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If you want to have your say and you work, live, or do business in Aycliffe,



Angela Corner (right) and Christine Walton with Stuart Howarth of Newton Press as the Neighbourhood Plan comes off the printing machine.

please take 10 minutes out of your day to complete the questionnaire inside. There is a pre-paid envelope enclosed for your convenience. These were purchased using a government grant at no cost to the Town Council or residents.

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You can also complete the questionnaire online via Great Aycliffe Town Council's website, under the Neighbourhood Plan Section. In addition, a link will be placed on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

WHAT'S THE POINT?
Angela Corner Community Neighbourhood Engagement

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If you are interested, please can you send details on what you could bring to the charity, including what skills and qualities you also have to: lifeline.action@googlemail.com or by phoning or texting 07936 431262.

Neighbourhood Plan Copies

If you don't receive your Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire please ring Newton News on 300212. Copies are also available from the Library, Town Council Offices, Oak Leaf Sports Complex, Community Centres and Newton Press offices.

Neighbourhood Plan

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Officer explained the process: "This is an extremely important and exciting time for the public to have their say, be heard and have their issues addressed. The feedback from the questionnaires will be analysed, from this we will gather the main issues highlighted by the public. A summary of the feedback will be reported through the Newton News, Aycliffe Today, the Great Aycliffe Town Council Website, Social Media and via partner organisations and community groups.

Once we understand the priorities for the town, working groups will be set up to look at what options are available. Working groups will be comprised of experts in the relevant field, along with officers, and will be asking for 2 members of the public to come forward as additional representatives. Notes of all of the Neighbourhood Plan meetings are available for public viewing on the Great Aycliffe Town Council website. We want this process to be transparent and involve the public every step of the way.

Not every issue can be dealt with via the Neighbourhood Plan therefore all non-planning issues will be collated and the evidence will be passed onto the most appropriate organisation. The public will be advised whenever this happens"

Christine Walton Corporate and Policy Officer added "A large amount of background work has been undertaken in preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and here it is at last.

Your comments really are important and we do need your honest opinions - please take a positive view and think about the future, for this is the key point of Neighbourhood Plans. This document will shape development in Great Aycliffe for the next 20 years, so we need to be confident that we can deliver, within the restrictions placed upon us, the things that are

important to you and your family".

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FACTS

1. It is a planning document which covers building and land use in Great Aycliffe
2. It will contain the vision for Aycliffe over the next 20 years
3. It is community-led and backed by evidence
4. It must have deliverable objectives
5. It must pass an Independent Examination
6. It must pass a referendum

If you would like further information contact Angela Corner, Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer on 300700 or email angela.corner@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Children Learn About Food



Birthday Banquet Night at Elachi



Town Centre Indian Restaurant "Elachi" celebrated their 8th birthday in Newton Aycliffe with a special "Banquet Night" at a very special price for their customers. The food provided was a traditional meal with all the extra poppadoms, chutneys etc and naan bread which everyone enjoyed. In addition the night included beautiful Indian dancing girls who were delightful to watch. Proprietors Hosam and Shifa thank everyone who came on the evening and hope you enjoyed the occasion.

Aycliffe Team Still Looking for First Win

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club travelled to Yarm for the latest Durham and Northumberland Division 3 campaign fixture with a depleted team, but still having plenty of quality on the pitch. Jamie Whelan and Tom Prior made their league debuts for the club.

Yarm began very strongly in both the forwards and the backs and within 5 minutes had taken the lead when they powered over the line from a lineout. Aycliffe took time to cope with the free running Yarm backs and twice they were able to drag Aycliffe's defence wide to score further tries. Aycliffe were on top of the scrums throughout and there was parity in the lineouts, but Yarm were just the quicker of thought in the opening period. A fourth try just before the break secured Yarm's bonus point and gave them a 22-0 lead.

After a sharp talking to, Aycliffe came out reinvigorated for the second half and straight away were on the attack. The scrum dominance continued and Yarm had to survive on scraps, kicking the ball into touch numerous times. Some silky running by David Judge finally put Aycliffe on the scoreboard

and a good conversion from Luke Tinkler made it the full 7 points. The pressure from Aycliffe continued, but whilst Yarm's defence creaked, it remained unbroken.

A penalty goal from Tinkler reduced the deficit to 12 points with a quarter of the game to go. A yellow card after multiple offences by Yarm saw the referee declare uncontested scrums for 10 minutes which negated Aycliffe's advantage, but still they attacked, Niall Kelly was held up over the line, a fine tackle saw David Gibson brought to ground inches short, and Warren Parsonage had a try disallowed. Eventually, the referee blew up with the score 22-10 and Aycliffe having barely left the opponents' half for the entire second 40 minutes.

Aycliffe were bitterly disappointed about their first half display, but credit must go to Yarm for an incredible 'backs to the wall' defence in the second half. Aycliffe's next game is at home to Chester le Street on 10th September. Kick-off 3pm. Aycliffe Rugby are sponsored by S Cars and Whitehouse Funeral Service.

During the summer holidays the children from Woodham Burn Out of School Club visited Tesco for a 'Farm to Fork Trail' to find out where our food really comes. The session was organised by Tesco and is free of charge to groups like ours.

We were greeted by Vicky who led the interactive, educational and fun activities. The children had the opportunity to sniff, touch, make and taste their way through the intriguing world of food. They made bread rolls, had a mini treasure hunt around the fruit and vegetable aisle, finding out where items were grown, had a chance to taste a selection of cheeses and goats milk and learnt about the different types of fish sold at Tesco.

The children were shown behind the scenes of the store looking in the giant freezer, storage areas and staff areas. They also made fresh fruit desserts with a huge selection of fruit from the store which were delicious. The children's comments were: Ted - "We went into the freezer it was really freezing! we saw where the fruit was and we made bread". Ella R: "Good and brilliant. I liked making the bread, pudding and then eating the

pudding". Hollie: "I liked going into the freezer and I thought the lady cutting up the fish was great". A very BIG thank you to our local Tesco store for a fantastic visit, the children thoroughly enjoyed the session and loved the goody bags to take home. More information about WBOOSC please do not hesitate to contact Kendra on 01325 300080.

Aycliffe Village Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan's biggest fund-raising event, where we ask people across the UK to hold a coffee morning and raise money for people living with cancer is taking place on September 26th this year. Aycliffe Village Hall will be open to residents and visitors alike from 8.45 to 11am, where you will find cake in abundance, along with scones, refreshments and bacon butties.

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and several other places.
This is not the normal smell you get from fields after they've been treated with manure. It appears to be something more sinister.
Darryl Pettit
Ed: Three years ago the "smell" was so bad it had to be dealt with by the County Council Environmental Health Department who brought the problem under control. It seems to have been short-lived on this occasion, but we urge readers to complain to DCC if it returns.



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The Need to be Nice

Dear Sir,
The Newton News welcomes and prints comments and campaigns about local political matters and this is to be applauded. We are almost unique in having such an open platform for people to express their opinions about local issues.

What is distressing, however, is when letters are unpleasant and unreasonable. Recent letters about the West Park Lakes have contained factual inaccuracies, and personal misrepresentations and libels. One of them invited people to troll two named councillors. This is not healthy debate. Neither can it be argued that the accused have the right of reply. Often the range of criticism is so wide and random that it would take three or four editions to reply rationally to every point. Moreover, councillors who 'give as good as they get' are then criticised for 'slagging each other off'. Officers of the council are in an even more invidious position. They are not responsible for the Council's policies they implement - the councillors who make the policies are accountable for that. Moreover, officers are unable to write to defend themselves so to belittle and libel them is ethically odious.

Two things worry me especially about all this. The first is the impression that all this gives to the rest of the County, where Aycliffe politics are regarded as unnecessarily nasty. Aycliffe's councillors travel all over the region promoting Great Aycliffe's interests. But it is harder to do this when the people they are lobbying have been given the impression that Aycliffe people do not agree with their councillors - and, indeed, actively despise them. Secondly, I am disappointed that some people still think

that the way to get what you want is to be aggressive and to 'go to war'. Experience in our personal lives and relationships shows that this is usually counter-productive, and nobody gains by such vitriol; everybody comes out of it demeaned.

In the past this was not such an issue. The Labour government allocated grants on the basis of need, so it did not matter how we looked. Nowadays, however, the future of the town lies in the businesses we can attract, and the partnerships we can build.

A climate in which our leaders and partners are regularly held up for vicious hostility in the local press will only damage our chances. We need to polish up our community image, not publicly disparage it. I am not saying that councillors should not be accountable - readers know that I have been trying for years to promote dialogue about local issues. But I do urge correspondents to check their facts, and to avoid ad hominem attacks on individuals. And - when they have written their letter - people should ask themselves what it will make other councillors, businesses and residents think of Newton Aycliffe.
Cllr John D Clare

Autumn Coastal Race Results

Ten members of Aycliffe Running Club recently took part in the Autumn Coastal Race, which is organised by New Marske Harriers. Conditions were ideal and everyone from the club gave a good account of themselves.
Peter Milburn, who was also first home for the club raced round the course in 18m:45s to finish 24th, followed by Dave Blewitt, 56th - 20:38,

JOIN THE LADIES CLUB MONTHLY MYSTERY TOUR



The ladies of Aycliffe's "New Friends - New Places" club visited 'Café Indulgence' last Sunday. The café has just been opened by Newtonian Gail Anderson and was the start of the club's Monthly Mystery Tour. Everyone commented on the cleanliness, friendliness and the good food.
New Friends New Places called at the Café on the A66 before going on to The Jersey Farm for Sunday Lunch then on to a short stay at Barnard Castle.
From there they were taken to Mains Gill Tea Rooms on the Scotch Corner to Barnard Castle road.

All the Ladies had a fantastic day out and really enjoy their mystery trips on the first

Sunday of every month. The cost is just £10 and anyone is welcome. Somewhere for Sunday Lunch is included but paid for by themselves.
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sprays. Another brilliant day out organised by ACORN and supported by the Big Lottery Awards for all Fund. Special thanks to Mel from J&C Coaches for getting us there and back safe and sound. Next adventure is Beamish Museum on the Agricultural Show weekend organised for September 21st. A limited number of tickets are still available at £8 each and £3 for children under 3 years old.
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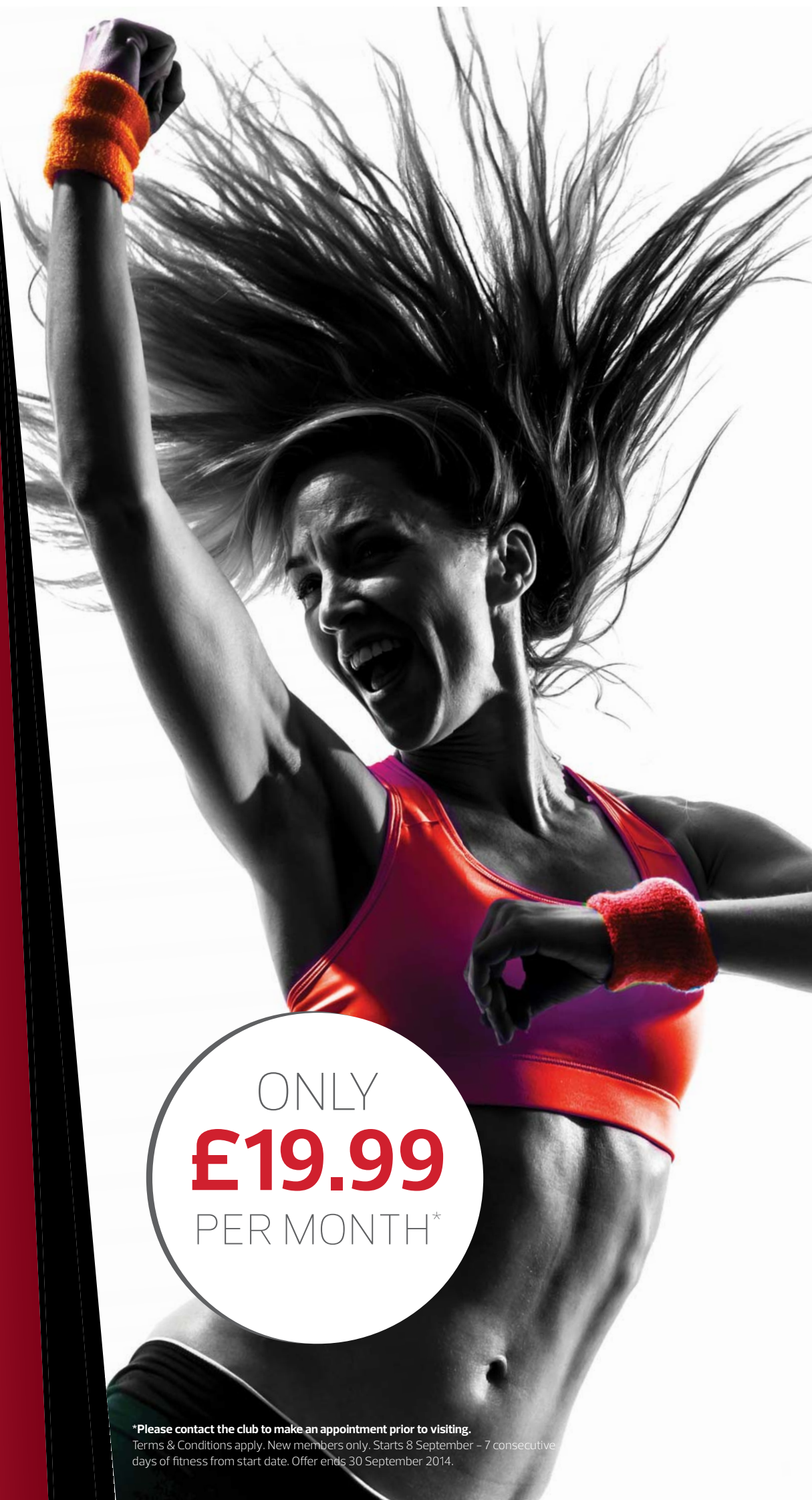
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guarantee. Delivery and installation is extra. Richard and staff thank customers old and new for using A & R as their service centre and making them successful enough to expand to the next level. See advertisement on Page 11.

Redworth's 300th Anniversary Barbecue

The commemorative barbecue held at Redworth Hall Hotel last Sunday was a resounding success. Everyone commented on how much they were enjoying the food, surroundings and facilities provided by the Hotel. I would like to formally thank every one who was involved. Particular thanks go to: John O'Reilly and the events staff at Redworth Hall Hotel. John, the food was marvellous and your staff couldn't do enough to help to make the day a success; Gerald and Ruth Lee for attending in your official capacities. Your presence and easy manner helped everyone to enjoy the day; Paul Howarth from the Newton News, for helping to publicise our event and for attending to cover the festivities; The editorial staff of Heighington Parish magazine for helping to publicise the event; All residents of the village and their friends for supporting the event. Steve Butterworth Chairman, Redworth Village Hall Association.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank the lady who kindly stopped her car at the Pemberton Road bus stop on Monday 8th September and took me and my husband to the doctors at Cobblers Hall. My husband had suffered an angina attack and we were very grateful for this act of kindness from a complete stranger. Once again many thanks.
Sylvia & Alan Welsh
Beechers Grove.

RESIDENTS PRAISE LIVIN'S DEVELOPMENT



Livin have just completed a small housing project at Elmfield and nearby resident Jane Parsonage contacted Newton News to congratulate the social landlord on their work. "I have never come across such an organised team of workers from start to finish. They were skilful, and cleaned up at night locking everything away. The work is now all complete with lovely gardens. A big thanks to you all," said Jane.

Wayne Harris, Executive Director Property and Development says, "we are very proud of the Elmfield development, which consists of 12 beautifully finished new homes on the former infill sites of Elmfield Place and Linden Place in Newton Aycliffe. The building works have been carried out by locally based Esh Property Services, a partner in the Considerate Constructors Scheme, whose professionalism and workmanship are second to

Residents Assoc. AGM

Linden Place Residents Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Silverdale House on Tuesday 23rd September at 6pm. All residents welcome

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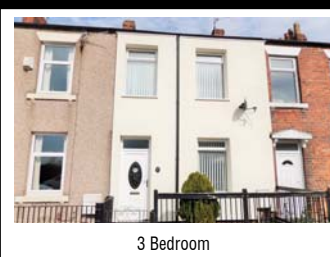
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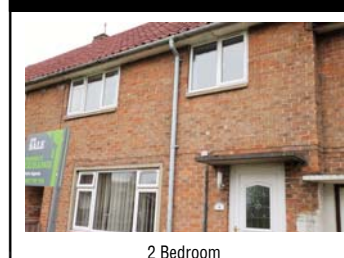
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Death of Popular Businessman

We regret to announce the death of John Jones of Aycliffe Village, founder of J & C Coaches, who died peacefully at home on Wednesday 17th September 2014 aged 79. The Funeral will be held at 12 noon on Friday 26th September at St Clare's Church and afterwards at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. An Obituary will be published in next week's issue, meanwhile we extend our sincere condolences to his wife Freda and all the family.

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MP Phil Wilson invites you along to his Newton Aycliffe Office on Friday 26th September 2014 to take part in the world's biggest charity coffee morning.

Phil will be welcoming friends and constituents from 10am until noon, there will be coffee, tea and soft drinks as well as cakes and biscuits on offer with all money raised going to Macmillan Nurses. Pop in for a chat with Phil or members of his team, have a coffee and help support this very necessary and worthwhile cause.

BBQ at the Nature Park

The Newton Aycliffe RSPB Wildlife Explorers hold their popular annual BBQ on the Aycliffe Nature Park on 20th September from 2 pm.

We are looking forward to another great day with lots of food & refreshment (free). We will be there to greet members new and old. We will also be pond-dipping with the kids, as well as looking for late signs of wildlife on the park. The younger kids can take part in our bug/treasure hunt.

If you are interested in the world around you and want to learn more about the Wildlife Explorers or to join us, please come along. We would like to meet you. For any more info, please contact registered leaders Dave or Sue on 317347.

EAT WITH US IN AYCLIFFE'S BEST KEPT SECRET



Earlier this year PCP took part in the Big Dig, to attract new volunteers and visitors to the community garden at the Pioneering Care Centre. Following the success of the Big Dig and PCP's Plot to Plate project, there's a lot of good work to showcase, which is why PCP are taking part in the Edible Gardens event on Wednesday 24 September, 10am-12noon. PCP is joining in with community gardens around the country for the nation's biggest community garden open day. It's an opportunity to celebrate what garden volunteers and plot to plate participants have achieved and share what they have grown with the local community. Come along between 10am-12noon and take a tour of the garden, visit the wildlife corner, hedgehog hotel,

allotments and greenhouses and sample some free home grown, homemade food. Last year 4,000 people across the country visited a garden on the day. The organisers want even more people to come along this year, and in particular, they are keen to encourage people that have not been before. There will be a prize for the garden that has the most visitors so if you've never visited the garden at the Pioneering Care Centre, please pop along and invite family and friends. For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carers' Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find us on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Have a Say on Local Issues at GAMP Meeting

Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the area action partnership (GAMP) meets later this month.

The GAMP Board will be meeting on Tuesday 23 September (6pm to 8pm) Middridge Village Hall and members of the public are welcome.

Local people can also raise any neighbourhood issues that they would like the Board to address. These need to be put in writing and sent

in advance of the meeting. The Board will be receiving presentations from Durham County Council on the review of children's centres as well as Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue on their proposed three-year service plan and the current North East Ambulance review.

Anyone who would like to attend the Board meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

COFFEE, CAKE & CRAFTS AT MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning is now an annual event at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe and this year PCP is hosting a 'coffee with crafts' event.

The Coffee Morning is taking place on Friday 26th 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 goods including:

- Handmade soft toys, storage 'baskets', tooth fairy pillows and key rings
- Greeting cards and paper craft items
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Last year PCP raised £348.63 for people living with cancer, and they hope to exceed this amount by having even more on offer to attract local people to the Centre.

The money PCP raise 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.

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New Season for Town Swimmers



Sedgefield 75 competed at their first competitive meet of the season at Billingham forum last Sunday. The club has only been back to full training for past two weeks after a summer break and only took a young squad, so it was a fantastic result when all swimmers attending came close or beat last their personal bests.

Attending swimmers: Grace Dutchburn, Niall Coulthard, Katelyn Craig, Alyssa Craggs, Kate Tolley, Jessica Hall, Rebecca Hall, Zac Hodgkinson, Haydn Craggs, Netanya Alwis, Lauren Chatt & Viven Alwis.

Attending Coach Lee Craggs commented, "The squad has trained hard over the last couple of weeks to get back into race condition, and hopefully we can build on these results in the coming season".

Swimming is a great way of improving your cardiovascular and general all-round fitness and lots of Sedgefield 75's younger members excel in other sports and regularly represent their schools at athletics, track and field, biathlon, triathlon, football,

rugby to name a few.

Sedgefield 75 train at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on most evenings, if you would like a try out to join the club, come along on Monday nights

between 18:00-19:00 and speak to one of the Coaches, or for more information on the club you can also visit the their website at: <http://www.freeteams.net/sedgefield75>

100% Attendance Over Five Years



On Monday 15th September Megan Cross and George Dixon celebrated with their families the amazing achievement of five years without a day's absence from Greenfield. Mr Priestley and Mrs Stubbs joined them at the Riverside Stadium in Chester - le - Street to see them enjoy the glory and add their congratulations to that of Rachel Shimmin, Corporate Director, Children and Adult Services and Caroline O'Neill, Durham's Head of Education and Metro Radio Presenter Karen Wight

100% Attendance for five years has certainly paid off for these students, Megan has done exceptionally well achieving 5A's, 6A's, 1 B and 1 C grades in her GCSE's allowing her to go onto study English Language, English Literature, Politics and Maths at Queen Elizabeth sixth Form College in Darlington. Megan also finds the time to coach younger students in tennis as well as play and umpire netball. George also achieved 5 high grades and has moved

onto New College Durham where he is studying Level 3 in Engineering. He made the most of the wider opportunities offered at Greenfield to enrich the experience and became a competent skier, enjoying the annual ski trip with the school. Rachel Shimon congratulated the students and expressed her thanks to the proud parents and teachers who had supported and encouraged the young people to show such a commitment to attending school. She expressed how incredibly modest and inspiring they were and they should be proud of themselves. Excellent attendance is a quality sought after by all employers and certainly something worth putting on any CV.

Mrs Stubbs, Assistant Headteacher said "Greenfield has now celebrated 100% attendance at this ceremony for 10 years. Students want to attend Greenfield and be a part of the continuing success and caring environment in which every child is valued as an individual."



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Whitehouse Funeral Service held their Open Day on Saturday 13th September. On the day the fleet of cars was on show along with 'Casper' the VW Hearse, a motorcycle and sidecar from Motorcyclefunerals.com. There were different types of coffins on display including banana leaf, wicker and woollen. A steady flow of people attended the open day and a Service of Dedication of the premises and Chapels of Rest was held, led by Jan



L-R: Roger McAdam, Rev Paul Sinclair and Marian (www.motorcyclefunerals.com)

Carr. There were displays of art works and crafts from local people. The Butterwick Hospice was in attendance selling crafts, art work and cakes raising money for this worthy cause.

A representative from Golden Charter, the funeral planning company was also present helping answer lots of questions from visitors. Many thanks to all who attended the successful day and supporting a local independent company.

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Don Fraser.
Former Town Councillor

Auction at Neville Centre



Peter Beaty, Chairman at Neville Community Centre took up the gavel to run a Mock Auction last Saturday. A variety of goods were donated to be sold in aid of funds for the Centre. Dog Training resumes on

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Greenfield Students Exceed Expectations in English



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and A*, but we were even more thrilled by the high levels of progress made by students across the whole year group." Whilst the government's gold standard requires young people to attain a grade C or above, it is of course, not possible for everyone. At Greenfield the focus is on each individual child being stretched to succeed with at least 3 levels of progress from their entrance into the school, and whilst 95% of them accomplished this, the majority achieved at least 4 levels with a considerable

number exceeding even this with 5 and 6 levels of progress. Jack Travis a 2014 leaver, who has just started A-levels at Queen Elizabeth sixth form college, was one of these, he was predicted two grade C grades in English and Literature and walked away with two grade A*s! Plans for even greater success are already underway this September with Greenfield students attacking the challenges of the new curriculum, eager to beat the record set by the 2014 leavers.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, had their biggest win in the club's history when they won away Thornaby 2nds by a huge 258 runs in the NYSD 2nd division. Aycliffe decided to bat first, teenage opener Joe Haines scored a superb career best 68 runs and fellow opener Luke Telford scored 35 as the pair put on 63 for the 1st wicket. Captain Chris Palmer was also among the runs smashing a quickfire 68 and there was also useful innings from both Graham Telford (31 runs) and Pritpal Grewal (19 runs) as Aycliffe declared on 278 for 9 after 46.3 overs. The homeside had no answer to some excellent fast bowling from Aycliffe's Michael Howe, who finished with career best

figures of 5 for 15 and Colin Myers, who took 4 wickets for 5 runs. Thornaby were quickly bowled out for just 20 after 14.5 overs and the defeat condemned them to bottom place in the table and relegation to the 3rd division. Newton Aycliffe's 1st team play their final game of the season on Saturday 20th September at home to Wolviston at 1pm. The 2nd team won their final game of the season by default after visitors Northallerton 2nd team conceded as they were unable to raise a team. The 2nd team record for their first season in the NYSD 3rd division reads, played 24 games, won 8, drew 7 and lost 9 earning a highly respectable 257 points to finish in 7th place.

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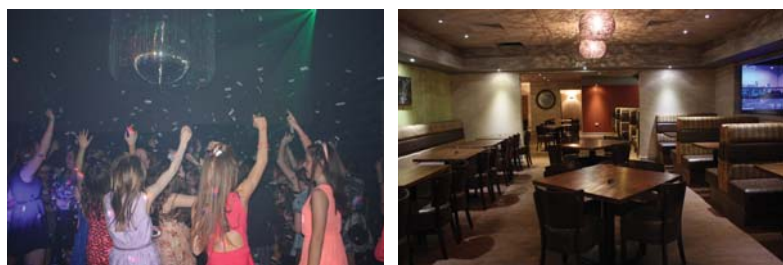
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CELEBRATING ONAM

The colourful festival of Onam was celebrated in style



last Sunday as more than 100 people, mostly originating from the South Indian state of Kerala but now living and working across our North East region, gathered at Bethany Centre, Woodham. Kerala is a beautiful tropical paradise in Southern India with lush palm fringed beaches. Each year the festival of Onam takes place where people give thanks for the abundant rice harvest. This year the festival came to Newton Aycliffe with a special event filled with colour, music, dance, drama

and a feast of around twenty different dishes of Keralan vegetarian cuisine. Local GP Dr. Winny Jose who, along with other members of Harvest Christian Centre, helped organise the event said, "It brought people from many different backgrounds together to unite, celebrate and experience a very special and unique evening of vibrant culture and food." For more information on upcoming South Asian or other multicultural events contact Harvest Christian Centre on 01325 308284.

Popular New Cafe



Heather Jones owner of the Sandwich Box Cafe next to Newton Press Offices has gained her "5 Star" Catering Certificate from the County Council. The cafe has also been nominated for recognition in the Aycliffe Business Park awards in the new start-up category. Heather is shown here with regular customer Mickey

Duff who praised the high quality food available at the cafe.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Vane Road School will hold a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Friday 26th September from 9.15am to 10.15am, everyone welcome to join in - Admission £1.

Bluebell Close Sheltered Housing Scheme is hosting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September from 10am to 12 noon in Bluebell Close Community Centre.

Tea/coffee and cake for £1. There will also be a raffle, tombola, book stall, bric a brac, knitwear and home made cakes to take home. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and support this very worthy charity.

Following the Morning Service **Harvest Christian Centre** is holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Sunday 21st September from 12pm to 1pm at Bethany Centre, Woodham Way. All are welcome. Check out www.harvestchristiancentre.org.uk for more information.

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Newtonian's London to Newcastle 24 Hour Bike Ride

Personal Story by Fundraiser Anthony Cox



On Saturday 30th August 2014, having woken every hour to check the time, I began to feel nerves and excitement for the challenge soon to begin. Could I really cycle 310 miles from London to Newcastle in less than 24 hours?

After a quick breakfast I put my kit on, packed my bag and made the short ride from the hotel to the start line. I was greeted by a huge start banner and over 100 cyclists making their final bike and kit adjustments. The countdown to our 10am start began and by now I was itching to get going!

After a quick safety briefing, a few 'selfies' and a final Facebook update, there was a countdown from 10 and we were off! A short spin out of Clissold Park and onto the roads of North London. The first 10 miles were stop-start as we made our way out of the city, but on reaching the country roads we got into a good rhythm.

My aim was to stay with the front group to minimise the waiting time at each rest stop and to complete the challenge as quickly as possible. The first stage of 43 miles flew by and we soon made it to the first rest station in Royston.

As the ride progressed, rest and food stops were vital. They gave us the chance to refuel, stretch our legs and most of all top up our chamois cream! The second stage of 43 miles also took no time at all, taking us to the first hot food stop in Peterborough for BBQ food and pasta. I was going well and feeling good so far but I knew the worst was to come.

Although the following longest stage of 58 mile proved to be relatively uneventful, if a little quicker than the previous 86, I began to experience my first problems of the day. Although replacing up to 600 calories an hour is essential, exercising and eating over a long ride are not a combination the body likes - hence the start of stomach cramps and trapped wind.

As night time approached and we reached the 144 mile point at around 8pm, I knew my only choice was to eat anyway and suffer the consequences as without the energy I would not make it through the night. At Lincoln heading, for Goole, the following 51 miles would be the proper start of my challenge.

We passed the 12 hour mark near midnight, and there seemed to be no let up in pace from our lead rider Bruce - an ex pro Australian cyclist who had recently cycled 2,800km in a week. How he rode the entire 310 miles at the front is staggering! The hard pace, combined with my stomach pains and the fact we were in the early hours, made the majority of the night ride very tough. I remember at times thinking it would never end. The thing with cycling in total darkness with just a few bike lights ahead of you is that you have very little concept of time or distance travelled.

We thought we must have gone 20 miles since the last stop only to learn it was just 10 and this dampened my spirits at times. However, thinking about why I was riding helped. I was proud

to be raising money through my challenge for Teenage Cancer Trust and really hope it can make a difference.

At the 5th stop in Easingwold and with just one more stop until the finish, I reached my lowest point. Having cycled over 230 miles so far and still being awake at around 3am, I felt as though I'd been for a night on the town. I was certain by now that I would never attempt a similar challenge again. I stopped eating because it was causing too much pain - something which would eventually catch up with me as energy levels dropped. Even drinking water was making me feel sick. The only thing that really kept me going was knowing that during the next stage we would pass just a couple of miles from my home town Newton Aycliffe where a huge moral boost awaited!

As we approached Sadberge, a local photographer, Dave Stox was waiting ready to get a few snaps. I also knew that further along the road at Hardwick Park were my girlfriend, Mam and Stepdad waiting to cheer me on and then my sister and niece waiting at the next stop in Coxhoe.

This gave me a huge energy boost and I was soon riding at the front as we pedalled along familiar roads. I honestly think that without the support I would have struggled to complete the final stage of the ride. In the toughest moments ahead thinking of them gave me the slight edge I needed. Arriving in Coxhoe there were just 26 miles to the finish line in Newcastle.

Before this ride I never thought it would be possible to fall asleep while riding a bike, but by the time we reached Durham, I was starting to wonder if I could stay awake at all!

The following miles through Gateshead and Newcastle was a painful blur, and the finish line was almost within touching distance.

As we turned up the road towards the finish at Heaton Manor School, I began to get a lump in my throat. Am I really about to finish the biggest challenge of my life? All of those hours of training, the pain and fatigue during the previous day of riding. All I could think of was my loved ones waiting at the finish and all the kind words of support and donations - some from people I've never even met.

Then finally, I had finished - relief that I didn't have to turn the pedals again after the longest and toughest night I have experienced. I could relax and enjoy a few well needed hugs! I had cycled from London to Newcastle, a total of 311 miles in 22 hours 8 minutes.

To date I have raised around £1,450 for Teenage Cancer Trust and I really hope I have done Mark and my Grandad proud. I'm not sure if I will ever achieve something like this again, but I am sure that if you put your mind to something and work hard enough, then most things are possible!



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The vast range of help and support on offer for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is now on offer on a dedicated website.

The "Local Offer" on the County Durham Families Information Service site has all the information in one place. It ranges from education, health and social care to getting out and about, training and employment and independent living.

It is available for children and young people up to the age of 25 and their families, carers and other professionals providing support.

The easy to navigate site details on organisations and services across County Durham, the North East and nationally who provide information, support and activities to children and young people with SEND.

In line with new legislation, Durham County Council has worked closely with children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to ensure the website meets their needs and provides a resource for families to use on a regular basis. The coordinated development will make sure the information is easy to find and can produce an individual information resource for families to use on a regular basis.

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Fire Service Consults on Cost Cutting Proposals

A consultation launched on 1st September aims to help County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service plan for the future in light of further cuts to government grant funding. Reductions during the past four years have meant the Service had to find over £3.5m of savings from its budget since 2010. Achieving these savings meant making significant changes to how services are delivered and so far this has been achieved without increasing risk in local communities. The next three years are likely to be even more challenging as a further £3.6m of savings has to be found to meet the expected reductions in funding. The options available to balance the budget for the

fire and rescue service will be increasingly difficult to implement and the Service needs to think differently about how it delivers services. As part of the Service's latest three year strategic plan 2015/16 – 2017/18, five proposals and questions have been posed and comments are sought from people living and working in the area. The Authority is proposing ways of collaborating with other emergency services by sharing buildings and expanding its commitment to develop the skills of firefighters to provide support to responding ambulances. Proposals also include different ways of crewing the aerial ladder platform from Darlington fire station and the first responding fire engine

from Spennymoor fire station. Susan Johnson, chief executive said: "So far the changes made have delivered savings without significantly impacting on the front-line services we provide. However, there are some difficult decisions to be made as finding new ways of working that do not increase risk to our local communities is becoming more and more difficult, particularly as the majority of our services are statutory duties." "To better understand the views of people living and working in County Durham and Darlington, we are seeking the views of local people, our staff, partners and other stakeholders." This three year strategic plan document can be viewed on the Service website at www.ddfire.gov.uk/service-plans where there is a link to the consultation questions at http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/three_year_strategic_plan15-16_17-18

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PCC's Welcome Labour's Move to Tackle Violence Against Women

Labour has appointed its first ever shadow minister for prevention of violence against women and girls (VAWG). Seema Malhotra MP will work with shadow home secretary Yvette Cooper to tackle issues such as human trafficking, sexual violence, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and prostitution. This is in line with Labour's commitment to protect women and girls who are too often victimised and persecuted through various criminal acts. The three Labour Police and Crime Commissioners of the North East have developed a regional strategy to tackle this abuse. Commenting on the issue,

Durham PCC Ron Hogg said: "Alongside my colleagues in the North East, I have made violence against women and girls a priority for my police force. Labour has taken a strong lead on this issue and we look forward to having further support and direction in the form of Seema Malhotra.

For too long, women and girls of the UK and the rest of the world have suffered violence and injustice. We must work together in our efforts to end this suffering."

We look forward to working with her and it is clear that some of the changes the three regional PCCs have brought in through our strategy are likely to be taken on at a national level."

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County Newsbites

- Roadworks warning: the A167 section of dual carriageway, from the roundabout at the bottom of St Andrew's Way, across the motorway to the Brafferton Lane junction at Coatham Mundeville, will be closed at night 29th Sep to 6th Oct (8:00pm - 6:00am) for motorway work.
- The DCC Countryside Service Walks programme for this winter is now out: bit.ly/DCCWalks
- The GAMP Community Groups event is on Saturday 8 November, 10am-2pm. Will your group be represented? Phone 01325 327441 for info.
- DCC has set up a website to support special educational needs and disabilities: bit.ly/DCCSEND
- Are you aware of the new Individual Electoral Registration procedures - don't lose your vote - visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- DCC is consulting on a voluntary smoke-free policy in children's play areas; have your say at: bit.ly/DCCsmokefree
- DCC has set up a new Planning Portal on which you can register for updates, track applications, and comment: bit.ly/DCCplanningportal
- DCC has launched a new World War One website

- (www.durhamatwar.org.uk) for research, and for people to 'pin' their own information.
- You will have to pay for your garden waste collection in County Durham next year: bit.ly/DCCbrownbin
- Durham is in the finals for 'Best UK Destination' in the British Travel Awards 2014 and needs your vote: bit.ly/DurhamTravel
- Durham Wildcats - Aycliffe's premier league basketball team - have their first home league game on Sunday 28th against Leeds Force at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre (4:00 pm tip-off).
- There is a Livin Jobs Fair at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 24 September 9.00am - 12.00 noon.
- DCC are consulting on their change of Children's Centres policy - have your say on: bit.ly/DCCChildrensCentres
- DCC Performance Management report: more crime and flytipping, but improvements in NEETS, mental health and housing: bit.ly/DCCPerformance914
- The DCC Cabinet last week approved a report about Flooding in the County: bit.ly/DCCFlooding
- Follow local Aycliffe council/community issues as they happen on Cllr John D Clare's facebook page: bit.ly/JDClare

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"Helping Hands" Charity Give 100 People a Holiday

The Helping Hands team know there are hundreds of children in Newton Aycliffe that live in families that can't afford a trip to the seaside - far less a simple holiday. We are delighted to have helped over 100 disadvantaged people get that much needed break away this year and quite a few of our guests were people that read about our offer of bursary holidays through the Newton News. Most of our families face daily hardship made worse by things like illness, bereavement or disability. We are well aware that family holidays really can hold a special place in our memories as parents and as children and Helping

Hands have tried hard this year to make those memories extra special! As a team we want to help build stronger, happier families, as this is so importance to us. And these are some of the reasons why we offer these holidays. This year people have had many new experiences, opportunities and challenges that we have all shared and now reminisce about and it's been wonderful! One of our guests who lost a child through tragic circumstances said 'this break meant the world to our family'. Another family that has suffered many illnesses said 'if we hadn't have read the Newton News article we

would never have been on this beautiful holiday it has make a real difference to our family's stability and happiness. If you'd like to be considered for this bursary holiday in 2015 Please e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com explaining why you feel you need a much-needed holiday. Also any support anyone can provide as a donor, who, like us, understand the benefits of a break to our underprivileged families, will be much appreciated. Please e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com for more information on how you can support them. Working together we can give families a much needed break!



DON'T LOSE THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Nearly 43,000 people across County Durham are being urged not to lose their right to vote following changes to the way the electoral register is compiled. The introduction of Individual Electoral Registration means people are now required to register to vote individually, rather than by household. The new system also allows residents to register online. While the majority of residents in County Durham have automatically moved on to the new system, 42,806 residents are not registered because they need to provide additional information. Durham County Council is urging anyone who has received a letter telling them they were not automatically transferred to visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and register online. Colette Longbottom, Durham County Council's electoral registration officer, said: "Many County Durham residents will have received

a letter from our electoral services team telling them that they have automatically moved onto the new registration system. "However, some residents were told that they needed to provide extra information in order to register under the new system. It's important that they now do this. "This is the first time that people can register to vote online and it's quick and simple. This should appeal to many young people and students of Durham University so if you've just turned 18 or you've not registered before; get online to register to vote." The new system has been introduced with the aim of making the electoral register more secure. Anyone in County Durham who has not yet received a letter from the county council regarding the electoral register should call 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

Newtonian in Every Great North Run

The recent Great North Run may have saw the millionth finisher, but it was just another day at the office for John Burnside who has now completed every GNR since the event's inauguration back in 1981 and his excellent time of 1h:40m:39s proves he hasn't slowed down over the years. Mark Wade was first home for the club and his time of 1:26:42 shows he is well on his way to following in his father's footsteps and Justin Hindmarch's time of 1:40:07 was the quickest he's done on this course. Next to cross the line was Sandra Collins in 1:47:37, followed by Dean Barclay in 1:48:19 and Graeme Miles in 1:49:22. Clare Rose was the next lady home in 1:54:01, followed by Naomi Kellett in 1:55:06 and Angela Barrett in 1:57:00. Finally, Dianne Savage, who is more at home in triathlons, was pleased with her time of 2:13:00.

Football for Under 11's

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre Under 11 Falcons team are looking for new players. If you were born between September 1st 2003 and August 31st 2004 why not come along and try football. We currently play in the TJFA league and are the only youth football club based in Newton Aycliffe. We train on Tuesday night at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex 6pm til 7.15pm. We have fully qualified coaches who are CRB checked. Come along, learn some new skills, make friends and have fun. Hope to see you soon

Film Show

St Clare's Church FEEL GOOD FILM SHOWS will feature "YENTL" on Tuesday 23rd September. Starring Barbra Streisand, Mandy Patinkin and Amy Irving. Yentl is a smart, spirited woman who wants to study at a time when only men are allowed to study. So why not pretend to be a boy??. Streisand gives a shimmering performance of the film's Oscar winning song score and there were nominations for Amy Irving and the art direction. Tea and coffee served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are set out for your comfort, tables are set out so you can bring a spot of lunch to eat. Everyone is most welcome to join us and watch in friendly company. Further details from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

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Kevin McGlone



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KEVIN PATRICK MCGLONE. 11/1/1951 - 23/9/2012. I wish that we could see you Dad, for just a little while. I wish that I could hug you and see your lovely smile. But wishing gets me nowhere and longing is in vain. So we will hold you in our hearts, until we meet again. Rebecca, Francis and Lydia xx
CYRIL TINKLER 10/5/1930 to 21/9/2011. Thinking of you today Cyril, as I do every day. Love you and God bless you. Freda and family

Birthday Remembrance

Lee El-Hakim



We all miss you and love you, even though you are not here to celebrate your birthday. We will never forget, our memories will never fade and our love for you will never die. Marie, Georgio, Kay, Michelle, Alister, Solomon and Elie and all your family in the Lebanon

NATHAN SOWERBY 21st September. Treasured birthday memories of a much loved Son and Brother. Your special day we cannot share but in our hearts you are always there. Dad and Joanne
JEFF CLARK 20th September. Thinking of you on your birthday, as always, sadly missed. Carole, Adam and Matthew

Obituary

CHRISTINA SIM (Chrissie) 8th September 2014 aged 74 years, passed away after a brief illness in hospital. Beloved wife of the late Charlie, adored Mother, Granma, Sister, Mother in Law and loyal friend. Will be missed more than words can say. Our appreciation and many thanks to Dr Worrall of Bewick Crescent Surgery. Funeral was held at Neville Parade Church on Thursday 18th September at 1.45pm.

Congratulations

Anabelle Ryan



19th September
 Today it is your birthday You're turning sweet sixteen A long anticipated birthday That once was just a dream On your sixteenth birthday Our birthday wish for you Is that all your wildest hopes and dreams someday will come true Love, Mum, Dad and family x

Georgie Garrett



Happy 1st Birthday to our gorgeous Granddaughter. We are very proud to be your Grandparents. Love Nana and Pops

Look Who is 18 Abigail Steel



Happy 18th Birthday 17th September 1996 Love from Mam and Dad xxxxxxxx

EVA LEE Happy 4th birthday little chicken. We love you lots, Mammy and Daddy xxx
EVA LEE Happy 4th birthday to my wild big Sis! Love, Haribo xxx
EVA LEE Happy birthday Eva, lots of love, Auntie Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxx
LEE Happy 4th birthday Eva. Love you, Great Gran Lily xx
LEE Happy 4th birthday to our little Princess Eva. Love and kisses, Gandma and Grandad xxx
EVA LEE Happy 4th birthday to our favourite Niece! Lots of love, Aunty Karen, Uncle Matt, James and Thomas xxx

Joshua Andrew Cassidy



22nd September
Happy birthday, 2 today. Love from Mummy & Daddy, Nanna & Grandad, Auntie Clare, Uncle Stuart & Jasper

Charley Haigh



24th September 2014
Happy 18th Birthday to our gorgeous Daughter. You have turned into a beautiful young lady and we are so proud of you. All our love always, Mam and Craig xxxxx

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CHARLEY HAIGH happy 18th to a wonderful Granddaughter. Lots of love, Grandma and Grandpa xxxxx
CHARLEY To a special Girlfriend on your 18th. Lots of love, Kyle xxx
CHARLEY HAIGH happy 18th birthday. Lots of love, Uncle Gav, Uncle John, Auntie Tara, Lauren, Neve, Flynn and Noah xxxxx
CHARLEY HAIGH Lots of love Charley on your 18th birthday from Nana Cath and Grandad Tommy
HAPPY 80th birthday Mam and Grandma. You do not want a fuss, so from all of us, you know who you are.
HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY on Thursday Rhiannon. Lots of love, Nanny, Grampy and all the family xxx
JOHN ROGERSON I've known you since the year '71, when you were aged 21. We've shared some laughter, fun and tears, throughout our happy 42 years. But now you've reached the Big 65, I can't believe it, man alive. If I could have one simple wish, to help my handsome hunky dish. Please try to cut down using salt, that is your worst and only fault (so far). Happy 65th John. Love, Heather xxx
CONGRATULATIONS LUKE on your safe return home from Afghanistan. Despite being blown up twice and a spell in hospital over there, you are home safe and well. Hope you enjoyed your surprise reunion with all your friends and loved ones, you have Amy to thank for all that, she organised all that for you. Your very loving family and most importantly, Amy. P.S. your Grandad would have been so proud, he was anyway. Gran

USA BASKETBALL STAR SIGNS FOR WILDCATS

Durham Wildcats are pleased to announce the signing of American-Italian Sam Martin. The 6'3 guard joins the Wildcats after a stint with Plymouth Raiders last season and is expected to be a valuable addition to the team's backcourt.

Martin will be hopeful to build on the Wildcat's most successful season last year with his shooting presence and strong defence on the perimeter. The Rhode Island native played in the Ivy League with Yale University (NCAA Division I), averaging 4.6 points per game whilst netting 34 three pointers in his senior season. Wildcats Chairman Quentin Sloper believes Martin will be a perfect fit for the club, "We are delighted to have Sam on board. Our club model is based around combining education with elite sport, and Sam, who is an undergraduate from Yale University, is a superb example of the model coming to fruition." Martin will be undertaking a Master's degree in Defence, Development and Diplomacy



from Durham University's School of Government and International Affairs. Sloper anticipates Martin's previous experience in the BBL will be very beneficial for this year's campaign. "Having been at Plymouth last season, he has experienced basketball in the UK and more importantly, he knows how to make an impact in the BBL." Martin is the fourth overseas recruit for the Wildcats, following the arrivals of

American big men John Puk (University of Albany) and Tom Knight (Notre Dame), as well as point guard Chris Jones (Prairie View A&M). The Wildcats will complete their pre-season schedule on Tuesday 16th September, when they will welcome Division 1 outfit and neighbours, Team Northumbria to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for a 7.30pm tip-off. Tickets are on sale now at www.godurhamwildcats.com

Aycliffe Tri Club Racing Round Up

The end of August and beginning of September have been busy for Aycliffe Tri Club with three of the club's triathletes taking part in Half Iron Distance Triathlons that's 1.9 mile swim, 56 mile bike followed by a 13.1 mile half marathon.

Martin Sedgwick and Rob Cherrie both raced at Newby Hall Half Iron Distance on the 24th August, this was the first time both men had competed at the distance where they both managed to go sub 6 hours with Martin Finishing in 5hrs and 43mins and Rob in 5hrs 26mins.

On the 7th September Vicky Howse completed the Wild Boar Half Iron Distance Triathlon at Warwickshire as part of a relay team. Vicky took the swim and the bike sections of the race giving the team a fantastic finish time of 5hrs and 34mins.

Next up was the Sprint

Distance with the final of the Triology Super Sprints at Ellerton Water Park. The club was very well represented with eight triathletes taking part in the event. First home for the club was Dan Halladay in 47min 24sec next Michael Scott in 47min and 48sec, Henry Johnson 47min 56 sec, Melanie Rowland 53min 20sec, Gareth Elkin 54min 02sec, Penny Johnson 54min, Julie Hoods 59min and Rob Nicholson taking part in his first triathlon for the club and his first open water swim in 65min and 57sec.

Following the summer break the club are now back training in their regular Wednesday night slot at Woodham Academy Pool 7-8pm. If you are intrested in taking up triathlon then pop along during the session and have a chat with the coaches.

Town Swimmers Shine at UK School Games



Two of Sedgfield 75 ASC's swimmers were honoured to be selected as part of the England North swimming team at this year's Sainsbury's UK School Games. The games which took place from the 4th to the 7th of September 2014 in various locations around Manchester involved 1600 athletes from various sporting disciplines.

The swimming competition was held at the Manchester Aquatics Centre in the centre of the city and involved teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Sedgfield 75 ASC's Hannah Featherstone aged 15 swam in three events. She took the bronze medal in the girls 200M freestyle event achieving a time of 2.05.74. She then swam in the girls 4 x 100M freestyle relay team swimming a very strong second leg of the relay in which the England North girls team took the gold medal. Hannah also competed in the girls 4 x 200M freestyle relay team in which she swam on the last leg of the event and brought the team home to take their second gold medal in the girls team events.

Matthew Bradley aged 16 was Sedgfield 75 ASC's second swimmer to be chosen for the

England North team. Matthew competed in the men's 50M freestyle event taking the bronze medal in a time of 24.71 seconds. Matthew then swam the third leg of the men's 4 x 100M freestyle taking the team into the lead after his swim and the team held on to take the gold medal in the event. Matthew also took part in the men's individual 100M freestyle in which he achieved a time of 54.75.

The England North team fielded a strong squad and won overall in the swimming competition.

Both Hannah and Matthew were excited about the whole event and had a very exciting weekend in which they also got to spectate at the cycling events in the National Cycling Centre's Velodrome and watched the England hockey squad beat Scotland in the final of the hockey competition. Head Coach, John Moore, was pleased to see that two of his swimmers had been chosen for the prestigious event and could see the reward of hard work and training had paid off with some good personal times achieved by Hannah and Matthew at the very start of the 2014/2015 swimming season.

Aycliffe F.C. Suffer 6th Defeat in 8 Games

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Wednesday 17th September: v Norton and Stockton (H)

Saturday 27th September: v Whitley Bay (H)

Saturday 4th October: v Billingham Synthonia (A)

Saturday 11th October: v Durham City (A)

Newton Aycliffe lost another winnable game as they went down by the odd goal in five at goldfish bowl club Celtic Nation. Allan Oliver's side remain in trouble at the lower reaches of the table after their sixth league defeat in eight games, following their 3-2 reverse to the Carlisle outfit.

Nation were asset stripped in a summer of turmoil which saw the high profile departure of manager Willie McStay, assistant Davie Farrell and a string of top players all with professional game experience. Former Carlisle man Mark Boyd has slowly rebuilt the side with local talent but Nation were just a couple of points, and places ahead of their visitors before kick off, a long way from last season when they narrowly missed out on the league title.

The opening exchanges saw Zak Boagey rattle the crossbar for the Blues while Lee Hoolickin went close in reply for the Hoops.

Boagey gave his side the lead on 20 minutes when he followed up his own missed penalty to beat 'keeper Paul Casson to the rebound and slot home. Flying winger Dean Douglas equalised for Nation when Will Jones failed to hold a shot and the ex-Bishop Auckland man had the simplest of tasks to prod home.

Oliver had to re-write his half time teamtalk when sub Johnny Allan gave the hosts the lead as the referee checked his watch

before the break.

Connor Lowes got his second goal for the club when he equalised on 55 minutes as Aycliffe started the brighter of the pair in the second half, but Steve Skinner almost put his side ahead when he thundered a free-kick off the upright on the hour.

Nation scored their third on 65 minutes as Allan again tapped in from close range following excellent work from Hoolickin but the fans favourite fluffed his lines minutes later when he missed a penalty as he sniffed out his hat-trick.

Celtic Nation 3-2 Newton Aycliffe. Boagey 20, Lowes 55. Team: Jones; Storey, Oldfield, Clough, Langthorne, Upton, M.Young, Hinchley, Lowes, Atkinson, Boagey Subs; Farley (GK), J.Young, Mitton, Broom, Owen

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Ryan follows in the footsteps of a significant number of students from Woodham Academy who have achieved this honour and he will be hopeful of impressing the England National team coaching staff who use the tournament to identify talent to make up the England squad. Ryan's achievement is a particularly special due to the fact that he is a year younger than a lot of others who will be competing. In addition to the regional competition, Ryan will be representing Durham Wildcats in the England Basketball National League where again, he will be 'a year young'.

Woodham Academy continues their working relationship with Durham Wildcats and current player and former Newcastle Eagle Joel Madourie is confirmed as the coach who will work alongside Woodham Deputy Headteacher and Wildcat



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