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## The Last Great Aycliffe Show Replaced by Community Festival

Dear Editor  
On behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council I am pleased to announce a brand new community event, planned for next year. It will be named Great Aycliffe Festival and will replace the annual Great Aycliffe Show. The Festival will last for ten days, encompassing two weekends, with provisional dates for next year being Friday 3rd to Sunday 12th July 2015, which will hopefully enable schools to become involved. Unfortunately, attendance at Great Aycliffe Show has dropped in recent years, often as a result of bad weather, which has also led to the cancellation of main arena displays and acts, sometimes at considerable financial cost and disappointment. The decision was therefore taken to make this year the final Great Aycliffe Show and

replace it with something more contemporary and versatile and not restricted to just two days. The concept of the Great Aycliffe Festival is to encourage a whole range of new and exciting local community events - fun days, open days, coffee mornings, concerts, sports competitions etc, all aimed at involving children and adults in a ten-day community celebration with something for everyone. Any organiser who would like to hold an event during this time will have the opportunity to apply for potential financial assistance from the Town Council, especially if this will help to make their event bigger and better. Some of the popular original features of the Great Aycliffe Show, such as the Football Tournament, dancing displays and some



Counc. Bob Fleming

of the competitions, will be retained and, combined with community-hosted events, it is hoped there will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities, which are not quite so dependent on good weather. An open evening will be held at the Youth Centre, Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe on both Monday 11th August and Thursday 14th August 2014 at 6pm for local groups, organisations, businesses and individuals to come along and discuss their possible involvement with the Festival - for further information, contact Great Aycliffe Town Council 01325 300700 or e-mail [marie.robinson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:marie.robinson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk) Cllr Bob Fleming  
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Whins, Cobblers Hall together with smaller developments appearing throughout our town will result in Newton Aycliffe

growing in population and influence within County Durham, but if we are to expand let us scrutinise any development to ensure sufficient green areas are provided with good infrastructure, schools and medical services.

Newton Aycliffe is surrounded by areas of natural beauty with the coast only 40 minutes away, North Yorkshire Moors, Weardale, The Lake District and Northumberland with its rugged countryside and majestic coastline.

Great Cities like Durham, Newcastle and York are just a short distance away. We have a train station which connects us to the main rail network.

We have much to be proud of with community groups springing up all over our town. We only have to scan Newton News each week to see the benefits of being involved in fun days, self-help groups and community centres where anything from New Age Curling to training courses are hosted.

Our town council provide bus trips for the elderly and a fireworks displays.

Hopefully the local airport at Middleton St George will expand to more destinations as the population of the area grows.

See the picture of volunteers working to clear our boating lakes of duckweed algae etc as a great example of how much people love our town and its facilities.

Ken Robson - ACORN Residents Association Friends Of West Park

# GUIDE RAINBOW LEADER GAINS QUALIFICATION

Girlguiding Newton Aycliffe Division are celebrating yet another Rainbow Leader completing her Adult Leadership Qualification. Gemma Grayson, Assistant Leader at 1st Newton Aycliffe Rainbow Unit, received her badge and certificate from Division Commissioner, Becci Barnett on Saturday 21st June at the Darlington Arena (Mowden Rugby Club). Three town Brownie Units

were present to witness the event as they were all attending the second Big Brownie Birthday Sleepover organised by Girlguiding Durham South County to celebrate the Brownies 100th Birthday.

All of Newton Aycliffe's Brownie Units were able to attend the events over two weekends thanks to the funding secured from GAMP at the local participatory

budgeting event.

To register girls for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or the Senior Section please log on to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus and select your preferred unit. Adult volunteers should register via the same website.

Girlguiding has a specific programme, the Senior Section, for 14-25 year olds that welcomes them

as volunteers (particularly useful for developing skills in leadership, organisation, administration or childcare) and invites them to participate in all sorts of awards and experiences for self development and FUN.

For local information please contact Becci Barnett, Division Commissioner on 01325 311204.



## "Good" Ofsted Report for Town Nursery



The staff and children at St. Oswald's Pre-School are celebrating after their recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors stated that the Provision is 'good' and:-

- All staff are knowledgeable on how children learn and know their key children well, which enables them to plan appropriate challenging activities. This supports children as they make good progress in readiness for school.
- Staff are secure in their knowledge and understanding of safe-guarding matters. As a result, children's safety, health and wellbeing are effectively supported.
- Highly effective partnerships with parents, carers and other professionals, ensures children have consistent support and early intervention to maximise learning opportunities for all children. Frequent communication and information sharing with parents and carers further supports children's learning at home.
- Leadership places a strong emphasis on continuous improvement with robust, self-evaluation systems, which are used effectively to support the team to make improvements across all areas.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for their comments during the visit. Parents describe the Pre-School as 'a lovely little setting, where children are really made to feel important and staff go

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## Student Emma Joins Governing Body at Woodham Academy

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successful and happy school. As the next Governors' meeting, Mr. French will be joined by a new associate student governor, Emma Sandford. Emma has become Woodham Academy's fifth student governor. She will join the Governing Body to make sure that students' views are heard. Emma applied to become a student governor because she wanted to have an impact, so that students following her would have an even better experience. She also believes that the opportunity to service on the Governing Body will help her to develop skills that will be useful in her future career. Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "It is right and proper that students are represented at the highest level at Woodham Academy, because Woodham is their school. I am delighted that Emma has been appointed and know that she will be a worthy successor to our previous student governors, Jordan McAteer, Richie Howe, Josie Eldridge and Callum Scott, all of whom have been great ambassadors for Woodham Academy.



## Musical Countdown to Carnival at West Park



On Tuesday 8th July, one week before the main event, a group of young people involved in this year's 'Cutting Loose' gave a surprise performance in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre to promote their event – flash mob style! Members of the public looked puzzled by the presence of brass instruments being carried by their fellow shoppers, but all become clear as they started to play and dancers gave a performance in the centre of the town. This was a sneak preview of the show these fantastic young performers will be a part of on Tuesday 15th July. Cutting Loose 2014 has involved more than 20 groups of young people and members of the community in creative development, production and performance – the sounds of brass will fill West Park for our

extravaganza – with the aim of cheering up the grumpy King of the Boggles! If you missed our Flash Mob, or want to see more of this fantastic performance, we hope that Newton Aycliffe will come out in force on Tuesday 15th July, 6pm, Boating Lake (West Park), to support the young people and to experience a fantastic live performance of music and arts! The event is free, and will include some activity in the park just beforehand. The project has been funded by GAMP AAP, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Livin, East Durham Trust and Greenfield Arts. It has been developed and managed by Greenfield Arts and is being directed by Unfolding Theatre. For more information please visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Walworth World Cup



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## NEW ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE



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I was merely pointing out that the meal provided in the hotel was not up to standard and did so not because of

anything to do with Council Tax but to allow the Town Council to see that they paid for an inferior meal. This was to help them make a different choice, perhaps, next time. My letter was never meant as a criticism but to advise the council. My sister and I have always spoken highly about the Senior Citizens' trip and indeed look forward to next year, God willing.  
Mrs Audrey Humble.

## Aycliffe Village School Fair

The weather was glorious and the school grounds at Aycliffe Village Primary School were packed with happy children and parents on the afternoon of Thursday 26 June when this year's annual Summer Fair took place.

Tommy Bungle kicked the afternoon off when he had the children rolling with laughter from his tent on the school yard. We saw amazing performances from Woodham Academy Samba Band and the Xcel Church Choir while sampling home-made cakes and arts & crafts.

The whole place was buzzing with fun and laughter from start to finish and the P.T.A would like to thank all those that attended and helped raise an enormous sum of just over £1000 to help towards activities and projects that are not otherwise funded.



## Clampdown on Misuse of Disabled Parking

Durham County Council is cracking down on people who misuse disabled parking badges.

From 7 July, enforcement officers will be targeting motorists who abuse the Blue Badge Scheme, which allows disabled drivers to park closer to shops and amenities. Officers will be checking that badges are real and being used by the badge holder to help make sure that drivers with genuine disabilities can access the parking spaces they need. Misuse and abuse of a blue badge is a criminal offence which can lead to a fine of up to £1,000.

CLlr Neil Foster, Cabinet member for economic

regeneration, said: "Being able to park closer to shops and amenities is vital for people with disabilities. Anyone who abuses that right is committing a criminal offence as well as making life much more difficult for those with genuine disabilities."

"By targeting those who misuse disabled parking badges we are making sure that there will be plenty of parking spaces for people who really need them."

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## Farewell to Popular Vicar

A BARBECUE was held at Aycliffe Village Hall on Midsummer's Day to say goodbye to the Reverend Julie Wing who is leaving the parish.

More than 40 villagers gathered at the event held outside in the grounds on a warm, sunny evening, and enjoyed beef steaks, burgers and sausages in buns, followed by Black Forest gâteau and chocolate cheesecake.

The Rev Julie Wing has taken the Services at St Andrew's Church in Aycliffe Village for the past five years ago, in her role as team vicar for the Parish of Great Aycliffe. She said: "I have really enjoyed my time in the parish and am very sorry to be leaving. Aycliffe Village is a lovely place and has a great community spirit."

Church warden, Dawn Herbert, of Aycliffe Village, who helped to organise the barbecue, said: "Julie will be greatly missed. She made a point of meeting people

because she wanted them to get to know her." Julie is taking over as the rector at Usworth, in the parish of Washington.

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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	
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Saturday	aqualearn			General swim		Splashtots		Available for hire				Closed	
Sunday	aqualearn			General swim			Available for hire				Closed		

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		aqualearn	Lane swim	Sedgefield Water Polo Club		Closed	
	General swim				General 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											
Thursday	Lane swim			Aquafit	Lane swim					aqua learn	Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club		aqualearn	Lane swim	Lane swim		Sub Aqua Club	Closed
	General swim				General 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	General Swim			Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club				Closed				
			Lane swim															

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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.

- How old are you?  
☐ Under 16    ☐ 17-20    ☐ 21-30    ☐ 31-40    ☐ 41-50  
☐ 51-60    ☐ 61+
- Do you bring children swimming?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- Do you currently swim?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No. Please go to question 6.
- Where do you currently swim? .....
- How often do you currently swim?  
☐ More than once per week    ☐ Once per week  
☐ Once or twice a month    ☐ A few times a year
- 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)
- 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



## Training Company Opens at Aycliffe



left to right: Wendy Matthews, Alain Lee and Stephen Foster

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## Mayor at Eden Nursery Graduation



This is always a very sad time of the year at the nursery and tissues were at the ready as 36 children graduated from the House of Eden Nursery at Cobblers Hall on Wednesday

July 2nd.

Dressed in their cap and gowns each child stood on a small stage and told their parents what they wanted to be when they grew up. Ambitions ranged from hairdressers, teachers and firemen to princesses, daddy's, the Hulk and a power ranger. One small child actually wanted to stay just the same as she is now – she didn't want to grow up. Certificates were awarded to each child by the new Mayor, Wendy Hillary. The evening ended with the staff and children performing a dance to 'The Witch Doctor'. The House of Eden Nursery are based in the Pioneering Care Centre and provide day care facilities from birth to 4½ years and offer before/after school care and a holiday club for children up to the age of 12 years. They are open 51 weeks per year from 8am to 6pm. For further details, please contact 01325 329931. Email: cobblers.hall@edennursery.co.uk

## Woodham Students Visit to Beamish



Woodham Humanities Academy Department (History, Geography and RE) took Year 7 students to Beamish Museum on a school Specialist Day, a day where students are able to have educational experiences they would not have in the classroom.

Whilst at Beamish the students were able to explore the various sites, including the mine and mining village. In the mining village they experienced education as it would have been 100 years ago, which turned out to be very different from what they are used to today. At the town, the big draw was, of course, the sweet shop, where lots of students mysteriously developed blue tongues. Students were also fascinated to find out about life on the farm during World War Two and the opportunities that were available to the 'land girls'. They also had the opportunity to visit the funfair which, on

such a beautiful day, was very popular.

Although nothing like the "white knuckle" rides we might find today, a ride on a carousel, a swing boat or a turn at the coconut shy proved a most enjoyable experience. Students returned home tired but happy, having had a very enjoyable experience.

## C.D.F.H.S. FURNITURE RESTORATION SCHEME



Turning old furniture from shabby to chic is the hallmark of an enterprising charity in County Durham. Volunteers mix traditional woodworking skills with modern techniques to transform sofas, tables, chairs and other items into bespoke pieces to be sold at low cost to homes in need of furniture.

It is all done by the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme in Chilton, one of seven charities who make-up the Reuse Forum supported by Durham County Council.

Ruth Smith, external project officer for strategic waste management, Durham County Council, said: The shabby chic project is a unique and exciting of rejuvenating unwanted items. Donating furniture not only enables charities to sell good quality furniture at low cost but also reduces waste and provides a range of training and volunteering opportunities for people to get back into work"

Most charities in the Forum collect household items free of charge if they are in good condition and re-usable To find out more about the Shabby Chic project please contact County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, on telephone: 01388 721 509. For further details on all furniture reuse schemes visit www.durham.gov.uk/reuse or call Durham County Council's Strategic Waste Management team on 03000 261 000.

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On Tuesday 1st July Greenfield Community College held its annual Sports Presentation Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and families to support and celebrate the success of a hall full of dedicated and determined students.

All pupils who attended received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield offer throughout the year. The sports included: football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, cross-country, rowing, basketball, wheelchair basketball, indoor athletics, girls football, rounders, trampolining, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball.

The evening encapsulated a whole year of sporting success which has seen PE and Sport continue to thrive. The first half of the ceremony presented opportunity to celebrate winners for: personality, commitment, most improved, team of the year, sports leaders, outstanding club performance and a newly introduced dance award. At the midway point of the evening a range of pupils were invited up onto stage for the infamous entertainment round, which was themed around the World Cup. This year saw the students watch a video where they had to guess the attempts taken by Greenfield staff to score directly from a corner and then take part in the numeracy in PE quiz involving a series of maths challenges related to the World Cup. At the end of the evening the two most prestigious awards were presented for Outstanding Performance in School Sport with Adam Lamb winning the accolade for the boys and Tamara Gale for the girls. Congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself, your families and your teachers proud.

Award winners  
 Sports Personality Male & Female – Luis Longstaff, Megan Cross. Commitment to Sport Male & Female – Connor Elston, Samantha Clark. Most Improved Male & Female – Jordan Bambridge, Emma Smith. Team of the Year – Year 8 Football Squad. Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female – Adam Lamb, Tamara Gale. Sports Leader Award Male & Female – Kieren Kemp, Amber Dolby. Dance Award for Outstanding Commitment and Performance – Emilie Thelwell. Outstanding Club Performance – Courtne Mills (Athletics)

## LIGHT BULB DISPOSAL

A reader keen to follow the green recycling code asks the question on how to dispose of ordinary lamp light bulbs as there appears to be no special collection information for these products which contain mercury.

We spoke to the Environment Department at County Hall. John Shannon, Durham County Council's waste manager, said: "We ask that residents do not place light bulbs that contain mercury, such as fluorescent tubes and the new smaller Compact Fluorescent Lights (CLFs), in their household waste or recycling bins, but take them to their Household Waste Recycling Centre or any electrical wholesaler that provides a bring-back service. Recycling mercury-containing products is one of the best ways to help prevent mercury being released into the environment as it keeps these products out of landfills and incinerators."

## Aldi Act on Disabled Bay Parking

Dear Sir,  
 Went to Aldi last week and as usual saw cars without disabled badges parked in the disabled bays. Two very expensive looking cars to be took spaces. I informed the staff and a lady went straight out and told the driver of one of the cars to move and she looked around for the other driver. Tesco take note. A war pensioner

# Action Packed Time for Aycliffe Air Cadets

Air Cadets from 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron recently attended the annual Wing Competitions Day where they competed against 34 other squadrons from Durham and Northumberland in drill, aeromodelling, aircraft recognition and first aid. Our cadets excelled themselves, finishing 2nd in the drill competition and 4th overall. They have their eyes set on first place for next year!

Through the Air Cadet organisation cadets can gain their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Four cadets recently completed the expedition section of their Bronze Award following a two day walk through Teesdale, taking in High Force. Almost every cadet is working towards an Award by volunteering, doing sport and learning a new skill. FSgt Lowe and Cdt Smith have been very busy. They are both members of the Wing Band and recently joined other cadets from the Corps playing at Edinburgh's Beating the Retreat, playing to Lord Lieutenants, Group Captains and other dignitaries. They are currently on camp at a Tri-Service Band meeting and will be playing at a series of Royal events in Scotland. 1407 would like to thank all the staff at Newton Aycliffe Fire Station for the very enjoyable visit we had to the station. Cadets learned about how the station operates and got to use the hoses and see



the appliances. Team Durham held a Mini Mudder event; a wet and muddy obstacle course for 4-11 year olds, raising money for their Zambia project. Air Cadets from Aycliffe helped to run the event by setting up the course, encouraging the participants and marshalling. They even had a go around the course themselves! With the nicer weather, Cadets have also been enjoying adventure training. The squadron have had two activity day walks and also rock climbing. Five cadets have completed their Bronze

National Navigation Award Scheme. Cadets have also enjoyed clay pigeon shooting. Two novices, Cdt Lakey and Smith, have shown particular talent, both scoring very highly. There's no rest as we move in to summer. With lots of camps, sport, flying, competitions and events coming up, 1407 can again look forward to an exciting few months. If you're aged 13-17 and want to get involved then visit our website for details on how to join [www.1407aircadets.org](http://www.1407aircadets.org)

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# Greenfield Prom - Class of 2014

## WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY



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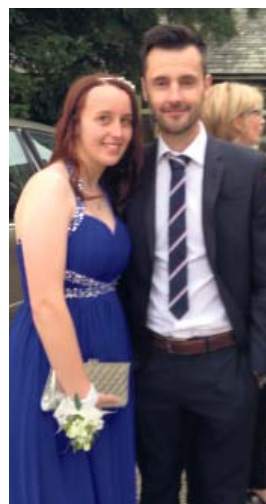
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# Greenfield Prom - Class of 2014

## WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY



## Year 11 Leave Greenfield

It was with real sadness that the staff from Greenfield Community College bid farewell to the class of 2014 on Monday. After 5 years full of commitment, enthusiasm and effort the year 11 students finished their exams and left the school for the very last time.

As well as the annual year 11 photograph and the ceremonial signing of shirts, the year group were addressed by headteacher David Priestley who praised their continued effort. Stuart Dixon, Assistant Headteacher, then guided the cohort through an assembly of celebration with videos and photographs, highlighting memorable times throughout their secondary education. Following the class of 2013 and their record GCSE results was never going to be an easy task but this cohort have given



themselves every possible chance to break records and achieve outstanding personal sets of qualifications. The ability of the year group has already been demonstrated with many students having completed their GCSE English; 100% reaching their target and 62% exceeding it, with 30% achieving an A\*/A grade.

There were tears all around as the assembly came to an end and the strawberries and cream had all but disappeared. It's not all over for the group as we look forward to the prom next week to celebrate together their fantastic achievements. Good luck class of 2014, we are proud of you!



Organiser of the Annual Year 11 Awards, Paul Howarth from Newton Press

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:

Helpful Student in School  
Tanisha Waters  
Top Sport Student  
Zoe Blakey  
Helpful in the Community  
Aicha Krasik  
Improved Art Student  
Jake Nicholls  
Improved Music Student  
Sam Dobinson  
Improved DT Student  
Kimberley Morgan Linskey  
Improved Science Student  
Megan Elvidge  
Improved Language Student  
Jacob Young  
Improved Sport Student  
Rebecca Lowes  
Top Academic Student  
Megan Cross  
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The sponsors of these awards have been very generous in supplying the funds to purchase valuable prizes. They are Newton Aycliffe Tesco Store, Honest John, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Itec, Newton News, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Beanies, Jacks Driving School, Neville Pharmacy and Newton Press.

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## Aycliffe Firm Sponsor Local Racing Driver

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Scorton based Max returned to the Michelin Ginetta GT4 Supercup with new sponsors Primex Plastics Limited, who manufacture a wide range of quality polyolefin sheeting products into the Industrial and leisure business sectors. The late deal allowed the Leeds Met Student to race, and the Ginetta G55 cup car was delivered to his privateer team on Thursday night in time for Friday testing.

Coates qualified 10th within 1.4 seconds of pole in his first outing on new tires. A fast start in race one moved him immediately up to 9th however a spin at the back of the circuit meant he fell to the back and had to pit to prevent the engine overheating after blocking the front grill with grass. He finished 12th whilst saving the tyres for the remaining races. Coates was a man on a mission in race two and overtook half the field with some exhilarating passing moves. He was catching the podium pack but was held up by another driver who continually cut the track in an effort to stay ahead.

Starting from 6th for race three the David Mason London ambassador was hoping for a



strong finish to the weekend. He struggled with rear lock ups on downshifts throughout the race which made the car very unstable. He brought the car home to an 8th position finish. Afterwards Coates said "It's been great to back out and

this wouldn't have happened without Primex Plastics Limited, Ryan Motorsport Insurance, The Ben Gautrey Foundation, RGPS and a number of personal sponsors. We were hoping that the fresher tyres would have given us a podium chance in race two

but unfortunately I was being held up by another driver that I was unable to pass."

Gary Clement Manufacturing Manager for Primex Plastics said "Max with limited car set up time was very impressive and Primex staff who attended the Sunday races had an excellent day" Coates is hoping for another outing before the end of the season which purely relies on him being able to find the funding to compete. To keep up to date with Max's racing follow him on twitter @MaxCoates71 or like his facebook page.

## Now Read About Aycliffe's Race Car and Radio Station

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## The Lakes Have Always Been Beautiful

Dear Sir,

The Boating Lake has been there for many years and has always looked beautiful. The Council workers have kept it like this, and they are out there 364 days a year keeping it clean and tidy repairing the apparatus as they do in all the parks in Newton Aycliffe. It is their livelihood, a paid job that we pay our taxes for. The Friends of West Park have done a nice job clearing the duck weed from the bottom pond, but cannot take credit for years of hard work done by the staff. - Is all the fuss political? K Harker

## New Young Rugby Players



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club launched their youth development programme at Moore Lane inviting school Years 9, 10 and 11 players from the town and surrounding area to learn rugby union or develop existing skills.

The club has recently had a successful senior season for 2013/2014, eventually winning the Durham County Plate and finishing 3rd in the Durham and Northumberland Division 3.

New senior players has generated a lot of enthusiasm in teaching young lads who come and try the sport. Head coach Pete Ryans assisted by old boy Eddie Presch and the current 1st XV props Bob Malvern and Ritchie Littlefair, has already trialled local lads and the numbers training are encouraging.

Training sessions for youth development take place on Wednesday at 7pm. The emphasis is on fitness and ball handling skills with lines of running and teamwork. The forwards coaches are teaching basics of scrummaging and forward play. It is hoped by the time the new season starts, there will be sufficient numbers to launch an Under 16's squad of players to play in a league.

The club in partnership with the RFU, coordinated by the Northern RFU development officer Mathew Bryant, will be encouraging PE departments of Greenfield and Woodham to start rugby teams from that age group after the summer holidays. Both schools have agreed to participate in rugby development and those students who take up the sport may well go on to play club rugby for Aycliffe.

This is an exciting time for Aycliffe and with the Rugby World Cup in the UK next year there is a lot to aspire to. With all this going on Aycliffe's senior squad start their pre season training this Saturday 12th July 2014, 1pm start. Training will continue on the Saturday afternoons 1pm and also Thursday evenings 7pm throughout July and August.

All new players will be made welcome. All existing players are requested to start the campaign as early as possible. The first game will be away in a friendly versus Northallerton on 23rd August. The club are on a mission to encourage as many players as possible so that a second team can be developed before the

launch of the new season.

Anyone wishing to take up the sport at junior or senior level or join the club with some experience please contact head coach Pete Ryans, Mobile 07796 172599.

This is also the time to ask the local business community to dip into their pockets and offer financial support in the form of sponsorship in return for advertising via various club media. The club has good

relationships with various companies in all the years it has existed and would appreciate any help they can get in order to supply club playing kit, training kit, waterproof and winter clothing, pitch furniture including advertising boarding around the pitch area.

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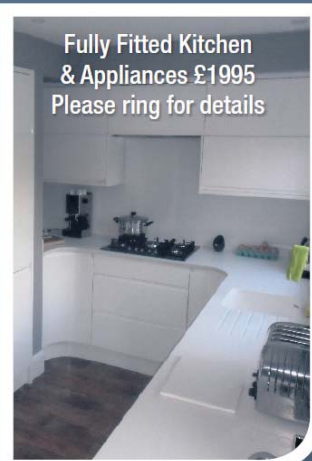
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# Tracksuit Sponsor for NAJFC Under 8's



NAJFC Under 8's with Andy Gent, Manager and Scott Ellwood from S. E. Landscaping

Newton Aycliffe under 8's (2014/2015) have received new tracksuits thanks to S. E. Landscaping. Scott Ellwood whose son plays for the team has sponsored the Under 8's providing new outdoor tracksuits to keep the cold at bay once they are back in action after a short break from the Teesside Junior Football Alliance league. Andy Gent Manager for the team said 'we would all like to thank S E Landscaping for his sponsorship and helping to provide extra kit for the team. The help we receive from the local business community helps us ensure we continue to support sport in our area into the future.'

track suits and cannot wait to arrive at games looking and feeling the part. We would like to wish the team good luck as they start the new season and look forward to seeing them progress. If you would like to find out more about Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club please take a look at our website [www.najuniorfc.co.uk](http://www.najuniorfc.co.uk)

## Music Results

The following pupils of Terence Lawson, School Aycliffe, have been successful in the recent Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examinations:  
PIANO: Cara-Jane Neald Grade 2. GUITAR: Catherine Batty Grade 2. SINGING: Anna King Grade 4

# AYCLIFFE F.C. DEVELOP PLAYER PATHWAY

Last season Newton Aycliffe FC and Juniors FC announced plans to work in partnership for the development of playing opportunities after they had left 'junior' football. NAJFC entered a team into the Durham County u21 league last year, with a view to providing a stepping stone for the players into senior football. It was a move fully supported by NAFC, as they look to ensure talented footballers from the town are retained within the local system. The benefits of that approach are already being seen as six young players have signed for NAFC, offering them the chance to represent their Town in the Northern League First Division. Ryan Farley has played for NAJFC for the last three and half seasons is the current u21's GK and team coach and assists with all team matters. Joe Young is a strong tough tackling central defender who is in his second spell at NAJFC and is the u21's vice captain. Jack Slatcher is a combative box to box central midfielder who has played for NAJFC since the age of 4 and is the current u21's captain studying sport at Durham University. Adam Smith is from Chester Le Street and joined the u21's last season. He is a quick and skilful player comfortable at left back, left midfield and centre half and is studying at Sunderland university. Josh Baker joined the u21's last season and was the youngest player in the squad at just 17 years of age and is a measured full back who can play on the left or right hand

side of defence Ash La Van also joined the u21's last season and plays either behind the striker in the hole or as a striker, strong on the ball and a proven goal scorer having scored 12 goals in only 7 appearances New Aycliffe Manager Dan Mellanby has made no secret of his desire to utilise more local based players this term, with his goal to give the people of Aycliffe a team they can be proud of. Mellanby said "these lads have come in and done really well pre-season. They absolutely fit the bill for us in that they are young and athletic with a great desire to do well for their hometown Club. They will be involved in the pre-season games programme with every chance of playing Northern League football for Aycliffe this season". Chairman of the Juniors,

and Manager of the u21s Nige Slatcher is equally pleased to see the partnership working so well: "Both clubs are keen to further develop our partnership following the agreement that NAJFC U21's would become NAFC official development squad. This approach should ensure that Newton Aycliffe has the best possible opportunity to keep their home grown talent playing for NAFC and not other neighbouring clubs The first chance to see these lads pull on an Aycliffe shirt will be on July 12th, when the pre season programme kicks off with a trip to Athersley Recreation FC in Barnsley. NAFC have organised a coach to travel to the game with space available for supporters priced at just £10 return. To book a seat please contact Dan Lewis on 07581 784726 or Stephen Cunliffe on 07872 985501.

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## Aycliffe Club Supports New Rotary D.G.



Jean Thompson of Rushyford took over the role of District Governor for the 67 North East Rotary Clubs on the 1st July. Her first duty in her year of office was to make an official visit to her own club at Newton Aycliffe where she expressed her aspirations for the year. Her Aycliffe colleagues will support Jean on her journeys to other clubs by driving her to the venues which stretch as far as Berwick in the north and Saltburn in the south. They will also turn out in strength to steward Jean's District Conference over a weekend in Harrogate in October.



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anyway).

But as we started our  
walk, we were appalled and  
disgusted at the amount  
of canine excretion on the  
footpaths.

So what was to be a relaxing  
stroll around the park  
absorbing the magnificent  
views and enjoying the  
fauna and flora, turned out  
to be like a scene from an  
old war movie picking our  
way through a minefield, or  
an episode from the Krypton  
Factor from which I've seen  
less demanding challenges.  
Judging by the imprints  
of trainer soles in the  
aforementioned matter, quite  
a few people would have  
failed in both instances.

I was so incensed by this, that  
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### Horndale M.U.G.A

#### Apology

I would like to apologise to Tyne Tees Crushing and Screening Ltd who gave a donation to our Multi Use Games Area project for printing Tyne Tees Demolition in last week's edition instead of TYNE Tees Crushing and Screening Ltd. I hope I have not offended anyone and if I have I apologise, I take full responsibility for this mistake and it will not be repeated.

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music from Disney's Frozen, Mama Mia, Shrek, Mission Impossible and much, much more!

If you are interested in coming along to support your local dance school the show will be taking place this weekend on Friday 11th July at 7pm



Dance School Principal, Emma Cox, gave birth to Baby Ella on 13th June who weighed just 5lbs 11ozs. Congratulations on behalf of Newton News readers.

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and Saturday 12th July at 1pm and 5pm. All performances are taking place at the Xcel Centre in Aycliffe's Business Park, DL5 6AP. Tickets are £8 an adult and £6 a child and can be bought on the door or from Emma Cox on 07908 162 868. If you would like to find out more about this event please visit Aycliffe Dance Academy's page on facebook.

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craft sessions:- Pop Up Dragon Tuesday, 22nd July 2.15-3.15pm. Peg Mermaid Thursday, 24th July 2.15 - 3.15 pm. For more information on the forthcoming craft sessions, please either call into the library or telephone us on 03000 269519. To make sure your child gets a place on the craft session please book in advance. For the younger children local author Kay Wilson will hold story sessions over the holidays every Friday from 10.30am beginning Friday 25th July. These sessions do not need to be booked and are also free.

## VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH "CUTTING LOOSE"



Our fantastic male volunteers have been working hard in the lead up to Cutting Loose, and are now in the final stretch! They have been building the finale for the event, which they are keeping under wraps here at Greenfield Arts. They are on track to finish in time for Cutting Loose on Tuesday 15th July, 6pm at the Boating Lake (West Park). Come along and see what they have been making! Cutting Loose has been funded by GAMP AAP, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Livin, East Durham Trust and Greenfield Arts. For more information visit our website on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

## New Snack Bar Builds Good Reputation



As its reputation spreads people are beating a path to the door of the new hot & cold snack bar at Newton Press buildings. Fresh cooked corned beef pie, jacket potatoes and fillings, chillie wedges and a host of other succulent meals are available along with an assortment of brown or white sandwiches. All food is freshly made and prepared with strict hygiene control. Call in soon and try it for yourself - Heather and Sue will be pleased to welcome you.

## "Cutting Loose" Carnival at West Park



Top brass are set to take to the stages of village halls and community centres around County Durham next month. Some of the best UK and international bands will take part in nine gigs over nine days as Brass: Durham International Festival's popular Community Tour returns. Developed and delivered by Durham County Council, BRASS festival is an annual celebration of the county's musical culture and tradition. Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "BRASS is all about celebrating our musical heritage and encouraging audiences to look to the future of brass music. Taking the festival out on the road and into our communities is the perfect way of doing that. "We've some brilliant bands lined up and they're all looking

forward to getting on stage and sharing their enthusiasm for brass music with their audiences." This year's community tour includes Beat 'n' Blow from Berlin who are set to wow audiences with their infectious blend of jazz, funk and hip hop joining the Cutting Loose Carnival of music and arts in West Park, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday, 15th July at 6pm..

### Birthday Remembrance

**FEATHERSTONE, Eleanor.** 25/06/06 to 08/05/2006. Missed always on this your birthday. Tony and Family R.I.P. **JOHN ALAN PARKER** 9-7-1934. Memories of a special Dad and Grandad. Love and miss you always. Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx

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### In Memoriam

#### Sylvia Emmerson



11th July 2014

Over 60 years since we first met, 2 years since you left. No one knows how much I miss you. These last 2 years are so lonely without you Syl. I would give anything to have you back. Husband George

**PATRICIA FISK** (Pat). 24/03/1936 to 07/07/2000. We cannot believe it's 14 years since you were taken from us so quickly. Missed and cherished always. Love, Tony, Susan, Michael and family xxx **ANN DENT** 11th July 2013. Treasured and special memories of my Sister and Sister-in-Law. Forever in our thoughts. Pat and Dave **LAWRENCE BRUMWELL** Died 15th July 1987. Always remembered and forever loved. God bless. Jeannette, Owen and Carl

**RON JONES** 13th July 2013. A loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be. He wrapped you in his loving arms and whispered come to me. He tried so hard to stay with us, but his fight was in vain. God took him in His loving arms and freed him from the pain. Lots of love, Doreen, Lynn, Gary and Stephen

### Obituary

**SOWERBY, Doreen** of Newton Aycliffe. Suddenly at home on July 3rd, aged 84 years. Much loved Wife, Sister, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Family and friends please meet for Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Tuesday 15th July for 10.30am. Followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired to Dorothy's chosen charities.

### Thank You

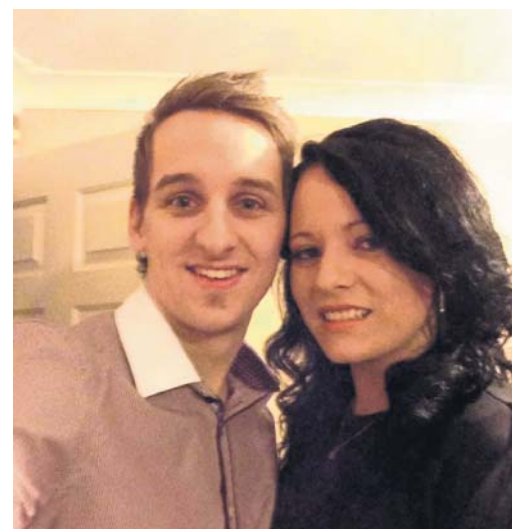
#### Brian Humble and Donna Norris

would like to say a massive thank you to all family and friends (too many to thank individually)! For the huge amount of love and support you have given our family over the past horrendous 18 months. And not forgetting our two wonderful children Bobbie-Jo and Charlie for being so strong, brave and understanding throughout. We love you! Thanks again everyone. Brian and Donna

**OWEN** Stuart and Joanne would like to thank family and friends for making their Wedding Day so special. Thank you very much for the cards, gifts and money. We would also like to thank our four beautiful bridesmaids, you were all stunning. Also both our parents, you were amazing. We would also like to thank the Best Man, Ushers and Stuart's two little Godsons, you all did a great job. Thank you to Jean and Brian Miller for the beautiful cake and also everyone that helped make our special day possible. Love you all, Mr and Mrs Owen **OWEN** Stuart and Joanne would like to thank Anne and Joanne from the Sports Club for the Carvery, Buffet and room, by Ball and Chain. Everything was amazing. You did us proud girls xxx **THANK YOU** all for coming to my very Surprise 80th Birthday Party at the Legion on Saturday afternoon. especially to Fiona and Mandy who arranged it all. Many thanks and my love to you all. Especially my family, what a surprise. Maureen Kavanagh **I WOULD** like to say a great big thank you to my Son and Daughters for my Surprise Birthday Party last Saturday. I had a brill night once I got over the shock. Food and DJ, my owl cake were all awesome. Also to my family and friends who also came along and for cards and gifts received. Thank you so much, Mam/Anne **SPARK** Joan and Joe on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Day would like to thank the Mayor and Newton News for the surprise visit with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Aycliffe Town Council. Daughters Janet and J-Anne; Sons-in-Laws, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren for the surprise garden party; Alston for the celebration cake and all who attended, relations, friends and neighbours for the lovely gifts and cards received, making a memorable day. Love to you all, J and J

### Congratulations

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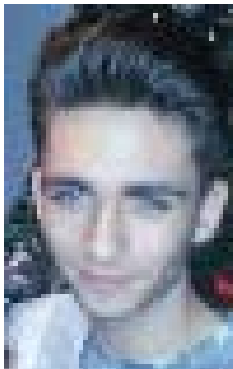
A big congratulations to Dan and Lizzie on your Engagement. Lots of love, luck and happiness to you both. From Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

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Huge congratulations on your degree we are all so proud of you and had one of the most memorable, enjoyable days at your graduation ceremony at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland, on Monday. Love from Mam, Dad and all the family.

#### Brandon Tribley 18 Today



Ohno ... you're a grown up! Have a great birthday Son All our love, Mam, Dad and Dylan xxxxxx

#### Jake Goad is 10



15th July 2014 You make us proud every day and we hope you have a great birthday. Enjoy the Open! Lots of Love Dad, Mam and Matthew

**BARBARA YOUNG's** 60th birthday is here and proves that while growing old is mandatory ... growing up is optional! Enjoy your party love always, John, Andrew, Debs, Poppy, Otis, Julie and Ben xxxxxxx

**BARBARA YOUNG** you are the joy of my days, you are my love more true, you make me feel so happy, I am very proud of you. Happy 60th Birthday love always Dad xx

**HARRY COCKERILL** 10th July, Happy 16th birthday big lad, we hope you have a fantastic day and weekend. Enjoy me laddo!! Love you loads, Mam and Dad xxxxx

**HARRY COCKERILL** Happy 16th Birthday Big Bro!!! Hope you have a great day!! Love, Holly :) xxxxx

**LEDGER, John and Joyce.** Happy Diamond Anniversary to a wonderful Mam and Dad and very special Grandparents. Thank you for all your love and support. Much love, Melanie, Alyson, Andrew, Josh and Harvey x

**CHLOE RAINE** 15th July. Happy 13th birthday. Have a lovely day. Love, Dad, Mam, Josh, Nick and Alana xxx

**CHLOE RAINE** Happy 13th birthday. Love, Kay, Shaun and kids xx

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Local Youth Theatre Group, 'The Tearaways' are about to start rehearsals for their next show "The Disney Pantomime" in

January 2015. Oh Yes They Are!

A spokesperson said "This production will be large and very colourful and will include many famous Disney characters on the stage at one time such as Queen Elsa, Snow White, Peter Pan, Mary Poppins, Cinderella, Captain Hook, The Ugly Sisters, Aladdin, Pocahontas, Maleficent, Woody, and many more. The group is looking for young people aged 10 to 19 years who can or would like to sing, dance or act in the show.

Anyone interested should ring 01325 313363 / 07747 826324 or go to [www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk](http://www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk)

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# First Team Lose Top Spot

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks put in a below par performance when they were easily beaten by 6 wickets at home to Middlesbrough 2nd XI in the 3rd division of the NYSD league. Electing to bat first Aycliffe were bowled out for just 167 after 44.5 overs despite good innings from Matt Atkinson (35 runs), Graham Telford (27 runs) and an unbeaten 17 from Colin Myers.

The visitors romped to victory after only 30.4 overs, despite some excellent fast bowling from Matty Atkinson, who finished his 10 over spell with 2 wickets for 32 runs. The defeat sees Aycliffe knocked off top spot in the 2nd division table, but still well placed to push for promotion in the 2nd half of the season.

The 2nd team had an exciting 2 wicket victory away at Bedale in the NYSD 3rd division. Being asked to bowl first proved beneficial for Aycliffe as captain Adam Gittins took 4 wickets for 31 runs and two wickets for both Patrick Howe and Neil Bancroft helped skittle the homeside for just 126 runs after 39 overs.

All rounder Gittins capped a fine display by top scoring with 37 and with excellent support from Neil Bancroft (32 runs) and an unbeaten 17 from Tom Wickins. Aycliffe made it home to victory in a tense finish after a marathon 56.3 overs.

The 2nd team's fourth win of the season cements their mid table position with a highly creditable 137 points from their 14 games, which is 4 more points than they earned during the whole of last season.

The under 18's were unlucky to lose a tense game by just 8



Newton Aycliffe Under 11's

runs at home to Langley Park. Batting first the visitors scored 101 for 6 in their 20 overs, with Aycliffe's Patrick Howe taking 3 for 23. In reply an excellent innings of 31 from opener Ben Nicholson got Aycliffe off to a good start, but wickets fell at regular intervals.

Sam Dobinson steadied the ship with 15 runs and a fighting unbeaten 13 runs at the end from 13 year old Dylan Tribley was in vain as Aycliffe were bowled out for 93 with one over remaining.

Newton Aycliffe's u13's had an excellent win at home to Darlington RA by 36 runs. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe scored 118 for 8 in their 20 overs with Adam Lamb and Lucas Pilling both scoring 20 runs and Jack Lowery also batted well scoring 18 runs. In reply Darlington RA were restricted to 82 for 6 in their 20 overs with the highlight being a hat-trick taken by Aycliffe's James Knowlson as he finished with the excellent figures of 3 for 6 and Keiran Shingler chipped in with a couple of wickets.

The under 11's team had a fantastic 40 run victory at home to Norton in the NYACC league. All the players played their part in a superb all round team effort and the victorious team, with coaches Joe Haines and Michael Howe

## Teach People to Help Themselves

Dear Sir

I am 76 year old pensioner and I do not disagree or agree with handouts but I believe that if you want to help someone try and teach them to help them self first.

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Mr D.Thomson

# AYCLIFFE SWIMMER'S AMAZING MEDAL HAUL



Amazing results from all swimmers at the Peterlee Gala on Sunday 10th July, which saw a huge medal haul and PBs for all involved.

Kate Carmichael obtained 2 new PBs from her 5 races and a silver and bronze in the 50m backstroke and 100m freestyle respectively. Katelyn Craig obtained a medal of each colour, bronze in 100m butterfly, silver in the 50m freestyle, and gold in the 50m freestyle. Katelyn also managed 3 PBs from her 6 races.

Lauren Chatt took home bronze in both the 100m freestyle and the 50m freestyle and got PBs in 4 out of her 5

races. Rebecca Hall also left the pool in Stanley with a collection of medals. 3 Gold and 3 Silver for Rebecca who medalled in all 6 of her races. Zac Hodgkinson and Niall Coulthard were Sedgefield 75's golden boys as both obtained gold in every race they swam. Zac also managed PBs in 4 of his 7 races while Niall managed to PB in 4 out of 5.

This gala showed Sedgefield 75 and all our swimmers at their best, and demonstrates how attendance, attitude and ability all come together to equal massive achievement.

Well done to everyone concerned!

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