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Rotary Club Tour the Streets with Santa Claus



The town's Rotary Club were out with Santa's sleigh this week spreading Xmas cheer while collecting for hampers to give to needy families.

As usual people were very generous and friendly with lots of children taking the opportunity to have a word with Santa. Families came out onto the street in their nightwear and one gent was caught in his "onesie" The club were also collecting in Tesco's. President of the club Geoff Batchelor asks Newton News to thank everyone who supported the collection and to wish

all residents a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Time Change

Please note the Christingle and Blessing of the Crib on Christmas Eve at St. Clare's Church is at 4.30pm and not 4pm as previously advertised.

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The party is being held to help raise funds for the Childrens Heart Unit at the Freeman's Hospital, Newcastle.

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4.10pm-5.00pm

Washington area, Wycliffe, Armstrong, Wren, Whitehead, Hutchinson, Hylton, Matthew, Wolsey, Richardson, Trevor, St Aidans, Felton

5.00pm -5.30pm

Neile, Defoe, Trevor, Porter, Wheeler, Lamb, Espin, Bellasis

5.30pm-6.00pm

Wiseman, Ewbank, Hardinge, Chandler, Chapman, Crowley, Hardinge, Bousefield, Faber, Kendrew, Sanderson, Redworth Grange, Elstob, Burn, Westmorland, Henson, Whiteley,

Thurlow, Aylmer

6.00pm - 6.45pm

Dalton, Hartley, Faulkner, Hullock, Allington, Walcher,

Lilburne, Macmillan, Bertie, Alington, Webb, Westmorland, Newburn

6.45pm -7.30pm

Humphrey, Silkin, Stead, Wright, Priestman, Marshall, Burdon, Lightfoot, Stephenson

7.30pm - 8.10pm

Barrington, Ashfield, Tunstall, Carileph, Ebba, Bruce, Pease, Past RAFA club to Paulinus

8.15pm

Back via Pease

ROUTE TWO

3.45pm-4.05pm

St Cuthbert's, Bede, Anne

Swyft, Clarence Chare, Clarence Close, Clarence Green, Clarence, Baliol, Hackworth

4.05pm-4.45pm

Baliol, Travellers, Linguard, Seton, Gilpin, Clanny, Palmer, Cosin

4.45pm-5.15pm

Co-operative Store, Bury, Wilkinson, Van Mildert, Greathead, Shafto, and return to Greville, St Cuthberts

5.30pm-6.00pm

Sharp, Sheraton Road, Sheraton Close, Greville, Henderson, Crewe, Sharp, Hunter, Lumley, Sheraton, Crawford,

Sheraton, Biscop

6.00pm-6.25pm

Hatfield, Heild, Biscop, Skirlaw, Flynn, Beck

6.25pm-7.15pm

Via Shafto to Creighton, Moore, Swan, Gunn, Mellanby, Liddell, Kenny, Carr, Markham, Secker, Joicey, Kemble, Bulmer, Vane, Fowler, Warburton, Jackson

7.15pm -7.40pm

Shafto Way, Shield Walk, Stanfield Road, Denham Place, Ramsey Place, Eden Road, Langley Road, Malling Green

7.40pm-8.00pm

Central Avenue (Fire Station), Church Close

ROUTE THREE

3.45pm-4.45pm

Malham, Reeth, Rylstone, Askrigg, Skipton, Arncliffe, Aysgarth, Hawes, Pateley, Stainforth, Keld, Marrick

4.45pm-5.35pm

Garburn, The Lanes, Burnhill, Hawkshead, Honister, Silverdale, Lindisfarne Care Home, Kirkstone, Langdale, Whinlatter, Eskdale, Greenfield, Linden, Greenfield

5.35pm-6.15pm

Beechfield, Rowan, Elmfield, Pease, Oakfield

6.15pm-7.00pm

Cumby, Crosby, Doxford, Crosby, Lowery, St Godrics, Mills, St Godrics, Cumby

7.00pm-7.15pm

Watson, Simpashire, Simpashire Gate, Moule, Finchale, Gregory Court, Lambton, Lee Green, Hopper

7.15pm - 7.30pm

Finchale, Dixon, Walker Lane, Simpashire Gate, Emerson, Butler, Castlereagh, Merz

7.30pm-8.10pm

Butler, Ritson, Bowes, Lyon Walk, Bowes, Marley, Wallas, Isherwood, Bewick,

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ROUTE FOUR

3.45pm-4.45pm

Millfields, Atkinson, Orlands, Green (Mill House), South, St. Andrews, High St, Heighington, Oakley, Congreve, Bickford, School Aycliffe

4.45pm-5.30pm

West Cottages, North Cottages, Eastfields, The Garth, Midfields, Lord Neville, Binchester, Menville, Burnynghill, Forresters, Smythsons, Sheppards, Thursby, Wilbore, High Barn, Meatlesburn

5.30pm-6.10pm

Springfields, Hazelrigg, Lowfields, Hansard, Jennison, Westfields, Hillfields, Greenfield

6.10pm-6.30pm

Malvern, Colwell, Bedford, Wilton, Greenfield, The Chase

6.30pm-7.10pm

Staintondale, Rookwood, Zetland, Covert, Stirrup, Bramham, Bedale, Post Horn, Saddlery, Greenfield, Byerley Park

7.10pm- 7.45pm

Lascelles, Luttryngton, Hambleton, Ranulf, Jesmond, Colburn, Elwick, Claxton, Russell, Yoden, Wynyard

ROUTE FIVE

3.45pm - 4.10pm

Brafferton, Grange, Chilton, Grindon, Whitton, Woodham

4.10pm - 4.45pm

Lowther, Brook, Cartington, Mulgrave, Helmsley, Middleham, Burleigh, Badminton, Stoneleigh, Lowther

4.45pm - 5.00pm

Hickstead, Stag, Kennilworth, Cheltenham, Gatcome

5.00pm-5.35pm

Epsom, Kempton, Windsor, Fallow, Fawn, Hind, Raby, Brancepeth

5.35pm-6.00pm

Village, Bamburgh, Chillingham, Alnwick, Barnard, Pemberton, Farnham

6.00pm - 6.35pm

Beaumont, Kirkham, Egerton, Dudley, Howson, Clover, Sorrel, Yarrow, Harebell, Campion

6.35pm

St. Elizabeth's Church car park

6.45pm-7.00pm

Sandowne, Tattersall, The Oaks, Beechers, Paddock, Croft, Woodham,

Sunningdale, Low Green

7.05pm - 7.45pm

Spinney, High Green, Granges 1-4, Bridle, Woodham Gate,

ROUTE SIX

3.45pm-4.20pm

Hallington, Tindale, Derwent, Angram, Scholars, Broomlee, Stocks, Waskerley, Fewston, Blackton

4.20pm-5.00pm

Meadowfield, Ladybower, Greenlee, Stainmore, Winterburn, Grassholme, Burnhope, Stainmore, Meadowfield, Hareson, Cestria

5.00pm-5.45pm

Lisle, Lockyer, Hoode, Cheviot, Pennine

5.45pm-6.20pm

Bluebell Close, Coverdale, Bluebell Meadows, Wolvestone, Alverton Drive & Court, Hamsterley, Barton, Paxton

6.20pm-7.00pm

Lancelot, Temple, Gamul, Raddive, Spooner, Thwaites, Eade

7.00pm-7.45pm

Scott, Bakewell, Booth, Bates, Sid Chaplin, Fox, Brockett, Loraine, Thornton, Sampson, Merlin, Kestrel

ROUTE SEVEN

3.45pm-4.10pm

Rose Lodge at Cobblers Hall, Foxglove, Ashtree, Pinewood

4.15pm-5.10pm

Ropemoor, Forster, Patenson, Wakenham, Youens, Haselwood,

Blackiston, Carwardine, Karles, Bloomesley

5.10pm-5.20pm

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6.00pm-6.10pm

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Friday 27th December - "No Fun"

NO FUN are a five piece punk covers band based in and around Aycliffe / Darlington. With a line up comprising of former members of such prominent local acts as Freezone, Major Accident and Last Rough Cause, the band deliver a tight set of punk classics from the late 70s and early 80s. Their recent appearance at the forum saw the band take to a stage bedecked with a digital back-drop, opening the set with an authentic version of The Ruts classic Staring At The Rude Boys, sharply followed by the Sex Pistols No Feelings. After a couple of SLF tunes - the acidic Straw Dogs and tongue in cheek Barbed Wire Love the anthems kept flowing. After a frantic and powerful 50 minutes the pace slowed and the cheers lifted the roof as the intro to White Man in Hammersmith Palais rang out across a sweaty hall, and when the last chords rang out the Bass Drum kicked straight back into life as The Pistol's Holidays In The Sun once again lifted the tempo, before a fitting finally of the Angelic Upstart's classic England brought proceedings to an end.

Saturday 28th December - "This Machine"

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Town Xmas Festivities Begin with Community Concert

The Christmas Community Concert organised by the town's Rotary Club was held at the Leisure Centre last Sunday and attracted a large audience to see performances by choirs and sing popular Carols and songs.

This year the brass band music was provided jointly by talented students from Greenfield and Woodham who played magnificently. They were brought together by Music Teacher John Tobin and conducted by Steve Boyd who along with Jane Parker came from the

County Council Music Service to support the choir and musicians.

There were some outstanding singing by school choirs from Aycliffe Village, Sugar Hill, and St. Joseph's who had the added attraction of the Headteacher Gráinne Duffy playing the flute. The ever popular "Shine" choir from St. Clare's gave a powerfully confident



performance and new adult choir the Marie Clare Singers made an introductory appearance. Charlotte Altringham took what is now a regular spot and it has been nice to see how well she has matured as a singer/guitarist over the years.

Our two senior school choirs were brilliant and much credit is due to

teachers for their well rehearsed contribution to this event.

Our MP Phil was present and Santa Claus made a visit, The Mayor Barbara Clare and the President of the Rotary Club gave Christmas Greetings and new Priest Fr. Michael Whalen brought to mind the real meaning of this festive season with a Christmas



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Our Autumn Super Sports Skills bike draw winner was Bradley Deluce, aged 13 from Newton Aycliffe. The Mayor Cllr Barbara Clare presented Bradley with his new bike on

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make this vital recovery work possible." The Typhoon Haiyan left a trail of destruction across the Philippines, forcing over 4 million people from their homes and leaving many families with nothing. Red Cross staff and volunteers are working tirelessly, supplying vital emergency aid such as shelter and clean water to help people whose lives were affected. The Back Class takes place every week at the Pioneering Care Centre on Wednesdays, 5.15pm - 6.15pm and Thursdays, 5.00pm - 5.50pm, 6.00pm - 6.50pm, 7.00pm - 7.50pm and 8.00pm - 9.00pm. For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net visit: pcp.uk.net

Countdown to Boxing Day Is On

BOXING Day horse racing at Sedgfield Racecourse.....it's as much a part of Christmas as turkey, mulled wine and crackers and it's back again for another year! With more than 4,000 people due to descend on the track from across the region the day after Christmas, it's one of the most popular festive sporting events in County Durham. The tapes will fly up for the first of seven races on Thursday 26 December at 12.10pm. Jill Williamson, General Manager of Sedgfield Racecourse, said: "I am really looking forward to Boxing Day racing this year! We had an excellent atmosphere last year due to the wonderful attendees including several generations of families. The traditional family day out returned and I would love to see familiar faces alongside new customers this year". With over 1,500 advance tickets already sold for this event thanks to a recent social media promotion, it's sure to be a sell out! Keep up to date with regular offers and promotions on the racecourses Facebook page. Plus with the newly refurbished Centre Course Enclosure recently re-opened offering a Soup & Sandwich Package for only £15 for this race meeting, it is sure to make the perfect festive day out.

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Turbinia Annual Toy Collection Bike Run



100's of toys were collected to help bring festive cheer to families being cared for by women's refuges over Christmas. The annual collection is organised by the Turbinia pub, in Newton Aycliffe, with support from the Aycliffe Bike Club and the Darlington-based Motorcycle Action Group, & other bikers groups. Forty bikers, a fire engine and a Del-Boys three-wheeler, whose passengers were dressed as Batman and Robin, visited ten pubs to collect donations for the women's refuge in Bishop Auckland. The toys will be wrapped up as gifts and given to the families being cared for by the facilities at Christmas. Gary Soakell, from Aycliffe Bike Club, said: "The staff and customers have been working hard all year raising money to buy toys, and were astounded by all the donations on the toy-run, the generosity has been

fantastic. "Times are hard for people but they have dug deep and we have collected an unbelievable amount of toys. A big thank you to Mel Jameson at Gestamp Tallent's, & the management staff & customers at Locomotive & Huntsman (Aycliffe) - Victoria (Witton le Wear) - Surtees Arms & Catholic Club (Ferryhill) - Half moon (Kirk Merrington) - Ship (Middlestone) & Elm Rd Club (Shildon). Special thanks to Martin Norris, from Blazing Squad Limo Hire, for providing the fire engine free of charge." Fiona Nicol, manager of the Wear Valley Women's Aid, in Bishop Auckland, said: "We have been absolutely blown away by the amount collected. "This is going to make such a huge difference to the families we are working with and create some fabulous memories for children who would otherwise have got very little or no presents at all."

TEARFUND ENDORSE GOOD WORK OF "HELPING HANDS"

Dear Sir,
I am writing on behalf of Tearfund to enthusiastically endorse the vision and work of the Lifeline Community Action charity based in Newton Aycliffe (Helping Hands is part of this charity). We have been working in partnership with them over the past six months and have recently awarded them a Cinnamon Network micro grant of £2,000 in support of their excellent community work. The demand for their community services is growing and they're working very hard to scale up their operational capacity and fundraising efforts to meet this on-going challenge. They are also building good relationships with their local authority and government representatives to help ensure a joined up approach to the local

community services they're providing. Lifeline Community Action is helping some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in their community. Their ethos is all about treating people with dignity and respect and giving them back their sense of belonging and increasing their self-esteem. Their objective is not to make people dependent on their services but rather to help them get themselves out of poverty and make a better life for themselves and their families. I also wholeheartedly endorse the integrity, competence, commitment and passion of the Lifeline Community Action leadership team to deliver a first class service and to use their limited resources wisely and effectively in support of their community transformation objectives. Kevan Leckie

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XMAS HAMPERS FOR RESIDENTS



The weeks leading up to Christmas are busy in any school and at Woodham Academy, part of the preparations include the making up and delivering of hampers to nominated local residents, particularly senior citizens and families in difficult circumstances. The process involves every student – and their families. Decorating the boxes with festive wrapping and tinsel not only makes them look more attractive; it is good fun too. A prize is awarded to the tutor group in each year group creating the best-decorated hamper. Some classes put together not one but several superbly decorated Christmas hampers. Students donate a grocery item, the boxes are packed with goodies and then the school mini bus is drafted into operation for the task of delivering the hampers around the area. One student from each tutor group helps with the deliveries. The recipients of the hampers often register their appreciation by sending letters, cards, emails and notes to say how grateful they are. Community Development Co-ordinator, Marie Oswald explained, "This is a very heart-warming project. The local residents really appreciate the hampers and the tutors and students put in a tremendous effort. The venture is not only of benefit to those receiving the hampers but engenders a feeling of pride within the Academy at having made a real contribution to the Christmas of those within their community. This is very much a part of the spirit of Christmas, and in keeping with the ethos of Woodham Academy."

Students are entitled to come to school in non-uniform on the last day of term as a thank you for all their hard work.

Sell Out for Woodham Christmas Concert

Woodham students once again demonstrated their talent and dedication in last week's annual Christmas concert. Students from across the school performed to a packed hall, with a varied programme of music and dance. The regular extra-curricular ensembles were in attendance, with performances from Woodham Jazz Band, Instrumental Group, Samba Band and Woodham Sound. Woodham Samba Band has recently grown in size due to an influx of new talent, and is looking forward to building on its existing repertoire. Notable performances included Caitlin Finn (Y10), who sang a moving version of 'Somewhere Only We Know', and Amy Taylor (Y9) who performed her first solo 'Solweig's Song' on her cornet, after recently passing her grade 5 exam with merit. Y8 student Kate Reynoldson performed a lovely piano solo of the Taylor Swift track 'A Thousand Years', impressing many with her confidence and musicality. GCSE students Keira Durham, Gaynor Lambert and Francesca Porritt gave their version of the John Newman song 'Love Me Again', ably accompanied by Y10 students Sam Gittins on piano, Jonathan Jarvis on guitar, Lewis Walker on bass and Y11's Jack Jacob on drums. Keira, Gaynor and Fran are becoming seasoned



performers – as well as their involvement in the music department productions, they are regulars at the Aycliffe Young Talent Project, which is a non-profit organisation aimed at giving young musicians the opportunity to perform in public. Woodham Dance Academy also gave strong performances, particularly a GCSE dance composition choreographed by the Y10 students with their teacher, Miss Minervini. Dance students are looking forward to their own showcase performance which is due to be held on the 14th May. Many of these groups continue to go from strength to strength. Woodham Sound performed several Christmas items singing in two part harmony. This was then followed by

Woodham Vocal Group who created a 'magical' atmosphere with their rendition of 'O Holy Night', sung in three part harmony. This performance was repeated at the Aycliffe Community Christmas Concert held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. This Group, together with some students from Greenfield, were also invited to attend this event in order to accompany the carol singing. With Christmas concerts now out of the way, the music department is soon to start preparing for its next event, the spectacular 'Woodham's Got Talent', which will take place on the 12th March. For more information on any of the Performing Arts productions taking place this year, please contact Woodham Academy.

Messy Church Service & Tea Party

On Saturday 30th November, 90 adults and children joined to celebrate the beginning of Advent with a Messy Christingle Service. They learnt all about the Christingle and how it holds an important message of Jesus's love for us all. Each child made a Christingle, the oranges and sweets were all donated by members of St. Clare's church. The children enjoyed the glitter gloop and advent craft, while also taking an opportunity to hang a Christmas prayer on the tree. The Service ended with the lighting of the christingle's, a special prayer and a song. Everyone then shared in a

fantastic Messy Christmas Tea Party, with crackers, jelly and ice cream and plenty of fun and laughter. These are some of the families comments . . . "I didn't know about the Christingle, I'm glad I do now" - Sophie aged 6; "A wonderful warm afternoon in a busy church" Emily's Mam: "The best bit was when all the lights went out and we sang a song about our candles" Conner aged 8. The children's team who run Messy Church, KidzFlicks and Shine Choir, would like to wish all the families they work with, a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS

Residents in County Durham are reminded that some bin collection dates will change during the festive period. The changes will affect rubbish and recycling collections which normally take place on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Collections which usually take place on a Tuesday will not be affected and will be done as normal on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas and New Year collection arrangements are as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Christmas Collection	New Year Collection
Tuesday	Tues 24 Dec	Tues 31 Dec
Wednesday	Friday 27 Dec	Thursday 2 Jan
Thursday	Saturday 28 Dec	Friday 3 Jan
Friday	Monday 30 Dec	Saturday 4 Jan

All collections will be back to normal from Tuesday 7 January. Keith Parkinson, refuse and recycling manager at Durham County Council, said: "Bin collections will still take place during the festive period but the date of the actual collection will change for some people. "It is important that residents check their collection dates and ensure they put the right bin out on the correct day." Residents can arrange for their real Christmas tree to be collected free of charge. To make arrangements people should contact the county council on 03000 26 1000 before Monday 6 January. Alternatively people can take real Christmas trees to any household waste recycling centre in the county. They can check the opening hours of their nearest site at www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc All sites will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will be no bulky waste collections between Monday 23 December and Friday 3 January. Further information about refuse and recycling collections can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/bins

(FOOTPATH NO. 36 AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH/FOOTBRIDGE CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

The Council on 16.12.13 made an Order under the provisions of Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily close to all pedestrian traffic a 75m length of Footpath No. 36 Aycliffe Parish eastwards from the north-south section towards Codling Railway Bridge then northwards along the western side of the railway line, then westwards, northwards and eastwards crossing the Millennium Bridge to the adopted highway of Long Tens Way and Millennium Way, Aycliffe.

The maximum duration of the temporary footpath closure order is 6 months and is required from 18.12.13 and for the duration of the earth works and developments works proposed to be executed on or adjacent to the said footpath, anticipated to be for 6 months or until the works are complete whichever is sooner. However, for operational reasons, on rare occasions, closures may be necessary on dates and times other than those set out above and where this occurs, closures and/or diversions will be signed accordingly. There is no alternative route for pedestrian traffic during this closure.

Dated: 20 December 2013



Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

(B6244 HEIGHINGTON LANE AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

The Council, on 12.12.13 made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended. Its effect will be to close to vehicular traffic on a 30m length of Road B6444 Heighington Lane equidistant from the centre of Heighington Station Level Crossing, Aycliffe to enable level crossing maintenance works to be undertaken.

The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required from 10.00 pm on Saturday 11 and 18 January 2014 until 7.00 am each following morning. However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the eastern side of the closure from B6444 junction with A167 at Aycliffe Village, southerly via A167 to Coatham Mundeville Interchange (J59), south westerly along A1(M) to Burtree Interchange (J58) then northerly along A68 and A6072 to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. A local (non-HGV) diversion will be signed from the eastern side of the closure, northerly via Whinbank Road, left onto Horndale Avenue then south westerly along School Aycliffe Lane to the A6072 Roundabout junction with B6444 to the western side of the closure and vice versa.

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Burnhill Way Church at the Turbinia

On Tuesday 10th December, members of Burnhill Way Church joined regulars at the Turbinia for an evening of carol singing and a quiz. Everyone was bidding for their carol to be sung and the sum of £160 was raised for the Ladies Refuge.



Good Support from Aycliffe Tesco Store



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe have recognised the co-operation of Tesco's in their charitable fundraising efforts. A framed certificate of appreciation was presented to the Manager for the recent collection in aid of the Philippines where in one day £1500 was donated by Tesco customers.

Posthumous Award to Village Stalwart



Dear Editor,
For nearly 10 years Heighington Parish Litter Group (HPLG) not only carried out monthly litter picks on the road verges of the parish, they also presented awards annually to those nominated for outstanding efforts in preserving and enhancing our environment. This year the presentation of the awards was slightly different as we sadly lost one of our founding members and Secretary to the group, Kit Bartram. Kit died last October and will be greatly missed. Kit loved this area and worked tirelessly to the end to keep it looking its best. He was also an active member of the Litter Free Durham Group and the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Many years ago we held a competition in the village for the best 'anti-litter' limerick and one by the Reverend Keith Burchell must surely have been inspired by Kit,

*East Green,
Said, "Let no more chip
wrappers be seen
Let's gather the cans
And the rusty old prams
And make Heighington fit
for a Queen".*

In past years Kit handed out the annual Environment Awards but he always refused to accept any recognition for his own work. So this year the committee decided to award the McLean Silver Rose Bowl posthumously to Kit and on Friday 13th December our Chairman, Peter Smyth, presented the award to Kit's widow, Jo Bartram.

Since the HPLG formed in 2005 we estimate that we have collected nearly 4,000 bags of litter from around the parish and with Kit's example to follow we, including his widow, will continue with the work.

Our next Litter Pick will be on Saturday 11th January 2014 between 10.00am and 12noon and we would welcome new participants.

UPLIFTING STORY

Dear Sir,
I was so touched by the story in Newton News and it struck me that so many things in life can be like a message in a bottle.

If someone is meant to be in our lives then I believe that God will make it happen. I relate this story to myself as I never knew who my biological Dad was and for about a year our local takeaway delivery man always delivered our order and it turned out this man is my father!

It was like a message in a bottle but only when you open it you find someone special pops into your life. I'm a great believer God is behind such miraculous incidents. It's about time we read something uplifting and wonderful in the Newton News rather than moaning, groaning, wavering and complaining. Merry Christmas Newton Aycliffe and Merry Christmas to my Dad and his wonderful family xxxx Rachel Akosua Barimah

Schoolchildren Bulb Planting in Williamfield Way



On Thursday 14th December, eight children from Stephenson Way Community Primary School joined Councillor Hubbard to plant crocus bulbs in Williamfield Way with two of the school's governors coming along to help. The children carefully planted lots of bulbs in 2 large flower beds then used a rake to cover them all up. The children enjoyed it and are looking forward to going to see the crocuses in full bloom in the spring time.



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Are You Providing Community Aid?



Left to right: Liane Robinson Treasurer; Pauline Chambers Chairperson, and Joan Clark Secretary.

The Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership is calling all the welfare agencies, both voluntary and statutory to join them to give a cohesive service to people in crisis. The aim of GACAP is to prevent any individual or family being deprived of help of any kind at the time of need. Members

of the partnership include the Foodbank, Helping Hands, Furniture Scheme, Disc, CAB, Churches and Community Centres all wanting to help those in need, referring and signposting to other services where necessary.

If you wish to receive more information ring the Secretary Joan Clark on 307522 or e-mail: treasurer.nayc@live.co.uk

When everyone is registered Newton Press is sponsoring a Directory containing all the partners with their contact details and a list of a services they provide. The directories will be available from partners and also for general distribution.

POETRY PERFORMANCE EVENT AT GREENFIELD



On Friday 6th December "Slam It!" the performance poetry project organised by Greenfield Arts for pupils at Chilton Primary School and Greenfield Community College returned for its second year. The project saw Year 8 from Greenfield and Year 6 from Chilton spending time in English lessons practicing their performance poetry skills, which led to the finale

"Slam" event where the students performed to a panel of judges and their peers. The finale event was compered by performance poet Kate Fox. Last year the two schools were joined by Kate, who is an experienced and well known performance poet, throughout the project, providing support to staff to help the pupils develop literacy and performance

skills and confidence. This year the staff at Greenfield and Chilton have been using their knowledge to enthuse the pupils ready for the event on 6th December. Congratulations to all of the students and staff who took part, the quality of the performers and their writing, and the behaviour of all those in the audience helped make this year's event such a great success!

Brownies Look Forward to Centenary Events

In 2014 the Brownies will celebrate their 100th Birthday with a Star Quest Spectacular. In May an amazing day will be held at Wetherby Racecourse and packed full of fun with something for EVERYONE to enjoy.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section members, Trefoil Guild members and Leaders from all over the Region will attend. Girls of all sections will go on a journey to look for the stars that have been lost over New Zealand. On their quest to find the stars they will be able to take part in Zumba, Cheerleading, Bokwa and similar.

They will see exotic animals and a falconry display and sing along at the musical theatre stage or watch pop bands perform. They can present their own performance on the DIY stage or watch performances from gang shows in the region, they can perform their own Flashmob, see Street entertainers, listen to story tellers, join in a campfire or watch the arena displays where there will be a wide variety of interactive displays. Those with a stronger disposition can see Extreme Team, marching bands and more before returning together to restore the stars to the southern sky.

Everyone will have a different journey and experience, and there will be too much to see for everyone. There will be goodie bags, badges and the obligatory shop. A truly spectacular event for everyone!

In June there will be two events in our own County, including the opportunity for the Brownies to sleep overnight at the Darlington Arena. Newton Aycliffe Division has 150 members, and there is room for more! www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

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Christmas Day

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Surgery's E-mail Error

A number of readers have complained that their local surgery in sending out an e-mail message included all the e-mail addresses of their whole patient list, breaching the data protection act.

The Jubilee Medical Group sent out the E-mail about weekend GP appointments. It was not their intention to include all addresses and they are very sorry this happened and have taken steps to ensure it does not happen again. The incident has been reported to NHS North of England as an Information Governance issue.



Greenfield Winners



Chilton Winners



Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Andrew's
Aycliffe Village, 3.00pm.
Carols by Candlelight.
St. Clare's
Town Centre, 4.00pm.
Christingle.
St. Elizabeth's
Woodham, 6.00pm.
Christingle and Blessing of the Crib.

St. Andrew's
Aycliffe Village, 11.30pm.
Midnight Mass.
St. Clare's
Town Centre, 11.30pm.
Midnight Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Elizabeth's
Woodham, 10.00am.
Parish Holy Communion.

Sunday December 29th
St. Clare's - 10.00am.
Parish Service.

Jesus is the reason for the festive season! Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from the Churches of Great Aycliffe.

What A Difference A Year Makes!

CHRISTMAS 2012

Ye Olde Town Clock forlornly stands. (Four sad faces - eight stiff hands.) It looks down on a sorry scene where bustling shoppers once were seen. The shops are empty - sales are rare. Folks shake their heads as they declare, "Where is the dream we constant hear? When will the miracle occur?"

CHRISTMAS 2013

Ye Olde Town Clock still glumly stands. (Four sad faces - eight stiff hands) But looks down on a different scene. Gone is the mess that once had been. Where troubles once seemed ne'er to end, now happy people smile and spend. Where chaos reigned for months before, the shops are thriving as of yore. Town councilors are pleased and proud - make further pledges long and loud. "There's more to come and, when we're through, the old town centre'll look like new." Ye Olde Town Clock thinks, "Can it be they mean to do the same to me?"

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As a result we have a South Indian choir and tasty Christmas treats representing India, Sri Lanka, Germany and Lebanon. We are also having special song performances from local entertainers Georgio and Kay El-hakim and, last but not least, a visit from Santa with gifts for the children. We'd love to see you there!" The Service starts at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd December at Bethany Centre, Woodham. For more information phone 01325 308184 or check out www.harvestchristiancentre.org.uk

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23 Managers Complete Development Programme



TWENTY three managers at Newton Aycliffe-based manufacturing company Palram have successfully completed a management leadership programme delivered by a local HR consultancy.

Palram DPL, based in Coatham Avenue engaged the services of HR2day Ltd to provide a training programme for its senior & middle managers. HR2day Consultants spent four months at Palram DPL, which produces polycarbonate and PVC sheets, used across the world on projects such as sports stadium roofs and hygienic cladding in hospitals.

HR2day identified a bespoke programme of management development, aligned specifically to the Palram policies, processes, values and culture, which would help the management team to manage the workforce more effectively. HR2day delivered five modules – welcome to management, managing performance, communication skills, employment law for managers and coaching skills.

These modules covered areas such as how managers could deliver the Palram vision, how to deliver effective team meetings, the principles of employment law and using coaching to develop staff. The 23 managers that underwent the training received certificates in Management Development at a graduation ceremony in December.

HR2day is now looking to roll the training out to Palram's other UK sites in Doncaster and Sheffield in the first quarter of 2014. Steven Thornton, Operations Manager at Palram, said: "HR2day and their development programme have enlightened me to a new way of management and given me the creative tools to bring accountability to every level.

"Along with an inspirational tutor and coach the delivery of every module was professional and truly engaging, empowering me to see positive results in my career."

Nicky Jolley, Managing Director of HR2day, said: "Management skills are core to any organisation seeking to deliver its business results through its people.

"The management team at Palram fully embraced, and engaged with, the bespoke programme we delivered, and as a result they are now even better equipped to support the company's global vision."

Based at Lingfield Way on the Yarm Road Industrial Estate, HR2day was established in 2012. The company has experienced dramatic growth in just over 12 months and as well as the UK, it now provides HR consultancy services to companies across the world, including the United States of America, Israel, Dubai, Singapore and Brazil.

Nicky added: "Our approach is all about working with our clients to effectively become

just an extension of their business, whether they have two staff or 200 staff.

"Our retained HR services, which after initial set up can be provided from only £75 a month, give companies the peace of mind of having a dedicated HR department at the fraction to the cost, freeing them up to concentrate on their core business."

More information on the company can be found at www.hr2day.co.uk or call 01325 288299

Music Exams

The following pupils of Terence Lawson, School Aycliffe, have been successful in the recent Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examinations:

PIANO: Lesley Butterworth Grade 1

GUITAR: Catherine Batty Grade 1 with Merit

SINGING: Amy Ogden Grade 2; Anna King Grade 3 with Merit ; Charlotte Altringham Grade 5 ; Sarah Bedwell Grade 6 with merit.

Thank You

A massive thank you to all of you who helped with the appeal we put in the paper a few weeks ago. The response was overwhelming and a huge success.

We collected almost 2 van loads of food and supplies plus donations for the Romanian dogs and the van left last week. It left a few days earlier than planned as the weather in some parts of Romania had turned for the worse and we needed supplies to get there sooner as the dogs were very cold, starving and in desperate need and for the safety of the drivers who went out there. There will be another van leaving in January so if anyone has any donations they would like to give then please contact me again after the new year and I will collect from you.

I cannot however collect before then. Please call me after December on 07834 614 659. Many many thanks once again and myself, Madison, Paws2Rescue and the many Romanian dogs you have helped would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

SANTA TOURS 2013

On a very busy Christmas Eve we are lucky to have Santa tour the streets of Newton Aycliffe, delivering Christmas cheer and sweets for children (of all ages).

The timetable shows approximate times you can expect him at your location. So listen out for the tooting horn, ringing bell and Christmas music from 3.45pm so the children don't miss the opportunity to see him. Please note that Santa can be held up by bad weather too!

Greenfield visits "Enchanted Parks"



Last week a group of students from Greenfield Community College joined staff from Greenfield Arts on a trip to Saltwell Park in Gateshead to experience this year's "Enchanted Parks." The trip was organised and funded by Greenfield Arts as part of the Arts Passport scheme they run at Greenfield. The group thoroughly enjoyed the magical experience, despite the cold weather! It was a great opportunity for them to see this outdoor arts experience, explore the park and see the variety of work on show.

The Arts Passport programme encourages young people to experience arts and cultural events and activities outside of lesson time and record their experiences in their "Arts Passport." This is the seventh event organised by Greenfield Arts this term, and more are currently being planned for next term!

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Following a proposal by Councillor R.S. Fleming, Great Aycliffe Town Council, at its meeting on the 11th December, were pleased to recognise Father Michael Campion's service to the community of Great Aycliffe. The Mayor, Councillor Barbara Clare, presented Father Michael with a gift to commemorate his time in Newton Aycliffe. The Council thanked Father Campion for being a true Newtonian and wished him well in the future.



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Little Acorns our junior group continue to grow and are pretty amazing in planning our events and activities. 2013 has been a very eventful year with the arrival of Horndale Residents who have thrown themselves into the community raising money for a MUGA pitch in just one year despite the recession, well done folks. I would like to see many more groups forming in the coming year. GAMP, too have been very busy supporting the local community and have helped many organisations through their efforts. Grateful thanks also to Honest John for the work that he does to support groups in

Newton Aycliffe including ACORN - Thanks John
Enormous thanks are offered to Syd Howarth at Newton Press for his herculean effort of pulling together various community organisations to form GACAP and his continued support for all of the Newton Aycliffe community. GARA have been successful

in their campaign to return a police presence into the town centre, which has been the fervent wish of many residents for a long time and last but definitely not least what a massive improvement there has been in our town centre and I for one can't wait to see the finished effect. Happy Christmas Ken Robson (Chairman)

Closure of Post Office & Newsagency



Customers of Newsforce and the Post Office run by Barrie Taylor bade him and his staff members Rose and Lesley a fond farewell as the shop closed last week. They have served the community well over 22 years and Barrie takes a well earned retirement from business. Ob behalf of all customers we wish him and all his staff good wishes for the future.

LETTER FROM BARRY:

Dear Sir,
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Thanks John

Dear Sir,
8th Newton Aycliffe Brownies (Burnhill Way) would like to send a very belated, but heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Honest John for the very kind donation of £500 that he recently made to us. This money will be used to help us to run our unit, and will help us to celebrate the Big Brownie Birthday in 2014! Susan Mills

Final Donation Meets MUGA Target



Honest John presented Horndale Residents' Association with a cheque for £750 which completes the £40,000 required to build the Multi Use Games Arena. The association thanks John for his generous contribution and everyone who has supported this venture which will bring great benefit to all in the Horndale area. Work should start on the project in the New Year.

Alcohol Support Group Receives Funding

The Newton Aycliffe Alcohol Self Support (NAASS) group has gratefully received £1,050 from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) together with Durham Alcohol Self Support (DASS) formed the group earlier this year, funded by the Health Priority Fund to support people to cut down or control their drink.

NAASS meets every week at the Pioneering Care Centre, on Thursday's from 11am until 1pm. The friendly, informal group is ran by volunteers who've all had problems with alcohol in the past.

The group members decide what they would like to do each week, whether that's a chat over a cuppa or taking part in activities such as cooking, art or physical activities. Members are also invited to events and visits organised through DASS.

It is with particular thanks to the Members Initiative Funds of County Councillors; John Clare, Mike Dixon, Eddy Adam, Kate Hopper, Joan Gray, Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary that the group members can now organise and take part in diversionary activities which significantly increases people's ability to adapt to life without alcohol. Activities allow members to overcome feelings of boredom and isolation which can lead to relapse. Furthermore, they provide an opportunity to socialise within a structured environment and become part of a supportive, non-judgmental group irrespective of their circumstances.

NAASS provides support to people through discussion and shared understanding of the issues faced by people who want to reduce their drinking and those in recovery.

If you would like more information please call Lisa Boyd on 07712 323238 for a confidential chat or email naasslisab@hotmail.com

Lee Green Dancers in National Freestyle Dance Competition

A very big 'Well Done!' to everyone from Lee Green Dance Centre who went to Blackpool and took part in the Nationwide Freestyle competition.

It was a fantastic atmosphere, dancing against against 150 people to get through to the Finals of each competition.. 14 to 17 yrs - Freestyle Solo - (Girl) Kalia Shaw - 1st place (Nationwide Winner). Annis Race - 6th place. 6 to 8 yrs - Freestyle Solo (Boys) - Ryan Jones - 5th place.

A special mention for Abbie Kennedy and Keiron O'Donnall in the Under 13yrs (Boy/Girl) who were only partnered two weeks prior to the competition. They learned the routine and through their hard work and dedication, came in runners up in the Nationwide Freestyle Pairs.

They also gained 4th place in the Under 13 yrs - Rock 'n' Roll - (Boy/Girl).

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TOWN SOCIAL GROUP CELEBRATE 5th AGM



New Friends New New Places held their AGM last Tuesday. The Chairperson Dorothy Bowman welcomes everyone to their fifth Anniversary. During the year there has been a monthly mystery trip with J&C Coaches, a group went to Butlins for a sixties weekend and 15 people went together on a holiday to Devon. We have Fish and Chip lunches, Strawberry teas, Play Bingo. Line dancing and Armchair aerobics once a

month. Speakers also attend at our AGM Syd Howarth gave a short talk on the new organisation GACAP (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership), a group that helps and points people in the right direction when they have crisis in their lives i.e no food, benefit changes, causing hardships. Come along and join N.F.N.P every Tuesday 2.00pm until 4.00pm at the Royal Navy Club. Or ring 308094 for further details.

Anti Social Kids Pestering the Elderly

Dear Sir,
Parents of kids living around Hawkeshead Court should know what their kids are up to in the evenings.
On Monday 9th December some idiot thought it would be a good joke to steal the stick on doorbell buttons of two elderly residents who live in sheltered accommodation. My mum was one of them, and is profoundly deaf.
Her doorbell has a built in light which flashes when someone rings it to alert her somebody is at the door. She now, due to this rotten behaviour, does not have this facility.
Anchor Housing have reported these incidents to the police and I have reported it to the County Council, so whoever has done this please be aware the anti-social behaviour department are looking for you. Neighbourhood wardens will patrol this area so whoever these kids are they have been warned. Parents could help by telling kids not to pester elderly people, and neighbours could also help by reporting any misbehaviour the see.
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FAMOUS AUTHOR VISITS GREENFIELD



On Monday 9th December award winning Children's Author SF Said visited Greenfield Community College. He spent time with Greenfield's student book club during lunchtime, followed by a talk to all of Year 8 and a workshop with Greenfield's keen writers in the afternoon. This was a fantastic opportunity for Greenfield students to meet such a well-known author and discuss his latest book "Phoenix" which has been nominated for the CILIP

Carnegie Medal and the Kate Greenaway Medal. Both the students and SF Said enjoyed the visit, one student said: "It was the best experience I've ever had!" Another student was inspired by the session with the author: "The day encouraged me to continue reading and writing. I am now more confident about writing as a career." A final student said: "It was a good chance to meet an author as a person rather than a celebrity."
We would like to thank SF Said for joining us - and wish him luck with "Phoenix!"

Council's New Lighting Policy Scheme Will Not Change

Aycliffe Councillor Explains Position

Dear Sir,
Can I on behalf of your local Durham County Councillors offer our apologies for not responding sooner to Ms Jones and the other resident's concerns about the newly installed energy efficient street lighting? Residents can contact us direct and one of us would respond accordingly. It is our intention to contact Ms Jones' and take up her invitation to view the CCTV footage and review her concerns.
In response to her concerns we would like to explain the council's position. Durham County Council (DCC) did carry out a full public consultation exercise prior to the installation of the new Energy Reduction Project. The Project involves the introduction of low energy British Standard LED street lighting, an energy reduction scheme, the removal of specified columns and a change to fluorescent road signs. However, it is worth noting that public responses to the consultation were minimal and a small number of objections were received.
Being honest and direct to the issues raised by Ms Jones and others, it is unlikely the Council will change its project aim. The Council has now embarked on implementing their energy reduction project which will be rolled out over the next 6 years. This will ensure that we can reduce our annual energy lighting consumption by 76%, saving on the Council budget of £24m over 25 years; reduce the overall maintenance bill by 19%; help us meet our commitment to reducing the Council's carbon foot-print by 73% on its lighting. The reduction in operating costs on energy use per unit is substantial. Also, the existing sodium lighting costs are £38.41 per unit to replace them and only last approx. 4 years, whereas the new LED lighting cost is £9.13 per unit that have a 25 year life span.
It's worth offering a little background, if you are not already aware, is that the present coalition Government has applied draconian austerity measures, they continue to slash public spending and now Durham County Council need to cut a further £220m from its already depleted budget.

Therefore, this effective and important energy saving measure will support cost reduction as well as protecting the environment. This off-course is just one of many cost reduction projects that will need to be rolled out in the coming months and years, and as others might say, 'every little bit helps' towards protecting essential council services to the most vulnerable in our community. In days of plenty the council had the budget to fund street lighting that projected beyond the public footpath and highways. Those days have now gone and DCC have taken the pro-active approach to reduce its costs and improve its energy consumption to deliver efficient and effective street lighting which still meet essential legal responsibilities to light essential footpaths and highways at the same time to reduce light spillage and pollution. Yes, there may be an impact on home security with additional cost on residents who may choose to install their own lighting, and yes this could have an impact on their carbon footprint but reflect on this, which Governmental body is forcing you to make that choice, it's not Durham County Council.

Therefore, do you still believe that the council tax payer should contribute towards lighting up individual driveways, protect individual homes, to provide light for individuals CCTV, gardens and front doors whilst at the same time cut back on vital services for the whole community? Or, is it the right thing to improve efficiency, reduce costs and ensure the footpaths and highways are appropriately lit and at the same time keep the council tax stable and services working, you decide!
In the coming months the Councils Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the Environment has an opportunity to review feedback and to study objective evidence gathered from local communities on the initial installation. Therefore, you have an opportunity to raise your concerns and also, your local County Councillors shall endeavour to protect those vital services and take decisions that reflect and benefit the whole community of Great Aycliffe. On behalf of your Labour Party Durham County Councillors Cllr Eddy Adam Aycliffe West Division <http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

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Police Appeal for Witnesses

Police are appealing for witnesses after an elderly pedestrian was left in hospital following a road accident in Newton Aycliffe recently.
The accident happened at midday on Saturday, 7th December on Greenwell Road when the victim, a local man aged 83 was struck by a blue Vauxhall Corsa. He suffered a head injury but at first there was no immediate cause for concern as the collision happened at a relatively low speed and the pensioner was fully conscious in the

ambulance which took him to Darlington Memorial Hospital.
However, over the weekend his condition worsened and this morning he was classed as being in a 'critical' condition. The car driver, a 26-year-old man was unhurt.
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Woodham Academy Engineering Award



Woodham Academy student Nathan Bain has recently been rewarded for his hard work and effort in Engineering. Year 10 student Nathan has been named "Student of the Year in Engineering" by South West Durham Training Ltd for his continued efforts in his work towards his GCSE qualification. He has won the award ahead of all students who study Engineering at South West Durham for his keen eye for detail and his

resilience towards every task that he works upon. Pictured are Nathan and Chief Executive, Trevor Alley. Deputy Headteacher Jonathan Lumb says "Working with South West Durham Training Ltd is an important part of our curriculum. At Woodham Academy we recognise the importance of engineering in Newton Aycliffe and it is very pleasing to see Nathan named as best overall school pupil for engineering."

PLANET LEISURE BOWLING LEAGUE

It was a top of the league clash and Pinheads beat the Wenwees 6-2. Moving into second place are the Clangers as they won 6-2 over the Misfits. M&M'S stay in fourth scoring 6-2 over the Bowl Movement. The Shildon Strikers won the league point 6-2 over Late Starters. and the other two games were cancelled. Mark Baptist once again has taken the high scratch game taking it with a game of 219 previously held by Steve Goth with a 215.

Sports Club Edge 11 Goal Thriller

Date: Sunday 8th December 2013, Result : Wheatsheaf 5 – 6 NASC FC
Written by: Paul Eales

With only one more game after this fixture to go before the Christmas break, Aycliffe Sports Club needed a win against The Wheatsheaf to stay in the promotion places. With 2 wins already this season against the opposition (8-2 in the home league fixture and 5-0 in an away cup tie), the away side went into this game full of confidence, albeit with a heavily depleted squad which saw Carl Little return to the heart of the defence, pushing Mark Craggs into centre midfield.

The game started brightly enough, with the Aycliffe team pressing from the off. A left foot shot from Tom Watson flew over the bar to give the hosts an early warning. However it was the home side that took the lead on 10 minutes from a corner which hit the post and somehow crept over the line in a mud filled goalmouth. David Teder equalised for Aycliffe soon after with cool finish from a long goal kick from Ste Richardson, returning in goal for the first time in 5 games. The Sports Club then started to make their mark on a very heavy pitch, Tom Watson with another effort over the bar and Chris Jones with numerous chances that just failed to make the hosts pay as well as a number of dubious offside calls from the referee. David Teder had a great chance to put the away side ahead with a one on one with the keeper but failed to find the back of the net.

On fifteen minutes it was another long ball over the top that found leading goalscorer Chris Jones who calmly slotted home to make it 1-2 to the visitors. Jones got his second soon after with some good link up play with partner Teder to make it 1-3 on the

half hour mark. With the home side playing a high defensive line, numerous other chances went begging with a lot of offsidings being called early by the referee, frustrating the Aycliffe side. The Sports Club were then pegged back when a freekick from the Wheatsheaf floated over the wall to go in off the post to make it 2-3 at half time.

The second half saw David Teder get his second of the game just five minutes after the re-start. Teder then turned provider for his strike partner ten minutes later lofting a ball over the top of the defenders for Jones to get his 2nd hatrick in as many games – bringing his total for the season to 24 in all competitions. However, the home side were not finished and another freekick needlessly given away saw them snatch their third of the game to make it 3-5. A tackle from Matty Alder then led to an altercation that saw Alder receive a red card, even though it he was subjected to flying kick from the opposition who got away with just a yellow card, another

bad decision from the young inexperienced referee. With the away side down to ten men, the battle was on and The Wheatsheaf saw their chance to get back in the game. A fourth goal quickly arrived, albeit another very dubious decision from the referee not to blow for the forward who was 4 yards offside. With only moments left the inevitable happened and the home side equalised. However, the entertainment wasn't to stop there. The resilient Sports Club pushed for the winner and thought they had it as Jones powered his way through to slot the ball past the keeper. The side line cheered, the players cheered...only to find the ball had stuck in the mud and not crossed the line. The defenders quickly tried to clear, but the ball eventually fell to Teder who powered home the ball at the second attempt after first striking the post, completing his Hatrick. A dramatic end to the game, which was more often than not spoiled by the referee whose decisions and timekeeping left a lot to be desired.

RUGBY CLUB BACK TO WINNING WAYS

Seghill 12 v Newton Aycliffe 31

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club won the final game of 2013 to get their Durham and Northumberland Division 3 campaign back on track. With a number of key players out injured, Aycliffe's squad showed its strength in depth by being able to fill all the gaps. On a gusty day, the weather was always likely to be a factor and Aycliffe kicked off the first half into the wind.

Aycliffe began strongly, and initially were on top in all aspects of the game. A number of chances were made, but not capitalised on, before good hands in the back line released James Thacker for a try that Luke Tinkler converted. Seghill now began to use the wind well and developed a kicking game than got them back in the match.

The wind had its effect when a clearance kick from Aycliffe was blown back across the try line and the Seghill scrum-half was quickest to react to score a converted try. With the last play of the half, Seghill broke clear and scored a try in the corner; the score was 12 – 7 at the break.

Aycliffe knew that if they played a simple game they had the class to get the win, and so it proved. More good handling saw Thacker get his second try to equal the score.

By now, Andrew Littlefair and Drew Gibson were beginning to cause havoc to Seghill's lineouts, and their runs were shredding the defence. From a tap penalty that resulted in a ruck on the 5-metre line, Chris Richards fed the ball to Chris Knight, whose angled run saw him score without a hand laid on him; Tinkler added the extras. Darrell McLaren secured the bonus point when Thacker cut through the defence and gave him the easiest of opportunities and Richards completed the scoring touching down from the back of a ruck. A further Tinkler conversion made the score 31 – 12 to complete a satisfying come-back.

Aycliffe now take a Christmas break, the next game will be at Moore Lane when they host Washington on 4th January. The game will kick-off at 2.15pm and will be followed by the presentation of the club's RFU Club Accreditation Shield by the John Scott, the president of the Durham County RFU. The club's Christmas party will be held at the Sports Club on Saturday 21st December.

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Victorious Huntsman

Huntsman made the short journey to Moore Lane to take on the British Legion last weekend in a rearranged League Cup first round game. The manager used the game as an opportunity for his lesser used squad members to get some minutes under their belts with Andrew Richardson coming in for only his second start of the season and he impressed in a man of the match performance. There were also good run outs from the bench for Ross Dixon, Richie Whitworth and Keith Dodds.

The Huntsman cup trend continued as they fell behind to an early goal once again same as in all 3 previous cup games this season. Mike Sproates passed a late fitness test but he dallied on the ball on the half way line allowing the Legion left winger to streak away down the flank before delivering a pin point cross which was headed home from 12 yards. A shock to the Huntsman and they continued to struggle for the next 10 minutes and they almost went two down. Defender Percy diverted another left wing cross goalwards but Dodds in the goal somehow kept it out with his feet despite diving the other way a massive let off and within 30 seconds they were level as the ball was cleared they forced a throw in deep in the Legion half. Andrew Richardson quick thinking found Jamie Herd who squared for Dave Neale who continued his goal scoring run by placing the ball in the corner of the net from 12 yards.

The second goal soon followed when Carl Bates on a trade mark Messi Esq. run slipped in a lovely through ball for Anth Cox racing in from left to right he slotted the ball into the bottom corner. Huntsman were just getting into their stride but they weren't at their best. The decision making and final ball was lacking and this allowed the score to remain at 2-1 for a long period despite Mike Sproates hitting the bar when it was easier to score. He soon made amends just before the break and added the Huntsman's 3rd when a weak shot beat the keeper at the near post. The second half was a drab affair with Huntsman in

cruise control but still lacking any real quality. They were knocking the ball around well on a difficult surface and could of been 4 up had it not been for the woodwork. Dave Neale crashed the bar before Anth Cox crashed the bar twice in a matter of minutes with similar efforts. Carl Bates did finally add a 4th with his 3rd goal of the season, a tap in from 6 yards after good wing play by Mike Sproates.

The woodwork would deny the Huntsman for the 5th time when Bates saw a pile driver from almost 30 yards rebound back of the post in what would have been a contender for goal of the season. They managed to see the game out without any real threat of conceding again the Huntsman were happy with the victory but a little disappointed with the performance but they are into the quarter final against Yates in mid January.

Next week they are on the road against Witton Park Rose and Crown in the Darlington Charity Cup in what will be a big test against one of the better sides in County Durham. They will be wanting to put in a respectable performance and hopefully keep the score down to a minimum!!

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The Chairman Vince Crosby was quick to assure everyone that there would be no change in the general operation of the centre and youth work would always receive priority. In fact it is written into the constitution, but it was made very clear that without community use the Youth Centre would not be viable and the name change recognised this situation.

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worked together with the local community to gather evidence over several months. Prior to making this application, attempts had been made to work with McCormick and offer support to address his behaviour, to no avail. The Court granted the ASBO for three years (until 2nd December 2016) with the following conditions:
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 They'll receive one or two letters on the subject, which should also be thrown away, then they'll get bored and leave you alone.
 Gill White

New Shop and Post Office Opens



Young's new Newsagency and Post Office opened last week and our photo shows the first customers to use the Post Office counter which opened on time. Proprietor Chris Young apologised the shop was not quite ready, but hopes customers recognise he had a lot of refitting to do in a very short period of time. Chris hopes the new services he is providing will be useful

to all customers and promises to do his very best to satisfy everyone. Readers are reminded that Young's will be our new agents in the Town Centre and will take in advertisements and other items for Newton News.

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News from The Cubby

David Bell of Shafto Way Service Centre has donated £250 to Shelia Plaskett for repairs after The Cubby was broken into a couple of weeks ago. The cash will go towards the cost of repairs which are estimated at £1200+vat so a very big thank you from all the volunteers. We would also like to thank a friend who wishes to remain anonymous for a donation of £150, also a lovely old couple for their

donation of £60. Thanks to other members of the public who have made donations - the response has been brilliant. Could I also thank members of the general public who turned out to vote for us at the Area Action Partnership at the Youth Centre on Saturday 23rd November where we were successful. May I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

Xcel Church Events

Xcel Church are performing their Christmas Show 'Saviour' on Saturday 21st December at the Xcel Centre 7pm. Tickets are available from the Xcel Centre and are £5 per adult, £3 for children (4-17) and under 3's are free. This fabulous family show will include live music and singing and promises a great amount of fun and laughter too. Come along and get into the festive spirit as we tell the Christmas story in a way you have never seen before! Tickets are selling well so we encourage you to get yours soon! We also have a Christmas family service on Sunday 22nd December at the Xcel Centre. This service starts at 10.30am but come along early for festive

refreshments and fun for the kids. Our Christmas Eve Carol Service is 6-7pm. We would love for you to join us as we come together and sing our traditional and favourite carols.

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Keith Bailey and the team at Roots wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support

Christmas Greetings

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Ted Hilary wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas with Best Wishes for 2014.

Councillors Wendy Hilary, Bob Fleming and Mal Iveson (Shafto & St Marys Ward).
Councillors Val Raw, Bill Iveson and Jim Atkinson (Central Ward).
Send Seasonal Greetings and Best wishes for 2014 to all residents of Great Aycliffe.

WISHING all my family & friends Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Thinking of you all.
Love from
Pauline Longstaff xxx

DCC Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam wish all Aycliffe West residents a Happy Christmas and New Year

WISHING all my friends a Happy Christmas and New Year. Best Wishes, Ann Naylor
BEST WISHES for Christmas from Godfrey and Shirley Bennett
MERRY Christmas and Happy New Year from Bill Lowery (Builder)
EILEEN MEALE Wishes all her friends and neighbours of Watson Road a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2014. She would also like to **THANK** all who have supported her with prayers, cards and gifts over the last 18 months xxxx
TOMLINSON Ann and Tom wish all family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank You

GORDON would like to thank family and friends of his Partner Derek Young for attending a Service to celebrate his life at Wear Valley Crematorium on 11th December, 2013. Thank you to Jan for the lovely Service and thank you to Freeman ICU for all you did. Donations collected on behalf of the Freman ICU amounted to £427. Thank you.

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In Memoriam

Dennis Archer

19th December

Three years ago we had to part with someone we loved with all our hearts. Always smiling, always kind, these are the memories you left behind. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. By his loving Mam and Dad, Brothers and their families, Daughter Sharon and Neil, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and friends xxxx

PS: Merry Christmas

DAD

19th December

In memory of Dennis Archer.
No words I write can ever say, how much I miss you every day. As time goes by, the loneliness grows; how I miss you, nobody knows! I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, but all I have are memories and photos in a frame. No one knows my sorrow, no one sees me weep, but the love I have for you, is in my heart to keep. Merry Christmas Dad. Love from Helen, Steven and Natasha xxxx

Sheila Gibson



16th December 2012

The memory of you lives on with me. Till we can be together again. Miss you so much!
Love you always Fred.

McKAY, James Bernard. 17/02/1929 - 23/12/2006. Loved and remembered always. From your loving Daughter Heather xxx
McKAY, James Bernard. Gone but never forgotten, always in our thoughts and hearts. From your loving Grandson Christopher xxxx
McKAY, James Bernard. 17/2/1929 - 23/12/2006. Another year has passed Dad, but it only seems like yesterday that God took you from us. You are missed so very much and remembered with love, Alicia xxxx

McKAY, James Bernard. Grandad. You looked after us and would be there if we needed you. We will always miss you. Love, Dean, Wayne and Ricky xxx
SEAN CRONIN 19-12-2011. How much I miss you being here. I really can't say. The ache is deep inside my heart, that never goes away. I need to feel you constantly, to get me through the day. I loved you so much, why did you have to go away? Till we meet again my darling Sean. Forever in my heart, your ever loving Karen xxx Miss you Dad, from your big boy Chancy xx
SEAN CRONIN We think about you every day, always in our hearts. Danielle, John, Tony and Sarah xxx Miss and love you Grandpa Sean. Love, Evie and Harry xx

TERRY LENDRUM, 12th December 2002. We often think of bygone days when we were all together. The family chain is broken now, but memories live forever. Your loving Husband John and family.

JOAN HURN 18-12-12. A dearly loved Mum and Gran. A year has passed since you were taken away. We miss you and think of you every day. In our hearts forever you will stay. Love always, Dianne, Gary, Stacey and Carl.

JIM NAYLOR 23rd December. I never knew when you went away, the pain would be so bad. So sleep in peace my darling Jim. Great Husband, Great Dad and Grandad. Love Wife Ann - until we meet again.

CAROLINE KENNEDY 17/8/56-28/12/03. I remember the day I met you, the day God made you mine. I remember 10 years ago I lost you and will until the end of time. Through all my tears and heartache, there's one thing for which I'm glad. That you chose me to share with you those special years we had. A teenager at 16 when we met, a teenager at 47. All my love always Peter xxx
Though it's been 10 years now since you were taken away, the memories are still strong and I wish you were here today. I can't see or touch you so I know you're not here, but I've still got the past and in my heart you're still near. If I could see you one last time you know what I would do, Release all my emotions and say Mam I LOVE YOU!!! Love Stephen, Angela, Jacob, Serenna and Leland (the one you sent down to repay me!!) xxx

HARRY CRAGGS In memory of my beloved Husband Harry. Died 30th December 2012. Missing you always. Love, Brenda, Gina, Andrew, Jenny, Julie, Michael and Grandchildren
GEORGE & JIMMY SMITH Xmas wishes and lots of love to our Dad and Brother. Sadly missed but never to be forgotten. Steven, Graham and John xxx

GEORGE SMITH Lots of love and fond memories of Xmas's gone by. Forever in my thoughts. Irene x
GEORGE SMITH Love you lots and miss you Grandad George. From Millie xxx
JIMMY SMITH Sixteen Xmas's without you now Son and miss you more with each one. Staxa love as always. Mam xxxx

WINIFRED HAYES 29th December 1999. This day is always remembered for those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed and very dear. Loved always, Stan, Patricia and family
JOHN WILSON Died 22nd December 2002. A dearly loved Husband and Father, missed and remembered every day by Judith and Victoria xxx

FORESTER (PAT) In loving memory of our Daughter Pat. Time passes but loving memories of you will always stay. No need for words, we will never forget you Pat. Love, Mam and Barry xx
ALBERT ROBINSON 7-12-03. Partings come and hearts are broken, deep in our hearts there's a memory kept for a Husband, Father and Grandad we will never forget. From loving Wife, Marjorie and family

JENNY TARVIT Of all the days throughout my life, the saddest one has come, my life will never be the same without my loving Mum. Although my heart is breaking and it will for quite a while, I'll remember all the love you gave and the radiance of your smile. Your love provides the rock I've built my life upon. It will stay with me forever and help me carry on. Thinking of you on your first Christmas away from us. Love from Kathy, Martin and family xxxx

Public Notice

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THE BOOKINGS offices for Weddings and Baptism's at both St. Clare's and St. Elizabeth's churches are now closed until after Christmas. Reopening times are: For bookings at St. Clare's, every Tuesday from January 7th 6-00pm till 7-00pm. For bookings at St. Andrew's Aycliffe Village, and St. Elizabeth's Woodham from January 8th 5-30pm-6-30pm.

Obituary

Sheila Elizabeth Ayton



Passed away suddenly on 12th December aged 80 years old, Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. The Family wish to thank all, for their support and attendance at the funeral on the 19th December at St Clares Church.

McMAIN, 12th December, at Aycliffe Care Home formerly of Anne Swyft Road, Newton Aycliffe. Brian Robert aged 80 years, loving Husband of Eva; Dad of Hilary and Alison; Father-in-Law of Dave and David; Grandad to Stephen, Chris and Sam and a loving Uncle. Funeral Service took place on Thursday 19th December.

HOWARTH, Hilda of Newton Aycliffe passed away in hospital on December 8th aged 89 years. Much loved Mum, Nan and NanNan. Service held at Darlington Crematorium on Thursday 19th December.

MOLLY JUDGE, aged 87, died peacefully in hospital on 11th December. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 20th December at 11.45am. Family and friends please meet at Church. Family flowers only, donation to Alzheimers Society and Lindisfarne Care Home.

Christmas Remembrance

MAUD GRAHAM Died on 4th August 2012. Miss you every day, morn till night. 53 years anniversary on 17th December. Mother and Nan. Love from your Husband Bob xxx

FISK PATRICIA (Pat), FEATHERSTONE ELEANOR: A Christmas message for two very special ladies who we miss each and every day. Mother and Daughter, in our thoughts this Christmas time. Love, Tony, Susan, Michael and Family xxxx

YVONNE McKEE (Elliott). Christmas number 2 without my beautiful Mum. Love and miss you . . . to the moon and back xoxoxox

LIAM HANNON (Paddy). Sending you Xmas wishes, your first away from home. Love and miss you, Wife Dorothy xxx

LIAM HANNON You were my world Dad. Miss you. Denese and Gary xx

LIAM HANNON Love you Grandad, miss you heaps. Adam, Kay, twins Ryan and Tayla xx

LIAM HANNON You will always be with me Grandad. Love, Teri-Ann, Dan, baby Lacey (who you never met) xxx

LIAM HANNON Miss you Uncle Liam. Stuart xxx

TOM HENDERSON Merry Christmas to the most stubborn grumpy, but very honest man I ever knew. Grumpy Grandad it's been a year since you got your wings to fly, but your memory and face are forever close by. I know you are the brightest light up above, that shines down saying "I told you so!" Sleep well, missed and loved from Kelsey, John, Ollie and Will xxxxxx

DENNIS CHENTRENS 1924-2005. In loving memory this Christmas of our lovely Dad and Grandad. 8 years have passed since you left us, Christmas is not the same without you, you are in our thoughts and hearts every day Dad and sadly missed. From your loving Daughters, Margaret, Doreen and Denise xxx

Birthday Remembrance

GEORGE ELLIOTT (Hilton). Thinking of you Dad on your birthday. Always in our thoughts. Love and miss you, Rob and Barbara xx

GEORGE ELLIOTT (Hilton). 14th December 1928. As I opened my eyes this morning, I blew a kiss to the sky above, and whispered "happy birthday Dad" and sent you all our love. We miss you so much. Love, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxxx

BRIAN MEALE Happy birthday on your 75th on 20th December. Sadly missed by your loving Wife Eileen and children Amanda, Paula and Kelvin xxxx

PAUL RAINE (Bishop Auckland), 28th December. Love and miss you so much always, Mam and family xxxx
PAUL RAINE 28th December. Thinking of you on this special day. Love, Jeff, Tracey and family xxx

NOEL NEEDHAM 24-12-30. Birthday memories are lovingly kept of one we loved and never forget. Loved always, Sheila and families xxx

Congratulations

Thomas Bolton



70 - (NO WAY!!)

Happy birthday Tom on 18th December 2013
Lots of love from all the family xxxx

Evie



Happy 5th Birthday

Happy birthday to our beautiful little girl, Evie. We love you lots and lots. Love, Mummy and Daddy xxx

Happy birthday to the best Sister in the world. Love, Emily xxx

Hollie Langsley



Happy 20th Birthday

21st December 2013
All our love from Mam, Dad, Nycola, Gary, Emily and all the family xxxxx

LEE WREN 19th December 1973. Happy 40th birthday. Have a great day on Saturday. Lots of love, Ang, Caleb and family xxxx
MEGAN BAILEY congratulations on passing your driving test first time, knew you could do it! Love, Gran Audrey and Pop xxx

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Craig Jackman

42 Today!!

Happy birthday babe.
Love you loads.
Sarah-Jane xxxx

Happy birthday Dad.
Hope you have a great birthday. Lots of love,
Madison and Mackenzie
xx xx
and the animals
Maverick, Marley and
Madison xxx

Kieran Watson



Happy 18th Birthday

21st December 1995
Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Lots of love from Dad, Mam, Kelly and John xxxx

Carly Amanda Jones



Happy 21st Birthday

27th December 1995
Have fun celebrating. Loads of love, Mum, Dad, Ashleigh, all your family and friends xxxxxx

AWAY DAY BLUES CONTINUE NEW BUSINESS IS FIGHTING FIT

Newton Aycliffe slipped to another defeat on the road as they were beaten 3-1 at Guisborough. Despite taking the lead through Tom Atkinson's first-half strike, the Royal Blues fell to a 10th away loss of the campaign in conditions that did not encourage free-flowing football.

The Newtonians have one more away game in 2013 at Sunderland RCA on December 28, as they seek to transform their superb home form – seven wins from 11 outings and just one defeat – on the road.

Aycliffe could have moved above the Priorymen with a victory and made the perfect start when Atkinson raced on to a through ball from strike partner Jamie Owens and slotted in. Owens nearly made it two on

the half-hour mark, showing great skill to fashion a chance only to see his left-footed drive well saved by Ben Escritt.

Then, after Owens was fouled on the edge of the area, Harrison Davies fired a free-kick narrowly over Escritt's crossbar.

But the hosts came back into it and only a superb save from Andrew Spence denied Luke Bythway a leveller.

However, Aycliffe could not manage to get into the interval ahead as Michael Roberts tapped into an empty net as Spence was deceived by the wind when coming to collect a cross.

With the gale-force conditions ruining the spectacle in the second half, the game appeared to be drifting to a drab draw.

But with 14 minutes remaining, a disputed free-kick saw

Roberts drive a low effort into the bottom corner of Spence's goal.

Aycliffe pushed forward in search of an equaliser but Danny Johnson took advantage of the gaps at the back to race clear and delicately lob Spence to secure the three points.

Allan Oliver's men now turn their attention to back-to-back home games before Christmas, with Marske (Wednesday December 18) and Ashington (Saturday December 21) making the trip to Moore Lane Park, where two wins could see Aycliffe move up to as high as seventh.

All home games are priced £6 for adults, £4 for concessions with under-12s FREE.

- Meanwhile, tickets remain for the club's off-field event. On Sunday December 29, local band Live Lounge will entertain

the Sports Club. Midfielder Dion Raitt is the lead singer of the group and has rave reviews from other performances at various establishments around the region.

They will be supported by international vocal comedy entertainer Simon Cain on the night. It starts at 7:30pm at Moore Lane, with tickets £10 and available from general manager Dan Lewis on 07581 784726 or hospitality manager John Gaskarth on 07590 925469.

FALCONS REPORT

Newton Aycliffe Under 10 Falcons travelled to Ferryhill on a cold and windy Sunday morning. The boys started brightly and scored inside 2 minutes, through Declan Scott.

We played some good football and midway through the first half added a second through Tom Jasper. HT 2-0.

Second half Aycliffe controlled the opening 5 minutes and added a third when a drilled cross from Declan Scott was turned into his own net by an unlucky Ferryhill defender. Credit to Ferryhill who came back into the game and forced us back pulling 2 goals back.

A good performance but we must learn not to switch off. MoM: Will Mawston for a captain performance. Solid all round performance and 3 wins on the bounce. Next a tough local derby against Aycliffe Juniors

Newton Aycliffe resident, Stuart Furlonger is embarking on his first journey into Self Employment thanks, in part, to the GAMP AAP's flagship 'Step into Business' scheme. Stuart first considered Self Employment as a means to use his skills as a personal trainer to build his own business after working with staff at South Durham Enterprise Agency. Working through his business plan Stuart accessed the GAMP Scheme to provide vital grant funding, used to purchase the equipment needed to get his new livelihood started.

Stuart commented "The funding helped me buy essential equipment for running my classes, from community venue classes, through to Grants Gym. I would not be able to run the classes I do without the equipment that I bought with the GAMP grant" Stuart is now running his fledging business in and around the Newton Aycliffe



area, offering personal training and fitness classes to help GAMP residents get fit and healthy.

Steven Robson, Chief Executive of SDEA commented

"We're over the moon Stuart has been able to start his small business thanks to the GAMP scheme, access to finance to get small businesses going can be so difficult and Stuart is a great case of a young person with enthusiasm and drive

being able to access support to make their ambitions a reality. We wish him all the best with his new venture."

Stuart's new business is going well thanks to his own determination and the 'Step into Business' scheme. 'Step into Business' aims to assist 40 Newton Aycliffe and Middridge residents into self employment over the course of the next 12 months, making Newton Aycliffe a great place to start thinking about self employment.

Greenfield in County Finals



After Greenfield's U14 boys badminton team qualified through to the County Finals at Bishop Barrington last week., it was the turn of the U16 Secondary School squads to battle it out on Thursday 12th December at Greenfield Community College. This event was run by Sedgfield School Sports Partnership and was a fantastic evening of competitive badminton. Both of Greenfields

U16 teams played some outstanding badminton, and were unbeaten in their section. However, both teams eventually lost 2 -1 in the final to Sedgfield Sports College and finished in silver medal position. Greenfield U16 teams are both looking forward to next year as most of them are still in Yr 10, and training hard every Thursday & Monday to achieve their ambition to

make the County Finals next year. Well done.

Good luck to the teams who will be representing Sedgfield in the County Finals on Monday 27th January 2013: U14 Boys – Greenfield, U14 Girls – Sunnydale, U16 Girls & Boys – Sedgfield.

ILLEGAL SUBMISSION MEANS RE-MATCH FOR AYCLIFFE FIGHTER

David Cunliffe from Aycliffe made his Cage Warriors debut at the weekend fighting on the undercard of the biggest Mixed Martial Arts Show in Europe.

The event was held in Newcastle's Metro Radio Arena on the 7th December and was one of the biggest MMA events held in the country to date.

David took a fight against an unbeaten opponent who was 5-0 against his own MMA record of 4-1. The fight was the first of the undercard which saw David start quickly using great footwork to close distance between him and his much taller opponent to land some heavy leg kicks.

David's opponent, Jordan Cooper, threw several kicks to close distance before clinching up against the cage wall. David landed knees to Jordan's head as Jordan made attempts at a flying triangle.

The fight went to the ground and Jordan rolled for a leg lock only to be caught by David's fast heel hook

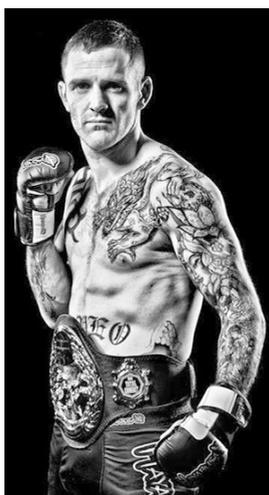


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causing Jordan to 'tap out' immediately.

David celebrated his victory only to be told the submission was illegal for semi professional bouts. The pair are now in talks to see if a rematch can be arranged for next year.

David would like to thank the Lab Gym, coaches and fellow Lab Rats for their help during training. A big thanks to Martin Wilby for his time and effort to get David to where he is today.

Shildon Running & Athletics Club

Shildon Sprints group were back in action this week as they attempted to replicate "The Hunger Games". Sheffield's E.I.S was their arena and boy did they catch fire! U13 girls Rachel Bennett and Maddie Wells ran personal best performances in both the 60m and 150m events. The times recorded took the girls to current season U.K no.1 and no.2 in both events, fantastic achievements for the girls!

In the u15 girls Jade Hepple continues to progress as she also ran a pb in the 60m, slicing 0.25s from her previous best time. Jade also competed in the long jump where she also recorded a new pb, soaring out to 4.15m! Meanwhile the clubs 400m runners were using the event as a hard training session and competed in the 600m event followed by a competitive 300m. Georgia Hirst ran season's best's in the 600m and 300m, Scott Michael ran two personal bests. With both athletes training now moving on in intensity they will be conducting an all-out assault on these times over the indoor season!

The NE Cross Country Championships also took place this week and Shildon athletes showed up in good form! Junior man Cameron Boyek highlighted his fine form by adding the North East title to the Scottish 4k XC title won in November. Cameron dominated the race to win by almost a minute!

The u13 boys were represented by Ryan Watson who finished 16th in 12m 46s. Ethan Edwards completed the u15b course in 15m 33s to earn 23rd position with Harrison Dalglish completing in 17m 09s. The u15g race saw Lizzie Cramb continue to impress as she finished 5th in 16m 40s. Shannon Ross flew the flag for the u17w as she 25m 13s while Elizabeth Wood (21m 29s) finished 10th in the junior women's race. Meg Gibson ran a fine race in the u13g category finishing in 38th position (15m 02s).

Shildon Running & Athletic club is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards. If you are interested in joining the club please come along for a free try out session. For details of club nights and times to suit your age group please check out www.Shildonrunning.co.uk or email secretary@shildonrunning.co.uk

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