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## Horndale M.U.G.A. Underway



It is 2 years since discussions started with local residents on building a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Horndale. Last week work began on this fantastic project and I was very proud to see the hard work done by the Residents Association and its supporters come to fruition. It has been rewarding to have the help and support of so many people who saw the potential and need for this facility. I would like to thank the Town Council for without their commitment, initially and long term, the M.U.G.A project would not have been possible. I would especially thank Andrew Bailey (Town Clerk) and his staff also Niki Duffy of Livin who were instrumental in helping

complete funding applications and kept us going when things seemed to stand still. People like Dorothy Bowman, PC Mike Welch and Litza Johnson (Aycliffe Youth Centre) gave us support from the beginning, as have many others including Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Councillors, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, G.A.M.P, Roc Solid, Aycliffe Youth Solid, Honest John, Tyne Tees Demolition, Livin, Christ's Hospital Sherburn, Newton Aycliffe Evangelical Church and Durham Police. This has been a classic joint effort to give the young people of our neighbourhoods a recreation area and hopefully it will reduce anti-social behaviour around the streets

and homes where we live. Once again a big thank you to everyone who has helped Philip Clark Chairman (HRA) Photo: Philip and Town Councillor Brian Hall cut the first sod watched by representatives from those who supported the project.

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"We offer this as our community is important to us" said Kate. It starts THIS

Sunday, so if you know anyone who could benefit from this tell them to call 01325 320565 before 10am on Sunday mornings (or pre-book in advance). The Foresters will be more than happy to deliver a home cooked Sunday Lunch with all the trimmings.

## COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning will be held at Heighington School on Saturday 12th July from 10am to 12noon.

This event is run by the School Council Children in aid of St. Terasa's Hospice. Jam scone, Tea or Coffee only £1.50. all welcome

## Centre of the Community



Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre are joining forces with Great Aycliffe Community Action Partnership in the collection of food for needy families in the Newton Aycliffe Area. So when you are shopping at Tesco or Aldi why not pick up a couple of extra tins and pop into the Centre and put your tins in the Bin provided. Then enjoy having a cuppa for only 60p and order a special Bacon Buttie, Burger or Panini from the new Bistro.

The Beveridge Café is open from 10am-1.30pm Monday and Tuesday and 10am-2pm on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you want to check Facebook or send a couple of emails you can use the FREE Wifi while enjoying the refreshments. If you're in business and need to check your e-mails then the Beveridge Café is



Secretary Joan Clark & Chairman Vince Crosby

the ideal place for you to enjoy a cup of coffee and a toastie and sort out a bit of business at the same time. And please just think of giving a couple of tins for the needy families in our community.

## Show Time Again!

The final preparations are now being made for this year's Great Aycliffe Show, to be held on the showfield at the Oakleaf Sports Complex on August Bank Holiday weekend, 23rd - 24th August. The craft marquee hosts displays and demonstrations of a range of crafts and hobbies, with many of the items produced available for purchase by the public. There are still some spaces available in this marquee, at a special rate of £15 per day, the only condition being that exhibitors must be prepared to demonstrate their craft to visitors as a hobby and not as a commercial trade.

There are also some outdoor spaces available for trade organisations and for fundraisers, although all refreshment franchises have been let.

If you are interested in a place within the craft marquee or an outdoor trade or fundraising space, please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 - application forms are also available from the website [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

## AGNEW RESIDENTS SHOULD STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!



Despite the publicity and the undoubted benefits of forming a Residents Association the Agnew folk did not turn out to discuss the possibility at a meeting called last week. There was a great support from Councillors who want to see more public involvement, but people were disappointingly conspicuous by their absence.

Ken Robson from ACORN and Phil Clark from Horndale were present to report on their successes since being formed, hoping to encourage a new group for the Agnews but the only progress made was that the Agnew Community Centre would continue to promote an Association from their base and others present offered help in recruiting suitable people to lead the project.

The Agnew RA would have a great advantage over other groups as they have the support of their own community centre from which to operate. Life in the Agnews could be improved if residents came together to push for action on a number of important issues.

Any resident from the Agnews who could not attend the meeting but would like to be part of a Steering Group to form an Association should contact Secretary Ron Mitchie on 01325 321504.

## AGM of Malawi Trust

The annual meeting for The Malawi Trust of St Elizabeth will be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 7.45 pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham Village.

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# More West Park Friends



Growing environmental group 'Friends Of West Park' are holding a meeting in the upstairs lounge of the Royal British Legion Club on Tuesday 8th of July at 7pm. Anyone with an interest in improving this fantastic facility is welcome to come along to get involved and hear updates on projects

we are involved in. New members and organisations are now coming forward and getting involved and we welcome new faces. We were joined in our cleaning endeavours on Sunday by Ruth Johnson and Katy Milne who are heading up the 'Cutting Loose Festival' at the Park and who added a touch of glamour to

proceedings with colourful wellies. Chris Wheeler fresh from his holiday in Greece and raring to go helped with the weekly litter pick, then kept us company. The group have so far been planting bulbs and trees, litter picking, cleaning out the lakes and promoting our aims to the public. We now have pamphlets available to encourage shops and local businesses to join us in our work.

With the assistance of our friends at Great Aycliffe Town Council we shall soon be putting together bids for funding to provide play equipment and other facilities. We look forward to listening to your ideas of how we can renew this beautiful park. Ken Robson, Chairman (01325 321471)

# WELFARE CHAMPIONS SCHEME SUPPORTED BY PHIL WILSON MP



Our MP Phil Wilson is supporting the project in allowing Welfare Champion, Daniel, to operate a drop in session from his office.

Newton Aycliffe residents who may be experiencing problems due to the Government's Welfare Reform measures are being encouraged to turn to their own community for support. Launched in March this year, the 'Welfare Champions' project has recruited a small army of local volunteers to provide advice and guidance to people in their own neighbourhoods to anyone who has been affected by the Welfare Reforms.

Your local Welfare Champions are: David Sutton-Lloyd, Daniel Robertson, Peter Burgess, Steven Sanderson, Elaine Robson and Ken Robson. To receive support from a Champion contact East Durham Trust on 0191 569

3511. Providing initial guidance, the volunteers will also signpost individuals to supportive services such as

advice agencies, local housing providers and welfare rights teams. In addition to general queries from their community. The project is run by East Durham Trust and funded by the Greater Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Area Action Partnership (GAMP) and local housing provider Livin. Chief Executive of East Durham Trust Malcolm Fallow said "I would urge people to contact their local Welfare Champion, the volunteers are doing a great job in supporting people at a grass roots level"

# New Parent and Carer Toddler Group

St. Elizabeth's Church Woodham are starting a new FREE parent/carer toddler group on Tuesday 15th July. The time is 12.45 till 2.30pm. Please come to the end door next to the village green. The little ones can enjoy being read to, lots of toys, art work, singing and dancing. Adults can enjoy different activities. A warm welcome awaits you and for further information ring Norma Wise on 01325 312930 or Christina Wilson 01325 318430.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



# MAYOR "AT HOME"

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Wendy Hillary, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Saturday, 12th July 2014 between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Mrs. Hillary would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.

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# Student Fundraises to Visit Malaysian Jungle



Student Edward Carr from Heighington is taking on the World Challenge, hoping to spend one month in the Malaysian jungle next July where he will be completing environmental projects to help the local people. He has been tasked to raise the £4000 fare and this week was on a 100 mile fundraising walk from Lindisfarne to Durham Cathedral. To make it even more difficult he carried an empty coffin to mimic the passage of the remains St Cuthbert along a similar route. Earlier

in the year he wrote an article for St Michael's Church parish magazine and as a result received donations and odd jobs such as car washing and gardening for local people on a weekly basis. He is particularly thankful for people's generosity and support. Edward is a member of the CCF Navy Cadets and sails every week. He has almost completed the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award and is a Senior Scout at Heighington and a bellringer at St. Michael's Church.

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## SHAMEFUL USE OF PARKING BAYS FOR DISABLED

Dear Sir,  
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them to move the cars. They said if they did it may lose them valuable customers. I was annoyed regarding this attitude I received, so I telephoned Tesco Head Office to complain. I was received with extreme politeness but they reiterated that they did not police their car parks. I then wrote to Esther McVey who at that time was the Minister for the Disabled. I received a curt reply saying this was a local matter and I should take it up with my M.P. I pointed out that Tesco is a National organisation and their parking policy spreads across the U.K and was therefore applicable to all disabled using Tesco. I did not receive a reply.

George Oakley  
Ryder Court  
Korean War Veteran  
**EDITOR:** We spoke to Martin Butcher, Tesco Manager who confirmed there is no policing or requests over the tannoy for people not to park in bays reserved for disabled people. The store relies on the honesty and integrity of people using those spaces. Customers have been confronted in the past and it has led to a very volatile situation where members of staff have been threatened. He sympathised with the reader and agreed it was wrong for able bodied people to take these spaces and they should be ashamed.

### Councillors' Surgeries

**A Ward Surgery**  
will be held in  
St. Marys Meeting Room  
on Saturday 12th July  
from 11am-12noon  
**Councillors for Shafto, Central and Neville Ward will be in attendance.**

## Aycliffe Care Home Fete

On Saturday the 21st June, Aycliffe Care Home held their Annual Summer Fete which was run in conjunction with National Care Home Day.

The Deputy Mayor, Mary Dalton and her consort Valerie Raw were invited to come along and officially open the fete which was really nice of them to accept. They also took the time to talk to our residents and look around the home which was refurbished in 2013.

There were lots of stalls including raffle, tombola, bottle stall, games, bric-a-brac, cakes, hotdogs as well as entertainment from Janie St John and the weather on the day was lovely.

We would like to thank the companies and people who donated prizes for our raffle and tombola – Specsavers, Top Star Taxis, Julie's Pets, Boots from Bishop Auckland, Petal Florist, K9 Pursuits and many more. Thanks also to all the families and friends for their donations and for supporting our fete. We raised a grand total of £732.85

### Friends of Park Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of Friends of West Park is Tuesday 8th July, 7pm in the upstairs lounge British Legion. This meeting is open to all residents of Great Aycliffe. Please come along to listen or put your views and ideas.



## Young Volunteer Chef at The Cubby



Shane Hutchinson came to Newton Aycliffe six years ago and began studying catering at Bishop Auckland College where he achieved Levels 1, 2 and 3. He recently joined the Princes Trust which organises placements and work experience with the prospect of being offered full time work. For the next two weeks Shane will be volunteering his services to The Cubby and given free rein to present his own menu including cakes and desserts. Shane would be delighted if you would call in to try his home cooked food and even happier if you recommended him for a full time job in catering.

## Wonderful Day Out

Dear Sir,  
Well it's that time of year again when the Town Council Senior Citizens' Excursions are in full flow. My wife and I took the trip to Whitby (26th June) and what a day it was, the weather was perfect and we even ventured out on a boat trip around the Harbour. Lunch was served at the Sneaton Hall Centre with a commanding view of the surrounding gardens. The meal itself was as expected, first class and served by a friendly and courteous staff. David and Stan, our drivers, need a special mention as they were brilliant, thanks to them both. Thanks again to the GATC for another wonderful day out, see you all again next year.  
Alan Elders

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 16th July 2014**

### Council Meeting - 7.15pm

#### QUESTION TIME

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# WE NEED YOUR HELP

Learner Pool Term Time Programme

	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm
Monday	School swim	Splashtots		School swim	aqua learn	School swimming			aqualearn		General swim
Tuesday	School swimming			aqualearn		School swimming			aqualearn		General swim
Wednesday	School swim	Splashtots		Private booking		School swimming			aqualearn		
Thursday	School swimming						aqualearn		General swim		
Friday	School swimming						aqualearn		General swim		
Saturday	aqualearn			General swim		Splashtots		Available for hire		Closed	
Sunday	aqualearn			General swim		Available for hire				Closed	

Learner Pool Holiday Programme

	9am	10am	11am		12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	
Monday	aqualearn			General swim			Splashtots	aqualearn			General swim		
Tuesday	aqualearn			General swim			Splashtots	aqualearn			General swim		
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Thursday	aqualearn			General swim			Splashtots	aqualearn			General swim		
Friday	aqualearn			General swim			Splashtots	aqualearn			General swim		
Saturday	aqualearn			General swim		Splashtots		Available for hire				Closed	
Sunday	aqualearn			General swim		Available for hire							

Main Pool Term Time Programme

	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm		
Monday	Lane swim			Exercise referral	Lane swim								Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club				Closed	
	General swim				General swim						aqualearn							
Tuesday	Lane swim			Aquafit	Lane swim						aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club		Lane swim	Sedgefield Water Polo Club		Closed	
	General swim				General swim						aqualearn				Lane swim			
Wednesday	Lane swim			Ladies swim	Lane swim		School swimming	General Swim	aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club			aqualearn	Aqua bootcamp 7.30 - 8.15pm		Ladies swim	Closed	
	General swim				General swim		General swim - deep end only		aqualearn									
Thursday	Lane swim			Aquafit	Lane swim						aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club		aqualearn	Lane swim		Sub Aqua Club	Closed
	General swim				General swim								Lane swim		General swim			
Friday	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club	Lane swim		Exercise referral	Private booking	Lane swim				aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club	aqua learn	Aqua fun		North East Regional Water Polo			
	General swim		General swim			School swimming												
Saturday	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club			Lane swim		aqua learn	Aqua fun			Available for hire	Sedgefield Water Polo Club		Closed					
				General swim														
Sunday	Closed	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club	aqua learn	Family swim		aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club					Closed						
			Lane swim			General Swim												

Main Pool Holiday Programme

	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm
Monday	Lane swim			Exercise referral	Lane swim			Aqua fun	General swim		Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club					Closed
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		Lane swim														



## Swimming pool programme at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

We have reviewed our swimming pool timetable and would welcome your comments to make sure we meet your needs. Please view the proposed draft timetable and answer the questions below.

1. How old are you?  

☐ Under 16

☐ 17-20

☐ 21-30

☐ 31-40

☐ 41-50

☐ 51-60

☐ 61+
2. Do you bring children swimming?  

☐ Yes

☐ No
3. Do you currently swim?  

☐ Yes

☐ No. Please go to question 6.
4. Where do you currently swim? .....
5. How often do you currently swim?  

☐ More than once per week

☐ Once per week

☐ Once or twice a month

☐ A few times a year
6. What type of session on the timetable would be of interest to you and/or your family?  

☐ General swimming

☐ Ladies swimming

☐ Lane swimming

☐ Adult swimming

☐ Aquafit

☐ Exercise referral

☐ Pool parties

☐ Aqua bootcamp

☐ Splashtots (pay as you go session with aquatoys for your children & their carers)

☐ Aquafun (pay as you go session with aquatoys for older children and families)
7. Would the new pool programme encourage you and/or your family to swim:  

☐ More

☐ Less

☐ the same

Comments:

Thank you for your time.  
Please return this form to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre by 18 July 2014  
Please go to [www.durham.gov.uk/swimming](http://www.durham.gov.uk/swimming) to keep up to date with our programme review.



Completed questionnaires can also be handed in at Youngs Newsagents in the Town Centre, Walkers Butchers in Simpasture or Newton Press Offices on the Business Park



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see this lake at the front of the court building in Middlesbrough. There is no algae and although small is perfectly clear despite people sharing their lunch with the ducks. There is a large reed bed which I believe acts as a natural filter and the ducklings use this as a retreat and cover and although there are seagulls the ducklings are able to hide and not be attacked or eaten. The ducks on the lakes at West Park are non-migratory so will not move on and have made this their home. I spoke to a

Middlesbrough Council Worker who said they had no problem with algae and the ducklings and moorhen chicks survive as they are able to hide from the gulls in the reeds. Perhaps we should be placing reeds in our lakes as this would be cheap and provide a visually attractive feature.  
Karen Gray

**Residents Meet**  
The Linden Place Residents Association will hold a Meeting on Monday 7th July 2014 at 6pm in Silverdale House. Everyone welcome.

A new £130,000 multi-sensory room at Spennymoor Leisure Centre has been unveiled to the public. The exciting state-of-the-art facility, which is believed to be one of the largest of its kind in the North East, features all the latest technology and equipment

to benefit users thanks to the investment from Durham County Council. Pre-school children and adults and children with special educational needs or disabilities will be able to take advantage of the room. The facility has been designed to stimulate all the senses, including touch,



## Primary Schoolchildren Experience Greenfield



The last six weeks have been busy for Greenfield staff and students as they welcomed Year 5 children from nine different Primary schools. We had a wonderful time working with all the different schools, helping the children to understand how a Secondary school operates and allowing them to experience a typical school day. Many different subjects were on offer: bangs and sparkles in Science; learning French; completing maths tasks in Chinese; experiencing unusual fruits in Food Technology; choreographing an exciting routine in Dance and making loud noises in Music! In addition working in Room 13, being part of Global learning and being part of an inter schools competition in PE added to an already exciting day. Well done to Byerley Park who came top of the Leader board and are the overall winners of the sports competition. The children were a credit to their respective schools, well-mannered and eager to learn. They were all a pleasure to work with and they left us with lots of new ideas and skills. We are very proud of our achievements at Greenfield and enjoy sharing our ideas and talents with others. The teachers working with the children were impressed by their thirst for knowledge and their enquiring minds. Melanie Stubbs, Assistant Head at Greenfield said "the children have had an amazing time over the last six weeks, they have had an insight into the differences between primary and secondary education

and have embraced every opportunity on offer. Their teachers, parents and carers should be very proud of such a fantastic group of young people".

sound, vision, movement and even smell, to enhance users' awareness of their environment. There is also a ceiling track hoist - making all areas accessible. It is completely interactive so users can relax or interact and control all the elements - making it a unique experience each time they visit. As well as bubble tubes, the room includes one of only three sound light floors in the country, a vibration water bed - and an ultra violet dark room. One of the key elements of the room is lighting and there are projectors, moving light scanners and colour changing LEDs. Users can also interact with every day household items such as an Apple TV, Nintendo Wii and an iPad to create their own unique experience. Mark Lee, Spennymoor Leisure Centre manager,

said: "In creating this new facility we have consulted with users of the previous facility at Deerness Leisure Centre and the council's sensory support team. Their input was vital and we included their feedback in the plans. "Information was also gathered from other facilities in Sunderland, Sheffield and Manchester to make sure we can offer the best possible service to the residents of County Durham." Councillor John Robinson, chairman of Durham County Council, officially opened the new multi-sensory room on Wednesday 25th June. For more information about the multi-sensory room and the various sessions available contact Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 03000 261 161 or email leisure-spennymoor@durham.gov.uk



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# St. John's Students Visit Spain



Recently 16 students from St John's School & Sixth Form College, Bishop Auckland, took a long journey to Zaragoza from Newcastle to take part in an exchange with el Colegio Del Salvador. Upon arrival they received an early morning welcome from the host families and teachers

and the students' Spanish was put to the test! Despite taking the British weather with them, students were fortunate enough to visit and experience some of Zaragoza's most important landmarks and traditions. Some of the highlights from the trip included a visit to the Aljaferia Moorish Palace, a

Merengue dance class, where students got their hips shaking to Shakira and a visit to the Goya museum where student's turned their own drawings into engravings! On the penultimate day, they made a trip outside of Zaragoza to the Parque Natural del Monasterio de Piedra (Nature Park of the Stone Monastery) where they saw some beautiful waterfalls, met some birds of prey and picnicked together before heading back for their last day in the city. Several tears were shed on the final day when Spanish and English students met together to share their experiences, watch a slideshow of photos capturing some of the amazing memories from the trip and say their goodbyes. One month later the Spanish students landed at Newcastle airport and the weather did not disappoint! Students spent a week exploring some of the greatest landmarks the North East has to offer and all in glorious sunshine. Some of the highlights included a trip to St James' football ground, Beamish Museum and Durham Cathedral. The Spanish students also ventured further afield and spent the weekend exploring the beautiful Lake District. Students from el Colegio Del Salvador also had the

opportunity to shadow their exchange partner and experience life as a St John's student, including some very traditional games such as a cricket and rounders. In Spanish lessons, Year 7 students jumped at the chance to practise their skills with native speakers. The Spanish and English students spent their last evening together at St John's laughing, dancing, singing and crying. This was an invaluable exchange which allowed students to immerse themselves in a different culture and put their knowledge of Spanish into practice in a meaningful context. In addition to this, St John's students have made some lasting memories and more importantly life-long friends!

# Have Your Say on Voting Venues - Let's Stop Using Schools

Members of the public are being invited to have their say on where they are able to cast their vote during elections. The review will also look at the current polling districts. The consultation, by Durham County Council, starts tomorrow, (Tuesday July 1) and asks for views on any aspect of polling districts and/or polling places currently used. As well as commenting on existing polling stations people are also invited to suggest new ones

Anyone who qualifies to vote in County Durham can take part and comments are also invited from groups or organisations with an interest in the accessibility of buildings for people with disabilities.

Information regarding the current polling districts and places can be found on the council's website <http://www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Service.aspx?ServiceId=8329> or from Electoral Services at the address below.

Electoral Services Section  
Durham County Council  
County Hall  
Durham, DH1 5UL  
Oreemail-electoralservices@

durham.gov.uk

The consultation ends on Friday 29th August 2014.

**EDITOR:**

This is a great opportunity for readers to express their views on the use of School premises for elections when there are many alternative venues available. Why close a school and cause such a big disruption and loss of earnings to working parents? I do not believe there has ever been a consultation on this issue so it is important for parents to respond. We commend the County Council and the Returning Officer for taking this initiative.

# Curate for St. Michael's



The Revd Barbara Hilton recently ordained will be curate of Heighington, St. Michael and Darlington, St. Matthew with St. Luke. Barbara's secondary education saw her obtain excellent 'O' level results. She moved on to do an ONC in Applied Chemistry at Newcastle Technical College taking an 'A' level in English Literature. Her professional qualifications include a Certificate in Industrial Management and a Diploma in the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. Barbara's working life has been varied, starting off in various laboratory and production roles, then after being made redundant, moved to be a Customer Services Manager; then an officer supervisor. She is married to David and has a step-son

# Messy Church

July 12th, 4pm at St. Clare's Church when we will be looking at 'The Kind Stranger'.

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Ernie and June Temple  
Foodbank Coordinators

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# Prince's Trust Volunteers Spruce up St. Clare's



Ernie Temple, Parish Warden at St Clare's Church was delighted when he received a telephone call from The Prince's Trust saying that St Clare's Church had been selected as part of their community project. They would undertake any task that to improve the Church and were willing to do work either inside or outside the building. The offer of help was accepted and the volunteers were invited to carry

out the work. "I was not disappointed as they have worked hard on an overgrown patch of garden, and brought a neglected Church Hall up to a pleasing standard by repainting the walls and woodwork. They also designed a mural for the back wall which has given life to the room. "It is so easy to criticise young people these days, but these young people worked hard, and reflected credit to the organisation they

represented. If they wished to return then I should be pleased to welcome them" said Ernie.

## Give Blood!

A blood donor session will take place on 17th July at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe. from 2.30pm to 4pm and 4.45pm - 7pm.

# Greenfield Gallery Exhibit Work by Norman Cornish

Last week after a busy few days planning we held a fantastic preview event for the most recent exhibition in The Greenfield Gallery. "Bishops Close Street" is

## Roman on BBC News

Leading UK shower manufacturer and designer Roman, has featured on the BBC news presenting the company's success of being a British manufacturer. Roman has proudly flown the flag for British design and manufacture since they were founded in 1985. They proudly display the Made in Britain logo on all their product packaging, websites and social media platforms along with marketing materials and point of sale merchandising. The BBC reporter, Ian Reeve, interviewed David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman and Janelle O'Hara, Production Operative, at their headquarters based in Newton Aycliffe. Filming of the company's factory floor, tray plant and showroom was also broadcast on the BBC news programme. David undertook several interviews with local radio stations in the North East, answering questions based around British manufacturing; the benefits of being a British manufacturer and about Roman's success. David Osborne commented: "We were delighted to be approached to feature as a prime example of a successful British manufacturer in the North East and to speak on both radio and TV, discussing the achievements of Roman."



David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman being interviewed by BBC News



Former Head Teacher at Greenfield and son-in-law of Norman Cornish, Mike Thornton, being interviewed by BBC Television.

an exhibition of work by Norman Cornish MBE, County Durham's most celebrated artist. The exhibition includes some recently discovered work and a selection of sketchbooks, around the theme of "Bishops Close Street" where the family lived from the early 1950s until 1967. The work provides a rare and wonderful insight into the preparatory research and development of ideas by Norman Cornish which subsequently appeared in many of his paintings. Wendy Hillary, Mayor of Great Aycliffe, opened the

exhibition followed by a short talk by Councillor Robert Fleming, Leader of the Council, who provided insight and memories of Bishops Close Street and Spennymoor at that time. Greenfield Arts would like to thank Mrs Hillary, Mr Fleming and all those who attended the Preview. The exhibition is now open to the public during normal Arts Centre opening hours (Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm, Fridays 10am - 4pm). For more information please visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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Woodham Prom - Class of 2014

REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE



Prizewinners with Paul Howarth (Newton Press), Mrs Forsyth (Woodham Head Teacher) and Mr Potter (Head of Year 11)



Four years ago Newton Press initiated an annual award to encourage students in their final year, giving everyone a fair chance of winning a prize. It is not always the top of the class who win, but those who put in the most effort. The winners are chosen by teachers and tutors, this years winners are listed below:

Most Helpful in School: **Ryan Spoors**  
Top Sport Student: **Haydn Maclean**  
The Endeavour Award: **Savannah Patrick and Kelly Green**  
Most Improved Art: **Jordan Duff**  
Most Improved Music: **Fran Porritt**  
Most Improved Technology: **Brittany Swires**  
Most Improved Science: **Jack Jacob**  
Most Improved Language: **Shannon Sture**  
Most Improved Sport: **Emily Kavanagh**  
Overcoming Adversity: **Kimberley Hall**  
Most Improved Overall: **Bradley Race**

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## AYCLIFFE STUDENT WINS DURHAM SCHOOLS PHYSICIST OF THE YEAR

On the 24th of June, Woodham Academy student Daniel Hoare attended the Durham Schools Physicist of the Year awards ceremony with his family, Head of Science Andrew Jenkins, and

Physics teacher Phil Dennis. Alongside top students from a number of local schools, Daniel was presented with an award from the Ogden Trust, as well as a commendation for his excellent work and

potential in Physics. There was also an opportunity to meet students and academics from the Physics department at Durham University and to see demonstrations of undergraduate projects.

As well as being an excellent achievement, this award qualifies Daniel for scholarships and bursaries from the Ogden Trust. The trust provides academic awards for outstanding young scientists with the aim of supporting them through higher and further education. Of Daniel, Head of Science Andrew Jenkins said, "Daniel has an exceptional insight in to the world of science - very rarely have I come across



a student so young who has made the conceptual links that are often not gained until students have left school. Daniel is always questioning the world around him and has all the skills needed to make an outstanding physicist."

## Wind Farm Application

Eon has now submitted its planning application for 24 wind turbines on land near the A1 in Bradbury/Mordon. This is known as the Isles application. This is to inform readers that there will be an opportunity to inspect the submitted Isles planning application at drop-in sessions attended by Durham County Council officers at the following venues: Sedgefield Parish Hall,

Front Street, Sedgefield, TS21 3AT on Tuesday 8th July between 4pm and 7pm, Mordon Village Hall, Aycliffe Lane, Mordon, TS21 2EY on Thursday 17 July 2014 between 4pm and 7pm.

Please feel free to attend if you want to find out more about the application. Due to the size and nature of this application it will be considered by committee and will not be a delegated decision.

## Sedgefield 75 News

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club had three swimmers at the Northumberland and Durham Masters Championships at Durham's Freemans Key pool on 29th June.

Gillian Hooke competed in several events and won the top woman swimmer in her age group, obtaining personal bests in several of her events and swimming strongly in her breaststroke races. Elizabeth Yaneske also swam well in her events with an outstanding performance in all her freestyle races with many personal bests. Hayley Bradley competing in her first masters gala did well in her swims and took second place in her age group with strong performances on the 100 metres freestyle and 50 metres butterfly.

All of the swimmers were very pleased with their performances.

Matthew Bradley aged 16 competed on the 24th and 25th June at the British Gas International Meet at the Manchester Aquatics Centre. Matthew performed well in the 50 metres breaststroke against strong competition and also took part in the 100 metres breaststroke narrowly missing out on a place in the final. Matthew went on to compete for the North Eastern Division English Schools Swimming Association interdivisional team championships at the Hengrove Park Pool in Bristol on the 28th and 29th June. Matthew competed in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay team and the 4 x 100 metres medley relay team. The freestyle team broke the existing ESSA

record taking 1st place against very strong competition from the other seven divisions. They took 3rd place in the medley relay. Matthew also competed individually in the 100 metres breaststroke taking 5th place and the 100 metres freestyle races taking 4th place in both races. The North Eastern Division team took overall first place in the competition and are looking forward to defending their title next year on home ground at the Sunderland Aquatics Centre.

## Vane Road Leavers Fair

The Year 6 children at Vane Road School have been busy organising a variety of fundraising stalls for a Leavers Fair on Wednesday 9th July starting at 1.30pm.

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## Eldon Whins Plan Deleted

Dear Sir,  
 I don't wish to have a running dispute with Don Fraser but I refer to a letter from Sedgefield Borough Council dated 28th October 2008 which states:  
 "The policy of the Local Plan which related to the development at Eldon Whins (Policy H7) was put forward for deletion by Sedgefield Borough Council, and this recommendation was accepted by Government Office for the North East. Consequently this policy expired on 27th September 2007, and no longer formed part of the development plan for Sedgefield Borough after that date."  
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# Spartans Beat Liverpool Running Club in Swaledale

First placed Newton Aycliffe Spartans travelled to Merseyside last weekend to take on Liverpool Trojans and thanks to two convincing victories, they remain on course to secure their first ever AA Northern Division title.

Game 1 saw both teams pitchers struggle. Spartans jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead thanks to some great hitting from Lee Hill, Jason Hill and Bryan Dunkel. However the home side kept themselves in the game, capitalising on the Spartans failing to find the strike zone. Liverpool scored 10 times despite only recording 3 hits. The Spartans shrugged off a poor 2nd inning to score 7 unanswered runs in the 3rd inning and that proved to be enough of an insurance marker to ensure the victory thanks to a 21-10 score line. In game 2, Spartans shrugged of the inconsistency shown in the previous game and showed

little mercy as they put on a rampant batting display, scoring 8 times in the 1st inning, 3 times in the 2nd inning, and 21 times in the 3rd inning and this backed up by a great pitching performance from player coach Mike Holton who holds the league record for runs allowed (1.42). Eight of the nine Spartan batters contributed to the runs scored. Damian Valdez hit a 3 run home run and had 5 runs batted in (RBI's) along with Mike Holton and Steve Rixon with 5 RBI's. Stu Bradon collected 5 hits from 5 plate appearances whilst knocking in 3 runs. Final Score Spartans 32 Liverpool Trojans 4

Spartans have a break from competitive action and are back in action later in July and with only a handful of games remaining, are in pole position to take their first ever AA Northern Division title in only their third season in existence.



Twelve members of Aycliffe Running Club recently competed in the Swaledale Marathon. This is not actually the full marathon distance, but most runners times reflect the fact that it is much harder than most marathons and includes over 4,000ft of ascent.

Dez Fielden was first home for the club by a long way and most people would have been happy with his time of 3h:18s over any marathon course. He also picked up the prize for 3rd male.

Next home were Matt Heron and Martin Knox, who both improved on their times of previous years finishing 61st 4:18 and 63rd 4:23 respectively, followed by Peter Milburn, who was suffering with cramp after 2 miles, 77th in 4:28, Rob Nicholson was next to finish and all the hard training has finally paid off, producing his best time in years, 112th in 4:49.

John Burnside, a one time sub 4hr man over the course,

suffered badly after setting off too fast and had to walk most of the second half of the race, but still managed the commendable time of 4:49, 125th.

Wendy Bake was the first female home for the club and bettered last years time by a long way, finishing 134th in 4:51. Naomi Kellett works down south and travelled north to do the race with her friend Shelley McCormack. Both finished together 212th/213 in 5:32 which was excellent for two first timers. It was also a first Swaledale outing for Kat Aspey and Laura Knox so they thought they would take it very steady, but when they were passed by a walker they thought they had perhaps overdone things and speeded up to finish together in 7:01, 3:40th/3:41st.

Finally, Jayne Heron, who had suffered badly with tonsillitis a few days before the race, had to reluctantly drop out after 18 miles.

The following day it was the club's annual 10k around the roads of Newton Aycliffe. Most of the club's members were down for marshalling duties etc., but the few who ran gave a good account of themselves.

Susan Clark had hoped to get under 60 minutes but was just outside in a PB of 60:37 and Ross Garland completed his first 10k in the good time of 57:44.

However, Mark Wade was first home for the club in 38:41, followed by Justin Hindmarch 43:53, Dave Blewitt 45:34, Philip Tumelty 53:17, Angela Barrat 53:19, Dave Thompson 53:39 and Kelly Smith 57:44.

# Famous Sportswoman Invited to Youth Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre is to host an event with a Paralympic Athlete who is now sitting in the House of Lords

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE DL will be the guest speaker at an event to be held in Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre on a date to be announced.

Chairman Vince Crosby met Baroness Grey Thompson at an event in Durham and she inspired him so much he invited her to NAYCC which she accepted.



Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre is a great achievement and should not to be missed.

# Get Your Wellies Out

Friends of West Park are slowly getting on top of cleaning the small lake and persistence will eventually clear it.

The lower Boating Lake however is in a terrible state and needs a lot of attention particularly before the Cutting Loose event this month.

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# Aycliffe Fell Walkers on Weekend Camp

Aycliffe Fell Walkers had been looking forward to the club's annual outing and when it finally came, last Friday, there was lots of enthusiasm as members headed for Kettlewell Village in Wharfedale, anxious to make the most of the weekend ahead.

Some elected to camp in a farmer's field just outside the village and had their tents pitched well before the planned meeting in the village pub, whilst the remaining members chose the comfort of the local hostelryes. The Friday evening get-together in the Blue Bell Inn saw walkers greeting each other like long-lost friends, before they sat together to enjoy the customary reunion dinner, with lots of drink flowing during and after the meal. Despite the celebrations most retired at a reasonable hour, keen to get a good night's sleep in preparation for the next day's walking.

The sun shone brightly on Saturday morning and members set off to walk in different directions, depending on their aspirations. The 'A' team decided on an arduous 14+ mile circuit, taking in Buckden Pike and Wharfedale; the 'B' team chose a direct ascent of Great Whenside, putting 12 miles behind them before descending to take refreshments at the Fox & Hounds in Starbottin; the 'C' team chose a shorter but no less interesting 7 mile route over Old Cote

Little Moor to Arncliffe in Littondale, returning via Knipe Scar. All enjoyed day-long, high-level views over the glorious Yorkshire Dales countryside.

The highlight of the Saturday evening was a barbeque organised by the campers, in the nearby farmer's field. Sausages, burgers and chicken wings with lots of relish were washed down with wine & beer, and thankfully not a kettle in sight! Strawberries and cream, with passion fruit cake on the side, proved the perfect choice to accompany the main courses. A most enjoyable evening for all! The day's labours resulted in everyone sleeping soundly and contentedly during the night, regardless of whether in a sleeping bag or in a four-poster!

Sunday after breakfast saw the 'A' and 'B' team walkers taking on the walk that the 'C' team had undertaken the previous day, whilst the 'C' team elected to walk to Starbottin, returning to Kettlewell via the well-trodden Dales Way footpath. All in attendance voted this one of the best annual club outings in memory and vouched to return on next year's trip; thank goodness for some decent weather this time round!

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**ACORN** Residents Association will be holding their July meeting on 10th July at the Royal British Legion Club, beginning with a meeting of our junior section Little Acorns at 5.30pm followed with the main meeting commencing from 6pm. Our guest speaker this month will be Angela Corner from Great Aycliffe Town Council who will be explaining her role in planning and implementing our Neighbourhood Plan.

ACORN meetings are a great way to meet new people who care about our community and attending will be Councillors from both Great Aycliffe and County Durham who will be available to address any concerns you may have, Representatives of Livin are also expected to attend to listen to any concerns which may be raised from tenants. Welfare Champions are also available for one to one consultations and signposting along with members of GACAP. ACORN are taking a holiday break in August but will return in September,

however queries which need urgent attention will still be addressed by contacting Ken.

**2014 ITINERARY**  
Dates for bus trips. Alnwick / Bamburgh Saturday 26th July  
South Shields Saturday 30th August  
Beamish Museum Saturday 20th September  
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Further details can be obtained from the ACORN Residents meeting or from Christine on 0790 2906144 or Leanne on 0791 9172676

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# WILL WE GET THE MARKET BACK?

Dear Sir,  
The campaigners who tried very hard to maintain the market in Newton Aycliffe were unsuccessful, and its a pity that Councillor Clare failed to push and keep the market in Newton Aycliffe on the Cubby site.  
He seems to have the answer for everything as the site at

the Cubby was proposed by myself eight months ago in the Newton News. If taken up then there would have been plenty of time for the site to be prepared for the use of the market.  
For 28 years the site has been left derelict apart from around The Cubby which has been on the site 30 years

or more. As for grasping the nettle and what to do with the Cubby, negotiations have been ongoing with officers of the County Council for years. Myself along with the committee of volunteers have worked tirelessly to maintain the premises and are prepared to come to some amicable arrangement if a new building were to be made available. Once you lose something you will never get it back and its sad for Newton Aycliffe and the loss of the market. Councillors are elected to do what the people want not what

the Councillor himself thinks is best for us!  
Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

# Cyclists Must Think!

Dear Sir,  
Pedestrians must be aware that we have some inconsiderate cyclists in our midst and they seem to be increasing!  
I suggest cyclists THINK! How close do you cycle to pedestrians as sometimes we cannot hear you approaching until it is too late. USE A BELL! It could save pedestrians being bumped into or knocked over.  
I have been knocked more than once because cyclists are not aware of space (unless they are complaining about cars driving too close to them). I will say I am not the only one to experience this problem and I hope the culprits realise how dangerous they are.

The Highway Code states:  
64 You MUST NOT cycle on a pavement. Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & R(S)A 1984, sect 129  
Although the code states MUST NOT cycle on pavements I can understand the need, however everyone should feel safe when walking and not worry about being knocked down.  
69 You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals. Laws RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD reg 10(1)  
I have witnessed many a cyclist running a red light at a junction or pedestrian crossing or refusing to stop at a zebra crossing.  
T. Latham

# Aycliffe Village News

**BABY SENSORY CLASSES:** For parents and carers with babies up to 13 months, there is a sensory class at the village hall on Tuesdays at 10.30am. For details, call Carly on 07881-922076.  
**BINGO:** Eyes down for bingo at the village hall on Wednesday, July 9th, and on Wednesday, July 23rd, at 7.30pm; all are welcome.  
**BREAKFAST CLUB:** The next breakfast club is on Saturday, July 12, at the village hall from 9am-noon. There will be bacon, egg or sausage buns on offer, as well as cups of tea or coffee, so come along for a chat, to read the newspapers and have something to eat and drink. Plus, there will be activities for children and a book stall. All proceeds go to the village hall.  
**COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next committee meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association is on Monday, July 14th, at 8pm. New members and visitors are welcome. For details, call chairman Keith Johnson on 01325-314735.  
**JUNIOR DISCO:** The junior disco is on a summer break. The next one will be on Friday, September 26, from 6.30-8pm.  
**JAZZ NIGHT:** Enjoy a summer's night of jazz music and food at The County on Friday, July 25th, at 7pm, when The Jazz Tones will be performing. Tickets for the fundraising night for Acle Scout Group cost £20, to include a buffet supper, and are available from The County on 01325-312273, Joy Marie Hair Design or any of the Acle leaders.  
**WI MEETING:** The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, July 30th, at the village hall at 7.30pm, when Susan Warlock will give a talk on Artist in the Community. The challenge is to make a coaster. For more details, call Sue Hindle on 07775-680804.

## Thank You

SYLVIA GRAHAM would like to thank Dr Clarke and all the staff at Pease Way Medical Centre and everyone on Ward 43 at Darlington Memorial Hospital for their care and kindness during John's last illness. Ged from John Meynell for her support; all our friends for the beautiful cards and words of comfort and condolence; Val and Denise for their support and friendship during this sad time. Thank you all so much  
**THE FAMILY** of the late Billy Allen would like to thank friends, family and neighbours for their kindness shown, cards received and donations given for the Marie Curie nurses, following the death of Billy on Thursday 26th June. Special thanks to Dr Dodgson of Bewick Crescent Surgery, the nursing team and the Marie Curie nurses who so tenderly cared for him over the last few weeks of his life, and for the huge support given to us by the Revd Colin Jay and Revd Sarah Jay. From his loving wife Sheila and his children Diane, Geoff, Lynne & Janice.

## Licence Applications

**The Licensing Act 2003**  
Notice is hereby given that Woodham Golf and Leisure Ltd have applied to the Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as WOODHAM GOLF CLUB, Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, DL5 4PN. An application for a premises licence is sought to permit the following activities: Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, Recorded Music, anything of a similar description, Monday to Saturday 11:00-00:00, Sunday 11:00-22:30. Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises). Monday to Saturday 11:00-00:00, Sunday 11:00-22:30. The full application can be inspected at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Annand House, St. Johns Road, Meadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS between Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30pm by appointment, Telephone: 03000 265107. A Responsible Authority or Other Party under the Licensing Act 2003 can make representations/objections to this application. Representations must be made in writing to: Durham County Council, PO Box 617, Durham, DH1 9HZ by 23rd July 2014. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.  
4th July 2014

## Obituary

**JOHN GRAHAM** (Jock). Died peacefully on 19th June, 2014. Dearly loved and missed by Wife Sylvia and Sister Viki  
**JOSEPH HEWITSON**, aged 94, passed away peacefully on 28th June, 2014. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Private funeral by request.

## In Memoriam

**Paul Clark**  
*Died 8th July 2009*  
Another year has passed and you are not here. In our hearts you will remain, hold memories so dear. You gave us warmth and security, you were a true grafter. You gave us wisdom and guidance through stories of laughter. So fond memories we share, like the odd pint we once sank. As for the men we've become, there's a Dad we can thank, there's a day when we'll meet, when we hope you'll say aloud, "I love you dear Sons, you've made me so proud". Love always, Adam and Matthew xxx

**Paul Clark**  
*Died 8th July 2009*  
*Aged 52*  
Still hard to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. I will think of you forever because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife Carole xxx



**Jeff Clark**  
**Paul Clark**  
*Jeff Died 4th July 2002*  
*Paul Died 8th July 2009*  
loving memories of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xxx

**Jeff Clark**  
*Jeff Died 4th July 2002*  
Loving memories of a dear Brother-in-Law and Uncle. To us you were so special, we only wish with all our hearts that you were here today. Love always, Carole, Adam and Matthew xxx

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## Congratulations



**Jack Strain**

**Happy 16th Birthday Jack**  
All my love, Mam xxx

**Happy 16th Birthday Jack**  
From Gran, Granda, Donna, Bri, Bobbie, Charlie, Scott, Rachel, Leo and Emma xxxxxxx



**Jordan Woodward**

**Happy 18th Birthday**  
*5th July 2014*  
(Mini). have a fantastic 18th birthday Son. Lots of love always, Mam xxxx

**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Lots of love from your annoying little Brother, Brandon xxx

**Many Apples & Turnips**  
have a soopa doopa day. Lots of love Granda and Grandma






**Good Luck**


**Luke Molyneux**

**GOOD LUCK**  
Good Luck Luke on your scholarship at Sunderland Football Club. Keep up the hard work. Mam, Dad, Grandma and Grandad xxx



**Amy Dickinson**

**From Cutie to Beauty**  
**Happy 21st Birthday Amy**  
*5th July 2014*  
Hope you have a great weekend. Also huge congratulations on your degree, we are so proud of you and are looking forward to your Graduation on Monday. Love from Mam, Dad, Stacey and all the family xxx



**YOUNGHUSBAND** Happy 8th birthday to my first born Grandson "Owen" on 26th June. Have a great birthday Owen. Lots of love from Nana and Grandad Andy xxxxx  
**WOOLEY**, Ian and Julie. Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Mam, Jimmy, David, Charlotte, Christopher, Carolyn and families  
**AMY DICKINSON** Happy 21st birthday on 5th July and also enjoy your Graduation on Monday 7th July. From Nana Cath, Grandad Tommy and Nana Doreen  
**AMY DICKINSON** Happy 21st birthday Amy for 5th July. Love from Nanna Peggy, Auntie Sue, Linda, Craig and Emma xxx  
**STEVEN BALDWIN** Happy birthday to a special Son on your 50th. Have a great weekend. Lots of love from Dad and Anne xxx  
**STEVEN BALDWIN** Happy 50th birthday wishes for 4th July to the best Brother and Uncle. It's going to be a birthday to remember! Lots of love from Dave, Tracy, David and Michelle xxxx

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# AYCLIFFE TOP OF DIVISION

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store stormed to the top of the NYSD 2nd division table after an excellent performance to win by 56 runs away at fellow promotion candidates Wolviston 1st XI.

Asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored a respectable 153 all out after 46.5 overs thanks to good innings from Sean Morgan and Chris Palmer, who both scored 37 and an invaluable undefeated 24 from Ross Dixon. In reply the home side were bowled out for just 97 after 36.4 overs with Aycliffe's Matt Atkinson (5 for 10) and Michael Howe (3 for 34) taking the plaudits after their superb display of fast bowling, which helped take them to the top spot with 188 points at the half way stage of the season.

The 2nd team's long unbeaten run was brought to an abrupt halt when they lost a low scoring game at home to Wolviston 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division. The visitors were asked to bat first and were bowled out for 110 thanks to an astonishing spell of leg spin bowling from Patrick Howe (photo attached). The talented youngster finished his 15 over spell with 5 wickets for just 7 runs and he also bowled 10 maidens to set a new 2nd team club record for the most maidens in an innings. In reply Aycliffe were disappointingly dismissed for just 75 with only Neil Bancroft (15 runs), Tony Travis (14 runs) and Darryn Bancroft (12 runs) managing double figures.

The under 18's team lost a tight game away at Brandon by just 3 wickets. Batting first Aycliffe reached 89 for 9 in their allotted 20 overs. Captain Tom Wickins top scored with 29 and there



were useful innings from Matt French (18 runs), Arran Taylor (18 runs) and Jack Lowery (10 runs). In reply excellent bowling from both Patrick Howe (2 for 13) and Ryan Patrick (2 for 22) almost snatched a victory for Aycliffe, but Brandon held on to win the game.

The club's under 15's team

were defeated at home to Willington by 26 runs. Chasing the visitors impressive score of 143 for 2, Aycliffe batted well throughout their innings and reached a respectable 117 for 5 from their 20 overs. Captain Josh Pearson top scored with an unbeaten 31 and there were also excellent aggressive

innings from both Ryan Patrick (25 runs) and Arran Taylor (23 runs) as Aycliffe fell just short of their challenging victory target.

The under 13's lost by 9 wickets at home to Sedgfield in the NYACC league. Batting first Aycliffe captain Dylan Tribbley (30 not out) and the in form James Knowlson (28 runs) helped their side to reach 96 for 4 after their 20 overs. However, the visitors coasted to victory after 13.2 overs and for the loss of just one wicket.

The club's under 11's were desperately unlucky to lose by just 4 runs to Sedgfield in a cracking game at Moore Lane despite a brilliant innings of 27 from captain Lucas Pilling and 2 wickets for just 6 runs from debutant George Pearson.

## GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB HOLD SUMMER CAMPS



The popular Roo Tennis Camps will take place during the school holidays.

The dates are Monday 21st July to Wednesday 23rd July and then Monday 28th July to Wednesday 30th July. Camps start at 10am and end at noon on each day. Players of all abilities aged between

5 and 13 years are welcome. The activities include games and competitions with an emphasis on having fun and making friends. Equipment is provided if necessary.

More information and an Application Form from rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk

The Club Men's A Team move closer to winning promotion in the Slazenger Cleveland Tennis League. The team are still unbeaten with just 3 matches to play. After a narrow escape from relegation last season, the team has benefited from having a settled team and regular pairings in all matches played this year. The next match is against Eldon Grove C are in second place and serious rivals to win the title.

## RESIDENTS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

The Lakes and Dales Residents Association meeting is at Silverdale House Wednesday 16th July at 6pm.

This meeting will discuss the results of the issues on fences and general points being taken up by Livin which we believe is turning our area into a shanty town. They said they will discuss the problems and try and find satisfactory solutions.

WHEN?

Ring Dorothy Bowman 308094 for further details.

# Aycliffe FC Appoint Local Physio

New Aycliffe FC boss Dan Mellanby has acted swiftly to fill the void in his backroom staff left by the departure of physio Kevan Spanton.

Mellanby has appointed Newtonian Claire Boyd as the Clubs new physio who comes to the Club having fulfilled a similar position at Middlesbrough Rugby Club for the past 6 years.

With an MSc in Sports Therapy from Teesside University, it's clear to see her excellent credentials, and Mellanby is excited at the prospect of bringing her into the team.

"Claire is highly qualified, and has just the sort of experience we are looking for"

And in keeping with Mellanby's policy of

looking to recruit local players, it is an added bonus that Boyd hails from Aycliffe. "We want the people of Aycliffe to buy into what we are trying to achieve here. We want to give them a competitive Northern League Football Club, and to feel it really does represent Newton Aycliffe and its people" said Dan.

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