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Residents Urged to Help Plan Aycliffe's Future

Opportunity for Residents to Express their Opinions

The Town Council recently told you about the Neighbourhood Plan which is a very important document to help PLAN for things that are important to the residents and businesses of Great Aycliffe for its future development.

It will become a statutory planning document that will steer future development of our neighbourhood areas. It is only about planning, but an important factor to note is that it's not about saying NO to development.

You are invited to a "Big Event" where Angela Corner the newly appointed Neighbourhood Plan Officer will talk to residents about the work going to be done to complete the Plan over the coming months. More importantly she will be asking you for your views on our future priorities.

The event will be held at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre 24th July – 5pm to 6pm.

You can drop in to look at some of the things to be done and give your views on priorities for the town.

If you have an issue with Transport, Employment, Environment, Housing, Retail or anything else, we urge you to come along and have your say and help us PLAN a better future for Great Aycliffe.

Further information from Angela Corner, Great Aycliffe, Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer

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Bradbury House Visitors Tour Aycliffe's REME Centre

On Thursday 25 June, 102 Battalion REME in the Aycliffe Armoury hosted disabled members of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Group from Bradbury House in Crook.

During the visit the group toured the Army Reserve Centre, received an introduction to the role of 102 Battalion, handled the equipment and vehicles and also sampled army rations, which were cooked outdoors within the Centre.

The visit was arranged by Warrant Officer Dave Tomlinson and Debbie Parker from Bradbury House. Everyone enjoyed the visit and the Army personnel were delighted to welcome and entertain the group.

Neighbourhood Plan Officer Appointed

Angela Corner has recently been employed by Great Aycliffe Town Council as the Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

Angela has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 38 years and attended the Avenue Comprehensive. She worked for 12 years as a Project Manager at Stockton Citizens Advice Bureau, focussing on Financial Inclusion and Legal Advice Qualifications.

Angela managed projects from design to completion, developing these by consulting with the public and organisations to address the financial needs of people (usually the hard to reach) within the Stockton community, securing funding and contracts to deliver those services.

"As a resident of Newton Aycliffe it is a great pleasure to be working on something as special and important as the Neighbourhood Plan. Being a part of the planning of the future of Great Aycliffe is a privilege." said Angela.

She will be running a series of events, sessions and workshops across Aycliffe to hear your views and ideas for the Plan, so please keep an eye out and give her your support.

TOWN ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS £811 TO HEEL & TOE CHARITY

Rotary Club President Dave Anderson presents a cheque to Jane Long from the Heel & Toe charity for £811, proceeds from the Model Railway Exhibition organised by the club earlier in the year at the Youth Centre.

Heel & Toe supports children with Cerebral Palsy and other related disabilities in the area. The event was match funded by Barclays Bank at Newton Aycliffe and Jane expressed her thanks to them and the Rotary Club for their support.

Town School Delighted with Ofsted Rating

Pupils, parents, staff and governors at Woodham Burn are absolutely delighted with the outcome of the recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on the last two days before the summer half term.

Woodham Burn is now officially a 'good' school, with all children making good progress from their initial starting points. By Y6 children are all at least in line with, or even above national standards, and this picture is improving with many children achieving far in excess of what was originally expected. The teaching of reading is noted in KS1 and children are said to do particularly well in the early years foundation stage where 'excellent opportunities for learning' lead to rapid progress.

Teaching is 'good'. In fact, of all teaching observed during the inspection, not even one lesson fell short of the criteria for a 'good' judgement and some teaching observed was 'outstanding'.

'Pupils' behaviour is also 'good', and their positive attitudes to learning contribute to the good progress being made in all areas of the school. The good work of leaders and governors was recognised in improving the school since the last inspection and the high expectations and aspirations along with the caring, supportive ethos was praised.

Head teacher Mrs Riannon Rowe and chair of governors Jason Steward acknowledge the very hard work which has gone into achieving these very good outcomes. Mrs Rowe stated that 'Since the Ofsted framework changed about two years ago the requirements of inspection have become all the more rigorous with nothing but 'good' being good enough. At Woodham Burn standards have been raised across the board and we are delighted that we have been able to work with all stakeholders at this school as well as our very supportive Local Authority to achieve this. '

The school now intends to follow Ofsted's advice to widen the curriculum to provide even more opportunities for children to broaden their basic understanding and utilise their key skills in a range of contexts.

The coming academic year will be a busy time for Woodham Burn. A new curriculum is to be introduced and this will incorporate lots of exciting opportunities for all children. The school aims to offer even more outings and 'hands-on' experiences; it will supplement the formal curriculum with more out of school clubs and opportunities. New developments are also planned relating to expanding our early years provision to include children of nursery age in the near future.

The school will celebrate this very successful report with a whole school trip at the close of the summer term. An open day for prospective parents will also be held on Friday 4th July between 9am and 12pm during which parents considering school places for their children can pop in informally to sample daily life at Woodham Burn.

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Tesco Dodge Responsibility

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I write regarding Tesco's response on disabled car parking as I think they have a moral responsibilty to enforce this in their car parks.
I find their comment that they will lose customers if they do anything is a big cop out. Don't they realise they are losing disabled customers due to not keeping said bays reserved for disabled. They should inform their car parking agents to issue warning letters to offenders and if they do not comply next time to clamp them.
It's time Tesco took a strong stance on this issue. My email to the Tesco CEO wasn't even answered.
P D Payne

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Aycliffe Business Park Inaugural Awards 2014

Invitation to Enter One of Eleven Categories

Companies on Aycliffe Business Park are being invited to 'make their mark' with an inaugural business awards event. The Make Your Mark competition is being organised by the Aycliffe Business Park Community Steering Group, with the support of Business Durham, and is designed to celebrate success.
Aycliffe, home to Hitachi Rail Europe's £82m train-building facility, is already home to around 250 companies and 9,000 employees, with a good mix of engineering and manufacturing firms such as Gestamp Tallent, 3M, Ebac and PWS complemented by a range of service industry SMEs.
The ABPC Steering Group says it wants businesses of all shapes and sizes to enter the 11 different categories, which are open to all businesses from every sector, and firms can both nominate others and individuals as well as themselves.
Kerina Clark, Chair of the Steering Group, said: "The idea is that we get as many of the businesses on the park together to celebrate our successes collectively. We can incorporate some of the social requirements of the community while celebrating our achievements at the same time, to hopefully create an event that can be replicated every year."
Application forms will be made available online and in hard copy formats, and categories will include: Apprenticeships, Apprentice of the Year, Employer of the Year, Engineering and Manufacturing, Heart of the Community, Innovation, Best Newcomer, Service Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year, as well as the top award: Company of the Year.
The judging panel will consist of the ABPC Steering Group, although members will not judge categories which either include their own company or firms associated with them.
Guests will gather for a three-course evening meal and celebration at the Xcel Centre on Thursday 18th September, which will start with a drinks reception and complimentary pictures so everyone gets a memento of the night.
A high-profile speaker will entertain before the winners are revealed, while a fully-licensed bar will provide refreshments.
The glittering event will be sponsored to ensure it's affordable for all businesses, but any profits made will be donated to a local charity.
Rachel Townsend Green, a member of the Steering Group, said: "We want to add to the sense of community that we've already created on the park, as well as raise awareness of the businesses on the park. There are still a lot of businesses that we don't yet know about, some of which will have achieved great things over the last year or two.
"It's a very British thing not to blow your own trumpet, but we feel it's important to allow businesses to do exactly that in this instance, so we're celebrating successes of all kinds. SMEs are an important part of the Aycliffe Business Park and will be an integral part of this event, as well as national companies operating here"
Application forms will be made available through the Aycliffe Business Park website, www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk, as well as via www.newtonnews.co.uk, while hard copy packs will be available from the Xcel Centre and Newton Press offices on St Cuthbert's Way.

Putting Customers First

Plans to make it even easier for people to contact Durham County Council and get all the information they need are to be discussed by Cabinet.
The report follows extensive public consultation which showed that most people still get in touch by telephone but would welcome more online contact.
Recent moves have seen a new first point of contact service for housing, tax and benefit enquiries as well as new Customer Access Points at Chester-ler-Street and Barnard Castle and a face to face appointment service at Peterlee.
The website is also being refreshed to make it simpler for people to find what they want and more services being available online.
Durham County Council currently handles some 910,000 telephone enquiries a year and helps around 270,000 people coming to the customer access points
Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhood services and local partnerships, said: "We know that expectations around access to our services are changing. There is a demand for faster, easier contact and this means improving our online services. We also need to ensure that people without access to the internet also get the help they need."
Cabinet is being asked to approve a new Customer First strategy which highlights co-ordinated telephone services, improved website, customer feedback and online payments as key priorities.
Public consultation ran for 12 weeks from January to April and included the public, a citizen's panel, disability groups and young people.

Spectacular Dance Show

Dear Editor
I had the pleasure last Friday of attending the Aycliffe Dance Academy's annual show "We Dance as One" at the Excel Centre and would like to congratulate Emma Cox and her team for putting on a wonderful show. Every pupil from tiny tots to the adults gave 100%. The show was very professionally orchestrated, the choreography excellent and the costumes exceptional. Well done to Emma, her team and all those that took part for a very entertaining evening. I look forward to the next show!
Karen Stewart
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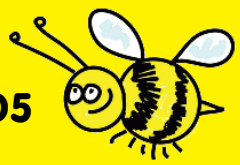

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Would your children like to be part of an exciting community project with local artist Susan Warlock? Children and young people are invited to assist in the creation of 2 felt banners which depicts music from the ages. Visitors to the Pioneering Care Centre will be able to view the banners which will take pride of place in the Mall Coffee Shop conservatory.
The first of 2 free workshops is taking place at the Wellness Festival between 10am-1pm and the following Saturday, 2 August 10am-1pm. Please pre-book your place(s) to avoid disappointment.
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Presswork Metals Re-union

An old photo of former employees

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In addition a main supplier to other industries such as, D.I.Y, Garden products, Building, Computing, Vehicle & Aircraft Cargo Restraints plus many others with smaller demands including electrical and shelving. From individual components, fully assembled products, Welded assemblies and moulding, over half the products manufactured at Aycliffe were exported across the World.

None of this would have been possible without the excellent support of a dedicated and highly skilled workforce. Employing around 300, of which 10% were apprentices. Presswork was an ardent believer in training and had its own Centre, with an indentured 5 year apprenticeship for various skills including further education to HND Level, and some sponsored through University.

We hope many of the employees who saw the highs and low of manufacturing in the UK and changes in this industry will join together in September to celebrate the dedication and determination of the North East to get the job done.

All welcome (with partners) please contact Chris Ebdon on telephone no. 01388 609593 or Linda Gibson 07535926521 for further details.

CARNIVAL PROCESSION?

Dear Sir,

So, we're replacing the 2-day Aycliffe Show, with a 10-day Festival, That actually sounds like a promising idea, if it's well organised and supported.

Pity we couldn't re-create something like the old Carnival procession on one of those 10 days, with everybody following the floats up to Simpasture Park, for the piano smashing competition etc.

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Dave Catleugh

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It will also allow PD Ports to assist other businesses to discover and benefit from the expertise which has helped companies save money, reduce road miles and CO2 emissions in their supply chain.

The office space will provide the company with a base at Aycliffe Business Park in the midst of over 250 other businesses. The new office address is PD Ports, Durham Way South, Aycliffe Business Park DL5 6XP.

Geoff Lippitt, Business Development Director at PD Ports, said: "We are pleased to have secured a base in Newton Aycliffe as it helps PD Ports extend its presence in the North East. We hope this site will enable local companies to enhance their supply chains by utilising our experience and knowledge, which has already enabled other North East companies to deliver significant cost savings."

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Aycliffe Fabricators Encourage Young Engineers

A GROWING, family run business which designs and manufactures material handling equipment and bespoke battery handling and storage solutions has opened its doors to budding engineers keen to learn more about the industry.

A-TECH Fabrications Ltd Aycliffe is run by John and Jennifer Manners and makes products for use in the automotive and distribution sectors. As part of the Schools Engineering and Enterprising Challenge, which is held every year to introduce young people to the world of work; promote the engineering and manufacturing sectors; promote apprenticeships; and develop skills, knowledge and expertise within the fields of engineering and manufacturing, the company opened its doors to students from Teesdale School.

They were also given a demonstration of robotics manufactured by Yaskawa UK Ltd, a specialist robotic manufacturing company that has its headquarters in Banbury, Oxford and its regional base within A-TECH on the Aycliffe Business Park.

Jennifer Manners from A-TECH Fabrications said: "As a growing regional company that is always on the look out for talented new recruits to add to our growing workforce, we know how important it is to invest time in our young people as they are the future of our industry. "The Teesdale School students we had on site got a lot out of their visit and hopefully it has given some of them a real appetitite to pursue a career in the fields of engineering or manufacturing, which is what the Schools Engineering and Enterprising Challenge is all about."

The students discussed a marketing plan, how money works in business and the various disciplines involved in production at manufacturing companies like A-TECH Fabrications.

They all took part in a production line exercise which was delivered by Manufacturing Execllence, a specialist Consultancy & Training Company based in Catterick.

Organised by the South Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Forum, and supported by the Teesdale Action Partnership and Manufacturing Excellence, the challenge is open to schools across South Durham and gives participants the chance to develop ideas, work as a team and provides the opportunity to meet local businesses. Students were able to learn about business planning, marketing, project management and research and development.

Shaun Stuart, South Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Forum Manager, who organised this year's challenge and the visit to A-TECH Fabrications, said: "This visit was all about giving the students who were involved in the challenge the chance to see for themselves how one of our growing companies operates, and also to hear from some of their industry experts on life in the engineering and manufacturing sectors.

"Everyone involved got a lot from the visit and who knows, some of them could go on to become an A-TECH Fabrications employee in the not too distant future."

Tuesday Film Treat for the Children

Each Tuesday in the school holidays, the children's team @ St. Clare's Church will host KIDZFLICKS, a cinema club for children and their carers. Come along if you are in charge of the children during the holidays, we welcome mums, dads, childminders, holiday clubs, grandparents and all!

We begin on Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm with The Lego Movie – a brand new release, great bargain at £1 per seat. Roborex and Tinkerbell and the Pirate Fairies are just two of the movies planned over the holidays.

We will advertise the films weekly in the glass porch entrance of the church. A tuck shop selling drinks and sweets from 20pm will open at 1.30pm each week and we will also be selling ice lollies. So enjoy the 'party in the park' and end the day relaxing with a film. Tuesday's sorted!

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Neighbourhood Plan - Public Member Needed

An additional member of the public is needed to complete the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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• Are you able to attend one meeting per month to help steer the Neighbourhood Plan?
• Do you have a positive 'can do' attitude?

An interest or experience in PLANNING would be beneficial, in addition to community engagement but is not necessary. There will be a form to complete and a selection process to undertake. This is a voluntary position which may last 2 years.

The main roles of the Steering Group will be

1) To produce a sound Neighbourhood Plan that defines the planning policy priorities identified by the community, residents and businesses of the Great Aycliffe Parish.

2) To determine the overall scope and objectives of the plan.

3) To advise on the development and co-ordination of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

4) Take an active part and assist in the research activities conducted by the various groups and organisations whilst developing the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan

5) To monitor the progress of work being undertaken by the various task/thematic groups and individuals.

6) Actively support and promote the preparation of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

For further information and an application pack please contact Chrissy Walton or Angela Corner, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF, by telephone 01325 300700 or are available online at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

The deadline for receiving applications is Monday 28th July 2014.

Interviews by a small panel will take place on Thursday 7th August 2014.

85 Mile Charity Walk

Donna Kelly and Angie Cooke who both work at Pioneering Care Centre are walking from Keswick in Cumbria back to the Cobblers Hall pub in Newton Aycliffe to raise funds for Donna's cousin who was diagnosed with terminal Oesophageal Cancer last year.

Since seeking a second opinion from a surgeon in Belgium, Erlis has received a lifesaving operation which has given their family hope but which has left them with £40,000 worth of debt.

Donna and Angie plan to complete this walk estimated to take 6 days, carrying everything they need, (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, food and water).

They leave on Friday 22nd August and plan to be back on Thursday 28th arriving at the Cobblers pub at 7pm. They would love you to join them in celebration of this achievement and of the funds they hope to raise.

Please help by sponsoring all you can to help. http://www.gofundme.com/ak94m4

Erlis, Michelle, Marcel & Dexter

Donna

Angie

Lesson on all Things Frozen

Parents and Year 5 pupils were invited into Woodham Academy for their Annual Science Evening recently. After delivering very successful and popular Harry Potter science sessions for the past two years, the department decided on a new theme for the sessions and parents' evening.

After asking the students the department embarked on a "frozen" themed series of sessions, where the students and parents could look at the science of all things cold.

They had great fun making ice cream and artificial snow as well as a number of other frozen experiments.

The evening was so successful the department will be running three sessions next year to link in with their new Woodham Sparkies Primary Science Challenge. The dates of the next parents' evening will be Wednesday December 3rd 2014, where students and parents can explore the fascinating world of astrophysics.

For information on the parents evening or Woodham Sparkies, please contact Andrew Jenkins, Head of Science.

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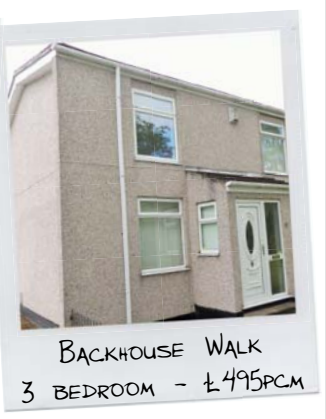

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New Course Helps You Learn, Create & Develop

The new 'Colour your Life' creative and learning courses are now underway at the Pioneering Care Centre.

Colour your Life is a 'social prescribing' service funded by Durham County Council Public Health. 'Social prescribing' is a health service term for the linking of people with non-medical sources of support from within the community.

PCP use professional, experienced tutors who deliver artistic and informal learning activities whilst providing opportunities for friendship in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.

The courses aim to unlock the skills and talents of local people and raise awareness of the assets in our local communities that keep us well.

Places available for:

- Family art sessions Thursday, 4pm-5.30pm
- Jewellery making course for adults Monday, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Up and coming courses include creative writing, gardening, cooking and an introduction to holistic therapies.

This new and exciting service aims to provide access to enjoyable activities for the improvement of mental health and the development of emotional resilience. The service is open to referrals from GP's, mental health services, third sector/community organisations and agencies, informally by family members or friends, and by self-referral.

To register an interest in any of the Colour your Life courses, please get in touch with the Colour your Life team at PCP on 01325 321234 email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net

Fun Fayre in the Sun

Following their successful Lumiere event in January, the children, staff and the Friends of Vane Road Primary School were delighted to host a fun packed Summer Fayre on Wednesday July 9th.

Parents and carers were bathed in the hot summer sunshine as they enjoyed the many attractions. Stalls and activities were designed and manned by the eager pupils who were excited at the opportunity to bring the community into their school life.

Variations of old favourites proved popular with people queuing to" Pin the Tail on the Unicorn "and to try their luck at the "Human Fruit Machine".

Mr Pavey, the Headteacher, proved himself a good sport volunteering to be put in the stocks. Many people happily paid a small fee to pelt him with wet sponges (it was reported that some had more than one go)! The atmosphere was light hearted, lively and good fun.

Visiting fairground attractions included Tea Cup Rides and a thrilling Fun House. Ice creams, cakes and soft drinks were available to buy. The many visitors hailed the event as another resounding success.

Strike Action Affects Bin Waste Collection

Due to strike action there were no collections of refuse or recycling last Thursday and the council recognise this loss of service was very inconvenient for many of the households affected.

In line with the practice of most North East Councils they are not able to provide catch-ups as this relies on voluntary overtime, which given these circumstances of industrial action, the council would find extremely difficult to resource. They are however making some arrangements for the most vulnerable residents with clinical/medical needs.

Whilst Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open and can take excess materials, the council has confirmed they will also be taking bagged side waste of the appropriate waste type when the next collection is scheduled.

For recycling these should be in clear bags, otherwise the contents will be presumed to be refuse. They hope that by taking this approach any additional waste can be cleared quickly and the service returned to normal.

If you have any specific issues, the streetscene number is 03000 26 1000.

"Come Dine With Me" at Local Care Home

Visitors to Rose Lodge Care Home, Carers Way, had their knives and forks at the ready for their 4th 'Come Dine With Me' themed lunch event.

As part of the culinary competition chefs from the home went head to head to prepare a lavish 3 course meal for guests who then voted for their favourite menus. The event was open to the public and residents with available places selling out quickly.

The winner was Rose Lodge Chef Chris Watson who prepared a delicious menu of a tomato and mozzarella salad starter followed by chicken stroganoff main course before finishing off with banoffee cheesecake.

He was then presented with his prize of chocolates and a bottle of Prosecco. Chris said: "I'm absolutely delighted to have won. The Come Dine With Me events are always a lot of fun, I really enjoy taking part and can't wait until the next one in September."

The grand final of the 'Come Dine With Me' tournament at Rose Lodge will be held in September which will see Chris go against the chef who won the previous competition to determine the "ultimate " winner.

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Diamond Wedding Celebration

John and Joyce Ledger of Westwood Avenue, Heighington celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week and received a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Darlington, Gerald and Ruth Lee.

The couple first met at a dance in Sunderland and married three years later. They have two children Melanie and Alison and one grandchild. They are members of St. Clare's Church and lived in Newton Aycliffe before moving to Heighington. John is an Honorary Life Member of the Rotary Club and Joyce is in Inner Wheel.

Joyce said: "We have enjoyed our 60 years of married life and are amazed at just where the time has gone! The icing on the cake for our celebration was the visit from the Mayor and Mayoress with a large bunch of flowers."

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Awards for Greenfield Sports Students

Students from Greenfield Community College had a great evening at the Sedgefield School Sport Partnership Lighting the Fire celebration event held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure centre last week.The event celebrated the sporting achievements of young people, as part of our Olympic legacy.

Over 20 local schools attended the celebration, which started with Trimdon Grange Infants leading a warm up, followed by performances from destination Judo, Taekwondo and a gymnastics display by Thornhill Primary School.

The evening also included a guest speaker from Durham Wild Cats basketball team and Lee Fawcett, England's wheelchair basketball and fencer.

The secondary schools attending were invited to take part in an interschool rowing event, and we were very proud that Madalyn Pateman-Patrick in Year 9 took 1st place for Greenfield in this event.

Greenfield students continued this success and were presented with 3 awards for their fantastic contribution to sport this year. The awards were for their contribution to PE & School Sport and for their contribution to Community Sport. Amber Dolby, a student in Year 10 received a Young achievers award for her sporting achievements and outstanding leadership. Well done to all!

Start Saving Young

Suzanne Matthews with Sid Rooke and some of the young savers at Walworth School which have just set up a club and currently have over 20 savers.

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The event was to launch "The Shed" the space which contains the GAMP AAP funded specialist arts and enterprise equipment, introducing artists in the region to what is on offer and how they will be able to access it in the future. It was also a great networking opportunity for those artists who attended, with many new contacts made over the course of the night.

The Shed offers the opportunity for young people, artists and the community to access the equipment and work together with Greenfield Arts and the Shed heads on projects. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the evening and to our Shed heads for all their help!

For more information about The Shed or the Shed heads visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Saturday Tea & Cake

Apologies to the lady who called into St. Clare's Cake Stall only to find it was the one week in the year that the bakers had taken a well earned rest. "Oh but yours are the best homemade cakes on the town" she said.

We are so glad she came back the next week to make her purchases. Delicious cakes large and small, sweet and savoury, pies and scones, jams, chutney's and ginger wine are available weekly – Saturday mornings from 10am.

Enjoy the mug of tea or coffee for just £1, the Memorial Chapel and garden are open for anyone wishing to sit quietly with their thoughts. There is a well stocked book stall if you are looking for some holiday reading – everyone is welcome.

SUCCESSFUL FASHION SHOW GIVE-AWAY

Helping Hands recently hosted another Fashion Show, which was a roaring success. It was held mainly for other statutory and voluntary organisations to invite their service users.

Kerry Wootton co-ordinated the event and said 'they just get better and better. To see the positive impact they have makes all the hard work worthwhile'. Tricia Stewart from One Point also supported the day which was wonderful.

Amber our featured model from Family Wise said "It was wonderful that so many people were helped through this event and I really enjoyed being involved in such a positive community experience."

Kerry said we had phenomenal feedback from service users on the day: "Today literally felt like Christmas. I can't believe how kind people have been. I am a single parent and only work 16 hours per week and get no help financially from my son's 'dad' so I struggle to keep up with his growing spurts. Thank you again". Lisa

"I have never felt as good as this for a long time. It is lovely getting these beautiful clothes. I feel confident now going into the job centre and work programme dressed nicely. I have set up my own cake business through the confidence building course that One Point leads and am grateful for this brilliant fashion show by Helping Hands". Jillian

Alwyn White, project manager of Helping Hands thanks Syd Howarth for the Newton News support as these events would never be as successful as they are without it.

Model Amber

Mayor "At Home" Party

Town Mayor Wendy Hillary was "At Home" last Saturday hosting an afternoon tea party for a cross section of the community at the Town Council offices. It was a pleasant afternoon bathed in sunshine and with a fundraising raffle for the Mayor's chosen charities, displayed something very British about the occasion.

Summer Fair at Woodham Academy

Thanks to everyone who attended the Woodham Academy Summer Fair on Saturday 5th July. Bright sunshine and blue skies welcomed visitors to a wonderful summer event which left them spoilt for choice

With free activities running throughout the morning, the event offered a host of fun and games including art workshops and creative activities which saw families creating all manner of handiwork – strings of beads, hair decorations, aeroplanes and key rings to name but a few! The Snappy Crocodile inflatable had the children climbing up into its mouth then sliding down its insides and emerging from its tail. The mouth closing occasionally with the prospect of eating people alive didn't deter anyone from tackling it!

Whilst others created delicious smoothies using a range of exotic fruits in the Let's Get Cooking workshops, Woodham Sports Academy worked non-stop on a table tennis tournament.

For some, there was only just enough time for a quick stop to have their faces painted before heading over to the robot field in an attempt to score the most points possible in qualification matches, elimination matches and skills challenges.

Refreshments were available throughout and after an exhausting morning of enjoying all the activities on offer, a light lunch was included to round off the event.

Gardeners Offer Expertise to School

Two local gardeners have kindly offered their time and expertise to help the children of Stephenson Way learn about horticulture and crops.

Ronnie Smith has given his time to come into school to share his expertise and help the lower school teachers with their gardening club. He brought in a selection of plants and vegetables to show the children how to make them grow. He also answered questions the children had about maintaining the plants and keeping them healthy.

Mr Gibson, whose grandson attends the school, generously offered the school the use of an allotment, where he will help children plant and maintain a variety of vegetable crops. Small groups of children will make visits to the allotment at Finchale Road and maintain the plot with help from Mr Gibson.

Classes have visited the allotment over the past several weeks to speak with Mr Gibson and learn about the types of crops they will be growing.

The school has cultivated a green outlook in the past year with the creation of gardening clubs to maintain green areas on both upper and lower site. Recently, more children have become involved with a school wide tomato plant growing competition.

Film Show

St Clare's Church "Feel Good Film Show" this week is on TUESDAY 22nd JULY and will feature the multi-award winning French film "THE ARTIST" It is made as a black & white silent movie set in 1927-1932 and won 3 Golden Globes, 7 BAFTAs and 5 Oscars, making it the most awarded French film ever. It is worth seeing just for the little dog.

Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm (included in the £2). The film starts at 1-15pm. We provide a variety of chairs for your comfort, and provide tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you watch the film. Everyone is most welcome to join us. Watching in friendly company makes all the difference. For further details please ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

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18th July 2014

Great Aycliffe Town Council present

FUN IN THE PARKS 2014

FREE : Fun Fair : Punch and Judy : Balloon Modelling : Magic Shows : Face Painting

Plus FREE games and much more to take part in - come along and join the fun!! 11am - 3pm EACH DAY

TUESDAYS

22nd July - Town Centre Park
Plus 2 face painters, craft marquee and football competition held by NAYFC

29th July - Moore Lane Park
Plus Eco Centre activities, pole lathe demonstration and much more

5th August - Simpasture Park

12th August - St Oswald's Park

19th August - West Park
Plus pond dipping

FRIDAYS

25th July - Oak Leaf Sports Complex
Plus Krafty Kritters and their interesting animals

1st August - Aycliffe Village Park

8th August - Woodham Park

15th August - Horndale Park

22nd August - Town Centre Park
Our final venue for this year

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600

Town Pride Environment Week

During early July primary schools across Aycliffe have taken place in Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Week. With the assistance of Aycliffe Youth Council selected classes from every Primary school in the parish were given the opportunity to take part in an interactive presentation about litter and the potential consequences if litter is discarded inappropriately.

Facts such as how long various pieces of litter takes to decompose and how some animals can fall victim to littering amazed many participants during the thought provoking display.

Children were then given an opportunity to help their local environment by taking part in a litter pick in the local community.

This annual campaign aims to raise the awareness of the problem of littering and hopefully influencing children to both act responsibly and act as ambassadors, passing on the key messages to family and friends.

Summer Countryside Events

CELEBRATION OF CYCLING AND GREEN WOODWORKING - Tuesday 29th July - 11am-3pm

Bring along your bike to coincide with Fun in the Park at Moore Lane Eco centre. The police will be attending to offer bike security stamping, Durham County Council will be offering a free cycling challenge and the cycle group from the Pioneering Care Partnership will be bringing along their static bike training facility. In addition there will be a chance to try your hand at green woodworking to make things like rolling pins and chair legs. All this is FREE and in addition to the usual attractions associated with Fun in the Park.

POND DIPPING AT BYERLEY PARK - Monday 4th August - 1.30pm-3.30pm

The ponds at Byerley Park Nature Reserve are teaming with life at this time of year. Bring your nets, buckets and wellies as we attempt to discover some of the fascinating creatures which live in this area of the town. Meet at the ponds off the Middridge Road.

FACINATING FLOWER FOLKLORE - Wednesday 6th August - 2pm-3.30pm

The meadow below Humphrey Close in Wodham Burn is one of the best wildflower collections in the area. Spend a little time learning what plants we have on our doorstep and some of the things they have been traditionally used for. Meet at Footbridge near Humphrey Close.

KRAFTY KRITTERS - Monday 11th August - 10am-11am

Come along to Moore Lane Eco Centre and meet some of the amazing and interesting animals of Krafty Kritters. You will get the chance to handle many of the animals and learn all about where and how they live in the wild. Booking will be essential by contacting the Town Council on 01325 300700.

CLAY MODELLING - Monday 11th August - 11.30am-12.30pm

Following on from Krafty Kritters here is your opportunity to get all artistic. Use the animals you have just met to inspire yourself to create your own clay model which you can take home and decorate as a reminder of the day. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre

MINI BEASTS OF MOORE LANE - Wednesday 13th August - 10.30am-12 noon

Spend some relaxing time searching for the various insects which make the park at Moore Lane home. The Environment Officer will be on hand to help identify what we find and explain some of the fascinating facts about these animals. Meet at Moore lane Eco Centre.

POND DIPPING IN WEST PARK - Tuesday 19th August - 11am-2pm

As part of the sites Fun in the Park there will be an opportunity to discover the varied creatures which make the lakes in West Park home. Nets and trays will be provided.

Oak Leaf
Sports Complex

SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE
NEWTON AYCLIFFE
01325 300600
www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

SUMMER JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

FUN WITH BALLS
Monday 21st July
9am until 10am
Try Dodge Ball, Volley Ball and much more...

MINI ACTIVITY SESSION
Wednesday 23rd July
Monday 18th August
For ages 4 to 7 years
9.30am until 11am
Big fun for little people

ARCHERY
Thursday 24th July,
Thursday 31st July
Thursday 7th August
Thursday 14th August
Thursday 21st August
Thursday 28th August
9.30am until 11am
Perfect for any budding Robin Hoods or Maid Marians

PRICES FROM AS LITTLE AS £1 per session

CRAFTY KIDS
Monday 28th July
Wednesday 20th August
9.30am until 11am

SQUASH
Wednesday 30th July
11am until 11.45am
5 to 7 years
12noon until 1pm
8 to 12 years

TEAM GAMES
Monday 4th August
Wednesday 27th August
9am - 10am
Fun guaranteed!

RACQUETS AND BATS
Wednesday 6th August
10am until 11am
Rounders, table tennis and much more...

FUTSAL
Monday 11th August
9am until 10am
The ultimate indoor 5 a-side football experience

MINI FUN WITH BALLS
Wednesday 13th August
10am until 10.45am
4 to 7 years
Fun and exciting games, perfect for your little ones

Courses take place during the school 6 weeks holidays, to book your place or for further details please contact us on **01325 300600** - Booking is Essential - Sessions are for ages 8-15 years (except mini sessions)

Junior Squash, Badminton & Table Tennis Courts Special Offer

Something exciting is happening during all school holidays!

YOU can play squash, badminton or table tennis at our special offer rate of just £1 per person, plus FREE equipment hire!

Available Monday - Friday 9am and 4pm

For ages 8 - 15 years - drop in or book to play the same day

SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS

The Senior Citizens' Excursions are one of the most popular events provided by the Council. Each year, we organise a series of free excursions for the senior citizens (60 years or over) who live in our Parish.

The picture shows residents having lunch at the Coniston Hotel, Skipton.

The coaches provided are 49-53 seater executive coaches with toilet facilities. There is also a 53 seater executive coach with a wheelchair hoist to each destination. This ensures that even people with severe mobility problems can still enjoy a day out. The hoist can be used for loading wheelchairs for those residents who need to travel in their wheelchair, or for use by people who cannot manage the steps on the coach.

The application forms and information booklets are available in April or May each year from the Council Offices, Golf and Sports Complexes, Recreation Centre (Beveridge Way) and the Library in the Town Centre.

This year, residents had the choice of visiting Whitby, Northumberland, Skipton, Scarborough, or South Shields for the day with a three course meal and tea or coffee provided in a good quality hotel with disabled facilities. Most of the excursions make a comfort break stop en route to the destination and also on the homeward journey. On one of those comfort breaks, the Council pays for morning or afternoon refreshments. The Skipton and South Shields excursions made no stops either way.

Each person who qualifies is entitled to one 'trip'. To qualify you must be aged 60 or over and must have lived in the electoral parish by 1st April in the year of travel.

This year, there were 1337 applications.

Community Enhancement Award 2014

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 15th August 2014.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

House No: ..... Street: .....

or Full Street: .....

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Oak Leaf Golf Complex

School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe
T. 01325 310820
www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

2014/2015
9 MONTH SEASON TICKET SPECIAL OFFER

UNLIMITED GOLF UNTIL 31st MARCH 2015

Adult 7 DayTicket £250 - Adult 5 Day Ticket £200
Senior Citizen (over 60) 7 Day £200 - Senior Citizen 5 Day £175
18-21 years in full time Education £125
Junior 14-18 years £75 - Junior 10-14 years £50 - Under 10 £25

GREEN FEE SUMMER SPECIAL OFFER
Play between 1pm & 5pm Monday to Friday for only £10 per round (adults) or £7.50 (concessions)

18 HOLE COURSE - FLOODLIT DRIVING RANGE - BUGGY HIRE
CHANGING FACILITIES - SHOP - COACHING AVAILABLE from PGA JULIE WELCH
BAR AND CATERING AVAILABLE AT THE OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX & OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2014

(Tee Off Times between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m.)

Entry Fee - £100 per team
(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

In Aid of the Mayor's Charities
Cruse Bereavement Care &
County Durham School Benevolent Fund

Further Information and Application Forms from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk, 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – What's it all about?

Date for your Diary - Thursday 24th July 2014

"Big Consultation Event" Help us PLAN the future of Great Aycliffe

We recently told you about the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is a very important document it will help PLAN for things that are important to the residents and businesses of Great Aycliffe. It will become a statutory planning document that will steer future development of our neighbourhood areas. It is only about planning but an important factor to note is that it's not about saying NO to development.

You are invited to a "Big Event" where I will talk to you about the work we are going to be doing over the coming months. More importantly we will be asking you for your views on what our priorities should be. **The event will be held at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre on Thursday 24th July 2014, 5pm to 6pm.**

Between 5pm-6pm, you can drop in at any time to have a look at some of the things we are doing and give us your views and priorities for the town. If you have an issue with Transport, Employment, Environment, Housing, Retail or anything else we urge you to come along and have your say and help us PLAN a better future for Great Aycliffe. Guests will take part in a series of workshops to gather initial priorities for the plan.

Angela Corner, Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer. I have recently been employed by Great Aycliffe Town Council as the Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan. I have lived in Newton Aycliffe for 38 years and attended the Avenue Comprehensive. I worked for 12 years as a Project Manager at Stockton Citizens Advice Bureau, focussing on Financial Inclusion and Legal Advice Qualifications. I managed projects from design to completion, developing these by consulting with the public and organisations to address the financial needs of people (usually the hard to reach) within the Stockton community, securing funding and contracts to deliver those services.

As a resident of Newton Aycliffe it is a great pleasure to be working on something as special and important as the Neighbourhood Plan. Being a part of the planning of the future of Great Aycliffe is a privilege.

I will be running a series of events, sessions and workshops across Aycliffe to hear your views and ideas for the Plan so please keep an eye out for me. I look forward to working with you all.

Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan – Vacancy

An additional member of the public is needed to complete the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

- Do you live or work in the Great Aycliffe Area?
- Are you over 16 years of age?
- Are you able to attend one meeting per month to help steer the Neighbourhood Plan?
- Do you have a positive can do attitude?

An interest or experience in PLANNING would be beneficial, in addition to community engagement but is not necessary.

There will be a form to complete and a selection process to undertake. This is a voluntary position which may last 2 years.

The main roles of the Steering Group will be

1) To produce a sound Neighbourhood Plan that defines the planning policy priorities identified by the community, residents and businesses of the Great Aycliffe Parish.
2) To determine the overall scope and objectives of the plan.
3) To advise on the development and co-ordination of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.
4) Take an active part and assist in the research activities conducted by the various groups and organisations whilst developing the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan
5) To monitor the progress of work being undertaken by the various task/thematic groups and individuals.
6) Actively support and promote the preparation of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

For further information and an application pack please contact Chrissy Walton or Angela Corner, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF, by telephone 01325 300700 or at ***www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.***

The deadline for receiving applications is **MONDAY 28th JULY 2014.**

Interviews by a small panel will take place on **THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2014**

PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES

ST. OSWALD'S PRE-SCHOOL
is located in St. Oswald's Park, Wren Close, and is open from 8.45am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday during school term time.
A full day at St. Oswald's costs £15.00 with funding and £18.50 without.

WOODHAM BURN PRE-SCHOOL
is located in Woodham Burn Community Primary School, Humphrey Close, and is open from 8.45am to 3.30p.m. Monday to Friday during school term time.
At Woodham Burn we work closely with the Out of School Club, (under separate management), to enable children to access care and education from 7.45am to 6.00pm.
A full day at Woodham Burn cost £14.00 with funding and £17.50 without.
The Out of School Club charge £3.50 for before school (7.45 to 8.55) and £6.50 for after school (3.15 to 6.00pm).
Additional hours (in excess of the first 15) are available in both Pre-Schools at a cost of £4.00 per hour.

Why not come along and see what we can offer you and your child.

For further information please call into the Pre-Schools (no appointment needed) or contact Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880

A quality service provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council

Aycliffe Festival

This is the Great Aycliffe Show's final year however it will be replaced by Great Aycliffe Festival.

The details of the Festival are not yet finalised, however the date has been set as **Friday 3rd to Sunday 12th July 2015**, 10 days encompassing two weekends.

The concept of the Festival is to involve as many of the local groups, businesses and voluntary organisations as possible, encouraging them to organise an 'event' within the timeframe of the Festival. Support will be available from the Town Council if required.

It is anticipated that the 'events' organised by the local community will provide a wide variety of experiences for children and adults and will hopefully deliver a range of activities throughout the Parish.

Local groups, businesses, organisations and individuals who are interested in becoming part of the Festival are welcome to attend an **open evening at the Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe on either Monday 11th August or Thursday 14th August 2014 at 6pm** to discuss their possible involvement with the Aycliffe Festival in 2015.

It is hoped that the outcome of the meetings will be that groups will give further consideration or agree in principle to providing a community event during the timescale of the Festival.

Light refreshments will be provided and it would be helpful if we know if you are coming. **Please telephone 01325 300700 or e-mail marie.robinson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk** to advise us whether you or a member of your group/organisation/business will be able to attend to allow us to cater for you.

If you are unable to attend on that date, but would be interested in receiving further information when it is available, please contact us and we will add you to our Festival mailing list.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- Council Facing a Difficult Future

The Council has recently approved its latest Medium Term Financial Plan which sets out the Council's financial strategy for the five year period 2014/15 to 2018/19. The Plan highlights the various financial challenges facing the Council over this period and aims to put in place a financial strategy to address those challenges.

Of greatest concern for future years, is that the Council is now reliant upon Council Tax Support Grant funding paid by the Government via Durham County Council and which amounts to 20% of the Council's Revenue Budget. It has already been confirmed that this funding will be cut in each year of the Plan and there is always a risk that this funding could be withdrawn in its entirety.

The Council is also facing a number of other budget pressures including inflation, pay awards, other unavoidable budget pressures such as pension and national insurance changes, as well as a likely limit on the amount by which the Council will be able to increase the Council Tax, in future years.

The Plan has been prepared on the key principle of aiming to maintain existing levels of service and staffing structures, wherever possible, while keeping the increase in council tax to the current Government limit of 2% or less.

The Plan concluded that while the Council is currently in a strong financial position with a balanced budget and strong levels of balances and reserves, this position is likely to deteriorate over the life of the Plan making the process of achieving a balanced Revenue Budget increasingly difficult.

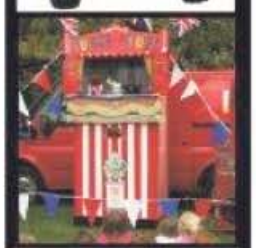
By the end of the five years, it is likely that the Council will be in a position where there is no contingency sum or contribution to capital reserves in the Revenue Budget and where there is no further scope for efficiency savings to be delivered. Therefore, whilst it is likely that services will be able to be maintained until the end of the 2018/19 financial year, assuming that the Council makes a 2% increase in the Town Council Tax each year, beyond this the Council is likely to need to begin the difficult process of considering reductions in services and reassessing its priorities in light of the limited resources available.

Additionally, if in any year, the Government limit on council tax increases is reduced from 2%, or worse that the Council Tax Support Grant is withdrawn, service cuts would be required earlier than this.

These issues will be considered in detail via future budget setting processes when options for delivering any required budget reductions and savings, if these are required, will be drawn up and agreed.

The Council will also continue the process of undertaking service reviews and undertake a reassessment and update of the Council's strategic aims and community priorities with a view to determining which services are to be protected and which services may be subject to budget reductions in the longer term.

The Really Great Aycliffe Show



Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th August

School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe from 12.00 am - 5.00 pm

A great weekend for all the family

Handcraft and Horticulture Competition, Football & Golf Tournaments, FREE Bungee Run, Giant Maze and FREE Face Painting. Rabbit, Pigeon and Poultry Shows, Craft Demonstrations plus Dancing Competition and Displays. Vintage Vehicle Display, Fire Brigade and Armed Forces Displays. The very best in entertainment with Jason Smyth's Adrenaline Tour featuring the ex world championship moto-cross rider as well as Big 'n Little, Aycliffe Pipe and Drums and the North East Strongest Man Competition.

Be Part of the Show with Quercus Live

The fairies and boggles of Aycliffe want to show everyone what they have found here, but they need your help. Come along to Greenfield Arts Centre workshops before the Show or visit the marquee at the Show to make something to help them explain to the audience what they have found that is so wonderful.

Join us for a magical experience of live music, dance and drama.

Altogether better Durham
Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership

Sponsors: GAMP, Cooperative Funeralcare, Newton Press, Gregg Little Testing Centre, Deco Trophies & Engraving, Aycliffe Caravans & SS Seeds

For more information, telephone 01325 300700 or visit our website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

HOME PRODUCE - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Also to be judged on presentation. *Please note that all items will remain on display until 5.00 pm on Sunday. Jars/containers used to have plain covers in jars no less than 340g.*

1 A jar of home-made strawberry jam
2 A jar of home-made blackcurrant jam
3 A jar of home-made lemon curd
4 A jar of home-made marmalade not jelly
5 A jar of home-made chutney any variety
6 1 Fatless sponge cake no filling
7 Decorated victoria sponge sandwich top only - to be cut
8 Four pieces of tray bake not pastry based
9 Gingerbread - 7" square or 8" round
10 Six melting moment biscuits
11 Dundee cake (8" square or 9" round) - made to Bero recipe
12 Four almond slices
13 Plate apple pie - shortcrust pastry
14 Chocolate cake with butter cream filling - 1 cake cut - not iced
15 Four pieces of flapjack
16 4 Scones - 2 fruit, 2 savoury
17 1 lb White loaf (made with breadmaker)
18 1 lb Wholemeal loaf (without use of breadmaker)
19 Egg custard
20 Date and walnut loaf
21 Tea loaf
22 Lemon drizzle cake (loaf tin)
23 Any item of sugarcraft - in sealed transparent container
24 Four sausage rolls - shortcrust pastry
25 Egg and bacon pie - shortcrust pastry
26 Pastry savoury flan
27 A picnic on a tray. "Summer Celebration" including 3 whole items of produce from above - Space allowed 3' x 2'

CRAFT SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

No Soiled or Laundered Work Accepted

28 Crochet for baby, any article in yarn
29 Crochet for a toddler - any article
30 Canvas work - framed picture - needlepoint, any count
31 Embroidered picture in cross stitch - any count
32 Hand embroidered item in cross stitch - not framed
33 Coloured Embroidery Christmas tree decoration – any media
34 Coloured Embroidery cushion 18" x 18" or equivalent round
35 Coloured Embroidery - miniature embroidery to fit into 2" (51mm) square
36 Coloured Embroidery - any article
37 Patchwork any article machine stitched
38 Decoupage any picture (framed and glazed)
39 Jewellery beadwork - theme - Wedding
40 Jewellery wirework - theme - Wedding
41 Machine stitched item for a dolls house
42 Hand sewn item for a dolls house
43 Any hand-made toy - hand sewn
44 Any doll dressed - clothes machine stitched
45 An item made from rag rugging
46 An item made from hooking and knotting
47 A machine stitched shopping bag

HAND KNITTING SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

48 Any article
49 Any item - clothing in double knitting
50 Any item for baby - max chest size 20"
51 Any article in 3 ply
52 Any Doll - Hand knitted

WOOD SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

53 Article in wood - left in natural form
54 Article in wood - painted or varnished

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Mounted on card, NOT FRAMED. Overall size including mount A4 or less fixed to card. Rests allowed. No names on exhibits, labels for rear will be provided if requested. Max exhibits per entrant 5.

55 Black and white print
56 Colour print - Landscape
57 Colour print - Seascape
58 Colour print - Natural History
59 Digital Art "Before and After"

ART SECTION- TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Rests may be used if desired (not provided)

60 Oil painting - framed unless on 3D canvas
61 Water colour - framed and glazed
62 Acrylic painting - framed unless on 3D canvas
63 Pastel - framed and glazed
64 Any artwork - any medium not listed in classes 59-62

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST ENTRY

Please ensure that the age of the child is on exhibit. (No names on exhibits please) NO KITS to be used unless stated otherwise

Age 4 - 6 years

65 An original picture - any subject any medium
66 Clown's face on a paper plate
67 Decorated hard-boiled egg
68 Decorated iced digestive biscuit
69 Garden on a Tray
70 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 7 - 10 years

71 Design for a sculpture
72 A glove puppet
73 An original picture - any subject any medium
74 A home-made crown
75 Garden on a Tray
76 Funny/unusual vegetable or fruit

Age 11 - 13 years

77 An original picture - any subject any medium
78 A scarecrow model
79 3 butterfly cakes
80 Aycliffe Show - any medium

Age 14 - 16 years

81 DVD Sleeve
82 Airfix, Lego (or similar) model - kits allowed
83 An original poster to publicise a music concert any medium
84 Computer Art

HORTICULTURE SECTION

LEEKS – COLOUR PORTABLE TV PLUS PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY FOR BEST LEEK

85 Two pot leeks 6" tight button

NOVICE SECTION - *(For beginners or people who have not yet won a trophy at the show)*

86 An assortment of 4 vegetables (not shallots) from the open vegetable section

OPEN VEGETABLE SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL VEGETABLE ENTRY

87 Two long leeks - min of 12" to tight button
88 Three Onions, not shallots - fresh pulled with tops and roots washed
89 Four onions - round under 250g
90 Four shallots
91 Two carrots - long root - fresh pulled with 3" tops
92 Two carrots - stump rooted
93 Two parsnips - fresh pulled with 3" tops
94 Three beetroot, round - to be cut by Judges
95 One cauliflower with 4" stalk
96 Collection of 4 different vegetables - no tomatoes or cucumber
97 Best Truss of Tomatoes
98 A Dish of 4 Tomatoes
99 Vegetable Marrow
100 One round Cabbage with 4" stalk
101 Three Potatoes - kidney or round

OPEN FLOWER SECTION - TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL FLOWER ENTRY

102 Container of Flowers for effect - to face all round - No foliage allowed
103 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - Intermediate (large or medium)
104 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - any variety incurve medium
105 Vase of 3 stems of spray Chrysanthemums - any variety
106 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety medium
107 Vase of 3 Dahlias - any variety small
108 Vase of 3 Dahlias - small pom pom
109 Vase of 3 Hybrid Tea Roses
110 Vase of 3 Gladioli Spikes
111 Vase containing a single Gladioli Spike
112 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter 6" or less
113 One flowering house plant in pot with inside diameter bigger than 6"
114 One Buttonhole - any variety
115 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub - Max pot size 90mm/3.5"
116 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub - Max pot size 127mm/5"
117 One pot any cultivar bush or shrub - Max pot size 154mm/6"
118 One mini std. clear stem 150mm - 250mm (6"-10")

Trophies sponsored by Gregg Little Testing Centre & Deco Trophies & Engraving

GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW EXHIBITION - ENTRY FORM FOR ALL CLASSES

Class No	Class Description	Number of Entries in Class
	Total No. of Entries	

I request you to enter the above named Exhibits, subject to the rules and regulations of the Great Aycliffe Show Exhibition which I have read and understood. **Please note that a separate entry form is required for each person** (photocopies are acceptable).

NAME (as to be shown on certificate or trophy).....

FULL ADDRESS.....

..... Post Code..... Age (if 16 or under)..... Telephone No.....

*e-mail (please print clearly).....

*Acknowledgements will be sent by e-mail unless no e-mail address is given. Completed entry forms (photocopies are acceptable) must be received by Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF or show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before 5.00 pm on Tuesday 19th August 2014.

Ramsey's GARAGE
For sales, service and MOTs visit our new website at...
www.ramseys.co.uk

NEWS FROM St. JOHN'S

On Tuesday 24th June a number of students completed within a district multi-sports competition at Sedgefield school. The event included a range of different activities. St John's competed at Under 15 boy's 7's rugby, Under 15 girls 7's rugby, Under 15 girl's rounders, table-tennis, Under 13 girls football and Under 15 boy's football.

The students had a fantastic day and performed excellently across all sports. Both the boy's and girl's rugby teams won their respective competitions. Most remarkably the girls Under 13 football team won their competition without losing a game or conceding a goal. The boy's football team were very unlucky and narrowly missed out on first place due to goal difference. The rounders team also came second after an excellent performance. The table-tennis team came a respectable 3rd place.

Well done to all of the students who took part

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The year 9 athletics team participated in a District competition on Wednesday 18th of June at Shildon Stadium. This is an annual event which this year included 7 schools. St John's, Woodham, Wolsingham, Bishop Barrington, Sedgefield, Parkside and Sunnydale.

The students all complete within track and field events gaining points for their team. The students from St John's had some excellent performances especially within the 4X100 relays. St John's were extremely successful on the track with standout performances from Findley Crossen in his sprint and James Frankland on the 800m. Ellis Tait ran a fantastic leg on the boy's relay making up 3 places. Well done to all of the students involved

ST JOHN'S NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD

This year St John's has set up a kayaking club with Bishop Auckland Kayak Club. The satellite club is funded through Sport England. It has allowed us to get some equipment and free coaching and has been running every Monday 4-5 after the school club.

This has allowed students to improve their kayaking and all the students involved have made excellent improvements. The club has been nominated by County Durham for a regional and national award. Each county can only nominate one Satellite club so this is excellent for the school. A big thank you to all who have been involved in making this club a success.

Well done to all of the students involved.

St. Clare's Getting on Top of Things

Encouraging progress is being made on the necessary repairs to the roof at St Clare's church. With the passage of time the roof which has done its duty against the wind and the weather is now in need of refurbishment. The total cost is expected to be in the region of £60,000. Due to the dedicated fundraising efforts of church members and the generosity of a number of individuals and charitable trusts a total of £35,000 has now been raised and work on the first phase has been able to commence.

Rev'd Chris Pearson, the Rector, (shown in the photo) said "It is great to see scaffolding go up and work start in earnest. A lot of amazing voluntary effort and generosity has gone in to getting us this far. I feel confident that we will eventually be able to finish the full job. Then this wonderful building can go on serving the community for many years to come". Ron Davison, who has been heading up the fundraising effort is keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help the project to reach its financial target. He can be contacted on 01325 320203.

Warriors Give Cubs a Lesson

On Friday 20th June Danny Ketch and three players from the Woodham Warriors visited 1st Newton Aycliffe Cub Group for part of the Cub's Fitness Challenge Badge.

What a great night was had by all as the Warriors taught the cubs how to correctly do a warm up, how to pass and catch with the ball. By the end of the night we had a group of very happy but tired children. Danny and the lads also ended the night with a competition between Danny and his players on how far they could throw the ball. None could decide between Danny and Richie. Jackie Langford, Cub Scout Leader, said: "It was a pleasure to have them visit and we are looking forward to them coming again".

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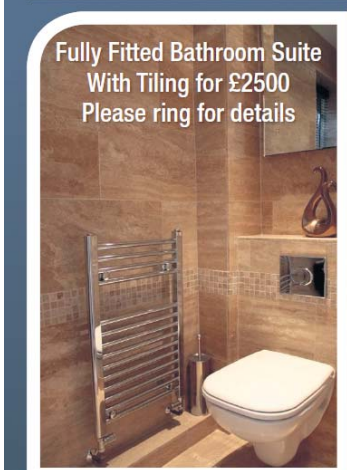
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Karate at Woodham for All

Zanshin-Kai Karate, based in Woodham Community Centre, recently held its second grading of 2014. The afternoons were well attended and the instructors were very pleased with the standard and enthusiasm shown by the students, all of whom successfully earned their new belts. Well done to you all!

The results were:

7th Kyu – Ethan Wright, Leanne Wright, Darlene Greaves, Jack Dobie

6th Kyu – Kris Wall, Gavin Tones, Matthew Butterworth & Darcy Greaves

2nd Kyu – Joanne Fenton, Jayson Durham

1st Kyu – Chris Nisbet, Julie Nisbet, Simon Butterworth

If you're interested in taking up Karate and would like more information call into Woodham Community centre any Sunday or Thursday, call 07917 203421 or 07988 709604 or email zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk

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AYCLIFFE WALKERS IN LAKELAND

The promise of glorious Lakeland weather, with a possibility of late afternoon showers, enticed a full coach of enthusiastic Aycliffe Fell Walkers the hills above Braithwaite, Lorton and Buttermere.

Members alighting from the coach at Braithwaite headed for the hills, whilst those starting from High Lorton sought out the Wheatsheaf Inn, for tea and sumptuous bacon butties, prior to heading for Loweswater Hills.

The way up from Braithwaite past Barrow, Outerside and High Moss to the junction of paths at the foot of Sail caused many walkers to pant for breath in the high morning temperatures, as commanding views opened up above a working quarry. A steep zigzag path lured walkers to Sail summit, and the awesome sight of Crag Hill, proudly standing at 839 metres! The scramble to the summit needed careful attention.

The views were amazing but by the time the slower walkers reached the top the majority had lunched and moved on as one walker arrived from an adventurous route over Grisedale Pike. Two walkers, ascended mighty Grasmoor, the highest hill in the area and afterwards descended the hidden valley of Gasgale Gill, with its many cooling cascades amongst the rocks of the streambed.

For all but the youngest walkers rocky descents proved tough on knee-joints but somewhere below nestled the village of Buttermere - and a welcoming choice of hostelries. No further encouragement needed!

Reunited with other club walkers, many checking their watches and ordering seconds, the group eventually left the pub for a level walk alongside the bank of Crummock Water, but trouble lay ahead! Once the group passed the end of the lake, a decision to cut across a field proved disastrous as walkers slipped deeper and deeper into bog with every stride.

Several panicky minutes later firmer ground was regained and the group laughed about it, as did some onlookers watching the 'show' from a safe distance! Thankfully there wasn't much further to go to the end of the walk at Loweswater village. Boots were sodden and smelly and on returning to the waiting coach, were quickly removed and thrown into the coach storage hold!

The forecast showers were by then looming but only after most walkers had gained the shelter of the Kirkstile Inn. Some excellent ale was served, thirsts were quenched with talk of the hills climbed and weather enjoyed on another excellent club outing.

"My favourite part of the Lakes District" said one. "My favourite pub in my favourite part of the Lake District" said another.

The coach departure was time-consuming as it was too big for the narrow roads and tight bends, with oncoming traffic having to reverse to let the coach through. When the coach eventually reached the open road, ale consumption had taken its toll and walkers were very grateful for a comfort stop at a workingmen's club in Penrith. It was one of the most eventful return journeys home and was followed by a good night's sleep, with aching legs in the morning for all but the fittest! Visit www.afwc.org.uk for details of further club walks during 2014

Running Club Notes

On Sunday 22nd June, seven members of the club tackled the demanding course of Preston Park 10k Trail race. This followed various paths through woods, fields and riverside and on what was a very hot day the shaded area of the woods gave some welcome relief.

There was a mix up just after the start of the race. Some runners claim they were sent the wrong way, ten were disqualified and others only completed 5k but were given times for the distance completed.

Graham Atkins, one of our tri-athletes, had a brilliant run finishing 6th and first V/50, in 45m:50s, followed by John Burnside, 21st 48:10, Dave Blewitt, 26th 48:44, Justin Hindmarch 33rd 49:46, Kelly Smith 51st 53:19, Trish Kay 63rd and 1st F/50 55:34 and finally Ray Todd 95th and 1st V/70 66:26.

On the same day Chris Forster competed in the "Stavely Stampede" 10k and finished in 53:07.

The following Wednesday the club were in action in the Redcar coastal 5k. It was a pleasant summer evening and a few of our athletes got PBs. John Burnside was 1st home for the club, finishing 83rd in 20m:43s, followed by Justin Hindmarch 87th 20:48, Kelly Smith, 97th 21:20 PB, Rob Nicholson, 114th 22:05, Trish Kay 134th 24:19, Ross Garland, 166th 26:45 PB, Dianne Savage, 176th 28:00 PB and Elaine Morgan 186th 29:21 PB.

To complete what had been a busy week, four athletes competed in the Lord Stones 5k Trail Race, near Carlton-in-Cleveland. This is a completely new venue for the summer series of Tees trail races and it attracted 190 runners. The clubs "King of the Mountains", Dez Fielden was in his element and finished 4th in 17:24. Leading the ladies was Angela Barrett 135th 28:13, followed by Kat Aspey 144th 28:58, and Rachel Aspey 147th 29:16.

Saturday 28th June was the day of the Hamsterley Marathon, a new event organised by Sedgefield Harriers. Runners had the option of taking part in either the full marathon, 18.5m or 11m and three ladies from the club opted for the 11 miles and all gave a good account of themselves.

Clare Rose was first home, 26th out of 58 finishers in the time of 1h:39m, followed by Jayne Heron, 30th 1:45:59 and Melanie Rowland 44th 1h:55:03.

The following day, two members of the club competed in the Lambton Castle 10k

It was quite a warm day and the grassy sections of the undulating mixed terrain course made it hard going at times. Graham Atkins was first home in 42:15, followed by Trish Kay, 51:05.

On Wednesday 1st July nine members of the club competed in the Pitstop 10k at Croft. This was over three laps of the race course. It was a windy evening but this didn't stop some members gaining PBs, with the help of the flat course. Prolific racer Dez Fielden was first home for the club and 7th overall in the time of 35:25, followed by Richard Campbell, 18th 39:02, Tom Porter, 31st 40:41, Justin Hindmarch, 64th 44:41, Steve Smith, 71st 44:41, Dave Blewitt, 74th 44:52 PB, Trish Kay, 113th 50:38, Diane Savage, 160th 56:42 PB, and Susan Clark, 180th 60:59.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 2nd team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store had a record breaking victory when they defeated promotion favourite's Whitby at home by 3 wickets in the 3rd division of the NYSD. Whitby were asked to bat first and scored a seemingly impregnable 211 for 8 declared after 48 overs, despite some impressive bowling from medium pacer Neil Bancroft who finished with 5 for 33 from 6 overs.

In reply opener Joe Haines scored his maiden half century when he made 54 and captain Adam Gittins smashed 66, to give Aycliffe a great start with a brilliant 3rd wicket partnership of 114, which left the home side well set at 168 for 3. A few wickets were lost in the scamble for runs towards the end of the innings, but Neil Bancroft kept his cool to score a timely unbeaten 31 to give Aycliffe a memorable win by 3 wickets after 50.5 overs. The total of 214 is a new second team record for the highest score to win a game batting second.

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team were easily beaten away at lowly Normanby Hall 2nd team in the 2nd division of the NYSD. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe were skittled for just 78 after 37 overs, with only Michael Howe (14), Luke Telford (13) and Pritpal Grewal (11) reaching double figures in an awful batting performance. In reply. the homeside coasted to victory for the loss of 3 wickets after just 18.5 overs despite fast bowler Sean Morgan taking 2 for 26 from his 7 overs. The defeat sees Aycliffe slip down to 6th place in the table.

Newton Aycliffe's under 15's containing five u13's players were beaten away at Brandon by 19 runs. The homeside scored 102 for 7 in their 20 overs with Aycliffe's Ryan Patrick the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for just 11 runs. In reply Aycliffe openers Jack Lowery (24 runs) and Dan Bowmer (21 runs) got their side off to a great start with a first wicket partnership of 55, but wickets fell at regular intervals as the team pushed for quick runs and the innings eventually closed at 83 for 6.

The under 13's gave a good performance in a match marred by rain, but still lost at home to Wolviston by 35 runs. Wolviston batted first and scored 122 for 3 in their 20 overs with Dominic Hindmarsh the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 9 from his 4 overs. In reply Aycliffe were restricted to 87 for 9 and there was good performances with the bat from Jack Lowery and Nathan Parry, who both scored 19 runs.

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Local businesses and our MP Phil Wilson are getting behind a campaign which will see Newton Aycliffe FC's ground's name up for grabs!

Aycliffe, in the Ebac Northern League first division, want to increase links with the local business community and has drawn up a range of new options for the 2014-15 season.

The name of its prized asset – its stadium, one of the Northern League's youngest grounds – is available to firms who buy into the scheme. Businesses are asked to buy a 'ticket' for just £100, with the winner drawn to get exclusive naming rights to Moore Lane Park.

There will also be runner-up prizes of pitchside perimeter advertising boards (worth £300) as well as match and matchball sponsorship packages worth up to £100. It means every business buying a ticket will win something in return at least equal to the amount of its investment.

The initiative is backed by our MP Phil Wilson and local business leaders including Finley Structures Managing Director John Finley, Stiller Warehousing and Distribution boss Paul Stiller, SCH Site Services MD Gary Finley and Kerina Clark, Manager of the Xcel Centre and Chair of the Aycliffe Business Park Community.

Finley Structures, which is currently working on the nearby Hitachi site for Shepherd Construction, provided the steel for a new stand at Moore Lane Park three years ago enabling the club to gain promotion to the Northern League first division.

Mr Finley said: "I think this is a fantastic initiative and a great way for businesses to support their local football club, and also get something for their money at the same time. We've always been big supporters of the club and it's important for local firms to do their bit.

"Aycliffe's success in recent years has been phenomenal, but with that success comes the added expense of running a club at a top non-league level, and I've always been hugely impressed by the army of volunteers who give up their time to help run it.

"Supporting local sport is nice to do, but there is also great satisfaction from investing a little and play ing your part."

Phil Wilson, the club's President, said: "From a business point of view this is a no-brainer. We're asking firms to donate a nominal amount of money, but they get something in return for that investment regardless of whether they win the rights to naming the ground or not.

But if they win it's a fantastic opportunity for a local firm to increase awareness of their company to a big regional market."

Aycliffe firm, Ebac, manufacturers of de-humidifiers and freezers, have seen the benefit of investing in local sport by sponsoring the Northern League.

There are a number of other corporate packages available with Aycliffe, including shirt sponsorships. Chairman Allan Oliver, who runs a concrete reinforcing business, said: "This is a critical time of the year for Northern League clubs and we're always looking for ways of engaging more with the local business community. We think this gives firms a great chance to get involved without breaking the bank – there's a top prize up for grabs, but every business which buys in is guaranteed to win something.

"Our kits are currently available for sponsorship, and they enable firms to increase brand awareness to a wide audience across the whole of the North, with our team travelling to well-known clubs in the Tyneside, Wearside, Teesside and Cumbria areas as well as in County Durham."

Firms who take out shirt sponsorship and pitchside perimeter advertising boards at Aycliffe are automatically entered into the stadium rebranding draw. To get involved with the club, call General Manager Dan Lewis on 07581 784726 or email djl@thesoccerfactoryltd.co.uk

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Greenfield - County's Top Sports Leaders

Twenty of Greenfield Community College's sports leaders were invited to attend the County Durham Leadership Academy event to celebrate their achievements in volunteering and sport leadership last week.

Greenfield's sports leaders have worked hard all year, organising, running and competing in events across the county. They have supported their peers and encouraged younger sports enthusiasts at a number of primary school events. All those invited to this celebration have reached 50, 100 or 200 hours of volunteering – a fantastic achievement!

The evening was presented by Katie Gornall BBC sports presenter and guest speaker Dave Parnaby, Middlebrough's Academy manager. It was a great way to celebrate the achievement of all the sports leaders across the county, we are pleased that so many of Greenfield's young sportsmen and women were honoured at the event.

Aycliffe Triathletes in Ripon Challenge

It was a beautiful hot and sunny afternoon on Saturday 12th July that six Aycliffe Tri Club members took to Ripon Race Course for the annual "Black Sheep" Olympic Distance Triathlon.

This popular event saw almost 900 triathletes tackle the 1500m open water swim, 40k bike and 10k run course.

First home for the club was Graham Atkins in 2hrs 37mins followed closely by Rob Cherrie in 2hr 40mins and Gary Smith in 2hr 49mins.

The ladies of the club came in with Melanie Rowland leading the way in 2hr 55min, Wendy Bake in 3hr 06mins and Andrea Jones in 3hr 29min. All the club triathletes enjoyed the well organised event and vowed to be back next year.

Racing earlier in the month Gary Smith entered the inaugural Catterick Triathlon, this was a sprint distance race which Gary completed in 1hr 12min a fantastic time for his first event.

Graham Atkins

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Students have returned to school to write up the data as a practice task for the Controlled Assessment element of GCSE to be completed in Year 11.

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During the service, three of the volunteers shared their experiences, including Deborah Hodge from St Brandon's, Brancepeth, who was re-commissioned during the service. She said: "Although we deal so often with suffering, sickness and death, I really love this work and find it very rewarding."

A recurring theme in the stories was the sense of APA's growing in skills and confidence throughout their training and practice, equipping them to support people in the local community.

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Town's Junior Football Club Annual Presentations

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club (NAJFC) held their 17th Annual presentation day to reward all of the players associated with the club. This was held at our home ground of Sunnydale Leisure Centre in Shildon.

Over 120 players ranging from 4yrs to 20 years took to the stage to receive their individual participation trophy as a token of appreciation for their contribution to the sport of football. The younger teams were thrilled that "Rory the Lion" Middlesbrough FC's mascot presented their trophies. Players attended a match day at Middlesbrough FC's stadium earlier in the year , part funded by the club.

The older players were awarded trophies from Newton Aycliffe Football clubs new captain Dan Mitten and player Paul Broome.

The day was marvellous, the weather held out and guests were entertained by individual team DVDs on the large screens which gave highlights of the season from both on and off the field! The children were able to use both the 4G pitch and bouncy castle in between their sessions to keep them entertained.

During the presentation the club's chariman Nige Slatcher handed the Charirman's award to Jack Petroczy (16) who has been with the club over 10 years and despite his team (u16) folding mid-season has stayed committed to the club helping to coach our younger development team and is looking at joining the new u18 team this season. The club secretary Michelle Acuna Ocana nominated Jack Slatcher for the prestigious Durham FA Volunteer of the year Award due to his commitment to the club for over 15 years. Jack has played in every age group for the club currently within the u21's. Jack is a qualified referee who undertakes referring other games within the club as well as coaching and managing the development squad and upcoming under 7's. After the nomination was submitted an independent judging panel decided that Jack Slatcher received notification that he has been selecting by an independent judging panel to receive the runner up award which is a fantastic achievement. The following players were invited onto the stage to receive their ten year service to the club award; Nathan Acuna Ocana, Jack Petroczy & Patrick Howe. Some of these players have been with the club from the tender age of 4 and it has been a pleasure seeing them grow into young men.

Individual trophies were awarded for the following;

Golden Boot; Jason Beadle (u7), Mathew Miller (u8w), Zack Blyth (u8b), Matthew Turnbul l (u9), Dylan Howe (u10), Leon Quinn (u11), Harri Lynch (u12), Louis Simpson (u15) & Ash Levan (u21).

Player of the Season; Thomas Francis (u7), Lucas Godderd (u8w), Jake Patterson (u8b), Matthew Turnbull (u9), Nathan Slater (u10), Cameron Turner Neil (u11), Harri Lynch & Archy Pennington (u12), Kieran Maughan (u15) & Tom Olley (u21).

Managers Award; Kyle Croft (u7), Ted Hayward (u8w), Chloe West (u8b), Declan Kavanagh (u9), Nathan Slater (u10), Reagan Howe (u11), Damian Lawson (u12), Nathan Acuna Ocana & Jay Lee Nelson (u15) Jack Slatcher & Joe Young (u21).

Most Improved; Cody Barnes (u7), Bo Wilson Lee(u8w), Thomas Aspinall (u8b, Lucas Baker & Jonny Marshall (u11) & Harry Wardle (u12).

Sportsman Award; Sammy Clark (u9), Jamie Mullen (u10) & Ben Thompson (u15)

Players Player; Lleyton Gent (u7), Harry Brumwell (u8w), Jacob Mallinson (u8b), Declan Kavanagh (u9), Jake Goad (u10), James Imielia (u11) Ethan Stoker (u12), Thomas Pincher (u15) & Tom Olley (u21).

Player of the tournament; Sam Porteous (u8w), Charlie Dawson (u8b), James O Connor (u10) & Kieran Newbury (u12)

Special Recognition Award; Corey Loscombe (u21).

NAJFC would like to thank all the players and their parents for their support throughout the 2013/2014 season. A massive thank you to the managers/coaches and committee members for all their hard work throughout the season and ensuring the presentation day ran smoothly, some of which went above and beyond . . . you know who you are!

NAJFC are looking forward to the 2014/21015 with the addition of an under 14 and under 18 team. If you wish to learn more about our club then please visit our website www.najuniorfc.co.uk or visit us on our facebook page

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS

Diana Watson's Hurdling Dog

Obituary

PEGGY STEELE. Margaret Ann, aged 94 years, peacefully on 5th July, formerly of Morton Walk, Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Wife of the late Tom and a much loved Sister of Norma and Ella. Funeral on Tuesday 29th July. Would friends please meet for Service in St Clare's Church at 11am followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be sent for St Clare's Roof Appeal c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service. Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6EN

In Memoriam

RICHARD HUTSON (Dick). 19/4/1928 to 18/7/2013. Dear Dad, We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, we thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence we often speak your name. All we have are memories and a picture in a frame, your memories are a keepsake from which we'll never part. God has you in his arms and we have you in our hearts. All our love always. Your Four Girls and Son-in-Laws xx

RICHARD HUTSON (Dick). 19/4/1928 to 18/7/2013. There are places in our hearts that will forever treasure our Granda's love and strength. There are places in our memories that will forever remember his stories, traditions and his humour and generosity. Love always from your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxx

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a special Brother and Uncle. Sadly missed by Sister Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxxx

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a loving Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

JOY COSH 19th July. Always in our thoughts. Loved forever. Ian, Yvonne, Kenny, Andrea, Alex, Sara, Grandkids and Great Grandkids xxx

JODEY SLATER 19th July 1997. Another year gone without my little Toots. How I wish you were here at this moment Jodey. Forever in my heart sweetheart. I know you got Nana and Grandad up there with you. God bless you Angel. Love, Mam xxxx

Birthday Remembrance

BRENDA SCOONES 24th July. Happy birthday Mam/Nana. Love and miss you always, Mark, Jane and Chelsea.

BRENDA SCOONES 24th July. Forever loved and deeply missed, you are always in our hearts. Happy birthday Mam/Nana. Love, Jacqueline, Victoria, Rob and Boys

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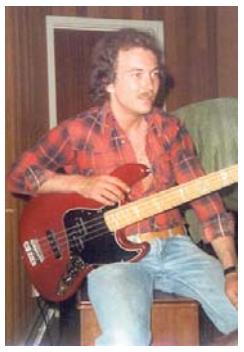
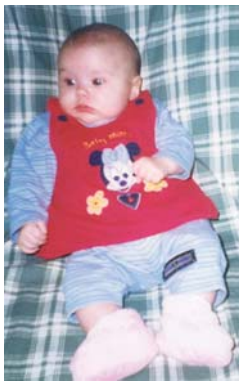
Congratulations

Brian Cole



Happy 60th Birthday Coley
See you in Dubai
Love, Krystal xxxxxxx

Sophie Atkinson



Happy 16th Birthday Our Sweetheart
Have a magical day. Lots of love, Mam and Adam xx

Chelsey Corbett

19th July
Hip Hip Hooray, Chelsey is 16 today! Sweet 16. Love your dream! Love, Mam, Sammy, Kirsty, Brooke and Hayden xxxx

Mica Cockerill

Happy 18th Birthday
20th July 1996
Sending lots of love to a wonderful and beautiful Daughter on her 18th birthday. Have a lovely day Mica. Love you always, Mam and Gary xxx

Happy Birthday
to a special Sister on her 18th. Lots of love, Alex, Ellie and Callum xxx

Happy Birthday Mica
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KNOW Happy 4th birthday to our super hero "Thomas". Lots of love, Mummy, Daddy and James xxx

KNOW Happy birthday Thomas. Love, Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxx

KNOW Happy 4th birthday Thomas. Lots of love and kissses Grandma and Grandad xx

THOMAS KNOW Happy 4th birthday. Love you. Great Gran Lily xxx

THOMAS KNOW Happy 4th birthday to our wonderful Nephew. Love from Uncle Adam, Auntie Kim, Eva and Harry xxxx

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All he needs is lots and lots of tuppenny bits to support The Cruse Bereavement Counselling Service and the School Benevolent Fund for County Durham, which provides grants for winter coats and shoes for children from low income families.

The Tuppenny Bit Challenge will take place at the Great Aycliffe Show on Saturday and Sunday 23rd/24th August 2014. Jed asks you to start hoarding your tuppenny bits and bring them along to the Show. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

Cricket Play Scheme for Town Children

• Do you have a child aged between 6 – 11 years
• Are they interested in cricket or would they like to give it a try

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club will again be holding the hugely popular summer play scheme at Moore Lane Sports Club every Wednesday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 during the school summer holidays, commencing on Wednesday 23 July.

Members of the senior squad will be present to organise Kwik Cricket and other fun games aimed at getting children at all levels interested in the game.

It is hoped that some of the children will then be invited to train with the clubs development squad during the winter months with a view to joining the clubs under 11 and under 13 teams next summer.

The play scheme, which will be supervised by members of the club vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service, costs £2 per session and is open to boys and girls of all abilities. All necessary equipment to participate will be supplied by Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club.

For further information about the scheme or to register your child please contact club secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754 959.

Large Haul of Medals for Aycliffe Club

Members of the Newton Aycliffe Wishing Well Club who took part in the annual Northern Games for the Disabled last Sunday, organised by the Rotary Club. A strong contingent represented the town and brought back loads of medals.

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Newtonian Retains Title

Mikey Hogarth from 'MMA All Out' in Newton Aycliffe, defended his title at the Total Combat Show on Saturday 12th July at Spennymoor Leisure Centre with a truly powerful performance.

Mikey trained hard introducing the worldwide strength and conditioning programme 'CrossFit' into his regime which improved his strength and fitness massively and it showed in his performance on Saturday night.

Mikey confidently dominated his opponent, a karate expert, on the ground and won the fight by TKO in the first round. Mikey was well supported by friends and family, as well as members from CrossFit All Out where he trains and delivers his own MMA sessions.

Tez Anderson, owner of CrossFit and Thai-boxing British Title holder said "Mikey deserved to take the title and his sheer commitment, drive and determination over the past 10 years along with a recent MMA training trip to Thailand and his increased strength and fitness from CrossFit, has made him an even stronger fighter. We are excited to see where MMA All Out can take new, up and coming fighters with Mikey's coaching skills, knowledge and experience.

CrossFit All Out opened in January this year and has gone from strength to strength with weekly Yoga sessions and new 'Teens All Out' sessions over the summer holidays for 13-16 year olds, as well as community and charity events.

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TEENS ALL OUT
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Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4.15pm – 5pm.
£5 per session / £12 per week / 4 weeks or more only £10 per week!
FREE TRIALS:
Friday 18th 4.15pm and Saturday 19th July 11am - Parents welcome.
*** Limited to 15 places per session so hurry and book ***

YOGA
Tara Sellars, British Wheel of Yoga Registered Instructor
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£6 per session or pay for 6 sessions for £30 (no expiry).
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MMA ALL OUT
Mikey Hogarth, British Title holder delivers MMA sessions
every Tuesday and Thursday 8pm-9.30pm and Sunday 5pm-6.30pm
£4 per session or £40 per month unlimited (age 16+)
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