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BID TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN AYCLIFFE

Town Senior Schools Unware of Proposal

The Aycliffe Business Park Community meeting last week heard of a bid by the University of Sunderland to bring a UTC to Aycliffe Business Park based at South West Durham Training.

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The meeting heard that a £9 million grant would be made to establish the UTC at Aycliffe and the bid was being prepared to meet a closing date next month.

A fundamental principle of UTCs is that they do not

judge students on their past performance. Students are given new opportunities and new ways of learning which allow them to achieve to a higher level than they may have done before.

Newton News editor was present and asked the question how the UTC would fit in with existing Secondary School education particularly as the school leaving age was being extended.

These establishments would already be seeking to use that extended period to equip students to move into higher education or technical training.

The reply was that it seemed acceptable to have

competition for places but it seemed loaded against the secondary schools who might feel a bit aggrieved if the bid was successful. In fact our two senior schools were not aware of the proposal bid until this week! The UTC say they will take students from a wide geographical area and this would reduce the negative impact for local schools in terms of the student roll. However it is quite obvious there will be a greater demand from Aycliffe as they are nearer and won't have the same transport problems as others.

Woodham Academy's view on Page 15

Despicable Robbers

Between Monday 26th August and Sunday 1st September 2013 a grave of two babies buried in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe had items of sentimental value, which had been laid there by family, stolen. Glass paperweights depicting cherubs, rainbows, stars and foot and handprints were stolen along with a glass plaque. If anyone was witness to this despicable act or has any information which could lead to the suspects being identified or has any information as to the whereabouts of the stolen items, please contact PC 2228 Woods on 101 quoting incident number DHM-02092013-0355.

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GET INSPIRED!

"Inspired" is a new creative newsletter by Aycliffe based artist Jillian Greenwood. Jillian is a Painter and Printmaker but has worked also worked with a number of local schools and centres including Byerly Park Primary, St. Francis, Greenfield Arts Centre (Cutting Loose Carnival) and Colour Your Life at the Pioneering Care Centre delivering creative workshops. Inspired aims to promote the projects of local groups and inspire local families/individuals to get creative and take advantage of the workshops/courses/projects



on offer from centres such as the Pioneering Care Centre and Greenfield Arts Centre. Pick up your copy at Greenfield Arts Centre or alternatively visit www.jilly6.wix.com/artist-jillian-greenwood.

INSPIRATION Station

Firstly you need to collect fallen leaves, the best ones have freshly fallen from the trees.

Then you need:

- a piece of cartridge paper... (for best results use artist quality cartridge paper)
- paint ... (for best results use acrylic paint but poster paint will suffice)
- and a stiff bristle paintbrush

Method:

- 1) Paint the textured side of the leaf (the side with the most veins) using a stiff brush (a brush with only a little bit of paint on).
- 2) Put the leaf paint side down on your paper and press it down onto the page
- 3) Brush paint round the edge of the leaf so that the outline of the leaf is clear on the page
- 4) Remove the leaf
- 5) Repeat, using lots of different autumn colours!

Get creative this autumn by creating your very own Leaf Print Picture!

Leaf Prints create beautiful textures and patterns on the page and have fun exploring and collecting!

Why not take a sketchbook and see what you can see while you are collecting!

FIREWORKS CANCELLATION IS A STEP BACKWARDS

Dear Sir
I feel by not having a Firework Display is another step in the wrong direction. It is a bit like when I moved to the town in 1952 in Watson Road where we had long back gardens and each house had its own bonfire. It is not to be recommended as fireworks went everywhere. I doubt it would even be allowed now under the health and safety act. Obviously the town has grown many times over since then, however I feel that by not having a communal

bonfire with top class fireworks we could easily slip back into those old ways and more accidents. I think it is good that numbers have increased at the event. Why not ask for people to become trained as volunteer marshals and put them through a free course on their duties. I feel sure if it was a visit from a member of the Royal Family the Council would soon find extra help for crowd control.
J M Gowland

Congrats to Newton Press

Dear Sir,
I would like to congratulate the Newton Press on their 50th anniversary and on publishing this very informative free paper. It has managed to survive in a very difficult financial climate and I wish you all the best for the future.
J M Gowland, Heighington

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to Newton News and the Howarth family for the achievement of fifty years of service to the residents of Newton Aycliffe. Your family Newspaper has been a great help to both our Community Centre and myself over a great number of years. Many articles and stories have been published to help us highlight activities and some great personal stories. We are very lucky to have your facility available, and you can be sure that it is greatly appreciated.
David Sutton-Lloyd

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE NEWS

CRAFTING CLUB: If you would like to learn some creative skills, including knitting, sewing, quilting, card-making or baking, then come along to this group at the village hall on Tuesday, September 24th. Sessions are from 1-3pm and there is an entry fee of £2; refreshments are available.

WI MEETS: The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, September 25th, at the village hall for Members' Night. The challenge is for a Challenging Evening. Everyone is

welcome. For details, call Sue Hindle on 01325-310421.
JUNIOR DISCO: After the summer break, it's disco time for children aged five to 12 years. The first disco of the autumn takes place

at the village hall on Friday, September 27th, from 6.30-8pm. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and drinks will be available. Children can also have a glitter tattoo for £1. Entry is £1.

General Studies Success



Woodham Academy students all achieved A*-C grades at GCSE General Studies, with half achieving A*/A grades. General Studies is offered as an enrichment activity for the most able students through Woodham Academy's innovative Year 11 tutor programme. A dedicated team of Year 11 tutors offers academic study

support together with help to choose and apply for courses at college or seek apprenticeships. This means that almost all students are successful in making the transition from school into further education, employment or training. General Studies is one of seven subjects at Woodham Academy where students celebrated a 100% pass rate.

Aycliffe Company Sold to National Group

The Hydraquip group has acquired the Linden Group which was founded in Aycliffe over 30 years ago, and is widely known as an established hose and fittings company operating two fluid power branches. They are full service distributors of a broad range of hose and fittings, adaptors, pumps, motors, valves cylinders and equipment for hose preparation. It has a strong portfolio of customers throughout the UK. Linden Group's Chairman and founder of the company John Billany has recently retired and the business assets have been sold to the Hydraquip Group. The change in ownership brings a change in the name for the company 'Linden Hose &

Adaptors Ltd', with effect from 2nd September 2013. Linden Hose & Adaptors Ltd has been formed to take the business forward and normal sales contacts, Paul, Adrian, Steven, Andrew, Michelle & Ken will continue to provide first class products and service, customers have come to expect over the years. The Hydraquip Group operate the largest independent hose repair company in the UK, Hydraquip Hose & Hydraulics and are one of the fastest growing companies in the industry. As part of the group, Linden Hose & Adaptors will offer an enhanced range of products and services nationwide, complementing its existing range of hose and hydraulic products.



St. Mary's new priest, Father Michael Whalen, is a true "Geordie" and very proud of the fact he was born in Scotswood Road, Newcastle. He came from humble beginnings, leaving school at 15 to go to work for a paper merchants. Fr. Michael describes himself as a late developer gathering a thirst for learning and taking a self taught educational route to fulfil his ambition to become first a secondary school teacher and then a priest.

He was influenced by his parents who were good Catholics. His father was a choirmaster and Michael was a chorister singing bass. He has an elder sister with three children. After he gained his degree in History Fr. Michael at the age of 33, was trained for the priesthood at Ushaw College Catholic Seminary. He served in Billingham, Sunderland, Crook, Blackhill and Jesmond before he moved to Newton Aycliffe. Aycliffe's new Catholic priest

likes to keep fit and one of his first tasks here was to join the Leisure Centre Fitness Club. Don't be surprised if he turns up to visit you on his bike or you bump into him while walking. He has a casual approach and you won't see him dressed in black. It was only later in life he came to enjoy travel and loves Italy and Tuscany in particular, having holidayed there with his father before he died recently. He admits to feeling a little lost, leaving his home town and suffering this bereavement, but has found the warm reception at Newton Aycliffe by parishioners to be heartwarming and overwhelming. He is looking forward to getting involved in the community life of the town and is impressed by the environment. On behalf of the townspeople we welcome Father Whalen, hoping he finds happiness in his new home and enjoys a successful ministry.

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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 Beatle 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, it's 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

Saturday 28th September - "Elenbak"

Covers by Bad Company, Free, Sabbath, Poison, Brian Adams, Eurythmics and many more. Review: "What a bunch of fighters these guys are! Back again after previously strong showings in past BOTBs, Elenbak return with yet more melody driven and insanely catchy soft rock. More new material in their excellently delivered set, but still it's the wonderful 'Samantha' that gets under your skin and refuses to be ignored - a summertime hit single if ever I heard one. Partnered to familiar favourite 'In This World' these are two great songs that really show the quality running through this band. Closing with a triumphant 'Someday' you have to believe that there is a cracking AOR album in this band just begging to be unleashed."

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MINDLESS DAMAGE OF TOWN'S TREES ALARMS RESIDENTS



Dear Sir,
I was saddened to see (again) the lovely trees bordering the footpath on the edge of the Cobblers Hall estate, adjoining the Area of Scientific Interest, parallel to Ashtree Close, suffering from mindless vandalism. I'm not sure if the houses bordering the footpath have reported this damage, but can the police perhaps patrol the area more to try to deter the



vandals? If this continues we'll not have any trees left along the green border to the Cobbler's Hall estate! Tree branches have been snapped off at intervals along this footpath for years - some have survived to become bigger trees, but it seems even their height isn't stopping the vandals, and the damaged trees aren't being replaced. Mike Baker

Get Your Antiques Valued at Woodham

Have you ever wondered if Great Aunt's vase, Grandad's watch or that Car Boot purchase was valuable, now you can find out. St Elizabeth's Church have organised a Valuation Event with the experts from Thomas Watson & Son, Auctioneers and Valuers of Darlington often seen on day time BBC Television. By kind permission of the Woodham Community Hall Art Group there will also be an exhibition of their work.

All this at St Elizabeth's Church, Woodham, on Saturday, September 28th. Doors open at 9.45am and valuations start at 10am. Admission £5 includes one valuation and refreshments. Extra valuations at £2 an item. Tickets available at the St Elizabeth's Church on Sunday morning 11am and Wednesday evenings 6.30pm. Further details are available from Nora on 01325 789344.

CAR EVENT COMES TO AYCLIFFE

The Northern Bygone's Society, a classic and vintage vehicles/collectables society is holding a weekend event at The Oakleaf Sports Complex, from 10am until 4pm on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September 2013.



Entry is free to exhibitors and members of the public. Classic/Vintage Vehicles will be on display at back of Oakleaf and small collectables will be on view in the Function Room. For the children (or adults!) we have Dance Mats in the Sports Hall along with Giant Genga, Connect Four and other Table games. Test your aim with Target Bowls on the Bowling Green or have your face painted in the Bar. There will also be a

hunt the Vintage Car game for the little ones and balloons. Facilities/Refreshments will be available from The Oakleaf Sports Complex at very reasonable prices- Saturday - Bar Open from 11am food from 11.30am, Sunday Bar open from 12 noon food available all day. Contact Paul Jackson: 312183 or 07968 367438 or visit our website www.northernbygones.org.uk

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West Park Lakes for Recreation or Wildlife Haven?

Our Town Council last Wednesday debated the condition of West Park Lakes following complaints from users of the facility. Former Councillor Maud Gray spoke on behalf of the residents and said she understood why there were large amounts of algae due to weather etc, but could not understand why the Town Council did not clean the lake regularly to maintain its attractiveness. During the debate Counc Dan Summers agreed and asked the Council to return the lakes to what was once the pride of the West Ward, and suggesting aeration could solve the problem.

In a lengthy report Steve Cooper Environment Officer explained the situation, stating why the algae and other pond life existed in the shallow 18" deep lakes. He believed this was an important asset to the town as a natural habitat. Some of the blame was aimed at visitors who feed bread to the ducks not realising that rotting bread can affect the water. Neighbours might also be guilty of disposing their motor oil down the drains which is against the law and pollutes the water. The officer insisted the lakes were cleaned on a daily basis, but Coun Gray doubted this as he is a frequent dog walker in the park and has never seen any cleaning activity taking place. He had visited lakes in other towns who did not have this problem, but this was explained away by the officer who said they were much deeper in comparison. Large

amounts of algae had been removed by trawling a net, but was heavy work. Coun Gray said the only way to remove it was by pitch fork. Since it ceased to be a Boating Lake the issue seemed to revolve around whether it was a public amenity or a haven for wildlife. The latter was apparently easier and cheaper to operate, but when did this change take place and were the public consulted? With the gorgeous summer we had would it not have been nice to see children paddling and using inflatables in the lakes? But then the issue of Health & Safety comes into play with the council liable for any accidents. Perhaps the Council could consider having a separate small area of the lakes for this use, with a fountain? This would be safer and easily managed by part time summer staff. Councillors Chandran and Summers volunteered to help clean away the algae and thought residents would also offer their time to see an improvement. Other councillors had researched the problem and suggested embracing the lakes' natural state by introducing more plants to help aeration was the answer.

Manfred Man Lead Vocalist at Shildon

Shildon Methodist Circuit is pleased to present Paul Jones & Fiona Hendly Jones at Shildon Civic Hall on Friday 18th October at 7.00pm. Tickets are £7 and available from Allan Crathorne (319098). This husband and wife team comprises two of the best known names in entertainment. Paul's distinguished career includes being lead singer with Manfred Mann and the Blues Band whilst Fiona is an accomplished actor and singer whose collection of gold discs rivals Paul's! In their presentation they perform a varied selection of songs and talk about the importance of their faith both on and off stage.

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Summer School Visit Life Centre in Newcastle



Education at Woodham Academy didn't stop over the summer holidays. The successful summer school programme designed to aid transition from primary school has been running for over five years now. This year's programme ran for two weeks with students taking part in many exciting activities. These included building sellotape body sculptures in Art, designing and manufacturing a pen pot in Design and Technology

and building rockets in Science! Afternoons were spent learning new skills in PE, enjoying dodgeball, basketball and swimming in Woodham's fantastic pool. Students also got the chance to experience their first ever educational visits with trips to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth and The Life Centre in Newcastle. The visits, along with the diverse range of activities on the programme proved to be a major hit with the

Department for Education, even showcasing photos from the summer school on its website. Tracy Tait, Head of Year 7 at Woodham Academy, commented 'Summer School is a wonderful initiative allowing students the opportunity to engage in fun activities in preparation for their time at Woodham. It gives students the chance to meet new friends, become familiar with the school and also meet teachers.'

COMMUNITY CENTRES WORKING TOGETHER FOR FAMILY LEARNING MONTH

Four Community venues in Newton Aycliffe have been working in partnership to offer a variety of activities for families from October to December 2013. Greenfield Arts have co-ordinated activity inspired by and building on the success of the GAMP AAP funded "Out of the Bag" project that took place earlier this year, which attracted over 300 people to take part in different creative activities. The programme, which will take place at Greenfield Arts, Agnew Community Centre, Woodham Community Centre and Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, includes a film festival (with the GAMP AAP Mobile Cinema), family fun days, a Big Draw Competition and Out of the Bag creative workshops. Most of the activities are free, offering families and young people across

Aycliffe the opportunity to try something new and work together to be creative. The variety of activities and events would not have been possible without the partnership between the four venues! To find out what's on pick up a leaflet from one of the venues taking part, or visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Garden Competition Winner



The winner of this years' Community Enhancement Award was Mr. & Mrs. Vincent of 7 Heatherburn Court. The Mayor, Councillor Barbara Clare, visited the couple to present them with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl' after being chosen as the winner of the Community Enhancement Award for 2013. The Mayor was delighted to make this presentation and congratulate the couple on the outstanding quality of their entry.

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Busy Scouting Summer

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and indoor accommodation, it is on the edge of Dalby Forest, with a stream running around the camp site so lots of places to explore. The Scouts worked really well together and were able to participate in lots of camp activities. We currently have vacancies in our Beaver (5-7), and Scout (11-15) and Senior Scout (15-17) sections, Further information Kim: 07971 849840

Health & Safety Gone Mad at Town Council

Dear Sir,
I am a little confused, by our Town Council who cancelled fireworks on the grounds of high numbers attending and Health & Safety (even though attendance numbers cannot be confirmed) then fails to close its golf course which is reported unsafe from flying balls and could result in a fatality. The same council already has a nature pond and a nature trail, miles long, but turns West Park Lakes, an amenity popular with the public, into another tree hugger's pond without announcing the change of use to the public! The excuse is that attendants cost too much to use the lakes for recreational pursuits, yet we have people on unemployment benefit who could use work experience at the park to help them get a job. We also have people studying at college or 6th form who would be pleased to earn minimum wage for the six

weeks summer holiday. Funding is available from a number of sources to help keep people healthy mentally and physically by participating in physical activity and outdoor events. It would appear that our town council has already run out of ideas and is being controlled by a restrictive health and safety culture reminiscent of the worst extremes of the Blair/Brown years. Incidentally when leaving the council offices, I stumbled on the path outside whilst accessing the visitors car park where there is no lighting. As a supporter of the Health and Safety Act 1974 I am of the opinion that it is impossible to regulate out all risk and people must take responsibility for common sense acts. I left a little disappointed in the lack of vision shown by those representatives who act like sheep and follow blindly what they are told. Ken Robson

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Great Specimens at Town Leek Shows



Alan Dobson with his winning Pot Leeks in the Newton Aycliffe W.M.C. Leek and Flower Show. Well done Alan and congratulations to Geoff Cairns for running the Show.

The annual Royal British Legion Leek Veg and Flower Show will be held on the 21st September. It is an open show except for the leek classes and schedules are available at the bar.

The show will be open to the public to view at 6.30pm and is free. There will be a raffle on the night and free broth. So why not pop in and see some lovely flowers and hopefully large Leeks. The produce will be auctioned off on Sunday 22nd in the Concert Hall before the Bingo so go and grab a bargain Good luck to all the gardeners who participate.

CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Library are starting up a children's book club to take place in the library on a Tuesday evening from 4.30 – 5.30 pm every 4 weeks. We will be recommending, reading and discussing junior fiction, as well as taking part in quizzes, treasure hunts and crafts all based around children's books. If your child is interested in reading and is aged 8 – 12 contact the library on 0300 269 519 or call in for more details.

NOISE FROM TOWN CENTRE

Dear Sir,
I live in Dalton Way and I write to you because when I try to get help from a Councillor no one wants to know.

It is 9pm Saturday night and we now have to endure the noise from workmen and heavy machinery working near Aldi car park.

No warning was given to residents and this is not the first time we have had to put up with the noise and dirt on our homes from the town centre from 7am until 4am for months.

Does no one care about the people who live here or just in getting our council tax?
Jackie Shaw

Reply from Town Centre Manager

I've looked into this and discovered that there were repair works in the Aldi car park which were not connected to the main Town Centre development on Saturday night into Sunday morning.

These are now complete and no further disruption should arise for Ms Shaw and her neighbours.

Bryan Haldane

Rotary Club Dictionary Gift for Year 6 Students



Year 6 students at Byerley Park received an illustrated dictionary from the town's Rotary Club as part of the interanational campaign to improve literacy. The books valued at £10 each are being distributed to all students in their final year at Primary School to prepare them for secondary education. President Geoff Batchelor and Secretary Margaret Ord presented the books at School Assembly on Tuesday this week.

Planet Leisure Host Fantastic 80's Charity Gig

Last Saturday night Planet Leisure hosted a packed great night in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care. AYTP.co.uk was in charge of the entertainment, and 2 young local live bands took part in the night's fun on the ice rink.

First up was "The Band", consisting of local youngster, Gaynor Lambert, Fran Porritt, William Kirton, Robert Grainger, Rhys Morton, Steven Grainger and Scott Wilson. They covered ten 80's classics from Status Quo, U2, Blondie, Culture Club, Queen and more. It was the first gig they had played together and they had people singing and dancing to the tunes.

Rock Pit DJ from the Merry Monk Rock Bar at Bishop Auckland was DJ for the night. She was so impressed she offered "The Band" a gig at her pub, they will also be playing at AYTP.co.uk event in Aycliffe on 21st December.

The other band was "Unplugged", Tim Jasper, George Ford, Thomas Jackson, Ciaran Jasper, Tom Shorten, Henery Ford, James Hughes, Arthur Ford, Tom Bussey, Taliitha Devey, Megan Robson, Josephine Humphrey.

They have now played a number of gigs in Aycliffe and

will be appearing at Planet Leisure again on November 2nd. I lost count of how many great 80's were sung but they were great and get better every time I see them perform. Five members recently won awards for contribution to music, and others were off to play at the Sage on Monday. They all look like they will secure success in the future on the music scene.

Over £770 was raised for this great cause. Thanks to the people who donated prizes, Planet Leisure, Gretna Green Hotel, Cobblers Hall Pub, Pizza Cottage, Deb'n'hair Hairdressers, Tesco, Don Walkers Butchers, Reds Chip Shop, Petals Florists, W Slater & Sons Butchers, Creations Hair Salon, Wilkinsons, Coffee Pronto, Reflections Vehicle Valets, Howard Boiler Services, Lifestyle Gym, Grants Gym, Occasions, Boyes, Julies Pets, PoundStretcher, Bill, Julie Palmer, Jane, Total Garage, The Purple Ladies and Lee Black. All the prizes have been claimed. Contact ian@AYTP.co.uk if you want the winning numbers.

A big thank you to the event sponsors, Planet Leisure and Ruff'n'Tumble, who covered the costs, The Fab Shop for the stage. Tom Bussey on sound



Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church, on Wednesday 18th September, features "Wondrous Oblivion" a young boy in the 1960's, the wonderful moment when you find something you are good at, learning that sometimes you can't just fit in, that sometimes you have to stand up and be counted.

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BIGGER AND BETTER AYCLIFFE OKTOBERFEST

Engineering and manufacturing companies are being urged to book soon for this year's Oktoberfest regional exhibition. Organisers are 'surprised and delighted' at the response to the launch of this year's event, which takes place on October 17th at the Xcel Centre in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham.

Companies and support organisations from all over the region are signing up for what promises to be the biggest regional exhibition ever. It has

already attracted a good number of new participants and figures for returning companies are high.

The sixth annual day long networking and marketing opportunity is billed as the region's premier Engineering and Manufacturing event and is organised by the Engineering Forums in County Durham and other regional stakeholders. It brings together sellers and buyers from across the region and beyond.

The event also presents

opportunities for service industries, with a dedicated area for those who work alongside and in partnership with engineering and manufacturing companies.

The event is sponsored by Business Durham, Derwentside Homes, EEF and South West Durham Training, Teesside University, Husqvarna, Scott-Grant, Cleansing Service Group, FEG, Deritend and media partners The Manufacturer and the Northern Echo.

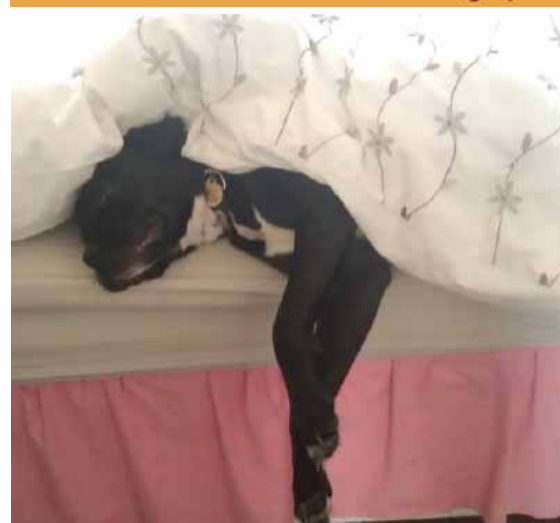
Oktoberfest is being organised by County Durham's three engineering forums, North Durham, East Durham and South Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Forum. Spokesman, Oliver Vogt, said: 'We're surprised and delighted to say that we have a relative few stands and sponsorship opportunities left.'

'The event has grown in stature and significance and those in the industries now tell us it is the most worthwhile of this type of event in the region, with many reporting significance increased business and useful contacts made.'

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Sandra Thompson's dog "Princess Pippin" having a nap

£100K COMPETITION LAUNCHED BY AYCLIFFE PARTNERSHIP

One lucky County Durham business will win over £100,000 of services in a 'Dragons' Den style competition being launched later this year.

The 'Achieve Your Dream in 2014' competition, organised by The HUB Partnership, based at The HUB Workspace at Aycliffe Business Park, will be launched at this year's Oktoberfest Engineering and Manufacturing exhibition on October 17th.

The competition, which is open to any company of any kind – existing or start-up – based in County Durham, will net the winning firm a dream package of services including strategic input, marketing and social media strategies, training, support and PR.

Co-organiser of the contest Rachel Townsend Green, of Au Fait Marketing, said: 'We believe in trying to help stimulate the local economy and are trying to encourage companies to be entrepreneurial and develop their potential.'

'So the partnership has come together with a prize worth over £100,000 involving a range of expert services which are available here at The HUB Workspace to help start up or develop an existing business.'

Book Launch for Aycliffe Author



An obituary published in a newspaper ninety years ago, inspired Hilary Smith to write a work of historical fiction. The story begins in the Isle of Skye at the time of the 'clearances' and moves to the Howick Estate in Northumberland – home of the Earls Grey.

The research for this novel was done, for the most part, from her home in Woodham. Spare time for writing and research was abundant after her retirement from a career in Durham County Council and the loss of her husband, Christopher.

They moved to Newton Aycliffe 20 years ago. Hilary is a member of the Wear Valley Writing Group.

The launch of 'All the Leaves of the Tree' will take place at a free event at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on 11th September at 7.30pm. The novel is available from County Durham libraries and on sale from Amazon.



The services range from strategic input, marketing and social media strategies, training and support, branding, promotional and website services, search engine optimisation, public relations and accountancy and even office space in the The HUB Workspace.

The full extent of the package and the companies involved in delivering it will be unveiled at Oktoberfest, as will the competition's dedicated website and application portal. Those interested (who can't be an existing client of any of the HUB partners) will need to create a 500 word or 10 slide PowerPoint presentation initially, followed by a 'Dragons' Den type business pitch to a judging panel.

Craig Peterson, managing director of GrowthFunders and one of the organisers, said: 'This is our very own Dragons' Den for County Durham, with what we think is an outstanding business prize up for grabs.'

'We have a vibrant community of businesses at The HUB that are continuing to create employment - it's the place to be and this package is really opening our doors to entrepreneurs who want to succeed.'

Rachel added: 'By doing this we hope to be able to enable applicants to really think through their business and how they want to take it forward.'

'There is a huge amount of expertise within the HUB Partnership, and even if they don't win, they will have had the benefit of the experience and an insight into how they can develop and grow.'

Rachel added that the contest was being launched at Oktoberfest as it was one of the largest exhibitions in the region and is taking place at the Xcel Centre in Aycliffe. Businesses are not restricted to engineering and manufacturing however. The sixth annual day long networking and marketing opportunity is billed as the region's premier Engineering and Manufacturing event and is organised by the Engineering Forums in County Durham and other regional stakeholders. It brings together sellers and buyers from across the region and beyond.

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Pride of Greenfield



As well as record breaking results across the board at Greenfield this year, there were some outstanding individual student achievements. 9 students achieved 8 or more A/A* grades each with Gregorz Glowacki and Shannon Hamilton both achieving 10 while David Taylor and Emily Roberts celebrated an incredible 11 GCSEs each at the highest grades.

David and Gregorz both gained A* in Ancient History, having achieved A* for History while they were in year 10, a remarkable achievement. Our student leadership team showed that it is possible to combine academic success with wider school involvement, with Jess Hall and Aidan Dolby – the Chair and Vice-Chair of the team gaining 18 A*-C grades between them including 10

A/A* grades. With over 70% achieving 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths, 75% gaining C+ in Maths, 79% in English and 94% achieving 5 high grades this truly is a remarkable set of results for all students putting us above the national average on all these measures.

More importantly, on the government key measure for students making 3 levels of progress in English and Maths we have made dramatic improvements. 71% of students made 3 or more levels of progress in Maths and 84% in English where 52% of them made more than 4 levels of progress and all achieved in a year when standards have fallen nationally.

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"We think the best way for anyone to get the answers they want is to come and chat with a foster carer, they can tell you what fostering is all about. These open events are a great opportunity to learn more without making a commitment. We know there's a lot to think about and hope we can answer some of your questions in a less formal environment and over a coffee."

Anyone interested can call in to one of the following sessions:

Thursday 12 September, Spennymoor Town Hall, anytime between 4.30pm - 6.30pm.

Thursday 19 September, Four Clocks, Bishop Auckland, anytime between 4.30pm - 6.30pm.

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French is Fantastique



100% of students taking French this summer achieved a good GCSE (A*-C grade). John Coley, who was appointed Head of Modern Foreign Languages last September, says, "I am really proud of our students. They have worked with great enthusiasm and determination, they all thoroughly deserve their success."

All students at Woodham Academy learn a language, with around two thirds taking a GCSE. Woodham Academy's annual visit to the Opal Coast in France is a highlight of Year

8. Students visit the amazing aquarium in Boulogne, go to a bakery to try their hand at making croissants and get to try out their French buying a picnic at the local market. There are also excursions to Bagatelle theme park and Aqualud water park.

New to Woodham Academy's languages department this year is Paul Ward who teaches both French and German. Paul is fluent in both languages and recently received a Durham University award for distinction in spoken French.

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Stunning Exam Results for History Students at Woodham Academy



Once again, Woodham Academy students achieved stunning grades in their history GCSE. 66.9% were awarded A*/A grades with an overall pass rate of 89%. Sue King, Head of History at Woodham Academy and a recent winner of the teaching award for secondary school teacher of the year, said, "The history department at Woodham Academy would like to congratulate all students on their hard work."

During their course, students learned about the rise of the Nazis in 1930s Germany and about the US civil rights movement. However students get hooked on history very quickly at Woodham Academy. Year 7 students love learning about castles. Homework to construct your own castle has produced amazing models and even cakes with ice-cream cones for turrets. Visits to places of historical interest are a feature of the department. These include visits to Richmond Castle,

Beamish Museum and Berlin. It is no surprise that history is a favourite option with students and a very popular A level choice for those continuing in education at college.

SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB BEARS FRUIT



The pupils in the Stephenson Way gardening club received a pleasant surprise when they returned to school last week; a basketball-sized pumpkin had sprouted in the school garden!

Beginning in April, the club has the joint goal of breathing new life into the school's garden area and showing the children that hard work can be fun and rewarding.

Upon seeing the pumpkin, one pupil said "We planted the pumpkins months ago; it makes me proud to see what we have grown."

The children have also learnt about the importance of wildlife and have

constructed a mini-beast haven, an active wormery and a hedgehog house to encourage these animals to visit the garden.

Mostly unused since being damaged by vandals several years ago, the garden now has a bright future with Mr Self planning to run the club all year round. The children are currently planning to plant for the spring and will then keep the site tidy over the winter months.

Next year it is hoped that the site will yield seasonal vegetables and the club hope to follow this year's pumpkin success by setting a goal of growing one for each class in time for Halloween 2014!

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AYCLIFFE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEETINGS PROVE POPULAR



As part of its 50th Anniversary celebrations Newton Press sponsored the Aycliffe Business Park September meeting held at the Aston Hotel last week. Syd Howarth, founder, thanked the group for the opportunity to support

the group and reminded business representatives present that when he started there were no grants, incentives or County Council help. Proprietors like himself worked very hard learning that success was down to providing the best product

and good personal service. He said how fortunate he was as a family business that his three sons had joined him, each running a particular department. Syd introduced his son Stuart who gave a short summary of Newton Press services and capacity. The meeting was probably the best attended since the organisation was formed almost a year ago, much to the delight of the Chairperson Kerina Clark and Steering Group.



Stuart Howarth addressing the meeting



Toddler Group Relaunch

Planetkids Toddler group at Xcel Centre is relaunching and we're excited to announce a new date & time for our regular weekly sessions for babies and preschoolers. Starting from next week, we'll be running one weekly session, packed full of fun and

opportunities for your children to play and make friends, and for parents to enjoy some time with other parents and friends too. Update your diaries and make sure to plan to join us every monday from 10am during term time from 16th September. You'll find us next to Jacksons Coffeehouse at Xcel Centre, Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6AP. Bring this article with you on the 16th and enjoy a free regular tea or filter coffee from Jacksons as a welcome from us! For further information please call 0845 4505871

Police Thank Newton News

Three children have been identified for the Damage and ASB in the village as a result of the article in the Newton News last week. One of the callers included the Mum of one of the culprits. They will be dealt with by way of Restorative Justice apologising to the injured party which keeps them out of the Criminal Justice system

Children Open New Heighington Skate Park



The users of the skate park launched its opening

We are delighted to announce that the first phase of the Skate Park at Heighington Sports Field is now installed and being enjoyed by boys and girls of all ages. Three boys: Lewys Lawrence-Hall, Daniel Greaves and Gabriel Stevenson pitched the idea to the Parish Council two years ago. Since then, £18,000 has been raised to install the tarmac and the first two ramps from a combination of fundraising events, very generous donations from the residents of Heighington Parish and grants from the DOSH fund and 'Awards for All' Lottery Fund.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the project so far. We are continuing to fundraise and apply for grants for three more pieces of equipment to complete the skate park. On a serious note, please be aware that youngsters should be supervised while using the equipment in case of an accident. They should also wear helmets to prevent the serious head injuries that can occur from this activity. Please be aware that when it has been raining, extra care should be taken when using the ramps.

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An 'opt in' annual fee is the only way Durham County Council can continue a kerbside garden waste recycling scheme. Facing budget reductions of more than £200m (2011-2017) due to large reductions in Government grants, members will be told that the initiative has to be funded by charging an annual fee of £20 to anyone wishing to use it. The garden waste collection service currently provides 16 free fortnightly collections for more than 150,000 households across the county between April and November. Introducing a yearly charge would mean that the service would be substantially funded only by those who use it and would deliver the necessary saving of £933,000. Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Cllr Brian Stephens, said: "I don't take this sort of service change lightly but this is one of many tough decisions we will have to make given the £200m in savings we are required to

make. "Financially we are in a position whereby we just don't have the money to deliver some of the services we would like to for free anymore. However, we will also need to understand how people wanting to continue to use the scheme or who will now qualify for it, would prefer to pay and how they would like to have the service delivered. A consultation will help us to understand that." While local authorities are not obliged to provide garden waste collections, of those which do, more than 30 per cent already charge separately for the service. The £20 annual fee, which is the same as that already charged by Newcastle City Council and a little less than that in Northumberland, would be payable from next spring. The revised scheme would use fewer vehicles however, there will not be any job losses associated with the changes as the service has a number of vacant posts currently filled by agency workers.

Woodham Academy P.E. Dept. Nominated for Sports Award



Woodham Academy is celebrating after its highly successful PE department has once again been nominated for a County Durham Sports award in the category of 'Contribution to Secondary School Sport & Physical Activity'. The PE department are proud of their contribution embracing the motto of 'Achievement For All', whilst striving to offer an inclusive curriculum that provides opportunities for students of all ability levels, in both team and individual activities. Enjoying participation in sport is paramount and they look to develop in each student a lifelong interest in being physically active and healthy. The Academy has an eye for identifying talent and a number of students currently

represent at District (Football, Basketball), County (Football, Basketball), National (Taekwondo, Waterpolo, Basketball, Dance) and International (Waterpolo, American Football, Taekwondo) level. The staff from the PE Department willingly give up their time to nurture talent and 2013 has also seen the development of elite sport through Woodham Sports Academy. This has been developed around nine sports; Swimming, Basketball, Table Tennis, Dance, Gymnastics, Football, American Football, Cricket and Softball. Students must attend trials and are selected into an Academy where they gain training and coaching by elite coaches, both from the department and through

links with NGB clubs in the community. Alongside their training commitments the students are bound by high academic standards and behaviour in school. Such has been the popularity of the Sports Academy that further expansion in 2013-14 is planned, with the inclusion of Waterpolo and Handball Academies. The PE Department has high numbers of students taking exams in both GCSE PE and BTEC Sport at Key Stage 4, with excellent results in both. Recent results of 97% A*-C and 47% A*/A for students completing the GCSE PE qualification, reinforce the success of the department. There are also a range of Sports Leadership opportunities running throughout the year for students to be involved in.

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Past and present employees of Newton Press enjoyed a celebratory dinner at the Bay Horse Middridge to mark the company's 50th Anniversary as the town's printers. Attending was first apprentice Roger Pounder from Newton Aycliffe who made a point of thanking Syd Howarth, the founder, for starting him off on his successful career. It was an enjoyable occasion, with good food and lots of talk about each past employee's experiences during and after their time at Newton Press. Paul Howarth organised the event and thanked everyone for attending. Syd said how nice it was to meet up with everyone again and thanked each employee for their contribution to the success of Newton Press and hoped they had derived some benefit from the experience.



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Scientists have discovered that important 'good' bacteria arrive in babies' digestive systems from their mother's gut via breast milk. Although this does confirm

that when it comes to early establishment of gut and immune health, 'breast is best', a greater understanding of how babies acquire a population of good

bacteria can also help to develop formula milk that more closely mimics nature. The study, published on 22nd August in Environmental Microbiology, which is a journal of the Society for Applied Microbiology was led by Professor Christophe Lacroix at the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland. Professor Lacroix said "We are excited to find out that bacteria can actually travel from the mother's gut to her breast milk.

"A healthy community of bacteria in the gut of both mother and baby is really important for baby's gut health and immune system development."

The Zurich team found the same strains of Bifidobacterium breve and several types of Clostridium bacteria, which are important for colonic health, in breast milk, and maternal and/or neonatal faeces. Strains found in breast milk may be involved in establishing a critical nutritional balance in the baby's gut and may be important to prevent intestinal disorders.

Professor Lacroix continued "We're not sure of the route the bacteria take from gut to breast milk but, we have used culture, isolation, sequencing and fingerprinting methods to confirm that they are definitely the same strains." Future research will hopefully complete the picture of how bacteria are transferred from mother to neonate. With a more thorough knowledge, we can decide which bacterial species will be most important as probiotics in formula. But until then, for neonates at least, the old adage is true, breast is best.

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before the last election that would have seen major refurbishment at Woodham Academy and Greenfield. It is wrong that the government is now planning to invest £9 million in a UTC, an idea with no track record of success. Whilst I am very much in favour of high quality technical education, my concern is that this facility will take funding from schools in the area and will thus adversely affect the education of the vast majority of our young people.

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New Alcohol Support Group Launched

Do you want support to control your drinking? Would you benefit from talking to likeminded people? The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) together with Durham Alcohol Self Support (DASS) have formed a new group to support people who have problems cutting down or controlling their drink. Newton Aycliffe Alcohol Self Support (NAASS) meets every week at the Pioneering Care Centre, on Thursday's from 11am until 1pm. The friendly, informal group is ran by volunteers who've all had problems with alcohol in the past. The group members decide what they would like to do each week, whether that's a chat over a cuppa or taking part in activities such as cooking, art or physical activities. Members are also invited to events and visits organised through DASS. NAASS provides support to people through discussion and shared understanding of the issues faced by people who want to reduce their drinking and those in recovery. The group also aims to help

with relapse prevention and offers people the opportunity to access a range of diversionary activities throughout the week by working closely with other local self support groups. If you would like more information please call Lisa on 07712 323238 for a confidential chat. NAASS is funded through the Priority Health Fund which is administered by County Durham Community Foundation.

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Newton Aycliffe Pathways (formerly the Oaks Centre on the Industrial Estate) would like to invite people to attend a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at their new premises within Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The event will run from 12.30 until 14.00 on Friday 27th September, there will be coffee and cakes for sale and there will also be cancer awareness information available.

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Thank You

To Newton Press, Just a few words to let you know how much my Son Neil and I enjoyed the re-union of ex-Newton Press staff held at the Bay Horse, Middlesbrough on Saturday 7th September. We enjoyed the evening immensely, the company and the whole atmosphere was lovely and it was fantastic to see everyone and meet up with familiar faces after all this time! Syd, Stuart and Paul made us all feel so welcome and we truly couldn't have wished for a nicer evening. Neil and I and all our family congratulate you on your 50th Anniversary and wish you many more years of success. Also, we thank you for your enthusiasm for Newton Aycliffe and it's residents (also local businesses) at a time when support from other quarters is sadly lacking! Once again, heartfelt thanks. Doreen and Neil Langsley

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Aycliffe Village Hall will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, September 27th. The event, which coincides with similar coffee mornings being held across the UK as part of a nationwide fundraising campaign, will

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ALBERT ANDREW 12th September. Happy birthday Dad, we miss and love you forever. Daughters Julie and Susan and family xxxx

Aycliffe 2nd in League with Game in Hand

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Lift Right Fork Lift Training had a comfortable 9 wicket victory at home to Blackhall 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division. Electing to bat first Blackhall were skittled for just 61 thanks to some superb fast bowling from Aycliffe's Sean Morgan (4 for 18) and Michael Howe (3 for 7) as the visitors were dismissed after 28.5 overs. In reply, Aycliffe hurried to an impressive win after just 8.3 overs thanks to some hefty hitting from both Chris Palmer (27 not out) and Sam Telford (22 not out). With just two games remaining,

Newton Aycliffe now sit second in the table with 334 points, but with a game in hand over leaders Bedale who are just 6 points ahead. The club's 2nd team were well beaten at home to promotion chasing Blackhall 3rd XI in the NYSD Sunday 2nd division by 119 runs. The visitors batted first and with a side packed with players with Premier league experience, proceeded to score an impregnable 229 for 6 declared after 38 overs. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 110 after 35.4 overs, with Matt Capper's gritty unbeaten 37, the only resistance to a very good Blackhall bowling attack.

AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB TEAM UNBEATEN

Although NASCFC remain unbeaten in the league this season, Sundays performance left a lot to be desired after such a good opening start to the campaign. With a number of key players missing for this game against The 3 Crowns, the Sports Club went into this game on the back of 3 straight wins, still hoping to make it 4 against the side propping up the league table. After a very sluggish start, which saw the 3 Crowns with most of the early play, the opening goal was scored by top goal scorer Chris Jones on the 15 minute mark. A deep cross from the right hand side saw the ball land at Jones feet and after a quick moment to get the ball under control, he managed to find the back of the net at the second attempt.

This saw the home side raise their game again and it wasn't too long before the equaliser came, much to the joy of the home fans and sideline. With the half drawing to a close, it was Chris Jones again who managed to weave through the solid defence line and slot home a second to make it 2-1 at half time.

The second half started much as the first with the play being broken up in midfield with a period of sloppy passing from both teams, but eventually, and for the fourth game in a row, Jones secured his hatrick with a neat finish past the keeper, to put The



Sports Club comfortably in the lead.

The Three Crowns then decided to spoil the party by catching goalkeeper Stephen Richardson off his line and lobbing him for 30 yards to make it 3-2 and back in with a shout. Sports Club then had a number of chances, the best coming from a Tom Postle header which struck the bar.

With less than 10 minutes left on the clock, NASC's slopping passing in the centre of the park yet again caught them out and a quick break saw the home side with a clear run on goal to slot pass the goal keeper and to draw the game level. A

late push from the Aycliffe side saw a few chances go begging, glancing the cross bar again from a corner, but it was all too little too late and NASC FC had to make do with a draw.

Next Game: Home to Blackwell Meadows: Sunday 15th September NASCFC are looking for Match Day Sponsorship from local companies, if interested please contact Paul Eales (07535591614) for more details.

£4M SAVING FROM WASTE & RECYCLING

A complete overhaul of Durham County Council's waste management arrangements will mean a cleaner, greener service – and potential savings of more than £4m per year.

The results of a three-year programme to completely review the council's waste collection and disposal arrangements will be presented to the authority's Cabinet when it meets on Wednesday, 18 September.

As well as the change to alternate weekly collections of waste and recycling, the council has renewed its waste disposal contracts and the operation of its household waste recycling centres.

By increasing recycling and avoiding the disposal of waste to landfill, the changes will mean more environmentally-friendly

services and a reduction in landfill tax of another £1m per year.

Cllr Brian Stephens, said: "The council's waste management strategy was agreed in March 2010 and sets out our targets managing waste more sustainably until 2020.

"During the past three years, we have carried out a great deal of work to re-shape our services in order to make them more cost-effective and environmentally sustainable and have already achieved many of our goals."

A survey of 1,500 members of the public revealed a high level of understanding among residents of how the authority had managed a very difficult process in implementing the change, with 40 per cent saying it had made a positive difference.

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Aycliffe FC Vase Dreams Dashed

Newton Aycliffe kissed goodbye to their hopes of a long FA Vase run as they were dumped out at the first hurdle with a 3-1 defeat to Guisborough.

Allan Oliver's squad was down to its bare bones with Stephen Salvin, Fred Woodhouse, Danny Lambert, Paul Broom and James Oliver all missing, meaning Danny Mellanby was the only one aged over 18 on the three-man substitute's bench.

The full-strength visitors took advantage, scoring three times within 7 minutes either side of half-time before a spirited late fightback from Aycliffe could only yield one goal.

Jamie Owens headed wide in a first half that was low on goalmouth action until two minutes before the break when the visitors took the lead in controversial circumstances.

A goalmouth scramble was ended when Adam Gell bundled the ball in from close range from a seemingly offside position, but the appeals from the home side fell on deaf ears. Guisborough immediately added a second through Daniel Johnson's left-footed finish.

Things got worse in the second half as Johnson rounded Dan Molyneux to slot in a third five minutes after the break.

The Royal Blues were heading for elimination and threw on striker Dan Mellanby for John Close in the 55th minute.

Within 10 minutes, Aycliffe had a goal back as Owens headed in Stuart Owen's cross.

The hosts laid siege to the Guisborough's goal for the remaining 25 minutes of the contest but the closest the Newtonians came to another was when Owens struck the crossbar from an acute angle. Danny Earl sent a late chance narrowly wide of the post as Aycliffe exited the competition at the first hurdle for the third time in four years.

That defeat meant a rearrangement of the club's upcoming fixtures.

Allan Oliver's men will now travel to Newcastle Benfield on Saturday August 14th and will make the long trip to Carlisle to face Celtic Nation on Saturday September 21st.

The Royal Blues' quest for Durham Challenge Cup glory will begin on Tuesday September 19th with a trip to Tow Law Town.

Aycliffe's next home game is Wednesday September 25th, when Sunderland RCA visit in Division One action. Kick-off is 7.30pm.

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