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Chief Planning Officer Stuart Timiss addressed the Aycliffe Business Park meeting last week at the Xcel Centre on the Durham County Plan, touching particularly on how it will affect Newton Aycliffe. He talked about the number of new houses to be built and how the big development at Copelaw across the A167 will be linked with the town. He explained the reasoning behind the site being chosen for



development - due mainly to its close proximity to the town centre and local schools. He intimated that planners were adopting a more flexible approach and if someone wanted to run a small business from his back garden then it may not be opposed. He also said that to preserve a good mix of shops town centre planning would be regulated to stop a proliferation of Takeaways. The MD of Stillers asked if there were plans to upgrade the roads on the Business Park which were in a poor condition. Mr. Timiss told him it was important for the Aycliffe Business group to make their views known to the County

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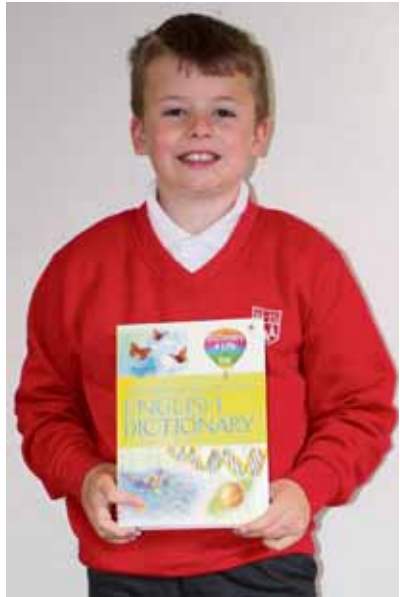
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## Rotary Dictionary Presentations



Two students were unable to appear in the school photograph after the presentation of dictionaries by the town's Rotary Club

so special arrangements were made to remedy the situation. Left: Gabriel Stevenson from Heighington C of E



School who missed his photo due to illness, and right: Elle Liddell, a year 6 pupil at St. Mary's RC Primary School, being presented with her dictionary from Rotarian Mary Waine.

## Horndale Residents Association Meeting

The meeting starts with a PACT meeting at 6.30 at the Evangelical Church followed by the Residents meeting. The church is open from 6.15 for refreshments.

Cathy Slater Housing Choice Manager for livin is our guest speaker and she will talk about how to apply for properties and what procedures are used to ensure applicants are acceptable and what happens when a tenant is in breach of their tenancy.

There will be representatives from the Police, Town and County Wardens and Councillors; this is a good opportunity to ask questions and to air any concerns you have. By working together we can make our good neighbourhoods better.

Gary Eastman from Gallifordtry will be attending, but this will be his last meeting as the new estate is nearly complete with tenants moving in before the end of November. I would like to thank him for the way he ran the site over last year.

He was ready to discuss and communicate with locals, and his door was open to anyone who wished to speak to him. His workers kept the site and surrounding hedges tidy and he ensured all contractors used the church car park to keep disruption to a minimum. We are looking forward to seeing the new homes occupied after years of looking at the derelict nursing home.

On the 23rd November at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre there is an opportunity for people to vote for which projects receive GAMP funding. This is an opportunity for residents to decide where the money is spent instead of the decision being made by others, so please show what is important to you. We have applied for £2,500 for our MUGA project which will help us get closer to the total we need. We are almost there and we would encourage you to go along on 23rd November and vote for our project.

Philip Clark, Chairman

## Making the Move to Senior School Easier



Woodham Academy recognises the important steps parents and students make when moving from primary school to secondary school. Transition at Woodham Academy is an ongoing cycle with strong bonds being formed with even the youngest of students in our primary feeder schools.

These links are established early to alleviate any concerns or worries about the process and Mrs Tait, Head of Year 7 is a regular visitor to schools, delivering assemblies and sessions specifically for Year 5/6 students. Mrs Meachen, the Academy's Transition Worker has been working between the primary schools in Newton Aycliffe for 11 years and is a well known support for both students and their families alike.

As part of the process of transition, Woodham Academy identified the need for a combined curriculum approach for students. In their first term all Y7 pupils work for half the timetable with their form tutor and tutor group following the Woodham Learning programme of study. This helps students settle into their new learning environment quickly, allowing them to develop skills for learning, ready for the challenges of the whole-school KS3 curriculum which they pick up after the first term.

Year 7 students at Woodham Academy have this week

finished their first half-term at secondary school. Comments from their learning journals include, "One of my favourite things about Woodham Learning is that it helps you to get to know people" "I don't know what I was worried about. I made the right choice choosing Woodham" "We have just had assessment week and I am so proud of how much hard work I've done and I'm more confident at talking to older pupils now, I like my new school because I'm always learning new things".

## Free Events for Families

Following the success of the "Out of the Bag" project Greenfield Art are pleased to announce a tour of FREE creative workshops for families at Community Centres in Newton Aycliffe.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre will host this FREE event on Sunday 3rd November from 1 pm to 2.30 p.m. The sessions will use recycled and unusual materials to inspire your creativity.

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## Nursery Pink Day for Charity



A 'Wear it Pink Day' was held Friday 25th October at the House of Eden, Nursery at Aycliffe Village, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Day. From a hat to socks, tops to headbands everyone made a great effort and we would like to thank one of our grandparents for making the day even more special by baking us some lovely pink butterfly cakes.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY - SILENCE

Please note that a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Monday, 11th November 2013 at 11.00 a.m. in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre. Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble outside of Boyes / Wilkinson's

in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45 a.m. on the 11th. A short Service will be led by Revd. Julie Wing.

## Helping Aycliffe's Young Talented Performers

Stacey Sherman who was a great success story when she sang at "Aycliffe Young Talent Project" show at The Big Club, and received a record contract, has been asked to join the "Stepping Out with Claire Walton" annual dance Shows.

They are sure to be great entertainment and well worth the entrance fee. The dance shows are on November 9th and 10th at Greenfield Community College. Contact Claire Walton on 07921 929562 for tickets and more information.

"Aycliffe Young Talent Project" will be holding their Glam Rock/Christmas Show on 21st December. If you are young and looking for an opportunity to take part and show off your talent, whatever it is, then contact Ian on 07704 646346 or through the facebook page www.AYTP.co.uk.

On Saturday Nov 2nd some of



Aycliffe's youngsters will be showing off their talent upstairs at Planet Leisure from 7pm. The night is filled with entertainment and FREE to enter and you are guaranteed to want to get up and dance. AYTP is a non profit organisation run by volunteers with the sole purpose of promoting and helping young talented youngsters with an Aycliffe connection, see www.AYTP.co.uk for more details.

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**Saturday 2nd November - "The Whole Hog"**

Gig Pit review - The Comrades welcomed The Whole Hog back with their eclectic mix of rock that although you're familiar with, you don't often hear played by local bands. The fact there were members of at least 5 local bands in to see The Hog gives an idea of how highly the band are respected among the local musicians. Kicking off with Fleetwood Mac's Oh Well and running through classics by Family, Jethro Tull, Free, The Climax Blues Band as well as a couple of newer numbers by Joe Bonamassa & The Foo Fighters the bands gave a superb show that was well received by the punters. Rob on vocals & Sax is an excellent front man whose vocal talents and onstage athletics are a visual focus that other bands could learn from. Twin guitarists whose on stage empathy speaks of long experience of working together are underpinned by a solid rhythm section fronted by John on bass who bounces well off Rob on vocals in giving the appearance of a party on stage. Musicians having a good time whilst playing always carry the crowd with them - we look forward to seeing The Whole Hog later in the year.

**Saturday 9th November - "Bon Jovi Forever"**  
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Gig Pit Review: "I went up the Tuns, glad I did, never seen 'The Kill' before, known Mark for years, what a band, top drawer! Not a great fan of Bon Jovi, but I have to say these are the best tribute act I've seen and Greggs vocals in both bands was awesome, guitar playing was immense and the rhythm section tight as anything. Grown men stood open mouthed, and the women went berserk. Great nite lads!"  
Rockermouth review - "Great band!"

**Saturday 16th November - "Feed the Bear"**

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# AYCLIFFE - BIGGEST BUSINESS PARK IN THE NORTH

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Council on subjects like this for any action to be taken. The Aycliffe Business Park could become the biggest in the north taking over Team Valley. More land is being made available beyond Macdonalds near the motorway. He hinted that retailing would be allowed on the Business Park to satisfy the increased demand from Aycliffe residents as new homes and businesses were developed in the wake of Hitachi and others moving onto Aycliffe. Newton News has called for this for over 30 years and welcome the fact that planners now realise our town

centre is not fit for purpose. This will be good news for town centre shopkeepers who would welcome some form of competition to the London landlords who are accused of extortionate rent and service charges. The Steering Group announced plans for the new year including the next meeting on 31st January and a first anniversary Awards Dinner in February. Before then a Social Night at Planet Leisure is planned with Bowling and food - "A time for a bit of fun" said Chairperson Kerina Clarke.

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# Help for Care Home Residents



On behalf of all the residents at Aycliffe Care Home I would like to thank Honest John for his generous donation again this year. Honest John has a wonderful assortment of pictures, ornaments, games, musical instruments, hoovers and much more in The Cubby. Due to Honest John's business which is situated in The Cubby he was able to donate £500.00 which we are extremely grateful for. So as well as a big thank you to John we would also like to say thanks to everyone that has supported Honest John's stall. Julie - Activities Co-Ordinator



Wendy Walker, Home Manager of Defoe Court Care Home was delighted to receive a donation of £500 from Honest John which was accepted by Val Scowen, Activities Co-ordinator earlier this week. The money will be used for outings, special lunches and Christmas festivities. The residents of Defoe Court would like to say a big thank you to Honest John and the people of Newton Aycliffe for their support.

# Demand for Brunch Club

There was a good response to the Brunch Club at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. The request for Bacon Butties outweighed supply and Christine Askew who is responsible for the butties had to rush to Tesco's to buy more. Many of those present came back for more. The club was going to run fortnightly but due to demand will open every Wednesday between 10.30 and noon. Christine said "those present thought £2 was a bargain buy for the bacon buttie and some people came back for another buttie at the cost of £1.50. We look forward to more people coming along and enjoying a chat and a bite to eat. The plan is to change the food every month, perhaps sausage in a bun, or soup and a bun" For more information speak to Christine or Joan on 307522

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The Area Action Partnerships are committed to making a real difference in your area and we cannot do this without you. We've achieved so much since we began and that's down to the commitment of partners, and more importantly, local people. If you want to help continue the good work, then please get involved. It would be really helpful to us, and will save you time on the day, if you can register to attend the voting event in advance. Please contact the office if you're coming along - 01325 327441.


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## Spooktacular Hallowe'en

Little ACORNS along with ACORN hosted a very successful Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday 26th October. After seeing so many new faces especially young people at the event we thought it may be a good time to let everyone know about our next meeting to be held on Thursday 14th November at 5:30pm upstairs in the British Legion. If you would like to come along feel free to bring a parent who could stay for the adult meeting. After discussions on the last event we start planning the a Christmas Party. We currently have members from 5 years old to 18 so you are never too young to join. Rebekah Lovejoy Chairperson Little ACORNS

## Get involved at the Youth Centre

The Management Committee of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre are looking at ways to get the local community involved in what is going on in the centre. There are a variety of events for all age groups but if you have a burning desire to set up a day time/weekend group with a particular skill or purpose, get in touch. Joan Clark Treasurer of the Centre said "Currently we have just set up two new groups a Monday Knit and Chat Group and a Wednesday Brunch Club also on a Wednesday we have a Music and Drama Group for young people from 9 years of age. There is also a Thursday and Friday Little Gems Toddlers Group so come on Newton Aycliffe get involved in what is going on in your local centre and help it thrive". For more information or to share your thoughts for a new group speak to either Joan or Vicky on 307522.

## YOUTH CENTRE NAME CHANGE

A Special General has been called at the direction of the Trustees of the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Notice is hereby given that under Article 4 (b) (c) that a Special General Meeting is to be held at 6 p.m on Friday 15th November. The agenda will be: That Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre be known as Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre This change of name does not change anything but brings the name in line with what is written in the constitution in the terms under which Durham County Council requested the centre to operate. It does not change the Constitution of the organisation in any way. It is an addition to the existing name and falls in line with other centre's in the County. Vince Crosby Chair of the Management Committee

# A Lesson All About Fish



Pupils at Byerley Park School have been learning about sustainable fish this week, and teaching the experts a thing or two along the way. Over 200 pupils at the school joined Adele Fash from the Marine Stewardship Council in a special assembly to find out where their fish comes from, how it was caught and the importance of protecting marine environments.

Adele said: "It was great to see the enthusiasm from the pupils. I was really surprised by how much they already knew about fish. They talked about a range of seafood – from sushi to paella and were brilliant at recognising the different species. Sustainability is about future generations and, based on the pupils at Byerley Park, I think we're in safe hands." The pupils had a surprise visit from the MSC's mascot, Murdoch the fisherman's cat who took students on a fishing trip looking at the lives of fishermen across the globe. The 'Beside the Seaside' themed lunch served by Taylor Shaw's inspiring cooks, saw fish dishes sell out in record time. Murdoch stayed for lunch, interacting with students and watching them battle it out on the MSC's fishing game-which teaches children about fishing responsibly. Headteacher, Alison Gargan said: "We are really honoured to have Adele, Linda and Karen at Byerley Park today for our special assembly. The pupils amazed me with their knowledge about fish and sustainability. We loved meeting Murdoch, who joined

us for lunch (and even tried to steal the pupils' lunches!) I know that the pupils loved their delicious lunch and am sure they will remember the information that was given to them during the assembly." The visit was organised as part

of the MSC's Fish and Kids education programme which includes games for children to play at home as well as curriculum-linked lessons and assemblies for teachers. To find out more, visit: www.fishandkids.org

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## BON JORDI ROCKS FOR MACMILLAN SUPPORT

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# Acorn Hallowe'en Party



ACORN Residents Association held their second annual family Halloween Spooktacular party on Saturday 26th October at Newton Aycliffe leisure centre. The event was hailed as a great success by everyone who attended, great food was available and enjoyed by all. Mums, dads, grannies and granddads got a chance to relax while kids were entertained with magic and music from Harry Potty. Traditional games such as pass the parcel and limbo dancing were played by excited children dressed in costumes ranging from skeletons, zombies and ghosts. Prizes and medals were awarded for the best fancy dress with such a high standard that it was hard to pick a winner. Little ACORNS the junior section of the group helped organise the event from putting out leaflets to gathering raffle prizes and would like to thank the following retailers for supporting the

event by donating goods and services: Occasions, Savers, Wilkinsons, Eastern Spice Indian takeaway, Boots, Creations Hairdressers and HomePlan. A great thank you to all the ACORN volunteers for all

of their hard work without which we couldn't run these events and also to the people of Newton Aycliffe for your support in all we do. Other events planned by ACORN in the near future include a pantomime visit.

## Great Night Out for £5 including Supper

The town's Rotary Club are holding a Charity night at the British Legion on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm. There will be live entertainment, dancing, bingo, and the famous Legion home made Pie & Peas Supper all included in the £5 admission. Tickets (limited) are available now from behind the bar at the Legion, Walkers Butchers and Newton Press offices on the Business Park. A valuable raffle will be held supported by the following donors for which the Rotary Club are most grateful: The County, Aycliffe. Village - £50 voucher, Eden Arms - 1 month Lesiure Club voucher, Hallgarth Hotel - £40 voucher, Walworth Castle - 2 Carvery meals, Grena Hotel - £20 meal voucher, McDonalds - 4 meal vouchers, Bengal Indian Restaurant - £20 voucher, Planet Leisure - £20 voucher, Homeplan - £20 voucher, Aston Hotel - 2 bottles of wine, DL5 Sports Bar - 1 bottle of wine, Bay Horse Heighington - Sunday Lunch for 2, Shafto Service Garage - Free MOT, Walkers Butchers - £20 meat voucher, Oakleaf Sports Complex - meal voucher for 2, and Round of Golf for 4.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2013

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church. The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m. Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's

Church. Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church. At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Wing Commander Simon Hulme. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

## Normandy Veterans

They ask us why we do it, why we still parade? Now that we are older and just a little frayed. It's not for the sake of glory, or the medals on our chest, It's simply that we are comrades who stood the final test. On the 6th June that fateful day - a day we'll never forget, Many a lad laid down his life and paid the final debt. So when you see a veteran, give the man your hand, For the medals on his chest were won on foreign land. And when God asks the question: who are you my man? I will proudly answer, "Sir, I'm a veteran".

## KNIT & NATTER FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Knit and Chat Group on a Monday between 12.30 and 2 p.m. is gaining interest at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, everyone there is clicking away with their needles. The majority of the people were knitting for a purpose, toy, hats, scarves, gloves to go out to Africa, some have brought along crocheting to pass the time, whilst others have just come along to enjoy a chat and a cup of tea/coffee. Vicky Hewish who is secretary of the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Management Committee and who set up the group said, "knitting is gaining popularity and it is good to see older people handing down their skills to the younger generation. Knitting is new to me but it is very therapeutic. The aim of the group is to knit for children in an orphanage in Moldova in Africa. We are doing this in conjunction with Lisa Greenow at Xcel Church. There was a knitting group at Jackson's Coffee Shop at the Xcel Centre but the venue at the Youth Centre is much more accessible. We will be looking to provide wool and needles shortly for those who do not have them". The cost of the session £2 which includes a cup of tea/coffee, in fact the kettle is always on during the session. All you need to do is bring along your needles and wool and join in the chat. For more information, ring the centre on 307522 and speak to Joan or Vicky.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY SILENCE

Please note that a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Monday, 11th November 2013 at 11.00 a.m. in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre. Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble outside of Boyes / Wilkinson's in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45am on the 11th. A short service will be led by Revd. Julie Wing.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

### Sunday, 10th November 2013

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## COOKING CONTEST



Last week students at Greenfield Community College tested their cooking skills as part of the national Spring Board "FutureChef" competition. The competition for young people aged 12 to 16 is designed to encourage young people to learn about cooking, trying new recipes and being creative in the kitchen! On Wednesday 23rd October a group of enthusiastic students from a variety of year groups took part in the school heat here at Greenfield. The competition, which was judged by Colette and Stuart from the County Hotel in Aycliffe Village was a great success, with all the

students creating delicious meals! Stuart, the chef at the County said he was "very pleased with the culinary competence of all who entered. A high standard was achieved by all!" Congratulations to the winner of the competition Regan Edden who will now progress to a local heat at Middlesbrough college later this term with his "Farmhouse al Fresco" creation which was a turkey breast stuffed with red peppers and cheese, and served with sweet potato. Thank you to Colette and Stuart for their time to be our judges, and good luck Regan!

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Starts Wed 13th Nov to Wed 18th Dec 2pm to 4-30pm

For more information contact David Sutton-Lloyd 01325 316144

## ACORN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LOOK TO FUTURE OF TOWN

ACORN Residents Association will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday 14th November in Newton Aycliffe Royal British Legion Club at 6pm. The main meeting will be preceded by a meeting of Little ACORNS from 5.30pm who will be planning Christmas

activities and a pantomime visit. Some of the topical subjects being discussed with representatives of livin, Councillors, police and others will include: Review of annual Halloween part. Aycliffe Boating Lake Park and can we suggest improvements?

Review of Town centre redevelopment. How can we help support our retailers at a time when they are being squeezed between access problems and service charge increases?

Police priorities in Newton Aycliffe and Winter preparations. Newton Aycliffe's continuous improvement programme and where to next? ACORN encourage Newtonians to become involved as we have some brilliant voluntary organisations who need support. Why not come along and get involved in issues that will affect you or your children? If we don't know your concerns we can't address them.

Please come on Saturday 23rd of November to the Youth Centre between 11am and 3pm to see some of the events and activities which ACORN are involved in. A vote for ACORN will help us put on more events in our brilliant town.

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## NURSERY CHILDREN PLANT 500 BULBS



Children at the House of Eden Nursery at Aycliffe Village School, helped Steve Cooper, the Town Council Eco Ranger, plant 500 bulbs on the Village Green.

The children dug the holes and planted the bulbs, and as well as learning from Steve how the flowers grow, they can't wait to visit in the spring to see if all 500 bulbs have grown.

## Cabaret by "NewYorkers"

On Saturday 16th November St. Clare's welcomes "THE NEWYORKERS" in cabaret. The ever-popular entertainers, whose effervescent style ensures a sell-out every visit. They will be singing a wide range of old & new, pop and show songs in colourful costumes and a laugh never far away.

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## Charity Christmas Fair

19 year old local girl Ebony Leach has organised a Christmas Fair at Shildon Sunnyside Leisure Centre, in her free time, whilst studying at Cleveland College. The fair is on Saturday 9th November from 11am until 4pm.

You will find over 60 stalls all held by local businesses most of which you will have never seen before. Theses stalls are perfect for buying unique Christmas and birthday presents or even gorgeous little treats for yourself.

Ebony is holding a grand raffle to raise money for the Sturge Weber foundation. She first heard of this charity from an appeal to help a little girl from Newton Aycliffe. Ebony contacted the little girl's mother via facebook to contact the charity. She then found

out the lady makes handmade cards, gifts and jewellery which she is selling at the fair and is offering lots of help with the fund raising.

Sturge Weber UK is a voluntary run charity which aims to raise awareness of the rare neurological condition Sturge Weber Syndrome within both the medical profession and the general public. The charity provides support and information to those affected and their families.

All funds raised from the raffle will be used to support the work of Sturge Weber UK.

We are still have some spaces available for local people who wish to attend the fair to sell and promote their business, if you are interested please contact Ebony at [EbonysHandMadeGifts@hotmail.com](mailto:EbonysHandMadeGifts@hotmail.com) or 07403 304524. ADMISSION IS FREE

## WOODHAM GOLF COURSE CLOSED

Newton News heard on Wednesday this week that Woodham Golf Course has been closed by the administrators, accountancy firm KPMG. It would appear after a successful summer of trading the course is no longer viable as it faces low useage in the coming winter months.

Apparently no one is interested in taking over the business even with outline planning permission for a Hotel and houses on the course land.

Meanwhile keen golfers will be looking for a new club and Bishop Auckland have stepped in to offer their facilities and the Oak Leaf Golf Complex is another option.



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# Three Newtonians Join Recruitment Company

Local Recruitment firm Whurk Recruitment experience further growth and as a result have appointed 3 local Aycliffe staff to join their team.

Formed in April 2013 Whurk Recruitment's Managing Director Laura Claughan has ambitious plans for the company, "We didn't expect so much growth so soon. We have had a great deal of interest from local companies requiring our services" comments Claughan. Whurk Recruitment helps companies secure talented individuals to help their businesses grow, in return this means finding work for local people in the Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas.

Jamie Hare, Whurk's latest appointment said "I was looking to find a job close to home and approached Whurk as a recruitment agency to help me. I was delighted when they considered me for an internal role. It's a very exciting company to work for and I feel part of a like-minded team"

Last month Whurk signed a 2 year deal with a large plastic packaging company and have since gone on to form partnerships with some of the region's most progressive organisations.

Claire Foster from Aycliffe joined Whurk in September, and comments: "I have been given a chance to launch the driving division at Whurk and can honestly say I love my job. Working close to home has many benefits, knowing the area allows me to support local people find jobs"

The team of seven are now working hard to fulfil their growth strategy and are committed to keeping it local. "We will always have a base in Newton Aycliffe, we like the area, it's a good place to do business" says Laura Claughan.

Whurk Recruitment have promising months ahead and its predicted the company will create a further three jobs early 2014 taking the team to ten.



Left to right: Neil Trewick, Claire Foster, Kirsty Walker, Sean Johnson, Laura Brown, Jamie Hare, Laura Claughan.



## Evangelical Church off Meadowfield

**Wednesday 6th November at 6.30pm** (please note the start time) Please come along to hear updates and have your say on Local issues.

PC Michael Welch and PCSO Mike Hutchinson will attend. Neighbourhood Wardens, Park wardens and Councillors will also attend.

## Parsons Centre Methodist Church, Burnhill Way on Thursday 7th November from 6.00pm.

Please come along to hear updates and have your say on local issues. PC Mike Welch & PCSOs Nicola Shaw & Chris Noble are your Community Police Officers.

Local Ward Councillors in attendance. For more information on what's going on in your area visit [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

# AYCLIFFE NEW BIOGAS PLANT OPEN FOR BUSINESS



The new state-of-the-art food waste plant opened in Aycliffe will serve the north east's need to recycle food waste and create renewable energy. Emerald Biogas has completed its new anaerobic digestion (AD) plant, and is now 'open for business' being the first facility of its type in the region. The £8m facility is the North East's first commercial food waste facility, and will generate enough energy to power 2,000 homes each year. The plant was constructed by Entec Biogas GmbH using the latest technology to create

the technologically advanced facility.

The successful installation of the combined heat and power (CHP) system and other plant equipment has enabled the testing phase to be completed on time and the plant is now processing food waste and creating energy.

Antony Warren, Director, Emerald Biogas said: "I am delighted with the progress made in terms of getting the plant to this stage. It is fantastic to see it up and running. We are now in the position to accept and process

unwanted commercial food waste and employ the latest AD technology to create a valued commodity that will be extremely beneficial to the local business and farming community.

"We are all excited for the positive journey ahead, with expansion a strong possibility, as we would like to see Emerald Biogas reach its full potential in the near future."

The AD facility at Emerald Biogas can process card, plastics and other materials often associated with waste from supermarkets, fast food outlets, businesses and schools. The heavy duty depackaging process can handle the more difficult waste streams such as supermarket waste, which is often triple packed and manufacturing waste streams. The residual materials are then sent to local recycling facilities, further diverting waste from landfill and contributing to the vision of a sustainable, circular economy.

Phase 1 of the plant will process 50,000 of the region's food waste. Planning permission has already been secured to expand the capacity to four times the current size.

In addition to power generation, a digestate will be spread onto local farmland, which will increase organic

matter as well as improving soil condition and structure. Used as an alternative to chemically manufactured fertilisers, the nutrients not only provide an economic benefit to farmers but also can increase the yield of their crops and reduce the carbon footprint of agriculture. Formed in 2009, Emerald Biogas is owned by three partners with a wealth of experience in agriculture and recycling. Antony and Adam Warren are the owners of long established food and animal by products recycling business, John Warren ABP. Together with Ian Bainbridge's diverse farming, land and resource management Agricore, they will provide the region with a beneficial sustainable resource. John Warren ABP manages the collection for Emerald Biogas. With over three generations waste management experience and family owned, the company offers a food disposal service at Hamsterley and has progressed into the next generation of food processing. The funding for the project was made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union. For more information about Emerald Biogas at [www.emeraldbiogas.com](http://www.emeraldbiogas.com)

# Town Centre Post Office Moves to New Modern Shop

The Post Office is proposing to move Newton Aycliffe Post Office from its current location to create a new main-style open-plan branch with significantly extended opening hours for customers. Opening hours would be extended by 17 hours a week and will offer a modern open-plan retail environment with a full range of Post Office services.

The proposed new location for the branch is 60b Beveridge Way, just 25 metres from its current location at 1 Beveridge Arcade, next to Heron. The Post Office is inviting customers and interested parties to comments on the move in a six-week public consultation.

The move is part of major modernisation programme across the Post Office network designed to make it easier for customers with longer opening hours in a modern open plan shop.

The new Post Office would have five serving positions - a mixture of two screened and two open-plan counters, and a Post Office service point at the retail counter, available during shop opening hours.

Following the proposed relocation and subject to consultation, Post Office services would be available from 06:30-17:30 Monday to Saturday and 06:30-12:00 on Sundays, meaning customers would benefit from 71 and a half hours of service per week - 17 and a half more than are currently offered.

Post Office Regional Network Manager for Scotland and Northern England Suzanne Richardson said: "We understand how important having a Post Office is to residents in Newton Aycliffe and we are confident that this new modern branch will meet the needs of the local



community and secure services for the future."

She added: "The modernisation is part of a major investment programme to convert the Post Office network to new-style branches and this investment, the largest in the history of the Post Office, marks a commitment to no more branch closure programmes."

During the public consultation, Post Office Ltd welcomes feedback on any issues customers would like considered before a final decision is taken on this proposal. The consultation will close on 3rd December 2013. Submissions can be made by

Freepost YOUR COMMENTS to Post Office Ltd, via email to [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk), via the Customer Helpline on 08457 22 33 44 or Textphone 08457 22 33 55.

Customers can also share their views through the simple online questionnaire on [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk) with the branch code 358309.

The Post Office, now independent of Royal Mail, is the largest retail network in the UK, with over 11,500 branches. It is also one of the UK's fastest growing financial services companies and is developing its online and telephony services.

# Exhibition at Greenfield

Last week saw the opening of a fantastic new exhibition in The Greenfield Gallery here at Greenfield Arts: "Birds, Beasts and Other Friends" by Robert McManners. The exhibition is mainly comprised of a series of large scale illustrations by the artist, some of which are included in the book "St Cuthbert and the Animals" by Reverend John McManners, the artist's brother. The illustrations are stunning and lifelike, capturing the essence of each animal and bird with great care.

Also included in the exhibition are some more recent portraits done by the artist, showing a new direction in his work. The exhibition is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 9pm, and Fridays 10am to 4pm from now until Wednesday 20th November. Plans are underway for a talk by Reverend McManners about his book and the work in the gallery, contact us for more information or see our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk).

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# NEW LIGHTING MAKE STREETS UNSAFE



Before



After

Dear Sir,  
After visiting the street lighting section of Durham County Council's web site it states: "Our policy is to enable roads and footpaths to be used safely by providing, improving and maintaining effective and efficient street lighting and illuminated traffic signs. This helps to improve environmental standards and community safety."  
If this is the case, why are

the new lights so poor? The lighting is so bad that the streets cannot possibly be safer. It may be more efficient/cheaper for DCC, but in terms of actual lighting quality I feel it will prove to be a danger to people who need to actually walk in the dark/dimly lit streets when you have "lit areas" where you can hardly see the footpaths to dense shadow areas where the light does not penetrate at all. There is no way that I will allow

my child to leave the house to walk anywhere in the evening due to the possible dangers that may lurk in the now plentiful shadows.  
I would welcome the Council's comments and views as to why our well-lit street has now become very dark. I cannot think of any positive reasons for DCC's decision in changing what was adequate lighting to extremely poor and unsafe lighting.  
*Name supplied*

## Volunteers Needed to Help Lonely People

Dear Sir,  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New Streets Lights are a Poor Replacement

Dear Sir,  
Is it me or does anyone else think the new street lighting which the council have installed in parts of the town, make the streets look eerie, and spooky with so many dark corners for someone to hide and jump out at you?  
Even walking up to your own front door is now like being on a second rate caravan site, where you need a torch to see your own path and to find the keyhole.  
As I write the clocks have not changed but I guess the early dark nights will make the long winter seem even darker this year.  
I have always felt safe walking through Aycliffe, even on the darkest night but since the change to the new energy

saving street lights, I am forever looking over my shoulder at the shadows. The only safe place to walk now is down the middle of the road.  
I understand the cost savings even though we will not see any of it. The new lamps are not designed to spread light only to light below the pole. Maybe adding extra lights on the same pole or extra ones between would alleviate the darkness or are the council waiting for all the "tripping over kerbs" claims to come flooding in before they will review the problem?  
On a plus note, these light get a "glowing" report on the paths where, due to their relatively narrow width, are lit up as good if not better than the old lights.  
JimBob

### County Council reply:

Street lights are being replaced countywide with energy efficient LED (Light Emitting Diode) fixtures as part of our commitment to reduce carbon emissions. These new lights meet current British Standards whilst many of the older lights do not. The new LED street lights provide "white light" which gives much better colour rendition allowing the naked eye and CCTV to distinguish more easily between different colours. The uniformity of light distribution is also better with the new LED street lights.  
Street lighting is designed to light the road and footpath which the new lights do very well through the enhanced control of LEDs. The old lights were less well controlled and provided some light spillage onto home and gardens. So it is possible that residents have noticed a lack of light spillage which is normal with any new street lights.  
As well as reducing carbon emissions by 7,500 tonnes a year the programme is forecast to achieve annual savings of £2 million. However if residents have any concerns they can call our dedicated Highways Action Line on 03000 26 1000 or email hal@durham.gov.uk."  
We are always happy to listen and to respond to concerns residents may have if they get in touch with us.  
Cllr Brian Stephens  
Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships

## Leisure Centre Prices Too High for Users

Dear Sir,  
I run four 5-a-side teams playing at the town's Leisure Centre and I have been talking to the manager about the high price we pay to use the facilities.  
A number of players say they cannot afford to play anymore and we have been forced to cancel a few of our bookings  
The Leisure Centre charge our group around £205 per week and are in danger of losing us because they won't compete with other venues which are nearly half the price!  
We have used Aycliffe for many years and have been very loyal despite the state of the changing rooms and toilets. I thought the Manager was listening to me and a review of prices was

indicated. However at a later date she informed me directly that prices would remain high and it was my choice to use the facilities or not! I question the managerial skills of a person who speaks to customers in that way  
It astounded me for a County Council run facility which is supposed to be encouraging healthy exercise and trying to increase attendance and use of our Leisure Centres.  
I was amazed the Centre Manager cannot deal with simple arithmetic and is allowed to price the sports hall usage out of the market. I understand the swimming pool is also underused due to the disgusting state of the toilets

and changing rooms.  
The bar is empty or closed and the Sycamore Suite has few functions held there.  
I would like to see some action from residents calling for an improvement to this sad looking place which apart from the Fitness Centre is getting emptier every week.  
Our Leisure Centre is not a patch on the well run Spennymoor Centre where it is obvious a lot of money has been spent and the standard of maintenance is much higher.  
Customer relations are very poor at Aycliffe and our suggestions to keep the Leisure Centre open are being completely disregarded.  
Pete Young

### Reply from Management

Lesley Tindale commented:  
We are currently undertaking a review of our pricing structure. As part of this review we have looked at competitors and have taken their pricing structures into account.  
We can't give an exact timescale for the implementation of a review of the prices at the moment; however, we will take your comments into account as part of this review.  
Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre has had significant investment since 2011 on maintenance to improve the conditions for our users and some of this work is still on-going. In addition to this many areas of the centre have been developed to allow Pathways Disability Day Care Centre to move into the building.  
The centre still attracts over 400,000 users a year and although the product range and services have changed, it is reflective of customer use and need. The centre has a calendar of events and functions which varies from birthday parties, christenings and weddings to sporting events.  
We always welcome the comments and suggestions from our customers but we must balance them with the need to run the centre in a commercially viable way to protect its future for everyone.

## Annoying Town Centre Musical Pavement



Dear Sir,  
I write concerning the new addition to the Town Centre, the musical pavement/music box. I work in one of the stores very near to where the musical pavement is sited. Who on earth thought of this? Obviously someone who does not work on the town or use the town often as they would realise what a nuisance this has become.  
All day we hear the noise of this machine with no respite and customers are also complaining how annoying it is and surely the last thing this Town needs is for the few people who do bother to shop here to start going elsewhere. Even shops situated across the other side from the pavement are complaining and it seems, no one, really likes or wants this.  
I wonder how much of tax payer's money has been used to install this useless white elephant which brings absolutely nothing to the Town. Surely instead of wasting money on this sort of thing what we really need is more new shops.  
More people should be encouraged to open up and trade and bring more money onto the Town. The service charges are being increased by a ludicrous amount, yet someone in their infinite

wisdom spent good money on this monstrosity.  
I would stress this is not adults saying "bah humbug"! Come and stand in the shop nearby and after 5 minutes you will feel the same.  
If anyone does find out who was responsible for this decision they could please let any of the shop retailers know as they would like to turn up outside this person's home and play the same music for 7 hours to see how they feel!  
Shel  
*Ed; We asked the Town Centre Manager to comment, but have received no reply. Taxpayer's money was not used and the current refurbishment is an investment by the landlords which in the end we will all pay for from our patronage of shops who then pay rent and service charges.*

## Table Top Sale

Woodham Community Centre is hosting a table top sale on Saturday November 9th (Tables at £8) to raise funds for Children in need.  
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# Will I Ever be Proud of Our Town Centre?

Dear Sir,

I am a Londoner, but have lived in Newton Aycliffe for 37 years where my wife and I brought up our family from the days when the town was run by Aycliffe Development Corporation, but alas, no more!

The town is a shadow of its former self with dirty paths and roads and there is an air of apathy and indifference shown by the authorities.

Words fail me on the state of our Town Centre and I am ashamed a London company would hike the rents of shops so high that tenants have to close their business.

There is no doubt the massive increase in service charges is to

pay for the work being carried out in the town centre and the landlords want their money back.

When the work is completed will the centre be kept much cleaner and tidier by the staff or go back to the poor state of maintenance as before?

Good management means high standards and good workers and it has been poor or non-existent in the past. I can say this as a former shopping centre manager.

I would like to be proud of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre and hope this comes about, some day soon!

R. McNeal  
Tunstall Road

# DOG WASTE BINS AND SPEEDING

Dear Sir,

This morning I went on a different walk with my dog and got to the traffic lights at the A167 and turned right. I followed the path to the Sports Club and saw three large signs on three lampposts warning you that dog patrol wardens were active in area.

I noticed 3 dog bins completely full with poo bags bursting out on top of the bins as well as being stacked on the grass below! There must be a lot of dog walkers in this area, but not a lot of people emptying the bins!

On Sunday while out I saw two cars racing from the Blue Bridge towards the town and they must have been travelling at least 60mph! Ten minutes later another two cars were flying down Stephenson Way. This happens regularly and I wonder if the police have speed guns now?

D. Metcalfe

# Spaniards Finish Paving Projects Much Quicker

Dear Sir,

I have recently returned from a week's holiday in Spain. On the Monday of our holiday at 8am a team of workers turned up in a street nearby, about half the size of Newton Aycliffe town centre. They worked 8am to Noon then returned at 4pm and worked till 8pm. There were about 20 men and by Monday night the whole of the street had been cleared of street lights, palm trees, road surface and paving.

On Tuesday they dug up the sub surface and piled it at one end of the street. On Wednesday drains, electric cables, telephone cables and water supply pipes were all replaced.

On Thursday the sub soil was replaced and new street lights and young palm trees were laid, and on Friday the whole street had new paving, turning it into a pedestrian precinct. It looks beautiful!

One week only and completed

by 20 men. This is in Spain, which is supposed to be really suffering in this economic climate. I did not see one man in a suit or with a clipboard - they just got on with it.

I returned to Newton Aycliffe town centre to find little change in the week, I saw one man digging a hole and 2 men watching. Why has it taken months of disruption to do what the Spanish workers could have done in 2 weeks?

John King

# Dog Complaint

Newton News have received another report of the inconsiderate dog walker at Cobblers Hall who even allows his pet to wander over gardens in Wakenshaw Drive, letting it foul grassy areas and then not picking it up.

This has been reported along with his address to the warden.

# Disappointing New Street Lighting

Dear Sir,

What on earth is the County Council doing with our street lighting? I live on Alverton Drive and at around 9.00pm I went outside to get something from my car. I'm not exaggerating when I say, the street was pitch black.

At first I thought there was a power cut, then I discovered the street lights had been changed earlier in the day the by a team of engineers. I can only assume that the council are trying to save money by using lower powered lights.

The new lights are next to useless, they barely light up the immediate area around the lamppost. All of the houses and drives are totally unlit. Even the pavements between the lampposts are insufficiently lit.

Having been a victim of burglary I now have a real concern that there is a real possibility that car and house crime is going to be on the increase.

Has the council done a proper risk assessment of this lighting before signing up to

these changes or have they just looked at the numbers? Maybe they would like to have a walk up my street after dark (don't forget your torch).

Presumably our Council tax will be reduced to reflect the poor lighting and the savings been made, or will it be an excuse to increase it. First it was the garden waste that we are now to be charged for. Now we are to put up with sub standard street lighting.

What will be next I dread to think. No doubt there will be some excuse about government cuts and having to save money.

A. Parker

# Only Ten People at Free Film Show

Dear Sir

As one of the community venues for the Greenfield Arts Family Learning Month "Out of the Bag" FREE FILM Festival, we also ran a film night showing "BRAVE" the Disney Animation film.

This was shown by the Community Police Team and made possible with Funding from from our local AAP group GAMP.

We had 10 turn up for this film which is very poor when young people and their parents ask what can the family do together on this Town?

Come on Newton Aycliffe, support your local Community functions and have fun together at the same time.

I agree fully with my colleague from Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Joan Clark, in her recent letter to your publication on the same subject.

Ron Mitchie  
Agnew Community Centre

# Could You Host Two Exchange Students?

Dear Editor,

I am hoping your readers can help two young 16 year olds who were selected to come to England on a student exchange programme for 10 months who have been let down twice by families who promised to host them, then at the last moment changed their minds.

Fortunately one kind family in Newton Aycliffe stepped in at the last moment and offered to look after the girls for a short time until permanent host families could be found for the girls.

The girls are each studying four AS level at Durham 6th form college, and will take exams in May/June and then return home in mid June. The girls, Maya Olsen from Denmark and Lara Kersten from Germany did not know each other before they came to England. A family in School Aycliffe we thought had come to their rescue, but a few days before they were due to leave they sent an email to say they had changed their mind.

I am looking for a someone who would welcome one or both girls into their family not as a guest or a lodger until the middle of June. The girls can share a room with a girl over 12 years old.

Host families come from all walks of life and can be any aged over 25, they can be a lady on her own or a large family or perhaps their own children have grown up and flown the nest.

Anyone who thinks they can help can get more details from me on 0191 410 9993. The organization which helped the youngsters achieve their dream, EF Foundation, is a non - profit organisation, however host families do get a food grant to help with the cost. Students have an allowance from their natural parents to cover bus fares, outings, clothes and toiletries, school lunches.

Gloria Williams

# Keeping Your Dog Under Control

Dear Sir,

I feel I must take issue with the letter of 25th October regarding the "loose alsation". This dog is not an alsation it is a German Shepherd cross. I know the gentleman and the dog and I feel it is wrong to single out him and his dog in this way.

As a dog walker myself, I too let my dog free in these woods, taking care not to allow him to run up to people, sometimes unsuccessfully. It is wrong to assume that a dog is dangerous because of it's breed.

All dogs are potentially dangerous, but in my experience this dog certainly is not. She is a beautiful friendly bitch, nosey and inquisitive, but with a lovely temperamant. I speak to the owner regularly and he is always pleasant even though my dog does not get on so well with his bitch.

As dog owners we do have to be responsible and I totally agree that dogs should not be off the lead in Public Parks or near busy roads, but this bridleway is one of the few areas where our animals can be exercised safely.

I do have every sympathy with anyone who has a fear of dogs but surely they should find somewhere else to walk as on this path they will be constantly confronted with dogs of all breeds, sizes and not all nice. I don't believe anyone with a dangerous dog would allow them to be off the lead and I know that the animal you refer to is definitely not a threat to anyone.

Haslewood Road Resident

**Ed: The following information was obtained from Mark Farren Enforcement Manager at Durham County Council:**

*The dog control order that DCC brought in requires dog owners to clean up after their pet on virtually all land within the County.*

*The only exceptions to this are where the person has permission from the landowner, or on agricultural land, forestry commission land, marshland, or heathland (but not including public rights of way crossing those land types).*

*DCC does not have anything in place that requires dog owners to keep their dog on a lead.*

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## Flower Club

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## GARDEN OF EVIL

On Saturday and Sunday this weekend a Garden of Evil opens at Sampson Place as part of the Halloween Celebrations. Watch for the flashing lights near the Turbinia Pub for directions to this scary place. The cost is £1 per person with proceeds to the Great North Air Ambulance.

## AWARD FOR LOCAL BEFRIENDER SCHEME



The Befriender Scheme was delighted to be announced winner of a Durham County Council personalisation award at a ceremony held in the Gala Theatre Durham on 30 September. The charity was judged to be the best example of personalised service in a community setting for 2013. Accepting the award on behalf of the Scheme, trustee Elaine Williams said "This is a real coup for a small, local charity and it shows the value that is attached to the high quality services it delivers to adults

with learning disabilities across Durham. I am thrilled on behalf of the office team and the befrienders who are directly involved in providing support to our clients - it recognises the effort they all make, often far beyond what can be reasonably expected - it shows the commitment and loyalty that goes to making this a great service." She was joined at the ceremony by Co-ordinator Josie Stamp and Finance administrator Sarah Graham Ford, who are shown with the award and certificate. The Befriender Scheme is a registered charity based in Spennymoor that supports adults with learning disabilities to take part in their personal choices of activity in the community. It works mainly in South Durham but is expanding its role in the North of the County. For more information about getting or becoming a befriender or to make a donation, please call 01388 816784 or visit www.befriender.co.uk.

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Are you lonely and don't get out much? We want to change that and are looking to bring people together at a special meeting every Monday from 10am-12 noon. The cost is only £2 for refreshments first followed by indoor game, a talk by an invited guest, dominoes, video and a Sing along. You may have your own ideas of what to add to this programme. If you are interested ring Peter on 313924. Don't forget the Fashion Show on Wednesday 6th November at 2pm. This is run by Margaret Gent to whom we are very grateful and provided by Bon Marche. Please come and support this charity event. On Saturday 23rd November in the Youth Centre we are bidding for £1100 from the GAMP funds to refurbish the Ladies toilets. We ask all friends of Senior Citizens to come along at 11am and vote for our project.

## Romance Blooms After 57 Years and 3,000 Miles Apart



Left: Frank and Kate in their younger days and right with their friends Walt and Margaret Young on their wedding day.

Frank McCaffrey and Kate Williams, two friends from Glasgow who lived next door to each other, at 9 years old, went their different ways. Kate moved to Canada and Frank eventually settled in Newton Aycliffe in 1970. A year ago, by chance, the couple met again at the funeral of Frank's Sister, Teresa. They had lots to talk about and Frank took up the invitation to visit

Kate in Montreal. He enjoyed his six week holiday and Kate's company so much that a reciprocal visit was arranged. The relationship blossomed, Frank popped the question and they were married at Bishop Auckland on 19th October 2013. It was a lovely wedding and the

couple shared their new found love and happiness with family and friends. Kate has returned to Canada while Frank sorts out his emigration and personal matters in Newton Aycliffe, before joining her. Friends and family wish them both the happiness they deserve in their future life together.

## Care Home Closures

Dear Sir,  
My husband and I have just returned from County Hall where we were lending our support to a demonstration against the latest round of care home closures. Yet again people are going through the anguish my family experienced in 2009/2010 when Shafto House was threatened. Sadly in our case this wonderful home closed, but faced with the same situation I hope (unlike last time) our highly paid local county councillors will show some compassion for elderly people faced with such trauma. Ann Dryden, Greville Way

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## Talk on War Memorials

On Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in Aycliffe Village Hall Aycliffe Village Local History Society will host a talk by Janet Brown on 'War Memorials in the North East'. All are welcome members £1, non members £2. Further information 01325 301093

## Xmas Craft & Gift Fayre

On Saturday 9th November we are holding a Christmas Craft & Gifts Fayre at Neville Parade Methodist Church. There will be over 25 stalls attending hoping to attract you with their various displays of crafts & gifts. Items on sale will include cards, jewellery, woodturning, soaps, photography, needlework, toiletries, craft materials, paintings, door plaques, knitting, cakes, Christmas decorations etc.. There will be entertainment during the Fayre by Stephenson Way School., Woodham Samba Band & MAD Choir. And don't forget to sample our bacon butties & great value Methodist lunches & refreshments. We look forward to seeing you from 10am - 3pm. A warm welcome awaits you and I'm sure you'll be able to pick up a bargain. For more information Tel 313397.



## Craft & Table Top Sale

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre are planning a Table Top/Craft Fair on Saturday 30th November. Table costs will be £15 for general public with a saving of £5 for charities making their costs only £10. The fair will be from 11 -2 .m. and entry to the general public will be 50p. Young People from MAD Productions will be singing a selection of popular songs throughout the event. The tuck shop will be open and we will be serving hot drinks, bacon butties, hot dogs and there will be a raffle too. So before you do your shopping at Tesco's pop in and see what we have to offer and enjoy a cuppa. To book your table, or for more information call 307522 and speak to Joan or Vicky, we would prefer all tables to be paid for before the event.

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## ATHLETICS NEWS

Aycliffe athletes Sue and Peter Milburn, Dez Fielden and Judith Porter headed to North Yorkshire to compete in the Shaun Lee Johnstone Memorial 10 mile race. The run is organised by Ray Johnstone whose son Shaun died of a brain tumour aged 16 with profits to the Teenage Brain Tumour Trust in his name.

Last year's run was extremely wet with a small stream to cross at about the 2 mile mark. The farmer did some drainage work and the stream and mud had disappeared. Some runners were apparently disappointed but the Aycliffe contingent was not among them! The weather was good and surprisingly warm. The route is multi terrain and very close to the A1 at Boroughbridge. It follows lanes, edges of fields and a short tarmac stretch through the village. The race attracted 131 runners.

Sue managed a time of 1:31:47. Dez was first home for Aycliffe in a time of 1:08:15 and was 11th overall, closely followed by Peter in 1:14:15; Judith was very pleased to see Peter and Dez run back to meet her and push her along for the last mile finishing in 1:33:41.

In the North East Harrier League 5 runners went to compete in the series opener in Blaydon. The event was

well attended by club runners with 309 ladies and 575 men in addition to several junior races. Each category ran separately but with a course that was quite narrow in places this did make the first half a mile of the run difficult as runners jostled for position. For the ladies team there was Kelly Smith, Kelly McCormack, Sue Milburn and Judith Porter. The sole representative for the Aycliffe men was Peter Milburn. Underfoot the conditions were grassy with only a few muddy patches. The course was 1.6m and was mostly flat but about 200 metres from the end there was a series of three short moderate hills in very quick succession.

With a bit of mud building up on the corners the downhill sections did prove tricky for some runners. The ladies completed two laps and the men three laps. The Aycliffe ladies team ended in 16th position in division 2 with the best three results counting. Kelly was 137th with a time of 24:05, Sue 155th in 24:29, Shelley 157th in 24:31; Judith was 258th in 27:21. Peter was 266th with a time of 32:43. Penny Johnson completed the 5.4k Whitby cross-country in 29:35 which was only 12 seconds slower than 2 years ago.

## Planet Leisure Bowling League

This has been a fantastic week of bowling especially for the M&MS as they won 6-2 over the leaders The Clanger. Marcus Baker was his team's top bowler with three games consisting of 174-213-213, a total of 600. His partner Jan Hail bowled 123-145-106-374 a scratch total of 947 with handicap. The total is 1196.

They take over the top of the table from The Clangers. Marcus takes the scratch high game with the 213 and with his partner take the high series with handicap of 1196. There were just two other games played and that was Late Starter against Pinheads. They played out a draw with 4-4 each. The Pinheads stay in third place and Late Starter move up to sixth in the league. The other two teams to play were Shildon Striker against the Optimists finishing 3-5 to The Optimists, The Shildon Strikers jumped from eighth to fifth place. The Optimists move one place up from bottom to ninth, All the other four teams have out standing games to play.

### Councillors' Surgeries

A Ward Surgery will be held on Saturday 9th November 2013 in St Mary's Church Meeting Room from 1.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Councillors from Neville, Shafto St Mary and Central Wards will be in attendance

## LOCAL SPORT

### Aycliffe Swimmers in National Championships

Elisabeth Yaneski and Gillian Hook competed for Sedgfield 75. Elisabeth winning Silver in the 1500 and 800 FS and Bronze in the 400 FS.

Gillian took the Bronze Medal in the 4x100 Individual Medley. Great results and a tribute to the work they have put in over the past year.

Mathew Bradley and Hannah Featherstone were at Sheffield the week before swimming for

Northumberland and Durham in the National Inter Counties Championship Gala. N&D came thirteenth. Both swimmers swam PBs and took medals in all their events.

Hannah has been awarded the Evening Gazette's award for young athlete of the year. A wonderful achievement made all the better by the inclusion of a cheque for the sum of £500.00.

### Woodham Academy's First Dance Showcase



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Woodham Academy dance students are already preparing for their first Dance Showcase to be held on 14th May next year. This will offer students an opportunity to showcase a product of all their hard work throughout the year.

The showcase will feature pieces from the Dance Academy, Dance Club, GSCE Dance students and work from Dance lessons.

Since the launch of Woodham Dance Academy in 2012, more and more students have become involved in dance. A successful bid to Children in Need in July has allowed the Dance Academy to expand. Woodham Dance Academy, in partnership with The Joanne Banks Dancers, now holds after school sessions for elite dancers as well as open lunchtime sessions for any student keen to take part in dance. All activities are free. Also new this year is the Dance Studio, which now provides a first class facility for the

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## WILDCATS TAKE ON LEICESTER RIDERS AT AYCLIFFE

Wildcats American guard Kirk Crecco believes his team will respond positively following back to back defeats on a tough double header weekend in the British Basketball League.

Durham travelled to Sheffield Sharks on Friday evening, and despite starting the game strongly, ended up losing out 81-67 following strong performances from Sharks veteran Mike Tuck and the returning BJ Holmes.

Crecco and his teammates had little time to reflect on defeat, as less than 48 hours later, they had made their way 400 miles south to take on fellow play-off hopefuls Plymouth Raiders. The Wildcats were without RJ Evans, Danny Huffor and Mark Elderkin, leaving Crecco with just 6 teammates for the contest at the Plymouth Pavilions on Sunday afternoon. Durham put in a strong performance, but when Paul Elderkin fouled out in the 4th quarter, leaving the Wildcats with a rotation of just 6 players, the game was all but over.

Plymouth eventually ran out 86-73 winners. Durham's Ralph Bucci top scored in the game with 21 points which earned him a place in the BBL team of the week.

Despite the defeats, Crecco has been keen to take the positives from the tough double header, "it was a disappointing weekend and a shame we couldn't secure any points. We know we can play better and will use this experience as a learning curve. We are keen to put the weekend behind us and move on quickly, the whole team is ready to bounce back with a win."

Durham's focus will now turn to Sunday afternoon's game at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre where BBL Champions Leicester Riders will visit the home of the Wildcats. Coach Davie is ready for the challenge, and believes his team can get back to winning ways against the number one side in Britain; "We are well aware of the challenge ahead of us this weekend, Leicester are a fantastic team that will give us a tough game at both ends of the court."

They have a number of experienced BBL players and have a very talented coach in Rob Paternostro. My team will be well prepared for the game and are raring to go following a disappointing weekend."

Crecco also shared the views of his head coach; "Leicester are the team to beat. They were the dominant force last season and are current BBL champions. We've set our goals high this season and playing Leicester will give us an opportunity to see exactly where we are."

Although the Wildcats have a 0 - 6 record against the Riders, Crecco is hopeful for a victory in front of the home fans; "We've been strong at Newton Aycliffe this season, we have gone behind in both of our home games, but the fans have pulled us through. If they stick with us again for the full 40 minutes, I'm confident we can get back to winning ways."

Watch the Wildcats take on Leicester Riders at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 3rd November, tip-off 4pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.godurhamwildcats.com.

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# 500 Groups Apply for Community Grant

Communities across County Durham are once again set to benefit from the Your Money, Your Area, Your Views Community Grants Fund.

The fund, which is being made available through Durham County Council's Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), has proven to be very popular with over 500 local groups and organisations applying for a share of the half a million pound.

The decision on who gets the money will be made by members of the public who will get to vote on their favourite projects at AAP forum events, being held in a number of locations right across County Durham during October and November.

At the events, projects local to the AAP, will be showcasing what they do and what they'd like the money for. After viewing the projects people will be asked to complete a ballot paper and vote for which they liked the most.

This approach, known as 'participatory budgeting', has been tried in several areas in the past but this is the first time that it has happened right across County Durham.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "I'm delighted so many local organisations have applied to the Community Grants Fund. It shows how vibrant the community and voluntary sector is in County Durham. This is a great opportunity for them to receive much needed funding but also to show people in their area the fantastic work they are doing in their community." Events are being held across the county, so no matter where you live you will have the opportunity to vote on projects that will benefit your community.

Cllr Stephens added: "At the events we'll also be asking people to tell us what they think the priorities are for the

local area and there will also be a chance for people to have their say on how they think the council's budget should look in the future".

You can find more information on all of the events by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/aap](http://www.durham.gov.uk/aap), emailing [aap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:aap@durham.gov.uk) or calling 03000 262 056.

## FREE WARM WINTER CLOTHING AVAILABLE

The Helping Hands team are preparing packs of warm winter clothing to help people hit hardest by the recession in the Newton Aycliffe area. Alwyn White says, as the winter closes in we do not want anyone to go cold who can't afford to buy warm clothing. If you find yourself hit by things like redundancy, illness, benefit delay, domestic violence, debt, family breakdown and paying for the additional costs of heating during this winter then we want to hear from you. There is no reason why people should struggle unnecessarily when we

are able to help. Volunteers from Life Church are putting together bundles of brand new clothing ready to go out soon. Helping Hands are now offering a brand new service where people can text their details - name, address, telephone number, D.O.B and reasons they need help. After we receive their text we will give them a friendly call back and explain how we may be able to help. Alternatively just phone the Helping Hands team 07936431262 who offer a free, confidential service.

# HEALTHWATCH GIVE YOU A POWERFUL VOICE

Healthwatch is the new consumer champion for health and social care in England. It gives children, young people and adults a powerful voice - making sure their views and experiences are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services. By making sure the views and experiences of all people

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Healthwatch actively seeks views from all sections of the community, especially from those who sometimes struggle to be heard and not just from those who shout the loudest.

It also encourages health and social care providers, regulators and planners to hear directly from people themselves.

There are 152 local Healthwatch organisations. Healthwatch County Durham is focussed on promoting high quality health and social care throughout the communities of County Durham. As well as ensuring that consumers' views are represented locally, Healthwatch County Durham also feeds views and information to Healthwatch England, which provides a national voice on key issues. Healthwatch County Durham allows local people to influence the health and social care services they receive now, and to help plan what is needed for the future.

It does this by: PROVIDING information, advice and support about local health and social care services.

GATHERING the views and experiences of local people on the way services are delivered. HAVING the power to 'enter and view' to see at first hand how a particular service is delivered. INFLUENCING the planning of future services using the evidence it has collected. Opportunities exist for volunteers to become involved with Healthwatch. Please ask for details if you're interested. Tel. 01325 375960

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# HAVE YOUR SAY ON LICENSING

Members of the public, businesses and organisations are being invited to have their say on a review of Durham County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. The policy affects all activities and premises within the county subject to licensing under the Licensing Act 2003 and covers areas including the sale and supply of alcohol in pubs and clubs, late night refreshment and the provision of regulated entertainment. The current Statement of Licensing policy was agreed

in December 2010 and is now being updated to take into account recent changes in legislation. Durham County Council is proposing to include the following updates to the current policy;

- Authorised licensing hours: a new section about the approach the authority will take in relation to licensing hours based on the location and type of premise.
- Early Morning Restriction Orders (EMROS): information about orders, which are available to restrict the sale of alcohol between midnight and 6.00am to tackle high levels of alcohol-related crime and disorder.
- Late night levy: information on the late night levy, a discretionary power to charge a fee to businesses that sell alcohol between midnight and 6.00am to fund night time policing costs.

Other proposals for the current policy include the use of specimen licence conditions, requirements for takeaway businesses, the role of councillors in the licensing process and information about appeals and complaints. Owen Cleugh, consumer protection manager, Durham County Council, said: "The Licensing Act 2003 requires us to regularly review our statement of licensing policy to ensure the needs of businesses and demand for leisure and cultural activities are balanced with the protection of the public. We would encourage anyone who has a view on licensing activities in County Durham to respond to the consultation proposals." For further information and to have your say using the online survey, please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultations). The consultation is open until Thursday 2 January 2014. Alternatively, paper copies of the survey are available by contacting the Licensing Team on 03000 265 104 or via email at [licensing@durham.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@durham.gov.uk)

# Threatened Open Spaces Could be Secured

New legislation will allow landowners to end recreational use and that includes your local council. That's the warning from experts at Oxley & Coward Solicitors LLP, as new legislation that came into force this month allows landowners to bring to an end any recreational use of land as a town or village green. Areas of open space used by

local residents for recreation can be registered as town or village greens after they have established 20 years' use and can show the land is being used 'as of right.' To establish that right, the land must have been used without permission but without force or secrecy. Once land has been registered as a green, it is protected from development by longstanding legislation. But now, new legislation opens the way for landowners to stop the clock ticking towards 20 years. Section 15 of the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 came into force on 1st October and amends the earlier Commons Act of 2006, by allowing landowners to register what is known as a 'statement' to bring to an end

any recreation use of land as a village green. "In the past, objectors to potential planning applications have often tried to register land as a village green to prevent development," said Oxley & Coward property law expert Liz Harris. "A surge of such applications for registration is likely when communities find out about these new rules and the race could be on to save the village green before a 'statement' is made." By making a 'statement', the landowner interrupts the 20 year period and this stops anyone from being able to register the land, as it effectively puts the clock back to zero. While it can start ticking again, the landlord can effectively break the usage each time before 20 years is reached, thereby protecting potential development rights. Where land has already passed the 20 year usage but has not been registered, the new law still allows landlords to make the statement, but this will trigger a one year grace period in which an application for town or village green status can be made, so the race could be on. Various plots in Newton

Aycliffe could be targeted unless local users of the land register the green areas they use for recreation. The former Avenue School land at Defoe Crescent has been identified for housing development, but under the 20

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A recent project led by the Soroptimist International of Darlington and District group has drawn attention to ways of recognising the signs of acceptable behaviour in a relationship and negative actions. The 'Loves Me, Loves Me Not' list was created and printed on bookmarks and posters which were distributed to schools, doctors and dental surgeries, colleges and public buildings around Darlington. The bookmarks and posters were designed to appeal to both male and female victims of domestic violence and more than 13,000 bookmarks have been handed out. Funding for the project came from a request made by the late Betty Herman, a long-serving member of the club, and was given from the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg and the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Network (DASAN). Mr Hogg said: "The soroptimists have identified a way of educating both men and women on the signs of potentially abusive relationships, it is a fantastic piece of work and I was happy to show my support by funding the project. Well done to all involved"


## Birthday Remembrance

**JACK SMITH** Missing you Dad on your birthday on 30th October. Not just today, but every day. From your Daughters Catherine and Jean; your Wife Doreen, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

**JUNE CSENGEL** 29th October. If Frecias grow in Heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for us. Place them in my dear friend's arms and tell her they are from us. Remembered every day. From Yvonne and family

## Births

**Travis**



**Sarah and Paul**  
Congratulations on the birth of your baby girl "Aria", weighing 7lbs 6oz on 30th October 2013. Good luck to you all from the Press Gang

**TURNER FLACK**, Helen and Rob, congratulations on the birth of your baby boy on 22nd October. First Grandchild of Brenda and Douglas, Nephew to Stephen. Love from all of us.

## In Memoriam

**JOHN MURPHY** 31/10/2012. A loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. A year has passed since you went away, but those we love in our hearts they stay. They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Love always, Thomason, June, Rob, John, Trudy, Vikki, Adam and John

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**GEORGE JAMES** Died 7th November 1980, aged 64 years. **ALICE JAMES** died 5th November 2008, aged 92 years. A special Mam and Dad, still loved and remembered always. From Pauline, Joyce, Kenneth and all your family xxxxxx

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**CUNLIFFE**, Lucas Jack 05/11/2011, Happy 2nd birthday little man. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, all the Grannys, Grandad and the rest of the family. xxxxxx

**PICKERING** 6th November 1963. God makes special people to live upon his Earth. He gave me a Son called Gary, who I can't describe his worth. Always happy, good and kind, his equal would be hard to find. Happy 50th birthday Gary, Enjoy your special day. My love forever, Mam xxxxxx

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# AYCLIFFE LOSE OUT TO F.A. VASE CHAMPIONS

Newton Aycliffe FC were on the wrong end of a vintage performance from Spennymoor last week. Whilst they have been more inconsistent than usual this season, when on form at the Brewery Field, there are few, if any, teams at this level who can match Spennymoor. This is evidenced by their successful run in the FA Vase last season, culminating in their Wembley triumph. For the first time this season, they had a full squad available for selection, and unfortunately for Aycliffe, they clicked right into form. That said, it was Allan Oliver's men who had the first chance of the night, with in-form Jamie Owens first denied by Jeffries in the Spennymoor goal, before his follow up effort fell agonisingly wide of the post. The rest of the first half though wasn't so positive! After just 6 minutes, the prolific Gavin Cogdon gave the hosts the lead, slotting into an empty net after good work from strike partner Henderson.

The lead was doubled in the 22nd minute, and this time it was Henderson with the goal, powering home a header from Joe Walton's cross. Three minutes later and Cogdon added his second, and effectively ended the contest with an impressive solo goal. He picked the ball up 30 yards from goal before out stripping the Aycliffe defence and firing into the corner. On 28 minutes, he had completed his hat trick. Again Henderson was the provider, and this time Cogdon rounded the keeper before again slotting home. Fred Woodhouse almost pulled one back for Aycliffe before half time, but once again Jeffries in the Spennymoor goal was up to the task. The second half, played out in strong winds and driving rain was an altogether quieter affair. Spennymoor missed two good chances to extend their lead, before finally on 62 minutes they did make it 5, when Chay Little steered the ball home

after a series of corners into Aycliffe box. This week sees Aycliffe return to home soil, after a string of away games. Hebburn Town are the visitors this Saturday, and Aycliffe will be looking to return to winning ways. Hebburn have struggled so far this season and find themselves at the foot of the table with just 2 points. Aycliffe will be hoping to inflict similar damage to their survival hopes as they did to Billingham Town last week! The game kicks off at 3pm with admission prices £6 adults, £4 concessions and u12's FREE. The game will also see the start of the partnership working between NAFC and Herbalife. There will be a Herbalife representative on hand at Moore Lane Park from 1.30pm to offer advice and help on all aspects of players and supporters nutritional demands as we aim to improve the health and wellbeing of all our players and hopefully supporters as we build towards the future!

# Dance School's Amazing Trophy Haul



Stepping Out Dance School from Aycliffe took 23 of their dancers who have been training hard in their home Aspire Studios, to the East Coast Championships in Cayton Bay. The dancers competed in Solo Fast & Slow events, pairs Fast & Slow events, trio fast events, Street & teams! After weeks of insane training 6 days a week preparing, the hard work sure did show when they bagged an amazing 130 trophies and 35 team medals. This consisted of 49 x 1st places; 40 grand final sashes (9 awaited from the promoter not pictured); 39 x runner up places; 11 x 3rd places; 15 x 4th places; 9 x 5th places; 6 x 6th places; and 1 x 8th

place. What a sweep! Dance Teacher Clare Walton could not be prouder and would like to thank the whole Stepping Out Team & Dance Family for their dedication and support in achieving such an impressive result! There is no rest for the team however as they now work over the next few weeks towards their annual show DANSPIRE which will be staged on 9th and 10th November, tickets priced £6. For further details of classes or tickets contact Clare on 0792 1929562. But don't delay as Stepping Out Shows are renowned on the town and always sell out fast!

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## Popular Table Tennis Club at Greenfield



Greenfield Community College are working in partnership with Bishop Barrington Table Tennis Club (who recently gained Junior Club of the year), and Head Coach Matthew Porter (who recently gained Coach of the year at the recent County Durham Sports awards). Matthew's Club in Bishop Auckland has only been established for a couple of years, and is already one of the top clubs in the County, and is already producing national standard players. Greenfield have high hopes for their newly established club. Matthew (who is also the County performance coach) is having a massive impact on the standards achieved at the school. Table Tennis is consequently

going from strength to strength at the School. In July the year 8 girls took Silver in the County Finals, and last week Greenfield's Yr 8 boys travelled to Sedgfield, and were crowned Sedgfield Champions. Well done to Connor Elston, Aidan Wong, Matthew Davis and Lewis Rigg, the boys are now training hard towards the County finals in March, good luck boys. Come along and join in our success, all ages and abilities welcome. Contact Michael Rippon on 07879 117224 for further details, or come along to Greenfields Sports hall, Mondays 5.30 to 6.30 (all ages welcome), or our adult session (16+) with Steve Holmes Mondays 6.30 to 7.30.

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