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Aycliffe Fighter Wins Second World Title



Reece Mcallister

Phoenix Thai Fighter Reece Mcallister from Newton Aycliffe has won a second world title in front of 2000 spectators. Serbian fighter Dragan Pesic travelled to the Northeast to fight for the 'Kings of Glory' world title against Reece Mcallister. Dragan came to the fight looking confident for a win with a fight record of 34 fights with just two losses and holding two world titles himself. He was quoted in an interview that the belt belonged to him and would

be going back to Serbia. Reece and the Phoenix camp knew what needed to be done, and after 5 week's training Reece was in prime shape and took a round and a half to dismantle his opponent making him a two times World Champion. Reece would like to thank all of his sponsors for their backing, also a big thanks to everyone who came and supported the show. Anyone wishing to train among the Phoenix Team can contact Head Coach Gary Mcallister on 07812 737718.

Positive Response to Aycliffe Festival 2015

The meeting this week called by the Town Council to discuss a Town Festival next year instead of the Great Aycliffe Show went exceptionally well. Over 40 people attended and they were full of enthusiasm and ideas for the Festival. There are already 23 events that people provisionally said they were thinking about organising. The events are varied, ranging from a cycle race, talent contests, football tournaments, craft fairs to community fairs. Another meeting was held

on Thursday and the Town Council are confident that Aycliffe will be able to stage a really great Festival in 2015. Readers are reminded that the closing date for show handcraft and horticulture entries for the Great Aycliffe Show this month is Tuesday 19th August. Please get your entries into show@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or to the Council Offices in School Aycliffe Lane. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the Council's website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

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The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, is to host a Charity Golf Tournament on FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2014 in aid of her nominated charities during her year of office. The event will take place at the Oak Leaf Golf Course and will be followed by a dinner and presentation evening in the Oak Leaf Complex Function Room. The cost for a team of four is £100 which will include the golf, refreshment tent and presentation evening. We are also looking for

sponsorship for the event and if you would be interested in sponsoring one of the course holes the cost would be £25. The Mayor has nominated Cruse Bereavement Care and the County Durham School Benevolent Fund as her charities. Sponsorship and application forms can be obtained from Miss Christine Ryder, the Mayor's Secretary, at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Tel. 01325 300700 or e-mail: Christine.Ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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The display of World War 1 memorabilia interested a lot of people as did the competitions particularly the single flower bloom. There was an overall profit on the day so thanks to everyone for their support.



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There is a special Night to celebrate their birthday on Sunday 31st August with live Indian music and dancers. This will be a special occasion not to be missed, and there are only a few places left so ring now to make your reservation on 316516. Hosam and his wife Shifa look forward to greeting you.



Norman Cornish Memorial Lecture

A memorial lecture to celebrate the life and work of artist Norman Cornish will be held at Spennymoor Town Hall in September. Cornish's biographers Bob McManners and Gillian Wales will speak about his life in Spennymoor and the development of his work as



an artist, during and after his career as a miner. The lecture will take place at Spennymoor Town Hall on Sunday 14th September 2014 at 4pm, and repeated on the same date at 7pm. Tickets for the lecture are free and will be available from Spennymoor Town

Council Offices, as well limited numbers available at Greenfield Arts, Newton Aycliffe and Northumbria University Gallery, Newcastle. Please contact Spennymoor Town Council on 01388 815276 or email enquiries@spennymoorcouncil.gov.uk to reserve a ticket. Please note that admission to the lectures is by ticket only as numbers are restricted. The Mining Museum and The Bob Abley Gallery at the town hall will be open just before and after the lecture for visitors, and Spennymoor Town Council's collection of Norman Cornish work will be available to view as well. Spennymoor Town Hall is fully accessible with ample parking at the rear. Information about the lecture can be found on www.normancornish.com/lecture.

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The Abolition of Slavery act wasn't passed until 1833 and applied to the whole British Empire, and even then there were a few exceptions. Yet slavery still exists, even in this country. A lot of the food we eat and the clothes we wear are produced by slave labour, including child slavery. Children and women are trafficked for the sex trade and domestic service.

On Saturday 23rd August St Clare's Church will show the film "12 YEARS A SLAVE" the 2013 film which tells the true story of Solomon Northup, a free African-American man who was kidnapped in Washington DC in 1841 and sold into slavery in Louisiana.

Coffee & tea at 1pm (Inc in the £2) film at 1-15pm. There will also be a display about slavery in the church entrance from Monday 18th August

FAMILY "FAB FRIDAY" AT AYCLIFFE AUTISM CENTRE

On Friday 29th August from 11.00am the North East Centre for Autism, Cedar Drive, Newton Aycliffe is celebrating six years of working with families across the North East. The North East Autism Society (NEAS) Family Support team mark the event with a celebration Family Fun Day called 'Fab Friday'.

The event is open to the general public and all funds raised on the day will go towards supporting the charities Family Support Services that helps families with a range of services including a toddler group, family workshops, befriending, dance and healthy eating groups.

Families can enjoy a range of activities at the fun day including archery, basketball, face painting, go karts, bouncy castle, arts and craft, drama, dance workshops and much more. The charity recognise that it is often difficult for families to access the right type of advice and guidance so staff from the society will be on hand throughout the day offering help and support for parents who have a child with autism.

This unique opportunity will also combine the chance to have a tour of the facilities at the Centre. Working across the region, the charity's Family Support team help more than 150 families by providing a wide range of positive activities for children and young people with autism during school holidays and includes residential short breaks.

Susan Tron, Trust Fundraiser for the charity explains: "Children with autism have a distinctively different way of processing information



website at www.ne-as.org.uk

and of seeing the world. They have a need for structure and routine otherwise anxieties can lead some fairly disruptive behaviour. As a result of their complex needs and challenging behaviour they can often become isolated from society and their peers. Children with autism therefore have restricted access to leisure facilities and new opportunities as choices are limited and parents struggle to manage and lack confidence. Our Fun Day will be a safe supported environment in which parents can relax and children can enjoy doing what they like best. We have a huge sports hall and park with plenty of room to run wild! It is also a great opportunity to find out about all the other services we have on offer."

For more information about the work of North East Autism Society and their Family Support Services please contact them on 0191 410 9974 or check out their

PCP JOINS WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

The Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning is now an annual event at the Pioneering Care Centre and this year PCP is hosting a 'coffee with crafts' event. The Coffee Morning is taking place on Friday 26 September between 10am - 1pm. In addition to the refreshments sold in the Mall Coffee Shop within the Centre there will be stalls selling locally homemade crafts and baked goods.

PCP had a great response last year and raised £348.63 for people living with cancer. This year PCP would like to exceed this amount. Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face. And as treatments improve, more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives.

The money PCP raise at the coffee morning will help towards making sure

no one has to face cancer alone, from the moment they're diagnosed, through treatment and beyond. So please try to pop along and support this great cause. Buy a piece of cake and a coffee, browse the interesting stalls selling unique produce and find out what's available to improve your health and wellbeing, reducing your risk of ill health.

If anyone would be interested in having a stall at the event, there are a few places left, please get in touch to express an interest. For further details contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email enquiries@pcp.uk.net

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Chugging (short for charity mugging) is the practice by paid professionals of

stopping people in the street to ask for charity donations. "Chuggers now siphon off more than the first £100 of a donor's money – without telling them this.

These parasites now take over £100m a year from donations intended for charity," said Chairman Peter Quinn. "They've brought words like intimidation and hard sell into what used to be a noble calling. Volunteer groups are unanimous in opposing it and some have disbanded in protest."

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NSPCC Wants Better Treatment of Young People in Court

The NSPCC believes that no child abuse victim should ever have to face their attacker at court, which is why the children's charity is today urging people in Durham to sign an e-petition calling for the Government to set up more remote video link sites.

A remote video link site is a designated place away from the court building which young witnesses can give evidence from. However just three police forces in England and Wales – South Wales, Kent and Derbyshire – currently have this facility.

The children's charity hopes that the e-petition will attract 21,000 signatures nationally – one for every child who gives evidence in court each year – by 5 September.

The e-petition is just one element of the NSPCC's recently launched Order in Court campaign, which is aiming to help reduce the distress that children experience when participating in court proceedings. The lack of remote video link sites in England and Wales means that virtually all – 99 per cent – of children who give evidence every year still have to do so from court buildings which are not appropriate places for children – especially ones who have experienced abuse. The NSPCC is writing to all the Police and Crime

Commissioners across England and Wales to highlight the urgent need to address the treatment of young victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system and prioritise facilities for these children.

Esther Rantzen, founder of the NSPCC's ChildLine Service said: "It's shocking that the majority of child witnesses still have to go to a court building to give evidence, running the risk of seeing their abuser and adding to the trauma they have already experienced. I'm urging everyone in Durham to take a stand and sign the NSPCC's Order in Court petition to ensure the Government sets up a remote link site in Durham. It is imperative that all child witnesses are given the opportunity to give their evidence remotely so they can get the justice they deserve."

Fiona Richards, NSPCC regional head of service for the North East, Yorkshire and the Humber, added: "Twenty-five years after the landmark Pigot Report, a major Home Office inquiry which recommended that

child witnesses should not be required to appear in open court, there are still thousands of child sexual abuse victims being left fearful, unhappy and with thoughts of self-harm after having to give evidence. Attending court can be an intimidating enough experience for an adult, so for a child giving evidence in an abuse case, it must be harrowing and could easily discourage others who have suffered to come forward." She continued: "A child who has been sexually abused shouldn't have to worry about seeing the offender in court. Ensuring that there is a remote site in all regions should help reduce the stress that children can face when they give evidence."

The need for more remote sites is just one of three changes the Order in Court campaign is calling for, to ensure young people in the justice system are treated first and foremost as children. The others are:

- Compulsory training for lawyers and barristers to prevent 'brutal' court cross-examinations.
- Greater access to Registered Intermediaries – trained communications experts – to help them understand what is happening with the police and court whenever necessary

Guide to New Start for Young People

Help is on hand for young people in County Durham looking for training or apprenticeships.

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All the latest information on vacancies will be in schools as well as online at www.help4teens.co.uk/start. One Point personal advisors can also offer information, advice and guidance to young people who are unsure about their future career paths. A similar initiative launched in January this year was successful in signing-up more than 300 young people to training and apprenticeship schemes.

Chris Peverall, One Point service manager, Durham County Council, said: "There are a vast range of local opportunities on offer. We urge young people, aged 16 to 19 and not in education, training or employment to check out our information online or contact one of our expert advisors."

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New Kids Club at Neville Parade

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Both were born in Bishop Auckland and moved to Newton Aycliffe in the 50's. They met at the Methodist Church Youth Club. Neal worked for Lloyds Bank and Annette was employed at Neville Parade Post Office under Postmaster, Norman Langthorne.

Neal later worked for Atha and Co., Solicitors and Middlesbrough Combined

Court Centre until retirement and now runs a wedding car service along with Annette from Aycliffe Business Park. Annette's hobbies included singing and the W.I. Neal has an interest in transport. The couple have two daughters. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on a cruise and plan a further holiday later this year travelling from Southampton to Vancouver – San Francisco – with a Rail journey to Chicago and New York, then cruising back to Southampton aboard Queen Mary 2.



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The local organiser is Joanne Land on: land.joanne@gmail.com or phone 07739 116330 or myself on craig.farlow@live.co.uk 07475 004742
It is an event that is getting

bigger and bigger and is receiving national coverage. The March for the NHS will follow the basic route of the 1936 Jarrow Crusade. It will take three weeks to cover 300 miles with 21 overnight stops. The details of the route of the march and events associated with it in each area are on the website. GMB members will welcome the march along

the route and will attend the events associated with it. Departure from Jarrow 16th August – at 10am
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and general health care combined with a little fun. This was laid on as a big thanks for all the hard work all employees put

in every day to carry out their contract with social landlords. Livin who maintain over 8,500 properties in the area. Mark Simpson from Middlesbrough provided music for the day and he is a tiler employed by Mears. The company wish to thank Sunderland Football club for providing the Speed Goal also Cafe 66 for the food and Seventeen for the cakes. Sarah Johnson was Mr Menda (Mears Mascot). The NHS Health Bus provided checks and Acu Care, free acupuncture. Over 220 staff and operatives attended the day from the Sedgefield branch, Livin, the Peterlee



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Clients Win Draw for Holiday in Portugal



Paul Howarth Director of Newton Press was asked to make the draw and is shown here with John Chircop Agency Manager

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Metcalfe of Newton Aycliffe who won a free holiday in a penthouse in Portugal. All they did was put their property up for sale with local estate agency Property Exchange at Neville Parade. Property exchange ran a promotional offer in July for their clients with a chance to win the holiday in a free draw.

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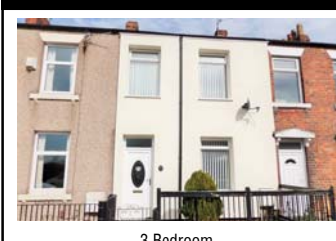
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Honeymoon in Aruba



Danielle Hughes from Bishop Auckland, married Kieron Crampton of Newton Aycliffe on Friday 8th August 2014 at Aycliffe Village Church. The groom is a Regional Sales Manager and the bride a Sales Administrator. Both attended St. John's Comprehensive School, Bishop Auckland. The Best Man was Eddie Thornton and the Maid of Honour: Rachel Hughes the bride's sister. The Bridesmaids were Ann Marie McCoy, Bernedette Young, Becky Aither, Amii Cogan, Emma Stevens and Jade Latue. The Ushers were Daniel Howe, Paul Garnett, Warren and Stevie Crampton. The Flower Girls were Antonia Green and Georgia Redpath (nieces); Page Boy: Kobi Crampton (nephew) The Reception was held at Bishop Auckland Golf Club and afterwards the couple left for a Caribbean Honeymoon in Aruba. On their return they began married life together in their home at Kirkham Place, Newton Aycliffe.

COUNCIL REFUSE GIFT OF BUSH

Dear Sir,
While redeveloping my garden I needed to remove a large beautiful Robinia Bush which cost me £50 some years ago. Not wanting to throw it away I offered it to the Town Council thinking how nice it would look in West Park and to help all the voluntary work there. My offer was refused and I was informed it was the wrong time of the year to replant yet Garden Centres are selling them now for planting. I then asked if the Civic

Pride Team would take it away for me and this request was refused. I was under the impression the Town Council provided this service to keep the town clean and tidy. It appears the rates go up, but services offered are reduced. Should I have just dumped the bush on the roadside as others do? In the end I had to cut up and destroy a perfectly good bush with lots of good growth in it.
George Smith
Stephenson Way

Reply from Town Clerk

While the Council appreciates the offer of the Robinia Bush, and indeed donations of conifers in pots etc have been accepted from residents in the past, unfortunately the replanting of a shrub or tree dug up in summer would have a very low success rate. Garden Centres will be selling trees/shrubs grown in tubs specifically for replanting, however even these have a better chance of survival if planted during Autumn to early Spring. As such, the Council staff involved declined the offer. The Council, through its Town Pride Team or other works staff have never offered a garden waste collection service. Garden waste may be disposed of via Durham County Council garden waste bin or taken to the waste transfer station in Newton Aycliffe.
Andrew Bailey, Town Clerk

3-2-1... Go for Run

People in County Durham are being encouraged to improve their fitness by taking on a new park-based running challenge. Durham County Council is setting up a 3-2-1 Run at Hardwick Park, near

Sedgefield, which is aimed at persuading more people to take up running. From August 18th the park will have three signposted running routes of three miles, two miles and one mile in length.

The introduction of the 3-2-1 Run at Hardwick Park follows the successful launch of the project at Riverside Park, in Chester-le-Street, in September last year.

The routes are designed to enable anyone to have a go at running, from beginners to more experienced runners. The different routes offer an opportunity for people to build up to running longer distances or people can choose to work on improving their time over a single distance.

Julie Lavery, physical activity development officer at Durham County Council, said: "The launch of the 3-2-1 routes are great news for people in County Durham, including those who are already experienced runners and those who fancy giving it a try.

"The county already has a strong number of running groups and athletics clubs and the addition of these running routes give yet another opportunity for people to put on their trainers and get out there." The runs are unsupervised and people can take part any time during the park's opening hours, between 7am and 9pm daily.

Along with the signposts around the routes, people can also see a map of the three runs at the Hardwick Park visitor centre, which is open between 11am and 4pm. People can get further information by contacting Durham County Council on 03000 266 555.

Defoe Residents Get Active



OPEN DAY AT AGNEW

The Agnew Centre this Sunday, has an Open Day for Aycliffe Day Nursery, from 1pm to 4pm. You are cordially invited to drop in and meet the owner and Manager, Jane Taylor and her number 2 Carol Easton for a look at the setup and have a chat over a Tea/Coffee and a

biscuit.

The Secretary of the Trustees will be available should you want to discuss any general business of the Centre, all welcome to your friendly Centre. Jane can be contacted on 07761818514 and Secretary on 07749 36853. We look forward to meeting you this Sunday 17th August

Residents at Defoe Court Care Home have just completed a twelve week Older Persons Active Living programme (OPAL). Leanne Hopper from Get Active, County Durham NHS Foundation Trust came and encouraged residents to take part in the programme. They were awarded a medal and certificate on completion. The residents enjoyed taking part and are hoping to take on a similar course.

MIND AGM

Newton Aycliffe Mind is holding its Annual General Meeting on 16th September 2014 at 2pm.

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Muriel Gordon
Chief Executive Officer

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Aycliffe Care Home Open Their Own Private Bar



Front left – right: Resident Peter Barron with Darren Chambers and Councillor Wendy Hillary. Back left – right: Manager Jane Mack with resident Denis Costello, Activities Co-ordinator Julie Bialek and the Mayor's Consort, Councillor Jed Hillary

Aycliffe Care Home at Burhope welcomed the Mayor of Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, to raise a glass to a new bar that has been created in the home. Councillor Hillary officially opened the home's new fully-stocked bar named the 'Jolly Carers' by residents, which used to be an un-used lounge in the home that was transformed by members of staff with help from residents.

Thanks to the generosity of Darren Chambers, a steward

at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club, who kindly donated glasses, beer mats and a domino board and The Bay Horse in Heighington and the Woodham Golf & Country Club, which donated a free standing bar, tables and other bar memorabilia. The bar looks like the real thing and is the perfect space for residents to socialise with one another and their visitors.

Aycliffe Care Home is a purpose built 54-bed home that provides 24 hour general residential, dementia and nursing care. Jane Mack, Manager said: "The bar looks great and is a real hit with residents and their families and friends."

"A lot of our residents really enjoyed socialising in local pubs, so it's great that they can now do this in the comfort of their home. Thanks to the hard work of members of staff and all the kind donations that we've received, which we are extremely grateful for, the bar is really impressive and I'm sure we'll get a lot of pleasure out of the new addition to our home -

members of the public are always welcome to say hello and pop in for a drink!"

Aycliffe Artist's Masterpiece Unveiled

The unveiling in Gatehead of Aycliffe artist John Palliser's masterpiece went very well and was attended by serving and retired military officers, veterans, representatives from the Royal British Legion, Veterans At Ease, Autism Awareness and prominent business people.

John's work will tour various exhibitions around the country commemorating the start of World War 1. John thanks this wife Melanie and family for their support and said how thrilled he was to finally show his painting.



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Gratifying Lake Work

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Having spent some time watching the effects of the heavy rain on the lakes over the last couple of days and the natural movement of the weed towards the bottom lake and out through the culvert into the burn, I remain convinced that the lakes need to be emptied and cleaned properly and thoroughly.

I look forward to the day when we can see the bottom of the lakes and anything in it, including sticklebacks etc. The work to clean up the lakes is arduous, heavy and dirty, but the sense of satisfaction is immense when we manage to clear large areas. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who are giving their time to this work.

The delight expressed by members of the public that at last we are seeing results after such a long period, is also gratifying.

Kenneth Robson, Chairman, Friends of West Park



INDEPENDENT MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Members of the public from Durham and Darlington are being invited to play a key role in reducing crime and improving community safety in the area.

Following the election of Ron Hogg as County Durham and Darlington's first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in 2012, the Police and Crime Panel was established to provide an independent voice on plans and decisions by the commissioner. The panel is currently looking for two members of the public from Darlington and County Durham to join the panel from 1 November 2014 until 31 April 2017.

The panel is made up of seven representatives from Durham County Council, three representatives from Darlington Borough Council and two members of the public.

The PCC is responsible for setting the priorities and resources for Durham Constabulary, as well as supporting broader community safety activities across the region. As part of the role, the commissioner is required to consult with the panel on his plans and budget for policing, as well as the level of council tax and the appointment of a chief constable.

The role of panel members is important and can be demanding – with the typical commitment expected to average one day a month, including preparation time. Panel members will receive appropriate training and can claim reasonable travel expenses.

Meetings are usually held during normal working hours at locations in County Durham and Darlington. Application forms are available by contacting Durham County Council Legal & Democratic Services on 03000 269 702, via durhampolice-andcrimepanel@durham.gov.uk or in writing to Ian Croft, Senior Committee Services Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL. The closing date for applications is 5 September 2014.

Surprise Makeover on TV for Newtonian



On Friday 8th August 2014 Kim Hall thought she was visiting the ITV studios for a tour however, her daughter Rachael had nominated her for a Surprise Make-over on "This Morning" programme.

Kim has been through a lot these past few years and as well as winning her fight against cancer along with the ill health of her husband Eddie Hall, Kim kept the family together throughout.

"She was very deserving of the make-over and looked absolutely beautiful" said Rachael.

ILL HEALTH FORCES TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAIN TO RESIGN

Dear Sir,
It is with great regret, and with a heavy heart that I inform all of you who work within the town centre shops, offices, banks, that I am having to resign my post of Town Centre Chaplain.

As you know for some time now I have had great difficulty walking, and as this role demands a lot of this, I feel I am unable to commit myself to your service.

These last five years have gone by quickly and seen a great many changes within our town centre. Now we are due to start the final phase of demolition and building, and hopefully will see a closure to this regeneration.

I wish to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of your working lives. It has been a great pleasure walking alongside you and hearing your stories. I would like to thank you so much for that. You are all wonderful people who give the folks of Newton Aycliffe a great service. I would also like to thank both Mr. Bryan Haldane our Town Centre Manager, and Phil Wilson MP who have their offices in our town, for their support and help, during the time I have served.

Thanks also to members of 'Churches Together in Great



Aycliffe', who have supported and upheld me in prayer during my chaplaincy.

Please know that because I am no longer around to visit, that you are not out of my thoughts. I will always remember you all, and will continue to pray for you.

If anyone reading this thinks that they would like to consider this type of work within our town centre, please contact me. I can put you in touch with the Tees Valley Ministry Team. My number is 01325 316841. My you feel God's blessing around you, as you continue serving the people of this town. Pam Lovelass x

Bluebell Close Gather for "The Big Lunch"



On Thursday 7th August 2014 the tenants of Bluebell Close sheltered housing scheme joined forces with the general needs tenants to hold "The Big Lunch".

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Hitachi Rail have welcomed the announcement by the Department for Education, approving the establishment of a University Technical College (UTC) in Newton Aycliffe. This will be the first UTC established in the North East and will be tasked with providing a technical and vocational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focused education to students interested in working in the engineering and advanced manufacturing

sector. Sponsored by Hitachi Rail Europe, the University of Sunderland and automotive manufacturer Gestamp Tallent, the UTC is planned to open in 2016 and provisional estimates forecast that it will have an intake of 120 pupils per year. When in full operation the UTC will be able to accommodate between 550 and 600 pupils. UTCs are modelled on technical schools, providing a mix of academic and technical education. South Durham UTC

proposals confirm that it will devote 60% of its curriculum to academic study and 40% to technical study for 14-16-year-olds, while for 16-19-year-olds, the split will be 40% academic study and 60% technical study. Through the UTC, Hitachi Rail Europe is committed to providing students with a host of learning experiences in the workplace. As an ambassador of the wider Newton Aycliffe Business Park, the train manufacturer will be involved in industry delivery of work experience placements, industrial site visits, equipment contribution, lecturing support, company mentoring, and guaranteed interview experience, amongst other things.

Following the announcement earlier this year that Hitachi Rail is moving its global headquarters to London, South Durham UTC is indicative of the company's intentions to invest not just in the current rail manufacturing sector, but in its future prospects. By providing technical skills training to students in the region, it is helping the Government and local communities develop engineering skills and capabilities across the sector and provide students themselves with an excellent opportunity to take a career path they enjoy and are interested in.

Keith Jordan, Managing Director for Hitachi Rail Europe, said: "Today's announcement is a significant development for Hitachi Rail Europe and for wider manufacturing in the North East. It reflects the Government's objectives to support skills development in the region and across the engineering sector, tackling the problems that exist around skills shortages and unfilled vacancies."

Darren Cumner, Manufacturing Plant Manager for Hitachi Rail Europe, said: "Hitachi Rail Europe will help establish the UTC, along with the other co-sponsors Gestamp Tallent and the University of Sunderland, to ensure the students receive the very best education needed to help them into employment or further education.

Our vision is that these young people will become the future engineers, technicians and managers at our Hitachi Rail Europe plant in Newton Aycliffe. Given our ambitions for growth, we hope that some will continue to pursue a career within our future UK rail operation, or go on to work in Hitachi's rail business around the globe."

FIRST GAME DEFEAT FOR AYCLIFFE

Newton Aycliffe FC's Northern League campaign got off to the worst possible start, with a 4-0 defeat at the hands of last season's FA Vase finalists West Auckland.

Aycliffe weren't helped by the unavailability of a number of senior players. However they will look back with justification and think that with more composed finishing, and arguably a couple of important refereeing decisions going in their favour, the score line could have been much closer. Undoubtedly the visitors were stronger from the start. New boss Adrian Webster went with a 4-2-3-1 formation, utilising the experience of Raitt and Dukes to protect a patched up defence.

The visitors had the ball in the net early on. However the goal was rightly chalked off by the referee, as powerful forward Ward nearly kicked Johnson into the goal as well as the ball! On another day it was an offence that would certainly have received at least a yellow card.

Shortly after though, the impressive Dennis Knight struck the Aycliffe bar with a vicious shot that had Johnson beaten. Aycliffe's first real chance followed soon after though. Mickle and Morris combined well inside the West half to lay the ball into the path of Wing. However the midfielders shot was well saved.

In a game swinging from end to end, Wests new signing from Sunderland Laidler had a great opportunity, which he fired over in the 13th minute. Back down the other end and Lewis Wing this time turned provider. A beautiful through ball played in Morris, but he was unable to control his shot which sailed way over the bar when clear through.

In the 15th minute the game saw its first goal. Knight saw his fierce shot brilliantly saved

by Johnson in the Aycliffe goal. Unfortunately for him the rebound fell straight to Laidler who had the simplest of tasks to turn the ball home. Another let off for West in the 20th minute. A near certain own goal was somehow saved by the goalkeeper. From the resulting corner Mickle saw his powerful header rebound back off the crossbar.

As the half went on there were chances at both ends. Unfortunately for Aycliffe, they were wasteful while West were not. The inexperience in the home sides defence showed when Hinchley failed to clear a through pass, which fell to Ward. The oncoming Johnson brought the powerful forward down, with Knight slotting home the penalty.

Unfortunately for Aycliffe they had strong appeals for a penalty turned down as the half neared its end. What appeared to be a clear handball by a defender was instead only awarded a corner, much to Aycliffe's frustrations!

On the stroke of half time, Ward finally saw yellow, following numerous fouls. A different official would have been producing a second yellow at this point!

Into the second half and Mickle continued to cause problems for the visitors defence. Seemingly surrounded by defenders he somehow got free, but shot just over. In an indication of the strength of squad the visitors are able to call on, they replaced Knight with Moffat, and later Ward with Byrne. Both the substitutes are proven forwards at this level.

However Aycliffe were to carve out yet another chance. Mickle again the provider. His cross was met by Wing but the keeper again saved well. On 65, Connor Lowes replaced Dion Raitt. However the substitution was the signal for

West to stretch their lead and effectively kill the game off. A left wing cross found Ward at the back post and his close range header found the net.

Wing had delivered well from set pieces all afternoon. A free kick from wide on the Aycliffe left flashed across the goal, narrowly avoiding the on rushing strikers and just falling the wrong side of the far post.

However that was the last we were to see of Aycliffe. West continued to press. Laidler struck a great free kick that Johnson somehow saved. However from the corner Galpin should have got number 4, as he had a free header from

the penalty spot that went over. As the game moved into the last 10 minutes, Byrne found the net against his former side with a neat left footed finish following good work down the left from Moffat.

A disappointing start for Aycliffe, who will be hoping to bounce back quickly as they travel to Crook on Wednesday evening, before hosting Garforth Town in the FA Cup next Saturday.

Aycliffe: Johnson, Storey, Oliver, Hinchley, M Young, Raitt, Morris, Dukes, Mickle, Wing, Broom. Substitutes: Lowes, Williamson, Slatcher, Allison, Langthorne.

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ERIC CHAMBERS The family of the late Eric wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards and donations to Alzheimers Society (£240). Thanks to Doctors at Bewick Crescent Surgery; Matron and staff of Aycliffe Care Home and special thanks to Christine White. Thanks also to Bill Sims for a comforting Service and to David Scott and the staff of the Co-op Funeral Service in Newton Aycliffe for the funeral arrangements.

"Quercus Live" Prepare for Great Aycliffe Show



This week final preparations for "Quercus Live" took place at Greenfield Arts. Dancers, musicians and performers filled the area outside of Greenfield Arts with the sound of music and performance on Tuesday afternoon for a run through of this tremendous event, coming to the Great Aycliffe Show later this month. "Quercus Live" will be the grand finale event for this year's Great Aycliffe Show 2014 - highlighting the hard work of the local community over the past few months who have been developing and creating the performance elements. This sensational finale event will mark the end of the current format of the Great Aycliffe Show, and will look forward to next year's festival, celebrating more of this creative community involvement.

The King of the Boggles has given Newton Aycliffe a gift, so come along to "Quercus Live" to find out what happens next! Local young people, dancers, musicians and families have been creating work that will be showcased during this celebration of live music, dance, circus and visual arts.

Greenfield Arts are proud to be developing and managing the project with the support of the Town Council and Great Aycliffe and Midridge Area Action Partnership. Join us for the FREE performance of

"Quercus Live" on Sunday 24th August, at 3pm in The Arena at the Great Aycliffe Show (School Aycliffe

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Keith Bailey, is a name Newtonians are familiar with as the owner of Roots Hairdressing Salon in Newton Aycliffe for nearly 40 years.

He was located in the town's leisure centre and 'up the ramp' in the Town Centre. Keith moved two years to the Business Park, opposite Tallents, with other new businesses in St Cuthberts House.

With ample free parking Roots offer Ladies & Gents hairdressing with a walk-in Barber service and beauty treatments in a modern, professional setting with team which has a wealth of top class experience.

Keith has recently welcomed back his daughter Jemma after a 15 year career as a Business Development Executive. She re-joins the family business bringing knowledge and experience to further develop the Salon.

Mark Bailey, Keith's son, from London, travels the world styling for celebrities including Kylie Minogue, Keira Knightly, Elle and Vogue magazines and is currently signed by the London Style Agency. He returns to his roots once a month and appointments are snapped up as soon as released.

Both Mark and Jemma started their hairdressing career at a young age and were previously franchise holders of Toni & Guy, Darlington.

Roots recently welcomed Sian Alexandra, a beauty therapist and hair stylist, with extensive knowledge in colouring and Bridal Styling. Sian offers a range of services, including Shellac, Nails, Spray Tanning, Waxing and more, as well as a full range of Ladies Hair services.

The Team at Roots are very excited about up and coming developments in the business; with 300 years of hairdressing skills handed down through the generations. Keith, who

also teaches at Darlington College, will be offering the opportunity to learn the art of wet shaving at his new Shave School. Roots also offer exclusive hire of the salon for Birthday Parties, and Hen Parties etc. To book an appointment or discuss your styling needs call 01325 311529 or 07775 241530. Why not just drop in at the salon, the team would love to see you.



Obituary

DENNIS MUTTON

It is with great sadness that Jacqueline and Nicola inform friends of the death of their beloved Dennis on 24th July. The funeral has taken place in Kent.

A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held in St. Michael's Church, Heighington on 20th September at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

Births

Nycola, Gary and Emily Melvin



Congratulations on the safe arrival of "Abigail Paige". Born on 10th August 2014, weighing 7lbs 1oz. She is absolutely beautiful! All our love, Mam and Dad Langsley, Mam and Dad Melvin, Auntie Hollie, Uncle Shaun and all your family xxx

In Memoriam

Marjorie Hardy



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Missing you!

Ruth Metcalfe



Died 13th August 2004

10 years have passed by without our dear Mam. We still speak of you often, you will never be forgotten. We miss you so much more and more each day. We still love you so much in a very special way. If we could have just one wish, one wish that could come true. We'd pray to God with all our hearts for yesterday and you xxxxxxxx
Your loving Daughters, Kaz and Ali

KATH BENNETT 15th August 2013. Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day. Loving Husband Ben
KATH BENNETT 15th August 2013. It's been our first year without you Kath. Think about you every day. Love and miss you so much. Love from Trish and Dave xxx

KATH BENNETT 15th August 2013. Forever in our thoughts and hearts Auntie Kath. Never to be forgotten. Love from Peter, Stephen, Michelle and families xxx

KATH BENNETT 15/8/2013. Today brings tears and memories of sorrow and regret. A day filled with such sadness it's not easy to forget. For everyone whose lives you touched has always loved you so. And it was so hard to accept that you'd ever have to go. And so this message is for you, especially to say this world has lost someone wonderful the day you went away. Love and miss you always Mam. Helen and Sandy xxxxx

KATH BENNETT 15/8/13. What I would not give to clasp her hand. Her dear, sweet face to see; To hear her voice, to see her smile, that meant so much to me. You left behind an aching heart, that loved you most sincere. I never did, nor never will forget you, Nan dear. Miss and think of you every day Nan. Love, Ben and Sam xxxxx

KATHLEEN BENNETT 15.8.2013. Time can change many things, but not the memory this day brings. Close in my heart you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Love, Mary xxx

KATHLEEN BENNETT 15-8-2013. We can't put into words how much you are loved and missed Auntie Kath. From Michael, David, June, Louise and families xxx

MICHAEL HENDERSON 14th August 2013. Those we loved are never more than a thought away. As long as we have memories. Also of Mam Linda (11-7-1997). Missed by Trish, Barbara and families

LORAIN SIVELL A loving lady and friend. Always in our thoughts. Marie El-Hakim and Family

RUTH METCALFE 13th August 2004. You will live on in our hearts always. Loved and missed every day. Love from Ken

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To a wonderful Dad. We miss you so much. You taught all of us so much. We mention your name every day. You didn't live to see your Grandson, but he is named after you, so your name, heart and spirit lives on. You will never be forgotten by your children and grandchildren. George, Kay, Lee, Michelle, Alister and Solomon

John Dennis Bowron

Died 20th August 2013

Dennis, what we had was special. No one can take away. I will go on loving you until my dying day. Missed, loved and remembered every single day. Your loving Wife, Judith

In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one could ever fill. Loved and remembered always. Your loving Step Daughter Jill and Andrew

Dear Lord up above, give our Granda all our love. Missing you Granda. Elle and Hannah

To be with you in the same old way would be our dearest wish today. Kathlyn and Colin

Fond memories of our dear friend John. Ange and Adrian

Fond and loving memories of great times spent together. Your good friends, Gill and Syd

Loving memories of a wonderful Son-in-Law. Remembered always. Mother-in-Law Ivy x

Birthday Remembrance

MOLLY ELLIOTT 20th August. With an ache in our hearts, we whisper low "Happy birthday" we miss you so. Love always, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxxxx
MARY ELLIOTT (Molly). 20th August. Mam. Thinking of you today and always. Wishing you were still with us. Love and miss you. Barbara and Rob xxx

Congratulations

Packington Moor Wedding Laura Bates & Liam May



Laura and Liam were married at Packington Moore, Litchfield, Staffordshire on Friday 1st August 2014. Honeymoon in Mauritius.

Sharna Dawson



Happy 21st Birthday
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Sheila Green



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ZACK MILLER Happy 1st birthday. Loads of love, Nanna and Grandad xxxxx

ZACK MILLER Happy 1st birthday. Lots of love, Uncle James and Auntie Beth xxx

ZACK MILLER Happy 1st birthday Son. All my love, Mammy and Neil xxx

LUKE ALLEN (19th August 2014). Happy 17th birthday Luke. Love from Grandma and Grandad xx

CHRISTINE HEWISON Happy 40th Birthday on the 14th of August, Lots of love from all your Family xxxxx

HOLLY COCKERILL Happy 13th birthday little Sis!! I hope you have a fab day. Lots of love, Harry xxx

HOLLY COCKERILL 14/08/14. Happy 13th birthday princess. You're finally a teenager! We hope you have a fantastic day. Love you loads, Mam & Dad xx

CRAMPTON Congratulations to Mr Kieron & Mrs Danielle Crampton (nee Hughes) on their Marriage on 8th August, 2014. All our very best wishes to you both. Mam, Dad, Rachel, Lee, Georgia and Nana and all the family

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HUNTSMAN BEAT THREE TUNS

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New signing James Robinson turned in a 'Man of the Match' performance and was on the scoresheet within five minutes with a tidy finish from 18 yards. Michael Sproates broke the offside trap before slipping past the keeper to make it 2-0. Ben Sedgewick soon made it 3 with a header from a long throw. Half time 3-0

Second half was more

controlled and balanced and Huntsman had centre halves Adam McDonald and Callum Musgrave to thank for a powerful performance while goalkeeper Luke Harrison made a couple of superb saves to keep a deserved clean sheet. They rounded the scoring in

the 80th minute when Anth Harrison another debutant crossed for Dave Neale to header home from 12 yards.

Next up is Newton Aycliffe Sports Club in the first derby of the season at Moore Lane in what should be a tightly contested affair.



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store had a very tense 24 run victory away at fellow promotion candidates Yarm 1st's in the 2nd division of the NYSD league. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe found themselves in deep trouble at 46 for 6, but a brilliant half century from man of the match Michael Howe (photo attached) got his team back on track.

The talented all rounder smashed four huge sixes and five boundaries in a career best score of 66 and he was given excellent support from both Sean Morgan (27 runs) and Colin Myers (30 not out) as Aycliffe eventually closed their innings on a respectable 189 for 9 from their allotted 50 overs.

In reply the home side found the pace of the three Aycliffe fast bowlers too much to handle as Michael Howe (4 for 53), Sean Morgan (4 for 43) and Matty Atkinson (2 for 43) combined to help to bowl out the homeside for 165 with only 7 balls of the innings remaining. The win puts Aycliffe back up to 4th place in the table with 252 from 19 games and still with a chance of promotion with seven games still to play.

The 2nd team were well beaten by 139 runs at home by promotion favourites Seaton Carew 2nd's in the 3rd division of the NYSD. The visitors chose to bat first and were bowled out for 211 after 42.5 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from Aycliffe's Neil Bancroft (4-66), Adam Gittins (3-17) and Danny Weldon (3-51).

Seaton Carew's powerful bowling attack proved too much for the home sides batting line up and they were dismissed for 72 after 18.4 overs despite some resistance from Aycliffe all rounder Neil Bancroft, who finished unbeaten with a defiant 43.

AYCLIFFE SPARTANS WIN LEAGUE TITLE

Newton Aycliffe Spartans Baseball team are finally Kings of the British Baseball Federation's AA Northern Division and they clinched the title without facing a pitch.

Oldham North Stars, the only team to have won a game against the Spartans this season, were unable to raise a team to travel to County Durham and therefore the Spartans were awarded the two games.

It means the Spartans, formed in 2011, proudly boasting a dominant record of 15 wins and 1 loss in 2014, can't be caught with only a couple of weeks of the regular season remaining. Spartans are now

top seeds for the end of season playoffs, which commence with a home game on Sunday 31st August concluding at the National Baseball Centre in Farnham Park near Slough a week later.

"It's a great feeling," first year Head Coach and General Manager, Mike Holton said "We've worked hard for the past three years to build a sustainable club that can compete and we have been improving in each of our previous two seasons. But this year we worked hard all off season and to have a record like we do is fantastic" Spartans have two final regular season games, this weekend at

Manchester A's who should also join the Spartans in the playoffs but will be keen to avoid being seeded against the Spartans.

But according to Mike Holton the job isn't finished yet "We still have the playoffs and still need to win a one off game on 31st August. We will take each game as it comes and If we can do that we can give ourselves a great shot to go to the National Baseball Championship weekend next month to represent Newton Aycliffe and Baseball in the North East"

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