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## Tesco Agree Foodbank's Request for Spare Bread After Aldi Refuse to Supply



Martin Butcher, Tesco Manager, hands over bread to Foodbank organiser Ernie Temple

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership, on behalf of the Foodbank in Newton

Aycliffe, approached Aldi to ask if they would donate 20 loaves of unused bread each week to feed local families in need.

Aldi said they had a huge demand for charitable donations and have decided to nominate a specific charity to support each year and were unable to consider the application.

Fortunately our local Tesco store, who have always supported local charities, came to the rescue and will willingly give FRESH bread

to the Foodbank each week. Ernie Temple the local FoodBank organiser from St. Clare's Church said he was very grateful for Tesco's help and thanked the local Manager Martin Butcher for his kind consideration. "Tesco already help in many ways including allowing a special food collection bin for the Foodbank, and their generosity further demonstrates their concern for people in difficulty and their commitment to our community" said Ernie.

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## Past Mayor Thanks

Dear Editor  
Now that my year as Mayor has come to an end, may I, through your newspaper, thank the people of Great Aycliffe for their wonderful support and encouragement, which was most appreciated. At the start of my year I set myself three objectives: (1) to acknowledge the marvellous people of Great Aycliffe and all that they do, (2) to raise the profile of Great Aycliffe in County Durham, and (3) to build links between the community and the companies on the



Business Park.

I was Mayor through a year of remarkable progress for Great Aycliffe, with Hitachi and the new town centre just two of a large number of significant steps forward for our community. What a privilege it has been to have celebrated these amazing moments with you all! Finally, may I especially thank the Newton News, which has reported these events and made Aycliffe's triumphs something that we could all enjoy together.  
Cllr Barbara A Clare

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## From the Editor

syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Once again we saw the waste of a valuable resource and unnecessary disruption as the Euro Election closed schools so they can be used as Polling Stations. It is unbelievable a whole school should be closed for an event which only attracts a minority to vote.

There are alternatives including the use of a community centre, club premises or even a bus shelter for the number who bother to vote. If they must use a school why not use a single classroom or the hall for the period, and do we need four personnel overseeing the voting?

Is it not time to review the situation and save the inconvenience and loss of earnings to working parents and cut the high cost of running an election?

The Saga surrounding our Market was featured on BBC Television this week and centred more on the landlord's Freshwater, kicking the traders out of the town centre, ignoring the fact that our Town Council is working hard to secure an alternative site next to the Cubby where a derelict piece of land owned by the County Council has laid ugly and unused for 28 years.

Freshwater's refusal to comment was noticeable and further demonstrates the arrogance of this London property company.

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## Ex Navy Diver Tells His Life Story



Newtonian Ron Young, a former Sailor, has written and published his first book entitled "My Life as a Navy Diver".

The first issue, printed by Newton Press in paperback, has sold out and Ron is ordering a reprint.

Ron was born in Croydon and brought up in Sunderland. He moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1973 where he worked for Eatons, STC and Sooner Foods. He married Sarah in 1961 and they have four sons. He joined the Navy aged 17 and had rich experiences as a steward and then a diver over a career lasting nearly 18 years. After the Navy he

continued as a diver working on Oil Rigs and his book tells a vivid story of his birthplace, family and many exploits.

If you wish to buy a copy they are available from Steven Young for £10 - 07974 733267.

### EDITOR:

**Just as we were going to press the family informed of the sudden death of Ron Young, but asked that we print this story of his autobiography.**

**Soon after Newton News took the above photograph Ron took ill with a series of heart attacks leading to his death. His funeral takes place on Thursday 5th June at St. Clare's Church at 2.30pm. Interment at West Cemetery and afterwards at the Navy Club. Our deep condolences to Ron's family at this sad time.**

**Ron leaves behind his Wife, Sarah (Jean); Father to Steven, Shane, Mark and Simon; Father-in-Law to Terri, Tracey, Kath and Carol; Brother to Phyllis and Trevor, Grandad, Great Grandad, Uncle and friend to many.**

## Students Raise Money for Better Health & Wellbeing Charity

A group of Woodham Academy students have raised £617 for local charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) by holding a non-uniform day.

The year 9 tutor group were required to organise fundraising activities as part of a Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and Citizenship project.

The fundraising activity was part of a bigger project where the tutor group recycled cans, designed badges and made paper flowers from recycled materials. Students also visited local primary schools to educate them about the importance of recycling on the environment.

The group chose PCP as the charities mission, to improve health, wellbeing and learning for all, fitted perfectly with the aims of the class to make positive contributions to their communities.

The students said "We wanted to give something back to the local community and PCP does so much good work in improving the quality of life of local people."

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive said "A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff at Woodham Academy for organising such a fantastic fundraising day for PCP. The money raised from their Non-Uniform Day will help make a real difference.

The recycling project is a great idea, PCP are always looking for 'green' initiatives as part of our ISO 14001 environmental accreditation and in the last year we have increased the amount we recycle by 27%."

The students are in the process of organising a 'Zumbathon' next to raise



more money which will go towards PCP's work in improving people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. PCP is responsible for running the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe

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Covering tracks by: Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Gary Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, UFO, ZZ Top and much more

**Saturday 7th June - "Insanity"**

"Two great sets with something a bit different, early Sabbath, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and a brilliant version of Queen's Of The Stone Age 'No One Knows', were amongst the stuff Insanity serve up. Not all my cup of char, but thoroughly enjoyable.  
The band were nice and tight with Graeme his usual rocking self at the back, ably assisted in the rhythm section by Hirdy playing great bass and jumping around like only he does. Brian on vocals has a perfect voice for the material and headbangs and poses like a proper frontman. I was most impressed with John "I only play rhythm really" . . . yeah, right! (:o :)); Trigg on guitar.  
Great, clean but dirty tone playing in a variety of tunings and some real tasty phrasing and playing. Definately a less is more style, but some lush soloing that was even more impressive considering the lack of saturation, each note ringing out nicely. Excellent stuff!"  
GIG PIT REVIEW - [www.insanity-rock.com](http://www.insanity-rock.com)

**Saturday 24th May - "Tony Little Band"**

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On Thursday 5th June from 6pm-7.30pm. Neville Parade Methodist Church. The group is for anyone that has been affected by cancer - you could be the patient, the carer or relative.

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We had our first trip which was very successful and a chance to spend a little more time getting to know members of the group. Everyone really felt the benefit of getting out of the house and being with someone so they are not facing or going through cancer on their own. If any company would like to help with our funding please contact Allison 0776 2258696.

## Not the Fault of Grasscutters

Dear Sir,  
I am fed up of hearing people complain about grasscutting in wet conditions.

My husband works on these machines and do you really think he likes being out in the rain getting soaked to the skin and no chance of a change of clothes?

He also gets stuck in the mud and someone has to pull the machine out!

They do as they are told and grass has to be cut on an 8 day cycle and if it is not people complain to the council and the men are in the firing line.

There are eight men to cover Newton Aycliffe which also includes planting and people's back gardens.

I hope not to hear any more moaning aboth grasscutting. L.J.J.

**Editor: I don't believe anyone blames the workmen who do as directed even though they spoil the area they are cutting. The fault obviously lies with management who sit at their desks ignoring the conditions and complaints.**



## WATCHMAN GETS NEW SITE

The "Watchman" wishes to thank all loyal customers for their support following the demise of the Town Centre Market. The good news is he has managed to secure a site in the Thames Centre every Tuesday as usual, so if you need a battery, pin, strap or repair just drop by. Dave Bond

## Cleaner Retires After 30 years Service



Sheila Allen retired from cleaning St Elizabeth's Church, Woodham after 30 years service. Sheila cleaned the church every week and had hoped to carry on doing this until this November when she would have been 80 years old and then step down, however, personal circumstances meant she has had to bring this date forward. She enjoyed playing her part in contributing to the life of St. Elizabeth's and the wider Parish of Great Aycliffe. After a change in Service

times Sheila worshipped at St. Clare's although she has always had a connection with St. Elizabeth's and carried on cleaning as a way of giving to the Church. Over the years Sheila has seen many change of vicars including David Frost, David Capron, David Paton Williams, Collin Jay, Roger Davies and the current vicar Julie Wing. Sheila will miss coming to St. Elizabeth's each week but, said she will always keep the congregation in her thoughts and prayers.

## Shops' Service Charge for Little Return

Dear Sir, I read with amazement and disbelief letters submitted on the termination of the market in the town centre and the reasons given for its closure. The main parties involved

in this disgraceful charade, seems to be between Freshwater the owners and Durham County Council. It seems the reason given for its demise is that the stalls need new covers, and if the

stallholders moved to the central refurbished area of the shopping centre, the stalls might dirty the floor. I can assure you the centre doesn't need any help from stallholders in that respect. If you base it on where the stalls were, near the Thames shopping centre, this area hasn't been cleaned in weeks nor has the area where it was reconcreted, near Stephenson Way.

There is muck on the ground there, and if you go to the main area of the centre, there's rubbish under the new seats, spillages on the new floor tiles, which aren't cleaned up etc.

If I was a shop tenant I would be up in arms and would want to know why I am paying service charges for very little return. If there was any justice the stallholders would not be used as scapegoats and the present centre staff, would be given the order of the boot to be replaced by people prepared to do the job properly.

Mr & Mrs R McNeal, Ex Managers of a Shopping Centre.

## HOSTILE PROPOSAL BY GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Sir, For a while now we residents of Midridge have been aware of a steadily increasing malevolent stench of malicious intent encroaching into the eastern boundary of our parish.

As time went by it transpired that it seeped out from the bowels of Great Aycliffe Town Council, that a section of our colleagues from the adjacent Town Council had made a hostile proposal to invade our parish.

A move to take a significant piece of our Eastern Boundary, was put into action via a request to DCC to undertake a Community Governance Review.

What on earth are they thinking of? Have they gone mad? We are absolutely outraged that our neighbours should even consider such an obviously financially motivated attack on our parish.

Although we are small and lack the size and clout of GATC the village will fight with passion and the conviction that we have been seriously wronged by this unwarranted intrusion.

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## From the Market Traders Co-operative

Dear Sir, As you are probably all aware by now last Tuesday 27th May was the last market

to be held in the Town Centre. All of the traders, past and present, would like to thank everyone for their loyal support over the last 30 plus years. Unfortunately this marks the end of an era that has provided many happy times for the traders and public alike.

Due to the timescale involved, only one months notice, from Freshwater to both the council and the market traders it has not been possible to secure a new site for the market at this moment in time. If both parties had been given longer I am sure a new site could have been secured and be ready for use for this coming week.

It is therefore with deep regret that the traders will be moving on to pastures new, with quite a few of us moving to Chilton high street on a Tuesday from the 3rd June. We realise this is not convenient, but we hope that some of our regular customers will come and see us. The market at Chilton will consist of the Sweet/Egg stall, the baby clothes stall, the hardware stall and the watch repair stall (all current stalls from Newton Aycliffe) and we will be joined by a Fruit and Veg stall, a flossy stall, a meat wagon and hopefully an electric goods stall.

We would like to send our best wishes and thanks to all of our customers for the years of custom. We are not only losing our market but also a lot of friends we have made over the years in the town.

Neil Herring  
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## Why Not an Indoor Market?

Dear Sir,  
I agree with the reader who suggested using the old Woolworth's premises for an Indoor Market. It would help both the traders and customers alike against bad weather.

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# LET'S USE DERELICT LAND FOR TEMPORARY MARKET

## Council urged to release land dormant 30 years

The following report by Counc Arun Chandran was given to the Town Council in support of his motion that: "Durham County Council allow temporary use of the vacant and derelict site adjacent to the Cubby for use by the market until such time the site is sold or the Town Centre owners facilitate a new market in the town centre, whichever comes first"

Madam Chairman, Members of the Council  
Cllr Eddy Adam and myself convened this meeting at short notice with the consent of yourself and Cllr Bob Fleming Leader of the Council because the time factor necessitated urgent action.

This Council heard at its meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 16th April, (minute 104) that the agents for the Town Centre Owners had indicated that the market will not be allowed on its original site at the present time until all snagging works were completed, in addition the agents also advised the Town Council that they require improvement to the stalls and layout of the stall areas in order to provide a visually attractive market that is in keeping with the improvements and capital investments that has taken place.

The Committee resolved that the report part of which contained exempt information, be received. That the Council does not subsidise the market. That negotiations continue with the appropriate parties in regard to the provision of a market.

Shortly after that meeting we were informed that the Town Centre owners had given one months notice to close the existing market. The Town Council had then, as License

holder no choice but to give immediate notice too, in order to comply with contractual obligations.

So in actual fact, the Market was being closed down until such time as the Town Centre owners finished the final phase development of the Town Centre including the demolition of Churchill House and some shops due to commence about June this year.

The Town Centre Owners had indicated that they wanted to continue a market in the Town Centre at a later date, and were looking at that provision possibly through a professional Market Management Company.

If you look at photos taken by Ken Robson Chairman of ACORN Residents Association at my request yesterday you will see that the market is clean and tidy. It compares favourably in that respect with say the Market at Stockton where the Town Centre has been refurbished and those Stalls have not been required to upgrade to stainless steel or bright new coverings. The problem that remains is two fold:

1. Given that we cannot as a Town Council subsidise the Market as a private commercial venture, do we have anywhere else the existing Market Traders could

carry on their trade whilst awaiting the completion phase of the Town Centre and a new Market established. The answer to that is Yes.

2. If yes, then we have a duty to try to make that temporary provision, in the interests of trying to keep the existing market alive and facilitate it for the people of our Town. I believe, that Durham County Council, who received £7.9 million for the sale of the former Avenue School site to Tesco, and who run other Markets in County Durham whilst making no provision for our Market in Newton Aycliffe (leading to double taxation, in which the people of Newton Aycliffe pay for Market provision for the rest of County Durham but receive nothing in return regarding our market) ...that they have a duty to help out.

I believe that Durham County Council should allow Great Aycliffe to use the derelict site next to the Cubby free of all costs, including rates, until such time as they have an actual buyer for that site, for the Market to temporarily trade, or until such time as the Town Centre Owners are ready to establish a new market in the Town Centre which ever comes first.

I would argue the following that given that Durham County Council want to sell this land

and will benefit immensely from its sale, it is not unreasonable that they should undertake any works to make it temporarily safe for public use for a Market one day a week.

Given that the County Council runs Markets elsewhere in the County but not in Newton Aycliffe it is not unreasonable to expect from the point of view of double taxation that they cover these costs.

As far as notice to vacate is concerned, if at the end of the day Durham County Council sell the land and actually find a buyer before the final phase redevelopment of the Town Centre is concerned then a few months notice is all that is required and at least it will have been seen that all was done to prolong the life and public facility of the existing Market as long as was possible no one could ask for more. The Land has been derelict 30 years.

Then we have done everything possible as a Town Council and the County Council working together to continue a market provision until the circumstances I have mentioned intervene.

Politics is the art of the possible, and a duty to serve the public interest, obstacles should not be put in the way of that as long as legitimate concerns are covered.

## Burks Spoil West Park

Dear Sir,  
News that some pillock has damaged the exercise equipment in West Park leaves me sad, but not surprised, after all residents of our fantastic town were enjoying it so why wouldn't the mentally undereveloped try to spoil things?

The greatest weapon in our arsenal is the mobile phone which is capable of taking covert pictures of the culprits. Our police officers cannot be everywhere at once so it is up to the public to help.

Our legal system is no longer punitive because even these destructive burks have human rights. Rarely do sentences fit the crime anymore.

If the equipment was damaged between 9 and 12 the perpetrators must be waterproof as it was pouring down most of the time.

This vandalism will not stop the progress of improving West Park.

Ken Robson

## Shortage of Support

Dear Sir,  
I attended the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council last week to hear the debate on our town market. Sitting at the back I expected to see a full turnout of Councillors to give support to the stallholders.

Members of the public wanted to speak to representatives of their ward, but only 21 out of 30 turned up and I wonder what happened to the rest? Was it not important for them to show residents that they support the market?

All four Independent Councillors were present which defies Labour's criticism of them previously. I would have thought this issue was important as it affects the townspeople who vote Councillors to office to represent their views and should be seen to support the stallholders who have served us well in all weathers.

I thank those Councillors who did attend and who supported the motion to make sure Aycliffe does not lose its market.

Market Supporter  
Name & address supplied

## County and Town Councillor Eddy Adam seconded the motion with the following speech:

As my colleague Cllr Chandran stated, the Town Council, as License holder had no choice but to give immediate notice to the Market stall Partnership, in order to comply with its contractual obligations.

Therefore, the Town Market was being closed down until such time as the Town Centre Owners finished the development to the Town Centre including, which we now understand that the works may not be completed until early 2015.

If this is the case then in our opinion 7 to 8 months is too long a period without this valuable asset on our Town. Therefore we need to act sooner rather than later to try and provide a positive solution.

I believe as do many others here this evening, and I include our Aycliffe County Councillors, that this will impact on the traders and the local community who use this valuable facility. Where we as Councillors might differ, is on how and when this can be put right. However, this is not a straight forward process.

Colleagues, Cllr Chandran and I firmly believe there is an opportunity to rectify the present situation by utilising the site on Greenwell Road next to the Cubby (Photos).

Firstly, this area has remained vacant and derelict for over 28 years but has the possibility of providing a temporary solution by accommodating the current Market stall holders and could help improve the aesthetic look of this derelict area. But, make no mistake the Market

can only be their until such time as a New Market is developed by the Town Centre Owners or if Durham County Council releases this land to a developer.

Secondly, I attended a recent seminar at County hall. They have a team of planners who go round the County identifying in their words, removing areas of 'Environmental Blight', requesting private land owners to improve buildings and

derelict land, I suggest that we as a Town request they remove this blight from our town centre.

Madam Mayor, during my enquiries I identified that Durham County Council are prepared to offer this Town Council a Licence to manage the area in question. However, a planned draft Licence has a number of restrictions which if adopted by the Town Council would not allow us to operate a market and it only provides a very short notice to quit.

Therefore, spending Town Council rate payers money on this area would be seen as a waste of public money, and I am certain Councillors and you the public would not want

## Did We Get it Wrong?

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council, County Councillor Eddy Adam, accused Newton Press of being unfair to County Councillors in a report over the Market using the Cubby site.

We reported that some Councillors roll over and accept an officer's decision without question.

Our comment was made in response to a direct statement received from a County Councillor who unequivocally said there was no way we could use the Cubby site for a market.

We are happy to state, now, that our County Councillors are in agreement with the Town Council's resolution calling for release of the site on a temporary basis for our market.

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Raby Castle, in Staindrop, is the stunning backdrop for a Wild West extravaganza on 28th June in aid of Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. Butterwick is holding its annual sponsored walk within the grounds of the castle and nationally renowned Western re-enactment society, Lonestar, have confirmed they will be presenting their authentic Frontier town for Hospice supporters of all ages to enjoy, both before and after the 5km walk around the grounds of Raby Castle. Lonestar, are the largest western re-enactment group in the country and they perform across the UK, bringing the wild-west to life through their totally authentic exhibitions. They portray what it was really like to live on the edge of civilization and how the people of the western frontier survived their often harsh and dangerous environment. The Cowboys and their

ladies will demonstrate the skills needed to survive in a frontier town including how they made clothes, cooked, kept their weapons in good order and how they entertained themselves in the days of no communications bar a personal visit! The Doctor at the prairie surgery will talk about authentic medicines of the day including how they dealt with horrific battlefield wounds! Hospice supporters can have a go at lassoing their friends and family, plus they can try their hand at horse shoe pitching and learn how to make patchwork quilts. The 7th Cavalry will also be on hand to teach the children about Cavalry life and include them in some drills. As well as these and many more attractions at this exciting event, there will be live performances from amongst others, top singing sensation, Mike Ward, finalist of The Voice, 2013. To register for this event

## Performing Arts Students Visit Forum

Last week seventeen Year 10 students from Greenfield Community College visited The Forum in Darlington. The students, who are studying for a GCSE in Performing Arts, have been researching and exploring career opportunities within the performing arts industry recently. This visit to the established music centre in Darlington provided a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a live performing arts venue and discover further education opportunities within the arts. During the visit the group had the chance to tour the venue and all its facilities, as well as speaking to those currently studying there to find out more about the spaces and opportunities available. As the focus of the visit was on careers the students spent some time working together to think of the different job roles there are in the performing arts sector, writing each one on a balloon. They then used these balloons together in an attempt to lift a person from the floor - a great way to learn how in this industry,

as in many others it is a team of people who are needed to achieve goals. This was a great opportunity for some of the many talented Greenfield students considering a career in the Performing Arts to see real life examples of future options. It is hoped that these opportunities inspire them to achieve their goals and move forwards into further education and the world of work, whilst raising their aspirations. You never know - in the next few years it might be a Greenfield student leading a tour at The Forum!

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

Cuillin Sound - Sarah Watts (clarinets), Laurence Perkins (bassoon) and Dana Morgan (flute) will perform a varied and inspiring classical music concert programme alongside evocative settings of traditional folk melodies in The Throne Room at Auckland Castle on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50 available from Brian Varley (01388) 606075 and Cameo Fine Art. (under 18s go free)

# Another Chance to Get Work-Ready

Newton Aycliffe residents are being given another chance to improve their employability with a popular free course run by a local church. Members of Life Church in Newton Aycliffe, who have been trained by UK charity Christians Against Poverty, are again running the club aimed at helping the local community to best handle problems of finance etc.

Job Club Manager, Debbie Surtees, who will be leading the CAP Job Club sessions, said: "When it comes to job hunting, having the right tools and techniques up your sleeve can really improve your chances in finding work. We provide a personal service which gives people both practical and emotional support." Life Church is one of more

than 82 churches of different Christian traditions across the UK who will be running a CAP Job Club, as they work together to positively impact the communities around them. CAP Job Clubs work with individuals to meet their personal needs. Sessions cover practical topics such as identifying strengths, CV writing and interview techniques.

Debbie added: "With more people facing long-term employment, we hope to help people gain the confidence and skills they need to get back into work again." The next course takes place at St Clare's, starting at 12pm until 2.30pm on Wednesday June 4th. To book your place please phone 07593 585082 or e-mail [lifeline.action@googlemail.com](mailto:lifeline.action@googlemail.com)

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# FREE MARKETING SUMMIT AT AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK

A free marketing summit for the region, enabling firms to gain valuable information and advice about inbound marketing, is being organised at the north's second biggest business park. Newton Aycliffe company Thrive is bringing industry experts from the world of digital marketing to the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park, on Friday 6th June. The event is to celebrate International Inbound Week, bringing together businesses and marketers to educate attendees about digital marketing and lead generation. Attendees will have an opportunity to collaborate and network with peers and the guest speakers, while learning about the challenges, opportunities and benefits that businesses face through a series of presentations and Q&A sessions. Rachel from Thrive said: "Content delivered will cover topics that are most important to businesses, all aimed at helping them to make the most appropriate and beneficial decisions for their organisations. "The overall objective of the event is to deliver useful, applicable content, provide excellent networking opportunities and deliver 'take aways' that can be effectively implemented into businesses for immediate effect." Rachel says inbound marketing methodology is the best way to turn strangers into customers. She launched Thrive with co-director Johnny Woods earlier

this year, merging their two media companies – Au Fait Marketing and Echo Graphics – to create a nine-man digital team at their HUB Workspace offices. She's also a member of the Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) steering group and is heading up the 'promotion' task group as part of ABPC's 'Shaping The Future' exercise in conjunction with Business Durham. "I'm passionate about marketing and very passionate about Aycliffe Business Park," says Rachel. Afternoon tea with cakes will be provided at this event which is sponsored by Business Durham, Teesside University, Digital City and the South Durham Enterprise Agency. Register for the event via Eventbrite, Thrive's social media streams or by contacting Thrive on 'hello@thriveability.co.uk'/0845 838 7517.

## Computers for the Terrified

New beginners computer basic skill course using Windows 8.1 at Woodham Community Centre. A ten week course to help total beginners. This is supported by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership, Starts Wednesday 4th June at 9-30am to 11-30am. Contact, David Sutton-Lloyd on 316144.

# TEACHING & LEARNING MARKET PLACE

Last Monday evening as Greenfield Community College emptied of students, staff gathered to share new and exciting practice in a teaching and learning market place. The session was the culmination of an initiative launched last September when everyone signed up to one of 12 Staff Enquiry Groups with the aim of researching best practice, trialling it and then sharing the findings. The market place produced a real buzz as staff visited other groups to hear about their research and to gather summary leaflets on a diverse range of topics including new technologies for schools, literacy across the curriculum, raising aspirations, most effective interventions and accelerating progress amongst others. Some of the groups delivered presentations and taster sessions which included: 5 minute workshops on using Skype to support language learning, using padlet to stimulate ideas, developing a growth mindset, peer assessment, behaviour for learning, examples of spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and a taster SOLEs session. Feedback from everyone was extremely positive with requests to continue next year. Chris Middleton, a recent addition to Greenfield's Maths department said: "It is wonderful to work in a school with a real



commitment to keeping up to date with the latest thinking in education. Having time allocated to research and sharing outcomes has given me the chance to reflect on my own practice and incorporate innovative ideas to enrich the experience of students in my classroom and beyond." Chris Stonehouse, Deputy Head Teacher at Greenfield,

who launched the initiative said, "We have always shared good practice at Greenfield but this year, the dedicated time for enquiry and reflection in cross-curricular groups has brought a new energy and enthusiasm which has contributed to our collective understanding of how to provide a rich and aspirational educational experience for our students."

## ELDON WHINS IS NATURAL EXTENSION OF GREAT AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir, Great Aycliffe is expanding and that is a fact - Eldon Whins will be part of that expansion and is in the County Plan. Eldon Whins is a natural extension to Newton Aycliffe and will add to the exchequer of Great Aycliffe helping to pay for the upkeep of services stretched by government cuts and the increase in population which these new developments will bring. Therefore it seems sensible to pay any revenue accrued to the provider of these services to help pay for them. As our great town inevitably grows as it was always planned to, we must look ahead to the provision of schools and perhaps a 24hr medical centre to cater for the increases in population. We cannot allow petty squabbles over boundaries to become a political football, but instead consider

the needs of the greater populace. Let us look at what we may achieve whilst expanding our community. For instance a new community may give us an opportunity to build a community centre, a pub, a park featuring alternative form of entertainment for local families or indeed anything else limited only by our imaginations. I have therefore come to the conclusion that: A: This expansion will happen. B: We might as well make the best we can of it for Newton Aycliffe. In a small way as residents of Great Aycliffe we can help in signing the petition to acquire Eldon Whins and welcome the proposed new residents to our fantastic town. Ken Robson ACORN Residents Association

# CHALLENGES FOR LONG TERM FINANCES OF TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Meeting held last week is called annually to give residents the opportunity to question the Town Council on its past year policies and future plans. This is a mandatory meeting, but very few people attend and last year there were only two members of the public present. There were many more in attendance this year, but they were there to hear the proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting on the Town Centre Market which followed. The Mayor gave a review of the year reporting on the Performance Plan where 21 targets of the 46 set were completed, 23 ongoing and 2 behind schedule. The council pay particular attention to our environment and many projects were undertaken, many included children and volunteers who gave 750 man hours to improve nature areas around the town. The traditional facilities were provided, but there were problems with the Fireworks Display and the Mayor indicated the council were reviewing the Great Aycliffe Show where there was possibility of replacing this weekend event with a series of community activities at other venues over a week.

The Council will continue to partner town groups to procure and improve facilities. It will also support the Youth Council and provide grants for this age group. The Neighbourhood Plan is an important project which will be ramped up in the coming year. The Council's Finance Manager Dan Austin reported another good year with savings made and revenue increases, but warned the future looked dire as Government cuts continue to decimate the council finances bringing serious challenges to the council's income and expenditure. Budget pressure will mean increases in Council Tax, efficiency savings and reduction in services. Fortunately due to prudent management of their finances in the past the Council faces the government cuts from a strong position and will not need to make severe cuts themselves until after 2015. In fact they have been able to peg any increase in Council Tax for five years. The council is subject to an annual inspection of its finances and as in previous years it has received a clean bill of health on all aspects as a result of the hard work and commitment of Councillors, management and staff.



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## Greenfield STEM Club Visit Hitachi Site



Greenfield Community College's STEM group had the fantastic opportunity to visit the site of the new Hitachi Railway factory, as part of an exciting piece of project work. The group were invited and given a tour by David from Shepherd Construction. David explained the progression of the project, from how the company won the bid all the way through to the current state of the build and the importance of the many local contractors working on site. The students asked insightful questions and gained a better understanding of the scope of the build and what is involved in such a large and important project. Following this visit the STEM group will be designing and working on a live project with Shepherd Construction, giving them the

opportunity to put their great ideas into practice. The STEM club gives students the opportunity to develop the students' interests in science, engineering, technology and maths. They are often involved in live projects such as this one, including Greenfield Arts "Cutting Loose" project. Emma Moffat, Assistant Subject Leader for Science at Greenfield and one of the team of teachers leading the STEM club said: 'This was a fantastic experience that will stay with pupils all their lives. It has given a real buzz to STEM club and we are really looking forward to working with Shepherd in the future.' Thank you to Shepherd Construction for the great tour last week, the keyrings and pens - we look forward to seeing how the project develops!

## "Good" Ofsted Report for Changed Aycliffe School

Stephenson Way Community Primary was the subject of an Ofsted inspection at the beginning of the summer term and are delighted to report that they were awarded a "good" judgement by Ofsted. The two day inspection was the first Ofsted visit since significant changes at the school in early 2013. During that period, the school converted to academy status, becoming part of Tudhoe Learning Trust in the process. At the same time, the senior leadership of the school was changed with a new headteacher and deputy headteacher appointed. The rate of improvement onset by these changes was noted in the report, stating "the school is improving quickly because leaders and the Academy Trust have high aspirations and an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses" and that "Pupil progress and attainment have improved rapidly over the past two years" almost exactly corresponding with the switch to academy status. To form their judgements, inspectors focussed on four areas: the achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching, the behaviour and safety of pupils, and the leadership and management within school. During their visit, Ofsted deemed that the school achieved "good" in all four of these areas. This outcome indicates that every aspect of school is working well to ensure pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education. Ofsted determined that "the quality of teaching in the school is good" and is having a positive effect on the pupils' achievement across all Key Stages, stating: Speaking about the Early Years Foundation Stage; "In the safe, caring and happy area, children settle quickly and, by the end of Reception, all groups of children make good progress". "Attainment in Key Stage 1 and predicted pupil outcomes show a strong improvement" "Pupils make good progress overall across Key Stage 2" The school's focus on reading was also positively received, noting that "reading has a high profile in school and a good range of resources support

this" and that due to this, "pupils express an enjoyment in reading". The report makes note of the high levels and effective use of support the school provides, noting that the individual support the school provides "is very successful in raising the achievements of pupils". Behaviour was described as having undergone a "considerable transformation over the past year". The new leadership team's strategies for improving behaviour are described as "massively impressive with an impact on all areas of school". Inspectors observed pupils to be "polite, well-mannered and show respect for each other and adults". The school received glowing praise from parents, who were given the chance to voice their opinions of the school by speaking to inspectors or through a questionnaire. The feedback and data received by the inspection team led them to conclude that "parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the school" and that all parents "feel their children are safe, happy and well looked after". The school is immensely proud of its strong links with parents and the community and was pleased to have this officially recognised. The hugely successful sports and PE programmes were praised, reporting the school has "broadened the range of sporting activities" having a positive effect on

pupils' physical well-being and lifestyles". This official recognition is the latest accolade of a programme that's had a fantastic impact on sporting performance over the past 18 months and seen the school with high levels of representation at sporting events. The Head Teacher, Mr. Cassap, said "Everyone involved with the school is pleased that we have been recognised as delivering a 'good' service for the local community. We will now strive to provide an outstanding service for the community we serve." The Full report is on the school website at www.swcps.co.uk.

## Emptier Town Centre

Dear Editor, It seems crazy the Council have to try and find a new location to put the market when there is a large newly refurbished town centre standing empty. Why couldn't the town centre owners tell all the traders they were not going to be allowed back on the town centre sooner, at least they could have started looking around for another market to replace the one they were losing at Newton Aycliffe. The town centre is so empty, there is nothing special going on to make people want to visit it. The shops are doing their best but there are so many empty ones it looks

awful. The market brought more people in, people that would also buy in the shops. It is no good waiting until all the work is finished in the town centre refurbishment as it will be too late then. There is so much this town centre could be used for, market, car boot sales, continental markets and entertainment. These would bring people into the town. The town centre owners must remember "An Empty Space is a Waste of Space. Helen Cox



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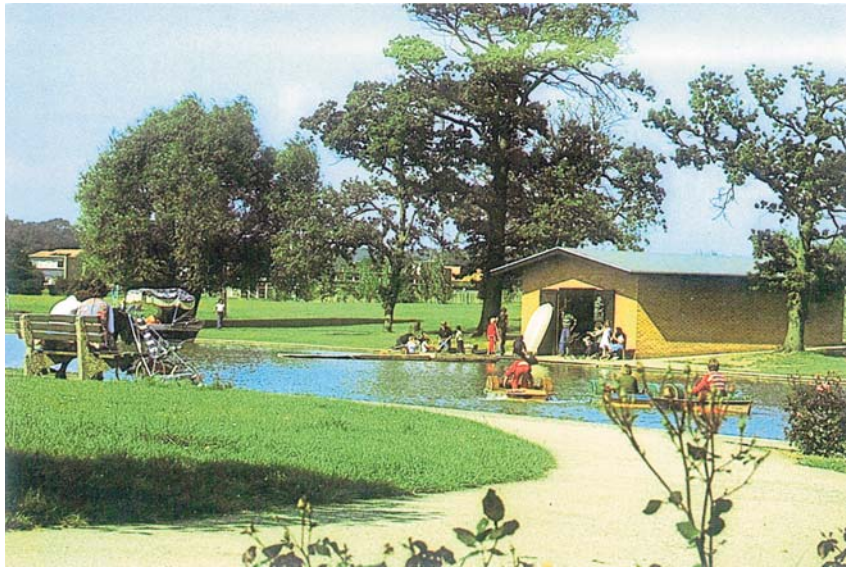
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# EYESORE CONTAINER Wish You Were Here!

Dear Editor,  
While driving along Greenfield Way towards the Railway Station I noticed a blot on the landscape; a grotty green/blue/ grey/rusty/graffitied storage container which has been unceremoniously dumped next to the railway line. Presumably there is good reason for it, however, I hope this eyesore doesn't stay long as only a few days ago I was thinking how nice everything looked on my way into Aycliffe. If it does have to stay, I hope it can at least be given a coat of green paint to help it blend in better.  
N. Gilling



# Work Starts on "Cutting Loose" 2014



After lots of planning and preparation last week saw the start of the activity and development for "Cutting Loose" 2014! Primary schools across Newton Aycliffe were visited by Annie Rigby and Ruth Johnson of Unfolding Theatre, to hear about the grumpy King of the Faeries and how they can help cheer him up! The schools have created some wonderful drawings and ideas which will be used by visual artist Anna Cole to create an element of the final performance to try and make the grumpy King smile!  
The Primary school groups will now be practising their singing and after Half Term will develop and learn their dance moves, leading up to the event on 15th July. Our group of Cree volunteers started production on the "wow" moment of the event this week - drilling, cutting and taping and they have made fantastic progress! The volunteers will continue to meet and work on their project over the coming weeks - they are always looking for more volunteers so contact us for more information.  
Greenfield Community College's STEM Club were also introduced to the project this week, working with puppet designer Molly to consider what the grumpy King might look like, and how he will move.  
It's been a busy week but we are pleased that Cutting Loose 2014 is off to such a great start! For more information about the project, funded by GAMP AAP, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Livin, East Durham Trust and Greenfield Arts, visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk).

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Dear Sir,  
I had a phone call from Mrs McDonald of Gilpin Road who said she had found a postcard depicting West Park Boating Lake in its glory days amongst her family photographs and would I like it for the Friends Of West Park group. I was thrilled to be able to collect the postcard from her which was printed by Newton Press some time ago and was a brilliant depiction of children lined up alongside the boathouse waiting their turn for a great adventure on the water.

The park was always full of families and the sun shone down on the scene. Is it any wonder that many of us look back with affection on those days? As many of us moved to Newton Aycliffe from pit villages and the urban sprawl of cities we were amazed at the greenery of the town and great facilities such as the boating lake.

Such was the sense of optimism and pride in our town that local newsagents sold many of these postcards and they were sent across the globe to family and friends. A resurgence of pride in our town is encouraging residents to get involved in making improvements and holding on tight to those gains we have made. We have volunteers coming forward to join in various projects from our foodbank to litter picking. There is strong affection for our town market demonstrated by support given to the market traders who are under threat of closure. Our Town Council seems to be more dynamic, listening and forward looking than it has been in the past. It is working closely with local organisations to improve facilities despite

an unfavourable economic forecast. Our civic pride team are deeply involved in sprucing up our town keeping it clean and tidy  
I would like to thank Mrs McDonald for donating this stunning card and all those people who wish us well in our venture in West Park especially the person who anonymously left flower bulbs on a park bench. Perhaps Newton Press could inform us if these cards are still available to buy as I would like to send a few to: Marks and Spencers, New Look, Bhs and a myriad of other big stores with the message, "We are a fantastic town - wish you were here" Ken Robson, Chairman Friends of West Park

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## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, had an excellent 61 run home win against a strong Darlington 2nd team in the NYSD 2nd division.

Aycliffe were asked to bat first and got off to a great start with opener Sam Telford scoring 30, Chris Palmer 52 and Matty Atkinson 56 as the home side looked well placed for a big score when they reached 173 for 3. However Aycliffe lost their last 7 wickets for just 13 runs and were bowled out for 186 after 48.2 overs.

Darlington looked to be easing to victory as they comfortably reached 86 for 3, but the introduction of fast bowler Matty Atkinson (photo attached) soon had them on the rack as the talented cricketer took 5 for 31 and joined a select band of only five other Aycliffe players who have scored a half century and taken 5 wickets in the same game.

In a tense finale, fellow fast bowler Michael Howe took the final Darlington wicket with only 1.3 overs remaining as Aycliffe moved up to 2nd place in the 2nd division table with 117 points from their 8 games.

The club's 2nd team made it a sensational double for Newton Aycliffe as they pulled off a famous 36 run win away at a strong Bishop Auckland 2nd team in the NYSD 3rd division.

After being asked to bat first on a wet wicket, Aycliffe

were dismissed for just 79, with Tony Travis (20 runs), Patrick Howe (15 runs) and Adam Gittins (11 runs), the only players to reach double figures.

Bishop Auckland were bowled out for just 43 thanks to brilliant bowling from 16 year old leg spinner Patrick Howe, who took career best figures of 5 for 11 and 17 year old medium pace bowler Tom Wickins who took 4 for 12.

Special mention must go to captain Adam Gittins who held four catches to set a new 2nd team club record for the most catches in a game by an outfield player to help his team to a vital victory which lifted his young Aycliffe 2nd team off the bottom off the table.

The clubs under 15's team got their league programme off to a winning start when visitors Evenwood failed to turn up for the match and so Aycliffe duly claimed the points. All of the club's other teams have their games rained off this week.

## Fashion Show

Neville Parade Community Centre present a Fashion Show by Bon Marche on Thursday 5th June at 6.30pm. Tickets available £5 including Supper from Margaret Gent on 317308 or at Bon Marche in the Town Centre.

## Heighington U/9's in Final at Cleethorpes

Heighington AFC Boys U/9's competed at a football tournament over the Bank Holiday in Cleethorpes with teams from all over the country. The boys made it to the final, narrowly missing out with a 1-0 defeat to Ashurst Amigos from Merseyside. They kicked off the tournament with a 1-0 defeat to the impressive Amigos after a tough battling performance, but soon found their feet and followed this up with 4 straight victories against strong opposition to finish 2nd in the table and qualify for the final. The lads went down 1-0 to the Amigos, but we are all

immensely proud of their achievement especially as three of the boys had never played for the team before the tournament. With only 7 players available each boy had to play every minute of every game. Their spirit and sportsmanship was first class and we look forward to going away next summer again and to hopefully go one step further.

We are currently looking for new players to join our team for the forthcoming season (u10's/currently in year 4) anybody interested should contact manager Shaun falconer - 07877908796

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Dan Hodgson

## AYCLIFFE FELL WALKERS CLIMB HELVELLYN

There was an air of expectancy as Aycliffe Fell Walkers boarded the coach in Newton Aycliffe last Saturday morning! Their destination was the northern Lake District, especially Threlkeld, Grasmere and the high level Helvellyn Ridge.

The forecast had been extremely encouraging and so walkers were dressed accordingly, bare arms and bare legs being much in evidence. They were destined to enjoy blue skies and warming sunshine for the whole day, several being noticeably suntanned on the homeward coach journey.

Though most paths up from the Thirlmere - Grasmere valley were steep, with exertion during the climb leading to greatly elevated body temperatures, once the ridge had been attained a strong cooling breeze kept everyone comfortable despite the strong sunshine.

Most walkers traversed the whole Helvellyn ridge, not descending until Clough Head had been climbed. They were rewarded with continuous and extensive views of all the surrounding hills, Cross Fell and Wild Boar Fell across the Eden Valley being particularly prominent. There were also distant views of Morecombe Bay and the Irish Sea.

Some walkers chose to stay low and enjoyed a walk beside High Rigg, heading towards Castlerigg and its Stone Circle before heading back to Threlkeld and its hostels.

A small group stayed local to Threlkeld and enjoyed flat



walking along the disused railway line, plus a riverside walk beside the River Glenderamackin, ending with a visit to Scales beneath the mighty (and now for sale!) Blencathra.

The paths into Threlkeld, where our driver had parked to await our arrival, were pleasant but an episode with an "overly-friendly" horse gave some walkers a moment of

consternation and led to various quips in the pub afterwards such as "Well, you must have been horsing around!" and "Were you afraid of the horse?" "Neigh, lad!"

If you would like to get high on mountain air you can join this friendly fell walking club simply by contacting our secretary, Alan, on 01325 488225 or by visiting our website afwc.org.uk



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Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 7's Falcons team would like to thank HBT for supplying their new football strip for the coming season. The team will be competing in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance League, and really appreciate the kind donations of the new strips. Steven Bellwood said "sponsoring the team is a great opportunity for the company to help young members of the community to develop their personal skills as part of a team as well as encouraging the sport at grass roots level. The enthusiasm they show is great." Team manager Alan Gaskarth said "this will be our first season in the

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# AYCLIFFE POLO PLAYERS IN MANCHESTER FESTIVAL



Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent two teams to the Manchester Festival the biggest tournament in Great Britain for young players with 40 teams in attendance.

The under 13's team started with a hard game against Manchester Ambrose and won 4-3. In their next group game they beat Liverpool Icebees and in their final group game beat Warrington 4-1.

In the quarter final Sedgefield defeated Merseyside 5-1 and in the semi final beat Bolton comfortably 7-2. This saw them up against Yorkshire Champions, Rotherham in the final. In a close game Sedgefield's top performer and goal scorer Michael Hampshire (12) scored the winner with a few seconds to go to make the final score 4-3 to Sedgefield.

This was a tremendous performance by the young Sedgefield team against the big city clubs. Sedgefield under 15 team unfortunately had to field an under strength team due to illness and holidays and had to use some of the younger team players. In their first group game they defeated sister club Lancaster 6-2, then beat East Midlands comfortably 9-2 and in their final group game were too strong for Welsh team Newport, winning 13-1.

In the quarter final Sedgefield comfortably defeated Manchester Hawks 7-4. In the Semi Final they were up against Yorkshire Champions Rotherham/Sheffield who combined to make sure they defeated Sedgefield at all costs by 5-1.

In the bronze medal match Sedgefield comfortably defeated Merseyside 6-3. The two outstanding performers in the two competitions for Sedgefield were Niall Coulthard (10) and Michael Hampshire (12) who both had to play in both age groups because of the shortage of players in the older team with great tenacity and a really positive attitude.

The other members of the Sedgefield squad on the day was Kris Egginton, Connor Keeble, Michael Cousins, Ben Stephenson, Richard Murray, Elliot Edworthy making a very positive debut for Sedgefield. Haydn Craggs, Kate Harrison, Poppy Stephenson, Hollie Turnbull, Joseph Boys, Jake Mendelson, Jessica Webb, Ben Alderson, Daniel Millington

and Kes Mc Ewan. Anyone interested in joining the highly successful Sedgefield squad based at Newton

Aycliffe Leisure Centre, aged from 6 years upwards and likes swimming, can get more details on 07818 554449.

# Town Under 12's Win Redcar Tournament



On Saturday 24th May the U12's attended a football tournament held at Redcar Town football ground. The day started well winning 4 out of our 5 group games which saw us win the group playing some outstanding football.

On to the semi final with the rain well and truly set in we kept the momentum going and managed to secure a 3 nil win.

In the finals Darlington RA took the lead with both teams playing some fantastic football. We managed to equalise through a penalty and at this stage the game could have gone either way. On the final whistle it was 1-1, and on the dreaded penalty shoot-out we won! I could not be happier with the way the team performed as they played with a togetherness we rarely see and goes to show what can be achieved when we play this way. This team will be entering their 6th season together and I am so pleased they have something to show for the hard work and dedication put into this win. I am sure it will put us on the front foot for the start of the upcoming season - well done!

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club are committed to developing young footballers whatever their abilities to ensure that every child has an opportunity to play football. Over 200 players, boys and girls in 15 teams are all coached by FA qualified volunteers who have CRB, Child Welfare and First Aid Certificates. For further information see www.naycafc.co.uk

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

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Council Meeting 7.15pm

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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](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk))

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- Overtake thoughtfully. Passing a cyclist quickly might feel safe from inside the metal shell of your car, but it will not for the cyclist - the closer you are, the worse it feels.
- Bear in mind that cyclists and certainly motorcyclists may be travelling quicker than you down the same road. Check all of your

mirrors regularly so you see bikes approaching from behind.

- In particular, check your mirrors before either changing direction or changing lanes, especially in traffic queues.
- If a motorcyclist is trying to get past in heavy traffic, let them. Don't hinder their progress just because you are stuck where you are.
- Give clear and early signals to allow other road users plenty of time to react.
- Don't cut up a cyclist when turning left. Never overtake then turn left across their front wheel.
- Check for bikes coming before opening the driver's door when you've parked. IAM chief examiner Peter Rodger said: "The most common cause of road accidents is 'failed to look properly' - and this oversight is being made by all kinds of road users. We all need to look out for each other to stamp out these avoidable collisions. "Most road users don't just use one mode of transport, so use the knowledge you have from the others to practise a bit more patience and understanding of those around you."

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# UNDERPASS IN URGENT NEED OF REPAIR

Dear Sir,  
The underpass on Meadowfield Way was set alight on November 5th last year. This was highlighted by a concerned member of the public at Horndale Residents Association's December meeting.

County Councillors John Clare, Joan Gray, Mike Dixon and the Association have been pushing for the works to start, but seven months on and nothing has been done. The reasons given vary including that cleaning could not be done in January,

February and March because the water used may freeze and become a hazard. What happens if it snows or rains during these months? Another reason is that new lights are being designed for all underpasses and when new lights are fitted, pressure washing and painting will be done. Surely this is the wrong way round, you wouldn't paint a ceiling then strip wallpaper with a steamer. Residents young and old feel intimidated and unsafe using these underpasses and are crossing the busy road instead. One resident reported being blocked in by youths and was very scared for his wellbeing. I asked in February if the underpass could be at least cleaned, as it serves several infant and junior schools, a nursing home and is used by dog walkers and people going to from the town centre. John Reed head of technical services Durham County Council said the new lighting has been designed and is being made by a local company, cleaning and painting will start in the next few weeks and this underpass is first on the list. Let's see how long this takes. Philip Clark, Chairman, Horndale Residents Association



# School Visit to Tesco on Food Project Flower Demo



Lower key stage 2 pupils from Stephenson Way Community Primary visited Tesco last week as part of the "Farm to Fork" initiative. On arrival, the children were invited to pick some fruit from the selection on offer to Tesco customers. These were set aside for a taster session later in the afternoon, during which the children were also taught information on where each of the fruits were grown and how the company transports them. The children were invited behind the scenes at the store bakery, to see which ingredients go into their range of baked products, and how different preparation and cooking techniques produce the large variety of bread and other baked goods available to purchase

each day. At the fish counter, the children were able to see a fishmonger at work. They were taught about the many varieties of fish, how they are caught and what they are good to eat with. Next, they stopped at the cheese counter to see the amazing range of cheeses on offer. The staff explained how cheese was made and where the different varieties originated. Children were then able to sample different cheeses to taste the difference for themselves! Throughout the afternoon, staff tested the children's knowledge of different produce, with the children being asked to identify which animals certain foodstuffs come from or how and where certain fruits and vegetables were grown. The event proved a real eye-

opener for some children who hadn't previously considered what goes on before the food can get to their plate. The children would like to thank the staff for an interesting, valuable and enjoyable afternoon.

Area Demonstrator Wendy Smith, will present an evening of Flower Arranging entitled 'Metal Flora' at Shildon Civic Hall on Monday, 2nd June at 7.30pm. Free to members, £5 for visitors (pay on the door).

## In Memoriam

**Lee Smith**

3rd June 2007

7 years ago I said goodbye to you Lee. It was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. But I was privileged to be able to call you my little Brother. Love and miss you "young un". Love, Debbie, Paul and Connor xxx

## Obituary

**BRIAN McGRATH** of Newton Aycliffe peacefully passed away on May 22nd Aged 87 years. Loved Husband of the late Decia. Much loved Dad to Chris, Nick and Ann-Marie. A dear Father-in-Law to Tracy and Michelle; Grandad to Laura, Stephen and Liam; Great Grandad to Lilly and Lottie. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 2nd June for 9.45am. Followed by private cremation at Darlington Crematorium.

**EASTON** Suddenly at home in Newton Aycliffe on May 24th. Norman, aged 74 years. Beloved Husband of the late Mary; much loved Dad of Richard and David. Also a much loved Father-in-Law, Granddad, Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Will family and friends please meet for Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday 4th June at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to Cancer Research UK, plate provided at the crematorium.

**BRADY** Newton Aycliffe. May 25, peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Hughie, aged 75 years, dearly loved Husband of Anne; much loved Dad of Thomas and Lynne; dear Father-in-Law to Neil and Clare; treasured Grandad to Liam and Kat, Natalie and Matthew, Leanne and Nicky, Ella and Molly; proud Great-Grandad to Ethan and Eva. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Tuesday 3rd June. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Franziska Willer Ward at Sedgefield Community Hospital, may be given at the crematorium or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600

**Lee Smith**

3rd June

It's been 7 years since we lost you, but the pain is as fresh as if it was yesterday. We will love and miss you with all our hearts forever. Mam and Dad

**LORNA ROBERTS** 1.6.13. The tears in my eyes I can wipe away, The ache in my heart will always stay. 1 year today - miss you Mam. Beverly, Don, Amy and Sam x

**JOE CARRUTHERS** 03/10/36 - 04/06/2014. It has been 2 years and nothing has changed, we miss you so much because we loved you so much. Jean and family x

**GARY PEARSON** - died in his sleep 19th April 2014. Well what can we say about Mr Pearson? Many people had varied opinions of him but as many of the people close to him would know he was a true or 'proper person' as he would like to call it. Miss you forever my dear friend and I will always see you in rainbows. Good night and sleep tight. Gary

**CUNNINGHAM, Jimmy.** (27th May 2011). Memories of a wonderful Son and Brother. Sadly missed and loved every day. Love, Mam and Susan xxx

**KATHLEEN FERGUSON** 3rd June 2013. A year ago you passed away. Forever in our hearts you will stay. Miss you more each passing day. Always in my thoughts. Love, Susan xxx

**P.A.C.T. Meeting**  
Police And Community Together

**WEST WARD**

A PACT Meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, Burnhill Way on Thursday 5th June from 6.00pm. Please come along to hear updates and have your say on local issues. PC Mike Welch & PCSOs Nicola Shaw & Chris Noble are your Community Police Officers. Local Ward Councillors in Attendance. For more information on whats going on in your area visit [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

**HORNDALE**

WEDNESDAY 4th June 6.30pm Evangelical Church Ladybower, covering Greenfield, Byerley Park Horndale Areas. PC Mike Welch PCSO Mike Hutchinson Park Wardens Neighbourhood Wardens and County Councillors will be in attendance.

## CHANGES AT INEOS

Dear Sir, Newton News has been informed that INEOS Compounds and Doeflex Compounding have announced their intention to combine their S-PVC compounding businesses. The combined business would be run by an integrated management team from both entities. The proposed combination presents a strategic opportunity for both parties and is highly complementary to INEOS Compounds' growth strategy. It is subject to the applicable information and consultation procedures with employee representatives and also competition clearance from the European Commission. Until completion of the proposed combination INEOS and Doeflex will continue to run their S-PVC compounding businesses separately and it remains very much business as usual.

## Congratulations

**Lewis Andrew Cane**

30th May 1998

**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Lots and lots of love from Mum, Dad, Josh, Macy, Becky, Emelia, Nana and Grandad xxxxx

**Mia Hepper**

30th May 2014

**Happy 13th Birthday**  
Have a lovely day. Lots of love and kisses from Nana and Grandad xxx  
Hope you have a lovely day Mia now you are a teenager. Love you loads, Mam and Dad xxxxx  
Hip Hip Hooray my little Sister is 13 today. Lots of love Mia from Alannah xx

**Happy 90th Birthday Dad**

28th May 2014

One of the biggest!  
Much love from your kids xxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Amelia Harrison**

**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Love ya. Love, Mam xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Love, Heidi xxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Thank You

**Dawn & Sharon**

would like to say a massive THANK YOU to our wonderful friends and family, for making our 50th birthdays so special xxxx

**ELLIE AINSLIE** Happy 21st Birthday Ellie. Enjoy your celebrations! All our love, Mam and Dad xxx

**ELLIE AINSLIE** Congratulations on your 21st birthday on 2nd June. Love and best wishes, Gran Jean

**ELLIE AINSLIE** Happy 21st birthday little Sis! Have a great weekend. Love, Laura

**TO A** wonderful Son, happy 21st birthday. Loads of love, Mam and Chris xxx

**HAPPY 21st** birthday Uncle Jam. Love, Benjamin xxx

**HAPPY** birthday Bro. Love, Kirsty and Kev xxx

**TOM ARMSTRONG** Happy birthday. Good luck with your summer season DJ at Zante. Love from Mam, Trevor, Tony, Ste, Keira and Sarah xxx

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**Birthday Remembrance**

**JOE ROBERTS** 1.6.1922. Thinking of you on your birthday Dad, But that is nothing new. For no day dawns and no day ends, Without a thought of you. Miss you Dad - happy birthday. Beverly x



# Family Business Open Day for Trade and Public

## Prizes and Bargains on Countless Items



Workshop Supplies is proud to be celebrating its 17th anniversary and to mark this occasion are having a Trade Day on Wednesday 4th June with many great 'on the day' deals. Workshop Supplies was established in 1997 by family members Tony, Elaine and Darren Harrop and for the first few years the business ran from Tony and Elaine's garage at their home. Darren took the responsibility for mobile sales and delivery covering an area as far as North Yorkshire, Cumbria

and Northumberland. On the back of this success in 1999 twins in the family, Mark and Phil joined the family business and opened 'Workshop Supplies' at St. Cuthbert's Way on Aycliffe Business Park. With a lot of hard work and determination the business has grown year on year and in 2003 sister, Jaki Reynolds, joined the team making it a true family business, adding close friends Simon Elliot and Richard Ross as sales staff. Workshop Supplies has gone

from strength to strength supplying everything from fasteners and fixings to hand & power tools, janitorial products and pretty much anything a business needs and wants. Not only to do they sell to large national companies such as Gestamp Tallents, Husqvarna and Finley Structures, Workshop Supplies is also OPEN TO THE PUBLIC so there's no need to get in your car and drive to Bishop Auckland or Darlington when this shop is right on your doorstep offering you all their products at trade prices!

in size over the years. It is a friendly family business which after 17 years has earned a reputation of trust.

They handle many branded and non-branded products, endeavouring to ensure best value for money, giving long lasting quality which the industrial market requires.

So whether you're a corporate client or a keen DIY enthusiast don't miss this trade event! With large demonstrator vans coming from Teng Tools and Milwaukee power tools as well as stall's set up by SWP (Welding Specialists), Action Can (Aerosols for Industry) and Klingspor (Abrasive Technology), this will be the ideal opportunity to try before you buy.

Workshop Supplies are hosting the event to bring the Aycliffe Business Park and retail businesses together.

The owners have arranged 'on the day' prize draws and would like to thank Teng tools, Milwaukee power tools, SWP (Welding Specialists), Klingspor (Abrasive Technology), Action Can (Aerosols for Industry) and local companies Planet Leisure and Crossfit All Out, for their

contributions.

If you would like Teng Tools or Milwaukee Power Tools to visit your company for demonstration purposes on Tuesday 3rd June please call Phil on 01325 314444, Mobile 0790 5008497 or Mark 01325 314444 Mobile: 0779 2250265 to book an appointment.

The Harrop family and Workshop Supplies look forward to seeing you at the event. Should you wish to find out more information please phone at any time.

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