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Jean Thompson, a former President of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe has achieved the high honour of being elected District Governor for the North East. Jean, who lives at Rushyford, takes office on the 1st July for a year representing 66 clubs in a worldwide organisation of 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. Jean is well known in the area and was a Sales Director for Itec on the Business Park and also served as a Director of Business Links and Forums in South West Durham. A keen Liverpool F.C. fan she also enjoys cooking, walking and socialising. Her role as District Governor will take most of her time over the next year, but her bubbly personality will ensure her success in the post of Governor.

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## Formal Notice Served to End Town Centre Outdoor Market

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The Town Council regrets to inform residents that it received official notice on 29th April 2014 that its agreement with the Town Centre owners, which enabled the market to operate in the Town Centre, has been terminated by solicitors acting on behalf of the owners, giving one month's notice as required by the contract with effect from 1st May 2014.

Effectively, this means there is no longer a site available in the Town Centre that the market can operate on. Therefore, the Town Council had no option other than to give, in turn, one month's notice to the market operators, Newton Aycliffe Market Traders' Co-operative, to terminate the agreement that it has to operate the Tuesday market. This notice had to be served immediately in order to run

concurrently with the notice to the Town Council from the Town Centre owners. The Town Council has previously looked at options in or around the Town Centre to site the market, however only one site was identified adjacent to the Town Centre that may have been viable. Unfortunately, following enquiries, it has been confirmed that the site identified is not available for this use. Therefore, the last market to be held in the Town Centre will be Tuesday 27th May 2014.

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Buddy Holly – a Legend Reborn stars the UK's number one Buddy Holly - Marc Robinson, a winner from ITV's Stars in Their Eyes show, headlines the spectacular live production, bringing to life classic hits such as Peggy Sue, That'll be the Day and Oh Boy. Backed by a band reminiscent of the Crickets in their Fifties heyday, Buddy Holly – A Legend Reborn is an authentic slice of rock 'n' roll nostalgia that ensures Buddy's incredible legacy of unforgettable hit songs lives on.

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# WE MUST FIGHT TO RETAIN OUR TOWN CENTRE MARKET

Dear Readers, I wonder how many townspeople know about the intention to close our Tuesday Market held in the town centre?

While shopping there I was dismayed to hear this news from one of the stallholders. Apparently the owners of our town centre, Freshwater, have contacted them to say as from 1st June they can no longer trade in the town centre. Our Town Council had promised to discuss this matter, as they hold the market licence and gave the stallholders permission to be in the town, but up till now no one has been to talk to them face to face! Some time ago the Market Traders were told their stalls were "looking scruffy" and it was thought they were

lowering the tone of the newly modernised town centre! The market traders spokesperson contacted the Town Council and offered to purchase new covers for the market stalls at their own cost, and this offer was put to Freshwater but refused. They have also been told there is no other plot of land available near the town centre for them to continue trading as a market.

They asked about the piece of land which has stood neglected just over the road from Aldi, but were told this was private land owned by Durham County Council and has been designated for future use and could not be offered to them.

I visited our MP's office this morning soon after visiting the Marker Traders and Phil Wilson's aide Paul Trippett told me our MP would not be in the office until Friday, and the stallholders must contact him personally to arrange a meeting to discuss this problem.

During the last part of our town's regeneration the market traders where given a small area on Greenwell Road to trade from on a Tuesday. This was not ideal, but our traders struggled on through

all weathers determined not to let the townspeople down and still offer a service.

This morning a number of elderly people were distressed as to where they could purchase some of the items they usually get every Tuesday.

Most have no transport and cannot use public transport through ill health. What do you say to these poor people who rely on this Tuesday Market day, sorry but tough luck? There has been no public or press notice of this major change.

Is this because both the Town Council and Freshwater know how much controversy this will cause?

I received a telephone call from Town Clerk Andrew Bailey who informs me that the Town Council have their hands well and truly tied in this matter, as all they do is hold the licence for the Market. It is down to Daejan on behalf of Freshwater who have told the Town Council they want the Market to cease trading as soon as possible. There has been no public announcement about this as the Town Clerk has been busy writing letters to all the Market Traders as

he thought this was more important.

The Town Council only got to know on 30th April in a letter from Daejan asking them to write to all stallholders telling them that market trading will cease on June 1st.

Where do we go from here you may well ask? Well the only thing I think which must be done, is to put pressure on Durham County Council and ask if they would have more sympathy in this matter. If enough people got their pens and paper out, and wrote a letter to County Hall maybe they would sit up and take notice, and offer the Market Traders this small piece of land available next to the Cubby.

People of Aycliffe you have a duty to do, if you want this market to remain, tell Durham County Council. Perhaps Newton News would print a petition in the newspaper for people to sign?

We wish our Market Traders good luck remembering all the years of their good service to this town. I will pray for you all, and hope that all will turn out well. God bless.

Pam Lovelass  
Town Centre Chaplain

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## Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the Area Action Partnership meets later this month.

The GAMP board will be meeting on Tuesday, 20 May 2014, between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, at Woodham Community Centre and local residents are invited to go along to observe proceedings. This meeting will also include the annual general meeting.

Those attending can also raise any neighbourhood issues they would like the board to address. These need to be put in writing and sent in advance.

To attend the board meeting- register in advance by ringing 01325 327441 or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

## New Care Home Manager at Defoe Court

Defoe Court Care Home gave a warm welcome to their new Home Manager, Lisa Knight earlier this month. Lisa was born and raised in the local area and attended schools in Newton Aycliffe.

Lisa is a qualified nurse with lots of experience in the care home industry and transferred to Defoe Court from another HC-One home in Bishop Auckland.



## Reminder to Vote

Those living in County Durham are being reminded to make sure they don't miss out on being able to vote in the forthcoming European Parliamentary elections.

Today is the last day to ensure you are on the electoral register, otherwise you can't vote in the elections which are set to take place on Thursday, May 22.

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The deadline is also fast approaching to apply for a postal vote, with applications needing to be in by tomorrow (Wednesday, 7) May 2014. Anyone wishing to apply for a proxy vote needs to do so by Wednesday, 14 May 2014.

Polling stations will be open across County Durham on Thursday, 22 May 2014 from 7.00am to 10.00pm.

766 MEP's make up the European Parliament. These are elected by 28 European Union countries. There are 73 MEP's for the UK broken down into 12 regions and this is your chance to vote for the ones to represent the North East region.

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[www.myspace.com/mugshotrockband](http://www.myspace.com/mugshotrockband)  
**Saturday 24th May - "Sabbatica"**  
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## SPEAK OUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE TOWN CENTRE MARKET

Dear Editor,  
I am told the stallholders who attend the town centre market each Tuesday have been given a month's notice. I made enquiries with stallholders who confirmed that they have been told by the Town Council and Town Centre Manager that they are not wanted anymore. One reason I heard of was that the stalls were scruffy. I also heard it said that they

could not have stalls on the new town centre surface as they might dirty it. No doubt Freshwaters and the Council will come up with their own reasons to rid us of the market, but I don't think that most of us want to lose it. It certainly isn't the market that it used to be, in terms of size. Part of the reason for that is that the stallholders have been messed about in the past, and also the town

centre has been so run down that it wasn't worth their while coming. If the town centre is on the up now then surely the market is an added attraction to help bring shoppers in, and should be built up rather than stopped. I know of no-one who thinks the market is a bad thing. Surely it can't be so bad that the agencies can't work with the stall holders to resolve the problems. If the townspeople have any views on this, and would like to see the market continue, I suggest they contact the agencies and make our feelings known. They have been given a month's notice so there is some urgency. Ric Hargreaves

## Clampdown on Parking Near Schools WEEK OF ACTION

During the week of Monday May 19th till Friday 23rd, Schools in Great Aycliffe which includes Aycliffe Village Primary School will be taking part in a Road Safety Action Week, each morning from approximately 8am till 9am and on the Afternoon from approximately 3pm till 4pm. The main schools taking part will be:

**Byerley Park Primary, Sugar Hill, Aycliffe Village, Greenfield Community College and Vane Road Primary.**

The idea for the action week is to highlight to drivers the problems of inappropriate and illegal parking, careless driving, as well as speeding can have on the lives of children.

Ron Hogg Police & Crime Commissioner will be visiting the following school at the times indicated, when there will also be Police Officers, PCSO's & Traffic Wardens present.

Parents and Guardians are requested to park more considerately for the safety of the children and the residents who live near schools. Please do not park in front of driveways, on corners or close to junctions. Do not block drop kerbs, park on the pavement or double park, and no stopping on the Yellow Zig Zag Lines outside Schools. We also ask all drivers, when in the area of a school, to reduce their speed and drive with much more care.

Alan Hindmarch  
ARMSS Secretary

## Earth, Wind and Fire

Messy Church @ St. Clare's will be hosting a celebration for Pentecost featuring activities based around Earth, Wind and Fire on SATURDAY 17th MAY. Come along and enjoy jumping for joy on the bouncy castle, make a kite and a fan. We will be blow painting together and having lots of fun. Ending with a power filled pasta tea for all to enjoy. Family registration opens at 3.45 pm, so please come early so we can begin at 4 pm. Messy Church is for all the family and everyone! So come along if you are a messy regular or simply interested in having a great fun filled hour in a warm welcoming, Christian environment. Contact Helen McCormick on 319002 for more details.

## Hamsterley Forest 10k



Julie Nisbet, Race Director, and Craig Robinson, Chairman of AHR both members of Aycliffe Running Club.

A local charity will be benefiting from the generosity of a 10k trail race this summer. The Hamsterley Forest 10k trail race, on 6th July, has the capacity to host 500 participants, and is a popular location for runners. Race Director Julie Nisbet says "As a runner myself I'm always looking for good, challenging local races. This is a great route, and I think our 500 limit will fill up quickly. I also wanted to support a charity that I'm passionate about, and having been a volunteer for Auckland Hospital Radio for 14 years, I wanted to try and help them financially too."

Craig Robinson, Chairman of Auckland Hospital Radio said, "I am delighted that the

organisers of Hamsterley 10k have chosen to support our charity. We are always actively involved in local community events, and are happy that we will be there on the day supporting the runners." Hamsterley Forest 10k trail race takes place on 6th July. Entry is £13.50 for affiliated runners and £15.50 for unaffiliated runners. To sign up go to www.hamsterley10k.co.uk or contact Julie on 07921 330796. There is a 500 runner limit, so entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Finishers will also receive a goody bag and t-shirt.

## DANGER FOR PEDESTRIANS

Dear Sir,  
I'm guessing it's an issue of liability, but am I the only one who thinks the way

they've closed the path from St. Mary's to Tesco crossing is crazy?

They're diverting pedestrians around the roundabout across three busy roads to get to Tesco from Central Avenue.

Simply by diverting people through the church car park would be much safer.

There are three schools and six care homes that walk that way to town. Not to mention the countless other vulnerable people.

Stephen Patterson

## FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW



St. Clare's Church "Feel Good Film Show" on Wednesday 14th May will feature "PHILOMENA" which was nominated for "Best film" in the Oscar, BAFTA and Golden Globe awards. Starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan is a film which is both hilarious and moving. "Dame Judi breaks your heart then mends it" Daily Telegraph.

Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm (included in the £2). The film starts at 1-15pm. We provide a variety of chairs for your comfort, and provide tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you watch the film in friendly company. For further details please ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

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The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Barbara Clare, held a Charity Cabaret Evening in the Royal British Legion Club on Thursday, 1st May 2014 to help raise funds for her nominated charities during her year in office. Councillor Mrs. Clare has jointly nominated the St. Clare's Food Bank and the Cardiothoracic Unit at James Cook Hospital as her charities.

The evening was a huge success with an amount of £492 being raised from the raffle and bingo. This amount will be added to the total collected during the year when cheques will be presented to representatives of the charities prior to the Annual Council Meeting in

the Council Offices on the 14th May 2014 at 7 p.m. Councillor Mrs. Clare would like to thank everyone who supported this event by attending or donating to the raffle. A special thanks must go to the Cabaret Artistes, Stan Fuller and Tanya Malone for their excellent performances. The Town Council thanks the Royal British Legion for allowing us the use of their premises and to the Committee Members for helping with the event. As usual the pie and peas supplied by Amanda at the Legion were delicious. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the event and made it such a huge success.

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The 'Step up for Options' challenge will raise money for the Options project, a service based at the Centre which provides activities and opportunities for disabled adults. To take part a donation of 50p for 15 minutes on the stepper will be welcomed.

Benefits of getting involved in this national walking event include:

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PCP will be taking part in a weekly workplace challenge involving staff and volunteers logging their walks to see how they all add up to burn calories and save CO2. All walking will count whether it's walking to work at lunch time or for a meeting.

PCP also offers Nordic Walking every Wednesday 9.45 - 10.45am, if it's your first time you get the session for free and then it's just £2 after. Health Walks also take place every Thursday 10.30 - 11.30am which don't cost at all.

To put your name down for the 'Step up for Options' challenge contact 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Or come along on the 14th May to the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, and join in the fun.

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This support is free to voluntary and community groups within the Newton Aycliffe, Middridge and Great Aycliffe area and has been funded by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership.

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The first training session will be held on Tuesday 27th May, 9.30am - 12.30pm at Woodham Community Centre. Further hands on support sessions will follow this training at Greenfield Community Arts Centre.

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to reach 87 all out after 38.2 overs, with Tom Wickins top scoring with 26 and Craig Robertson chipping in with 14. The home side quickly reached their winning target of 88 in the 17th over without losing a wicket as Aycliffe took the opportunity to share the bowling duties among the youngsters in the team.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, earned their first win of the season with a hard fought 24 run victory at home to Normanby Hall in the 2nd division of the NYSD League.

Asked to bat first, Aycliffe were in deep trouble at 54 for 7 with only captain Chris Palmer (22 runs) looking comfortable. However, some excellent late order hitting from Michael Howe, who defied a badly broken finger to top score with an unbeaten 37 and useful innings from both Matt Atkinson (31 runs) and debutant Pritpal Grewal (15 runs), helped Aycliffe's total to 138 all out after 39 overs.

In reply the visitors looked to be heading for victory with their score at 100 for 5, but an inspired spell of left arm spin

bowling from Luke Telford (photo attached) helped take Aycliffe to their first win of the season as Normanby Hall were bowled out for just 114 after 39.4 overs.

The 2nd team made the long trip to Whitby 2nd XI with a very young team containing eight juniors and were handed a ten wicket defeat in their 3rd division match. Aycliffe were asked to bat first on a very wet wicket and did well

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this project and work with more men this year to make something even bigger and better! The project as a whole has been funded by NHS through East Durham Trust, and we have received funding to complete two Cree projects this year. Last week some of the lovely male volunteers joined us here at Greenfield to hear more about the great project they can get involved in this year: Cutting Loose 2014. Cutting Loose is a community carnival of music, dance and costume which will involve the whole community in the development and performance, including young people from all schools in Newton Aycliffe. The event will take place on Tuesday 15th July at 6pm at the Boating Lake. The Cree volunteers will develop, design and build one element

for the finale of the event – we can't give you any more details yet, it's a surprise so you'll have to come to the event in July to find out! The men have started coming up with some ideas but are always looking for more volunteers to contribute to this fantastic project. If you'd like to join us you would be more than welcome. There'll be cake and buffies when we meet again on Tuesday 13th May from 10:30am – 12pm and then again on Monday mornings, starting Monday 19th May 10.30am-12pm. We are really pleased to be able to work with such generous volunteers again for another great purpose, and are looking forward to seeing what they create. For more information, please ring 01325 379048, email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or visit us during opening hours.

## RESIDENTS ACCUSE LIVIN OF CREATING A SHANTY TOWN

The Lakes and Dales Residents Association meeting is at Silverdale House on Wednesday 14th May at 6pm. This meeting will discuss the issue regarding fences and general action being taken by LIVIN which is making our area a scruffy "Shanty Town" depriving residents of their peace and privacy. Livin officers have said they will discuss the problems at a separate time and try to find a satisfactory solution with the problems we raise. Please ring Dorothy Bowman on 308 094 for further details

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# CHARITY FUNDRAISING BY STUDENTS



An important aspect of life at Woodham Academy is embracing what can be achieved when we put our hearts and minds together and act. During the course of the past year, Woodham Academy has supported a number of charities. Last November, in excess of £1500 was raised for Children in Need Appeal through a day long event. The school has been raising money for the charity for the past 7 years. The whole school participates in the delivering of hampers to nominated local residents, particularly senior citizens and families in difficult circumstances at Christmas. Students also fundraised to donate almost £350 to Family Help, Darlington. This

contribution helps towards providing refuge for over one hundred victims of domestic violence during the year, in addition to assisting to finance the help-line that the charity runs. Woodham Academy students make a massive effort in raising money. Their positive attitudes towards the events they undertake are an incredibly inspiring and empowering force. Not only do their endeavours benefit those receiving support, it also engenders a feeling of pride. Charity has a vision of kindness, and a simple awareness that the best aspect of human nature is represented by those who take time to help others in need.

## SEARCH FOR TOP SCHOOL ATTENDERS

The search is on for County Durham's most dedicated pupils. Durham County Council is again trying to track down teenagers in their final year of secondary school and children in their last year of primary school who have a 100 per cent attendance record. Youngsters who have never missed even half a day in class throughout their whole secondary or primary school career will be invited to a special celebration event. The evening, at Durham County Cricket Club, will include a tour of the club, awards presentation, photographs and a buffet. Families who think a child may have 100 per cent attendance to date should contact the child's school. To be eligible for an award, the attendance must continue to be 100 per cent until the pupil's official leaving date in the summer. The council is also contacting schools direct in order to identify eligible pupils.

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# Further Cup Football Success



On Thursday 24th April, Stephenson Way's two football teams travelled to the Alun Armstrong Soccer Centre in Shildon to compete in a cup competition organised by the Sedgefield

School Sports Partnership. After finishing their outdoor, 7-a-side competitions, both the A and B teams merited a place in this indoor, 6-a-side competition. This provided a different set of challenges for

the players. They no longer had to deal with any weather conditions, but were now required to adapt to the much faster pace of indoor football, where the ball is constantly in play due to walls surrounding the pitch.

The "A" team seemed unfazed by the change and won all three of their group matches to book their place in the semi-finals. The "B" team had a larger and tougher group and dealt admirably with the challenge, competing well and earning entry into a 9th/10th place playoff; a very respectable result for their first time playing indoor football.

In the knockout stage, the "A" team managed to break down a resilient Thorn Hill defence to win 1-0 and a place in the final, where they would have a chance to avenge their second place finish in the football league, as they would face the only side to finish above them: Coxhoe. Meanwhile the "B" team were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to Vane Road, meaning they finished 10th overall.

The final was predicted to be a tight, competitive affair and this proved to be the case. Twice Stephenson Way took the lead only to be pegged back by a resilient Coxhoe, before finally scoring the decisive goals to win the match 4-2 and win the cup.

Following the event, the sponsor, Vision for Education, sent a representative into the school to present the trophy, which has taken its place amongst a growing collection outside the headteacher's office. Vision for Education's sponsorship of the event also meant that each member of the team received an individual trophy as a memento of their success.

A busy footballing schedule continues throughout the term, with the school being delighted to be able to enter 2 teams in the current girl's football league at Greenfield. This is a glowing testament to the levels of sporting involvement and inclusion at the school.

Meanwhile, the "A" team has already tasted further success, winning all three games they participated in the Spennymoor and District School's Football League last week, without conceding a goal.

This stretches their winning streak to 4 games in that competition and keeps them in contention for even more silverware.

# UNBEATEN SPARTANS BEAT MANCHESTER



Newton Aycliffe Spartans maintained their perfect start to the 2014 British Baseball Federation AA Northern Division with a double victory over the visiting Manchester A's at Shildon Leisure Centre last Sunday.

In game 1, The Spartans jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning before both pitchers, Mike Holton for Newton Aycliffe and Paul Fagan for Manchester settled down to keep the scoring low. Spartans blew the game wide open scoring 5 unanswered runs in the 5th inning including a Grand Slam Home Run from Mike Holton. Catcher Jason Hill had 3 runs batted in (RBI's) for the Spartans also.

The A's tried to rally, scoring 4 runs in the 6th inning to bring the score to 9-5 but Estile Peniche closed the door in the 7th and final frame to ensure Spartans

took game 1. Mike Holton (2-0) pitched 6 strong innings for the Spartans and took the win.

In game 2, Spartans changed some personnel, giving

several players their first starts of the season. Both sides scored 1 run in the 1st inning, but steady hitting from the Spartans and some aggressive base running resulted in Spartans jumping into a 8-1 lead by the end of the 5th inning. Manchester also found Spartans pitcher Bryan Dunkel (2-0) in great form as he struck out 6 batters and only issued 1 walk over 6 innings. Manchester scored 3 times in the top of the 6th inning but the Spartans hit back with 5 more runs to seal the game and ensure that have a perfect record at 4-0. Ian Porley with 4 RBI's and Jarek Majek with 3 RBI's were the standout performers

with the bat for the Spartans in game 2.

Spartans would also like to thank Cobblers Hall Pub in Newton Aycliffe for providing post match refreshments for both teams. Spartans are next in action on Sunday 11th May when Sheffield Bladerunners are the visiting team to Spartan Field in Shildon.

All home matches are played at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre in Shildon and this Sunday's first pitch will be at 12pm, with the second game starting at 2.30pm and a full fixture list and more information on the Spartans can be found at [www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk)

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# Bike Club Raise £465 for H4H 3M Pledge Support for New STEM Campaign



Aycliffe Bike Club held a fundraising 'Halloween Party' last year where club member Stewart Martin had his legendary long beard shaved to raise money for Help for Heroes. On Sunday 4th May Nigel Stevens local co-ordinator for the Tyne & Wear branch of H4H attended the bike club meeting at The Turbinia, Newton Aycliffe to accept the cheque on behalf of H4H. A fantastic amount of £465 was raised for the charity.

Aycliffe Bike Club meets at the The Turbinia on Thursdays from 5pm onwards and everyone is welcome to meet the friendly & knowledgeable members. We also do regular ride outs. The Turbinia also offers fantastic entertainment nights with Open Mic/Buskers' evenings from 8pm on Fridays & regular Rock Nights on Saturdays.

The 3M manufacturing site at Aycliffe has pledged to work with local schools to encourage more girls to study the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths. The commitment is part of the diversified technology company's support for a new government campaign – called 'Your Life' – to encourage greater participation among women in STEM. The national campaign was launched by Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, at the Science Museum in London on Wednesday, 7 May with the ambition to double the number of women studying engineering and technology degrees at undergraduate level by 2030. It also aims to boost the number of women pursuing careers in engineering and technology; and increase the number of young people studying maths and physics at 18. The Government wants to achieve these targets through a partnership of government departments, private companies, civil society and educational institutions working together to engage young people.

3M is among the companies that have signed a pledge to make a firm contribution towards the success of the campaign. The company has committed itself to increasing the number of female 3M scientists and engineers who volunteer to become STEM Ambassadors by 50 per cent by the end of 2014. These ambassadors work with schools and colleges to support the teaching of STEM subjects. It has also pledged that its Aycliffe plant will be among its UK sites to partner with at least one local school specifically to encourage female interest in STEM careers. Activities will include employees visiting schools to show how technology and innovation are used in real life and hosting school visits to the site, as well as offering female mentors to students from local schools. Managing director Paul Keel commented: "As a technology company, 3M understands the importance of STEM subjects and people with STEM qualifications form a large part of our employee base. "However, the Government and industry alike recognise

that too few pupils are staying with these subjects beyond GCSE – an issue that is even more acute amongst female students. "We therefore aim to help increase this talent pool – our target employees of the future - by working with educational specialists to help make these subjects real and relevant to pupils." Minister Elizabeth Truss said: "Rising numbers of people are taking maths and physics A levels – but it is still very low. Too many teenagers, especially girls, don't realise that maths and physics get you everywhere. They have the highest earnings and can open doors to careers in business, journalism, technology, engineering - in fact anything you can probably think of. "That is why I'm so pleased to see some of the UK's top businesses and organisations showing their commitment by signing the 'Your Life' call to action and committing to recruit more science and maths students. Together we can ensure young people have the skills they need to succeed in life and help the UK compete on a global scale."

## Crazy Whist Local Care Home Rated in North East's Top 10

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Staff, residents and families at Rose Lodge care home in Newton Aycliffe are celebrating this week after being named as one of the top recommended care homes in the North East. The home, which came 7th out of 876 homes in the North East, received an award from online directory and industry website carehome.co.uk for being rated amongst the top

20 recommended care homes in the North East. The award was based on the home's online recommendations from their residents plus friends and relatives of residents. Director of carehome.co.uk Davina Ludlow said: "We felt the best people to rate a care home were the people who really know its ins and outs, its residents and their families. Rose Lodge care home has proved that it provides a great service and we'd like to congratulate them on being a top recommended home in the North East! It's a brilliant achievement to be recognised for your hard work but particularly from the people who you work hard for. "The care home will be recognised on our website as a top rated home and will receive a certificate from us. Manager of Rose Lodge, Karen Frew-McGill, said: "This is a wonderful recognition for Rose Lodge our residents and staff. This is a real reward for all the hard work and dedication carried out daily by all our staff." "Rose Lodge would not be the home it is today without the joy and laughter our residents bring to our hearts every day. It is so important to us that our residents are happy here so we are delighted to have received so many recommendations from our residents and their families and friends." Please follow this link for the full list of winners in the North East area: <http://www.carehome.co.uk/awards/>

## Christian Aid Week

Dear Newtonians, With the kind permission of the management of Tesco, Churches Together in Great Aycliffe (St. Clare's, St. Mary's, Methodist and Harvest Churches) have arranged for a bucket collection in Tesco on Friday and Saturday, 16th/17th May. Volunteers from all of the churches in CTGA will cover hourly slots on both of these days from 9am to 5pm. Historically, envelopes were hand delivered to all the houses in Newton Aycliffe during Christian Aid Week. However, this is no longer possible due to lack of volunteers to cover such a large area. Therefore, we are grateful to Tesco for giving CTGA this opportunity to raise some funds for Christian Aid. Christian Aid do vital work with poor communities across the world to bring lasting change for the most vulnerable people on earth, regardless of faith, gender or race. Anything you can give, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference to these people who are desperately in need of our support. On behalf of Christian Aid and CTGA, I would like to thank you in advance for your donation. Anne Molyneux Secretary, Churches Together in Great Aycliffe

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**WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY 2014**  
**at 7.15 p.m.**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards, the Council Website and by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) or our Website: ([www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)) from the 9th May, 2014.

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**NEWTON AYCLIFFE STUDENTS  
VISIT NEW BIOGAS PLANT**

30 pupils from a Newton Aycliffe primary school became official 'Waste Warriors' when they visited the north east's only commercial food waste anaerobic digestion facility to see how leftover food is processed into biogas.

The eco team from Woodham Burn Community Primary School has been taking part in a food waste campaign created by Emerald Biogas to help schools understand the growing impact of disposing of unwanted food. Following a visit by the renewable energy company to the school earlier in March, where the pupils learned about the anaerobic digestion process, the pupils were given workbooks with activities such as designing a team logo, completing an animation of the anaerobic digestion process and recording the food miles for the school's lunch, to develop their creative design, problem solving and mathematics skills.

As part of the Waste Warriors campaign, they have also been recycling their own food waste produced at school in recycling bins to be processed at the plant. This week 30 Year Five pupils from Woodham Burn Community Primary School took a tour of the plant to see how their leftover food is digested and turned into green energy.

Operations Manager Paul Scott gave a lively tour, with the pupils captivated by all the processes, sights and sounds, including the depackaging machine, the large tanks where the bacteria feed on the food waste and

the post-digestion tank where the biogas is produced and turned into heat, power and fertiliser.

Woodham Burn Community Primary School Year 5 pupil, Zack Cooke, said: "It's amazing how everything is pasteurized and compressed into biogas."

Also from Year 5, Woodham Burn Community Primary School pupil, Charlie Pemberton, said: "The technology level at the plant

seems like it is from the future. It's amazing!"

Richard Linsley, Deputy Head at Woodham Burn Community Primary School, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for our Y5 pupils to see how their left over food waste is turned into green energy. They have really enjoyed the challenge of becoming Waste Warriors and looking after the environment."

Esther Brown, Commercial Manager at Emerald Biogas, said: "The pupils were fascinated by the journey that the food waste takes, from their own collections and the other types of food waste coming into site, as well as the bacteria that create the gas and the fertiliser that comes out at the end."

"We see educating the next generation about how yesterday's leftovers can become tomorrow's green energy as being a priority and through this initiative we are committed to helping the local community change the way it deals with leftover food. We want to make people stop and think by putting food waste firmly under the

**Editorial****Town Centre  
Market  
Closure**

The announcement that the Town Centre Landlords have given notice to close the Market is shocking news particularly as they assured its future after the refurbishment.

Now it seems the owners of the centre wish to bring in a different set-up, under new management. The local market traders group are obviously unhappy and are disappointed they cannot continue to provide a service. It seems their stalls were too scruffy for our new town centre and the owners want something prettier and better organised.

If and when this happens only time will tell, meanwhile we have to accept the decision and the Town Council, the Market licence holder, can do nothing about the situation.

The fact the market has dwindled to just a few stalls is not entirely the fault of the traders who have suffered so much disruption and uncertainty during the refurbishment.

It was hoped land next to the Cubby could be used for the weekly market which is County Council land, but that has been refused as the land is due to be developed?

It could have been offered on a temporary basis, pending development, as it has been a vacant unsightly mess for over 10 years.

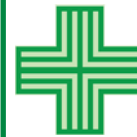
Once again the folly of selling our town centre to a private landlord has been proven. Ownership of a town's main shopping precinct should not leave the local authority or the will of the people powerless in such a situation!

spotlight. With Winston the Waste Warrior leading the campaign, we have a fun way of engaging with the younger generation to help create a new attitude to food waste." Together schools across the UK throw away 80,000 tonnes of food waste, with over 16 kilograms thrown away on average in a primary school every day.

The youngsters also have the chance to win a £250 voucher

for their school by designing a series of colourful and creative posters that get the food waste message across, as part of a wider north east schools competition. The winning school will be able to purchase an environmentally friendly resource, which can be used for the school's green initiatives.

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# IGNORANT CYCLIST ON BURN LANE

Dear Sir,

A cyclist forced car drivers to queue far longer than needed on Burn Lane at 4pm on Tuesday May 6th. Traffic going out of town towards Cobblers Hall were frustrated by this selfish cyclist who appeared to be well dressed for the occasion and was probably returning from work with a rucksack on his back. It was a hot day and being stuck in a car, due to this inconsiderate cyclist, refusing to use the cycle tracks positioned less than 2 metres away along Burn Lane, was annoying. He broke several Highway Code rules which should be pointed out to this man and other cyclists using roads at peak times, especially when they ride in the middle of the carriageway approaching chicanes.

169: DO NOT hold up a long queue of traffic  
168: NEVER obstruct drivers who wish to pass  
Specific to Cyclists:  
61: USE Cycle routes, .....  
62: USE cycle tracks....often located away from the road alongside footpaths.  
66 - 6: Be Considerate to other road uses  
67 - 3: Be aware of traffic coming up behind you.  
68 - 3: You must not ride in a careless or inconsiderate manner.  
If this man was cycling instead of driving a car to work in an effort to produce less pollution, he was actually causing other road users to pollute the atmosphere more than he was saving.  
If he wants to save the environment he should be using as many cycle tracks and cycleways as possible.  
At the moment he is causing a great deal of harm to the environment and putting himself at risk of being in an accident, which would mean the waste of more fuel and money being used by Emergency Services.  
Road User  
Name & address supplied

## PCC Chief Monitors Stop and Search

The Home Secretary, Theresa May, has responded to a public consultation on stop and search powers on police forces in England and Wales. More than 5,000 people responded to the consultation conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC). 27 per cent of the stop and search records they examined did not contain reasonable grounds to search people. That means more than a quarter of the one million people stopped by police, carried out under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act last year, could have been illegal. Locally, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Ron Hogg monitors stop and search data to ensure equality in policing, as part of his scrutiny role across the Durham Constabulary area. During 2013/14, Durham carried out 12,074 of which 11,958 (99%) were of white persons and 116 (1%) were from ethnic communities. The 2011 census showed that white persons represented 96.1% of the population of County Durham and Darlington, therefore, stop and searches of white persons are slightly above the proportion of the population. In terms of stop and searches per 1,000 population, for white persons this is 20.1 and 4.8 for ethnic communities. Of the 11,958 white persons stopped and searched, 1,241 (10.4%) were arrested as a result, compared with 13 (11.2%) from ethnic communities. Responding to the latest consultation, Mr Hogg said: "I expect everyone to be treated equally and I am happy that the force is not abusing the stop and search process in terms of targeting certain sections of the community" Ron Hogg provides information about 'Stop and Search - Know Your Rights' on his website: <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Your-Police/Stop-and-Search.aspx> Follow PCC Ron Hogg on Twitter: @RonaldHogg1 or organisation updates @DurhamPCC.

## "XCEL LOCAL" CHARITY GOLF DAY

Xcel Local will be holding their first Charity Golf Day on Friday 20th June 2014, playing for the 'Xcel Local' Cup at the Oakleaf Golf Complex courtesy of Great Aycliffe Town Council. Closing date for entries is Friday 6th June 2014 and please note that the first 18 teams will be accepted and only by arrangement with the Oakleaf Golf Complex would we be able to consider more. Tee times are from 11am to 2pm. Entry Fee: £140 per team of four players. To enter please use the Entry Form below. The day will include:

- Meet & Greet - Coffee/Tea.
- 18 Hole Team competition:

by Stableford from Yellow Tees.

- Best two scores per Team per hole to count.
- Nearest the pin on Six holes each receives a prize
- Longest Drive on One hole receives a prize
- Carvery dinner in the Function room 7-30pm for 7-45pm.
- Drinks available to purchase at the Bar near Function room
- Prize ceremony by George Courtney.
- Raffle, Head & Tails and Stand up Bingo.

Xcel Local is the collective name for all of our community Projects run through our Charity Cloud Nine. Throughout almost every week of the year, teams of volunteers are providing help for those most in need. Street teams are active in the Community making a Big difference in practical ways. Feeding the hungry, providing gifts for children at Christmas, school uniforms for children and tidying gardens are just a few of the incredible things happening. By helping others in a practical way, we are helping people get their lives back on track and families are being changed for the better. For more information, please contact Ron Mitchie on 07749 236853 or email [agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com](mailto:agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com)

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# Young Charity Workers Receive Award



Charlotte Icton receiving her Certificate of Appreciation from Geoff Batchelor, Rotary Club President. The certificate was presented for her generous assistance in the running of the Annual Model Railway Exhibition 2014. Charlotte loves helping out at this yearly event and the Rotary Club raised a grand total of £1622.96 to aid The Heel Toe Charity which provides free conductive education therapy to children with Cerebral Palsy in County Durham. Charlotte attends Vane Road School and is very proud of her certificate.



Also helping this year were Poppy Smith (9) and her sister Isabella (7) who live at School Aycliffe and go to Heighington Primary School.

# A&E ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET GOOD ADVICE

Health experts from NHS England in Durham, Darlington and Tees are asking local people to choose the most appropriate service if they, or their family,

need medical assistance. There are a number of NHS services people can use if they are ill or become injured. By choosing the service that best

meets their needs, patients can get the advice or treatment they need quickly. GP surgeries, pharmacies, NHS walk-in centres and NHS 111

can all give a wide range of professional advice and help. Dr Mike Guy, medical director for the Durham, Darlington and Tees area team of NHS England, said:

"Accident and emergency departments seem to be the default place for a lot of people when they need medical help, however, in most cases there are lots of other ways to access the NHS. "If people are unsure which service they need, by simply phoning 111 they will be directed to the most appropriate place. Local pharmacies can give advice on common illnesses and provide guidance on the most appropriate way to treat them. For persistent illnesses, people should make an appointment to see their GP. By using NHS services properly, A&E departments can be free for those in need of urgent, life saving care. "By getting to the most appropriate place, when they first become aware of their symptoms, patients will give themselves the best chance of making a full recovery."

NHS England has recently launched 'The earlier, the better' public awareness campaign, which is designed to encourage people to nip health problems in the bud and avoid any unnecessary stays in hospital. The campaign is particularly targeting people aged over 60 years old and the friends and family of older people, encouraging them to visit their pharmacist for free and professional health advice. As well as making sure people get to the most appropriate NHS service, NHS England is asking people to pledge to take time out this winter to look in on an elderly friend or neighbour to make sure they are warm, coping well and have everything they need to get through the winter. More information is available on the NHS Choices website.

# Music Fans Treat at Sports Club's "Party in the Park"

Music fans in Aycliffe were treated to a high quality event over the weekend as Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and Newton Aycliffe FC jointly hosted "Party in the Park".

A crowd of 385 were given a full range of musical experiences, including blues, jazz, hip/hop, grime, punk, indie and rock. With a fully professional stage, sound and lighting it really was a high quality offering. There was a mix of local bands, as well as several top name acts from across the whole of the North East.

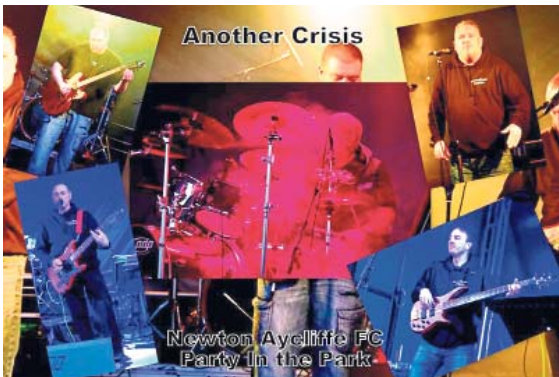
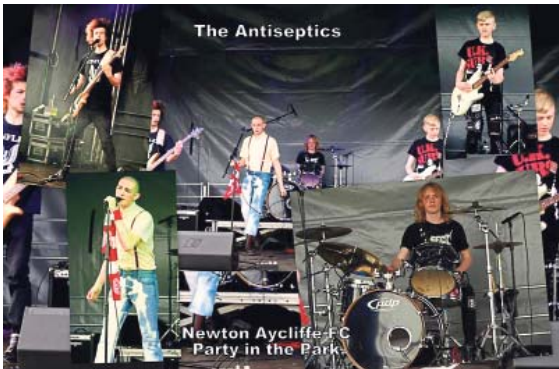
Proceeds from the event will be used in part to upgrade the security systems on the football ground, with the Club having been targeted by thieves several times in recent months.

Sports Club Secretary Shaun Saunders commented "the whole day was brilliant, every act was top class and the sound and lighting coupled with the stage really was incredibly professional. This was a great example of the Sports Club and one of its sections working together to create an excellent product". It is expected the event will become an annual fixture in the Town's entertainment calendar.

Saunders continued "We want to run the event again next year, but on a larger scale. We have learned a lot from this year's event and will utilise that experience to make next year's even better!" Aycliffe FC Chairman Gary Farley echoed those thoughts. "It was a hugely impressive event. The Football Club is an important part of the local community, and we want to involve as many people as we can in the Club. Having events like this on the pitch bring a different audience down and it was great to see." Photos and videos from the event are expected to be available via the Club's Facebook page shortly.

## W.I. News

Our speaker in April gave a very interesting insight to RSPB at Saltholme. Caroline, (Visitor Experience Manager at Saltholme), shared a slide show of birds which tested our knowledge and it was amazing to see the different bird species between the North and South of the country. 100% of the money raised by the RSPB, goes back into conservation. Our next meeting is to be held at St Clare's, Church hall on Tuesday May 13th at 7.00 for 7.15 start. For further information please contact Lyn on 314805.



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# Fishing for Schools

On Friday 2nd of May 2014 a group of 10 Woodham Academy students were invited to West House Lakes near Bishopston as part of the Fishing for Schools project run by fly-fishing coach Tom Carrol. The 10 students, none with previous experience, were selected from their work they had carried out in a previous eco-project. The students received a full day's tuition in the classroom where they discussed the health and safety aspects, basic technique, the science of entomology and the art of tying their own flies. The students then travelled to Bishopston for a full day's practical fishing on the lake. After a brief introduction the students were soon fishing and only an hour later the first catch of the day came from Darren Owens in the form of a 3lb rainbow trout. The students all had a fantastic day and developed new skills that they will keep forever. Stewart Dark, Year 10, said



"The day was fantastic. Not only did we learn new skills such as casting and tying knots, but we also learned to be patient and work independently". Jordan Fish said, "It was excellent. I want to buy my own fishing rod and

visit on a regular basis. I never realised that it would be so enjoyable and that you would have to learn lots of new stuff". The school has worked with Tom's company "Fishing with Tom" on many occasions and hopes to continue to do so in the future.

**pet corner**  
Newton News Readers Pets Photographs



Nick Bradley is the proud owner of this dog which he sent in for our Reader's Photos section.

## Aycliffe Village News

**PACT MEETING:** There is a PACT meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at the village hall from 11am to noon, when PC Alan Thompson and PCSO Richard Scott will be on hand to answer concerns from residents. For details, visit [durham.police.uk](http://durham.police.uk).

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** There is a breakfast club on Saturday, May 10th, at the village hall from 9am-noon, when Joy Marie Hair Design will be kindly sponsoring the event. There will be bacon, egg or sausage buns on offer, as well as cups of tea or coffee. Plus, there will be activities for children and a book stall. All proceeds go to the village hall.

**BABY SENSORY CLASSES:** For parents and carers with babies up to 13 months, there is a sensory class at Aycliffe Village Hall on Tuesdays at 10.30am. For details, call Carly on 07881-922076.

**CRAFT CLUB:** For anyone interested in learning skills in basic knitting, sewing, quilting, card-making or baking, there is a craft club on Tuesday, May 20th, at the village hall from 1-3pm. Entry is £2 and includes refreshments. For details, call Kathy Round on 01325-315732.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** The committee meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association takes place on Monday, May 12th, at the village hall at the new time of 8pm.

**WI MEETING:** Aycliffe Village WI meets on Wednesday, May 21, at the village hall at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Peter Stemmer on Crying Out Loud - the Town Crier. The challenge this month is for Toast Art. For more details, call Sue Hindle on 07775-680804.

**ELECTION:** There will be an election of members of the European Parliament for the North-East region on Thursday, May 22nd. The polling station for residents will be held at the village hall from 7am to 10pm.

**JUNIOR DISCO:** It's disco time for children aged five to 12 years at the village hall on Friday, May 23rd, from 6.30-8pm. Please note that this is a week earlier than the usual end-of-the-month disco, to avoid the half-term break when children might be on holiday. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and drinks will be available. Children can also have a glitter tattoo for £1. Entry is £1.

**DISNEY ON ICE:** If you'd like to see this year's Disney on Ice this year, then book your tickets now! A group will be going to the show - 100 Years of Magic - which is being performed at the Metro Centre, in Newcastle, on Saturday, October 11th, at 6.30pm.

Tickets cost approximately £20. A bus will be organised to transport people there, for which there will be a small charge.

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## LOUD MUSIC SPOILS PERFORMANCE AND DAMAGES EARDRUMS

Club Singers are urged to keep the sound level low to avoid injuring their listeners ears. This is the plea from the Tinnitus charity who deal with a growing number of people who are suffering from ringing in the ears as a result of listening to music played too loudly. Tinnitus affects 1 in 10 people who now have constant buzzing in the head preventing sleep and being unable to concentrate at work! Listening to loud music can trigger tinnitus and is an indication of damaged hearing. Most people have experienced tinnitus, but those who are severely affected can experience

fear, anxiety and feelings of helplessness that affect their quality of life and there is no cure. Recently a local singer at a Charity Night at the British Legion played his backing music so loud people were leaving, but he continued to impose the sound whether it was enjoyed or not! The sad part was the vocalist had an amazing voice and the loud backing music spoilt his performance. If he had played at 25% of the volume it would have been enough. Visit the website: [www.actiononhearingloss/taw](http://www.actiononhearingloss/taw) or call the charity's free tinnitus information line on 0808 808 0123 and textphone 0808 808 9000.



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Two former employees of Middlesbrough football club have won a second contract to work on a book after the success of the first one which celebrated the region's last cup success. Dave Allan, who set up award-winning Teesside PR firm Dave Allan Communications three years ago, worked with his former colleague Martin Walker, of Aycliffe-based Mantis Media, to produce 'One Giant Leap', a book to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Boro's Carling Cup triumph in 2004. The pair have won a contract to work on a follow-up publication, chronicling the Teesside club's memorable UEFA Cup campaigns which culminated in Boro reaching a European final in 2006. Boro supporter Dave led the club's in-house PR team for 17 years before setting up his own

business in 2011, while fellow fan Martin was part of his team for five years before spending four years in Sunderland's PR department. The 200-page hardback includes interviews with chairman Steve Gibson and then chief executive Keith Lamb and manager Steve McClaren as well as players including Juninho, Gareth Southgate, Ugo Ehiogu, Gaizka Mendietta, Bolo Zenden, George Boateng, Franck Queudrue and Mark Schwarzer. Dave said: "Working on One Giant Leap was a labour of love and, having being involved in that memorable era, it was great to take a trip down Memory Lane. One Giant Leap is available from MFC stores, priced £15. Small Town In Europe, another 200-page hardback, will be available later in the year."

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As part of the campaign to promote composting the county council is working with getcomposting.com to offer discounted compost bins to residents.

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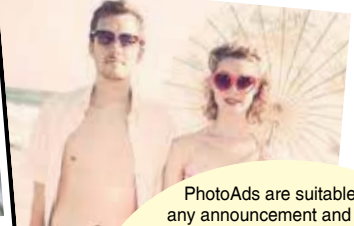
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# INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE WATER POLO PLAYER



Scott Carpenter 25 from Sedgefield Water Polo Club in Newton Aycliffe, is now a professional Water Polo player who lives and plays in Melbourne Australia for the Victorian Tigers.

Scott is shown here being presented, as captain, with the Victoria State 'Team of the Year' award for 2013 for the Tigers completing the National double. Scott is the first 'Pom' to ever captain an Australian polo team to the National titles.

This is the first time the polo team has won this award as there is stiff competition from Pro cricket, football, rugby and Aussie rules football.

Scott is now eligible to play for Australia and was hoping to play this year but unfortunately he is out of the water for 6 months due to surgery on long term shoulder problems. Scott started playing polo when he was 5 years old and was also a National Swimming Champion.

Scott represented GB over 100 times and broke all the goal scoring records in the sport while playing for Sedgefield WPC and he was the first British player ever to play in the top Pro leagues of Italy, Spain and Australia.

Water Polo in GB is strictly amateur, while in the top leagues players can earn six figure salaries and enjoy great lifestyles.

Scott hopes to be able to play in the 2016 Rio Olympics for Australia if injuries allow.

## SCHOOL DIGITAL LEADERS TEACH HUNGARIAN STUDENTS VIA SKYPE

Woodham Academy has embarked on an innovative Digital Leaders initiative. Several students applied for a position and the best were accepted. Mr Smith, Director of ICT, said "The standard of applications were really high. It was a difficult choice but it is an important position which requires a good level of expertise".

The first two Digital Leaders selected, Tamsin and Erica, are already keen computer users in school demonstrating excellent technical knowledge in lessons and are regular attendees at the computer club for girls and Code Academy lunchtime clubs.

As part of the Digital Leaders venture the two girls 'Skyped' the Hatvani Kossuth Lajos school in Hatvan, Hungary and shared their expertise. The students created an extensive teaching resource which supported the lesson and then used Microsoft's

Skype video conference software to make a video call to the Hungarian school. Tamsin and Erica then expertly took the Hungarian schoolchildren through the process of creating a computer game using the Scratch programming language.

Tamsin said "I was really nervous about doing this but it was fine when I got started and excellent fun"

Erica said "I loved doing this. I can't wait to do something like this again."

Feedback from Hungary has been amazing. Lionel Basa, the Hungarian teacher involved in the project said "It was really great. Our children loved it, were very excited after the lesson and your students did a great job." Woodham Code Academy club teaches students how to create games and apps and is available to year 7 and year 8 students on Tuesday lunchtimes in room 111.

## Aycliffe Swimmer Takes Gold in Championships

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club had four swimmers competing at Sunderland Aquatic Centre 4th & 5th May in a total of twenty events over the weekend. They were Philip Walker, Mathew Bradley, Mason Jacques and Hannah Featherstone. Philip and Mason made the final of the 50 Backstroke coming 6th and 8th Mason missing his National Qualifying time by one hundredth of a second.

Hannah won gold in the 200 and 100 Freestyle. Her times of 2:04 and 57:56 were the fastest she has gone since being selected for the European Juniors.

She took bronze in the 100 Backstroke and was 4th in the 200 Backstroke and was placed 5th in the 50 Freestyle. Great swims from all the swimmers against the strongest opposition in the North East Region.

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## Huntsman Fall Short

Huntsman travelled to table topping Spraire Lads knowing only victory could win them the league title but they fell short in an entertaining game which could have gone either way.

Huntsman reverted to the starting 11 which won them the cup the week before but started the game slowly and looked nervous. Spraire Lads could have been two up inside the first 10 minutes but good saves from Dodds in the Huntsman goal kept it 0-0 but on 15 minutes Spraire Lads finally got the goal their pressure deserved when the centre forward curled home into the bottom of the corner. This immediately forced Huntsman to change to a 4-4-2 and with the change the balance of the game swung in the Huntsman favour. On 25 minutes they were level a long Andrew Richardson throw in was headed into the back of the net from David Neale to put Huntsman back in the game and 5 minutes later they were in front; a deep Jamie Herd corner was headed goal bound by Andrew Richardson the keeper spilled it into the path of Adam McDonald who poked home his 1st goal for the club. Just before the break substitute Anth Cox almost put Huntsman in a commanding lead reading a back pass he nipped in but his effort spun inches wide. Half Time 2-1.

The second half was an even affair and the Spraire Lads were pushing for an equaliser but they appeared to be running out of ideas as they wasted ball after ball into the box. Huntsman were however getting deeper and stopped using the ball which they had been doing so well in the first half and on 70 minutes Spraire Lads got the all important equaliser, the lively centre forward skipped past Steven Williams in the

left wing area before fizzing a cross into the corridor of uncertainty which was unfortunately bundled into his own net by Carl Bates as he tried to clear from the incoming winger at the back stick. This then saw the Spraire Lads camp out on their 18 yard line forcing Huntsman to pump long balls into the box they forced a couple of half chances, Carl Bates had a close range effort blocked, Stuart Ord saw a header loop just over the bar and Ryan Durr had another shot blocked. In the end they threw everything at Spraire Lads but just fell short and finish the season in second place 3 points behind the champions.

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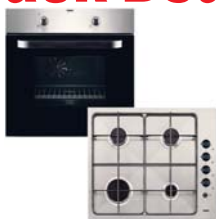
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