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Over the last 10 years I have volunteered to help individuals and groups in our Community to develop activities especially at Woodham Community Centre. As a great believer in partnership I have been encouraged by the progress we have made in Aycliffe, especially in the last three years.

Aycliffe has always had a great variety of groups, individuals and organisations, and in the last few years has been great at finding and trying out new ways to help. Innovations like Learning Partnership, and Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership, have been instrumental in helping grass root development.

I would point to such schemes as Computers for the Terrified, GAMP Small Grants, Gamp Forum events, where community priorities could be selected by people in our community and supported.

Throughout all of this I know two things are vital (1) Trying to start new ideas and activities has to be continued as you need to keep things going, you cannot stand still, whether you are a group, individual or organisation.

(2) Sustaining things by publicity is crucial and over the years I know from my

records the importance of the support from Northern Echo's Lizzy Anderson, and of course Syd and Paul at Newton News. Many organisations have benefited from Newton News and I know that 70% of uptake on new events at Woodham come from this newspaper. Remember its FREE and over 16,500 copies are distributed each week.

I want to encourage take up of what I consider a great opportunity with the Newton News website, the Events Section and Calendar provide a FREE way for community groups to both promote and coordinate our activities.

I want to work with Paul at Newton News and the community to make sure this opportunity is made good use

of. Please view the site, then watch for further articles. David Sutton-Lloyd

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Dear Sirs

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Town Council Leader Defends Environment Officer

Editor,
I wish to reply to a letter by Alastair P G Welsh in last week's Newton News.

As a democratically elected member of Great Aycliffe Town Council for 28 years, I have become accustomed to receiving abuse from members of the public. Recently I have been accused of being a Fascist, and now a Communist. The truth is that I have been a member of the Labour Party, since I was 18 years old. As an elected member of the County Council, Sedgefield District Council and the Town Council, I have always - as my record shows - put Aycliffe before council or party. Politicians expect to be attacked. It is beyond the pale to attack officers of the Council and bring their character into disrepute. Officers are like any other reader who is fortunate to have a job. Officers carry out the orders of foremen and managers, who in turn carry out the decisions made by elected Councillors in properly convened Council meetings.

Mr Welsh wrongly believes that the Town's Environment Officer is 'residential' and 'Public (play) Park' - whatever that means - and that the Town Council does not need an Environment Officer. The duties and responsibilities of Mr Steve Cooper, Environment Officer, include: Facilitating the sustainable conservation, development and management of green spaces and nature areas of Great Aycliffe. Reviewing the Council's Environment Plan, including revising its requirements and policies. Developing, designing and overseeing the implementation of projects that enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of the Great Aycliffe area, plus access to green spaces, woodlands and nature reserves through the use of Council resources, joint ventures and working with other like-minded organisations and voluntary groups.

Caring for, managing and conserving Council-owned land, woodland and nature reserves. Encouraging and facilitating community involvement in countryside and other environmental activities which enhance Great Aycliffe, including the management of nature reserves, by providing appropriate training, advice and support in respect of practical project delivery to volunteer/community groups. Developing a respect and understanding of the environment of Great Aycliffe by developing an

environmental studies centre for use by schools and community groups.

Advising the Council of the impact of new legislation, consultation documents and central/local government initiatives with regard to environmental matters and advise managers and members accordingly.

Commenting on planning applications that may have an environmental/biodiversity impact within Great Aycliffe.

Focusing on areas of land that need environmental improvement and suggesting appropriate actions.

In attacking Steve Cooper, Mr Welsh is attacking a well-qualified officer of respectable character. Steve is a hardworking, honest and approachable man who is not only respected by his work colleagues, but also by members of the public he comes into contact with.

Councillors also recognise the massive contribution he has made to the environment in our town. Recently he supervised the construction of the Jubilee Woodland and the wildflower meadows in Woodham Burn. At the last Environment Committee meeting, he reported 17 events he had organised and run, for example Wildflower Folklore, Krafty Kritters and Mini Beasting, all of which were appreciated by those who attended. Those who know Steve, realise what an asset he is to our town.

Not only was Mr Welsh mistaken in the role of the Environment Officer, he made three other errors which he should have checked or researched before he went into print. The lakes at West Park were not primarily designed as boating lakes. They were designed as part of an Urban Drainage Scheme, to take surface drainage water from Oakfield, Ashfield and Beechfield estates. Boats came much later.

A simple look at his waste disposal bins would inform Mr Welsh that the duty of waste disposal is carried out by the County Council and not the Town Council or its Environment Officer. Finally, the Durham County Council consultation document on Smoke-Free Play Areas does not apply to all areas of parks, but only play areas. It is not banning smoking in play areas, it is requesting smokers not to smoke in the play areas, which is a reasonable request.

Cllr Bob Fleming, Leader of the Council

Redworth Hall Help Village Celebrate 300th Anniversary



Redworth Village Hall Association with Redworth Hall Hotel organised a Barbecue and afternoon tea and cakes on Sunday 7th September. Activities for the children and complimentary tea and coffee were served to the guests by attentive hotel staff. A good crowd enjoyed the wonderful weather on the manicured lawns of the 5 star hotel.

A quick interview with the Cllr Gerald Lee, the Mayor of Darlington and the Steve Butterworth, the organiser, can be viewed on our website.

AUCTION

Don't forget the Mock Auction this Saturday 13th September at 2pm at Neville Parade Community Centre. Many bargains to be had- viewing from 1pm.

Recognising Honest John

Dear Sir,

As a regular reader of my daughter's Newton News, I would like to heartily agree with Derek Atkinson on the subject of recognising Honest John and his stalwart fundraising efforts for town organisations.

People must believe in him or they would not donate and the fact that he manages to raise so much from these donations is remarkable! Now raising

money for the Roller Skating Club is his next project, swiftly moving on to 5 Care Homes and The Cubby.

Come on Councillors, sometimes rules are meant to be broken, or at the very least bent a little bit! Life's too short, give the man the award he deserves! Everyone makes mistakes in their life at some point, that's how we learn and 'move on', John has, can't you? Kath Wall, Darlington.

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out my mouth about doing a fund raiser, I had my doubts about raising the cash, people turning up, getting prizes etc. Well can I just say we smashed it, and I am absolutely over the moon, and can't wait to see my gorgeous little Jack on his trike in 4 weeks time.

Thank you to all who came to support us on Saturday 6th September and a big thank you to all who donated prizes. Massive thanks to Claire Wingfield, a singer with a fantastic voice, and Paul Gittins the best DJ in the North East, who gave us a night to remember.

Thanks also to Newton News



for the generous publicity - the target amount to be raised was £1087, and we raised a total of £1289.
Jean Miller

Flower Demo

The next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club is on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm in Shildon Civic Hall when National Demonstrator Katherine Kear will present an evening of flower arranging entitled 'Wot Pot'. Free to members, Visitors £5.

Sad Letter from a Victim of Bullying

The following is a heartfelt letter from a 9 year old girl who has become a victim of bullying. She sent the letter to the parent of the former friend with whom she fell out with, hoping they would correct her behaviour, but they did nothing and the child's life is now badly affected.

Her parents were unaware the letter had been sent and were disappointed the parents took no action. This is printed without using the real names, as a general example of what happens too often with schoolchildren and which could develop into a serious problem.

Dear parents of John and Julia,

Will you please ask Debra to stop trying to turn my friends against me at school. I know she and I are not friends anymore, but I think it is unfair to tell others not to play with me. My friends have told me what Debra is saying about me and I have never done that to her. I am not a bully, I just want to play with my friends without Debra trying to take them away.

I do not know what else to do because my Mummy and Daddy have told me that if Debra and I are not friends anymore, to just stay away, but she is trying to hurt me by taking my other friends away.

I don't understand because it was only a few weeks ago that Debra came to a BBQ at our house and was planning a sleepover. Please ask her to stop,
Angela.



READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS

Reader John Williamson sent in a curious photo of a Pine tree growing out of an old Oak tree. It can be seen on the A167 between Central Avenue and the layby before the Gretna.



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Operating from campuses in Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor, as well as outreach centres across south west Durham, the college employs 350 staff. Principal and Chief Executive Natalie Davison said: "We are an industrious and tight-knit community here at Bishop Auckland College and this really shows through in the way we support our students. "Achieving the gold standard indicates world class best practice and a cutting-edge organisation in the way

people work, develop and are managed in order to move the business forward. We are delighted this has been recognised by Investors in People." Paul Devoy, Head of IIP, added: "We'd like to congratulate Bishop Auckland College on their gold standard. Such a high level of accreditation is the sign of great people management practice, and demonstrates a commitment to staff development and shows an organisation committed to being the very best it can be. The college should be extremely proud of this achievement."

Support for Honest John

Newton News has received letters of support for Derek Atkinson's suggestion that Honest John should be recognised for his work in the community.

Maud Gray, a former Mayor, said she had nominated John for the County Chairman's Award for two years and she is angry that someone seems to be stopping it going forward.

Mrs Humble of Bewick Crescent says there is no doubt John deserves recognition. His dedication to helping town organisations is well documented and his hard work over many years is well known and appreciated by numerous voluntary groups.

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Appreciation

Dear Sir,
Can I please through your community newspaper send my sincere thanks to all those who have written, telephoned, text and offered support this week for the Friends Of West Park and myself.
I am particularly impressed with those people who attended the Great Aycliffe Town Council meeting to witness the debate on West Park. The dignity shown by the public in the chamber left me deeply humbled.
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Ken Robson, Chairman

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and the allotment holder was taken to Darlington Memorial Hospital suffering shock and neck injuries.
Middridge Parish Council have continuously asked the County Council over many years to have the speed limit reduced to 40 (currently it is 60) mph on both sides of the village. These two sections of road are both 60mph and feature sharp bends and blind hills, whilst being heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists. Many people cycle to the allotment, and there could have been a fatality if a person on a bicycle was waiting to turn right. There is no road sign indicating there is a right turn ahead into the allotments. Speeding is the Middridge Parish Council PACT priority and they feel this needs to be addressed both through the village and on the surrounding approaches by a reduced speed limit either side of the village.

DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER AT REDWORTH HALL

Stuart & Joanne Howarth are organising a fundraising Dinner & Dance for their son Alex, a student travelling to Peru to work on a charity project next year.
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DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

Newton News came under attack at a recent Council Meeting for printing readers' "vitriolic" letters on the West Park lakes issue, in particular one that referred to the Council as the "environmental fascist elite".
The author Ken Robson, did moderate his language and apologised in the following issue of Newton News, but this did not stop the Leader of the Town Council, Bob Fleming, drawing the parallel of fascism in 20th century countries. This comparison was uncalled for and in using the council chamber privilege, unkind to the correspondent, who was there, and prevented from defending himself.
The threat of libel proceedings against him and Newton News, as the publisher, was surprising as the offending word was used in a totally different context to that of a state's dictatorial dogma. Ecofascism and environmental fascism are well used phrases these days. It is pleasing to note that after the row calmed down the Council went some way to meet the objects of the Friends of West Park and indicated a willingness to continue working with the volunteers. However they must work with the council officers and under their supervision. The letter asking them to stop work only referred to the removal of weed which was causing problems to the lake's eco system. The backlash from the public was based on the assumption the volunteer work was being

stopped completely. Unfortunately the council did nothing to defend the content of the letter and the row continued for a further two weeks with discontent mounting and abuse of Council staff.
The important message here is that Newton News as the community newspaper must be free to print letters from readers criticising the Council, and



From the Editor

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express public opinion without fear. The Council as a public body must expect opposition at times and be confident enough in their administration to defend their actions and policies.
It must also be made clear that anything printed in Newton News does not reflect the opinion, or necessarily carry the support, of the proprietors

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70th BIRTHDAY BBQ RAISED £1500 FOR INDIAN CHARITY

When Newtonian Joyce McCartin reached 70 she didn't want a Party, but after a lot of pressure agreed to hold a BBQ, but instead of gifts asked that donations be made to an Indian Charity run by Catholic Priest Fr. Sarves. He has provided a village for elderly and disabled people of all faiths; some he picked up dying on the roadside, took them in, washed, fed and gave them a bed to die in with dignity. Family and friends gave money for the food and drink and those who attended the BBQ gave cash and others donated before and after the event, raising a total of £1,000. Son Stephen and nephew Rob

did the cooking from 11am until early evening. Further raffles and gifts added another £544 to the fund and the Parish have adopted the charity for the next 12 months. Daughter-in-law Cheryl worked hard in the kitchen assisted by 14 year old nephew John. Maria painted faces, arms etc. and she gave the proceeds to the charity. Joyce's friend Lucy's partner John from Durham entertained the children with magic tricks and balloons. Children in the Indian village are being educated and the able bodied adults help with the day to day work. Joyce wishes to thank all who supported the fundraiser



Fr Michael Whalen receives cheque from Joyce McCartin

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Visit of African Children's Choir



Following their highly successful visit in 2013 The Pearl of Africa returns to the North East this month. This exciting touring choir is made up of 18 energetic young people aged 10 to 18 from Uganda who perform concerts and run workshops to help raise awareness and

much needed funds to sustain and improve the standard of education, healthcare and living conditions in their schools. The Choir is visiting St John's School on Thursday 25 September when they will be giving short presentations and running lively workshops in African song, dance, drumming and crafts. In the evening at 7pm they will be giving a public concert, featuring some of the young people they have worked with

earlier in the day. Admission is free but donations on the night are welcome. Please order your tickets in advance from St John's School, either in person or on 01388-603246. There will be an opportunity to purchase traditional African hand-crafted products as well as refreshments. Don't miss this performance by an internationally acclaimed group who promise to entertain you with a programme packed full of fun, vocals, drumming and dance!

CHILTON CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS

Chilton Club is going all out for fundraising this September with two functions to help Cancer charities. On Thursday 18th September the club plays host to local charity "The Chyrelle Addams Breat Cancer Trust" live against cancer. This promises to be a fantastic night with 14 top class vocalists plus all live backing and the north easts premier fully live band "The Hunter" . . . It's a star studded night out with many popular acts from across the region from past and present, including the legendary Lorraine Crosby (the girl who sang with Meatloaf) amongst the acts who are donating their time completely free for this special event. Tickets are priced at just £3.00 each and every penny goes to the charity that helps local folks. You can call into the club, pay on the night or even book tickets via the club's website at www.chiltonwmc.co.uk. If you book via the website you even have the opportunity of making an on-line donation to the charity. On Saturday 27th September the club will be holding its annual "McMillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning" between 11am and 1pm. It's a great chance to meet up with family and friends and to raise money for another great charity. There will be a raffle, tombola etc., as well as a great variety of cakes. We are trying to exceed our total raised last year and would love to see as many folks as possible for this special day. Further details on all functions are available on 01388 720294.

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ROMAN TO THE RESCUE

Leading UK shower designer and manufacturer, Roman of Aycliffe, has once again worked with popular TV show, “Cowboy Builders”, to help a family in need when their home was left ruined by reckless workmen.

The show, which aired in September, uncovered a prolific cowboy builder wreaking havoc in the heart of the Asian community in Oldham. One of the families affected was the Rashid family, who have lived in a mid-terrace property for 17 years and with their two children growing fast, they desperately wanted more living space. Married couple Bushra and Sagrid decided that they wanted a single storey side and rear extension to create a new kitchen and downstairs bathroom.

Sagid had to return to Pakistan to visit his sick mother and his wife Bushra decided to get the building work done while he was away, thinking that she could surprise him with a finished extension on his return. After receiving a leaflet through the door, Bushra contacted a builder who promised to deliver a professional build in 16 weeks. But after nine months, having spent a fortune, the family were left without heating, hot water or a kitchen – and with a half-finished, structurally unsafe extension that had to be completely knocked down.

Having helped out a number of times on Cowboy Builders, Roman was very keen to get involved and offered products for the new downstairs bathroom to accommodate Bushra’s disabled mother when she came to visit, so one of the key considerations was inclusivity.

Roman selected a stylish Embrace Wetroom Panel from their exceptional collection of wetroom systems and it was installed straight to floor with their Roman Shield Wetroom System. When installing straight

to floor, your floor and walls must be waterproof (tanked). So they used the system to tank the space, which presents an all in one wetroom solution. This includes everything you need to tank a room, including complete wetroom kits to make the process easy. The downstairs bathroom presented a small space, which needed to fit a toilet, sink and wetroom, but Roman’s 600mm Wetroom Panel fitted perfectly into the limited room space, giving a luxury and inclusive showering area for the whole family. The Rashid family were delighted with their bathroom and the rest

of their home. David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: “We are always very happy to help programmes such as Cowboy Builders. They cause such devastation and leave the families with financial difficulty, a ruined home and heartache with no way out. We are always delighted to be able to help with the fixing and finishing of the families homes and help them achieve the stunning bathroom they had hoped for. This bathroom was not only practical for the disabled family member but also presented a real designer look.”

Felicitades to Spanish Students at Greenfield



Big congratulations are in order for a group of Greenfield Community College Students who achieved 100% C+ grades in Spanish GCSE! Three determined sets of siblings achieved their amazing GCSE Spanish results entirely in their own time. Their success demonstrates tremendous self- motivation and a real commitment to learning. These are the values that Greenfield works hard to develop in all young people. Our congratulations go to: Aiden in year 9 and Leonie Wong, in year 11, for achieving a grade B and a grade A; to Connor and Kara Elston, in years 9 and 11 who achieved a grade B and a grade and finally to brothers Keone and Riley Neasham in years 10 and 8 who achieved A and a B grades. Assistant Head teacher Jim Ward, said “All these pupils achieved these qualifications early in their school careers and I am excited to see how they flourish as they progress through the school – well done!”



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Town Council Leader Twisted the Argument

Freedom of Speech Should be Upheld

Dear Editor,
Over the past weeks I have read with interest the letters and articles you have published regarding public opinion on West Park Lakes. So great is my interest I decided to attend the Great Aycliffe Council's Recreation Committee meeting, details of which were published in the Newton News. After attending the meeting on Wednesday 3rd September; I am totally appalled by the behaviour of our elected body. In the past I have been of the opinion that the Council Leader was an honourable and erudite gentleman. However, I now feel compelled to express my absolute horror of the comments he made so I am writing in vindication of the rights of Newton News and Mr Robson to freedom of speech. Within the diatribe delivered by the leader he continually referred to the use of the word 'fascist', which he claims was written in an article by Mr Robson and subsequently

published in our community newspaper, who he chastised at least twice while speaking. On returning to my home after the meeting I immediately re-read the so called offending article that was published in the Newton News. I would like to point out that the terminology used in the article was in fact: "environmentally fascist elite". The more enlightened among us will already know that the term ENVIRONMENTAL FASCIST or ECO FASCISM has been debated in the Guardian, entitled, 'An alternative to the new wave of eco fascism by Micah White and refers to those who put environmental issues first and reject democratic freedom. Thus, I was confounded to hear the Council Leader's insinuation that Mr Robson was referring to past Political Parties operating in the early part of the last century! I am not an expert in politics, merely a public bystander, however I was amazed to witness the Council Leader wilfully use a chamber of democracy to lambast and vilify two respected members of the public. He above all others in the room was aware that the confines of the meeting denied the two aforementioned members of the public the immediate right to reply and defend themselves in regard to his allegations. After witnessing this debacle I will never again waste my vote on the Labour Party. Yours a very disillusioned ex Labour Supporter. Elaine Lawson Simons.

West Park Lakes Directional Signs



Aycliffe West Division County Councillors Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper provide directional signs for the West Park Lakes from their county Council Neighbourhood Fund. The friends of West Park asked their local Councillors to investigate the possibility of erecting road traffic signs, the group correctly identified that this beautiful location needed to be appropriately identified so that the whole community can use this facility. Two signs have now been erected pointing people towards parking and the Lakes.



Confused Over Items for Recycling

Dear Sir,
A couple of weeks ago the recycle collection gang decided not to empty my bin and when I asked why, they said there was a Black bin bag inside. I felt they were just being typical council "jobsworths" (where is Esther Rantzen when you need her?). I split the bin bag and emptied the contents into the bin and got my son to run after them with the bin, which they emptied after checking through my bin again. Last week the council sent a girl around in front of the recycle collection gang, checking in the bins and putting on labels with a list of items which could go in the bin. She had written on the sticker in the "other" section, "NO WHITE CLEAR PLASTIC"

so does this mean she found no white clear plastic or is that yet another item that Durham County Council cannot recycle? The list is getting bigger by the week. Come on County Council, sort yourself out - if you can afford to employ people to walk round in front of the recycle gang to stick stickers on the bins, then you have too much money. Most councils recycle a lot more than Durham does, so employ the people to sort the recycled items after they have been collected. Cash in on the items you collect instead of paying someone else to sort and make profit. You are supposed to be serving us, the resident and council taxpayer, not being lazy dictators of what goes in the bins. Name & address supplied.

Woodham Students' USA Summer Camp



Over the summer, three Woodham Academy students embarked on an opportunity of a lifetime, spending three weeks on an American summer camp. They stayed at Camp Cody, on the shores of Lake Ossipee, in New Hampshire, USA. Here they volunteered their time to help coach young campers from all across America, as well as experiencing some real American culture! Students were asked to apply for the positions to go to Camp Cody, completing a formal application and attending an interview. The successful candidates then embark on a training programme to teach them new skills and help assist them whilst out in America. This is the 6th consecutive year that Woodham Academy has sent students over to Camp Cody. The students quickly found themselves immersed in camp

life within a few hours of being on site, working with their fellow 'Counsellors in Training' and experienced Counsellors to assist in delivering high quality sports coaching sessions as well as helping with campers at night time. Danny Ketch, who led the trip to Camp Cody, commented, "Our students have been fantastic at Camp, they have made a great impression on the staff at Cody, their peers and more importantly the children that they helped. We are very proud of how well they represented the school and themselves." The group finished their three weeks in America with an afternoon in Boston, seeing the sites and squeezing in a bit of last minute shopping! Although it was difficult for students to leave their 'Cody family' behind, they all hope to return next summer.

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CHARITY GOLF DAY IN MEMORY OF PAST CLUB MEMBER

A special golf day and evening is being organised to celebrate the life of a popular Newtonian. Allan Kelley sadly passed away in May after a hard-fought battle with a cruel and debilitating cancer. His wife, Sue, and daughter

Stephanie, along with the help of many friends, are organising a fundraising day on Saturday 20th September on what would have been Allan's 60th birthday. The day-long celebration consists of an afternoon of golf at Woodham Golf Club, with a

four-balls competition at £25 a head – only a limited number of spaces are now available. Organisers have also planned an evening of entertainment on the night, in the Golf Club's function room. A reception drinks and canapés on arrival will be followed by a three-course meal and entertainment from Darlington band Hows Tricks.

The day-long event will raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Sue said: "Although Allan didn't survive long enough to need the traditional palliative care from Macmillan Cancer Support, the charity helped provide him with a better quality of life via a brilliant occupational therapist and aids and adaptations. "Allan was a very private and proud person who was very resistant to accept any external help but the very persuasive Macmillan team helped to convince him that by using assistive equipment, he would be able to retain some levels of energy to do more qualitative

things in the latter time of his life.

"Macmillan also provided much-needed family support for my young grandson as he struggled to cope when his beloved Grampy went to heaven.

"Although Allan had a terminal cancer he had always maintained that he never wanted to lose his dignity and he incredibly hid his suffering from his family and friends until the very end.

"Steph and I had no idea how ill he was and we were not ready to lose him so early.

"We still struggle coming to terms with the void he has left in our lives and want to do something positive to focus our energies on remembering how lucky we were to have Allan in our lives rather than spend all of our time missing him."

Allan had previously spent a year as Chairman at Woodham Golf Club and himself had raised money for local charities. Allan was 59 years old and lived all of his life in County Durham. Allan was a keen golfer and Chair of the Woodham Golf and Country Club, Newton Aycliffe, raising much needed funds for local charities.

Tickets for the evening event are priced £25 a head – to book, call Richard Parker on 07506 199514 or George Charlton on 07577295610 or email richardparker_abc@yahoo.co.uk



Sue and Allan Kelley

Juniors Presentation Night



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, had a disappointing defeat by 41 runs at home to Redcar 2nd XI in the 2nd division of the NYSD.

After being asked to bat first, Redcar found Aycliffe fast bowler Matty Atkinson in terrific form and he followed up last week's five wicket haul with another as he finished with the impressive figures of 5 for 46 from 13 overs. Fellow fast bowler Colin Myers supported well taking 3 for 18 from 6 overs as the visitors were dismissed for 145 after 37 overs.

Aycliffe never recovered from losing two wickets in the first nine balls of the innings and

were soon skittled for a below par 105 after just 28.5 overs. Only three batsman manged double figures, Matt Atkinson (19 runs), Chris Palmer (18 runs) and Michael Howe (14 runs) chasing a target that should of been well within the team's capabilities. Aycliffe remain in 7th place in the table with 304 points and with only 2 games left to play, they will be expected to try to finish the season on a high note with a couple of victories.

The club's under 11's and under 13's teams recently held their join presentation night at the club and everyone that represented the club in either of the two teams during the 2014 season received a participation award. There

were also a number of special achievement prizes that were awarded to the under 11's, the player showing the most commitment was Matthew Greaves, the most improved player was wicket keeper Joe Bowsher and the u11's player of the year was won by captain Lucas Pilling. There were also a number of trophies for special achievement for the under 13's, the bowling award was won by Nathan Parry, the batting was won by captain Dylan Tribble and the player of the year award was earned by James Knowlson. All of the recipients of trophies are included in the photo along with Joe Haines (u11's team manager) and Michael Howe (u13's team manager).

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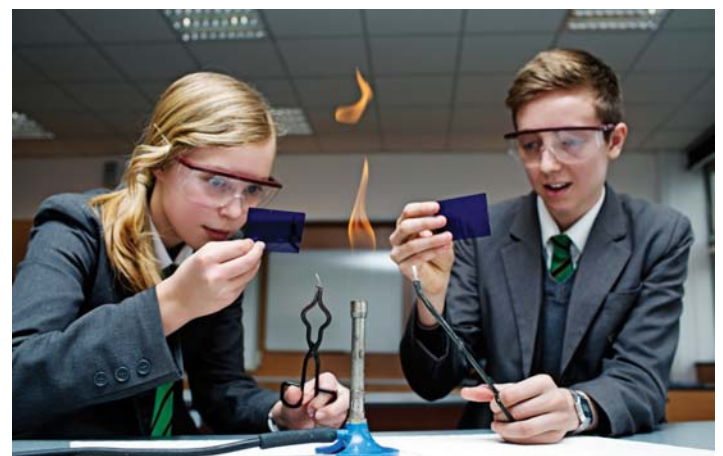
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Aycliffe Squash Finals



Aycliffe Squash Club's championship finals took place on Saturday 30 August. In the ladies' plate final, Lucy Aisbitt beat her sister Sarah in straight games in an entertaining contest prior to the main events. Dave Ewin took the men's plate in an uncontested final, due to an unfortunate injury to runner up Mal Woodhouse.

The ladies' championship final was between two mainstay members of the ladies' team, Julie Bowtell and Meryl Graham.

Julie started stronger, comfortably winning the first two games, but Meryl dug in and came back strongly to win the third game before Julie regained the ascendancy and prevailed in the fourth for a well-deserved 3-1 victory.

In the men's final, last year's champion Alex MacFarlane, who was nationally ranked in the top 20 as a junior, faced

fellow first team player Nick Hill. This match was filled with punishingly long rallies, but although Nick played very well, Alex was too strong and looked well in control for most of the match, playing some exceptionally high quality squash, and he took the match in straight games.

The Club thanks its sponsors, car dealers Pulmans VW, for supporting the event, and photographer Ian Robson for taking the pictures.

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Film Show

St Clare's Church **FEEL GOOD FILM SHOWS** will feature "THE FIVE PENNIES" on Tuesday 16th September. Starring Danny Kaye, Louis Armstrong, Tuesday Weld and Barbara Bel Geddes, there's lots of laughs, a few tears and a mass of music.

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The grand Opening of St. Elizabeth's Church Parent and Toddler group at Woodham for carers, and children from birth to pre-school is on **TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 12:45** until 2:30pm.

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Re-launch of Town's Cancer Support Group



Peter Beaty performed the re-launch of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group on 4th September at their new meeting place, Neville Community Centre. Founder Allison White (shown in the photo) said how nice it was to see new and old members and they had a lovely night. The membership covers all cancers and Allison formed the club after seeing so much suffering on her own visits to hospitals for treatment. "There are health professionals that can help, but unfortunately the patients or carers simply just don't know where to go" said Allison.

Guest speakers every month provide relevant information. On Tuesday 16th September a "Look Good Feel Better Pamper" session is provided from 1 - 3pm in the Church Hall at Neville Parade Methodist Church. This is for any ladies having treatment for cancer. It is run by volunteers from House of Fraser's make up counters who will pamper each lady by showing them how to put their make up on or simply just advise what colours are best for them.

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Gail said if it's not on the menu just ask and we will try to provide. The Café has a warm and friendly environment for people to meet or to take a break in their journey.

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AYCLIFFE ARTIST'S PAINTING ON DISPLAY AT ST. CLARE'S CHURCH

This painting by John Palliser, commemorates 100 years since The Great War WW1. To appreciate the work you must firstly understand the level of violence and slaughter that occurred. The number

Aycliffe Lose First League Game

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club began their Durham and Northumberland Division 3 campaign with a defeat at home to last season's relegated team, Whitby. With a number of players unavailable for a variety of reasons, Aycliffe had to change the team around somewhat, but it was still strong.

The game began with both teams trying to get some consistency. Whitby took the lead with a penalty, but Aycliffe then began to apply the pressure. From a tap penalty, Jeff Hodgson forced his way over the line. Luke Tinkler's conversion from wide out looked like it would be good, but it hit the post. Aycliffe were now on top, but they let Whitby come back into the game and the visitors regained their lead with a try to be 8 – 5 ahead at the break.

Aycliffe began the second half strongly and won a good scrum near the Whitby line, the ball was rapidly shipped out wide and David Judge was able to round the defence to score. Again Tinkler's difficult kick was struck well; this time it bounced off the crossbar for the 2 points. Whitby's strong forwards now began to apply the pressure and Aycliffe's defence became stretched. With 10 minutes to go, a converted try gave Whitby a 3 point lead. Aycliffe fought their way back into opposition territory, but were unable to score. With time running down, Whitby extended their lead to 6 with a penalty and then applied the coup de grace with a third try which denied Aycliffe even a deserved bonus point.

Again, the last 10 minutes proved Aycliffe's downfall and this result has made the season more difficult, even after only one match. Aycliffe's next game on 13th September them visit Yarm. Kick-off is 3pm. Aycliffe are grateful to Whitehouse Funeral Services and S Cars for their sponsorship.



of military and civilian casualties was over 37 million, and ranked among the deadliest conflicts in human history.

The painting is a collage of different stories and the observer can return time and time again finding something new to take away from the

Obituary

Lorraine Elizabeth Cole



Peacefully after a short illness bravely borne, on 7th September, of Newton Aycliffe (formerly Chilton).

Beloved Wife of Derrick; devoted Mam of Linda, Lee, Tony and Vikki; Sister of Bernice; special Mother-in-Law of Andrew, Joanne, Susan and Glen; treasured Grandma of Nycola, Hollie, Ryan, Jack, Charlotte, Connor and Ted; precious Great Grandma of Emily and Abigail.

Would friends please meet for Funeral Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 11.00am on Thursday 18th September and afterwards at Coundon Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if preferred, to Cancer Research UK (a plate will be provided)

DERRICK CASSON. On 3rd September. He will be greatly missed. Beloved Son of the late Christopher and Gwendoline; much loved Brother of John, Judith and Denise; dear Brother-in-Law of Alan, Melvyn and the late Marie. Will friends please meet for Service on Wednesday 17th September, 1.15pm at Neville Parade Methodist Church, followed by a private family burial. Derrick will also be missed by the many he met while doing his daily walks around the town.

Births

CAIRNS / NELSON Congratulations Beverley and Mark on the birth of your beautiful daughter Lily. Born on 4th September weighing 6lbs 9ozs. Our love and best wishes from both families xxxx

In Memoriam

ROSE MARIE CURRIE, 17th September 2013. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, missed and very dear. John, Joyce, Christopher and Faye xxx

ROBERT WAITES 8th September 2001. Years roll by, but memories live on. All my love, Ruth

KIPLING, Sheila and Robert. We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence and often speak your name. All we have is memories and a picture in a frame. God love you both xxxx Colin, Val, Michael, Nicola, Claire, Wayne, Holly, Emily and Morgan xxxx

JACK SMITH Close to our hearts you will always stay, as it has been three years on the 15th September since we lost you. Loved and remembered every day. From your Daughters, Catherine and Jean and Wife Doreen. Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

PAUL RAINE (Bishop Auckland). 16th September 2010. Love and miss you forever. Love, Mam, Brothers and Sisters xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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ALBERT ANDREW 12-09-1934. We send you a prayer as we blow you a kiss. How we wish we were holding your hand Dad on your 80th birthday. May the angels give you a special day. We love and miss you Dad. Catch the eighty kisses we send with all our love. Happy birthday to our handsome Dad. Love you forever, your Daughters, Julie and Susan xxxx

Congratulations

Look who's 18! Jess Wright



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Oliver Steps in to Steady the Ship

Newton Aycliffe FC Chairman Allan Oliver has stepped back into the hot seat as Caretaker Manager of the Royal Blues. Aycliffe's start to the season has been disappointing, with just two league victories against Crook Town, and defeats in both the FA Cup and FA Vase. Newly appointed manager Adrian Webster was in his first managerial role, and found the going tough. In an emotional conversation with Oliver after the Vase defeat, Webster admitted the job was probably 2 or 3 seasons too soon for him. Oliver reluctantly felt he had no option but to accept the midfielders resignation. And that leaves Aycliffe searching for their third permanent manager of the season, with September not yet halfway gone! "It's important we steady the ship" said Oliver. "This is a good Club, and a lot of heart and effort from a lot of people have got us to where we

are today. What we need now is to win a couple of games and take stock before we decide on the next move for the Club". Aycliffe have a small but dedicated team of volunteers who help to run the Club. They are working tirelessly to bring additional revenue into the Club, to help underpin the team. "It's tough for everyone", said Oliver, "but the most important thing is Newton Aycliffe FC. We are well aware of a number of high profile managers looking for new Clubs, but Gary and I have lots of experience, and that can be used to buy the Club the time to decide what is in its best interests moving forward". Upcoming fixtures. Wed 10th Sept Vs Marske United (h) Sat 13th Sept Vs Celtic Nation (a) Wed 17th Sept Vs Norton and Stockton (h) Sat 27th Sept Vs Whitley Bay (h)

MAYOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED OVER £500 FOR CHARITY



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, hosted a Charity Golf Day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex on Friday, 5th September 2014. The event was a success with an amount of £527.46 being raised for the Mayor's nominated charities which are the County Durham School Benevolent Fund and Cruse Bereavement Care. The Mayor would like to take



this opportunity to thank the sponsors and supporters of the day, namely: Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Don Walker Butchers, E.W. Knapton (Insurance) Ltd., Newton Press/Newton News, Heineken UK, Sabre Rail Services Ltd., Great Aycliffe Town Council, Gregg Little Testing Centre, Ellie's Pies, Julie Welch (Oakleaf Golf Manager). The hospitality tent at the 6th tee was well received and the Mayor would like to thank fellow Councillors Val Raw, Sarah Iveson and Malcolm Iveson for helping with the organisation of the refreshments. Presentations and dinner were held at The Oakleaf Sports Complex Function Room. Winners of the competition this year were 'Big Club Golf' who were presented with the Annual Golf trophy which had been donated by Hydro Polymers in 2003. Winners: Big Club Golf: Second: Wannabes, Third: JMD Associates, Individual

Winner: Brian Avery (North East Decorators), Longest Drive (2nd Hole): Shaun Poulter (North East Decorators). Nearest the Pin (4th): John Maull (N/Aycliffe Sports Club), Nearest the Pin (11th): James Jacques (Sabre Rail Services Ltd.), Nearest the Pin (13th): James Jacques (Sabre Rail Services Ltd.).

Scarecrow Competition

On Saturday 27th September, St. Clare's Church will be holding it's Autumn Fair. There will be bargains and butties, tombola's and treats, cakes and crafts, parcels and produce. Come along at 10am - everyone is welcome. This year we will be holding a 'Scarecrow' competition. You are invited to bring your scarecrows along on Saturday and they will be entered into a PRIZE competition. So come on, let your imagination run wild and get stuffing - 1st prize £10 - it's got to be worth a try!

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