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the 2012 Paralympic Games 1500m silver medallist had taken the Aycliffe crown. First home in the women's competition was Dawn Richardson of Quakers Running Club, who finished in 40:43. Now in its 17th successful year, the race is sponsored by 3M Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe Town Council and INEOS. The ongoing popularity of the event was evident from the number of entrants testing their speed around the course. Some 333 lined up for the start of the 10k run

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No Room for Market in Thames Centre

Dear Sir,
I think it rather silly to put a market in the Thames Centre as there is not enough room. Imagine stalls, mobility scooters, wheelchairs and all the people. There is mayhem at times with just the fruit stall there and people get annoyed when they cannot get passed. We just seem to be grasping at straws to provide a market. Name & address supplied.

New Residents Association Formed at Simpasture

At the last meeting of Simpasture residents "We Are Simpasture People Speaking" was adopted as the group's official name. We now have a steering committee and an identity to move forward in enhancing the area for its residents. Our next step will be to agree a constitution and our vision for the future of the group. We are already looking to have a presence at this year's Great Aycliffe Show and are exploring funding options to benefit our area. Do you have any ideas or plans that we may be able to help with? Is your street in need of some TLC? Would you like to help us organise local events such as day trips away? If the answer to any of the above is yes or you would like to know more or get involved then come to our next meeting. Simpasture Court meeting room at 5.30pm on Thursday the 26th of June. We hope to see you there. WASPS Committee

Newtonian's Invitation to Meet the Queen

Gary Shaw (51) was born in Newton Aycliffe and attended Woodham Comprehensive. He is a Football Coach for Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club under 10's where his son Curtis plays. Gary is a Manager for Sliderobes, who supply and sell bespoke sliding door wardrobes. His Glasgow branch was selected to attend the Queen's Garden Party on Tuesday 1st April at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh. Gary currently manages the Stockton, Glasgow and Edinburgh sites so he received the invitation. His wife Sharon will be accompanying him on the visit, and her Grandparents attended Buckingham Palace in 1971 as Mayor and



Mayoress of Gateshead. "It is a great honour to attend and something I can tell my grandchildren about when they are older" said Gary.

Good Work Appreciated

Dear Sir,
A grateful thank you to Mike Slater (Design and Build) of Mellanby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, for the excellent work that he has done on my front garden area, turning what was basically an eyesore into something much better, with his expertise in design and block paving. I would heartily recommend Mr Slater to anyone who is considering such work to their property. He takes a real pride in his work, nothing being too much trouble. Thank you Mike. Derek G Atkinson Denham Place



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Aycliffe Road Race

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"We were delighted that so many people wanted to join the event this year," said race director Trevor Needham. "As always, there was a good cross-section of ages and abilities which makes the event so special." The 3M manufacturing site first sponsored the event in 2002 to mark the company's centenary and has been supporting it ever year since then. Alan Kellett, 3M's plant engineering services manager, added: "This is an event that the whole community can enjoy – whether as runners or spectators – and we are very proud to be involved. Aycliffe Running Club always does a brilliant job in organising it."



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe Councillor Wendy Hillary with 3M Aycliffe site manager Colin MacLeod (centre) and the Mayor's Consort Councillor Jed Hillary before the start of the 10k run



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Gig Pit Review: "I went up the Tuns, glad I did, never seen 'The Kill' before, known Mark for years, what a band, top drawer!!!! Not a great fan of Bon Jovi, but I have to say these are the best tribute act I've seen, and Greggs vocals in both bands was awesome, guitar playing was immense and the rhythm section tight. Grown men stood open mouthed, and the women went beserk. Great nite lads!" Rockermouth review: "Great band! Still haven't seen the Bon Jovi Forever set, but it's the same line-up as the Kill,and they rock! Talented lads, the lot of them. A great set of musicians, and Gregg has frontman skills and stage presence to back up his excellent voice. Then add to that a cool and interesting set list, a quality P.A. rig, and you've got a superb package. Can't wait to see the lads play again. But maybe next time at the Office". - £3 entry, payable at the door.

Saturday 28th June - "Storme"

Gig-pit review: "Normally I wouldn't bother with a new band but in this case it's line up convinced me it would be worth a punt. The band comprises some heavyweights of the local scene with Steve Smith (Hocus Pocus and Whodlums) on drums, Pete Tunnah (Hocus Pocus) guitar, Patrick on vocals (NEDC), Phil bass (ex This Machine) and Alan (ex Prognosis) on keyboards. Without any fuss straight into David Lee Roth "Living in Paradise" and then Foreigner's "Feels like the First Time. We then had a parade of lesser covered tracks interspersed with good old cover band tunes. Journey, Jefferson Starship's "Jane", Van Halen, Ozzy "No More Tears", Bad Company "Good Loving Gone Bad", Whitesnake's "Is This Love" and Wings "Live and Let Die" or was it Gun's "n' Roses? A short interval then the second set and we had the greatest hits of Python Lee Jackson, a Thin Lizzy number, a long Marillion number very reminiscent of Rush and showcasing Pete's excellent guitar playing. I know you shouldn't have favourites but he is my favourite local guitarist. I had also forgotten how good Phil is on bass. It's good to see him out of retirement. "Whole Lotta Rosie" ended the set keeping the cheesemakers happy before departing into the night. It was a good night and it is always a pleasure to see a band that has a keyboard player and this only adds to the variety that every punter needs. The crowd loved it and that's the important thing".

Saturday 5th July - "Born Villains"

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Greenfield Arts & Durham University Win National Award

What if...? A Greenfield Arts and Durham University project to encourage learning amongst young people has won a national award. The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) announced What If...? as the winner in the 'Engaging Young People' category, at a ceremony in the Natural History Museum, London on Wednesday 11th June. The aim of the What if...? Project was to encourage young people to explore their own curiosity and interests to determine their own personal learning. The project, managed and developed by Greenfield Arts with researchers at Durham University, encouraged a group of Greenfield Community College students as part of a STEM club to work with theatre makers Unfolding Theatre and researchers from Durham University to be curious about science and the world around them. The judges said of this project:



"We loved the way that the children led the project. They weren't treated as 'empty vessels' – it was their curiosity that drove the project and opened up the world of research." In collaboration with Greenfield Arts, teachers from Greenfield Community College, theatre makers Unfolding Theatre and scientific researchers from Durham University, the students were challenged to develop and direct an interactive performance piece aimed at engaging and inspiring their peers. The performance piece challenges audiences to explore their own curiosity, and investigates the research, personal journeys and daily experiences of contributing scientists. So far, it has reached over 2000 people in school and community groups via a school tour in July 2013 and performances at local theatre festivals including Darlington's Jabberwocky

Market. Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts said: "This is a fantastic achievement for this successful project. It is great to see the hard work of all of those involved recognised in this way, especially the young people as the project was completely led by their curiosity. The power of the ongoing partnerships involved in the project created a safe nurturing environment for this to flourish and again combined the strength of the arts and sciences effectively to inspire curiosity in others. Well done to all!" John Womersley, Public Engagement Champion for Research Councils UK, said "It is great to see so many examples of the valued contributions that UK researchers make to society. When people think of public engagement, what usually comes to mind is the need for researchers to share their findings. Of course that's hugely important, but the entries to this competition show a much richer range of two-way engagement that can bring much deeper benefits both to research and society."

Good Work by Volunteer Litter Pickers



Dear Editor, The Heighington Parish Litter Pick Group on Saturday 14th June carried out the monthly litter pick on the verges of roads around Redworth, School Aycliffe and Heighington. The group, shown in the photo was somewhat depleted as several members were away on holidays, family visits, supporting England at Lord's and on Mayoral duties. The eight set about collecting 20 bags of litter with several discarded large items, and also found two places with fly tipping. Since the start of HPLG in 2005, 3700 bags of litter has been picked but with little decline in the amount of rubbish people throw onto roadsides. They keep going and hope that the small clean-up is making a difference to the environment. This time Miles Jackson, seen in the photo with his family, a pupil of Hummersknott Academy joined the team. He is doing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Challenge and chose litter picking as one of his voluntary services in the community task. This was Miles' first outing and he was amazed to find so much litter thrown away

particularly cigarette packets, drink cans and paper coffee cups that appear to emanate from local fast food outlets. Miles found the picking tough and challenging but will be on the next pick on 13th September. There will be a two month break as the grass on the verges is too tall for a safe pick. HPLG will restart its monthly litter pick on the second Saturday of the month and will be pleased to welcome participants including any Scouts and D of E candidates wishing to gain badges or challenge awards. The next pick will be on 13th September between 10am and 12.00 noon. There are meeting points where help and tools are handed out: Heighington Village Hall, 2 Main Road in Redworth and at Old Farm Cottage in School Aycliffe. Refreshments will be served in Heighington Village Hall after the pick. For more information please look out for posters around the Parish. These modest efforts make a difference in keeping the environment clean and tidy. Lou Bedocs

OLD PLANS FOR ELDON WHINS SCRAPPED

Dear Sir, I note Don Fraser's letter claiming that for planning purposes, Eldon Whins is within Newton Aycliffe, based upon statements in the SBC local plan which was adopted in 1996. However, he fails to notice that whatever was in the original plan, SBC had second thoughts on this matter and that subsequently the policy relating to the development of Eldon Whins (Policy H7) was put forward for deletion by SBC. This recommendation was accepted by the Government Office for the North East and therefore since September 2007, Policy H7 has not formed part of the development plan for Sedgfield. W J Mellors

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NEWTON NEWS TALKED SENSE

Dear Sir, I was delighted last week to see the Newton News talking real sense about the market situation. Whilst I appreciated the motives of the people who were campaigning to retain the existing market, I was never happy about a proposal which sought to do so by putting it on a piece of waste ground. Newton Aycliffe needs and deserves a bustling, high-quality market in the new town centre. So what we want to see now is the Town Council and the town centre owners working together proactively, in partnership, to try to achieve that. That leaves – as the Newton News pointed out – the issue of what we do with the undeveloped land on the corner of Greenwell Road. As a prime site at the entrance to the town centre forum, it needs and deserves a high-quality development appropriate to the new town centre. So what we need to see here is the County Council proactively marketing it as a development site.

This will need, first, grasping the nettle of what we do with the Cubby and, then, preparing the site to the point where it is fit to put on the market. I am nervous about how long these matters can take, but I am certain that we need to start on them both as soon as possible.
John D Clare

WORLD CUP AL FRESCO

Hall Garth Hotel, Golf and Country Club are looking forward to the experience of an outside broadcast with Star Radio on Tuesday 24th June, for the World Cup England vs Costa Rica match. The Stables Pub will be screening the match on large screens with an al fresco barbecue in the beer garden and will be holding a raffle in aid of St Teresa's Hospice. Hall Garth welcomes the people of Aycliffe to join them for a fun evening in Stables with Star Radio.

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Raising the Flag for Armed Forces

To mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week' the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary will be raising the Armed Forces Flag at St. Clare's Church on Monday, 23rd June 2014 at 11 a.m. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 102 Battalion (REME) together with Standards from both the REME Association and the Royal British Legion.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN WEST PARK LAKE



Last Sunday Friends of West Park volunteers working with Steve Cooper the Environment Officer of GATC cleared about a quarter of the top lake of algae/pond weed. Steve Cooper had to take away one van load and still come back on Monday for a second load. Ken Robson Chairman, Arun Chandran Secretary Andy Anderson and Steve Cooper all donned waders and Richie Bainbridge and Elaine Robson assisted from the edges of the lake.

It was very hard work, and a new net was tried out from the Council, trawling the lake, but the bottom of the net wasn't heavy enough to reach the full depth. Hopefully Works Staff at GATC can modify it with extra weights as this would save a lot of hand raking. Thanks to Friends group member Elizabeth Norman of Ashfield who brought tea and biscuits and to Chris & Paul Thompson for their

moral support.

"We intend to keep on doing a bit at a time probably every Sunday until we get the algae problem down totally, but this will take some time and anyone willing to help should contact Ken Robson on 321471 or myself on 313224. Thanks everyone it may take us weeks but we'll get there, eventually" said Arun.

Meeting to Form Agnew Residents' Association

A meeting of residents will be held at Agnew Community Centre at Morrison Close on Thursday 26th June at 7pm to discuss setting up a residents' association.

This allows residents to tackle local issues and problems including parking, traffic congestion, speeding, crime levels and anti social behaviour etc. We welcome your attendance and support to help us gain the benefits which other new residents' associations have achieved. Please come along and help us to become a force for good in your community. For further details contact Ron Mitchie, Ken Robson, Ray Howe on agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com Tel: 07749 236853

AYCLIFFE BIOGAS TAKE FOOD WASTE FROM 200 SCHOOLS

The food waste collection and disposal company based in Aycliffe is now working with food catering specialists Taylor Shaw to process the leftover food waste from over 200 schools across Durham for the production of biogas.

John Warren ABP, which collects food waste for its subsidiary company Emerald Biogas - the north east's only commercial food waste anaerobic digestion facility - has secured a contract from Taylor Shaw to collect the unwanted food from over 20,000 children and turn it into green energy. The food waste will be taken through the natural process of anaerobic digestion at the plant in Newton Aycliffe, where it is turned into heat and energy and also produces an organic fertiliser for local farmers. The facility creates enough renewable energy to power 2,000 homes and is fed into the national grid.

Together, schools across the UK produce 80,000 tonnes of food waste annually, with over 16 kilograms collected on average in a primary school every day. In response to the demand from industry to tackle the issue, Emerald Biogas developed an anaerobic digestion plant, the only facility of its kind in the North East.

Antony Warren, Director at John Warren ABP, said: "We are delighted to be working with Taylor Shaw, a responsible and forward-thinking company. Although everything is done to help reduce the amount of food waste produced in schools, inevitably there will be some leftover food from pupils, teachers and in the school kitchen, which cannot be used in any other way and needs to be disposed of."

"However, as food waste to landfill is a growing concern, the new partnership with Taylor Shaw will mean that instead of the waste being landfilled or incinerated, it can be used in a much more environmentally-friendly way. Through this innovative solution, by collaborating with Taylor Shaw we can jointly help to create renewable heat, electricity and a bio-fertiliser, all of which is beneficial to the local community and helps towards creating a sustainable circular economy.

We are already seeing the impact of the new partnership at the Emerald Biogas AD facility, so it is a great boost for our new business too."

Lynda Walker, General Manager for Taylor Shaw, said: "Our partnership and experience with John Warren's has been both extremely positive and invaluable in helping us reduce our carbon footprint, making our contract in County Durham much more sustainable."



(L to R) Jane Armstrong, Regional Sales Manager for John Warren ABP & Lynda Walker, General Manager, Taylor Shaw.

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Preparing for Carnival



As the date for this year's Cutting Loose event draws closer, preparations for the performance continue at a busy pace at Greenfield Arts! The College's STEM club (Science, Technology,

Engineering and Maths) had another visit from puppet maker Molly last week, during one of their sessions. The group met Molly earlier in the term to talk about the design for the Faery Kind Puppet she is making for Cutting Loose. The students have spent the past few weeks using "Room 13" at Greenfield Arts to research insects to inform Molly's design. They had some fantastic ideas, which they shared with Molly and Annie from Unfolding Theatre last week.

They also had a practical session, using willow to create structures that replicate honeycombs. Molly has now returned to her workshop to create the fantastic large puppet that will form the centre of the event.

Cutting Loose is a carnival celebration of live music and arts that has been developed and created by more than 20 groups from across Newton Aycliffe. The event will take place on Tuesday 15th July 2014, 6pm at the Boating Lake (West Park). The project is being managed by Greenfield Arts and is funded by GAMP AAP, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Livin, East Durham Trust and Greenfield Arts. For more information visit our website www.greenfieldarts.co.uk

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Second Class Workers

Dear Editor,
The 'mobile workers' laws are supposed to allow manufacturers to acquire workers at peak season, without encumbering employers with contractual obligations and employer tax liability they would otherwise be responsible for in permanent contracts.
The law also states the maximum duration a person can work before they must be considered regular workers, and the minimum time between contracts before they can return to the employer as a 'mobile worker'.
The trouble is, these laws that are there to accommodate a temporary boom in production, are being cynically manipulated by some of our area's largest employers, to keep production costs at a minimum in on-going production forecasts. I've spoken with a number of employees working through recruitment agencies for a number of employers, subject to the 'mobile worker' laws. The accounts I've heard have been identical in every case. It is bad enough that an employee should struggle on a permanent contract earning the punishingly low minimum wage. The mobile workers' are pushed further into abject destitution, typically earning poverty wages for only 6-8 months of the year. At peak season, they are without notice required to work punishingly long hours, and see little of that extra income in their wages because of the pro-rata tax system. Many 'mobile workers' work

through injury and illness because time off would see them 'released from their contracts' as many have witnessed happen to their former colleagues. The workers I spoke with had to work through the recent season of bank holidays for standard time, while workers employed directly by the company enjoyed a paid public holiday off work.
The facilitators of this practise are largely parasite employment proxies such as recruitment agencies. While it is legal, I for one feel deeply uncomfortable and ashamed at what I've witnessed in local industry. Some employers are to be applauded for offering proper contracts and decent terms and conditions to all of their employees, while others secure contractual rights for a small number of retained employees, and treat their 'mobile workers' as second class citizens.
A Newton Aycliffe Worker.

Sale of Goods Day

On Saturday 21st June Neville Community Centre hold a Coffee & Sale of Goods Day in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Charity. Please come and support it from 10am to 4pm. Please note the Art Class has now moved to Wednesdays from 1- 3pm. Just turn up with your equipment and do your own thing.

Inspiring Live Performance



Last week saw another fantastic live performance at Greenfield Community College, funded and organized by Greenfield Arts as part of an extensive live performance programme. "Tiny Treasures" was performed on Thursday to an audience of Year 7 students. This series of short pieces came together in a beautiful piece of theatre, inspired by the stories of young carers and written by award winning playwright Kevin Dyer. The funny and bittersweet show explored life through a young carers eyes, telling stories of childhood, imagination and bravery.
After the performance a group of Greenfield students had the opportunity to take part in a workshop run by some of the young carers involved in the production, which encouraged an often hidden issue to be discussed. The Greenfield students were mesmerized by the performance, which is at the beginning of it's tour. Greenfield Arts are pleased

to have been able to work with Theatre Hullabaloo again to bring this fantastic piece to Greenfield. Greenfield Arts have funded many live performances over the past couple of years and are looking forward to

the extensive programme we have planned over the next 12 months, which will include more opportunities for young people as well as performances for adults. For more information visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Rev Julie Wing's Last Aycliffe Christening



One of Rev. Julie's last duties before leaving Newton Aycliffe was to Christen Lilia May Goodwin at St Andrew's Church in Aycliffe Village on Sunday 15th June 2014. In the photo with the Vicar is Lee Goodwin and Nicola Peacock parents of the baby.

PAYING THE PRICE FOR DOG FOULING

More than 250 people have paid the price for dog fouling, dropping litter or not clearing rubbish from their yards or garden. Neighbourhood wardens issued them with £80 fixed penalty notices in April and May in enforcement action to protect the environment. Ian Houlst, neighbourhood protection manager, Durham County Council, said: "It is really important that we respond to the concerns of our communities and this action shows that such anti-social and irresponsible behaviour will not be tolerated and will be clamped down wherever it

is reported or witnessed. This covers everything from people who illegally dump waste, do not clean up after their dogs, leave litter or refuse to tidy up gardens and yards
"We want residents to continue their playing their important part by reporting such incidents to us in the first place. All reports are treated with the strictest confidence." Figures for the two months show wardens issued 207 fixed penalty notices for littering, 48 for failing to respond to requests to clear untidy gardens or yards and 17 for dog fouling. One case

of fly-tipping resulted in a prosecution. Stray dogs with micro-chips were traced to their owners and others were taken to kennels and found new homes if not claimed within 14 days. Anyone with information about dog fouling, littering and flytipping can report it in confidence by ringing 03000 26 1000 or using online forms available from www.durham.gov.uk. More information on neighbourhood wardens is available at www.durham.gov.uk/neighbourhood wardens

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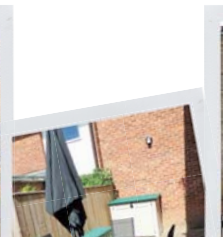
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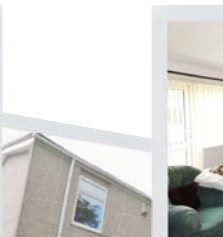
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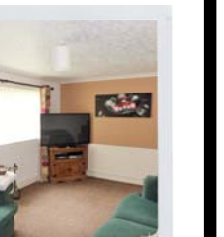
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New Weekly Walking Group at PCP



A new weekly walking group is starting on Tuesday 1 July, 10-11am from the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Walking is one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier.

It's underrated as a form of exercise but walking is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels who want to be more active.

Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, asthma, stroke and some cancers.

Use this social group activity to increase the amount of walking you do every week and maximise the health benefits. Plus you'll explore some of the hidden treasures that lie between the tracks and paths around the Great Aycliffe Way.

PCP health walks are led and supported by trained volunteers and a first aider. Friendly qualified Health Trainers will also be on hand to offer lifestyle advice which could include 121 appointments if needed.

If you would like to join in please book your place or turn up at 9.45am to register in the Mall Coffee Shop conservatory. No equipment is needed just walking shoes, a bottle of water and weather appropriate clothing.

To book place please contact Angie Cooke 01325 321234 or angie.cooke@pcp.uk.net

For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find us on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Proposal to Merge Sunnydale with Greenfield College

Proposals for Greenfield Community College and Sunnydale Community College to become one school are out for public consultation.

Both are currently run by one governing body and are just over two miles apart with Greenfield in Newton Aycliffe in Sunnydale in Shildon.

Durham County Council proposals would mean the closure of Sunnydale but pupils would continue to be taught on both sites.

If agreed, Sunnydale Community College would close as a separate school on December 31 2014 with the enlarged Greenfield Community College starting from January 1 2015.

Sunnydale was judged to be inadequate with serious weaknesses after an Ofsted inspection in April this year. Although it has capacity for 954 pupils there are currently only 400 enrolled, meaning 57 per cent surplus places.

Greenfield was highlighted as a good school by Ofsted in 2012. Most recent GCSE results show Greenfield to be above the national average and Sunnydale below.

Carol O'Neill, head of education, Durham County Council, said: "We have been working closely with both schools to look at the best forward in raising

educational standards. Having considered the need to act quickly following the current position of Sunnydale in terms of low attainment and progress, these proposals will ensure that students in this area of the county will have wider opportunities for educational improvement

"The single Greenfield school would make use of accommodation on both sites to provide improved curriculum provision."

The governors have agreed that the Headteacher of Greenfield will be the Executive Headteacher across both schools from

September.

Parents from both schools have been sent detailed consultation documents and response forms for views to be received by July 25 2014. A series of meetings have been scheduled for both schools from next week and there will also be community meetings at both schools.

Comments can also be sent to schoolorganisation@durham.gov.uk or complete the response form online on the education and learning section of Durham County Council's website www.durham.gov.uk

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Charity Midnight Walk



The annual St Teresa's Hospice Midnight Walk is almost here, and excitement is brewing!

Hundreds of local women are expected to take part in the women-only event on Friday 20th June at South Park, Darlington, which every year attracts people looking to have fun and raise money for a good cause.

Following a surprise warm-up, walkers will walk the 1.5 mile route through the park for what is sure to be a fun-filled evening in aid of the local charity.

The Hospice will also be holding a 'Donation Station' at the event. Anyone attending is welcome to

bring along items they would like to donate to the charity. Groups that have signed-up include teams from Asda, Heritage Healthcare, Clive Owen LLP and Matalan. Registration forms are available from St Teresa's Hospice and its charity shops, as well as from the Hospice's website at www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk, or by calling Supporter Services on 01325 254321. Registration costs £10, which ensures that any sponsorship raised goes directly to the charity. Anyone wanting to take part is encouraged to return their registration form to St Teresa's Hospice as soon as possible.

PCP Gets into the Summer Sport Spirit

One of PCP's aims is to help people improve their lifestyle and physical health, which is why they are gearing up for an exciting summer of sport to inspire staff, volunteers and visitors to the Pioneering Care Centre.

The staff World Cup sweep stake has been drawn and the Mall Coffee Shop has drawn out four countries competing in the World Cup which will inspire the Friday Hot Special.

The countries drawn are; Argentina, Honduras, Ivory Coast and Russia! So keep an eye on PCP's facebook page /PCPandCentre to find out what exciting healthy dishes they are trying. They will be publishing the recipes should you wish to try them at home.

Wimbledon will be starting next week and to encourage visitors to get inspired by sport there will be a TV in the Mall coffee Shop's conservatory between Monday 23 June and Saturday 5 July.

Why not pop along to watch some tennis and enjoy a sporting special of homemade scone with clotted cream and fresh strawberries, served with a cup of regular coffee or tea for just £2.50. You can also pick up some information

whilst there on what physical activities are available at the Centre.

Tara Gardener, PCP's talented cook has made an impressive Wimbledon Cake, which will be raffled off to a lucky winner, drawn on Friday 4 July.

To help people achieve their recommended allowance of fruit and vegetables, every Monday during the school holidays, from 30 June the Coffee Shop is giving away a piece of fruit to every customer who spends over £2.50.

To keep up to date with all summer events, activities and special offers follow PCP on Facebook: PCPandCentre and Twitter: @PioneeringCare

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NURSERY RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CARE & EDUCATION



The House of Eden Nursery situated at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe is rated one of the Top Ten recommended children's nurseries in the North East by daynurseries.co.uk.

It is thanks to recommendations from parents this award was achieved by the Cobblers Hall nursery. It originally opened in a cottage at Rushyford in

1999 and re-located to the Pioneering Care Centre in 2011. The nursery has gone from strength to strength. Some of the original children are currently studying for G.C.S.E's but still keep in touch with the staff.

House of Eden has evolved as a business over the last 15 years and now has a chain of 6 nurseries throughout County Durham stretching from Fishburn to Evenwood. The nursery is holding their annual Summer Fair on Saturday July 5th from 10am - 1pm and all are welcome to attend.

If you would like to look around this very popular and highly recommended nursery please contact Vicky on 01325 329931. Places are limited so waste no time in arranging a viewing.

Sedgefield Folk Festival

The 9th annual Sedgefield Folk Festival runs from the 4th-7th September. Tickets are now on sale to see a wonderful line up of International stars including the Benny Gallagher Trio, Kieran Goss from Ireland, Charlie Dore, John Wrightson and Izzy Burns bands.

There will be the usual workshops, songwriting competitions, singarounds, dancing and much more. See website: www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk

Doorstep Scam

A reader has reported that last Sunday evening about 6pm a young girl aged about 14yrs old knocked on the door and asked for money saying her boyfriend had prostate cancer and had four heart attacks.

She was then knocking on doors of elderly neighbours opposite in Merz Road. They called the police and she was caught with quite a bit of money.

Newton News warn readers to be aware of this scam.

Good Progress on Cutting Loose Project

After a busy start to the project, the activity for this year's "Cutting Loose" project continues at a busy pace! At Greenfield Arts the men's Cree group are working hard and volunteering their time to create the finale for the event, we are enjoying seeing the structure emerge and change each week in our Studio 2. The volunteers meet on a Monday morning, and welcome newcomers, contact Greenfield Arts for more information.

Last week a group of Year 9 students from Greenfield Community College started their part of the project as part of the marketing team - joining sound artist Nick in Newton Aycliffe town centre to record sound bites for the living archive which will be premiered at the event. The group will continue to work with Greenfield Arts staff over the coming weeks, developing marketing material and helping with promotion of the event as part of their COPE studies.

Greenfield Community College's Primary technology group also started work last week. The group, which includes young people from different primary schools across Aycliffe, will be using their design and technology skills in the lead up to the event to design and make costumes for performers, amongst other things.

Aycliffe's talented young musicians are hard at work rehearsing and we are all looking forward to the event on Tuesday 15th July at the Boating Lake (West Park), at 6pm. For more information about the project, which has been funded by GAMP AAP, Livin, Great Aycliffe Town Council, East Durham Trust and Greenfield Arts, visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.



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Minister Opens Regional Meeting



(left-right): Cllr Mick Henry, Mayor Norma Redfearn, Cllr Paul Watson, Cllr Simon Henig, Greg Clark, Cllr Nick Forbes, Cllr Grant Davey and Paul Woolston.

The first in a series of regional meetings which will help to drive forward the ambitions of the North East Combined Authority and North East Local Enterprise Partnership took place today.

Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP, Minister for Cities and Constitution, held initial talks with the Leaders and Elected Mayor of the local authorities comprising the North East

Combined Authority and Paul Woolston, Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Today's discussions pave the way for a series of important meetings between the minister and the regional economic leaders, which will also include the area's MPs. It's an approach which aims to ensure that the region speaks with one powerful voice on what the it

needs to attract more business and create more jobs.

These initial talks took place at Eversheds in Newcastle upon Tyne and were attended by Cllr Simon Henig (Durham), Chair of the Combined Authority, Cllr Mick Henry (Gateshead), Cllr Nick Forbes (Newcastle), Mayor Norma Redfearn (North Tyneside), Cllr Grant Davey (Northumberland), Cllr Paul Watson (Sunderland), Paul Woolston, Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership and the minister.

Chair of the North East Combined Authority, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "I hope this sends a strong message that we are ready and able to work together to deliver what this region needs to transform its economic fortunes."

"These meetings will ensure there is good shared knowledge and understanding both regionally and nationally and that we tackle improving the economy, transport and skills together in a unified way."

Greg Clark, Minister for Cities, said: "I was pleased to be able to attend the constructive meeting with the seven local authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership. By working so closely together, the North East can make the most of the powers the Government is devolving to them to create a new era of prosperity for everyone in the region."

Paul Woolston, Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership said: "Through the strategic economic plan we have already shown the strength of partnership working, developing a cohesive and inclusive plan to create more and better jobs for the North East. Today's meeting represents the next step in this journey. By working together we will strengthen the North East offer, attracting greater levels of investment and building our national and international reputation to enable us to grow a prosperous economy."

Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council and Sunderland City Council, put together a powerful case for the region to have devolved powers to stimulate economic growth, job creation, skills development and improved transport links.

The ambition of the North East Combined Authority is to create the best possible conditions for growth in jobs, investment and living standards, making the North East an excellent location for business and enabling residents to develop high-level skills so they can benefit long into the future.

For further information visit <http://www.northeastca.gov.uk>

AYCLIFFE ROBOTICS FIRM WINS NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Technology Strategy Board, the UK's innovation agency, today announced that one company from the North East has been selected to attend the prestigious 'Robotics and Autonomous Systems Mission 2014' held from 23-27 June 2014 in California.

Advanced Unmanned Robotics & Automation TECHNOLOGY (AuraTech), based in Newton Aycliffe County Durham, represent the very best of the British robotics and autonomous systems industry. The companies will showcase the breadth and depth of innovation within British robotics.

AuraTech was founded in 2012 and operates out of the Tees Valley in the North of England. AuraTech offers engineering and design consultancy services for remote technology applications, and is currently working on a Remote Operate Aerial Endurance Vehicle (ROAEV).

The Mission starts on June 23 and will see the winning companies embark on a week long journey through San Diego, San Francisco and Silicon Valley to showcase their technology to peers, partners, investors and potential customers. The Technology Strategy Board together with UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) organise a packed agenda of briefings, meetings pitch opportunities and networking events to ensure the British robotics companies and entrepreneurs get unparalleled access to the US robotics ecosystem and a unique insight into one of the largest most dynamic robot markets in the world.

Mike Biddle, Deputy Director - Innovation Programmes at the Technology Strategy Board, said: "The mission is designed to open doors, build networks and showcase British innovation and Silicon Valley and San Francisco are synonymous with being at the forefront of global robotics and autonomous systems technology. These companies will benefit from meetings with leading robotics, academic and research institutions, gaining fresh ideas and developing new partnerships and funding opportunities. It's a springboard which can help them to launch their business, thrive and turn their innovations into tangible business opportunities."

3M Win 2nd BITC Award

3M, which has a manufacturing plant at Aycliffe, has won its second annual award in a row for sustainability from the organisation Business in the Community (BITC)

The Big Tick award has been presented in the Marketplace Sustainability Leadership category and heralds the company's ongoing achievements.

A Big Tick is the first level of accolade in the Responsible Business Awards, the UK's longest-running and most respected awards scheme recognising businesses that are making a positive difference to society and to the environment.



3M technical director Wynne Lewis (centre) receives the award from BITC chief executive Stephen Howard (left) and Jonathan Garratt of the awards sponsors Jaguar Land Rover

BITC chief executive Stephen Howard said: "All year round, responsible businesses across the UK are contributing towards more resilient communities, stimulating local economies, creating diverse, skilled and healthy workforces and addressing skills shortages - yet these activities rarely get attention."

"The Responsible Business Awards shine a much needed spotlight on the powerful impact of business. I congratulate 3M for its Big Tick reaccreditation, which is a powerful symbol of business doing more to bring about change."

The award recognised how sustainability is a way of life for 3M and highlighted the success of its ongoing programmes to reduce

energy use and waste. The diversified technology company also runs a 3M 4Good programme in which all employees are encouraged to carry out a day's work each year on environmental and other projects in the community on company time.

Among the products manufactured at its Heighington Lane plant are respirators for worker safety and a range of products for the vehicle aftercare market. Managing director Paul Keel said: "Winning a Big Tick award for the second year running is thanks to the continued efforts of everyone across the business and it's very pleasing for us all that these efforts have been nationally recognised by the BITC."

Town Centre Bookmakers to Close

We hear from customers of William Hill the Bookmaker in the Town Centre that they are closing their shop in September. We have tried to contact their Head Office for confirmation, and reasons behind the closure, but they have failed to reply. We can only assume they have come to the end of their lease and do not wish to renew. The reason why will be eventually be known and we will inform our readers

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Aycliffe to London for "Help the Heroes"



Five Newton Aycliffe cycling enthusiasts took on the gruelling 250 mile ride to London recently in aid of "Help the Heroes". Photo left to right shows Kevin Alderson, Scott McGlade, Gavin Hopps, Eddy Young, Mick Hennersey and Tony Jary. The bikers have been under a strict training regime over the last few months to achieve a high level of fitness aiming to complete 50 miles a day. Eddy Young, Steward at the Navy Club and a keen cyclist should have been on the ride but was promoted to track manager instead due to an injured knee. Newtonians wishing to sponsor the cyclists can make a donation at the Navy Club.

Greenfield Under 6 Tennis



A squad of players aged 6 and under have just completed a series of sessions leading to success at Mini Tennis Red. All players were able to achieve the standard set by the Lawn Tennis Association and were thrilled to receive their certificates. The players attend weekly sessions at Greenfield Tennis Club lead by Head Coach, Ian Wilkinson and a team of Assistant Coaches and Tennis Leaders from Greenfield School and Woodham Academy. Places are available on all courses for youngsters aged 4 years to 16 years. Players of all abilities are welcome to attend. Information on all tennis activities, including Summer Holiday Tennis Camps from: Ian Wilkinson Email: rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk

Aycliffe Baseball



Having seen their previous two fixtures fall foul of the recent unpredictable weather, Newton Aycliffe Spartans got back into action last weekend looking to maintain top spot in the British Baseball Federation AA Northern Division welcoming Liverpool Trojans to Spartans Field in Shildon.

In game 1, after a scoreless 1st inning the Spartans jumped out to a 3-1 lead and by the end of the 4th inning had extended the lead to 8-2, mainly thanks to the torrid hitting of Damien Valdez who had 7 runs batted in, including a grand slam home run, the third from the Spartans in as many games. Spartans added runs in the 5th and 6th innings to run out convincing winners. Starting Pitcher, Bryan Dunkel continued his excellent season on the mound tossing 6 strong innings including striking out 8 Liverpool batters. In game 2, Spartans continued where they left off, jumping out to an early 4-1 lead but the Merseysiders hit back with clever hitting and quickly opened an advantage with an 8-4 lead by the middle of the 3rd inning. Spartans however immediately hit back with 4 runs to level the game at 8-8. Pitcher, Damien Valdez blanked the Trojans in the top of the 4th inning and that set up the Spartans with a chance to clinch the game, which they duly took thanks to Estile Peniche who hit the winning run to seal a 9-8 win on the 2 hour time rule and send the Spartans to a 7-1 record. Spartans are next in action on Sunday 22nd when they travel to North Yorkshire to face Harrogate Cubs. Harrogate currently sit at the bottom of the table but having seen their 'AAA' team fold in recent weeks are likely to be boosted with the addition of several experienced players. Newton Aycliffe Spartans thank The Cobblers at Cobblers Hall for providing post game refreshments for both teams. A full fixture list and more information on the Spartans can be found at www.newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks earned a hard earned draw away at promotion rivals Redcar 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe's opening batsman Sam Telford smashed the homeside's bowling to all parts of the ground as the talented 19 year old scored a magnificent 115, including 14 boundaries. Matty Atkinson joined in the fun with an aggressive 63, including two huge sixes and five boundaries and Luke Telford chipped in with a useful 31 as the visitors reached an impressive 265 for 7 in their 50 overs. Aycliffe's bowlers found the going equally tough as the homesides batsman also made the most of the run fest reaching 247 for 7 from their allotted 50 overs, with Aycliffe fast bowler Sean Morgan taking 2 for 50 as the game ended in a respectable draw. Aycliffe's 2nd team also earned a battling draw away at Wolviston 2nd XI in the 3rd division of the NYSD. Electing to bowl first proved a good decision as Aycliffe fast bowler Danny Weldon was in good form, taking 4 for 27 from 10 overs. Adam Gittins (3 for 12) and Tony Travis (3 for 26) also bowled well as the homeside were dismissed for 117 after 37 overs. Aycliffe also struggled for runs despite a robust 23 from James Brown and a quickfire 13 from Matty Capper. Danny Weldon chipped in with a useful 12 runs late in the innings, but in a tense finish, last wicket pair John Wardle (7 not out) and Patrick Howe (1 not out) safely batted out the 62nd over as Aycliffe finished their marathon innings on 111 for 9, which helped them to stretch their impressive unbeaten run to six weeks and comfortably placed in mid table. The u18's lost by 9 wickets at home to a very powerful Willington team despite a fantastic unbeaten innings of 73 from captain Tom Wickins and useful contributions from Matty Bowmer (15 runs) and Sam Dobinson (13 runs) as Aycliffe reached 116 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs. Willington coasted to victory with Matty Bowmer taking the only wicket to fall. Newton Aycliffe's u15s team had an impressive 6 wicket

victory away at Etherley in the County Durham junior league. The homeside batted first and were restricted to 78 for 9 from their allotted 20 overs with Aycliffe's Josh Pearson (2 for 4), Nathan Parry (2 for 4) and Adam Lamb (2 for 15) all bowling well. In reply captain Josh Pearson top scored with an excellent unbeaten 31 and was given great support from Jack Lowery, who hit 28 as Aycliffe reached their winning target with ease. The under 13's lost at home to Hartlepool by just 30 runs in the NYACC league. Chasing 93 for victory, Aycliffe were restricted to just 62 for in their 20 overs, with James Knowlson top scoring with a good innings of 19 runs. The under 11's were beaten at home to Billingham Synthonia in a much improved all round performance from the team and in particular captain Lucas Pilling (12 not out) and Keiran Shingler (10 not out). The under 11's also lost at home to Barnard Castle, but the main bright spot of the game was an excellent innings from Aycliffe captain Lucas Pilling who scored 17 not out.

Aycliffe Running Club's Best Day Ever!

At the Kirkby Malzeard 10k Aycliffe Running club had its most successful day ever. The predicted thunderstorms thankfully didn't arrive and instead it was just light rain which helped to keep the runners cool and resulted in half the club members achieving PBs. After the race free refreshments were available in the village hall during the prize giving. The prizes were in the form of a nicely presented hamper. Two of our athletes achieved one of these prizes, Kelly Smith for 1st female under 35, 46m:05 PB and 52nd overall and Dez Fielden for 3rd male, 35:45. Other finishers were as follows – Martyn Knox 5th 39:00 PB, Peter Smith 28th 43:04, Nigel Holmes 35th 43:55 PB, Sandra Collins 55th 46:55, Jason Dixon 60th 47:26 PB, Gary Minns 68th 48:40, Trish Kay 75th 50:53, Penny Johnson 81st 51:27 PB, Chris Forster 87th 52:41, Michelle Dixon 91st 52:28 PB, Judith Porter 101st 54:07, Alan Kellett 102nd 54:08 PB, Anne Kellett 113th 55:28PB, Dianne Savage 128th 58:39, (first 10k), Ray Todd 133rd 60:48, Beverley Phillippo 136th 61:08, Yvonne Williams 139th 61:41 PB, Susan Clark 141st 62:16.



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Woodham Golf Course

The course will open late July, but date is yet to be confirmed. There is quite a lot of work to be done to bring the course and clubhouse up to standard before it can be re-opened.
Any enquires regarding Woodham Golf Club prices etc., please contact Golf Professional Ernie Wilson on 07599 528153

CROSS FIT'S MAD WEEKEND OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Saturday 31st May at 4.30am our group set off from Newton Aycliffe on route to Scotland's highest peak, Ben Nevis. After a long drive and a quick photo opportunity eight set off up the mountain.

Although one picked up a knee injury everyone made it to the summit and were rewarded with amazing views over the surrounding area. The decent was slower but we made it down and set off to our base camp in the Lake District where our support team, Joe & Anne Shields and Gayle Gardiner, had tents set up and waiting.

Day two saw the group travel the short distance to climb Scafell Pike. We were lucky with the weather, and against all odds our injured member had their knee strapped up and soldiered on; Scafell has a mixture of some difficult terrain so this was even more impressive. Everyone made the summit and returned safely to camp where our support team had food ready to serve.

Our final day saw a 4 am start and a long drive for drivers, Hazel and Chris. We arrived at Mount Snowdon to find the peak shrouded in cloud. Regardless we pushed on and made good time up the trail. Everyone was supporting each other and the banter between the group took your mind off



aching feet.

Early that afternoon we all reached the summit of the final of the three peaks. Some of us really had to dig deep on that last push and it was impressive to watch that determination. Everyone would like to thank the support team and drivers - we couldn't do this without them.

Meanwhile, in a very different setting, Vikki and Terry Anderson, owners of 'CrossFit All Out', the new strength and conditioning gym on Aycliffe Business Park, dreamed of holding community events to give something back



and host a summer BBQ at their own 'CrossFit box' for over 2 years...and on this weekend their dream finally became reality on Sunday 1st June when they supported the registered charity MADATHLON.

Vikki planned and organised the charity Fun Day event with support from Claire's best friend Laura Lineton, a member of CrossFit All Out. Vikki says "the amount of support from local businesses providing fun activities for children attending the event, as well as some fantastic raffle prizes, has been truly overwhelming. All our members have supported and helped us so much in running the event, we are very grateful to have shared such a special day with so many people for such a great local charity, in memory of Claire. It's been an absolute pleasure from start to finish."

The fun day raised £886 alone, with a bouncy castle from Bounceabout and Play, camper van rides by Go Retro vehicle hire, special guests Iron Man, 3 Disney princesses, glitter tattoos, face painting, BBQ and lots of sweet treats!

CrossFit All Out members endured the 20 minute 'AMRAP' (as many rounds as possible) CrossFit WOD (workout of the day) named "Claire" which consisted of rounds of exercises signifying the years of Claire's life 1982 - 2012 (19 burpees + 82 jumping jacks + 20 cal row + 12 box jump-overs).

The additional sponsorships for CrossFit All Out members who took part in the 12 hour WODATHON (20 minute workouts relayed by members from 7am - 7pm) will take the grand total to well over £1100. Members stayed to support each other and the final leg of the 12 hour WODATHON ended at 7pm, in a very emotional moment for all involved but was celebrated with a glass of fizz! MADATHLON charity have thanked Vikki and Terry for all their hard work in raising the cash which will go towards purchasing 2 new 'blood bikes'. The bikes are used to transport organs and blood donations/samples to hospitals and whilst there are currently 4 bikes, 2 are regularly in need of repair so it will be a great improvement to have 2 new bikes available.

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The full programme for Brass: Durham International Festival 2014 has been announced.

The annual celebration of the county's musical past, present and future returns to Durham next month, with innovative new commissions, a great line-up of live music and fantastic free family events running from Friday, 11 to Sunday, 20 July.

This year's event will include three spectacular world premieres - chart-topping indie rock band British Sea Power's Sea of Brass (17 July, Gala Theatre); Steamsong, a multimedia opera from John

Kefala Kerr inspired by the locomotive Mallard's record breaking run (12-13 July, Gala Theatre); and Fractal Sparks, featuring stunning visual effects accompanied by music from Jo Hamilton and a brass-inspired performance from Lanterns On The Lake with the Durham County Youth Big Band (18 July, Durham Cathedral). Other highlights include performances by jazz trumpeter extraordinaire Jon Faddis, Onyx Brass, The BBC Big Band, The Brighthouse and Rastrick Band and The Stars from The Commitments.

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "BRASS is one of the highlights of our cultural calendar here in Durham. It always offers a fantastic choice of live music to suit all tastes, covering everything from unique collaborations by established and new artists to lively and colourful performances on the city's streets.



"I'm looking forward to seeing the festival once again bringing our area to life and attracting music fans from far and wide."

BRASS 2014 also welcomes the return of family favourite Streets of BRASS, a fantastic free event which sees the best UK and international bands bringing a party atmosphere to the streets of Durham City. Families are also encouraged to bring their deckchairs and a picnic to the Big BRASS Bash at Spennymoor (17 July) and Chester-le-Street (18 July), where street theatre companies and funky brass bands will be entertaining the crowds.

The BRASS Samba Blow

Out! in Crook (11 July) will feature a performance by Runaway Samba, a new youth band created for BRASS by Jack Drum Arts featuring young performers from across the Durham Dales.

Once again there will also be a range of events giving children and young people, communities and local musicians the opportunity to engage with BRASS in new and inspiring ways.

The festival's popular Community Tour returns with

bands bursting into village halls and community centres across Durham on 13 July while BRASS Fusion will see street band New York Brass Band performing with Blackhall Youth Band at Castle Eden Village Hall on the same date.

The full line-up is detailed in the festival brochure. Copies are available from all BRASS venues or can be downloaded from www.brassfestival.co.uk

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Bishop Auckland College in Country's Top 10

Student success rates at Bishop Auckland College are in the

top 10 per cent in the country, figures released last week show.

The latest national league tables published by the Skills Funding Agency for the 2012/13 academic year show 91.1% of students achieved their qualification, placing the college at the top end of both the regional and national rankings.

Success rates reflect the number of students who achieve a qualification as a percentage of those who start courses.

The new performance figures follow a positive verdict at the college's most recent Ofsted inspection, which found the college was "relentless in its pursuit to drive up the quality of teaching and learning", adding: "success rates have improved for nearly all students".

Natalie Davison, Principal and Chief Executive, said: "Bishop Auckland College has much to be proud of and these latest success rates demonstrate both the hard work of our students and our exceptional staff commitment."

"Combined with a student satisfaction rating of 95% and a 'good' rating from Ofsted inspectors, the college is performing really well and we are ambitious to do even better. I would urge prospective students and their parents to consider Bishop Auckland College for vocational courses."

An open evening is being held at the college's main Woodhouse Lane campus from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday July 15 where prospective students can enrol on a wide range of full and part time further and higher education courses starting this September.



Natalie Davison

The Skills Funding Agency 2012/13 education and training league tables by institution can be viewed here: www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/sfa-national-success-rates-tables-2012-to-2013.

Summer Fair in the Village

Aycliffe Village School Summer Fair kicks off at 3.15pm on Thursday 26 June with a visit from Tommy Bungle and Friends. You can also enjoy live entertainment from Woodham Academy's Samba band and Xcel church. The afternoon will be packed with fun including children's rides and slides, a raffle and tombolas and an excellent range of stalls. The kitchen will be open throughout, serving a variety of refreshments, including snack plates for the children.

The fair is an open event so please feel free to come along and join in the fun at Aycliffe Village School, North Terrace, Aycliffe Village.

CHILDREN HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED IN STREETS

Dear Sir,

As a parent of two young football loving boys from Youens Crescent I feel I must reply to the flurry of comments in recent weeks about the fenced off area.

Yes, there are children that play football in the street - this isn't a new concept and I'm sure those that no longer have young children can recall their own children or themselves playing outside when they were young. I'm also sure there are readers from across the town reading this that have children that play in their streets. Unfortunately balls bounce and on occasion may have gone into gardens, or bumped against cars but this isn't deliberate. I bought my house in Youens Crescent, as a development of 4 and 5 bedroom homes knowing there would be other families with children that would play outside with mine.

I for one am not prepared to tell my children to stop playing out in their own street. The grassed area is a nice to have - many other streets, especially on new developments don't have such a space and I'm sure even if it was accessible there would still be protest over it's use.

Whilst I agree the metal fencing is an eyesore and the communication from Miller and the Council regarding it's restriction has been tenuous, this isn't about a grassed area marked on the site plan that's out of bounds - It's about children and letting them play - regardless.

Debbie Bowater

AYCLIFFE JUNIOR WATER POLO PLAYERS BEAT CITY BEST

Sedgefield Water Polo club based at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre sent their under 15 team to the Northern League Tournament at the new Olympic size pool Aquatic Centre in Liverpool. Sedgefield were the only team that trains in a predominantly shallow pool as all serious competition takes place in a minimum depth of 2 metres. Sedgefield were up against big city teams from Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and Rotherham but once again Sedgefield dominated with a 10-2 victory over Liverpool in the first game. Then a 12-1 win over Rotherham.

Sedgefield's most difficult game was against Sheffield and led only 1-0 at half time but Sedgefield's superior fitness told in the second half as they ran out 6-1 winners. In their final game they were up against Manchester who have vast resources at their disposal, but Sedgefield led from the start to run out easy

14-2 winners. Player of the tournament was 12 year old Ben Stephenson who was top scorer in the whole tournament with 15 goals. Richard Murray (13) in goal supported by Connor Keeble (13) in defence made it very difficult for the other teams to score goals.

Kris Egginton (13), Michael Cousins (13) and Jake Plant (14) created and scored goals on the counter attack with their swimming power and their all round flair and skills. Young players Niall Couthard (11), Elliot Edworthy (13) and Michael Hampshire (12) showed their great potential for the future.

Thank You

I WOULD like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and kind donations received on the loss of my dear Wife, Mrs Agnew Hills. Who lost her battle against cancer on 1st May 2014. All donations collected amounted to £311.46 and were donated in her memory to cancer research. I would also like to thank all the R.A.F.A. Club and Ann Noble for the catering

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WILLIAM LITTLE, Bill. 1930-2013. Your first birthday without you. Missing you very much. Till we meet again. Tom, Nancy and family

Obituary

CURRY. 12th June, peacefully after a short illness. Kenneth William aged 75 years, dearly loved Husband of Mary; much loved Dad of Karina, Barry, Terry and Keith. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral took place on Friday 20th June in Darlington Crematorium at 10.15am.

DEBORAH GREEN. Died 9th June 2014. A wonderful Mother, Daughter and Sister. Who will be greatly missed, "You will always be in our hearts". Funeral Tuesday June 24th at St Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe 11am. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium 11.45am. All welcome

BARRY "NED" KELLY 11th June. Peacefully at home. Barry of Newton Aycliffe, aged 69 years. Much loved Dad of Angie, Nikki and Natalie; dear Brother to Pat and Dick; also very dear Grandad and Great Grandad. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 27th June at 10.15am

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Donna



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PAT WHEELHOUSE Happy 70th Birthday Grandma! With love from William and Emily xxxxx

JAMES KNOW Happy 6th birthday James. Love you, Great Gran Lily xx

JAMES KNOW Happy 6th birthday. Have a great party. Love and kisses Grandma and Grandad xx

JAMES KNOW Happy birthday James. Love, Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxx

JAMES KNOW Happy 6th birthday to our little genius. Lots of love, Mummy, Daddy and Thomas xx

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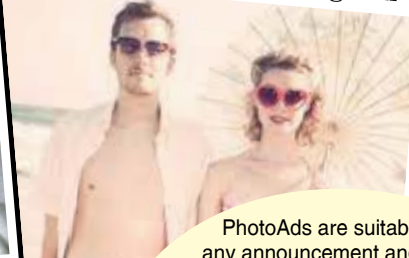
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Football Trials TOURNAMENT RAISED £1414

Newton Aycliffe Junior FC are holding trials for the new under 18 team on Sunday 22nd June at noon on the Stadium Pitch at their home ground of Sunnysdale Leisure Centre.

If you are born between 1/9/1996 and 31/8/1999 and want to take part

in training, meet new people and compete in competitive games then please come along.

All officials of the club have completed an FA Level 1 coaching qualification and are CRB Checked. For more details please contact Nick Scott on 07977 159779.

The Club are also seeking new players to join their under 14's. The coaches will be holding trials on Saturday the 21st June and the Saturday the 28th of June at Moor Lane, 10am till 11.30.

If you think you have what it takes to be part of a team, want to meet new friends and develop your footballing skills then please contact Ian on 07833 224680. Further details please visit our website at www.najuniorfc.co.uk

The Charity Football Tournament organised by local footballer Dougie Grant, that took place on Sunday 8th June at Shildon Leisure Centre was a massive success. As of Monday 16th June we have raised £1414 for the Charity CLIC Sargent. There will be £1314 on the 'Just Giving' page when everything goes through and a further £100 in the form of a cheque paid directly to the Charity.

The event went down well with over 60 players and 50+ spectators showing their support/participation during the day. I would like to say a massive thank you to the players, spectators and the Referee Dave Swindells, who took care of all six matches as other referees were unable to attend. The winners on the day were Team Wilkinson with the wooden spoon going to Team Grant.

My wife Angela and Sophie's Mam, Paula, played an integral part on the day to help make it hugely successful. They looked after the raffle



Team Grant



Team Eales



Team Foster



Team Wilkinson

and took the entry monies off spectators as well as supporting where required during the proceedings.

The raffle was very popular with great prizes from local companies including Newton Press, Deco Engraver's Tindale, Bishop Auckland Football Club, Shildon Football Club, Happy Valley Chinese, Café Limone Shildon, Dean Walker Physio Shildon, Bay Horse Middridge, Redworth Hall Hotel, TSM Norland Sports, Unique 2 U Bishop Auckland and Maxine's Restaurant Bannatyne Hotel Darlington. A massive Thank you to all these companies for their generosity in supporting this event, we could not have raised the money we have without this support.

I wanted to put this event together because my 11yr old Goddaughter Sophie Foster, of Shildon, was diagnosed with Leukaemia last year and has had to undergo many hours of Chemotherapy, Lumbar punctures and other medication as well as spending most of the first 6 months having her treatment at the RVI Newcastle. That was when CLIC Sargent started their support of Sophie and her family and they continue

to do so during her continuing treatments and difficult times. Sophie is one of the lucky ones to be given the support as the charity can help only 2 in every 3 families. It is heart breaking to see that 1 in 3 families will receive no support at all. Dougie Grant

Aycliffe Fighter's 2nd Featherweight Title



Lanchana Green, Dave Cunliffe, Martin Wilby, Gary Watson

A massive weekend of mixed martial art from Gary Watson and Dave Cunliffe from Newton Aycliffe who compete out of The Lab Gym in Darlington.

Both fighters trained non stop for the last 3 months for their matches which were arranged for Machine MMA 8 in Stanley last weekend. Gary fought a very tough southern fighter who was very unorthodox and tricky. The bout saw a great clash of styles and Gary showed impressive technique landing some devastating low kicks and knees but got caught with some wild shots which ended the bout, but he took experience home from the fight and showed he is a

real force in his division.

Dave was matched against a tough Scottish opponent with a 5-1 record for the Featherweight title. The bout started quickly with both fighters exchanging punches, using grappling technique but Dave caught his opponent with a blinding body kick which forced the takedown shot bringing a submission with a figure four guillotine choke.

Dave is now the MMA featherweight champion and the Total Combat British Featherweight Champion. Both fighters would like to thank their coaches as well as the team for their help, not forgetting friends and family for their massive support.

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