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Aycliffe Company of the Year Awarded to Tekmar Energy

Subsea specialist firm Tekmar Energy scooped the Company of the Year award at Aycliffe Business Park's "Make Your Mark" awards event. More than 200 people enjoyed the glitzy ceremony at the Xcel Centre, attended by Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson and Business Durham managing director Dr Simon Goon, who made an opening speech. Tekmar, one of the leading cable protection specialists in the North-East, beat



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off stiff competition from Finley Structures, Ebac and Merchant Place Developments - the company which brought Hitachi to Aycliffe - to grab the top award. Flavoured coffee company Beanies won Small Business of the Year while manufacturing firm Ebac won the engineering

and manufacturing award. Tekmar CEO James Ritchie said: "We are delighted to be selected for this prestigious award in recognition of our business performance over the last year.

"The company is expanding in many areas, kitting out our new production facility, and opening offices around the globe. With sales now coming in from the USA and UAE, we continue to recruit and grow our exceptional team. "I want to thank everyone in Tekmar whose hard work has cemented our position as the market leading supplier in our field. Over the next year we look-forward to capitalising on our leading position in the subsea market."

Tekmar was recently awarded a multi-million pound project
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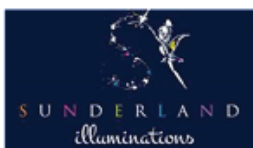
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Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) are holding a community event to showcase what's 'GREAT' in Newton Aycliffe and Middridge.

Why not come along and find out more about local community groups and services provided and what activities they can offer you. There will also be free activity taster sessions and demonstrations. Celebrating 'GREAT' Aycliffe is on Saturday 8th November from 10.00am - 2.00pm at

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre.

You can also vote on your most important priorities for the local area that you think GAMP and its partners should be working on for next year.

If you are a member of a local community group working with young people, we will also be launching a 'Small Grants Fund for Children & Young People,' so come along and pick up an application pack. For more info: Email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk Telephone: 01325 327 441

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The e-book service was launched on Thursday, 18th September to coincide with International Read an e-Book Day. More than 1,000 titles covering a wide range of genres are available.

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We are pleased to be a venue and touring location for two major local theatre festivals in October: Durham Book Festival, with a performance of "The Worst Princess", and TakeOff Festival, with performances of "Alice" and "Angel" for primary and secondary school students. Students at Greenfield Community College and from local primary schools will have the opportunity to see these fantastic shows, bringing high quality theatre to Aycliffe. Also in October, we will be hosting a workshop and performance of "Hewins Goals." The show is being produced by local company Backscratch and will mark the 125th anniversary of the football league. Greenfield College students will have the opportunity to be a part of developing the performance during the day, before a performance on the evening of Tuesday 7th October (6:30pm). The performance will be free, and a great opportunity for residents to see a production by a local company. Free tickets are available from Greenfield Arts; please contact us.

Looking forward to next year we have secured a performance of "The Snow Bear" by the team that brought us "SALT" last year. "SALT" was very well received by the

primary school audience and we are sure that "The Snow Bear" will be even better! To find out more about any of these live performances, contact Greenfield Arts via our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

More Houses at Agnew



Site investigation work commenced on land at Agnew 5 recently involving a drilling rig and a JCB and other small vehicles. This is not the start of building work (which is scheduled to start this time next year, subject to planning approval) but rather preliminary investigative work to establish the type of ground conditions on the site. This will help to cost and design the sub structure to any housing scheme. This information was received by resident Christopher Peacock after

he made enquiries when he found a bore hole drilling rig five yards from his front room window. The work started on Thursday with a small bore hole then on Friday the larger rig was installed and most of day it pounded away to a depth of 32 feet.

The soil samples were taken away for analyses. Mr. Peacock was not at all happy that this work had commenced without so much as a by your leave or notification that this work was going to start,

He later discovered land between the edge of Woodham Way and the Agnew Community Centre and Woodham Park was always earmarked for housing.

He believes building here would be a great shame as it is home to Deer, Pheasants and a host of other wildlife. It has a large number of established trees and more houses will no doubt end up with a lot more traffic entering Woodham Way causing further gridlock during peak times.

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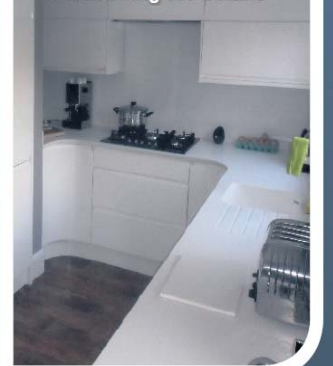
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Business Park Awards

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with Statoil and Statkraft on the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm for the supply of its patented technology TekLink. The deal marked the 30th offshore wind project for Tekmar and followed major deals with Cape Wind in the USA and Luchterduinen in the Netherlands. Tekmar is currently preparing to move in to the 75,000 sqft former Tetley's Tea factory at Aycliffe by December this year.

Beanies managing director John Evans said: "Being nominated for this award gives all of us a great boost for the hard work we have put in over a relatively short period of time so we are grateful to receive it and remember small businesses can become big businesses." The Make Your Mark event was Aycliffe Business Park's inaugural awards-giving bash, and chair of the ABP steering group Kerina Clark, managing director of the Xcel Centre, said: "It was so rewarding to see such a great turnout for the event and an acknowledgement of the

progress that has been made since January 2013 in creating a real sense of community here on Aycliffe Business Park.

"The strength, depth and diversity of companies was displayed so well and we should all be proud to be part of such a great place to work and grow business."

Xcel Centre was also awarded Employer of the Year, and Kerina Clark added: "We're delighted to win the Employer of the Year award as it is really a reflection on our fantastic staff team. They are the reason for Xcel's success and our greatest asset, so it's great to see that recognised - we're very proud of them."

Other winners on the night included MediTek (Export), Emerald Biogas (Innovation), Gregg Little Testing Centre (Service Business of the Year), Gestamp Tallent (Apprenticeships), Tom Wise, D&S Services (Apprentice of the Year), Aycliffe Today Business (Newcomer), and Thrive (Heart of the Community).

More information about Aycliffe Business Park, including upcoming networking events, can be found at www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk

Charity Variety Concert at the Xcel Great Entertainment for £5



For the sixth year running Sonia Scott and her team from MAD Productions are holding their annual charity concert. This year the money raised will go to funding Great Aycliffe Community Action Partnership (GACAP) and Xcel Local.

GACAP are an umbrella organisation which was founded by Syd Howarth in 2013. His vision was for all the charities and welfare organisation on the town to come together to support one another in helping disadvantaged residents in our area.

Xcel Local is a charity operated by Xcel Church and is also a partner in GACAP. Sonia Scott said "Over the 25 years that MAD Productions has been established we have raised money for many regional and

national charities. We chose GACAP because they help those in our community who are less fortunate. Xcel Local also work with those who struggle to cope. We have for 6 years been lucky to benefit from a free venue thanks to the Xcel Centre. We thought this year's concert would be an opportunity to thank them for their generosity".

MAD Productions community choir is newly formed and is ably run by Evelyn Lodge. The choir have only been together for 4 months and their first production of popular songs from the 50's and 60's took place at Bethany Day Care Centre in August.

The concert was a taster for the concert at the Xcel Centre. As with every MAD Production Concert the superb Xcel Singers and Dancers will also be performing.

Tickets from Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre Tel: 307522 or by email to Joan Clark on joan26@live.co.uk The concert is on the 8th October doors opening at 6.30 for a 7.00 pm start. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased on the door. There will be a raffle and donations of prizes would be much appreciated. Contact Joan Clark on the above email address or telephone her on 07730 471487.

A Show of Tales from the North

Discover an extraordinary set of tales from the playing fields of the North. This brand new production from Backscratch Theatre will fly you from Bishop Auckland to Barcelona, from Willington to London, from Crook to Peru; it will take you from the cold winters of Northern League football to the shiny-shoe sophistication of the men with the money; it will bring you nail-biting drama, comedy and songs.

All this to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Northern League, the second oldest football league in the world, a league with teams and players that belonged to their communities and were proud to do so.

More than a story of football, this is a story of families, neighbours, friends and enemies all with dreams, hopes and fears. It is a story of knowing who you are and its importance in a changing world.

So what is the link between Crook and Peru? You'll have to see it, won't you? Backscratch will run a 3 hour participatory workshop in tandem with the show. Taking place in the morning of the performance, participants will have the opportunity to explore the

local heritage and sporting history, get creative and design a new club to represent their area in the future.

Backscratch will work with participants to design the badge, shirt and stadium, interview the manager, chairman and star players and write the chant for this new team. The work will be presented at the performance that evening, and participants will receive a discounted ticket.

Backscratch are looking for groups of 10-15 participants for these workshops, and would like to work with a wide range of people including secondary school students, local history societies, arts groups, mental health groups and groups with learning difficulties.

The project has been supported by Arts Council England, Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership, Creative Darlington, East Durham Creates and Jack Drum Arts.

6th October - Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, 7pm
7th October - Greenfield Arts Centre, Newton Aycliffe, 6.30pm
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Doing the Locomotion Way

CYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, families with pushchairs and children lined-up to celebrate the official opening of "Locomotion Way", the new public path linking the past and the future between Shildon and Newton Aycliffe.

They were among the first to use the new two-mile route – an event marked with a guided tour of local geology and wildlife, ending at the 10th anniversary of the Steam Gala at the Locomotion Museum, Shildon.

The tarmacked path comes full circle as it traces the route of the former Stockton and Darlington railway line and ends up on the doorstep of Hitachi who are bringing train building back to County Durham with an £82m train factory providing 730 jobs.

The three-metre wide Locomotion Way is a fast track for commuters by bike or on foot to work or school as it is exactly half the distance of the road route between the two towns. It is also open to those who want a more leisurely experience such as families with pushchairs, runners and horse-riders and is fully accessible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

When it opened in 1825, the original line was the first public railway to bring together passenger and goods traffic and steam locomotives. Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member said: "This is a fitting



way to celebrate the opening of an important corridor as it not only links two towns but also the past and the future. It will also make active travel a viable and sustainable option to getting to school, work and other services."

Durham County Council has been working closely with the landowners Network Rail and has provided £350,000 funding. A further £300,000 has come from the government via the Sustrans Links to Communities Fund. The path comes within the Local Motion campaign, backed by the Council, to promote sustainable transport and healthy lifestyles throughout south Durham.

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OCTOBER IN THE LIBRARY

Entertainment for all in the month of October in the library, starting with fun for the adults in the form of :-

Fools Gold presenting Stories with Strings Attached, a performance of acoustic folk music and stories on Thursday 2nd October at 2.30pm. Admission free with refreshments. Contact the library on 03000 269519 to book your place.

For children there will be a craft session based on Wind in the Willows. This is on Monday 27th October from 10.15 am to 11.15 am. suitable for children aged 4-11. Contact the library to book a place. There will be a small charge of 50p per child for this event.

TOWN'S COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP PROPOSE AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSION

The Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership (GACAP) are currently working with the Trustee Board of the Agnew Community Centre with a view to extending the current Community Centre by at least 100% on their spare land to provide a multi-purpose building to use as a Community Hub.

GACAP formed last year, was spearheaded by Newton News' own Syd Howarth, who had the vision of bringing all the agencies, charitable and statutory, together to work



Agnew Community Centre showing site for proposed extension left of the building

in a co-ordinated way and to share best practice to ensure that families in crisis would only need to access one organisation for help. That organisation would be able to identify and signpost the client to other providers of help and support. immediately from partnership contacts.

The Partnership continues to grow but GACAP Chairman, Pauline Chambers, said they would still welcome any organisation or business who would like to be involved as there are many ways that partners can help, even if they don't supply an obvious service.

For further information about becoming a partner, supporter, volunteer or donor please contact treasurer. naye@live.co.uk

Pauline said "GACAP envisages the new building at the Agnew will house an additional distribution point for the Food Bank, provide permanent storage and a packing centre for the Helping Hands Charity.

Both Charities currently help 100's of people from the town at the moment. In addition to this we hope there will be the ability to extend the Nursery currently situated in the Agnew Community Centre so they will be able to offer more affordable places to

children. We understand that additional nursery places are very much needed in the community. We also would like to include a clothing recycling service, particularly for school uniforms and perhaps even a community café dependent on the eventual size."

We will of course encourage partners of GACAP to bring their services into the Community Hub, so there will also be some office space for them, and GACAP to use as its HQ.

The initial plans are currently being drawn up and we are so thankful to Cllrs Gray, Clare & Dixon for their financial support from their members' initiative fund for this.

Syd and I met with the councillors who saw the benefits of the building and how the services offered can and will improve the lives of many families from the area and across Aycliffe as a whole.

GACAP wish to hear the views and opinions about the building and will be holding a public consultation meeting at the Agnew in the future as part of the Feasibility Report. However we really would like to hear from you now and you can email comments and questions to GACAP Chairman on Gacapchair2014@outlook.com

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HORNDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting is next Wednesday, 1st October, at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45pm at the Evangelical Church Ladybower. This should have been our AGM but we have postponed this till December due to other commitments. In attendance will be your local Councillors, Livin and work permitting your local Police Beat Team. Hopefully in the near future we can announce we have secured funding for next year to put more trips and fun days on watch out for more info.
On Thursday 2nd Oct at 2pm we are holding the Grand Opening of our Multi Use Games Area, M.U.G.A at Horndale Park. We have team members from Durham Wildcats and Aycliffe football team coming to work with local schoolchildren. The MUGA is being well used already and makes 2 years of hard work worthwhile, please come along and enjoy this magnificent achievement. We are starting to think about Christmas and are planning doing something, so again watch out for more info. If it's as successful as our previous events it will be a great day.



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Coach Davie Dreams of Breaking Franchise Records

The 2013-14 BBL season for the Durham Wildcats was another great step for the club. In its short history, the successes of the Wildcats continue to build. Starting in the English Basketball League (EBL) Division 3 in 2005, Durham won its way to a British Basketball League (BBL) promotion in 2011, claiming two championship titles in the process.

Last season, the Wildcats earned their first ever berth into the playoffs. As the final seed with a 14-19 regular season record, Durham was forced to face derby opponents and the first-seeded Newcastle Eagles. The Wildcat were bounced out of postseason play, losing to Newcastle 157-194 on aggregate.

Returning for his second season leading the team, Head Coach Lee Davie has his sights on taking Durham even further into the postseason. Out of the blocks, the Wildcats will face last season's second-place regular season finisher on the road against Sheffield Sharks (Friday 26th September). They will then host Leeds Force for the first home match on Sunday 28th September at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

"We are looking to improve once again," he said. "It was great for us to make the playoffs last season and we had two good performances (against Newcastle) but we didn't get out of the first round. That is something we have marked and aim to do this year."

"There is no reason why we can't accomplish

these things, but it is going to take more time and effort from everyone involved."

Davie knows it is going to have to take more than just winning a few more games to reach this goal. He says that all teams in the BBL have made improvements in the offseason, making this year's road to the playoffs all the more challenging.

"Everyone else in the league has re-tooled themselves. The fight for the seventh and eighth seeds will be even tougher this year."

Last season, Durham were in a three-way tie going into the last game of the season. The Wildcats won that crucial match against the Cheshire Phoenix 104-96 to secure the last place in the playoffs. "I think it will be even closer this year," Davie said.

The goal for this season is simple: continue to improve. The Wildcats are certainly determined to reach the postseason once again. This time, though, anything short of a first round playoff victory will negate the seasonal improvements the club has become accustomed to.

The Wildcats are presented with tough challenges to open the 2014-15 BBL campaign as they face the top two finishers of last season. Durham begins on the road against the Sheffield Sharks, who finished second in the BBL regular season before being ousted by Championship winners Worcester Wolves, on 26th September.

To defeat Sheffield, Davie wants to force them to play up to the Wildcats' tempo. "Sheffield like to

play a slow and controlled game. With that, we would like to speed them up to our tempo to give us more possessions, more time and more space to shoot." Davie expects his players to be force turnovers and obstruct Sheffield's passing lanes in order to hasten the pace of the game.

On 5th October, the Wildcats will have an opportunity to avenge last season's playoff loss when they host the Newcastle Eagles, who finished first in the regular season before losing to Worcester in the Championship. The Wildcats have never defeated either of these teams in their club history. A win against either team – indeed, both teams – in this early phase of the season will be a very welcomed indication of improvement.

In between these rounds, on 28th September, Durham will welcome BBL newcomers Leeds Force to Newton Aycliffe for the first home match of the season. The undermanned Wildcats faced Leeds in a preseason match earlier this month. Only six players were active for Durham in that match but they nonetheless battled tough in a 59-73 loss.

Despite lacking a complete squad, the contest against another BBL foe gave the team confidence. With now a full squad, the Davie and the Wildcats are looking forward to contest Leeds.

"The playing field will be even now," he said. "Against them, we need to get as many easy scores as we can. We want to focus on disrupting them early, get them off balance so we can run

back easy transition points.

"This is a match we have all marked out," Davie added. "Nobody enjoyed that preseason loss to Leeds. We are looking forward to righting the wrongs this weekend."



Centre John Puk dunks against USA Select. Photo courtesy of Dave Moore

Reflections on Durham Wildcats' Pre-season

Preseason fixtures are meant for tune-ups and ridding the offseason rust. The Durham Wildcats, in their four matches, had at most seven active players, meaning each player had to put in plenty more minutes than normal. With the full squad yet to have arrived, and injuries further reducing numbers, this preseason was a great opportunity for the team to develop individual skill and work on the basic schemes of play.

Despite battling fatigue, especially when playing three matches in four days, the Wildcats were productive in the preseason as the players new and old prepare for the regular season that starts on 26th September away against Sheffield Sharks. Durham won three out of the four fixtures, with the only loss to Leeds Force when the Wildcats had six players.

"All things considered, though, we took great steps to lay our foundation for the season," said Head Coach Lee Davie, at the helm for the Wildcats for the second season. "The guys who have been here will now help the new players have a seamless transition. I am excited to see what we can do with ten guys available."

The Wildcats opened the preseason against Tees Valley Mohawks of the EBL Division 1 on 6th September. The opposition jumped to an 8-2 lead, but the Wildcats answered with a 17-0 run on their way to a 32-11 first quarter advantage. From then on the Wildcats never looked back and went on to win comfortably 96-59.

Veteran and captain Ralph Bucci, entering his fourth season with the team, had a triple-double in this match, scoring 15 points whilst collecting 14 rebounds and distributing 12 assists. Newcomer Sam Martin – an American-Italian guard and graduate of Yale University – had 21 points, demonstrating his ability to score from distance.

Joel Madourie, returning for his second season with the squad, had 13 points going into the early phases of the second quarter. He suffered a head injury in that second quarter, keeping him off the court for most of the preseason.

Madourie returned the next week and saw limited action in the final match against Team Northumbria, another EBL Division 1 opponent the Wildcats dismantled 100-64. Defensive play was the key to victory in the Wildcat's lone home preseason match. Starting the second half with a 37-31 lead, the Wildcats suffocated Team Northumbria's offence and forced a number of turnovers and converted them to easy points. They outscored the opposition 39-15 in the third quarter, giving the Wildcats a 76-46 lead that carried them to the end.

Forward Odiba Attah led the team with 27 points and he exhibited his versatility as an offensive player. Attah scored five baskets from inside the paint whilst nailing five three-pointers. As a team,

the Wildcats had 13 three-pointers. Guard Panos Mayindombe created several turnovers, helping him earn 22 points.

"When we get stops, we can get out and run, and the decision-making process becomes easier," Davie said after the game, praising his squad's defensive effort. "Driving and passing lanes become more open and the spaces our players get to shoot from become greater."

The Wildcats found the going tough against British Basketball League newcomers Leeds Force on 8th September to kick off a preseason tournament hosted by the Newcastle Eagles. Madourie's injury left Davie and the Wildcats with only six players active. The 59-73 loss, however, did not deflate confidence of the squad.

Davie said of the Leeds preseason match: "With only six players and coming off two games in three days, it was tough. They had who they had, and had who we had, but we were right there

with them at several points of the game. We just did not have enough energy and bodies to close it out."

Davie and the team are excited to face Leeds soon (28th September, 4:00 pm tip-off) for the home opener. "The playing field will be level. We'll see what we can do."

The Wildcats ended the Newcastle preseason tournament with a win over a young and scrappy Team USA Select team 82-70. Bucci led in scoring with 18 points and had 10 rebounds. Martin followed with 17 points.

The big men of the Wildcats squad showed how productive they can be in the paint. New signee John Puk, an American graduate of the University of Albany, had 13 points and six rebounds. Returning for his second season with Durham, Norwegian Mattia Bradascio retrieved a team-high 11 rebounds against Team USA Select.



Teams pose for pre-season photo. Left to Right: Newcastle Eagles, USA Select, Durham Wildcats, Leeds Force.

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Durham Wildcats 2014-15 Roster

Head Coach Lee Davie demands that his team play fast. At every practice, variants of the words “fast” and “go” can be heard throughout the sessions. In order to play Davie’s high tempo style of basketball, the Wildcats boast a roster of versatile and athletic players at every position.

#32 Ralph Bucci (C)

6’4” Point Guard

4th Season with the Wildcats
The trusted and dependable captain is the anchor of this team. Davie depends on Bucci’s experience and leadership to control the mentality and invigorate the effort of the team. While leading Durham to their first ever playoff appearance, the captain averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game last season.

Coach Davie on Bucci: “He is going to steady the ship. At both ends of the floor, he is always where he needs to be. He’s a dependent guy I can always go to; whether we need a basket, whether we need a stop, or whether we need organisation, he is going to be there. He won’t let us slip.”



#7 Sam Martin

6’3” Guard

1st Season with the Wildcats
Martin joins the Wildcats after enjoying stints around Europe. The American-Italian graduate of Yale University gives the Wildcats the three-point threat. Martin has played with several teams across Europe, with his most recent stop with the Plymouth Raiders of the British Basketball League. In his senior season at Yale, Martin netted 34 three-pointers.

Coach Davie on Martin: “Sam is a very good spot-up shooter. He is going to get good open shots that we know he can make. He also has the ability to get into the lane off the dribble. When defenders close down on his shot he has great ball control to get into the lane.”



During this week’s preparations for the first matches of the season – on the road against the Sheffield Sharks (26th September, 7:00 pm tip-off) and at home against Leeds Force (28th September, 4:00 pm tip-off at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre) – Davie broke down his squad on how they will contribute this season:

#9 Joel Madourie

6’5” Forward

2nd Season with the Wildcats
Madourie missed much of last season because of injuries. Davie hopes his physical forward can stay on the court as he too presents mismatches for the opponent. Madourie is perhaps a bigger and stronger version of Attah, one who can dominate the paint with his size and strength.

Coach Davie on Madourie: “Joel has a strong and physical presence around the basket. He is strong enough to battle big guys on the block and he creates good shots. He can get us rebounds on both ends of the floor. He is a tough match-up for many teams.”



#11 Chris Jones

6’1” Guard

1st Season with the Wildcats
Jones is a crucial piece to the Wildcats’ plans to play faster than their opponents. Jones has a knack for disrupting opposing offences, as evident by him leading the German league in steals while playing at BG Dorsten. Creating turnovers will help the team score easy breakaway points.

Coach Davie on Jones: “When he jumps into the passing lanes and gets the steals he can get us into transition, and that fits into our style of play. He can get us out into easy scores.”



#21 Odiba Attah

6’4” Guard

3rd Season with the Wildcats
Attah is one of Davie’s most versatile players. He has enough size to be effective inside the paint and quick enough to stretch the floor. In addition, he can shoot at any range. He will create match-up problems for any type of player he will face.

Coach Davie on Attah: “Odi can give us rebounding on both ends of the floor. Offensively, he creates a mismatch because of his speed as he can put the ball on the floor and get around the big guys. If they drop off from his he can knock down the shot.”



#22 Panos Mayindombe

6’3” Guard

1st Season with the Wildcats
From Greece, Mayindombe is a type of player who fits perfectly in Davie’s high-tempo scheme. His intensity on defence allows him to create turnovers. On the offensive end, Mayindombe is quick movement on and off the ball, opening space and shots for the team.

Coach Davie on Mayindombe: “Panos is very good in the pick-and-roll game. He makes great decisions. He has the ability to shoot the ball deep as well as get to the basket off the dribble. Defensively, he can maintain the tempo we like to have as he can disrupt the other team’s passes and their offensive tempo.”



#25 Tom Knight

6’10” Center

1st Season with the Wildcats
Adding size in the paint is Notre Dame graduate Tom Knight. The left-handed big man will complement Puk’s finesse with power and by dominating the boards. He had a 50.5 percent shooting average in his collegiate career.

Coach Davie on Knight: “Tom will be another physical guy for us around the basket. He will be a very strong presence for us defensively around the net as he creates space to get defensive rebounds. Offensively, he has a variety of moves off the blocks but he can also take a step back and make some jump shots.”



#33 David Buchberger

6’4” Guard

1st Season with the Wildcats
Having spent last season with GA Grosuplje in the Slovenian league, Buchberger joins the Wildcats as another player who can deliver shots from deep range. He has experience playing the United Kingdom before with spells with EBL squads in Essex and Liverpool. Buchberger also has the speed and skill to drive to the basket when the shot is not available.

Coach Davie on Buchberger: “He is a very good face-up jump shooter and a consistent three-point shooter. He has a great basketball IQ and he uses off-ball screens very well to create advantages for himself. He to can get into the land make plays off the dribble and he has the skill to find the big men and get the ball to them.”



#44 John Puk

6’10”

1st Season with the Wildcats
Puk, standing at 6’10, is more of a finesse big man than a physical one. Playing his collegiate basketball at the University of Albany in New York, Puk recorded over 100 blocks with over 500 rebounds in his career. He was named to the America East All-Defensive Team his senior year.

Coach Davie on Puk: “John is a very solid player around the block. As a post player, he has deceptive athleticism as he can get out and run. On the short corners he is a very good shooter and a very good offensive rebounder. He will make work for our guards easier as he will attract multiple defenders.”



Home Fixtures 2014/15

Date	Tip-off	Opponent
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Sun 5 October	4:00pm	Esh Group Eagles Newcastle
Sun 26 October	4:00pm	Manchester Giants
Sun 2 November	4:00pm	Glasgow Rocks
Sun 16 November	4:00pm	Manchester Giants
Sun 23 November	4:00pm	London Lions
Sun 7 December	4:00pm	Surrey United
Sun 14 December	4:00pm	One Health Sharks Sheffield
Sun 4 January	4:00pm	Bristol Flyers
Sun 18 January	4:00pm	Worcester Wolves
Sun 25 January	4:00pm	Glasgow Rocks
Sun 1 February	4:00pm	Surrey United
Sun 15 February	4:00pm	Worcester Wolves
Sun 22 February	4:00pm	Bristol Flyers
Fri 27 February	7:30pm	Cheshire Phoenix
Sun 22 March	4:00pm	London Lions
Sun 29 March	4:00pm	Plymouth University Raiders
Sun 5 April	4:00pm	Leicester Riders
Sun 19 April	4:00pm	Worcester Wolves

Newton News Partnership

Durham Wildcats are incredibly excited with their exclusive partnership with Newton News. As a community focussed club, having a strong relationship with the local newspaper for Newton Aycliffe is incredibly important for the Wildcats, and we are delighted to be able to secure this partnership between Newton News and the Wildcats.

Quentin Sloper, Wildcat’s Chairman said: “Newton Aycliffe has been central to the Durham Wildcats since before we were in the BBL, and we are delighted to be able to formalise an exclusive partnership with the Newton News. We know that this relationship will help to ensure that the public of Newton Aycliffe know that they are right at the heart of the Durham Wildcats.”

Newton News Assistant Editor, Paul Howarth said “when I received a call from Durham Wildcats wanting to create a partnership with Newton News we were delighted to get involved in supporting another great local team. You can read about all the Wildcats games, home and away, exclusively in the Newton News and view some of the action on our new website.”



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The Co-operative Funeralcare has provided strip for Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club's under-14's who train at Sunnydale Leisure Centre in Shildon. This is a new team for N/A Football Club for this season although some of the members have played for the club in the past and the team

play in the TJFA league on a Sunday morning. Tina Greaves, Club Grants & Sponsorship Officer said, "Having smart new kit makes the children feel they are part of something special and gives them extra confidence when they play in a match. The club offers more than just sporting opportunities it also develops social skills and the children make friends for life here, but it can be hard getting sponsorship for the older teams, which is why we are so grateful to The Co-operative Funeralcare" Funeralcare's Darlington Division manager Jenette Sisson said, "We have supported quite a few football teams for children and adults in the past. Clubs like Newton Aycliffe are great because they promote healthy living by getting children outdoors and active" Photograph shows the team wearing their new strip with far right Jenette Sisson Co-operative Funeralcare's Division manager, taken when the team met for a friendly match.

Aycliffe Turn the Tide

Aycliffe finally turned their Durham and Northumberland Division 3 slow start into a positive result at home on Saturday. With the squad still not at full strength the depth of available players allowed newer players game time to make their mark.

The visitors were Chester Le Street, who must have been eager to win away from home following the hosts previous 2 straight league defeats. Aycliffe struck first within the first few minutes before the visitors had time to settle. Aycliffes fast backs outpaced the opposition and full back Gareth Parsonage joined the attack looping outside the wing to collect then touchdown. The difficult conversion was missed. 5-0. It wasn't long before Chester regained their composure and taking advantage of the Aycliffes backs out of position their nr 8 ran through the middle virtually unchallenged to score a converted try between the posts. 5-7.

The larger Chester forwards play tended to suck in Aycliffes backs and too often the back positions were covered by their own forwards. Luckily Chesters tactics throughout the game tended to be kicks for territory that were easily collected by Aycliffe's covering backs who subsequently launched plenty of running counter attacks. One such attack caused Chester to give away a penalty. Aycliffe chose to tap and go and centre David Judge skillfully burst through to score. Luke Tinkler did not miss the conversion. 12 - 7. With the lead restored Aycliffe picked up the pace and before half time the forwards won good ruck ball launching the backs with swift accurate passing allowing right wing Mikey Dunn to sprint and score under the posts. The easy kick was duly converted. 19-7. Half time score.

The second half was almost stalemate with both sides kicking for territory but masterful kicking from Judge and scrum half Chris Richards were finding touch a few meters from the opposition try line. Following a good lineout win, a massive ruck was formed in front of Chesters post and Richards guided his team to run to the right it was almost a lottery who was going to collect but Judge decided he was going to score. Tinkler

made it 3 from 4. 26-7. Despite Chester disputing some refereeing decisions that went in Aycliffes favour, Aycliffe continued to capitulate on the visitors poor field kicking and Aycliffes forwards were rucking the ball more effectively and with Richards in fine form distributed the ball superbly to allow his forwards to get in on the act and second row Craig Holmes scored close to the posts to make another easy conversion for Tinkler. Final score 33-7. A bonus point due to the 4 tries was richly deserved. A league win at last, lets hope the tide has turned and more victories follow.

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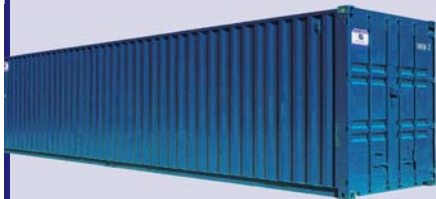
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For those of you who didn't receive a questionnaire or a stamped addressed envelope for any reason, there are a number of places for you to pick up a copy or drop off your completed forms.

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Oak Leaf Sports Complex - Agnew Community Centre
The Library - Woodham Community Centre
Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre
Newton Press

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- a 550m length of A167 between its junctions with B6444 St Andrews Way Roundabout, Newton Aycliffe and the circulatory carriageway of A1(M) Junction 59.
- a 410m length of A167 between its junctions with Brafferton Lane, Coatham Mundeville* and the circulatory carriageway of A1(M) Junction 59.

* pursuant to arrangements made under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with DBC to enable carriageway works to be undertaken. The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required on weekday nights between 8.00pm and 6.00am from Monday 29.09.14 and for the duration of the works anticipated to be 8 nights (6 working nights). However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. **Alternative route:** available to vehicular traffic via one or more of the following routes:

- Locally (non-HGV traffic only) from A167 south of Aycliffe Village via Lime Lane onto Aycliffe Lane to Brafferton, and Brafferton Lane to Coatham Mundeville,
- A1(M) to and around the next junction interchanges (J60 Bradbury or J58 Burtree),
- From B6444 St Andrews Way Roundabout northerly via A167 to Rushyford then eastwards along A689 to Junction 19 (Bradbury),
- From B6444 St Andrews Way Roundabout north westerly via St Andrews Way and westerly along Heighington Lane then south on A6072 and continuing on A68 to junction 58 (Burtree),
- From Junction 58 Burtree via A68 West Auckland Road, Woodland Road and St Augustines Way and north on A167 North Road, Darlington.

Dated: 26 September 2014

Durham County Council

Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL



JOHN HENRY JONES

30th October 1934 - 17th September 2014

The passing of "Johnny" Jones hit his many friends in Aycliffe hard and he will be greatly missed. He bore his most recent illnesses bravely and was supported magnificently by his wife Freda and immediate family from when he had his triple heart bypass a few years ago.

John Henry Jones was born and educated in Wheatley Hill. He left school at 16 without any formal qualifications and went down the Pit. John hated it and ran away after 4 weeks to join the Coldstream Guards. They discovered he was too young and sent him home after 3 months.

John served an apprenticeship as a shoe repairer in Trimdon then joined the RAF at 18 as an RAF Policeman and became a Dog Handler.

One of The Town's earliest residents he came here to work as a Fireman when the new Fire Station opened in 1961. He was an excellent fundraiser and worked tirelessly on behalf of the Fire Brigade National Benevolent Association who he represented in the Northern Region.

In his spare time he mended shoes in a shed in his back garden and was also the Group Scout Master at 2nd Newton Aycliffe who met at St Clare's Church until John and his Committee built the new Scout Centre at Bluebell Way.

Preparing for life after the Fire Brigade, John bought a minibus in 1975 and formed J&C Coaches, a business which still runs to this day by the family.

He left the Fire Brigade in 1980 to concentrate on this new venture and moved into their current premises on Aycliffe Business Park.

He was invited to join the town's Rotary Club in 1985 and was an active member right up to his death. He was particularly known for being Santa Claus, making private visits and touring the streets with the sleigh. The club will remember him for his quick



wit and dry humour.

He was a loving husband to Freda over their 55 years of marriage and a much loved father of Neville and Debbie and Grandfather to Ryan, Charlotte, Olivia, Emily and Thomas.

Newton News extend sincere condolences to the family on behalf of the community Johnny served well, both as a businessman and benefactor.

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COLE Derrick, Linda, Lee, Tony & Vikki wish to express their sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown to them after the loss of their treasured Wife and Mam - Lorraine. Thank you to all family, friends, neighbours, ex-work colleagues and staff and customers of E.C. Cabinets Ltd for your cards, words of condolence and kind gestures and donations, £332 raised for Cancer Research U.K. We know Lorraine would have been extremely touched by all of this! Thanks to Doctors and staff of Wards 14 & 42 at Darlington Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Nicholas Bell and the Co-operative Funeralcare for funeral arrangements and thank you to Amanda for a lovely buffet at the Royal British Legion. Special thanks to Pam Lovelass for a comforting and very personal Service, also for her compassion afterwards, it was greatly appreciated. Also well done Nycola for speaking so eloquently and bravely, your Gran would have been so proud! For all the above mentioned who helped ease the pain a little of our sad loss, we say a heartfelt thank you!

WADE STANLEY CRAWFORD Jean, Karen, Kelly and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards and flowers received during their sad loss of Stan. Thanks to Rev. Graham Morgan for a comforting service and to Coop Funeral Services for their compassion and support. Many thanks for the generous charity donations.

In Memoriam

KEITH WILSON 27th September 2009. A dear friend, sadly missed, always in our thoughts. Brian and Christine **JOHNNY JONES** A strong link in our family chain is gone. God bless John. Love, Geoff and Viv xx

IN LOVING MEMORY of Eileen Choppin, 10.08.41 - 26.09.12. We were truly blessed to have such a lovely Mam, Wife and Nanna in our lives and not a day goes by that we don't miss you and shed tears. You were a true lady, beautiful in every way, with a big heart of gold. We love you with all our hearts. You put up such a fight for us and we will always love you so very much, Caroline, Alan, Andrew, David, Janet, Laura and Gemma **JACK MILLER** 18/1/22 - 24/9/13 We knew you could no longer stay with us, you fought long and hard to be with us. We know you watch over and protect us, although we cannot hear your voice or see your smiling face. We know deep down in our hearts that you have not left us. So many broken hearts are left behind, but in our deepest despair our greatest comfort lies knowing that you are now at peace. So, as time passes, our tears will dry, our hearts will mend, but our love for you will never end. Loving memories of a special Grandad and Great Grandad. All our love, Michelle, Leanne, Richard, David and your Great Grandsons xxxx

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KEITH WILSON 27/9/09 We think of you every day, we talk about you too. We have many years of memories but wish we still had you. Love you always, Anna, Julie, Helen, Louise, James and all family and friends **OLGA KIRTLEY** 24th September 2009 It has been 5 years since we said our goodbyes. We miss and love you every day. Love, Lesley and Lauren xxx

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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
26th September 2014

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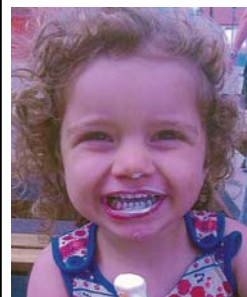


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Obituary

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Emelia Rose Cane



25/09/14
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To our Special Great Granddaughter on your 2nd birthday. Lots of love and cuddles from Grandma and Grandpop xxxxxx

Happy 2nd birthday to our gorgeous little Princess. Love you all the world, Mammy and Daddy xx

Have a lovely birthday Emelia. Hugs and kisses on your 2nd birthday. Love, Great Nanny Pauline and Great Grandad Dick xx

Happy birthday to our cheeky monkey. Love you lots, Nana Sue, Grandad Marc and Uncle Brad x

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AYCLIFFE VELOS CONQUER "THE BEAST"



On Sunday 14th September some members of Aycliffe Velo Cycling Club joined forces with other Cycling Clubs and individuals to cycle from Snipley Park and Ride, Durham and back cycling 52 miles through Iveston, Wolsingham and Tow Law. This challenging cycle ride takes in most of the hills in the north and west of the County and is certainly not for the faint-hearted. It is a pilgrimage

for cycling enthusiasts given the name THE BEAST by test riders themselves because of the gruelling route. To conquer THE BEAST is something to be really proud of. In the picture is Anthony Cox who was in the Newton News recently after cycling from London to Newcastle in 24 hrs and Jeff Masson who recently cycled Coast to Coast and also appeared in the Newton News.

SPORTS ACADEMY INDUCTION



Wednesday 17th of September will live long in the memory for Woodham Academy year 7 students as they were inducted into the Sport Academy and were presented with their contracts. The night itself was a huge success with students and parents attending with pride as their sons and daughter received

the recognition of their sporting talent.

The contract signing means that students and the academy have roles to fulfil both for sporting and academic performances as well as behaviour. Academy Director Mr Clough said "The sporting contract is important as it gives students clear boundaries for achievement in their subjects, maintaining high performance levels as well as following the Academy's behaviour policy. We believe that through

sport we can target students to improve academically as sport instils certain values and beliefs that are needed to be successful". Woodham have already seen the benefit of the Sports Academy as over 250 students have attended extracurricular clubs in the last two years. Not only have sporting academies flourished but so have students' results and achievements. Woodham now has students who compete regularly at regional, national and international levels, and

year 11 results have been outstanding with 89% and 84% of the last two cohorts of students achieving 5A*-C including English and Maths. This is proof that sport is having a positive impact on students' achievements, aspirations and drive to succeed. As well as results improving, sport academy students attendance, behaviour and effort is significantly better.

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Aycliffe FC Win Could Have Been Easier

Allan Oliver recorded his first win back in charge – albeit on an interim basis – as Aycliffe exorcised some demons to defeat Billingham Synthonia 1-0 at the MotiF8 Stadium. Defender Dan Mitton scored his first goal for the club in the sixth minute to seal the points, but an all too familiar story unfurled as the Blues missed a host of chances which would have made the game an easier spectacle to watch for on-looking Newtonians.

Aycliffe recalled Greg Upton to their starting XI, as Paul Broom missed out. Liam Clough was back in the squad and took his place on the bench as Mitton and Richard Langthorne were again paired at the back.

Martin Young swung a free kick into the back post area which was met by Mitton who headed back across goal and into the bottom corner of James Bell's net to give the visitors the lead, and it could have been more had Tom Atkinson, Connor Lowes and Young all converted chances inside 12 minutes.

Synners almost levelled with their first opportunity when Mitton almost inadvertently headed Hughes' left wing corner into his own goal half way through the opening period.

The game settled and as Aycliffe approached half time, many in the stands were wondering whether the Newtonians could see through their lead, something they have failed to do in recent weeks.

Indeed it would have been a more comfortable half time teamtalk for Oliver had Atkinson converted a gilt-edged chance on the stroke of the interval. Young's through ball was well controlled by the top scorer but his finish left a lot to be desired as Bell saved comfortably.

Synners started the second half the brighter and young forward Jack Bradbury flashed an effort across goal while

Mitton's weak clearance fell to Hughes who blasted over from the edge of the area.

Aycliffe almost doubled their lead following a superb 20-pass move involving most of the team, resulting in Zak Boagey catching Bell off his line with a chip which skimmed the top of the bar. Boagey could have sealed the points with 10 minutes remaining and having done the hard work in evading three challenges as he danced into the area, poked his effort wide of the post with just Bell in his way.

Will Jones produced a fine save in the 85th minute as Matty Osmond warned his palms from 20-yards with the rebound falling to Nathan Porritt who could only curl his effort over the angle of post and bar.

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