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"Our volunteers will cheerfully prepare and serve Christmas Lunch for you and it's going to be one big amazing event. Christmas day is where loneliness is felt the most and that's why this event is taking place so our guests have special memories of the day."

There will be lots of fun and laughter and one or two surprises. Every guest attending receives a Christmas gift from Santa Claus.

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Woodham Way on Xmas Day from 12 noon-4pm. If you'd like to secure your place for our dinner please contact us on 07936 431262. Volunteer roles are now open to make this happen - we need the help of kind people in our community.

We have received kind pledges of financial support but we are still far from our target and we need help to make this happen. Every penny is spent on the day so we are looking for individuals and companies who are able to provide Food, Cooks Decorations, Transport and Money.

Volunteers will be asked to do a wide range of tasks, such as: greeting guests at the door preparing the tasty

Xmas meal! Chatting to people. Washing up. Acting as Waiters.

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Town's Rotary Club Philippines Appeal

The town's Rotary Club are taking a collection at Tesco this Saturday for the Philippines Appeal, the proceeds of which will go to Shelterbox. This is an emergency box providing a special tent shelter for up to 10 people, water, cooking utensils, sleeping bags etc. The Rotary Club has already sent £1189 to provide two Shelterboxes and hope Newtonians will help provide more. If you miss the Tesco collection please donate cash at Newton Press offices or Don Walkers Butchers at Simpasturegate.

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CANCER AWARENESS



A Be Clear on Cancer roadshow visited Aycliffe this week to highlight the key symptoms of bladder and kidney cancers amongst the public, as the next phase of the NHS campaign is launched.

Figures show that 195 people were diagnosed with kidney or bladder cancer, and 83 people died of the diseases, in County Durham in 2010. The event aimed to drive awareness of blood in pee, even if it appears just the once as a key symptom of bladder and kidney cancers, and to encourage those who notice the symptom to visit their GP.

Blood in pee could be a symptom of both cancers. However, a recent survey shows that the public don't recognise the seriousness of the sign – almost a third (30 per cent) of people in the North East would wait and see if they spotted blood in their pee again before taking any action, which could delay their diagnosis.

Early diagnosis is crucial to saving lives but not enough people are diagnosed at an early stage. When diagnosed at the earliest stage, one-year survival for bladder and kidney cancers is as high as 92-97%. Yet at a late stage, this drops to just 25-34%.

CHRISTMAS HELP FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

The Helping Hands Team in Newton Aycliffe will soon order ten pallets of good quality food. Alwyn White, project leader says "these pallets represent exceptional value for money as we only have to pay £125.00 for each one when the true value is around £1500.00 each.

The Rotary Club have kindly sponsored four of these pallets and we are now seeking businesses or readers of the Newton News to sponsor the other six. Dave Spensley from Aycliffe Fabrications on the Business Park has kindly offered storage for the pallets. This will give us space to ensure we pack each hamper carefully.

Members of Life Church are heavily involved in this incredible outreach and always seem to get involved with such enthusiasm for which I'm very grateful. They are truly a delight to work with!

We need to be ready with these



provisions as we expect to have an increase in the number of people seeking assistance over the coming weeks ahead leading up to Christmas.

If you are a low income family in need of Christmas help, if you are in need of toys this Christmas for your children and need help in feeding your family on Christmas day we may be able to give

your family some support. Alwyn says, now is the time to contact us. Absolutely nobody should be going without when we have so much to distribute to those with the least in our community. If you need help then we would love to assist and reach out to you in times of trouble, and offer emergency assistance, food and support.

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While in PE, students participated in a choice of activities that included body combat, boxercise, cardio circuit training and indoor rowing. This was then concluded in an inter-tutor dodgeball competition. Things were a little less energetic in Art where students were making salt dough gingerbread men in preparation for their sculptures, based on the artist Sarah Jane Szikora. Sarah visited the school a few



years ago to see some of the art work from our students who had been inspired by her work. In Humanities, it was the Battle of the Sexes as boys and girls competed in a variety of activities and challenges to discover

whether boys were better than girls or vice versa! A fun filled and exciting day was had by all.

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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 disco kickin 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"
A rare performance by the Gatecrashers on 12th March 2011 prompted this review in a local North East 'rag': "The Branding Villa in Gosforth, Newcastle, buzzed with excitement. The place was packed to the rafters with fans as well as musicians from other local bands - all here to spend an evening with the fabulous Gatecrashers. It was the first time I'd seen them with their vibrant new lead vocalist, and I was impressed - so very impressed. Nick (Saints of Arcadia) Jennison has more than enough charisma to set a stage alight, and he can sing - oh, can he sing! Sharing lead guitar with Ant Wright (who provides great backing vocals) they had a ball while entertaining their discerning Geordie audience. Add the brilliant bass guitarist, Dave Hildreth and talented drummer, Doug Hayes to the flavoursome mix - and the Gatecrashers were a big green GO!"

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Our Mayor and M.P. led the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial and the two minute silence was observed with reverence.

As always it was an emotional occasion shared by a good cross section of the community and it was particularly pleasing to see the younger generation represented by scouts, cubs, brownies and cadets.

Rev. Mike Dixon led the Service of Remembrance which again involved young people. In his address he talked of the cost of peace, and misinterpretation of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" explaining in bygone days this was a measured response to what could have been excessive revenge. He suggested we follow the other biblical quotation of "turning the

other cheek". Known for his sense of humour Rev Mike told the story of a tramp who knocked on a door asking for food. The lady of the house gave him some bread and said it was given to him for God's sake. The tramp

looked at the bread and said "Well, for Christ's sake put some butter on it!" He concluded on the message of peace which should not just apply to the armed forces, but in our own town, among ourselves, and our neighbours.



Mayor to Visit Refurbished Surgery

Bewick Crescent surgery are reacting to recent stories involving pressure on Hospital Casualty Departments by opening on Saturday from 8am - 1pm with a Walk-In Surgery. The Surgery has completed major improvements and on Tuesday 19th November the Town Mayor Barbara Clare will officially open the new extension at 1pm. Patients are invited to view the premises and enjoy refreshments up till 2pm when business will recommence. The Surgery enjoyed a record take-up of over 800 flu injections thanks

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Let's Get Together to Improve our Park

Dear Sir,
As a local resident of some years, I wonder if anyone would be interested in forming a "Friends of West Park Group". If so I would be pleased to hear from you. This wonderful park had a prestigious life as a boating lake area, but recently became a little jaded with graffiti on the walls of the local shop becoming the focal point which nobody wants. From my involvement with various local groups I am aware of many projects and ideas being suggested to rejuvenate this fantastic and beautiful park with flowerbeds, benches and restoration of the boating facility, which many of us loved as youngsters; to the provision of a small community centre and housing on the old Elmfield School site. We live in a very different world of government cuts where our councils are under immense pressure to keep a lid on spending. Nevertheless our

community have many skills which can be harnessed for the benefit of Newton Aycliffe and there is a lot of funding out there for voluntary groups to improve the environment where they live. I believe with the support of our Town and County Councillors we could create something we could all be proud of and leave as a legacy to following generations.
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Swain, Jonathan Hogarth and Simon MacConachie (Chairman) of Darlington Round Table with Area Group Scout Leader, Allan Wilson and members of Heighington Baden Powell Scouts in the grounds of Walworth Castle Hotel.

Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church is on Wednesday 20th November and will feature "WAR HORSE". Legendary director Steven Spielberg's epic adventure is a tale of incredible loyalty, hope and tenacity during World War One. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm. Everyone is most welcome, please ring Ric Hargreaves for further details 01325 316755

SUPPORT FOR CCTV TO COMBAT SCHOOL PARKING PROBLEMS

Ron Hogg, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, gives his support to a new initiative aimed at using CCTV (closed circuit television) cameras to reduce parking problems around schools. Seven councils in England are believed to be testing a new system to catch parents or

guardians who park illegally when dropping off children during the school run. Mr Hogg said: "Our children have a right to arrive at school and be collected safely, without the added danger of being knocked over due to illegal parking, or speeding, near schools.

"This is an area of real concern which I am addressing as part of my campaign to tackle road safety issues across County Durham and Darlington. I am working further with partners on this very important issue, which is common across many schools throughout the force area.

"I would ask all drivers in the vicinity of schools at these key times to take additional caution and to reduce their speed. It is also important to park with care and consideration.

Commenting on the CCTV initiative, Mr Hogg said: "Although this is happening elsewhere in the country, I am in full support of this approach. I look forward to seeing whether or not this encourages people to park further away from school instead of inconsiderately blocking footpaths, or illegally parking on double yellow lines".

Further information on this national story can be found on the BBC website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-24801331>

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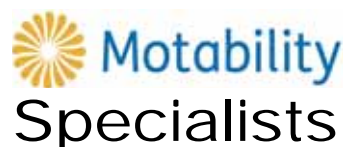
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Aycliffe Students in Barcelona



For the fourth successive year, students from Woodham Academy have spent the half term week on the Costa Brava in Spain. 35 students from years 8-11 accompanied by 3 members of staff travelled to Catalonia and visited many of the sporting and cultural attractions that the city of Barcelona has to offer. Based in the popular tourist destination of Lloret de Mar, students enjoyed the late October Spanish sunshine on arrival at the beach. During the first of two day trips to Barcelona students visited two World Heritage Sites and one of the city's most distinguishable landmarks, the Sagrada Familia. Towering above the city and under construction since 1882, the basilica was designed by architect Antoni Gaudi. Gaudi was also the inspiration behind the students next destination, Parc Guell. After a visit to Port Vell the party made the journey to the Olympic Stadium,

venue for the 1992 Olympic Games. The iconic Nou Camp stadium was the major attraction for the second day in Barcelona. The extensive tour allowed students to explore behind the scenes as they visited the press box, interview area, press room and changing room before following in the footsteps of world greats such as Messi and Neymar, entering the pitch from the tunnel of Europe's largest, 100,000 capacity stadium. Students then observed the numerous street artists

and performers shopping for souvenirs along Las Ramblas. The trip culminated in a visit to the Port Aventura theme park in Salou. Students were able to encounter white knuckle rides such as Dragon Khan, Furious Baco, Hurakan Condor as well as Shambhala, the tallest and fastest ride in Europe at 78 metres reaching a top speed of 134km/h. The trip has proved to be a major success with students and it is becoming a very popular event on the Woodham Sports Academy calendar.

GAMP FORUM & FUNDING VOTE EVENT

Your Vote Counts - You can vote for your favourite community projects to go ahead in your area, the voting event is taking place on Saturday 23rd November 2013, between 11.00am and 3.00pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. It's your money, and your choice, so please get involved! For more info call 01325 327441

VOTE FOR AUTISM WORKSHOPS AT GAMP FUNDING EVENT

The new North East Autism Centre at Aycliffe has been shortlisted to receive GAMP funding for a new Parent Workshop. The FREE 6-week course is delivered by a trained autism practitioner and focuses on giving parents practical help for their child. This will include: • Sleep • Diet • Behaviour. With your help and vote we can be in with a chance of receiving £2,500 to fund the project and voting takes place on Saturday 23rd November from 11-3pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane. You will need to attend in person but will only take a few minutes. We would greatly appreciate your help in supporting this valuable project. Please pass this information on to anyone who could benefit. If you need any further details please contact Susan Tron at the North East Autism Society on 0191 410 9974 or email susan.tron@ne-as.org.uk

Bid for GAMP Funding



Volunteers are in the starting blocks ready to create a Garden for the Disabled at Middridge Village Allotments. There will be raised beds and a sitting out area to watch birds at the feeders and butterflies. Motorised wheelchair users, however, risk a nasty spill getting into the site so we are dependent on a GAMP grant to reduce the gradient and re-surface the driveway. Please support this by voting for our project at the Youth Centre on Saturday 23rd November between 11am and 3pm. You have three votes and we request you include our project.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS





Keith Harrison shares this photograph of his children by the Christmas tree in the newly completed town centre.

BYERLEY PARK SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

On Thursday 21st November Byerley Park Primary School are hosting a shopping evening, from 6pm-8pm. There will be a wide variety of gifts to choose from for your family and friends, as well as treating yourself. A grand raffle will also be taking place with prizes including spa treatments, hampers, gym passes, wine and so much more! Children are also welcome to attend the evening and there will be plenty of games to keep them entertained including

tombola, name the cuddly dog, guess the number of sweets and even a yummy cake stall. Tickets are £3 per adult or £1.50 per child which can be purchased on the night on the door. Included in this price is entry to the chocolate hamper raffle, a cup of flavoured coffee and a mince pie. Children will receive a soft drink and festive treat. So why not come and join us? It promises to be an enjoyable night for all!



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MP's Heating Bill on His Expenses

Dear Sir,
As a taxpayer I very much object to having to pay for the MP's second home heating allowance!
There are too many families struggling with fuel poverty and heating bills yet Phil Wilson claimed £832 fuel expenses to keep his second home warm.
Meanwhile taxpayers in his constituency are having to use the Food Bank and Helping Hands for winter clothes to keep warm, Some families do not know from one week to another where their next meal is coming from or how they will pay their heating bill.
MPs do not have this problem as the taxpayer foots their bill.
Name & Address Supplied

Bar Lady's Hair Shave Raises £600



Last chance to buy tickets for the Rotary Club Charity Night at the British Legion on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in aid of the Poppy Appeal and local charities. One of the highlights of the night is a sponsored headshave of popular long serving Barlady Trish Reed who has received £600 in sponsorship. Originally from Shildon Trish moved to Aycliffe 22 years ago and is married to Paul. They have four children and two grandchildren. Trish is bored with her long hair and it will be shorn by her hairdresser friend and member of the Legion Club, Sam Tedder. Trish has changed the colour of her hair a few times, but now wants to change completely and the No. 1 shave will give her the opportunity to start again! Trish wishes to thank her brother Colin and all those who have sponsored her, She told Newton News she has enjoyed her 12 years working behind the bar and always finds all the Legion club members kind and friendly. The Charity Night will have three live acts, a grand raffle, bingo, dancing and a Pie & Peas supper for just £5. Tickets available behind the bar and from Newton Press offices. Tel: 300212 or 320901 after hours.

CONTROL OF DOGS

Dear Sir,,
After reading the letter by E.Bramham that you have printed this week with a headline of 'A DOG OFF A LEAD IS OUT OF CONTROL', I'm starting to believe that you have an agenda against dogs being off a lead.
I yet again feel that I have to direct you to <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public> as a dog off a lead is NOT legally regarded as being out of control!
And I also feel that I have to direct you to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dog-control-orders> as the only public areas where it is a legal requirement to keep a dog on a lead is when there is a Dog Control Order in place and I believe there is none of those bylaws currently covering any area within Newton Aycliffe.
As a responsible owner of a

very friendly Rottweiler, I walk with my dog mostly off a lead, if she was not friendly towards people she would be muzzled and kept on a short lead permanently in public places.
When you printed a tall tale of an imaginary Leash Law that was in force in Newton Aycliffe earlier this year, you later failed to correct your propaganda and in turn, do you not think you have helped to cause E.Bramham's confusion and delusion on this matter?
Yours in disbelief,
Jeremy Crawforth.
Ed: Whilst there is no leash law, most readers seem to think if a dog is not on a leash it is by definition out of control of the owner. As recent cases have proven a pet can turn nasty for no apparent reason and with fatal results.

Drivers Cannot Speed Near Schools

Dear Sir
It seems the cash-strapped County Council (the one that can't afford to collect our garden rubbish) is to be lobbied by the Town Council to introduce a 20mph speed restriction around schools.
I'm guessing Vane Road is a fairly typical school. At throwing out time the roads outside the school are jam packed with waiting cars, many of which are parked illegally, or cars driving around (to the extent they are able to move) looking for a place to park.
Vane Road is grid-locked, as is the junction with Central Avenue, hindered by further parental traffic merging from

Washington Crescent from Woodham Academy. It would be great to be able to drive at 20mph, but it usually isn't possible to drive this quickly at such times - it would be quicker to walk (and that's exactly what the kids should do!)
So, the County Council is to be lobbied by the Town Council to spend cash it doesn't have on altering road layouts and putting up new signage to impose a speed limit that usually isn't achievable because it can't address the real issue of illegally parked cars blocking up the roads.
Am I the only one struggling to follow the logic here?
John Snowball

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PCP Bids for Garden Project Funding

PCP is hoping to benefit from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership's Community Grants Fund. PCP will be showcasing a 'Plot to Plate' project at the GAMP forum event, on Saturday 23 November at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre between 11am and 3pm.
The 'Plot to Plate' project gives people the opportunity to learn new skills from a horticultural specialist and meet new people whilst getting their hands mucky! Through a series of workshops, their ideas, skills and passions will help

develop a socially inclusive community horticultural garden set in the grounds of the Pioneering Care Centre.
The decision on which group gets the funding will be made by members of the public who will vote on their favourite projects at the GAMP forum event.
For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Or find us at www.pcp.uk.net, Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

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Fun Day for Young Carers



Woodham Community Centre helped host a fun day for youngsters who are carers for either a parent or sibling. Organised and funded by Family Action a Charity that since 1869 has provided practical, emotional and financial support to children and families in England. Through over 100 different services they help over 45,000 children and families every year. Children, some as young as 8 years old, enjoyed a variety of fun activities and entertainment which included Judo, Circus juggling skills, Computer animation, and Tile painting



and these were just some of the activities that everyone had a go at. A great time was had by all, and a buffet lunch helped

top up energy levels for the afternoon session. It was marvellous to see children who give so much having a fun day just for themselves.

Free Home Checks Help Combat Rising Energy Prices

Staff at North East-based sustainability organisation Tadea are urging County Durham residents to sign up for its free home energy checks in a bid to help beat the effects of recent gas and electricity price hikes. The increased bills are set to cause further problems for those in the region already worried about the financial implications of staying warm this coming winter. Last month SSE announced price rises of 8.2 per cent, with British Gas increases for dual-fuel customers of 9.2 per cent. NPower are set to raise the average costs for dual-fuel customers by 10.4 per cent. Other energy companies are expected to follow suit.

The free home visits, which are offered as part of a project called Managing Money Better, will help counter these increases, providing residents with tips on how they can cut their energy usage whilst staying warm at home. The visits will see Tadea advisors providing face-to-face advice, helping residents to use their heating systems effectively, better understand their fuel bills and get the best deals possible from their energy providers. Tadea is set to deliver 6,000 free visits over three years. The project is funded by Comic Relief and run by Prince Bishops Community Bank alongside housing provider Derwentside Homes. Cristina Winter, a Customer Services Assistant at Tadea, said: "With the costs of staying warm at home already causing problems for many people in County Durham, these increases in energy costs are the last thing they need to hear. "However, the home visits we are offering can really help to combat the worst effects of

these price rises. With the help and advice we provide, people really can make significant savings on their bills while making sure that they stay warm and healthy at home. I'd urge as many residents as possible to sign up for our free home visits. They could make a huge difference this winter." Lynne Grange, an Energy Advisor at Tadea, said: "Once a free home check has been arranged with Tadea, either myself or one of my colleagues will make a visit to the property to provide friendly, practical, face-to-face advice covering a range of topics. We'll discuss the main source of heating, what – if any – energy efficiency

measures are in place at the property and we'll review the resident's energy bills. "As our energy checks take place at individuals' houses, we are able to provide tailored advice on how fuel bills can be reduced based on each person's circumstances." Home energy visits are currently taking place throughout County Durham. If you would like to arrange a visit, please call Tadea free* on 0800 124 4320. You can also register online by visiting: <http://www.tadea-uk.com/Sustainable-Householders/Managing-Money-Better> *Calls from a mobile may be charged

Cake Sale Raises £340



On October 16th Year 7 pupils at Woodham Academy held a lunchtime cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The cake sale formed the culmination of a whole year group project in which the pupils had to cost, organise and run the event.

The pupils raised £340 for this worthwhile cause by baking and selling so many cakes that Headteacher Christine Forsyth remarked that she had never seen so many cakes in one place. After the event one of the Y7 pupils said that "If Lord Sugar needed someone to organise an event he would hire my team as we were so well organised and our cakes were delicious"

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Why don't the Council listen to us? If they did the new lights would be gone! Please give us back our safety - people with bad eyesight need better lights than this!
Mrs S. Thompson
Bluebell Close

Garden Theft

Between Sunday 10th and Monday 11th November a child's bench was stolen from a garden in Dent Walk. It has been under the dining room window for 5 years and if anyone has any information please get in touch with Newton News on 300212.

CAREERS ADVICE



On Thursday 24th October Woodham Academy offered its Year 11 students the opportunity to have a one to one careers advice appointment with a trained careers advisor. The appointments formed part of the parents' information evening and there were representatives from Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College along with Darlington College also present. Angela Proud, a careers advisor from the Improving Progression of Young

People team, said "The night was very busy and I was able to give young people invaluable information which will support them when considering suitable career pathways and routes." Woodham Academy prides itself on the quality of advice and guidance it offers to all students from Year 7 to Year 11 and was recently awarded the nationally recognised career education kitemark 'Investors in Careers'.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING AUTUMN LEAVES?

Dear Sir
With regard to the letter 'Who pays to clear Autumn Leaves'. I am in a similar situation, except that it is the garden to the rear of my property. Beyond the fence at the bottom of the garden is a spinney belonging to the council.
Each year I collect the leaves which fall from the trees and bag them, usually there are in excess of twelve bags, once reaching a total of eighteen. I have emailed the council about the matter and they have agreed to trim the overhanging branches back, but this will do little to reduce

the quantity of leaves that fall, on asking for the bags to be removed they offered to collect them but stated that there would be a charge of £11.50 for up to six bags of garden waste. As the leaves are not garden waste, but council waste I believe it is the council who should pay for the removal of their own waste.

As I do not drive I cannot take the bags to the refuse centre myself and would not ask others to use their vehicles to take the bags on my behalf. Equally, I would not wish to dump the bags on council property which would be an inconvenience to both them and members of my community.
Peter Shepherd
Ed:

This is one of a number of letters received on the subject. It is also relevant to state how leaves left on the ground become a hazard to walkers who may slip and break bones. This cost is much more than having leaves removed.

Many residents used the brown bins to collect leaves blown from common land onto their premises. It begs the question what will happen when the collection stops and should householders pay for filling their bins with leaves not from their trees?

60's & 70's Charity Night

Turning the clock back to when Cliff Richard was a Young One and Abba were telling us about their Dancing Queen will be just some of the memories that will come flooding back at the Civic Hall, Shildon on Friday 22nd November from 7.30pm in a 60's / 70's Charity Show. Dance the night away to music from two bygone decades. There will be a door, and quiz prize, along with general Raffle Prizes to be won. Tickets are £3 each, and can be paid for at the door on arrival. All proceeds are in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance

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Christmas Fair

St. Michael's Church at Heighington will hold a Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November from 11am - 2pm. The usual stalls, tombola, raffles and refreshments will be available.
Santa Claus has promised to attend and would like to see lots of children. Admission 50p - children free.

MP TAKES PEDOMETER CHALLENGE FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

Our MP, Phil Wilson, joined high profile parliamentarians at the annual diabetes charity event, the Silver Star Diabetes Health Challenge, at the House of Commons on Wednesday 30th October.

As part of Diwali at Westminster, Phil took the quick and easy diabetes test to help raise awareness of the need for public to test for the condition. Special guests Hari Dhillon, Dr. Michael Spence on BBC's Holby City and Vineeta Rishi, Dr Jas Khella on BBC's daytime drama Doctors also joined in the promotion and handed Phil a pedometer. He has agreed to act as the Diabetes Ambassador for Sedgfield constituency on behalf of Silver Star.

As part of the challenge, MPs were issued with a Silver Star Diabetes Pedometer that will measure the amount of steps taken on a chosen day from the launch day until World Diabetes Day on 14th November 2013 to see who can take the most steps.

Every four minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with diabetes and consequently, the NHS spends £1 million an hour on diabetes and its related complications. Currently 3 million people in the UK live with the condition, and an



estimated 1 million people may have diabetes without knowing it.

Dr Modhwadia, Chairman of the Trustees for Silver Star Diabetes said: "I am delighted that so many MPs have decided to take the test and have taken the pedometer challenge to raise awareness of this largely unseen health condition. Silver Star Diabetes has tested over 37,000 people for diabetes and continues to reach out to communities to raise awareness for the condition. Being tested is important to ensure that

the condition is spotted early and people can get the right treatment as soon as possible." Phil Wilson MP said: "People in my constituency are suffering from diabetes, so it is great that Silver Star Diabetes take action to raise awareness for the condition. Helping people to lead healthy lifestyles is important, and testing people for diabetes plays a vital step towards achieving that."

New Lights are False Economy

Newton News has received many letters on the new street lighting, too many to print, but we have selected a few comments.

"I will now need to install lighting on the exterior walls of my house to feel safe and secure".

"A man walked into a bush outside my house - it has been there for 15 years, but as lighting does not now cover that area people cannot see properly!"

"I fell over due to poor lighting and was lucky not to break my ankle. I fear there will be more casualties with the combination of snow, ice and poor visibility".

"People are in danger from muggers hiding in dark corners of the streets."

"Do the Council realise what they have done and did they not try the lights first? Are they aware whilst saving costs on lighting there will be increased costs on the NHS and crime?"

Aycliffe FC Back in Business

Newton Aycliffe bounced back to form as they recorded successive victories for the first time since August.

A run of three consecutive defeats had seen the Newtonians ship nine goals in two league games and get knocked out of the Durham Challenge Cup by second division outfit Whickham.

But after a morale-boosting 3-1 win at home to bottom-side Hebburn, Allan Oliver's men handed Bedlington Terriers a deserved defeat on their home ground.

Jamie Owens was among the goals once again, netting two to take his tally for the campaign to 24 in all competitions.

But the town's only semi-professional football club will have been disappointed only to win by a one-goal margin after thoroughly dominating proceedings in Northumberland.

Andrew Spence made his second debut in goal, after returning to the club from Sunderland RCA, but he was an onlooker for the first hour.

The first half was a question of when, not if, Owens would break the deadlock. He saw an early free-kick saved and narrowly missed the target on a number of occasions as he and fellow striker Danny Wilson proved too hot to handle for the Terriers' defence.

But the pressure finally told just after the half-hour mark, as Owens received a Wilson pass, burst into the area and slotted home left-footed.

It was 2-0 in the 59th minute when Harrison Davies - who had himself gone close minutes earlier - saw his dangerous corner deflected into the net from a Bedlington defender.

Aycliffe were coasting but were guilty of taking their foot off the pedal too quickly, as the home side fought back.

The Terriers fought back to score twice in four minutes; first Martin Brittain released Dylan Williamson who beat Spence and then David Brown levelled matters with a neat finish.

It appeared as though Aycliffe had thrown away two points but the Royal Blues instantly refound their form.

Just five minutes after Brown's equaliser, Wilson released his strike partner once again and Owens rounded the Terriers keeper and tapped into the net. There was to be no chance-taking from the visitors and if anyone was likely to add further goals it was those in blue.

Owens went close to a treble while Wilson blazed over and Michael Gibson saw a late effort saved.

Off the field, Newton Aycliffe

FC are planning for their Christmas Fayre. It will be held at Moore Lane Sports Club on Saturday November 30, between 11am and 2pm.

Entertainment includes Santa's Grotto, a bouncy castle and face painting, while there are dozens of stalls to purchase Christmas items, including jewellery, hand-made crafts, cards and festive socks and a cake stall.

Planet Leisure Bowling League

There was no change at the top of the league as the Clangers won their league game 6-2 over the Late Starters, and now have 27 points.

The Pinheads also won 6-2 over the Bowl Movement and are still second on 26 points. The Misfits moved up two places to third by winning 6-2 over the Strike Force who have gone down to sixth place. The M&MS lost 2-6 to The Optimists who moved from ninth to eighth, while the Wenwees are fifth after winning 8-0 over the Shildon Strikers who are now down one place to ninth. Wenwees are on 22 points, Shildon Strikers are on 10 points.

Stephen Roe of the Misfits has taken the high handicap game from Paul Wilkinson of the Late Starters which stood at 232. It is now at 250.

The Wenwees have taken the high team game with handicap from the Strike Force which stood at 443 pins and now stands at 445 pins.

World Cup Legend Visits Soccer Centre



World Cup Hat Trick hero Sir Geoff Hurst visited the Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre in Shildon last week. In addition to officially opening the facility Sir Geoff handed out medals, and autographed shirts, ribbons and other football items. He chatted with the children and his visit attracted a large crowd of admirers.

The Centre on George Reynolds Industrial Estate is a popular venue for five-a-side football teams who play for an hour for only £2.50p. Alun runs a Soccer School in association with Middlesbrough FC and offers Football Birthday Parties including food and presents.

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Sports Club Maintain Good Form

Last weekend saw Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC return to league action with a home game against bottom of the league Darlington Three Crowns. A minutes silence was held as a sign of respect for Remembrance Sunday prior to kick off.

The Sports Club Kicked off, knowing that the opposition were the only team to take points from them so far this season, so the game started at a high tempo with an attacking formation being played by the home side.

Chase McMullen and Chris Jones were the front two pairing for this game, supported by David Teder (on the Right) and Jon Hughes (the Left). However, the 3 Crowns started the game overcrowding the midfield with 5 players in an effort to quickly counteract the home sides attacking formation.

It was only a piece of bad goalkeeping that led to the first goal of the game, a long through ball saw the Crowns keeper drop and parry the ball out to the oncoming Chase McMullen who slotted home his first goal on his Home Debut to make it 1-0.

More chances fell to Aycliffe with top scorer Chris Jones failing to convert a number of chances to extend the lead. On 30 minutes, some poor



defending from left back Matty Alder saw him give the ball away needlessly to the 3 Crowns Centre Forward who intercepted and slotted the ball home for the equaliser past the oncoming Chris Palmer.

The second half saw a change in formation for the home side, installing Craig Barrigan (replacing Jon Hughes) into the centre midfield along with Paul Cook and Ryan Stonehose, and pushing David Teder further forward to support the attack. This change saw the Aycliffe gain more momentum and dominate the early stages of the 2nd half, but without really making the away side keeper work. A long range effort from Craig Barrigan glanced the post in what was to be the only really effort of the second half fought mainly in the middle of the park. Chase McMullen continued to battle through the second half, using his experience to hold the ball up well in the opposition half.

Manager Paul Eales decided to replace David Teder with Craig Clark on the 75 minute mark to try and maintain high energy levels on a pitch that was starting to tear up and become heavy.

With 10 minutes to go, it took an own goal to finish the game off, a through ball from Craig Barrigan somehow got turned into 3 Crowns goal by one of their defenders to make it 2-1 to the home side. Warren Richardson then replaced Man of the Match Chase McMullen for the final 10 minutes which saw the home side grind out the result required to maintain their unbeaten run in the league. This turned out to be a tough game for the Sports Club against a side who really shouldn't be holding up the league the way they are.

Next up : Home Game against Etherley Dog and Gun (Heart Foundation Cup), KO : 10:30am Moore Lane Park (Sunday 17th November)

WILDCATS BITE BACK

MVP Paul Elderkin led the way with 26 points in a 115 – 69 Durham Wildcats victory against BBL new boys Birmingham Knights at Newton Aycliffe on Sunday afternoon. Securing their third league win of the season, the Wildcats moved to 7th in the BBL and have their eyes set on a mid-table showdown with Glasgow Rocks next weekend.

Durham went into Sunday's game on the back of three straight defeats, but were confident of getting their season back on track against a Birmingham team that were still searching for their first ever BBL victory. Both teams traded baskets in the early stages of the contest, but when the Wildcats went on an 8-0 run half way through the first quarter, Coach Davie's team never looked back. Wildcats guard Devin Ginty was on fine form from outside the arc, while big man Mike Allison picked up a string of rebounds inside the key. At the first quarter buzzer, Durham led the contest by a comfortable 18 points.

The second quarter saw Paul Elderkin dominate the floor, making crucial baskets from beyond the arc and hustling hard in the paint. The home team began to step up their defence to win loose balls and force the Knights into a number of turnovers. Danny Huffor and Devin Ginty both shot 100% in the first half, and that combined



with Paul Elderkin's 18 points, put the Wildcats well in control of the contest, leading 61 – 35 at the half time buzzer.

The Knights fought hard in the second half in an attempt to restrict any further damage with Brent Benson picking up a number of baskets for the away side. Elderkin however kept up his fine first half form with 5 points in the final minutes of the third quarter to extend the Wildcats lead to 27 going into the last 10. The home side

continued to dominate in the final quarter, and when Kirk Crecco intercepted a Knights pass to make an easy lay-up with just over 3 minutes remaining, the Wildcats hit the big 100 for second time this season. Durham made the final baskets of the contest with a pair of free throws with 20 seconds remaining to seal a comfortable 115-69 victory. Speaking after the game, Coach Davie was delighted to get back to winning ways, "I'm very happy with the result and performance

tonight, Birmingham are an athletic team that are determined to get their first win so we knew we needed to put in a solid performance. We played some tough defence in spells and shot the ball very well. We gave a lot of energy, focus and commitment tonight, and it paid off." Durham Wildcats will host the Glasgow Rocks on Saturday 16th November tip off 7pm. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.godurhamwildcats.com

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Huntsman Record 8th Win

Huntsman FC returned to action after two weeks off and travelled to Darlington to face the Green Dragon on the 10th November, looking to maintain their 100% start in the league. Several faces were missing so Ashton Gale got a debut in goal with a start for Andrew Richardson up front and Ross Dixon in the squad for the first time.

The Huntsman were the stronger team, maintaining possession and defending any threat the opposition provided

with comfort. The first clear cut chance fell to Callum Farley, the ball fizzed across the face of goal, with Farley just unable to stretch far enough to divert the ball goalwards.

It became a matter of when, not if, the first goal would come as full back Shaun Mackintosh and winger Mike Sproates combined several times to get to the byline, the strikers unable to convert as the ball was driven across goal. The breakthrough came after 25 minutes when a ball was played into the inside right channel, Sproates breaking the offside trap and going 1 on 1 with the keeper, before having the composure to square the ball to his unmarked brother Shaun to finish off a typical FIFA style goal.

The home team wouldn't go down easily however, and a combination of their spirit, a quagmire of a pitch and complacency from the Huntsman, meant that no more clear chances came until the closing minutes of the first half, when Farley's shot just pulled wide of the right hand post. 0-1 the half time score.

After some strong words at half time, the Huntsman picked up the tempo in the second half, and found a second goal after 55 minutes. Excellent work from Anthony Cox left his full back for dead and he calmly picked out Andy Richardson, who slotted home from 12 yards.

After working hard all game the home side began to tire, and the Huntsman started to find chances easier to come by, Farley's tireless running causing problems, even if he did have a day to forget in

front of goal. The 3rd and 4th goals came in quick succession, substitute Ross Dixon finding full back 'B'ryan Durr for his first goal for the club, he travelled 60 yards before dancing round the keeper and passing it into an empty net. A mistake from the opposition then allowed Shaun Sproates to race clear allowing him to use his blistering pace and fire his second and the Huntsman's 4th of the game.

Several more opportunities were spurned as the game wound down, but a 4-0 victory was a good result, even if it could have been more. Man of the match went to Shaun Sproates for his brace of goals. The Huntsman are at home on the 17th to Three Crowns of Darlington looking to continue their good league form. Kick off is 10.30 at Simpature Park we look forward to seeing you there.



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helping them into more purposeful roles through training and education and empowering the women to be more self-sufficient. The students from St John's were told of her life in India, the work she has done and some of the 'before and after' stories that really make the work there very rewarding. Leah also explained that she herself had suffered from leprosy whilst working in India but, with early identification and swift medical help, the disease, which is so debilitating, is curable. Students have been offered the opportunity to go out to Nagpur and visit Leah and there is an option for 6th formers to go and do some humanitarian work there during holidays or on a gap year. For more details on Leah and the WIN charity go to www.women-in-need.co.uk

FURNITURE SCHEME BUSINESS AS USUAL

On Sunday 3rd of November Unit 18, Learning and Training Facility of the Furniture Scheme at Chilton Industrial Estate suffered a fire. It is comprehensively damaged and a recovery and repair process is underway following insurance outcomes. The Fire Brigade and Police have confirmed the fire was deliberate, and may check mutual contacts, referrals, clients who have been with us due to the seriousness of the situation with an on-going investigation. Unit 18 will be out of action until early 2014. Security arrangements were not at fault and it was a determined attack.

CDFHS have moved all training and employment activities to UNIT 12 on the same industrial estate. Offices and shop floor are being equipped and set up this week. Current placements/volunteers / staff are involved actively.

Chris Palmer Chairman of Trustees said "CDFHS continued with 'business as usual' in Unit 19 and 20 along with 4 vehicles and staff to our clientele. We more than coped with the extra work caused by the break in and fire and relocated the works normally done in Unit 18 to Unit 12." All facilities and services offered will remain the same and from Monday 18.11.13 THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO OUR SERVICE. We look forward to maintaining and improving our business activity and personal support to the disadvantaged individuals and groups we have contact with.

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The children really enjoyed making something special and felt it was a good idea to make people welcome to their new home and area. This project was made possible with support from local companies: Livin paid for the pots and plants, Wilkinson's Aycliffe store supplied paints and varnish and Windlestone Nurseries supplied the compost free and the plants at cost price. The children at St. Francis were assisted by staff from Wilkinson's and Livin showing a further commitment from these local companies. When Chairman Philip Clark thought of the project he assumed the cost would come out of the Horndale Residents Association funds and was overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of everyone who helped to bring this idea to completion. "The Residents Association are grateful to the children and local companies and believe the new Residents will appreciate the lovely pots and the gesture" said Phillip.

County Plan Exhibited



The Durham Plan was on display at Woodham Community Centre last week and a number of residents took the opportunity to see detailed maps and documents and ask questions of staff on duty. The County Councillor for the Ward, Joan Gray, shown in this photograph, was also in attendance.

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This is unbelievable considering the wide open spaces surrounding the school. The 20mph idea should apply to all roads and there should be no through traffic past any school. The powers that be have wasted a lot of time and taxpayer's money towards solving this problem. All the Council's efforts are pointed at discouraging school run cars coming anywhere near to schools.

The Councillor who suggests drivers should be fined ought to feel ashamed as these parents are not criminals!

When the old Town Centre Police Station was in use Sugar Hill School allowed them to use their land to park Police vehicles and that space is still there unused. When the station is demolished it should become a car park for parents with a footpath connected to the school.

I would like to bet the Council attempts to ease the problem will only make matters worse - just like the new street lighting! We have two large industrial factory-like Supermarkets in our town centre attracting lots of traffic, while our two large senior schools are situated on the perimeter with hundreds of children dodging cars daily. It is a truly astonishing lack of good planning where "Rocket Science" does not spring to mind.

K Farrell

In Memoriam

GRANT EDGAR A darling Son on your anniversary, 16th November 1985. Although you left a while ago, sometimes, throughout the year, just a fleeting moment I forget that you are not here. Not here to share a cosy chat or give me sound advice, to ask about the things I've planned and if my day was nice. That's why my life doesn't seem the same for when yours had to end, we lost a wonderful Son. Lots of love, Mam, Paul, Lee, Andy and family xxxxx

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Obituary

DORIS LINSLEY (nee Dobinson) on 8th November after a short illness. Doris, dearly loved Mother of Susan and Kevin; much loved Grandmother of Bethany, Scott, Kristen and Nathan; Great Grandmother of Ben, Kiara and Codie Rose. Will family and friends please meet at Durham Crematorium at 3.30pm on Friday 15th November. Family flowers only, donations may be made in lieu to Macmillan Nurses

MOHAN (MOE) IAN, aged 56 years, suddenly on Thursday 7th November of Greathead Crescent, Newton Aycliffe. Precious Husband and Soul mate of Lynn; dearly loved Dad of Rachelle, Kathleen and Carol; dear Father-in-Law of Ian and Simon; proud Grandad of Rian, Codey and Aaron; and a dear Brother and Uncle. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral on Friday, 15th November. Would friends please meet for Service in St Clare's Church at 1pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent for the British Heart Foundation, c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6EN

JOSEPH MAUGHAN Died 10th November 2013, aged 82 years. Beloved Husband of Kath; loving Father to Son Michael, Daughters Cilla and Gillian; much loved Grandfather of nine. Funeral Service followed by Cremation at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday 20th November at 1pm. No flowers by request, donations may be made in lieu to "Help the Heroes". Collection to be taken at the Service

EDDIE FORSTER Aged 79 years, passed away peacefully at home on the 6th November. Dearly loved Husband of Dot; much loved Father, Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Will family please meet at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 19th November at 10.45am

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LIAM BURNISTON Happy 16th birthday Son. Hope you have a fantastic day. Love from Dad and Mam xxx

LIAM BURNISTON Happy birthday to the best BIG Brother in the world. Lot sof love from David and Sophia xxx

LIAM BURNISTON Happy 16th birthday on 18th November 2013. Lots of love from Nanna and Grandad xxxxx

LIAM BURNISTON Happy 16th birthday. Lots of love from Gran and Granda xxxxx

KALYA EDEN Well done "Angel" for coming fist place in the Nationwide Competition at Blackpool. I am so proud of you. "LYTMAATWABAAEMTTT", Auntie Pamela xx

CUNNINGHAM, Evan George. 8-11-13. Happy 1st birthday to a beautiful and special little boy. All our love always and forever. From Mammy, Mam Granny, Yaya, Uncle Yan, Auntie Becky, Uncle Liam, Summer and all your Aunts Uncles and Cousins - and Jake, Maggie and Barnie xxxxx

KIMBERLEY SMITH Happy 9th Birthday on 17th November 2013. Love from Mam and Dad xxx

KIMBERLEY SMITH Happy 9th birthday on 17th November 2013. Lots of love from Auntie Christine, Uncle Ian and Auntie Anita xxx

JESSICA ROBERTS Well done on getting your first job in business and finance. We are so proud of you. Love you loads, Dad, Sam and Mikey xxx

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Disabled Newtonian Lands Dream Football Job

A SOCCER mad Newton Aycliffe student who has battled with a lifelong disability is celebrating after scoring a dream job with a North East football academy.

Ben Potts, 17, who has cerebral palsy, has secured a media role with the Martin Gray Football Academy after completing a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports at Darlington College. Football fan Ben, has undergone six major operations to straighten his knees, lengthen his hamstrings and have a bone graft in his hip. He said: "I've always loved football but never found a way to get into the sport because my disability always held me back. In my last two years at school I joined the Martin Gray Academy, which gave me the opportunity to finally play and I really enjoyed it." Ben found out Martin was running a further education course at Darlington College and fancied signing up and was so pleased to get a place. Because of his individual needs he gets one to one coaching, working on his health and fitness. This really helps

improve his movement and that has impacted on all aspects of his life.

"I didn't want a nine to five job, I wanted to do something with football but didn't know how. Martin's taken a chance on me and made me feel special."

Despite Ben's limiting mobility issues his enthusiasm and passion for the game proved a winning combination to the Darlington Football Club manager. "It's really rewarding to be able to give someone so enthusiastic and positive like Ben an opportunity like this," said former Sunderland midfielder Martin.

"He shone on the course and what he lacks physically on the pitch is more than made up for by his incredible in-depth knowledge of the game. He now writes all of our youth team match day reports and interviews. Bringing Ben into the business to look after our youth team website, Facebook and Twitter feeds and report on all our youth games is a great opportunity for him and a real boost to our academy."

The full time two year course, run in partnership with Darlington College and



Ben Potts with Darlington Football Club Manager Martin Gray

the Martin Gray Football Academy, offers elite young footballers the chance to study an Extended Diploma in Sports while improving their football skills and fitness with high level coaching.

It has already seen five of its students make their debut for Darlington Football Club and is currently recruiting both boys and girls for next year.

"I met with the college about two years ago to set up the BTEC course, which

was about the same time as I took on the management of Darlington FC," added Martin. It's a big draw for the students to potentially get a place on to the first team while getting a first class education. Hopefully we'll get even more enthusiastic, talented young footballers enrolling again this year."

For more information contact Darlington College on (01325) 503030 or log on to www.darlington.ac.uk

RUGBY CLUB HIT THE RECORD BOOK

The statisticians were thumbing through the record books after Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club triumphed 96 - 3 over Jarrovians in a clinical display at Moore Lane on Saturday, the biggest win in recent years and possibly their top ever league win. The visitors languish at the foot of the table without a point and Aycliffe took the chance to rotate the squad to give game time to some of the less used players this season. The team responded with a controlled and disciplined display. The game began with Aycliffe pouncing on a mistake from the kick-off and turning the ball over. The first try soon followed and after 20 minutes the fourth try had given Aycliffe the try-scoring bonus point. The Aycliffe scrum held the edge of their bigger opponents and they dominated in all phases except the lineout. Despite a prolonged period of Jarrovians defence, Aycliffe had further increased their lead to 36 - 0 at the break.

The game won, Aycliffe were able to make a number of substitutions. Lewis McCormick came on at loose-head prop and caught the eye

with some barnstorming runs and two tries. Ash Elliott and Chris Carlon also made good runs. A total of 10 tries were added in the second half for the concession of a single penalty from a Jarrovians side who, although tiring, never gave up. Alex Lineton scored 3 tries, Adam Gascoigne, James Thacker, McCormick and Colin Wooster all scored two. Further tries were added by Cymon Lee, Drew Gibson, Gareth Parsonage, Craig Holmes, and Luke Crossen. Conversions were scored by Lineton (5), Warren Parsonage (2) and Luke Tinkler. Although there will be much tougher games ahead, this performance showed the merits of keeping the game simple and performing the basics well. On 16th November, Aycliffe continue their league campaign at home to Chester le Street in a game rearranged after the initial meeting had to be abandoned due to injury; kick-off is at 2.15pm. Newton Aycliffe are sponsored by Boola Clothing Aycliffe and Hayward Home Appliances, trading as Serviceforce. Visit the website at www.pitcher.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe

Woodham Golf Pro Sells His Stock

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Dear Sir,
In response to the closure of Woodham Golf Club, and the loss of many jobs, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members, customers and staff for their support, over the past twenty years in Newton Aycliffe.

It's so sad to see this great facility closing down. Woodham Golf Club dates back some thirty years, being designed by the well-known golf course architect, the late James Hamilton-Stutt in 1981.

It's known amongst professional golfers across the area as one of the best layouts for a course in the north east. Woodham has produced two county champions: Lee McCavanagh (Durham County Matchplay Champion 2010) and Rebecca Horner (Durham County Ladies' Champion 2012). This should be attribute to all those involved in its construction. We all hope that it will reopen intact as a golf course soon, not only for the golf, but for the social side too.

Due to the lack of notice from the Administrators to everyone employed at the golf club, we had to clear the clubhouse within a few hours.

I am now in the situation of possessing golf equipment and golf related stock without premises to sell-on the goods. I would like to invite all to see the goods I



am selling off at Woodham Village Community Centre, St. Elizabeth's Close, on Sunday 17th November from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Customers with outstanding lessons please contact Ernie.wilson@live.co.uk for tuition to be taken at local golf course. Ernie Wilson ernie.wilson@live.co.uk

HALL GARTH BIKEATHON

Staff, leisure members and hotel guests at Hall Garth Hotel will be putting themselves through a challenging Bikeathon in order to raise money for Children in Need, on Friday 15th November.

With 28 participants, all giving up 30 minutes of their time, they hope to clock up a total of 280 miles on a static bike located in the Leisure Centre at Hall Garth Hotel. The challenge will begin at 7am with the final challenger dismounting at 9pm.

Spectators and sponsors are very welcome to pop in and support the "Tour de Hall Garth".

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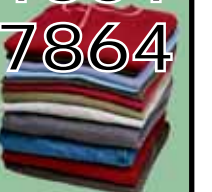
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Planet Leisure Centre of Entertainment

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This will be an exciting night and you are urged to get there before it starts at 8pm on Wednesday 27th November.