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and willfully kicking the heads off the flowers.

It's the same with litter!

Can the teachers not discuss this in class with them?

Name & Address supplied

MIDDRIDGE RESPOND

MIDDRIDGE OBJECTS

Dear Editor,

As someone who has lived in Middridge for a number of years and has had much to do with the Development Corporation in the past, I must point out some significant inaccuracies in the report in your paper on the Town's petition for a boundary change. I hope that they do not in any way form part of the actual petition.

Aycliffe's application for a review does not just ask to annexe the area known as Eldon Whins.

1: It actually asks for land stretching from the footpath opposite Blind Lane all the way across Moore Lane up to the boundary between Middridge and Rushyford, an area nearly five times that of Eldon Whins.

2: Eldon Whins was originally purchased by Newton Aycliffe Development Corporation, not for housing, but to prevent what was considered undesirable development of the land for use as a fishing lake. Such purchases were common in the days of the Poulson scandal, and had to be legalised by allocating the land for housing.

3: The area does not appear to be naturally part of Newton Aycliffe. To the contrary, those who originally planned

the new town arranged for a tree belt with a footpath to provide a clearly distinguishable boundary to its development so as to protect the green space for the enjoyment of all those who lived there.

Sincerely,
W J Mellors
Middridge Resident

Middridge Parish Annual Meeting

At the Middridge Annual Parish Meeting, on Monday 19th May, residents were unanimous in their condemnation of Great Aycliffe Council's intention of changing the boundary between our two parishes and charged the Parish Council to do all in their power to stop this from happening.

Middridge Parish Council Annual Meeting

Anne Clarke was elected as Chairwoman of Middridge Parish Council for the coming year with Philip Makinson being elected as Vice Chairman.

Thanks were given to Wally Mellors, the outgoing Chairman.

Do Not Sign Petition

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Middridge, I would like to ask our neighbours in Newton Aycliffe to reject the proposed despot take-over of a part of Middridge Parish by refusing to sign the petition raised by several Great Aycliffe Town Councillors. This action has been carried out despite the clear objections of the people of Middridge and seems totally driven by financial gain.

Name & Address supplied

WRONG BISHOP!

Newton News apologises for getting the name of the Bishop wrong in our story of the new Rector's Induction in the last issue.

We mistakenly assumed the Bishop of Durham would be inducting the new Rector at St. Clare's when in fact it was Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Jarrow.

BOUNDARY RESPONSE FROM MIDDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Middridge Parish Council considered their response to your recent Article 'Town Petition for Boundary Change' at their Council Meeting of 19th April 2014, and I am directed to issue the following Statement:-

"The boundaries of Middridge Parish were set and agreed in 1983, and Middridge Parish Council would strenuously object to any proposal by (a section of) Great Aycliffe Town Council to take over any part of this parish.

Middridge Parish Council are extremely disappointed that, in spite of being informed of our objections, G.A.T.C. still intend to pursue this matter".

Alan Jordan
Clerk, Middridge Parish Council

Tel: 01325 315639

The Actual GATC petition can be found here:

[www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/uploads/Council and Democracy/Corporate/Community Engagement/Petition For Boundary Change/Petition.pdf](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/uploads/Council%20and%20Democracy/Corporate/Community%20Engagement/Petition%20For%20Boundary%20Change/Petition.pdf)

It does show that the bit of Middridge that they are after is nearly 5 times the area of the proposed Eldon Whins development.

A HOSTILE TAKEOVER

Dear Sir,

Are the people of Great Aycliffe fully aware of the Town Council's decision to make a hostile takeover bid of a large part of Middridge Parish, known as Eldon Whins, even though our Parish Council objected from the beginning? This bullying tactic can only be put down to 'money grabbing', as this area of Middridge Parish has been designated for housing on the County Durham Plan. A petition is being circulated for residents in Aycliffe, to sign up to this 'land grab'. Before you decide whether you will sign up to this, please give some thought to its implications. Perhaps we should get Middridge to annex Byerley Park and Greenfield in the same way, seeing as historically these areas were part of Middridge Parish!

Name & Address supplied

TOWN COUNCIL FIGHT TO KEEP TOWN CENTRE MARKET

At an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 21st May the Town Council agreed to request the County Council to release the derelict land next to the Cubby for temporary use of market traders.

This was unanimously agreed as the best way forward for the community who could face many months without a weekly market due to the action

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of Freshwaters, the Town Centre owners who have given them notice to quit. Councillor Arun Chandran's proposal was slightly amended by the Leader Bob Fleming. (more details next week)



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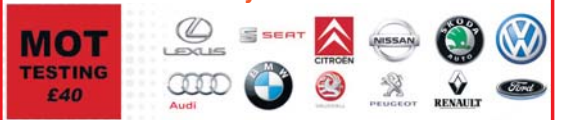
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The Annual Meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council was held on Wednesday, 14th May 2014. The newly elected Mayor is Councillor Wendy P. Hillary and the Deputy Mayor is Councillor Mary Dalton. Councillor Mrs. Hillary thanked the Council for her appointment and announced that her nominated charities would be Cruse Bereavement Care and County of Durham School Benevolent Fund.



MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL PRESENTATIONS



Following the Annual Meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council which saw the end of term of office of Councillor Mrs. Barbara Clare as Mayor for 2013/14. Councillor Mrs. Clare made a presentation to her nominated charities of the monies she had raised during her year in office. A total amount of £5,500 was awarded jointly between St. Clare's Food Bank and the Cardiothoracic Unit at James Cook Hospital. Mr. & Mrs. E. Temple from the Food Bank and Mr. Andrew Owens, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon were in attendance to receive the cheques. Mr Owens was the surgeon who stepped in to save Barbara's life when her heart operation hit problems 5 years ago. Mrs. Clare would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported her during her memorable year as Mayor of Great Aycliffe.

MARKET SUGGESTION

Would it be possible to close off one of the many car parks for one day to accommodate the market, maybe a multi storey car park where they could be out of the weather? There are plenty of car parking places on a Tuesday, or are the powers that be using health and safety as an excuse, or the people making the decisions don't even come to Newton Aycliffe? Ferryhill has always closed its main car park on a Friday for the market although it has lost a lot of its stalls. I think it's a tradition worth keeping.
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PETITION TO BRING ELDON WHINS INTO GREAT AYCLIFFE

Following a motion from Councillors E M Adam and A M Chandran, which was considered at the Council meeting, held on 18 September 2013, it was agreed to contact Durham County Council to seek a Community Governance Review to alter the present boundary of Great Aycliffe to incorporate the area known as Eldon Whins into the parish of Great Aycliffe.

The reasons for the proposal to incorporate this area into Great Aycliffe are:

- The area will be developed for housing in the future, residents will utilise the services within Great Aycliffe (Newton Aycliffe).
- The area is immediately adjacent to Newton Aycliffe and will appear to be part of Newton Aycliffe.
- The area was originally identified as being part of the expansion of the new town and purchased by the Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation for that purpose. The Town Council submitted a request for a Community Governance Review to Durham County Council for the area in question. Confirmation was received from Durham County Council at the end of March, which agreed to the Review, subject to a valid petition. The Council confirmed its intention to proceed at the

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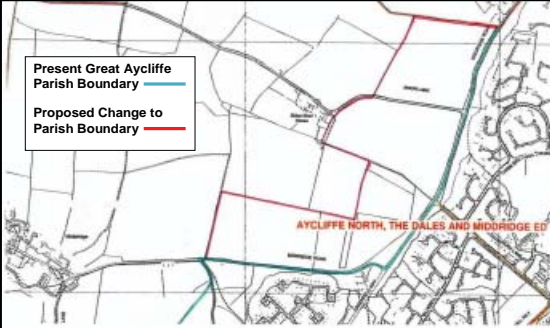
TOWN COUNCIL

PETITION

Great Aycliffe Town Council is seeking to petition Durham County Council to change the existing parish boundary of Great Aycliffe, to incorporate an area known as Eldon Whins, which currently forms part of Middridge Parish.

The reason for this is the area is immediately adjacent to Newton Aycliffe and any development will be serviced by Newton Aycliffe. This is a natural extension of Newton Aycliffe that was originally envisaged by the former Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation.

To be considered, the petition requires 2088 signatures from electors who reside within the current boundary of Great Aycliffe.



Council meeting on on 23rd April 2014.

The requirements for a valid Community Governance petition are set out in law – Section 80 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (see <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/28/part/4/> chapter/3).

In this case, the Town Council is required to provide a valid petition, which must contain a minimum of 2088 signatures, obtained from electors who reside within the current boundary of Great Aycliffe parish. The petition, belowcan be used to gather signatures of support.

PETITION

I confirm that I support this petition to change the existing parish boundary of Great Aycliffe to incorporate the area known as Eldon Whins, as indicated on the attached plan.

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Woodham Academy's Stunning First Dance Showcase



Newton News was invited to cover Woodham Academy's First Dance Showcase last week and can report a truly amazing experience. The performance of all students was fantastic and both teachers and parents can be very proud.

The Academy have something very special to celebrate in the Dance Department and it appears to be the appointment of Miss Minervini whose tuition, choice of music and choreography obviously inspires her students.

Hard work put in at rehearsals, dedication and attention to detail provided superb performances from all year groups. The solo items by Lisa Robinson, Ruby Palmer, Lauren Towell and Charlotte Lough were outstanding and showcased four very talented young girls. Lisa's piece "Talking to the Moon" was complemented beautifully by vocalist Meghan Cumming.

A number of the dance pieces were choreographed by students, inspired by themes including bullying, hostage taking and Nelson Mandela's legacy. The mesasage from each



dance performance came across vividly, teasing the emotions of the audience who responded with loud applause.

The most impressive part of the students' performance was the confident and precise manner in which this production was staged. Each piece was delivered faultlessly and they were all very comfortable performing in front of a large audience with no apparent nervousness.

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Woodham Academy Through To Young Enterprise Area Finals



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‘Young Enterprise’ at Woodham Academy had already established a group to examine and interpret what is involved in setting up and running a functional company. “Mad Baggers” had

previously been selling a range of tote bags with a variety of original art on the cover at several trade venues including the Gateshead Metro Centre.

Following on from several successful sales campaigns, students had to work as a team to produce a 10 page report and PowerPoint presentation in order to secure a place in the final. This was no mean feat considering that from 17 teams originally registered for

the programme, only seven made it to the area final. Of these seven teams, five were comprised entirely of Year 12 students.

The Woodham team achieved the objective of delegating duties and responsibilities to ensure that the management of the company was fairly distributed. This was a positive advantage during the final as the Woodham Academy team were able to adapt to fast pace of exhibiting their products at a trade stand and being interviewed by five judges.

The structure of the group was such that four students gave a presentation to all the other participants and the judges. The enthusiasm and motivation of the students shone through and the skills and knowledge that the group had acquired throughout the process were brought together in a very slick and professional presentation.

The team were clearly very proud to be representing Woodham Academy in this way, demonstrating their newly acquired skills of customer service, operating as a team, working under pressure, meeting deadlines, resolving conflicts, and speaking confidently in front of an audience.

The entire team has achieved a great sense of accomplishment. They have worked tirelessly, their bags are being used by individuals all over the north east of England and they have all gained valuable experience through being part of “Mad Baggers”.

LACK OF SCHOOL PARKING

Dear Sir,

I was not surprised to learn that the council, after decades of “trying” to solve the problem of dangerous and illegal parking, have come up with an earth shattering brainwave. They are going to form a committee? It will include school teachers. Which is a bad idea.

Their time should be devoted to school standards, not discussing ways to alienate their pupil’s parents.

I am a resident affected by Sugar Hill School traffic but, they’re all the same. They are all businesses. Their functions significantly increase the volume of traffic. They should provide public parking. Car parking is the establishment’s “Elephant in the room”. They have attracted people to the schools then blame them for coming? They threaten to prosecute the school mums and revoke the licenses of taxis. Do they think the children should be dropped off elsewhere? This is bullying!

The council think by creating no-go zones at schools and spreading the problems further afield is a satisfactory solution. The council should be thoroughly ashamed of their policy. Someday even they will realise that the solution to no parking places, is to provide parking places.

They are unconcerned at the adjacent St Cuthbert’s way where dangerous and illegal speeding 50 mph is the norm.

Yours, bemused
K. Farrell

The Cyclist is Always Right

Dear Sir

I am a regular cyclist and am capable of doing 50 or 60 miles in a day. I feel for Christopher Holmes as there is no need for bad-temperedness from car drivers.

A lot of countries say “the cyclist is always right”.

I know exactly where this

particular incident occurred and I usually give way to vehicles and go onto the cycle path at the start of the hill towards the Cobblers Pub . . . not because I am giving way, but because I am out of breath . . . maybe a large sign is required telling cyclists to use the path!

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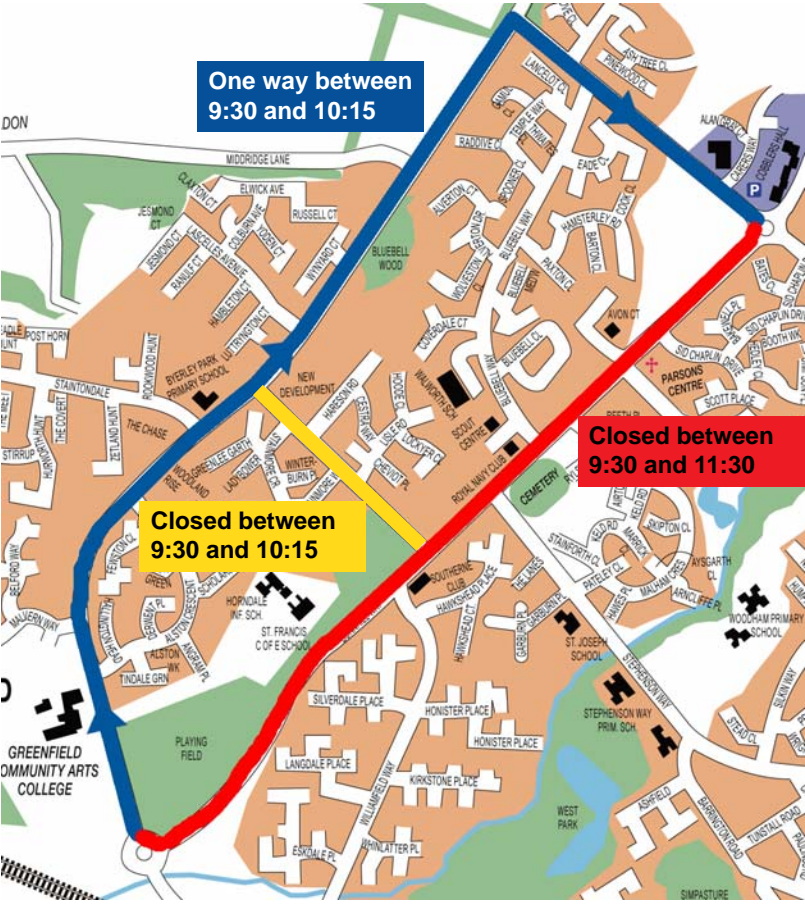
Sunday 15th June - Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run

From 9:30 to 11:30 Burnhill Way in both directions is closed with no access, Burn Lane from Cobblers Hall to the junction with Greenfield Way is one way West-East towards the town centre, Greenfield Way from Burn Lane to the roundabout with Burnhill Way is one way South-North towards Rope Moor. Meadowfield Way is closed in both direction for the first lap 9:30 to 10:15.

Aycliffe Running Club are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause the road closures are a requirement of the race risk assessment agreed with Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. We hope you will join others in cheering the competitors on their way.

This is the 17th annual Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run with over 600 competitors taking part. If you wish to take part you can enter online at ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk, you can entre on the day with a £2 administration charge, alternatively post a SAE to Aycliffe Running Club c/o Anne Kellett, 5 Woodham Gate, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UB the **Closing Date for Entries Sunday 8th June 2014.**

Aycliffe Running Club



ACCIDENT AVERTED

Dear Sir

You won’t remember me, but I used to live on the town until 1976 and played rugby for the local team until around 1990, when I moved away to Manchester although I still visit Newton Aycliffe fairly regularly to see my mother.

We stayed with her last weekend and, on Sunday were walking from Westmorland Way towards Tesco’s and came across two young girls pushing an elderly gent in a broken down mobility scooter. They had just stopped his scooter from rolling into the burn and were pushing him to his home in Pease Way.

I helped them push the scooter, and we made sure that he reached home safely. I don’t know their names, but I would like to thank the two girls for their kindness towards a complete stranger.

Geoff Burn

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Signature Date

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Great news, things are finally moving forward on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan. Please keep reading - this is important for the future of your Town. The Town Council has appointed an officer, Miss Angela Corner, and work will commence in June on the community engagement stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan will help PLAN for things that are important to the residents and businesses of Great Aycliffe. It will become a statutory planning document that will steer future development of our neighbourhood areas.

We are looking for individuals to get involved throughout the whole process but next week we will be advertising for 2 members of the public to become part of the Steering Group that will be responsible for the overarching coordination of the plan. Individuals should be aware there will be a time/work commitment needed for this project. If you think you may be interested you can contact Chrissy Walton from the Town Council on 01325 300700 who can provide some background information.

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Academy Announces £250K Investment



As part of a large scale revitalisation programme, Woodham Academy has been successful in securing an investment of almost £250,000 from the Education Funding Agency. The funding is earmarked to be spent on classrooms and other facilities to improve learning environments for students. Academy schools can bid for funds subject to strict criteria and competition is fierce.

This current round of awards drew 3300 bids from 2015 Academies across the country - four times more bids than could be funded. Woodham Academy is therefore delighted to be successful in their bid, which forms part of plans to forge ahead with an ambitious refurbishment schedule.

Work is due to begin in the summer. The programme is scheduled to run alongside other improvements to enhance student learning, and is due for completion before Christmas.

SLIMMING REALLY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR



Aycliffe mum of three Pat Sloane, has always had two passions in her life - her family and Slimming World. Pat has followed the plan since 1998 and had great success and when 3 years ago her husband wanted to lose weight, Pat knew exactly where to go and enrolled him at her local Slimming World group.

"My husband was really reluctant to go but I persuaded him as I knew that men and couples went and the plan would be easy for him to follow and we could help each other."

The new extra easy plan had recently come out and Pat couldn't wait to try it as a family.

"When we arrived, the Consultant and the group were so supportive of each other and welcomed us with open arms. We shared great ideas on how easy it was to make every day basics like pasta dishes, chips and

curries. My husband has gone on to lose over 4 stone, and I'm close to my target weight. Due to our success, my son now attends the group along with his girlfriend and they have lost over 3 stone between them. It really is a family affair and our friends can't wait to be invited for dinner as we have beautiful banquets and still lose weight!"

The whole family are attending Pat's daughter's wedding soon, a lot healthier, happier, and as Pat says 'it's all down to Slimming World'.

"I have always loved helping other people and now I have the privilege of supporting and helping people in a group. Losing weight has made me feel more confident and I now get to help people too. Pat is re-launching the Woodham Community Centre group on 2nd June at 5pm and 7pm - come along and join.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago a person listed a series of questions and you asked if any readers would like to contribute in a similar manner, well, what do you think about the following?

After reading the article concerning the forthcoming European Election I came up with the following:-

- 1) What gives any person the right to say "it is essential, whatever your political opinions that we elect Labour MEP's"?
- 2) How can anyone respect an elected organisation who is wasteful on a tremendous scale and issues Directives in conflict with British Law?
- 3) Why has it been impossible for the European Parliament to have it's financial affairs "signed off" after eighteen years or so?
- 4) When can we expect to see evidence of satisfactory book-keeping and auditing by this well staffed and presumably qualified, experienced team?
- 5) Who will provide answers to these questions?

Perhaps John D. Clare after consultations with our current MEP's will do so . . . I thought in a democracy an individual voted according to personal wishes and freedom of choice NOT by a directive or order by another.

P.C.

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National Recognition for Careers at Woodham

Careers education at Woodham Academy has been recognised as an example of outstanding practice by the Department for Education. Recent guidance on careers education issued to all secondary schools in the country includes a case study on Woodham Academy.

In 2012-13, Woodham Academy piloted an apprenticeship awareness programme for students in Year 9. Representatives from six local companies delivered presentations

about their apprenticeship programmes to the students. Following a visit to the company, students worked with the companies to produce an advertising campaign to inform young people of apprenticeships within that company. Parents and members of the local business community were invited to a presentation evening, where a prize was awarded for the most effective presentation. This year, Woodham Academy has successfully repeated the Apprenticeship

Awareness Challenge working with Gestamp Tallent, Ebac, SWDT Ltd, Finley Structures, The Bignall Group and A-Tech Fabrications. The school is also piloting a Workskills Project to target young people in Year 10 at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training). The Workskills project resulted in an improvement in students' attendance and engagement with education. Early indications show the benefits of the Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge. The proportion of young people choosing apprenticeships has increased from 2.5% in 2009 to 7% in 2013, representing double the County Durham figure. More students are choosing GCSE engineering and increasing numbers of students are progressing to A level. What is most improved is the schools NEET figure of 0%, compared with a County Durham figure of 2.6%.



More Volunteers For West Park



Last Sunday morning Richie Bainbridge was up at 7am picking up litter in West Park and later at 10am the usual team of Chairman Ken Robson and Secretary Arun Chandran were joined by Andy Anderson and Grand daughters Courtney and Casey

As a group we are making a great deal of progress, our park is looking fantastic just now. It is very gratifying to see new faces coming forward to help. Richie found a bag of bulbs on a seat in the park last week which shows public donations are coming forward. We are seeing more dogs on lead and owners cleaning up after their dogs. Together with our park staff the "friends" are slowly cleaning out the lakes leaving them looking more inviting. I noticed that lots of elderly people and families are out and about in the park and we should now be looking for more seating at closer intervals so that people can take a rest periodically. The Sunday morning spruce up is becoming a familiar sight and a great opportunity to meet the public. Arun was having a week off work last week and he and I visited some businesses on our industrial estate delivering leaflets encouraging them to join us by sponsoring seats, bins or other services. We are awaiting a delivery of leaflets supplied courtesy of Newton Press which will be hand delivered to businesses in the town and the estate. I would be interested in views and ideas of how we can improve the park for everyone to use.

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Peter Burgess	Agnew Centre	Thursday 1.00pm—3.00pm
David Sutton Lloyd	Woodham Community Centre	Wednesday 11.00am—1.00pm

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Bluebell Meadows Newton Aycliffe

Modern 2 bedroomed terraced house in pleasant area, unfurnished with some blinds, fitted kitchen, robes, hall, WC, fitted breakfast room, lounge with feature fireplace, patio doors to garden, dining room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, WC with overhead shower. Gas CH, gardens front & back. EPC rating C. Rent £475 pcm

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Building on the excellent progress made by the pupils and staff of Sugar Hill primary school in addressing the parking issues outside the school's main entrance, the pupils recently received a visit from Durham Police Commissioner, Ron Hogg. As part of the visit, which coincided with Road Safety week in Newton Aycliffe, Mr Hogg complimented the pupils on their hard work and ongoing efforts to help improve road safety and prevent dangerous parking outside the school.

In this most recent initiative, each year group made a scarecrow with a 'safe parking' message attached to it. The scarecrows were then placed near to the school gates, so that families dropping off their children could see them and heed the messages attached.

GRASS CUTTING IN WET WEATHER

Dear Sir
I totally agree with your disgruntled resident about the recent grass cutting in wet conditions.

It looks to me like the council has got a new heavier machine and a fast driver to boot!

I imagine if you started to cut your own grass and you noticed the grass was getting damaged and looking a mess, what would you do? Exactly....try again later when it's drier.

Also are strimmers not used anymore? I have a nice new walk now with my dog that comes out at Eskdale near the bridge, where there is a lovely park bench for old and tired people to sit on.

That is if they don't mind all the weeds and nettles coming through the wooden slats. I know it all stems from the government cutbacks but come on...

People need to sit and rest.
D. Metcalfe



WELL DONE INEOS



Nora is so proud of her colleagues who are continually contributing towards the community Food Bank appeal. "People have got into the habit of putting a couple of extra items into their shopping bag each week, or giving me a couple of pounds to go out and buy the food from our local stores." "I'm hoping that other factories on the Business Park will join in. I would be only too happy to meet up with them and explain how this works at Ineos. The community spirit of people in the area is brilliant and GACAP are doing an outstanding job bringing resources back into the community with their hard work of setting up the Community Aid Partnership. They should be congratulated on all their efforts."

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NEW HAIR EXTENSION STUDIO OPENS TIME TO COME CLEAN

An ambitious hair stylist has tapped into a niche market by opening an exclusive hair extension studio on Aycliffe Business Park. Newtonian Victoria Cartwright launched Lox of Love 18 months ago, offering a mobile hair extension service to clients across the North-East. After winning a deal to become an official stockist of world-renowned, award-

winning brand, Halo Hair, she has opened her first premises and taken on a member of staff. Tamsin Edwards is the retail and marketing associate, and the studio will officially open at Evans Easyspace, on Saturday 24th May. Victoria starts her own company after completing a business degree at Teesside University. Tamsin is also



from Newton Aycliffe and a graduate from Teesside University. Victoria, a mum-of-three, has been a hair stylist for 10 years before taking time out to study - and as part of her course she compiled a business plan for a hair extensions company. "One of my biggest selling points is that I'm a fully-qualified hairdresser. Hair extensions can look hideous if not done properly, and there are a lot of technicians who go on a one-day course and start off with no experience. "We focus on quality, I think that's why word has spread so quickly about the business. I have built up a client base from all over the North-East, but Aycliffe is on my doorstep and perfectly located." Victoria applied to Halo Hair to become an official stockist.

Halo is an innovative hair piece that can be applied in minutes to add length and/or volume to most hair styles. Halo has won awards and is an international brand. "I've spent a lot of time researching hair for our fitted extension services. I'm very particular. I only use Russian hair because it's really good quality. We work with our clients to ensure that our hair extensions are as undetectable as possible, blending perfectly with our clients' own hair to create a natural look. Lox of Love's official open day is at Unit 6, Evans Business Centre, Aycliffe Business Park, from 2pm on Saturday 24th May, where there will be discounts, offers and competitions. More details are available at www.loxoflove.co.uk

Dear Sir,
I have read all the comments in the Newton News regarding our Tuesday town market and I agree totally with what has been said.

I would like to put my view, as I see the situation, and ask the question, Did the town centre manager know what was going to happen to the stall holders? If so why did he not come clean right from the start instead of telling them they were not allowed to go back into the centre because the work had not been passed and there was work still to be done? Did he dangle the stall holders on a string or was it a stalling tactic or was he under instructions from the owners? I also ask the question, did our MP know anything about this, if so why did he not try to do something?

Where were our councillors on this matter? (Silly question) As for the centre being "dirty" it's not the stallholders that make it dirty as they always clean up after the market has finished and they take all their rubbish away. If it is a case of damaging the paving, than the blocks should have been laid on a harder surface instead of sharp sand.

I am of the opinion, that If the market does go then I think, over time, we will see a lot more shops close as there

are not a lot of shoppers in the town centre through the week but a lot of shoppers on a market day. People come from all the outlying areas, and this will be lost to the town and most important the shopkeepers.

There are markets at Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, Ferryhill and Darlington to name but a few, so why can't Newton Aycliffe keep theirs? Why doesn't Freshwater come to Newton Aycliffe and tell the people the truth. (don't hold your breath). If the market does go will Freshwater compensate the shopkeepers for their loss and reduce the high rents they charge for them - I don't think so!

It is my opinion there is more to this than meets the eye. It is my view that the owners (Freshwater) want rid of the market so that when the work is all completed the centre can be put up for sale. I hope this isn't the case and I hope I am proved wrong and only time will tell. There are a lot of questions to be asked and a lot of answers given.

Yours sincerely
Mr Maurice Reeve

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Full Steam Ahead for Locomotion Cake Parade

Groups from across the North East have signed up to take part in a unique parade celebrating one of the greatest journeys in the region's history, as part of a major food festival taking place this weekend.

The Distinctly Delicious - Darlington Festival of Food (May 24 - 26) will culminate in the Locomotion Cake Parade, a recreation of the journey made by the train which revolutionised rail transportation. Brownie groups, businesses, community organisations and schools will be decorating their very own cake carriages based on a Darlington theme on Monday May 26 in and around the Market Square, before the grand parade through town at around 2pm. The aim is to have 32 carriages in all - the exact number that was pulled by Locomotion - which will then be sliced up and offered to visitors.

And organisations or groups still have the opportunity to take part, with a few cake carriages still available. The cake parade is one of a whole host of events happening in Darlington over the weekend including street theatre performances, eat along and drink along cinema screenings, workshops, street eats and a food market.

"There is going to be something for everyone to enjoy," said Alex Hirst, manager of Distinct Darlington which has created the festival.

"It should be a very exciting

weekend and we hope people will come along and support what will be a superb bank holiday event."

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Greenfield Tennis Club Winning Start



Greenfield Tennis Club A Team has succeeded in winning their first 3 matches. Wins against Yarm (E), Great Broughton and Tennis World (D) have Greenfield TC at the top of Division 5 of the Slazenger Cleveland Tennis League. The Club also has other teams in local cup and league competitions.

The Club welcome all standards of players to play competitively or socially. Club Nights take place on Wednesdays at the tennis facility shared with the school and local community from 6.30. A thriving Junior Coaching Programme for all abilities takes place every Saturday from 9am for Under 8 years, 10am for 9 years to 12 years and 11am for more experienced players. All activities are supervised by qualified coaches in a safe and friendly environment.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 4th June 2014

Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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SPARTANS KEEP TOP SPOT

Oldham North Stars 8 v Newton Aycliffe Spartans 7
Oldham North Stars 5 v Newton Aycliffe Spartans 12

Newton Aycliffe Spartans (5-1) remain at the summit of the British Baseball Federation AA Northern Division as they shared the spoils last weekend in their first away trip of the season against Oldham North Stars

In game 1, the sides were level at 5-5 after 3 innings before Spartans edged in front towards the conclusion of game one 7-6 needing to record just three outs in the 7th inning to win the game. However the home side showed just how unpredictable baseball is by winning the game with a walk off home run which brought home two batters and the win by 8-7. Bryan Dunkel had 3 runs batted in (rbi's) and Mark Austins had 2 for the Spartans.

But to give credit to the Spartans, they turned despair into triumph by turning up the heat on their hosts. Holding a slender 4-2 lead going into the 3rd inning, Ian Porley blew the game open with a grand slam home run as the Spartans scored 5 unanswered runs. Steve Rixon and Bryan Dunkel also hit home runs with Bryan Dunkel also in great form pitching, as he struck out 9 Oldham batters for his 3rd winning pitching performance of the year.

Spartans are next in action on Sunday 25th May when they travel to the North West again to face Bolton Robots of Doom. Bolton will be the visiting team to Spartan Field in Shildon on Sunday June 1st.

British Baseball Federation AA Northern Division – Standings

Team	P	W	L
Newton Aycliffe Spartans	6	5	1
Liverpool Trojans	4	3	1
Sheffield Bladerunners	6	4	2
Bolton Robots of Doom	6	3	3
Oldham North Stars	4	1	3
Manchester A's	4	1	3
Harrogate Cubs	6	1	5

A full fixture list and more information on the Spartans can be found at www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Under 13's Cricket Match Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store were disappointingly defeated at home by Yarm 1st team by six wickets in the 2nd division of the NYSD. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings and were bowled out for a very under par 109 after just 34 overs. Chris Palmer top scored with a fluent 36 and Darryn Bancroft and Colin Myers also batted well with 17 runs and 16 runs respectively. In reply Yarm reached their victory target in the 39th over despite some good bowling from fast bowlers Matty Atkinson, Michael Howe and Danny Craggs who shared the four wickets that were taken by Aycliffe.

Aycliffe's young 2nd team were well beaten at the sea-side by an experienced Seaton Carew team by ten wickets in the NYSD 3rd division. Asked to bat first Aycliffe were dismissed for just 70 after 34 overs with only Tony Travis (16 runs), James Skerrett (11 runs) and Patrick Howe (11 not out) reaching double figures. In

reply, the home side romped to victory in the 19th over to further enhance their genuine promotion prospects.

The under 18's lost away at Evenwood by 56 runs, but there were good performances from 13 year old Adam Lamb who took 3 for 18 from his 4 overs and captain Tom Wickins, who top scored with a battling 37 including 5 boundaries and a huge six.

The clubs u13's team (photo attached) had a record breaking 105 run victory away at Darlington RA in the NYACC. Captain Dylan Tribble had an outstanding game for Aycliffe taking 4 wickets for 12 runs and he also top scored with 22 runs. Dominic Hindmarch bowled superbly taking 4 wickets for just 4 runs, including a hat-trick and Nathan Parry also deserves credit for scoring an unbeaten 12 runs. In their following game, the under 13's gave highly fancied Barnard Castle a very tough match and eventually lost by just 11 runs despite an outstanding innings from Adam Lamb who top scored with 30 runs, including two huge sixes.

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Woodham Girls' Football Academy



GKR Success at Regionals



3 students took the trip to Bradford for the Northern Regional tournament and all did very well. Jada Holden tried a new Kata and came away with a bronze and a bronze for her Kumite. Dez Tinkler came away with a bronze for Kata and a Bronze for Kumite, Annalise Tinkler did extremely well as she came away with a gold for Kata a gold for her team Kumite and her team Kata and a Silver for her Kumite, she was alittle disappointed that she didn't get 4 golds and she is now working hard for the next tournament as are all the rest of the students who are wanting to take part.

WoodhamFootballAcademy is delighted to announce that it will be offering professional coaching for girls' football. The coaching will be delivered by Premier Player Football Academy and Woodham Academy's own UEFA coaches. Premier Player Football Academy is run by former Middlesbrough and Southampton player, Neil Maddison. The coaching is delivered by Neil Maddison together with Andy Collet, formerly at Darlington FC. The coaching will take place on Thursday evening's 5-7pm and is open to all girls in years 7, 8 and 9.

Shannon Clay, a year 9 student at Woodham Academy, says, "We have been pestering our PE teachers for a while now for a girls' football academy. Now it is part of the Sports Academy we are having so much fun. It's great working with Andy and Neil as they are funny and the training is good. Next year we will be playing competitive matches so we cannot wait for that".

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Students Celebrate World Cup



Pupils at Walworth Special School, Newton Aycliffe are celebrating the arrival of a very special trophy. Paul Mansfield (Senior Residential Childcare Officer) has arranged for the world cup (only a replica) to be displayed within the school residential facility. All children have been allocated a team to follow with special prizes awarded to those who research information about their designated country. A table football competition is underway as well as Trivia, Word Search and geographical based challenges. Paul said "I feel this is an ideal opportunity for pupils to learn about all of the countries associated with the World Cup Tournament". All the pupils are excited to be taking part and are looking forward to the team being presented with the real trophy on July 13th.

Aycliffe Dance Exhibition

A whole weekend of dance is planned for this year's Great Aycliffe Show, which takes place on the August Bank Holiday weekend, 23rd and 24th August 2014. A new venue will house the dancing this year – the sports Hall of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, in the grounds of the Showfield. We would like to invite young dancers, from 6 years to adult, to take place in a Dance Exhibition Competition on Sunday 24th August. There are categories to suit all talents, including Musical Theatre, Street, Modern, Acrobatics, Song and Dance and Freestyle and there will be plenty of space for enthusiastic support from friends and family. You may enter as a solo performer, duet, trio or group. Entry to the competition is free, on receipt of a completed entry form, which may be downloaded from www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or obtained from Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700. There will also be dance school exhibitions, involving local students, in the same venue on Saturday 23rd August but these will not form part of the Aycliffe Dance Exhibition Competition. Applications to take place in these exhibitions are also available from the Town Council.

ATHLETICS NEWS

On Sunday 11/05/14 2 members of Aycliffe Running Club competed in the Pier to Pier race, approximately 7 miles starting on the beach at South Shields and finishing on the beach at Roker. John Young completed the race in 55:23 and Judith Porter 61:53. On the same day Graeme Miles went further afield to compete in the Leeds Half marathon and, although the first half of the route was quite hilly, he finished the race in 1:42:13.



Ally at Chester

Aycliffe Running Club are continuing to support park runs and on Saturday 17/05/14 Michelle Dixon and Susan Clark both achieved PB's at Sedgefield Hardwick Park. Michelle completed the course in 26:08 and Susan 30:12.

Ally Chesney from Aycliffe Running Club competed in the Chester half marathon on 18/05/14 to raise funds for Guide Dogs UK, a charity who not only train guide dogs and support retired ones, they also campaign for better eye health care, talking busses/tubes and help train and support guide runners. Ally had aimed to get round the course in sub 2:30, however, she was delighted to cross the finish line in 2:04:03. Ripon 10 mile race on 18/05/14 started and finished on Hell Wath playing field, a hilly but picturesque course that takes runners through the Studley Royal Estate with beautiful views of Ripon and the surrounding countryside. First to finish for Aycliffe was

Graeme Miles in 1:23:02, followed by John Young 1:28:10 and Judith Porter 1:38:38 2nd F60.

It was a very warm day on Sunday 18/05/14 for the Raby Castle 10K. The race which is situated in scenic parkland within the grounds of Raby Castle is an undulating 2 lap route, mainly on tarmac with a section of woodland trail. First to finish for Aycliffe and in 4th position overall was Dez Fielden in 36:18 followed by Mark Wade 40:22, John Burnside 45:43, Wendy Bake 49:20, Rob Nicholson 49:25, Sandra Collins 50:11, Mick Brunskill 52:01, Paul Stretton 52:25, Trish Kay 52:43, Clare Rose 55:08, Chris Dixon 56:57 and Susan Clark 63:41. Unfortunately, Dave Mackenzie had a fall in the woods section but still managed to finish the race in 63:33.

Entries are now being taken for Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run on 15/06/14. For details see <http://www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk>

5k TRAIL RACES

The second in the summer series of 5k trail races, which took place at Preston Park, proved itself as popular as ever and with the addition of fine late spring weather attracted a field of nearly 300 finishers.

The massive turnout caused problems at the beginning of the race as the athletes tried to negotiate the narrow gap leading into the woods and most of the 15 runners from Aycliffe Running Club looking for a faster time on this well liked course were a bit disappointed. Ever dependable Dez Fielden was first home for the club. Although still tired from the effects of a hard training run in Swaledale managed to come home 12th in the time of 18m:04s.

He was followed by Matthew Heron, 37th - 20:10, John Burnside, 71st - 21:22, Peter Smith, 84th - 21:57, Kelly Smith, 99th - 22:49, Trevor Needham, 109th - 23:21, Rob Nicholson, 113th - 23:32, Shelley McCormack, 123rd - 23:45, Alan Wilks, 150th - 24:41, Penny Johnson, 179th - 25:59, Simon Robinson, 187th - 26:15, Alan Kellett, 201st - 27:06, Ross Garland, 208th - 27:20, Anne Kellett, 224th - 28:43 and finally Ray Todd, 253rd - 31:09.

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Claire donated 4 organs to 4 different people 3 of which were in there 20's and 1 to a man in his 60's. We hope to encourage more people to register as an organ donor.

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Once you have been assigned to your tables our guest speakers will give you an

insight to include a nostalgic look into this year's centenary of the First World War of 1914, and how women lived through such trying times of worry stress and sirens whilst trying to maintain reality within the home and family life whilst their sons, husbands and family loved ones were at war at the front. Maeve Nattrass gets into character to portray

the services of a serving 1st world war nurse.

In contrast our second speaker 'Sandra Mark' an accomplished artist displays and explains how her diverse skills led to making of up to 40 garments for Sir Elton John as a clothes designer in London and now to art commissions and works that involve painting onto silk and intricate sewing details with the finest silk threads and exquisite bead work. Some of the works involve between 300-500 thread changes and take up to six weeks to complete. Art works from the recently opened gallery in Bondgate Bishop Auckland will be on sale throughout the day.

This will be followed by a luncheon of Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, seasonal vegetables and a dessert of finest English strawberries served on shortbread, tea/coffee.

There will be a traditional tombola and fundraising raffle with all proceeds going to the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. Tickets must be purchased in advance - £20 per head, telephone 01388 660644 or email lynnabury@butterwick.org.uk for further details. Payment may be made with debit/credit card over the telephone.

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Pharmacy Bank Holiday Opening Hours

Monday 26th May 2014
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Monday 25th August 2014
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Dance & Drama Club

At North East Centre for Autism, Newton Aycliffe

The classes are starting on Saturday 14th June.

- The group for 8's and under will run from 10am - 10.45am and older children 11am - 12.30pm.
- The clubs are **FREE** and we welcome children and young people with autism and any other special needs. A formal diagnosis is not required.

How to register:

To register your interest please contact Susan Tron **0191 410 9974** or email susan.tron@ne-as.org.uk

The clubs will be at held at: North East Centre for Autism (Sports Hall), Cedar Drive, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6UN

New W.I. Chairman



Lyn Swift, Chairman of Durham County Federation of Women's Institutes, (right), is pictured receiving the badge of office from her predecessor, Cecilia Wharton

A Different Race Night



After organising a successful Pig Racing Night, Aycliffe Inner Wheel club member Margaret Gent introduced another novel fundraising event with a Chicken Race. I hasten to add that on both occasions no live animals were used - the six pigs were clockwork and were wound up and placed on the table after bets were taken to see which pig passed the winning line first. Similarly the toy chickens, on a long stick each had a

"jockey" who moved up a square nearer the winning line with the roll of dice. It was good fun with each of the six chickens in the race sponsored. The betting was intense as punters spent as much as £2 a race! The evening was mainly about enjoying the fabulous food prepared by the ladies and enjoying the company of fellow racegoers.

In Memoriam

Evelyn Richardson

in loving memory of my Mother Evelyn, who is always in our thoughts.
Sadly missed by her Son Keith and Daughter-in-Law Olivia

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LOUISE CUNNINGHAM 23rd May 2010. Sadly missed and never forgotten. Happy memories remain forever and always in our hearts. Dave, Steven and family

LOUISE CUNNINGHAM 23rd May 2010. Dearly loved Niece. Always in our thoughts. Uncle Jack, Aunt Lilian, Sharon and Family, Hazel and Family

SANDERSON Sarah Ellen. 21st January 1936 to 24th May 2007. Seven years have passed since you went away. But in our hearts you will always stay. Always remembered, never forgotten by your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

NEIL WARD (Wardy). 23rd May. Always remembered today and every day. Always in our thoughts. From Mam, Dad, Tony, Colin, family and friends

ANTHEA SCOTT-ATESS 21st June 1962 to 26th May 2006. In loving memory of "our Anthea", a beloved Mam, Daughter, Sister, Niece and Cousin x x x There is always a face before us, a voice we will always remember of our Anthea we love so dear. Deep in our hearts lies a picture more precious than silver or gold. It's a picture of "our Anthea" whose memory will never grow old. And you will always live through me Mam. Scott xxx

NOEL NEEDHAM Passed away 26th May 2009. No farewells were spoken. No time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Love always, forget you never. Sheila and family xx



Obituary



ERIC PAPE Passed away peacefully in his sleep on 15th May 2014. Husband of Myra; Father to Royston, Janette, Graham, Glynn, Stuart, Gail, Andrew and Anthony; Brothers-in-Law Robert and Graham; Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Funeral on Tuesday 27th May at 11am. Family and friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium.

FOWLER, Claud Welsh, who passed away suddenly in hospital on 17th May aged 85 years, of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Ferryhill (ex Eaton Axles and Tallents worker). Dearly loved Husband of Mirian; A much loved Dad of Judith and Dawn and a very dear Father-in-law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Would family and friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 30th May for a Service and Committal at 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be left in the collection plate provided for the family's chosen charities.

Congratulations



Jack Harrison



18 TODAY

Happy 18th birthday Son. Hope you have a great day. Love you loads, Mam and Steve xx

Happy 18th Bro. Don't get too drunk just because you are now the legal age. Love you loads, Megan, Blake and Hallie xxx

Happy 18th birthday Jack. Love, Dad.

Happy 18th birthday to our wonderful Grandson Jack... 17 birthdays come and gone, now the 18th one has come along, we hope it is as amazing as you, as nothing more than perfect will do. Love you lots and lots, Nanna and Grandad (Dave) xxx

Happy 18th birthday Jack. Have an amazing day. Love you millions, Jade xx

Happy 18th birthday Jack. Love, Auntie Nats and Leo xx

To Jack Have a great 18th birthday and enjoy the day. Love, Uncle Wayne, Jay, Parker and Erin xxx

Happy 18th birthday to my little big Nephew and the bestest friend ever! I love you lots and lots from Auntie Shannon xxxx

Happy 18th birthday Jack. Hope you have a fantastic day. Love you lots, Auntie Nicola xxx

Happy 90th Birthday Dad



28th May 2014
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xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Emily Cunliffe



21 on 26th May 2014
Enjoy ALL your celebrations. Love Mam Dad and all the family
xxxxxx

JAMES CURTIS-HAIGH Happy 13th Birthday, congratulations on becoming a teenager. Lots of love from Mam and Dad xxx

HINDMARCH Ross Keegan. 23rd May 1993. Happy 21st birthday Ross. We are so proud you've gone from Royal Engineer to a Model. Love you loads, Dad and Mam xx

HINDMARCH Ross Keegan. To our brother Ross on his 21st birthday. You look fab in Marks & Spencers shop window. Love, Zara, Paul, Dean, Jade and Demi xxx

HINDMARCH Ross Keegan. Happy 21st Uncle Ross. Love, Kurtis, Leah, Leon, Noah, Keegan, River and Marick xxx

NICHOL - BROWN 24th May. Katie and Sean, happy 1st Wedding Anniversary. Love, Mam, Dad and Bradley xx

KATIE & SEAN Happy 1st Anniversary. Love, Nanna E xx

TO AMY Happy 5th birthday to our gorgeous little touch of pink. Have a lovely day Princess. All our love, hugs and kisses from Grandma and Grandad xxx

Thank You

I WOULD like to thank the Fireman on duty on Saturday 17th May, who came to help me outside the Magistrates Court, when my mobility scooter broke down. Vera Land **GLADYS GARNETT** and family wish to thank everyone for their support and cards of sympathy, especially Jack's carers at DaleCare, who looked after him also Father Whalen for a comforting Funeral Mass.

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Tribute to Allan Oliver

Dear Sir,
I would just like to pay tribute to Allan Oliver who has resigned his position of team manager

to become club chairman. In recent years Allan has led the team from the obscurity of the Wearside League to the Northern League Division One. Not only has he, with the help of Gary Farley, given the town a team to be proud of, he has had his teams play in a spirit that has earned the club many friends.

I wish Allan the best of luck in his new role and hope the new manager continues the success NAFC has achieved with Allan at the helm.
Norman Smith
Director, Shildon AFC.

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Dan's the Man as Boss Oliver Steps Aside

Newton Aycliffe manager Allan Oliver has moved aside at the Moore Lane Park club, allowing Player/Coach Dan Mellanby the opportunity to manage his

hometown team.

The decision - taken by Oliver at the weekend - was passed by club officials, and Mellanby takes charge of first team affairs with immediate effect.

Oliver will remain with the club in the capacity as Chairman, with outgoing incumbent Gary Farley continuing his role as Assistant Manager to 35-year-old Mellanby. Having taken the Newtonians from the parks to the top tier of the Northern League, and after more than 300 games in charge, Oliver felt the need for a new direction at the club.

He said, "I am extremely proud of the job I have done at the club, but it's time for a change. Dan is a fantastic player, a fantastic coach and I know he'll make a fantastic manager."

"He has the right attitude, and the right ideas, and he'll take no nonsense in there. If the players think they're getting a mate first and a manager second, they can think again."

"I've known Dan for 20 years, and he has the highest of standards. He's the right man at the right time to take this club to the next stage." Outgoing Chairman Farley added, "I'd personally like to thank Allan for his hard work and dedication over the past eight seasons. Without that man, this club would still be playing local pub football."

"If he's half as successful in his new role as he was in the one he's just vacated, then this club will be in an ever better position in years to come."

Aycliffe Squash Club Winners



The players in the photo are John Snowball, Darren Cliff, Andrew Brown, Alex MacFarlane, Nev Gillan and Nick Hill, pictured with a representative of the league sponsors Whitfields Building Services Ltd (centre).

Congratulations to Aycliffe Squash Club whose first team has won division 3 of the Durham and Cleveland League, and to Andrew Brown on winning divisional player of the season. Aycliffe Squash Club plays at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. The club runs three men's teams and a ladies' team in the Durham and Cleveland League as well as two ladies' friendly teams. It also offers coaching and social squash opportunities and welcomes new players.

To learn more about opportunities to play squash, phone the Oak Leaf on 01325 300600 and they will point you in the right direction.

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