great Hall. Shawn and Marie would like to thank family and friends for making their Wedding extra special.

News from St. Clare’s

A big thank you to all who have supported the Children’s Film Club at St. Clare’s Church during the school holidays and we hope you have enjoyed the choice of movies. We continue with a new release “All Stars” film on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. Starring Ashley Jensen and Kimberley Walsh the film is about a group of children who attempt to put on a talent show in the hope of raising money to avoid their “after school” from closing. Come along - each child will receive a free jumbo ice-pop! The weekly “Feel Good” films continue in September - details are found in Newton news and are displayed in the church porch window. “Shine” the children’s community choir welcomes boys and girls back from their summer break on Monday 9th September at 5pm rehearsing in the back hall. New choir members are always welcome to come along. on Tuesday 24th September St. Clare’s will host a Bon Marche Fashion Show at 10.30am. Tickets are £2 and include a Cuppa and home-made scone. There will also be a Mini Toddler Fair where good quality children’s books, toys and games will be on sale. A date for the diary is Saturday 13th October at 4pm where everyone can enjoy a “Messy Harvest Afternoon” with fruit and veg painting, sandplay, playdoh, Autumn

leaf collages, to anme a few of the activities on offer. More details nearer the time.

Troublesome Youths in Park Caught & Fined

An issue raised at local PACT meetings by residents about youths causing problems at the town park and in and around Tesco has been resolved. Along with the park wardens and Tesco security staff some offenders were identified. Tesco staff were of a great help because they were vigilant and actively helped the Police with this problem and in recent months two males have been identified as having bought alcohol for underage youths and have been issued with fixed penalty notices. One of these males did not buy the alcohol from Tesco but the staff were vigilant of the problem and helped identify the culprit. Tesco is commended for taking an active role in helping the community. PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team TEL: 673 2699 Email: gavin.laycock@durham.pnn.police.uk

Enrolment Week

Now that summer is over we are starting the new term with a burst of creativity at Greenfield Arts. Our autumn term of Community Learning Courses starts next week, and this week is your opportunity to sign up to learn something new! Our regular favourites, including Guitars, Painting and Drawing, Yoga and Fresh Flower Arranging return this term and are joined by some new creative activities – Wire Jewellery Making and Textile Printmaking. We are pleased to be able to offer these creative courses and opportunities for the community in Aycliffe and surrounding areas, and hope that this term continues to build on the success of the Community Learning Programme here at Greenfield Arts. For the full course guide and to enrol, visit us at Greenfield Arts, ring us on 01325 379048 or log on to our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Beauty Therapist’s Home Visit Service

Maria Postma a 19-year-old Beauty Therapist has opened a new business “Beautiful You”. She lives in Bishop Auckland but has many clients in Newton Aycliffe. She is fully qualified in levels 2 & 3 of Beauty Therapy, gaining distinctions in all treatments all available in the comfort of your own home or you could visit her beauty room. If you want to de-stress, relax she offers a great service at competitive prices. Since starting in May, Maria been fully booked each week, receiving positive feedback from all my customers. Beauty therapy is her passion, and she loves giving treatments including acrylic nails, make-up, massages and hot stone massage along with other beauty treatments. Maria offers pamper



parties, a great way to get together with your friends and family and whether it is a Princess party (for under 16s), Hen party or a Baby Shower, she creates a personalised price list for you, and the host receives a free bottle of bubbly (excluding Princess parties). Contact Maria for a full price list Tel: 07919 145717 - Facebook: BeautifulYou MariaPostma. Email: mariapostma@yahoo.co.uk

Free Trees to Plant in the Community

The Woodland Trust is giving away free packs of native British trees to schools and communities but the deadline for applications is September 13, so anyone wishing to apply needs to get their order in quickly. Trees will be delivered in November ready for planting. Community groups such as parish councils, sports clubs, Brownies, Scouts and many more can apply for packs of either

a small pack (30 trees), medium pack (105 trees), or a large pack (420 trees). You can apply for as many packs as you need, in various themes, up to a maximum of 420 saplings. Schools are automatically eligible for free packs of 30 trees, in either a ‘hedge’ or ‘copse’ theme, but can apply to be considered for the medium and large packs if they wish. Schools and communities applying for the medium and large tree packs can choose from five themes – containing trees ideal for wildlife, year-round colour, future firewood, wild harvest, or wetlands. Free, downloadable curriculum-based resources are available to support school packs. Beverley Gormley, the Trust’s tree packs project manager, said: “Planting trees is a great way to improve our neighbourhoods and school grounds, so we really hope people will get in touch and apply for trees before the closing date. We don’t want anyone to miss out on the chance to create healthier, greener places to live and work in!” The UK is one of the least wooded countries in Europe, with just 13% woodland compared to 44% on the continent, and the Woodland Trust wants to double this by helping people plant trees. Trees provide habitat and food for wildlife, they produce oxygen, absorb carbon, cut pollution, and help reduce flooding. They give us shade and shelter, and a source of timber, fuel, fruit and nuts. Regular contact with green spaces has been linked to reductions in diabetes, obesity, stress, and other disorders. Trees are also great for the struggling bee too – the nectar and pollen produced by the flowers of trees can give them vital food in harsh times. Planting trees is also a perfect way to help children and young people connect with and learn about nature, helping them become future guardians of the environment. To apply for your free pack, head to www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees The tree packs have been generously funded by lead partners IKEA FAMILY and Biffa Award, and by Nicky and players of People’s Postcode Lottery. Tree packs and tree health All species included in our free tree packs were fully sourced and grown in the UK. In addition to this, the supplier is subject to annual checks for all tree diseases by Government plant health officers.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT SERVICE

Victims of domestic abuse across County Durham will soon be able to seek help and support from a specialist charity.

Durham County Council has commissioned a county-wide service to provide assistance to people across the county who are affected by verbal, physical or emotional abuse at home.

Domestic abuse support services are currently run by a number of different organisations each covering different areas of the county. Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for safer and healthier communities, said: "The new service will enable us to ensure people across County Durham receive the same type of support no matter where they live."

"Thousands of families and individuals in the county experience the debilitating effects of abuse every day. It is vitally important that we are able to offer them any help we can."

The new service, which will be available from September,

will be provided by Harbour Support Services.

Lesley Gibson, the company's chief executive, said: "Everyone has the right to live without fear of abuse. We want people to know that they can contact us if they feel concerned about their own situation or that of a friend or family member."

"We know that most abuse is unseen and that the feelings of isolation can be significant, making it difficult for people to seek out help."

"People need to know that someone will listen and won't judge them."

The free, confidential service will offer one-to-one help for men and women, offering advice on the choices available to them and information on how to keep safe.

The service will also provide group programmes, where people can share their experiences, and activities for children and young people affected by domestic abuse.

To contact the service, call 03000 20 25 25 or email durham@myharbour.org.uk



In Defence of Labour and our M.P.

Dear Sir,

Mr Warren Saunders exercises his right to air his views and prejudices in the press. Though, when penning his next diatribe against the Labour Party and calling into question the record and motives of Phil Wilson, our fine MP, he would do well to remember the words of CP Scott: 'Comment is free, but facts are sacred'.

Let us deal with facts and debunk the fantasy contained in his letter. Food Banks are now a reality in your Tory Britain. The reality of poverty is all around us. Not for everyone, but there are too many going hungry in our town, behind the privacy of their front doors – often too proud to seek assistance – for any of us to sleep easily.

For many the choice is eating or heating and in some cases neither. Charity begins at home and if charity needs to be manifested in the guise of a Food Bank for the needy of our town, then so be it. "Are there no workhouses?" asked Scrooge. There are none, but, this mean-spirited Tory government is methodically dismantling much of the Welfare support system – there to assist the most needy and vulnerable in our communities – built up over the last century. We in the north are taking much of the brunt of these enforced cuts, so we have to look after our own, our needy, in the face of these Tory inspired cuts.

Last week's scribbles

included further falsehoods to do with the Bedroom Tax. In February, our MP put out thousands of leaflets entitled: 'Tax Cut for the rich – a Bedroom Tax for the poor'. This leaflet was distributed across Newton Aycliffe and other parts of the constituency. The leaflet invited people affected by the Bedroom Tax, to meet Phil Wilson to seek help.

Mr Wilson and his team were well aware early, that this was a ticking time-bomb and of the ramifications of this ill-conceived Tory attack on some of the most vulnerable in our community. Two of the four surgeries advertised on the leaflet, lasted for two hours each and the other two for nearly three hours.

They were held in the Youth Centre, Newton Aycliffe, as well as in Trimdon, Ferryhill and Wingate. I attended the Saturday morning surgery held in the Youth Centre and could see that Phil had invited and assembled such as the CAB, as well as representatives of the local arms-length housing providers, to advise people and help, which they did.

As far as criticism about Hitachi, Mr Saunders' assertions have again to be filed under the heading of fiction. Everyone knows that Phil Wilson was part of a high-powered team including the Northern Echo, and Durham County Council that lobbied to have the factory brought here; even Hitachi acknowledge that fact. This was always very much WE and not ME. Alas, this all has the smell of sour grapes concerning the success of our MP in these trying times.

Do not forget either the hours of hard work Mr Wilson put in – unsung, behind the scenes – to get our town centre upgrade moving. This phase will be completed in November. Yes, at times it has all been very much an uphill struggle and it is hard to believe it is nearly ten years since Tesco opened. But that can be in no way a reflection on our MPs unceasing endeavours on our behalf.

Derek G Atkinson (Cllr.)

Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church is on Tuesday 10th September and Features "INHERIT THE WIND". A Tennessee teacher is put on trial for teaching Darwin's Theory.

Evolution or creation?, the scene is set for a titanic courtroom battle, starring Spencer Tracy and Gene Kelly. In b&w.

Tea/coffee at 1pm (included in the £2) and the film starts at 1-15pm. Everyone is most welcome to this gripping film. Ring Ric Hargreaves for details 01325 316755

Youth Concert at Xcel Centre

Time in drawing near for MAD Production's 5th annual charity concert and as usual it is to be held at the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park on Saturday 5th October at 7.p.m.

The money raised this year will go to Acts for Justice who are the fundraising arm of Hope for Justice, a charity formed to work to release young people from the ravages of sexual exploitation.

Tickets are £5 and are available from the Youth Centre or by telephoning Joan on 07730471487. Tickets will also be available on the door on the night.

Hates Tory Policies - Attacks Labour Party

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to read Warren Saunders's letter in last week's Newton News. I have for months been saying that this government is stealing our human rights, purposely trying to reduce us to the position of workers in eastern Europe.

Recruitment Agencies are only one aspect of an onslaught which includes workfare, zero-hours contracts, attacks on the Unions, a move to short- and part-time contracts, and a high rate of unemployment. Moreover, I agree absolutely that foodbanks are a shame on this government, which – as I have again tried to get people to agree – is openly waging a propaganda war against the needy, and trying to alter our social security safety net from a citizen's right to a charity hand-out.

To a degree, like many people reduced to despair and fury, he lashes out at the wrong people, and about the wrong issues.

Local politicians are an obvious target, but we are not the enemy – you can see for yourself on my facebook blog at www.bit.ly/JDCIare what I am doing day-by-day to try to thwart this Tory government's regressive policies.

The misnamed 'clothing allowance' is an incorrect target too. It is not for clothes – it is an allowance to fund the civic expenditure of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the County Council. At a

time when we are desperately trying to attract industry and enterprise, surely we need some sort of civic presence? The County Council has amalgamated the roles of Chair of the County Council and Mayor of Durham City, and has set up a cross-party investigative committee, to seek ways to reduce civic costs.

I also challenge Mr Saunders's accusation about Council absenteeism. It is true that public sector absence runs higher than the private sector, but this is not because public sector workers are 'wastrels' – in this, Mr Saunders falls into the Tory trap and goes to war against his fellow-workers, instead of attacking

the real enemy. The public sector tends to give more full-time, long-term contracts and a higher absence rate is a consequence. What kind of world does Mr Saunders want – one where all workers lack sickness rights and have to drag themselves in poorly, as agency workers do? He attacks recruitment agencies for such neglect of workers' rights, but then chastises the Council which is, I am proud to say, generally a good employer.

At least Mr Saunders has got angry enough to shout – I wish there were more like him. But we need to direct our attention, and our anger, at the Tories.

John D Clare

MAD Productions Thank Their Supporters

Dear Editor,

In this time when there is very little good news, the team of MAD Production, would like to recognise the following people who are once again a big part of ensuring this year's charity concert goes without a hitch.

The concert will take place at the Xcel Centre on Saturday 5th October at 7 pm. and the team would like to offer their sincere thanks to so many people, too many to mention but would specially identify people without whose continuous support these events would never take

place...

The Youth Centre Chairman Vince Crosby and members of the management committee, Xcel Centre, John Greenow, Julian and Kerina Clark, Beata Gerlach, Rachel Mawston, Xcel Local (cloud nine), EMI Music, Evelyn Lodge, Barbara Turner and PC Alan Thompson. Also a big thank you to Syd Howarth and staff at Newton Press.

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NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

New to Neville Parade Community Centre - an Adult Table Tennis Club commencing Monday 9th September from 10am - 12 noon. Carpet Bowls starts on Tuesday 17th September 10am - 12 noon. Admission £2 including coffee. We need you to join and need an adult volunteer supervisor for both these activities - Please ring Peter on 313924. A Coffee Morning will be held for Marie Curie Cancer Care on Saturday 14th September 10am - 12 noon. Please support this charity. We are looking for kind people to bake cakes for this occasion. Please ring Peter who also needs a Chairman to take control of activities at the Centre.

Anti-Social Youths



Police are trying to identify the youths in this image who are responsible for Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage in Aycliffe Village on the afternoon of Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2013.

If you know who they are please contact Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team on tel 101 673 2682 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Success in Science

Woodham Academy Year 11 students recorded 100% pass rates in GCSE Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Many students achieved top grades in all three sciences, putting them in an excellent position to continue to study sciences at A Level. Head of Science, Rebecca Flynn, says, "The good news is that last year's year 10 students did brilliantly in their science modules and are on track to repeat this success next year."

Woodham Academy welcomes two new science teachers this year. Miss Arrowsmith and Miss Taylor are both well-qualified chemists and join a team of outstanding subject specialists. This year, the department, together with mathematics and technology will be running an after-school STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) club to provide even more opportunities in these important areas.

Woodham Academy headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says, "These results, together with our best-ever results in mathematics and technology give our students a real advantage. I'm proud of our students' achievement."

FREE CYCLE SAFETY CHECKS

Halfords is backing Cycle To Work Day (Thursday 12th September) by offering a bike free safety check at its Bikehut stores.

Customers visiting the store on the day will also receive a FREE bike safety checks, a FREE puncture repair kit and 20% off selected cycle accessories.

Cycle To Work day has been launched to encourage more people to get on their bikes to travel to their place of employment.

Halfords runs its own tax efficient Cycle2Work scheme which offers employees 42% off the cost of a new bike, saving hundreds of pounds. The Cycle to Work Alliance, the umbrella group promoting the Cycle to Work scheme, report a 25% increase in uptake in the past year with 44,000 people signing up in the first six months of 2013 as the UK bike boom, buoyed by Sir Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome's triumphs, continues.

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Only applications received on the school's application form and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

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For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Early Years Officer, Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880 or by email at jackie.swainston@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

American Star Joins Wildcats

Durham Wildcats have further strengthened their growing roster with the signing of American point-guard Devin Ginty. The 24 year-old arrives in Durham following a season with a Finnish Division 1 side. Ginty regularly posted double-double stats for the Helsinki club, playing 27 games, scoring an average of 14.8 points per game and a 41.7% success rate from the 3-point range.

Making his BBL debut, Ginty is looking forward to the new season and playing in the BBL. "I'm really excited about the upcoming season and getting the opportunity to play in England, I think it will be a great experience. The BBL seems like a league with high standards and I know that Durham Wildcats are a solid team. I think Coach Davie has done a great job assembling a very well-rounded roster, so I am looking forward to doing whatever I can to help the team."

Even as the excitement of the new season approaches, Ginty is well aware of the challenges ahead in the transition period. "The BBL is very competitive and I hope to help bring the competitive edge to the Wildcats. The biggest challenge coming from the US to the international pro leagues is the style of play, but I definitely enjoy the faster pace of the game and the shorter shot clock here in Europe." Ginty is also hoping to be a fan favourite and is working hard pre-season to make an impact both on and off the court. "The biggest thing fans can expect from me is that I will always give 100% effort whenever I step on court.



With an energetic and positive attitude I hope to be a leader and will do whatever it takes to help Durham have a successful season. Whether it is knocking down a three-pointer, making a good pass or diving on the floor for a loose ball," he explains, "I simply love the game and hope to give the fans a spark to connect with."

Ginty, a native of California, played college basketball for the San Diego Toreros (West Coast Conference, NCAA D1). He was named in the West Coast Conference All-Academic Team in consecutive seasons (2008/09 and 2009/10) and captained the Toreros his final year (2011/12). Prior to the Toreros, Ginty played high school basketball at Colfax High and was awarded league MVP his senior year, having

played 28 games, scoring an average of 28.8 points per game.

Ginty joins Joel Madourie, Paul Elderkin and veteran Ralph Bucci as the latest addition to the new look Wildcat squad. Coach Lee Davie is close to completing the full roster and with pre-season training already well under way, the Wildcats are looking a strong and diverse team.

In the build-up to the new season, Durham Wildcats have scheduled two pre-season friendlies at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. USA Select will be the first visitors to Durham on Thursday 19th September - tip off 7pm. Tickets are on sale direct from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre or online at www.godurhamwildcats.com.

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AUTUMN COMPOSTING

Residents in County Durham are being urged to get composting and make the most of those falling autumn leaves.

With the nights drawing in and a distinct chill in the air, autumn is now upon us and it is a perfect time to start composting.

Durham County Council is currently promoting home compost bins across County Durham to encourage people to

recycle their garden waste. Vicky Bell, waste strategy and policy officer at Durham County Council, said: "Met Office figures show that 2013 has been the hottest summer since 2006, and the higher than average temperatures along with the occasional heavy downpour, has encouraged plant growth."

"At this time of year people are thinking about tidying up the garden but instead of making bonfires from garden waste which pollute the atmosphere, a much more environmentally-friendly way to dispose of this waste is to compost it at home."

"There's plenty of natural garden waste available - such as spent bedding plants, grass cuttings, autumn leaves and prunings - which can all be recycled over the coming months to produce nutritious compost ready for use in the garden next spring."

"The secret to great compost is having a good range of ingredients, and in addition to garden waste, you can also mix in other materials such as coffee grounds, tissues, paper napkins, cardboard and vacuum cleaner dust."

For people wondering what to do with all their fallen leaves this autumn, a good idea is to make a leaf mould, a fine product that can be used in place of peat as potting compost for container plants.

A leaf mould can be made by putting the excess leaves into a bin bag, making a few holes in it, and leaving it in a secluded spot to rot down.

Another good idea with fallen leaves is to use a lawnmower to collect up leaves as this shreds them and helps to speed up the composting process.

For further information on composting and making leaf moulds, contact Durham County Council on 03000 261 000 or go to www.durham.gov.uk/recycling

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Tips for School Run

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Don't compromise your concentration and the safety of other road users by being in a hurry. Leaving the house five minutes earlier changes the nature of how you make the journey.

Take extra care to compensate for the fact that children won't always be paying attention, especially when approaching the school gate.

Never stop on the yellow "zig zags" by the school gate, and always ensure you let your passengers out on the pavement side.

Try to arrange a car pool with other parents – the fewer vehicles around the school gates, the better.

Roads surrounding schools are usually 20 mph, and for a good reason – it's

essential that you slow down and keep an eye out for children crossing the road and emerging from between parked cars.

New starters in reception class are unlikely to understand the dangers that the road outside their school presents – bare this in mind when driving nearby and keep your eyes peeled for children wandering into the road alone.

If your children are walking to school on their own, make sure they are aware of potential hazards such as crossing busy roads – encourage them to always use the pedestrian crossing if there is one.

IAM chief examiner Peter Rodger said: "The school run brings with it a 20 per cent growth in rush hour traffic. A little preparation can go a long way to making the school run easier, safer and less stressful, so take the extra time and plan ahead."

TODDLER GROUP EXPANDS

Jayne, leader of Little Gems Toddler Group at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is thrilled there have been so many new toddlers joining the group over the School Holidays.

Jayne said, "We wondered if we should remain open during the school holidays and decided to do so for the benefit of the toddlers who were already attending the sessions.

We felt it would help them with getting to know one another. We have been amazed at the amount of new toddlers and babies who have come along, so much so we have had to move to a bigger room as we have outgrown our original home".

Vicky Hewlish Secretary of the Youth Centre Management Committee agreed and said "As we have had to move into the main hall we have space now for more babies and toddlers to come along. We are so thrilled with the growth that we are considering extending the cover to more than one morning"

The group meet on a Friday Morning at 10 a.m. till 11.30 a.m. during that time the babies and toddlers have a host of toys to play with, new friends to make and a healthy snack and drink whilst mum, dad, nana, granddad or whoever is taking care of the toddlers can enjoy a cuppa and have a great time playing with the children and getting to know one another.

For more information, contact Jayne or Joan on 01325 307522 or just pop in for a leaflet.

School Crossing Patrol Cuts Under Discussion

Proposed changes to County Durham's school crossing patrol service will be discussed by councillors when they meet next week.

The changes would see the removal of lunchtime services at 60 sites where no children actually leave the school grounds unaccompanied during this period. Patrols would be kept on at six sites where pupils do leave the premises during the lunchbreak.

CLlr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member said: "Pupil road safety is a priority for the County Council and we have a good track recording in providing school crossing patrols over and above national requirements.

"However, like all councils we are continuing to have to make savings and improve the efficiency of our services. "The proposal to remove lpatrols at sites where no unaccompanied pupils are using them will ensure we can continue to provide services at locations where they are most needed."

The changes, which would not affect morning and afternoon crossing patrols, would be expected to result in annual savings of £163,986.

Before any changes could be introduced a consultation with those affected, including staff, schools, pupils and their families, will need to be carried out.

If the changes go ahead the schools affected would be

given the opportunity to fund the crossing patrol out of their own budgets if they want the lunchtime service to be retained.

A report to Durham County Council's Cabinet recommends that there are no further changes to the school crossing patrol policy – which sets the criteria for providing a patrol, based on volumes of traffic and pedestrians.

In County Durham the agreed

criteria exceeds the national standard for the provision of sites and the school crossing patrol service is over and above that provided in many other areas.

This would continue to be the case even if the proposals to remove lunchtime services at 60 sites are agreed.

Cabinet will be asked to agree to a consultation taking place when members meet at County Hall on Sept 11th.

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In Memoriam

ANNETTE BANKS (nee Bird). 8th September 2003. Loving memories never die as years roll on and days pass by. In our hearts a memory is kept of one we loved and will never forget. Love always, Manda and John xxx

ROBERT WAITES 8th September 2001. Years roll by, but memories live on. All my love, Ruth

FRED PROUD 6th September 2010. Loving memories of the one we love and miss so much. Jeannie, Tracey, Gavin, Lindsey and Hollie

KIPLING Sheila and Robert. Loving parents and grandparents. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Love always, Col, Val, Michael, Nicola, Claire and family xxx

Rebecca Nelson



Happy 18th Birthday
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BARBARA, Trish and family would like to thank the many friends of the late Michael Henderson, for their messages of sympathy, attendance at Dad's "Farewell" and their generous donations of £197.50 for St Teresa's Hospice. Also thanks to Andrea and staff at the Co-op, Jan for her touching Service and the British Legion for the catering

Birthday Remembrance

Lee Smith



7th September 1973
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Lee Smith



7th September 1973
How I wish that you were here so we could have a JD and Coke together on your 40th birthday. But I know that wherever you are, you will be surrounded by chicks. Happy birthday young 'un, miss and love you every day. Love, Debbie, Paul and Connor xxx

LEE SMITH Happy 40th birthday on 7th September. Wish you were here so we could celebrate in BIG style. Miss you loads and always will. Karl and Marie xx
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100% P.E. Exam Pass

Woodham Academy PE students enjoyed more success this summer. Students sitting final examinations this summer achieved record results with 100% of GCSE students achieving A*-C grades, 47% achieving A and A* grades.

This was coupled with 100% of students passing the Btec Sport course. Together with the expansion of the hugely successful Woodham Sports Academy this autumn from 8 sports to 11, things are looking good for sport at Woodham.

Jon Tait, assistant head teacher at Woodham Academy and lead teacher on the GCSE Physical Education course commented 'We are extremely pleased with our examination results in both GCSE PE and Btec Sport. It is pleasing to see that through our Sports Academy, our students are performing incredibly well on both the sports fields and in the classroom.'

Aycliffe Put up Good Fight



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club entered new territory with a floodlit Friday night game at Northallerton. Returning to their visitors from a fortnight ago, Aycliffe were able to field 23 players, despite a number of unavailabilities due to work commitments. Assistant coach, David Gibson filled the important

number 10 shirt due to the absences. The host side were able to field a total of 36 players.

The game was played in three periods of thirty minutes; during the opening period, it was clear that the teams were quite well matched but Northallerton opened the scoring taking advantage of a rare moment of defensive weakness in the Aycliffe team to score in the corner. Aycliffe fought back strongly and James Thacker, making his first appearance of the pre-season, carved through the defence before being brought down by the last man. The attack continued and Dave Gibson saw a gap in front of him, he stepped quickly through it and scored beneath the points, adding the conversion himself. At the break, Aycliffe were 7 - 5 ahead.

The second period was non-stop pressure from

Northallerton and three times they were held up over the line; Chris Richards and Chris Knight being among the heroes. Michael Welch came on for captain Warren Parsonage and soon made his defensive presence felt. Despite the onslaught, no scores were forthcoming. Aycliffe emptied the bench for the third period, including Stuart McIvor, playing on the evening of his fiftieth birthday. Despite changing more than half the pack, Aycliffe were able to push their opponents about in the scrum. As time ran down, Northallerton were getting increasingly desperate and were busting every sinew to grab a victory. Finally the pressure told as the spread the ball first one way, then the other and Aycliffe's resolute defence ran short of numbers. The converted try giving the hosts a 5-point lead. Aycliffe still fought back and Thacker made another break. The game ended 12 - 7 to the hosts.

This was a fine performance by Aycliffe and showed improvement over the previous games. After a weeks rest, they begin their league campaign with a home game against South Tyneside College at 3pm on 14th September. Newton Aycliffe are sponsored by Boola Clothing Aycliffe and Hayward Home Appliance Services trading as Serviceforce



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team had a fixture free weekend, but the 2nd team travelled to top of the table Table 3rd XI in their NYSD Sunday division two match and lost by 6 wickets despite a decent performance from the club's youngsters. Norton won the toss and asked Aycliffe to bat first and openers Sam Telford (48 runs) and Nathan Blakeburn (24) got the innings off to a good start, putting on 44 for the first wicket. Ben Nicholson batted well scoring 15 and at 88 for 1, Aycliffe looked on target for a big innings total. However despite a quickfire score of 17

Aycliffe F.A. Cup Heartbreak

Newton Aycliffe were left to concentrate their efforts on the FA Vase this season after succumbing to Spennymoor in an FA Cup preliminary qualifying round replay on Tuesday night.

The Newtonians host fellow Northern League Division One side Guisborough in the Vase on Saturday September 7th (kick off 3pm, admission £6 adults, £4 concessions with under 12s free) - a competition that gives a much more realistic route to Wembley for semi-professional clubs.

Northern League clubs have lifted the trophy for the past five seasons and it was the most recent winners who knocked Aycliffe out of the other national cup competition in the midweek replay following a dramatic original meeting that saw Allan Oliver's side seconds away from a giantkilling. Spennymoor were heavy favourites going into the tie - Aycliffe had never beaten them and only found the net twice in half-a-dozen meetings - and arrived at Moore Lane Park last weekend in confident mood.

That showed as Moors raced into a two-goal lead by the half-hour mark, thanks to goals from Gavin Cogdon and Keith Graydon.

But the Royal Blues refused to lie down and accept defeat. Danny Earl took advantage of a mistake in the Moors defence to tap in an equaliser, before Jamie Owens exchanged passes with Martin Young and then curled in an unstoppable effort from the edge of the area.

With 10 minutes left, Danny Lambert raced half the length of the field, nutmegged the last defender and slotted home under visiting goalkeeper Kyle Hayes to give Aycliffe a deserved lead.

But as the game entered stoppage time, Dan Mitton was adjudged to have fouled Cogdon in the area and received his marching orders, before Mark Davison tucked in the penalty to force a replay. At Brewery Field on Tuesday night, Kallum Griffiths gave Spennymoor the lead in the opening minute with an unstoppable 30-yard drive into the top corner.

Lewis Dodds fired in off the post just before the hour mark to double their advantage,



before Cogdon wrapped up the tie with a third to secure a home tie against Lancaster City in the first qualifying round.

It was a disappointing night, following the drama of the weekend, though few

expected Aycliffe to overcome a side whose spending power is vastly superior.

The Newtonians have a quick chance to get over the disappointment, with the FA Vase tie with Guisborough this weekend.

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