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Hitachi Factory Underway

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Government Business Secretary Vince Cable and Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin along with our MP Phil Wilson were present to mark this historic moment when railway rolling stock production came back to its birthplace

in County Durham.

Mr Cable said: "The factory will be a great boost to the North East economy, creating over 700 jobs and bringing a long tradition of rail manufacturing back to the region."

Our Mayor and Consort Barbara and John Clare attended and said this was a red letter day for Great Aycliffe and a moment of great significance for the future expansion of our

town.

The County Council was well represented by its Cabinet members and Leader Simon Henig who were ecstatic that the project was now on the move.

Shepherds have won the contract and will be using 90% local labour to build the iconic factory. There is everything any builder would want at Aycliffe and this will be good news for the local economy.

All the speakers were upbeat on how the Hitachi project would bring new business to the area and benefit the UK as a whole. There was no doubt from the amount of media coverage that this is putting Aycliffe on the map and while the factory is being built so too will excitement build.



Vince Cable, Patrick McLoughlin and Alistair Dormer, Hitachi Rail Europe's chief executive, view a model of the new Aycliffe plant



MP Phil Wilson, Mayor Barbara Clare and consort John Clare attended the start of construction at the site.

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A proposal put to the Town Council by Counc. Paul Kjenstad that speed limits outside all schools should be 20mph and more safety zones introduced, has been agreed. The Town Clerk was instructed to lobby the County Council, but it was pointed out by County Councillor John Clare they were already thinking along the same lines. Counc Chandran said whatever was done it would not stop idiotic and inconsiderate parents parking immediately outside the school causing danger to children, and police

action was needed to impose fines.

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keyboard, she showed her classical training hasn't gone to waste.

Both Vicky and Will made their debut as solo artistes at the AYTP.co.uk event. Unplugged were up next, and have been a number of times at AYTP gigs. They always put on a great show, and ten members of the ever changing band were present, switching from one instrument to another seamlessly throughout the night. They played lots of classic songs on brass,



A DOG OFF A LEAD IS OUT OF CONTROL

Dear Sir,

I must reply to the letter you ran this week from yet another dog owner who thinks it's OK to let their dog run free on a public nature walks.

How do members of the public distinguish between a vicious dog and a friendly one and why should they have to when the owner of the dog calls it back and it takes no notice?

Then that dog is out of control and should have never been off the lead. To say if you are scared of dogs you should not walk the nature walks is ridiculous as they are for members of the public to walk and responsible dog walkers who keep their pets under control.

Can we have the police version on out of control dogs off the leash in public areas - not just the DCC?

E Bramham

TOWN CENTRE RELAUNCH ON 16th NOVEMBER

Newton News was contacted by John Tinley who is in charge of Town Centre Management on behalf of Freshwaters the Landlords.

He informed us the Town Centre will be relaunched on Saturday 16th November 2013 at 1.00pm with a live stage show culminating with a switch on of Christmas Lights at 5pm. The entertainment will include an appearance of Amelia Lilly at 4.35pm. Other performers include St. Mary's School Choir, Darlington Operatic Society, Hayley McKay with a band, Solist Helen Millican and North Road Band. The refurbishment works are now coming to a close although there is still some work yet to be completed including the planting of the new trees, which cannot be done until the weather conditions are suitable.

Greenfield Parents Group Xmas Fayre

The Wecan Parents Group, who are based at Greenfield Community College, have been busy preparing for their upcoming Christmas Fayre, organising entertainment, craft stalls and more! The day will consist of entertainment from pupils of Greenfield and other local community groups, creating a real community feel to the event. There will also be a free children's 'Mini Boot Camp' and a free Driving Simulator.

Stalls showcasing local crafters, makers, bakers and more will include Gift & Craft, Cake & Chocolate Fountain Stalls, Photography, Raffle,

Tombola, Bingo, Face Painting and Tattoo's, a visit from Santa, Nail Art, Flower Arranging and much more.

This fantastic Christmas Fayre and Fun Day will take place on Saturday 23rd November at Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club from 11am - 4pm.

There will be a 50p door entry fee for adults but a door prize will be awarded at the end of the day. We are looking forward to this fantastic event, which the group has worked hard to put together for the people of Aycliffe - please come along, enjoy the day and give your support to the Wecan Parents Group!

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Rockermouth review - "Great band!"

Saturday 16th November - "Feed the Bear"

GIG PIT REVIEW: From a previous gig at the TURBINIA well! What can I say? Awesome! What a brilliant band this lot are! Very friendly and full of banter to a rather small audience. Steve was, as Marky had predicted, all over the place, outside within 30 seconds of the first track kick in! On the tables, on the floor, snogging the dog, the works! Mansell was extremely accommodating with Steve singing to him on the floor. Animal on drums was great to watch, bare chested and hair all over the shop! The tattoo on his back is MEGGGGAAA!! Love it!!

Saturday 23rd November - "The Gatecrashers"


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Help for Victim of Incurable Disease



Kyran Richmond is 9 years old and lives in Chilton with his parents and 2 brothers. He has been diagnosed with Juvenile Batten Disease, a rare genetic metabolic neurodegenerative disease. It causes a healthy child to develop epilepsy, lose the ability to walk, talk, eat and see before dying a premature death in late teens/early twenties as there is no cure for the disease. Kyran is only the third person in the north east to be diagnosed with this disease. The Batten Disease Family Association receives no NHS funding. Laurie Simpson the Eden Arms Hotel Assistant Manager completed a 90 mile circular walk in the Lake District to raise money

for Kyran and the money was presented to Kyran last Saturday by Laurie with members of staff in attendance.

GREENFIELD STUDENTS CREATE ARTWORK FOR PATHWAYS NEW HOME

During the Summer the Newton Aycliffe branch of Care and Support Pathways, who are now located in the Leisure Centre in Newton Aycliffe, commissioned Greenfield Arts and students at Greenfield College to create artwork for their new venue.

It was seen as an ideal opportunity to involve the children who had enrolled for the Summer School as part of the transition programme which supports children in their move from Primary to Secondary School.

It was an exciting and enriched programme of events where Year 7 students worked with adults and staff from Care and Support Pathways to start the creative project, creating prints using a variety of techniques during an afternoon led by Greenfield Arts staff.

In September the same group of students continued working on the artworks, supported by Greenfield Arts staff. The collection of 22 canvases, showcasing the prints created during the summer in geometric shapes, were delivered to the Newton Aycliffe branch of Care and Support Pathways by the students involved on Monday 4th November 2013.

Greenfield are pleased to have been able to support their local community in this creative way, using the skills and expertise of the staff and providing new students at Greenfield with added confidence and the knowledge that they have helped other members of the local community.

Care and Support Pathways is the new name for the Durham County Council service who provide day services for adults with learning disabilities, cognitive impairments and physical disabilities, and people living in County Durham who require sensory support and have been assessed as requiring a day service.

The students were given a guided tour of the facilities on offer in Newton Aycliffe and were very impressed with the Sensory Room and the way in which they were made to feel welcome both by the staff and clients. They felt very proud to be part of a project that offers a very important focus to the life of an important group of people on the Town. Melanie Stubbs Assistant



Head Teacher at Greenfield who has responsibility for Transition across the whole school said "Students at Greenfield have so much to offer to the Community and

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ROTARY CLUB PRESENT DICTIONARIES TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS



Students at Aycliffe Village School (top) and Woodham Burn School received illustrated dictionaries from the town's Rotary Club to help them with their final year studies at primary school

Fire Hinders Charity Work *Break in with Possible Arson*

Last Sunday morning Chris Palmer, Director of the Furniture Scheme at Chilton received a phone call to say that one of the factory units had been broken into and set fire. The police and three fire engines attended the scene and brought it under control. The industrial site is owned by Durham County Council, but the CCTV is non-operational. Police Scene of Crime, Fire Brigade Team are investigating and the building is now sealed off and inaccessible. The fire has caused extensive smoke damage to the entire unit and the break in point seems to have been through the rear fire exit. The building had been secured, padlocked and locked throughout. Arson is a possibility and will be confirmed later. This is a training and support facility and as such this fire will have severe operational, commercial and business implications causing issues and concerns.

"We will need urgent help to get the training and employment facility back into full swing" said Chris Palmer. In the meantime CDFHS have been very busy converting unit 12 into a training, recycling and employment support facility. Unit 12 had been used as a 'bargain basement' with items £20 or less, unfortunately they no longer have space for this.



Aycliffe Partnership of Welfare Support Groups Ready to be Formed

After a series of meetings the Steering Group to form a partnership in the town of all welfare organisations, both voluntary and statutory have almost completed the task. Everyone is excited at this development and the idea is being welcomed and hailed as a model for other towns.

The aim is to bring everyone together in a co-ordinated bid to ensure there is a comprehensive service to everyone seeking assistance and that no one falls through the net. To aid this a Memorandum of Understanding is being adopted by all partners and an efficient referral system introduced, helped by a directory listing every type of welfare organisation in the area. This will be produced for general distribution in printed form, sponsored by Newton Press.

The Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership consists of people already giving great service to the needy: ie: The Food Bank, Helping Hands, Disc, Livin, Xcel and other churches in the town. Other agencies dealing with health conditions are also on board with each one acting as referrers to any of the partners depending on the need of the individual requesting assistance. The town's community centres and residents associations will also be involved acting as referrers with collection and emergency distribution points for food and household goods at various locations.

The partnership hopes to be formed in early December with this new scheme bringing great benefits all round.

Any organisation offering aid and assistance to people in crisis is invited to become a partner and should contact the chairman of the Steering Group Syd Howarth on 300212 or 320901, e-mail: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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Explore the stalls selling jewellery, decorations, handmade toys, delicious homemade foods and find unique Christmas gifts for family, friends and loved ones. Visit Father Christmas on his sleigh and treat yourself to a welcome hot drink and mince pie in the Mall Coffee Shop. Festive music will enhance the Christmassy feel from a group of Bell Ringers and PCP are also looking for a group of adults or school children to sing carols. If anyone would like to take this opportunity to perform at the Christmas Fair please get in touch as soon as possible.

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Oaklife

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MUSICAL PAVEMENT

Dear Sir,
In response to the article about the pavement being annoying, I also work in the town centre and personally I think its great. It adds something to the town centre, a little bit of life!
I've seen children and adults alike enjoying our town centre. When was the last time we saw happy faces wanting to spend time in the centre instead of rushing away?
I've lived in Aycliffe all my life and feel like things are moving in the right direction, the negative comments of a few are more damaging than anything else in this town.
Graham Abraham

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The Tragedy of Woodham Golf Course

Town Council Support Misplaced

Dear Sir,
What a great tragedy it is that the fantastic Woodham Golf Course has now been closed by the receivers, KPMG. As I recall, the receivers did tell members who renewed their annual memberships last July, that they intended to keep the course open until a buyer could be found.
It seems to me therefore that all paid up members now will have a claim in the liquidation that this must now have become, for two thirds of their annual fees and should submit claims to KPMG accordingly.
Our Town Councillors should also now be regretting giving their support to Washington Developments, the owners, for their planning application to build houses and a hotel on the course. They should also bear a share of the responsibility for the very sad loss of jobs that has resulted and wished that they had heeded the warnings given very clearly to them by members of the club and by residents of Woodham about the credentials of the company. Councillors cannot say that they were not warned but unfortunately they were seduced by promises of funds for social housing and potential increases in council tax revenue from the houses that Washington Developments said they were going to build. That was never going to happen and Councillors should have known it. It would be a good gesture now by the Town Council to offer free membership of the Council owned Oak Leaf golf course until the end of next June to fully paid up members of Woodham as some compensation for the present situation and who knows, this might lead to a boost in paid membership from next July when the present Woodham membership would have expired.
Perhaps also some of the very good Woodham staff who are now out of work could also be re-employed at Oak Leaf? So, come on Councillors, please at least try to rescue some goodwill by doing something positive to help resolve this unhappy situation. It is after all partly of your own making.
Tony Haworth

LET THERE BE LIGHT!



BEFORE



AFTER

Dear Sir,
I must reply, to the response by Councillor Brian Stephens who in your previous issue of Newton News states that the reason for changing the lighting in the Bluebell Park area is to "provide white light" and that it is much better for CCTV systems.
I'm wondering which CCTV systems he has been looking at to verify this claim as I have CCTV at my property and I can categorically state that the new lighting DOES NOT in any way, shape or form enhance it.
It in fact diminishes the ability to see at night as you will note from the two images (one before the change and the other after), and increases the chances of people lurking around during the hours of

darkness to commit crime! Let the people of Newton Aycliffe decide!
On a positive note, I would like to thank DCC for 'getting into the spirit' of darkening our streets for Halloween, but

can we please have our old lighting back?
I also doubt we will see a reduction in our Council Tax for the supposed savings this will make for the Council?
Angry Council Tax Payer!

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Young People's Voices and Groundwork in Action



Working with the charity Groundwork "Young People's Voices" at Silverdale Community Centre first put together an Action Plan and brainstormed different ideas of what they could do for their community whilst having fun. Some of the ideas they came up with were: Creating a place for people to go to who take drugs who want help, raising money for charity, a quiet garden with flowers for elderly people, a better place for children, bullying mentors, making bird boxes. These were just a handful of many ideas they came up with. The young people all agreed that they would like to raise money for charity and they decided as Children In Need is coming up that they would donate any money raised for that cause. As Halloween was upon us the young people thought it would be a good idea to do a Halloween Cake Sale at the Centre and show off their baking skills making cakes, biscuits and brownies. They

invited family and friends to come along, donate and enjoy their creations. Some of the young people designed posters to promote the cake sale to the community and hoped many would come and enjoy a cuppa and a cake!

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Golf Club Saviour Wanted for Woodham

Dear Sir,
I was upset to read that due to financial troubles Woodham Golf Club was closed. The problem has always been that all the owners have not been interested in running a golf club and clubhouse. All they were interested in was trying to develop the land for housing, neglecting the golf course business. Many of the older members will be devastated by the closure, some of them playing golf there seven days a week, and not just the golf but the whole social event of meeting friends. If someone who was interested in running a Golf Club and could finance the purchase without any large loans, this club could be profitable.
The clubhouse business could be developed for weddings and private functions as well as the bar and restaurant facility with social membership available as well as golf membership. I really do hope that a saviour can be found to purchase this tremendous facility who will concentrate on running a golf club. I am sure there would be 100 percent help from the members, many of whom would give their time and expertise to help any future owner.
Bill Amos

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Coffee Morning for Charity Family Activities at Greenfield Arts



Last week, Chapters Counselling & Training had some fun with a very pink theme, raising money for Breast Cancer Care's 'Pink Friday'. The whole week was great fun, both staff and students dressed up in pink, made (and ate) pink cakes and drank coffee. Our pink week concluded with a

coffee morning on Friday, bringing together students past and present. The whole event allowed us to enjoy some quality time together as an organisation and at the same time raised a total of £142.80 for the charity. This coffee morning was a lot of fun as well as a huge success, just like the others

we have had in the past, and hopefully the others we aim to have in the future for other charities.

Last week was October half term and we had a busy week at Greenfield Arts! On Tuesday and Wednesday we were joined by local families for two FREE Family Fun Days which included Big Draw Activities, Out of the Bag Sculpture making, Pro Energy Installation, "What Makes you Feel Good," Henna Tattoos, Broomstick making and Hula Hooping! Over 150 people attended over 2 days, all of whom had a great time enjoying the variety of activities on offer. On Thursday we had our popular Family Cooking sessions with Season to Taste – the families created delicious Goulash and Gingerbread skeletons throughout the day! Friday was the last of our Film Festival screenings taking place at Community Centres across Aycliffe as

part of Family learning Month. The group of young people watched "Hotel Transylvania" in honour of Halloween! The activity for Family Learning Month continued into the weekend with two successful "Out of the Bag" sessions at Agnew Community Centre and Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Families joined artist Jilly Greenwood for creative sessions using unusual and recycled materials! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the artists, facilitators and Community Centres for their help in making this year's Family Learning Month such a success, and to all the families who joined us, we hope you had as much as we did and that we will see you at our future family events! Family Learning Month is



now over, but we still have two Out of the Bag sessions which will take place on Saturday 7th December at Woodham Community Centre from 10am – 11:30am, and Sunday 8th December at Greenfield Arts from 10:30am – 12pm. Contact us to book a place!

NOT A 'BRIGHT' IDEA!

Dear Sir,
This is the first time I have felt so incensed about a change, which has to the best of my knowledge, just been arbitrarily thrust upon the communities within Newton Aycliffe and possibly, following the reading of the latest issue of the Newton News, the whole of County Durham, with little or no public consultation. I am referring to the very recent introduction of new street lighting. Due to the continuing need for the Council to find further savings in their budget, which I completely appreciate is a serious challenge, I stand aghast that they then go out and commence a programme of replacing a large proportion of the street lighting in residential areas. Surely the cost of this upon

the budget must be huge. Not only have they undertaken this significant change but they seem to have failed to consult with the community. Well Durham County Council please sit up and listen to us and suspend the roll out of your programme of replacement of street lighting until have undertaken the following:
1. Consulted with your local communities
2. Undertaken an evaluation of the impact of these changes on issues such as road safety and the impact on potential increase in crime such as ASB and burglary.
I for one now feel deeply concerned about feeling safe when I return to my home after work, this is now more noticeable after the clocks changed last week. I am also concerned about road safety, particularly as the roads on

most estates have dual usage as footpaths and I am sure that before much longer there will be a serious accident as it is significantly darker in all residential areas where this lighting has been installed. I have read the Council's initial response to the complaints and concerns already raised and this is what has been the final straw for me. Stop hiding behind technical statistics about LED lighting the benefits of 'white light' and reducing carbon emissions. Get out from behind your desks and computers when it is dark outside and see for yourselves how poor the lighting has become. Talk to your communities (talking is cheap) and stop this roll out before it is too late. Denise Curtis-Haigh Karles Close

HALLOWEEN REVELLERS AT THE COBBLERS



Dear Sir
I was at the Cobblers Pub on Friday 1st of November when a bunch of people came in dressed up for Halloween, who were not children! The group of local residents were all dressed go to a house party nearby and always dress up for the occasion. I took a picture as I thought they looked great and worthy of a mention in the Newton News. The Hostess for the house party was Cath (second from the left, a delightful lady!). I had never met the group before, but thought "such fun" should be reported!
Jim (Rory) Gallagher

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Care Home Improvements Newtonians Wake Up! Driving School Expands

Aycliffe Care Home, part of Akari Care, has undergone a major refurbishment as part of a £12 million investment programme in its homes throughout the UK.

The home has benefited from a complete re-decoration to improve the surroundings for residents. Social areas throughout the home have been refurbished to include new furniture, carpets and curtains in lounges, new lighting, all of which will help residents and improve their surroundings.

To make the residents' personal space more comfortable, bedrooms have been redecorated and all have new carpets, curtains and furniture. New bathroom suites have been installed and modern assisted baths fitted, which is making bathing a lot easier and more comfortable. Located on Burnhope Way, Aycliffe Care Home is a purpose built 54 bedded home providing 24 hour care for general residential and dementia care with nursing. It aims to maintain lifestyles



Back L-R: Doreen Bonnar, Manager with Linda Summerson, Care Assistant.
Front: Residents Fred Archer (88) and Elizabeth Brown (91)

as similar as possible to those enjoyed at home, with an extensive range of activities which individuals can enjoy and benefit from. Mrs Doreen Bonnar, Manager said: "The environment of a care home is so important to the well-being of the residents. Quality is at the heart of everything we do and that includes the environment of our bedrooms and communal areas. Everything is geared towards achieving positive

outcomes for the people who live in our homes and this major investment is making a real difference to our residents. "The home looks fantastic and we have had lots of positive comments from our residents' relatives, visitors and members of staff about the work that has been completed. Most importantly, our residents coped well with the refurbishment and are settling in to their new-look surroundings."

Dear Sir,
I see Woodham golf club has gone. Curry Express, FeastLand Takeaway, Superdrug, M&Co McMahons Fruit Shop has gone just to name a few over the last few months. Taylors Newsagents is to close soon. Others shops say that they are thinking of closing. Then there are other Aycliffe businesses that are also struggling due to lack of support from

Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church will feature "THE FIRST GRADER", the triumphant true story of one man's battle to overcome his past in order to be educated. Full of humour and vitality, it tells the shocking story of British colonial rule in Kenya and also the remarkable story of an 84 year-old's determination to learn in the face of adversity. It will be shown on Wednesday 13th November at 1-15pm. Tea and coffee at 1pm included in the £2 and EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME. For further details please ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Newtonians.
It seems Aycliffe people want to live in a ghost town and yet whinge on about having nothing to do here.

A Free film show by Greenfield Arts had only 10 people turn up. The Youth Centre complain that few are turning up for their free events. I went to a free family event held by Aycliffe Young Talent Project on Saturday night at Planet Leisure and there was about 50 people there enjoying a free night of music that would have beat any holiday camp or stage show in a resort overseas. Why wasn't it bursting at the seams?

In my opinion the majority of people in Aycliffe are lazy! Is this a typical Newtonian? Buy everything at Tesco instead of using the small shops that have served Aycliffe well over the years. Stay in at night and watch the TV and eat microwave meals and then whinge away on facebook about the Telly being rubbish and there is nothing to do.

WAKE UP EVERYONE, while there is plenty to do for free or at cheap prices and you still have shops other than Tesco! Get yourself into gear and make the most of Aycliffe - Use It Or Lose It!
Ian (AYTP)



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TOWN CENTRE PLAY ITEMS

Dear Sir,
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Patricia Syms

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ROMAN SHORTLISTED
FOR TWO AWARDS

Aycliffe based manu-facturer, Roman Limited, recently launched a new designer range of Shower Enclosures, the Decem Range. This new collection has been shortlisted as Product of the Year at the Northern Design Awards, which take place in Manchester on the 22nd November. Also shortlisted for Plumbing Product of the year, at the national Build It awards, is their Roman Shield Complete Tanking Kit, which offers a quick and easy way to install a water-tight wetroom. The Kit has been shortlisted alongside two other products and the winner will be revealed on the 21st November. David Osborne, Managing Director comments: "Our Complete Tanking Kit is no stranger to awards having two others, including the Homebuilding and Renovating Bathroom Product of the Year and the Kitchen's, Bedrooms and Bathrooms Reader's Choice Award for Best Bathroom Product. We are excited at the prospect of adding another award to the collection." The Decem Collection, manufactured at Aycliffe was launched in August this year and so far the feedback has been fantastic. David comments; "Our retail partners have been extremely enthusiastic about the range and we have seen displays quickly being established UK-wide. The bespoke-ability of the range has also stimulated much interest from the contract market, with architects and specifiers excited about the option to create something totally made to measure." Roman's Decem Range and Roman Shield Tanking Kits are available UK wide from specialist bathroom retailers. Mr. Osborne continues: "We are thrilled to have been



shortlisted for two totally different product awards within such a short-space of time. The Build It Awards highlight products which are practical and easy to use, to make the installer's life simple; whereas the Northern Design Awards focus on innovative and stunning product design. We are delighted to see that our product range fits into both of these briefs. "We are particularly excited about the recognition of our new Decem Range for the Northern

Design Awards - this is a range we have carefully developed and nurtured; that we have not only designed, but that we have also expertly manufactured right here in the UK. This range is a culmination of everything we have learnt about showering over the last 28 years, so to have been shortlisted for an award in these early stages after launch is fantastic." Roman has previously won a Northern Design Award for their Sculptures Range of enclosures.

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Aycliffe Manufacturers
Can Benefit from £539,000

Manufacturers in Newton Aycliffe are set to receive a major boost this week, with news that they can tap into £539,000 of additional support to help them expand and create jobs. The Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) has secured the funding from the North East European Regional Development Fund Programme and will be using the additional money to assist a further 122 manufacturers across the North East. For the first time, MAS will be able to provide 'transformational' support worth up to £10,000 to help companies looking to significantly grow by entering new markets, developing products or implementing strategic change projects. Lorraine Holmes, Area Director for the Manufacturing Advisory Service, explained: "This funding is excellent news and reinforces our ability to give specialist advice and guidance that unlocks the potential of manufacturers in the North East. "We are increasingly seeing new opportunities coming online through re-shoring and major inward investment into the UK and we need to ensure our SMEs are in a position to take advantage of them." She continued: "This is where

MAS comes into the equation and the fact we can offer even bigger 'transformational' support will allow us to make even more of a difference to SMEs in the supply chain." The Manufacturing Advisory Service is delivered in the region by WMMC and funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Under the additional ERDF funding, Newton Aycliffe manufacturers will receive an in-depth business review from a specialist Manufacturing Advisor, who will help them to develop an action plan that can be used to determine the level of financial support they are eligible for. The emphasis will be on major strategic change projects that will result in significant process improvement, supply chain development, diversification and, ultimately, result in job creation. Councillor Neil Foster, Deputy Chair of the North East ERDF Local Management Committee, said: "MAS provides valuable support to small manufacturers in the North East. Through this new Growth Programme more SMEs will benefit from access to enhanced services ranging from business reviews to strategic and technical advice to improve productivity and

competitiveness. "It's important that we maintain these important services and I am delighted that we have been able to provide £539,000 of ERDF support to ensure this is on offer." The Manufacturing Advisory Service has also recently launched 'Manufacturing Matters', a two month campaign designed to showcase England's manufacturing SMEs - a sector that currently accounts for more than 110,000 businesses, 1.1 million jobs and a major share of £140bn of annual GDP. The initiative, which has its own dedicated website at manufacturingmatters.mymas.org, will look to discuss key challenges and opportunities, whilst opening up dialogue with the media, politicians and major industry influencers to ensure the right support is in place to encourage growth and future job creation. It will then culminate with a special week of activities on November 25th that will include the launch of the next MAS Barometer, a series of debates and events covering topics such as innovation, skills, international trade and access to finance. To take advantage of the new support, please contact 0845 658 9600, visit www.mymas.org or follow @mas_works on twitter.

Magical Show at
Shildon Civic Hall

Take a magical story, add a few songs, stir with a little chocolate and you will be enjoying our new production, The Witches. The adventure takes place in a hotel as our favourite grandma taking her grandson on holiday, searches for some comfort after being ill. But it soon emerges that a conference in the hotel isn't all it looks, and then the adventure begins. We soon find out that those nasty Witches we all hear about, especially at Halloween, don't always wear black, a pointed hat and ride on a broomstick. I can tell you though, the one thing the fairy tales do get right, they are nasty, ugly creatures who hate children. So what happens next! Well, if you really want to know how you can tell if the lady on the next table is a witch, then I'm sorry, you'll have to join Shildon CentreStage this month at The Shildon Civic Hall for this super Production for all the family. The musical score for this show has everything from the classic I Will Survive, Don't Stop Believing to a modern One Direction Hit, with a little Holiday Camp dancing added for good measure. Then, and only then, will

you know next time you go for Sunday lunch to the Civic Hall or to one of our local Pubs, is the lady sat opposite really a witch. You can also find out what happens when Grandma and her Grandson take on the Witches and their plan for the children of the World. Director, Andrew Timmiss, from Aycliffe says "Everyone knows this great story, and we have added some really good songs which I know audiences of all ages will sing along to. I'm sure everyone who comes will love this production." So join us Friday 15th November 7.30pm, Saturday 16th 2pm), and then Sunday 17th 2pm for this great production. Once again, we are making our show very affordable by keeping our prices low £4 adults £2.50 for the kids and cons. Book your tickets today to get the best seats by phoning 01388 774838/01325 313363 or book on line <http://www.shildontheatretickets.webs.com>, doors open 30 minutes before curtain up. We are a community group and we do need your support to help keep groups like ourselves alive. So please avoid getting a spell put on you, and order today!

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Peter Hardy

BNI Aycliffe Launched Exclusive New Business Club



75 local business people attended Redworth Hall for the launch presentation of Leaders Business Network International (BNI) given by local businessman Alan Foster of Design365. The group which meet on a weekly basis with the sole purpose of finding each other business has already reached 30 members after 14 weeks and is aiming to be at 50 members in the near future passing £3 million pounds worth of invoiced business. Unlike other Networking groups, BNI focus more on referral generation than networking by getting to know, like and trust each other in



Alan Foster standing with left to right: Teresa Kingston, Kevin Lee and Paul Gilsenam

THANK YOU GREENFIELD

Dear Sir
As you can appreciate, finding activities and a steady flow of money can be a challenge to many parents during school holidays. I and my two children would like to give a big thank you all the staff at Greenfield Arts for providing two days of great fun and education. It is clear to see that they are a dedicated and committed staff team and deserve every credit.
Richard pp Ellena & Joseph

TEXT VOTING NEEDED FOR AYCLIFFE SINGER

After doing well and getting through her first audition with Open Mic UK, Deborah Taylor-Smith was raring to go to sing in the regional final at the Tyne Theatre in Newcastle. She sang her version of a "Thousand Years" by Christina Perry and was fourth up to sing. The talent from all the competitors was amazing. Special guests included Giles Potter from X Factor. Three acts were chosen by judges and one chosen from audience votes. Deborah wasn't one of them, but she had an amazing experience singing in front of judges and an audience. "Although I didn't make it I still have a chance as there is one space up for grabs through the wildcard option" said Deborah. The lines are open until 17th November and she needs votes to get her through to one step away from performing at the O2 Arena in London. Please text wildcard 467 to 84222 to vote for Deborah Taylor-Smith from Newton Aycliffe! Texts cost £1 plus standard rate message.

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On Wednesday 9th October students, parents and staff from St John's School and Sixth Form College, a Catholic Academy gathered together to celebrate their Year 7 Welcome Mass. During the Mass students were officially welcomed into the school community.

The Mass also celebrated the festival of Harvest, a time when people thank God for what they have and share what they have with those less fortunate.

During the weeks leading up to the Mass some students from Mrs Palmer's class which included Ben Chambers, Amelia Eland, Emma Jordan, James Lowther, James Million, Paige Ross, Alexander Sams, Lucy Slater and Leah Thompson launched an appeal in their year group for students to donate non-perishable food for the local food bank.

Jean Clarke from Woodhouse Church collected the food and was especially grateful for the student's generosity. The food will be distributed to those who need it the most in Bishop Auckland and the surrounding areas.

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RETAILERS in Darlington can look forward to a bumper Christmas, after a special incentive to offer free parking in the run-up to the festive season has been given the green light.

A campaign by business improvement district, Distinct Darlington, to run a "free after 3" parking scheme from Saturday December 7 up to Tuesday December 24 was last night (Nov 5) rubber stamped at a Cabinet meeting of Darlington Borough Council. The scheme initially was set to run in just off-street council car parks but has been extended to include Duke Street and Grange Road .

NUISANCE FIREWORKS

Mrs. Taylor, who recently moved to Newton Aycliffe, has been distressed by the misuse of fireworks let off two weeks before November 5th. She says in her previous home in Bridlington the law was strictly enforced, but here she fireworks are being heard from 10.30am until midnight and is very frightening for animals and an annoyance to people.

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EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

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Planet Leisure Bowling League

It's been another fantastic week's bowling and the Clangers have gone back to the top of the league beating the Bowl Movement 6-2. Last week's top team the M&M'S shared the points 4-4 with the Wenwees, and M&M'S drop down a place. The Misfits won their outstanding game with the Wenwees 6-2. The Misfits were beaten by The Pinheads in the next game by 6-2. The Pinheads were last year's champions both Ron & Mark Baptist had three good games. Ron

bowled a 170-152-172 = 494. Mark bowled 175-200-165 = 540 combined scratch 1034 pins with the handicap totalled 1226. They moved into second place in the league on pin fall. Three teams all on the same 20 points only the pin fall separates them: The Pinheads, M&M'S and Strike Force, who still have a game to play. The Clanger hold the top place by one point at 21 points. Misfits have 18 points, Wenwees have 14 with the Late Starters, Shildon Striker on 10 points. The Optimists have 9 points and last place are the Bowl Movement on 6 points who have one outstanding game to play against the Strike Force.

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AYCLIFFE GYMNASTS IN NORTHERN FESTIVAL



Last Saturday two teams of Gymnasts from Athena Sports Academy made the journey to Newcastle to take part in Gymfusion 2013, part of British Gymnastics festivals programme, whose aim is to offer a fun and exciting performance opportunity to Gymnasts of all ages and abilities. 400 gymnasts made the trip to the University for this exciting annual event. Every year the Festival takes on a theme, and this year was "Once Upon A Time". Athena, Sports Academy, based at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre and Aycliffe Leisure Centres, were joined by many Squads based in the North, including Newcastle, Teesside,

North Yorkshire, Liverpool and Lancashire. 18 squads performed to a sell out crowd. Athena had 2 squads for the event, as well as their mainstream squad and were also joined by a superb Disability Group who performed a version of Little Red Riding Hood. The inspirational performance was superbly choreographed by Head Coach, Gerry Fuller. During the programme many of the groups came up with interesting story lines, including Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz and War of the Worlds. Athena's coaches Samantha Robson and Brittainy Fuller, after last years successful Gymfusion had to better last year's efforts and they certainly

didn't disappoint. This year's, "In a land Far Away", was a brilliant arrangement of all elements of Gymnastics brought together in a fantastic routine which was delivered by all gymnasts with ease. Athena Sports Academy have their own Gymnastics Showcase coming soon with a Christmas Display at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 7th December. This year's theme is Musicals, so all the recreation classes will put together routines to all your favourite musical numbers. Also included in the showcase will be the not to be missed Gymfusion Routines which will blow you away. Look out for more news on the Christmas Display in the coming weeks.

WILDCATS GO DOWN TO HARD-WORKING RIDERS

Durham Wildcats played host to reigning BBL league and play-off champions Leicester Riders on Sunday afternoon at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The game began at a frantic pace with both teams trading baskets in a closely fought first quarter that the visitors edged by just one point. Durham had never previously beaten the Riders, the most established of the 12 BBL franchises. So when the Wildcats opened a double digit lead half way through the second period, it looked like Coach Davies and his team could have been on to something very special. Leicester grabbed the final score of the half reducing the home team's advantage to 8. Coach Paternostro and his Riders team have only lost one game this season, and when they made four quick baskets in the opening minutes of the third quarter, they looked much more like the team that lifter three of the available four BBL trophy's last season. Leicester outscored the home team 30 points to 11 in a devastating third quarter to take control the game heading into the last period. Durham fought hard in the final 10 minutes with Devin Ginty taking his tally to 15 points for the afternoon and Danny Huffor contributing a number of baskets to take his figure to 14. Leicester however showed their experience to close out the game and take the points

back to the East Midlands, final score, Wildcats 58 - Riders 75. Speaking immediately after the game, Coach Lee Davie reflected on a tough afternoon, "It was a disappointing final score for us. We were in control of the game going into the half-time break but came out flat in the third and stopped executing our game plan. We lost our focus and that was most definitely the turning point. We had to manage some injuries before and during the game which didn't help matters, but I can't take anything away from Leicester, there is a reason they are the number one side in Britain right now." The attention of Davie and his team now turns to next weekend's clash with Birmingham Knights; "We have a full week now to prepare and iron out any issues ahead of Birmingham. It was disappointing to lose our home unbeaten record against Leicester, but we are determined to get back to winning ways in front of our home fans next weekend. Birmingham will provide another a tough opposition, they have a lot of home grown talent but we are determined to make things right on Sunday. Durham Wildcats host Birmingham Knights on Sunday 10th November - tip off 4pm. Tickets on sale now and can be purchased online at www.godurhamwildcats.com.

LOCAL SPORT

Aycliffe FC back in Top Half of League

After a string of frustrating results on the road recently, Newton Aycliffe will have been glad to be back home on Saturday. With Hebburn Town the visitors, and firmly rooted to the bottom of the table it was a game Aycliffe had targeted for the 3 points. New signing Harrison Davies was given a start on the left of the Aycliffe midfield, and he turned in a very positive first performance. The game started brightly for Aycliffe, with chances for leading scorer Jamie Owens, as well as 2 Michael Gibson efforts, the second of which rebounded off the bar. However in the 20th minute, Aycliffe conceded. A Hebburn corner from their left was swung into the box, and although Young in the Aycliffe goal protested strongly, his challenge was unsuccessful, as Costello headed into the net. Whatever Allan Oliver said to the players at half time though was clearly effective! Just 5 minutes into the second half and the two forwards linked up well. On this occasion Wilson was the provider as he slipped the ball through to Owens, who managed to lift the ball over the advancing keeping and into the net. Three minutes later and the game had been turned on its head! Quick thinking from an Aycliffe corner on the right led

to Michael Gibson and Stuart Owen working a short corner. Owen drilled a cross into the box where Owens was on hand to slot home. In the 68th minute, the game saw a fourth goal. Owens turned provider on this occasion, with good play down the left. His cross was met at the far post by Michael Gibson, with his first goal for the Royal Blues. In the 75th minute and nearly a moment to savour...James Oliver, holder of the longest goal drought now in the Aycliffe squad somehow found himself through on goal. However the keeper ruined his big moment with an excellent save to turn his shot onto the bar! A much improved performance from Aycliffe in the second half. The deserved 3 points see them back up into the top half of the league table. With no midweek game this week, next up for Aycliffe is a trip to Bedlington next Saturday. Supporters are also reminded that the Club's Xmas Fayre takes place on 30th November prior to the trip to Morpeth so get the date in the diary now! In addition, anyone requiring further information about the Herbalife products is asked to contact the Club directly. Finally, if anyone is interested or able to act as a sales outlet for the Christmas raffle, could they contact Barry Waters.

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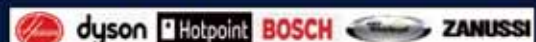
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the Town Council to answer
comments when services

were changed without prior
notice, leaving many would
be passengers totally bemused.
The problems at that time
arose from the withdrawal of
the No.16 (operated by Scarlet
Band) followed by Arriva

rerouting their services and the
unreliability of the services.
This left residents of the
Agnews, Avon Court and
Bluebell estates without a
service from Tesco that they
had previously enjoyed.
When the new Town Bus
service was proposed I was
consulted about this omission,
but the proprietor decided on
an alternative route. This left
people only with a service to
Churchill House end of town.
Residents of other areas of the
town have since tried to dilute
the service we have whilst
retaining all their services.
Surely this "rob Peter to pay
Paul" approach is not the way
forward. Improvement in
services to all areas of Newton
Aycliffe is needed. Arriva's
Paul de Santis admitted at the
Council meeting that he did not
know Aycliffe, but at the same
time did not convince me (I was
a Town Councillor at the time)
that he was prepared to look
further at the townspeople's
needs. The County Council
Officer offered no assistance
at all.

The only way to get improved
services that I can see is to form
a local "Users Group" to act as
a pressure group approaching
public transport operators and
the County Council for their
support.

There is a proposal for
an integrated transport
authority based on an
enlarged "Nexus" area and
a proposal was put forward
for the Middlesborough to
Darlington rail to be converted
to a tramway. It would appear
that we are in between these
schemes and could lose out,
hence my proposal for this new
pressure group.

Some ideas:
Extend one No.7 service per
hour limited stop from Durham
to Newcastle via Metro Centre.
Review Town Bus Services in
light of increased housing in
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Encourage Bus operators to
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This is what they thought...
Ebony: "My best part was visiting Kath who knew my mam and family."

Sophie: "I enjoyed seeing the smiles on people's faces. We even got a donation to help in our work."

James: "Ruby was funny; she told great jokes and made me smile."

Leo: "The best part was visiting



Helen; the shock on her face when she saw us, then the smile when she realised we had brought her a gift."

We will keep you updated on our work in the coming month.
By St. Mary's Mini Vinnies

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TOWN COUNCIL APPLY FOR BOUNDARY REVIEW

Eldon Whins is Natural Expansion

At last Wednesday's meeting The Town Council discussed the future of land formerly occupied by Elmfield School, now demolished. Durham County Council propose to sell the land for housing and this was thought to be acceptable as long as the houses were bungalows from a £½million put aside for affordable homes. The Council heard of proposals to build a Community Centre on the site, but some considered this unwanted as previous centres received little local support - in fact Greenfield Hall was converted to a church. Counc Gray thought there would be a demand for a school again in that area as there was a general shortage of student places in the town. The Leader Bob Fleming said

if there was a demand it would come from the east of the town where 900 new homes were to be built. He also mentioned that Vane Road School was past its sell by date and as the building contained asbestos needed to be modernised. The report was accepted with a request the Elmfield site be used for building bungalows. Discussion followed on the Durham County Local Plan relating to the development of 900 houses at Copelaw which Cllr Fleming said would have massive implications, taking houses as far south as Ayclife Village. It was agreed to invite the DCC Chief Planning Officer to address the Council to explain the proposals.

A heated debate followed over the changes of boundaries for The Chesnuts and Eldon Whins. Previously the council were keen to bring these two areas within Great Aycliffe, but objections from both Councils, in whose parish they are currently located, are being raised.

It was accepted that an argument with Heighington and Darlington over the Chesnuts would be a long process and should not be pursued at this time. However Eldon Whins was not even built yet and as it was in the original Aycliffe Master Plan it should be reviewed under Community Governance procedures.

When built the residents of Eldon Whins would be using Aycliffe's infrastructure, environment and resources and to affect community cohesion they should come naturally within the Great Aycliffe boundary. The alternative would leave Middridge and Eldon Whins separated by two large fields. Counc. Clare was alone in opposing this view and thought it wrong to cause harm to our relationship with Middridge and fight them on this issue. Counc Adam in proposing the motion said he did not want to upset anyone but this is a legal process which the Town Council have a duty to pursue.

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Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who stopped and helped us on Monday 28th on Burn Lane when our dog was knocked over, especially the man who took us to the vets. Amanda and John

CAIRNS 50th Wedding Anniversary. Ellen and Les have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a visit to their Son and family in Sydney, Australia (many memorable moments). Ellen and Les met at Eldon Lane Dance in the late fifties, married at St Mark's Church, Eldon on 26th October 1963. They spent the next 9 mths living in Les's home town of Ashington, moving to Newton Aycliffe in 1964, where they have lived happily ever since. Bringing up a Son Philip and Daughter Andrea, who between then have three lovely Grandsons. They would like to thank dear friends and loving family for all cards, gifts, texts, emails and phone calls received, especially transport to and from the airport. Thanks to all from Ellen and Les.

A BIG THANK YOU to all my friends and relations for the beautiful cards, gifts and flowers for my 75th birthday and a big thank you to Pauline Mitchell for a fantastic birthday cake. "What a wonderful day I had". Love you all, Evelyn Edwards xxx
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Support Poppy Appeal at Charity Night

The town's Rotary Club is 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. Ring 300212 or after hours 320901.

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, Gretna 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.

In Memoriam

Earle Raymond Fletcher

10th November 2007

In loving memory of a beloved Husband Ray, from your loving Wife, Bea xxx and an adored and loved Dad, Grandad and Brother. Asleep in God's garden with my precious daughter Anthea xxx

JULIE REED In loving memory of Julie, died 8th November 1999. Gone from our lives, but still living on in our hearts. Love you forever, Mam and Dad xxxxx

Obituary

BENITA HILL (nee Hume), aged 75 years, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on 2nd November, of The Oaks, Woodham. Beloved Wife of the late James (Jim); precious Mam of Katrina and Maxine; dear Mother-in-Law of Stephen and Jeff and a loving Nana and Great Nana. Funeral on Thursday 7th November. Would friends please meet for Service in St. Mary's RC Church, Newton Aycliffe at 1.15pm followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6EN. May She Rest In Peace

SHELDON, Newton Aycliffe. 31st October, peacefully. William Martin (Bill) aged 89 years. Dearly loved Husband of Mary; a beloved Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Tuesday 12th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 11.00am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service, may be given at the crematorium or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

PURSER On 30th October, Leatrice, aged 84 years. Much loved Wife of Fred; Loving Mam of Fred and Mother-in-Law of Julie; also a much loved Nana of Lewis and Lloyd. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 14th November, at 11.00am. To be followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

ETHERIDGE of Aycliffe Village. 1st November, peacefully after a long illness borne with great courage and determination. Tony aged 68 years, much loved Husband of Wendy; devoted Dad of Anthony; dear Father-in-law; very special Grandad; cherished Brother-in-law of Joy-Marie and Georgie and a dear Son-in-law of Hazel. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral on Monday 11th November. Would friends kindly meet for a Service of Thanksgiving for Tony's life in St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village at 12:45pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of Acl Scout Group would be much appreciated and may be given to the funeral director Mr Bryan A. Shepherd.

ERIC WINTRELL died 7th November 2010, also Brother Reg who died in the USA on 6th June 2013. Your memory still lives on in those whose lives you touched. For nothing loved is ever lost and you were both loved so much. Sister Jean

JACQUELINE BARION 08/11/2012. In loving memory. Can't believe it's been a year since you left us Mam, think about you and miss you every day. But I know you are up in the sky looking down on us. Hope I'm doing you proud. Love you millions, love, Rachel and Lucas xxxxx

JACQUELINE BARION 08/11/2012. In loving memory. I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart. Forever and always, Pete - Till we meet again. xxxxx

JACQUELINE BARION - 08/11/2012. In loving memory. Daughter, We'll never see your face again or hear your gentle voice, we had to let you go for we had no other choice. We've searched our hearts for answers and asked endless questions why, yet we still cannot understand no matter how we try. In life you were loved dearly, in death we still love you, there'll always be a place in our hearts that only you can fill. Love from Mam xxx

SANDRA ANN FARRELL 3/4/1965 - 8/9/2001. Until they are no longer there no one knows the sorrow. Few have seen us weep, we cry from broken hearts, while others are asleep. Sadly we love love you always, Mum, Dad, Helen, Laura and Millie xxxxx

BOB DOUGLASS 12-11-2011. Dear Dad, loved and remembered every day. Always in our thoughts. Alan, John, Tracy, Rob and Grandchildren xxx

BOB DOUGLASS 12-11-2011. My darling Husband, forget you I never will, because in my heart I keep you still. Love you always, Grace xxx

HARRY DENHAM 11-11-10. A special Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Greatly missed. Love from all the family xxx

DAVID COLLIER 6th November 1998. There is always a face before me, a voice I would love to hear, a smile I will always remember of a Brother I loved so dear. Deep in my heart lies a picture more precious than silver or gold, a picture of my Brother David, whose memory will never grow old. Forever in my thoughts. Your loving Sister Irene, Brother-in-Law Bill and all the family xxxxx

GEORGE SMITH Died 11-11-2011. As time goes by George, memories remain. Through the sun and the wind, the snow and the rain. I think of you often, you are still be my side, every day darling Brother, like the ongoing tide. Love you always George. Our Mam and Dad and those you love embrace you now. Margaret, Tommy and family xxx

FRED MOUNSEY Passed away on Friday 12th November 2004. Time passes, memories stay, quietly remembered every day. Never forgotten by Wife Edna and all the family

Congratulations

Michael Hammond



Happy 40th Birthday - 8th November

Happy 40th birthday, all my love, Kerry xxxxx
Michael is 40 today. Love, Mam and Dad xx
Happy 40th you old fart, love from Gareth & Ellie xx
Happy 40th birthday. Lots of love, Carole and Tom xx
Happy 40th birthday. All our love, Kristy, Dave, Holly and Phoebe xxxxx
Happy birthday Mickely, Pikely Spider Legs. Love Karen and Calv xx

Laura and Liam Armstrong



Happy 11th and 10th Birthday

Lots of love from Mam, Dad and your Brothers xxxxx

Thomas Williamson



Happy 18th Birthday

11th November 1995
Happy 18th Tom. "Let the beers flow". Love, Mam and Dad xxxxx
Happy 18th Tomma. Love, Jack xxx
Happy 18th to Grandson Tom. Gramps and Grandma

Thomas Williamson



Happy 18th Birthday

Thomas
11th November 1995
Love you loads. Nan, Auntie Nic, Uncle Craig, Finley and Uncle Geoff xxxxx

Connor Collin

21 TODAY

9th November 1992
Happy 21st birthday to the best Bro in the world! Love, Elissa xxx
Happy 21st birthday to a special Son. All our love from Mam and Craig xxx
Happy 21st birthday on 9th November to the best Nephew ever. We are very proud of you. Love from Beverley, Neil and Jordan xxx
Happy 21st birthday to a special Grandson. Lots of love from Grandma and Granda xxx

Ian Bateman

Congratulations on achieving your bus pass. After waiting patiently for 61 years and 10 months you finally reached your ultimate goal in life. Well done mate. Alan and Jean

ANDREW BAILEY Happy 28th birthday. Hope you enjoyed your surprise trip to Dublin! Love you lots, Gemma xxx

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Bronze Medal for U/15's



Sedgefield Water Polo Club travelled to the Manchester Aquatic Centre to play in the National under 15's Championships for boys against the best other 11 teams from around the country. Sedgefield started off against Hertfordshire champions

Watford who they drew with in last years Championships. Sedgefield scored some quality goals and led 6 -5 at half time and in the second half Sedgefield took control to win 10-6. In their second game they were up against Welsh

champions Cumbran and in a similar pattern to the first game Sedgefield led by one at halftime 5-4 but once again they dominated the second half to win 10-6. In the quarter finals Sedgefield were up against Paignton and dominated from the start to win 10-3.

In the semifinal Sedgefield were up against one of the favourites London Invicta. The score was 2-2 at half time and Sedgefield were 6-4 up with 2 minutes to go when some very controversial decisions went against Sedgefield to allow the London team to win in the last few seconds 7-6.

The Sedgefield players were very disappointed but regrouped for the bronze medal playoff against Western Champions Cheltenham. Sedgefield gave a great performance to defeat Cheltenham 10-7 to finish 3rd against all the big city teams in Britain.

Kris Egginton 13 was player of the tournament for Sedgefield with a great all round performance in attack and defence.

John Pratt 14 scored 21 goals and was the tournament's best attacking player.

Aron Mason 14 and Connor Keeble 13 gave a great performance in their defensive role. Richard Murray 13 making his debut at this level made some great saves at vital times. Jake Plant 14 was second top scorer for Sedgefield with 8 goals.

The other members of the Sedgefield team were Ben Stephenson 12, Michael Cousins 13, Niall Coulthard 10, Michael Hampshire 11, Hugh Masterson 13 and Mike Kelly 14.

HUGE CUP WIN FOR AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB

This weekend saw Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC in more cup action, this time, The PMA League Cup against Division One league leaders Argos/DHL.

With both sides undefeated in their relevant divisions this had the markings of a good cup tie with bragging rights to play for. The game started brightly, with both sides trying to stamp their mark on the game from the early stages. It was on 10 mins when the deadlock was broken, Argos/DHL got to the byline and managed to get a cross into the six yard box, which keeper Chris Palmer flapped at as the ball fell to the home side to slot home to make it 1-0. Aycliffe Sports Club quickly regrouped and started to dominate the midfield battle, with Paul Cook and Ryan Stonehouse taking control in the centre with good passing football and tough tackling.

A corner on the half hour mark, dropped neatly onto the penalty spot and saw Centre Half (and Captain for the day) Mark Craggs rise higher than his marker to head home the equalizer and his first goal of the season. Aycliffe finished the half on top, looking the more confident of the two teams, but the half ended all square at 1-1. Captain Mark Craggs (in photo) with an essential equaliser to get Sports Club back in the game.

The second half started much as the first had ended, with the Sports Club looking to edge ahead and dominating the midfield battles and defending well against the odd attack the home side offered, with Gareth Boyes, filling in at Centre Half, dominating at the back. Both full backs also managed to get in on the action, with Adam Gittins in particular working the left hand side with enormous energy. The lead was finally taken with just 10 minutes remaining, Ryan Stonehouse holding off the Argos Midfield

after good work from Jon Hughes on the right and slotted the ball through to Chris Jones who ran at the defence with pace, rounded the keeper and slotted home his first of the game.

Argos/DHL lifted themselves and advanced on the Sports Club to try and get the equaliser, camping in their half for the next five minutes and with only a minute or two remaining forced an all important corner kick. This saw the home side keeper come up for the corner to try and make numbers count and sneak an equaliser to take the game to extra time. However, Sports Club cleared to Chris Jones who used his pace to run clear from the half way line into the home side goal to finish the game off with a well deserved 3-1 victory.

Next Home League Game against 3 Crowns, K.O: 10:30am, Moore Lane Park (Sunday 10th November)



New Kit for Juniors



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club U7's team have recently received their new kits thanks to Sponsored Premier Kits. The process was lengthy, and involved sponsorship officer Tina Greaves filling out a form giving reasons why we thought the team deserved new kits and equipment.

Coach Jack Slatcher is 18 years of age, and has shown commitment and dedication to the development of U7's teams. He has achieved level 1 coaching, referee badge and is currently studying sports science at university. Jack also received match balls, kit bags, cones and bibs and this will help him to carry on training the teams to a high standard.

The previous U7 team strips are being utilised by the development team helping 4-7 year old's in football skills. If you interested in joining a friendly and progressive junior football club who offer coaching from 4 to 21 years old then please contact us via our website www.najuniorfc.co.uk or facebook page Newton Aycliffe Junior Football club.

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"Spinathon" in Thames Centre

On the 15th November there is a 24 hour Spin-a thon in aid of Children in Need. For those unfamiliar with this it involves cycling on a static bike.

Three slightly mad fundraiser are going to cycle in sessions of 45 minutes each which is 8 hours a person over the 24 hour period. This takes place in the Thames Centre and starts at 10am. There are raffles a disco, cake stands and Billy the Butcher from the Thames Butchers has said he might even make a guest appearance!

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