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The charity, based in Newton Aycliffe, serves the community by helping those in need or crisis. Sainsbury's scheme enables customers and staff to nominate a local charity. Three were shortlisted and invited to present to Sainsbury's to select a suitable charity who would offer volunteers and fundraise for them.

Alwyn White a trustee of the charity said, "We are



L-R Alwyn White, Glen Caygill, Cath Whittington, Wendy Hobson, Julie Toase

thrilled to be Sainsbury's charity partner of the year and we look forward

to working closely with them".

Store Manager Glen Caygill says, "Over the past four years, our stores, depots and support centres have been partnering with local charities to make a positive difference to the community. Supporting local charities is all about working together, and we will be promoting "Helping Hands" in store, planning fundraising activities throughout the year. We hope this starts a positive and effective relationship between Sainsbury's and "Helping Hands".

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On Saturday 27th September between 2.30 and 3.30pm a young male was assaulted at the boating lake area of Aycliffe to the rear of McColls Stores. The young male has received injuries as a result of the assault.

The offender is unknown to the victim but was described as being a White Male in his 30's, slim build around 6' tall. He was wearing a dark coloured beanie hat, a black Superdry style jacket, black jogging bottoms and black shoes. The Offender had a strong 'Geordie' accent.

If you witnessed the assault or can offer any information to help identify the offender please contact Durham Constabulary by dialling 101 and quoting reference number DHM-27092014-0363.

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Excellent Response to Questionnaire



Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan group, Brian Hall with council staff members Amanda and Barbara

The initial response to the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire has been excellent, with almost 500 completed questionnaires received so far and more arriving every day.

All entries returned by 10th October 2014 will be entered into a prize draw, where you will have the chance to win £100, £50 or £25. Winners will be notified by Monday 20th October 2014. However, questionnaires will still be welcomed after that date and Angela Corner, Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, will be attending many events and community groups in a number of locations across the parish in the next few weeks to assist with the completion of the forms.

If you 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.

Questionnaires can be collected from: Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, Oak Leaf Golf Shop, Oak Leaf Sports Complex, The Library, Agnew Community Centre,

Woodham Community Centre, Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre and Newton Press. Once completed either post them to The Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF or drop them off at one of the venues above. View video on our website.

HISTORY TALK

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Farewell to Johnny

St. Clare's Church was packed with mourners last Friday as hundreds gathered to pay their respects and say goodbye to popular local businessman Johnny Jones. As a much respected ex-Fireman the local crew gave him a guard of honour as his coffin entered and left the church. It was as a local character that Johnny will be remembered by so many people in our community. Jean Thompson North East Governor of Rotary International paid a glowing tribute to Johnny for his outstanding service to the community and fellow Rotarian Pat Henderson read

an apt piece of poetry. The eulogy was given by Lay Reader Jan Carr who introduced some amusing anecdotes covering Johnny's full and inspiring life which took a lad from the pit in Wheatley Hill to the Coldstream Guards, then the RAF, the Fire Service and his own Coach Hire business. John was noted for his community involvement, generous nature and compassion for people less fortunate. The town has lost one of its pioneers and a good example of dedication and hard work which served as a valuable contribution to the town's development.



FIREWORKS DISPLAY RETURNS FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENTS ONLY

The Great Aycliffe Town Council annual Fireworks Display will definitely return this year after being scrapped last year due to safety concerns. A formidable fight back by Cllr Arun Chandran and Cllr Eddy Adam has brought the popular event back. They tabled a motion which was unanimously approved by the Council, whereby the Fireworks Display will return for Aycliffe residents only on Wednesday 5th November this year. Cllr Arun Chandran said "We are delighted this event has been saved for the people of Great Aycliffe as it takes the vast majority of fireworks off the streets and neighbourhoods,

and provides a community event that everyone can share and enjoy". A Funfair for young children will be provided to open at 5.30 pm, and the beacon will be lit at 7pm followed by fireworks. Due to safety concerns, GATC has decided to only permit Great Aycliffe residents entry to the display, and it will be a pre-ticketed event. It will be a FREE family event and residents can apply for a free wristband by attending Oak Leaf Sports Complex on one of five sessions, below:
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At the Heart of Agnew Community

We have copies of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan for you to complete this is your opportunity to be part of that Plan. We have copies of your Newton News available from usually late Friday afternoon each week. We can be found in Morrison Close, DL5 4QZ. We are partners in GACAP the Food Bank and Community Welfare Partnership. If you would you like to be part of the future of this Community Centre in any capacity from Trustee to Volunteer then pop in for a informal chat or ring Ron on the number below. We are also the home of Aycliffe Day Nursery - ring Jane on 07761 818514. For any bookings for Birthday Party's etc or general information ring Ron on 07749 236853

School Coffee Morning



Pupils and staff of Sugar Hill Primary School showed brilliant support for the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. Children brought a donation to school with them and exchanged this for a delicious cake. Pupils and staff enjoyed a different type of morning break and all donations received went towards an excellent cause.

FIGHT FOR NORTH TEES HOSPITAL

Newtonian June Ryder, herself a victim of Leukaemia, is asking people to sign the petition to keep North Tees Hospital Haematology Ward open following news it was to close, transferring all patients to either James Cook, Sunderland or Newcastle. June says North Tees is a fantastic hospital with brilliant staff who saved her life when given only two weeks to live! They also did it again when she had to go back this year and she lived to see the birth of her second grandchild. June believes the loss of the ward's doctors and staff would be devastating to the patients who have gained so much from the care received. "The personal attention lost and the longer journey for treatment to other hospitals will be counter productive" says June. She has joined the 4000 petitioners fighting hard to keep the ward and she urges others to help by signing via the Hartlepool Mail website: www.you.38degrees.org.uk

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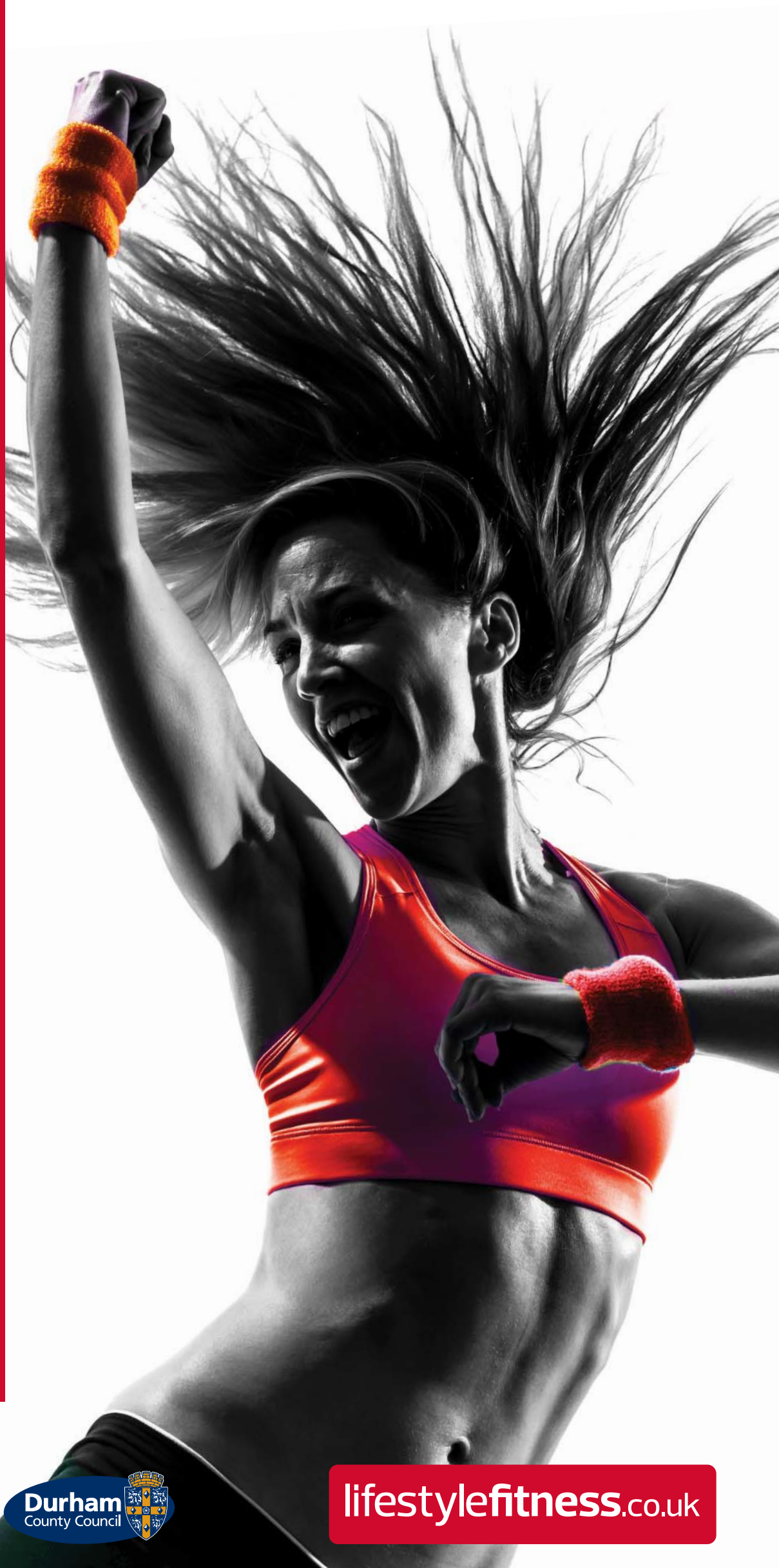
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said "the service in the town has been really busy for the last few years and we have desperately needed more funds to expand our services. Its great news that the new charity is recognising this and giving the town the service it deserves." The service will be looking to move into bigger premises of its own to be able to offer a wider range of services from Newton Aycliffe, with a deal expected soon. Neil Bradbury CEO, Tel: 0191 384 1796

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New Updated Street Map

Newton Press have updated the Street Map of Newton Aycliffe, which also includes Heighington, Middridge, School Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village. We have printed a small version which can be purchased for a £1 and are in the process of designing a large folded map which will be available later. An even larger laminated wall version is available for the use of companies who require this size.

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

- Durham Wildcats basketball team; home game Sunday 5th v. Newcastle Eagles at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre (4pm).
- New Free confidential text service for 14-25 year-olds in County Durham, open 10am-9pm Monday to Friday & 3-5pm Sunday. Text ASK and your question to 80800
- Needing to save £3.6million by 2018, the Fire and Rescue Service has produced a strategic plan at <http://bit.ly/FRSplan> and invites you to complete an online consultation on it at <http://bit.ly/FRSconsult>
- Persimmon held a consultation meeting with the people of Middridge about a proposed housing development to the west of Eldon Whins. You can see the proposal at <http://bit.ly/PersimmonProposal>
- If you buy a three-year contract for your garden waste you get a £10 discount – watch the video at <http://bit.ly/DCCGardenWasteVideo>
- The wonderful new Locomotion Way – beside the railway line from Hitachi to the Locomotion Museum – was opened last Saturday, connecting Shildon to Newton Aycliffe.
- Insomniacs will be pleased to learn that you can now film or audio-record council meetings.
- DCC has 42,000 tonnes of salt, 37 large power gritters, 33 trailer gritters, four snow blowers and 2,500 salt bins ready for the winter. It will treat 1,700km of the county's roads. To see the map for Aycliffe go to <http://bit.ly/DCCsalting> and select town: Newton Aycliffe.
- The PCP held its AGM last week; the annual report of this amazing organisation is worth a read: <http://bit.ly/PCPreport>
- DCC is running courses for people wanting to research their family tree: phone 03000 267626
- Please complete the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire: <http://bit.ly/GreatAycliffePlanQ>
- 'Hewitt Goals' drama: free performances next week at the Youth Centre (6th October, 7pm), Greenfield School (7th October, 6:30pm) and Woodham Community Centre (11th October, 7pm): <http://bit.ly/Hewitt>
- Don't forget that you can speak face-to-face about housing, benefits and council tax issues at the DCC Customer Access Point in Newton Aycliffe Library (Tuesdays 10.00am-3.00pm) – phone 03000 260000 to book an appointment.
- The first Space Conference and Trade show will be staged at the Xcel Centre next month – an indication of how important Aycliffe Business Park is becoming.
- Keep up with local council issues on Cllr John D Clare's facebook page: <http://bit.ly/JDClare>

Hewitts Help Hospice



In May this year, local branch of Hewitts Solicitors took part in the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland's Will's Month, ultimately contributing to the continuance of the care we can offer to people living in our community with a life-limiting illness. Hewitts took part by giving their time and expertise to help raise funds for Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland, which offers a wide range of services including care at home which is essential to our

patients who live in the more rural areas that we cover. Wills were drafted for a special fee of £75 which was donated to Butterwick Hospice. £1665 was raised. Fundraiser and Wills Month organizer Laura Douthwaite said: "It is great that Hewitts got on board with Wills Month and they have raised a fantastic amount for Butterwick Hospice. We look forward to building this relationship further." Further Wills Months will be hosted in March 2015.

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AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

WEDNESDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2014
at 6.00pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend. The Public entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings. Agendas and Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
(www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 15th October 2014

Environment Committee Recreation Committee start 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, and its Committees.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
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Pop Singer at Defoe Court

On Friday 26th September, Defoe Court Care Home hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised a total of £70.85. Later, residents, relatives and friends of Defoe Court enjoyed an afternoon's entertainment provided by Kevin Royale who sang songs from famous artists including Jim Reeves, Elvis Presley and many more.

Aycliffe Village History Society World War 1 Exhibition



mentioned in the book. Aycliffe Village Primary School and Greenfield College contributed poems and letters to the book and displays for the exhibition. Many people were moved by the information, displays and children's work and recorded their comments in the visitors' book. The exhibition will move to a shop in the town centre on 29th September for one week. The book is available for £7 from the Society - contact the web site at www.aycliffehistory.org.uk or the chairman Harry Moses on 01325 321773. View video on our website



Aycliffe Village History Society held an exhibition in the Village Hall on the 13th-14th September to commemorate those who took part in WW1 and to launch its new book, "The Great War: Great

Aycliffe, Brafferton and Coatham Mundeville Remember". About 400 people visited to see a range of Great War artefacts, displays, photographs and maps relating to the 266 people

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support

The Guest Speaker is a Dietician on Thursday 2nd October from 6pm - 7.30pm at Neville Parade Community Centre. This is for anyone that is, or has been affected by cancer, you could be the patient, relative or a friend. Our aim is to support you and signpost you to the right place. We are looking for people or companies that can help our group financially in any way to make sure this group gets the vital help it needs. A one off donation is helpful or maybe your company would like to do a fundraising event. For more information please ring Allison on 07762 258696 or email: allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk

£253 Coffee Morning



Simpasture Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £253. The organisers had a really good morning and thank everyone who baked and people who bought and helped with raffle tickets and tombola. There was a good tea and coffee maker in the kitchen and she was kept very busy. Newton Aycliffe had its fair share of Coffee Mornings with all reporting excellent results.

Darlington Mayor's Murder Mystery Night

As part of raising funds for my two charities, The Butterwick Hospice and The Phoenix Recovery Centre Catterick, I invite you all to a wonderful evening organised by my church, St Michaels, Heighington. The Church have organised a Murder Mystery evening in our Village Hall complete with a delicious three course meal. Wine will be available but there will be no problem if you choose to bring your own. We've had similar evenings before and they have all been good fun and worth every penny. The Murder Mystery

Event is on Saturday October 18th 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Cost £12 per person - cheques made out to St Michael's Church (they will collate the income before paying out for the cost of the evening and then will pay all monies made into my two charities) Send cheques to Cllr Gerald G. Lee, 1 Greenhill Road, Heighington, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham DL5 6RN and I will send you the tickets. Thank you for your support and Ruth and I look forward to seeing you. Gerald Lee, Mayor of Darlington

Long Service Award



John Ledger, (centre) honorary member of the town's Rotary club receives a long service award from President David Anderson and District Governor Jean Thompson. John an Accountant, joined Rotary in 1982 and was active in all avenues of service and was elected President in 1990-91.

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BIG ISSUE

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dave@dave.net

Councillors' Surgeries

A Ward Surgery

will be held in
St. Marys Meeting Room
on Saturday 11th October
from 11am-12noon

Councillors for Shafto,
Central and Neville Ward will
be in attendance.

Heighington Homemakers 50th Birthday

On Wednesday, 24th September, Heighington Homemakers Group celebrated the fiftieth anniversary since its foundation in 1964, with afternoon tea and cakes in the village hall. In attendance were Darlington Mayor and Mayoress, Gerald Lee and his wife Ruth, together with over 40 current members of the Group. As well as the fifty years celebration, thirty years as



serving officers by two special members was also recognised. Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Betty Hepple and Mrs Joan Stubbs who have been members for most of its fifty year history and lots of happy memories were shared.

Heighington Homemakers meets on alternate Thursday evenings, in the village hall, usually with a guest speaker, covering a wide variety of subjects and interests. New members are most welcome.

Join the Heighington Volunteer Litter Pickers



Dear Editor,
Your readers may like to know that Saturday 13th September was "World Litter Pick Day" and it coincided with the restart of Heighington Parish Litter pick Group's (HPLG) monthly pick. This movement initiated by Estonia three years ago is now made up of about 30 countries. Volunteers regularly pick up litter and clean up beauty spots and last year over 10,000 tons of rubbish was collected. Discarded rubbish is a major environment and health hazard around the world and we the HPLG have been doing our bit towards reducing the accumulation by our monthly picks on the verges of roads around Redworth, School Aycliffe and Heighington since 2005. This Saturday a dozen members, some are pictured, joined in the pick and in the two hours picked 28 bags of rubbish. A few of our Heighington WI members were unable to join us as they were on duty manning the produce sale stalls in the village hall foyer. We were not able to pick during July and August as the grass on the verges was rather tall and posed a hazard. As a result there was a lot more rubbish; cans, plastic bottles, fast food packaging and broken car parts to list just a few elements. The quantity was so great that we had to use "giant bags" for the collections. We found fly tipping in several places. Some of the dumped rubbish was in black bags. I wonder if these were dumped on the roadside because the culprits found the local household waste collection centre closed and they were

reluctant to take it back home. Also, we found many discarded banana skins on the road sides. I wonder if people realise that banana skins take many decades to decompose and they are not eaten by any wild creatures in this country. But what I find even more disgusting is the actions of some dog walkers. They take the trouble to bag the dog mess but then tie it onto low branches of the trees along station road footpath from Heighington to Newton Aycliffe. These bags are an eyesore, dangerous to people walking past and difficult to take down. I hope this rather unpleasant practice stops soon as darkness comes on earlier each day and walkers cannot see these bags. Of course our life would be much more pleasant if people took their rubbish home to bin it. After all we have regular free refuse collections from every home. But miracles are unlikely to happen so the HPLG will continue its monthly litter pick on the second Saturday of each month. I hope you agree that our modest efforts make a difference in keeping our outdoor environment clean and tidy. We welcome more participants. Our next pick will be on the 11th October 2014 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon. We have meeting points, where help and tools are handed out, at Heighington Village Hall, at 2 Main Road in Redworth and at Old Farm Cottage in School Aycliffe and at noon refreshments will be served in Heighington Village Hall. Lou Bedocs

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Wendy Hillary, would like to invite Children to enter a competition to design a Christmas Card entitled 'Christmas in Aycliffe' which could be used as the official Civic Card for 2014. Councillor Mrs. Hillary will be presenting prizes of a framed copy of the winning picture together with gift vouchers to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The closing date for entries will be Friday, 31st October 2014 and it would be appreciated if entries could be forwarded to the Council

Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF prior to the 31st October. Please ensure that your name, age, address and a contact number are entered on the back of the entry.

The winners of the competition will be notified as soon as possible after the judging has taken place and they will be invited to attend an official presentation of prizes by the Mayor.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, on 01325 300700 or e-mail: Christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Each club/group will be given their own dedicated page on the Newton News website, so send your details, attach photos, video footage, or any other information you would like, to promote your club.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS - Copy required by 31st October 2014)
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VANE ROAD COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support was held at Vane Road Primary School on Friday 26th September. The event was well supported by pupils, parents, carers and The Friends of Vane Road School. The staff was overwhelmed by the generosity shown with donations of hundreds of home-baked cakes and biscuits. Each child enjoyed a choice of a drink and a cake for a small contribution to this worthy cause. The grand sum of £448.25 was raised on the morning alone with this figure rising further by the sale of cakes during the afternoon. Many thanks to all concerned.



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prestigious few. Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive said "I was very pleased that it came across strongly in the assessment that people feel that PCP is a great place to work and that staff values are in line with PCPs ethos and culture in terms of providing help and support for the communities we serve, particularly those who may be disadvantaged. We've worked hard to consult with staff on business development and feedback showed people have a good understanding of the direction of the organisation and see how they contribute to the overall aim of PCP. We've always prided ourselves on offering an excellent health, wellbeing and work-life balance approach and it's great that we've been acknowledged for going above and beyond in such a key area. This Award is a recognition of the work, commitment and dedication of everyone. In a bid to make PCP a truly great place to work we plan to continue our process of improving and evolving and will most certainly be aiming for the Gold Standard next time!" For further information tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre



Lindisfarne Care Home have just employed a new Activities Co-ordinator, Gemma Gent (28) from Newton Aycliffe who said "I started my job as Activities Co-ordinator on Thursday 11th September and I am very grateful for this opportunity as I feel it is the perfect job for me. The staff and most of all, the residents are all wonderful people and I look forward to many years with the Company." Gemma had the opportunity of taking one of the residents, Doreen Kilpatrick, to receive a cheque for £400 from Honest John towards the entertainment for residents over Christmas. Gemma said "Honest John

deserves a big thank you from all of us."

NEW HEALTHWATCH TEAM MEMBER

Dear Sir,
My name is Emily Hunter and I am the new member of the support team for Healthwatch County Durham. My role is as a Signposting and Information Officer and I will be responsible for signposting the public to local services where appropriate. I would like to gather as much information as possible regarding the local services provided in the area, to allow us to continue building our database and enable us to develop and improve our service. In addition to this I am also looking at ways to improve our outreach service and develop our drop in sessions. I am keen to hear your views on how we could achieve this and would welcome the opportunity to meet for an informal discussion. To



arrange a meeting or for more information please contact me on the details below. For information, news and updates please see: www.healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk Like our page on Facebook Follow us on Twitter Emily Tel: 01325 375968 e.hunterhealthwatchcountydurham.co.uk

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M.P.'s Coffee Morning



Dear Sir,
I am pleased the Macmillan Coffee Morning held in my office was well attended and raised £135 for the charity. I would like to thank those who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets, I would like to thank my staff who ran the event in my absence. I was disappointed not to be there as I was recalled to Parliament to debate the Iraq ISIL motion.
Raffle prize winners: House of Commons chocolates 56-60, Bottle of wine 211-215, Bottle of wine 206-210, Yoga mat 191-195, Selection of sweets 66-70, Bottle of wine 256-260, Bottle of wine 336-340, Solar lanterns 236-240, Teddy Bear 406-410. Please call in at our office if you have a winning ticket.
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Aycliffe Running Club News



Aycliffe Running Club was in action again last Sunday in the Serpentine 6.5 mile Trail Race. As the title suggests this is a multi-terrain race starting and finishing at Sedgefield Cricket Club.
After a brief tour of Hardwick Country Park the route makes its way across fields to almost reach the village of Bishop Middleham. After two sharp right turns the runners find a welcoming drinks station and the route is now pointing in the direction towards the finish and the Knotty Hill golf course is the only other point of interest before the park area comes into view.
Dez Fielden was the clubs only

age grade winner, finishing 4th in the excellent time of 37m:59s, followed by Mark Wade, 10th in 40:28 and Peter Milburn 22nd in 43:12.
Graham Atkins was next over the line, 35th in 44:37, followed by Dave Blewitt, 54th in 47:35 and John Burnside, 55th in 47:44.
Sandra Collins was the first lady finisher for the club, 65th in 49:03, followed by Susan Milburn, 95th in 52:32 and Kevin Greenall, who has had months off through injury looks to be back on track and finished 97th in 52:52.
Rob Nicholson and Gary Minns had a bit of a tussle in the latter part of the race, Rob being the

eventual victor finishing 102nd in 53:21. Gary finished two places adrift in 53:29 and no doubt will be wanting to get his own back next time.

It was also a fairly close thing between the next two ladies. Trish Kay was 108th in 54:27 and Penny Johnson 114th in 55:07.

There was a bit of a lull before the next two runners Dave Mackenzie and Elaine Morgan crossed the line. Both were new to the course but took to the challenge well, Dave finished 164th in 62:18 and Elaine was 176th in 66:58.

Finally, Ray Todd experienced an unexpected loss of fitness and struggled to get round the course in a disappointing time of 73:18.

On the Saturday, Richard Johnson was the club's only representative in the Great Langdale Half Marathon, which is in the Lake District. This is an exceptionally hilly course with some parts of the course climbs being 1:3. In spite of this Richard finished in the excellent time of 1:45:19, and 65th out of 277.

Tough Test for Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe FC head into this weekend's big local derby with near neighbours Shildon on the back of another Northern League reverse. And conversely the Railwaymen come into the

game fresh from beating Stalybridge, a full-time outfit, to progress into the 3rd Qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Aycliffe are a team in need of something from the game. Following on from the morale boosting win at Billingham Synthonia the previous week, they have then slipped to a midweek defeat at Newcastle Benfield, before last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Whitley Bay.

Boss Allan Oliver had looked to bring in some fresh blood for the Whitley Bay game, with Archer joining on loan from Spennymoor to bolster the midfield, while forward Dickinson was brought in to add some firepower to the Aycliffe attack.

But it was left to seasoned Northern League player Paul Chow to score the only goal of the game for Bay. Aycliffe were once again forced to play out the game with 10 men as full back Scott Oldfield saw red for denying a goalscoring opportunity.

It has to be hoped that Aycliffe can pick up something from the game to give them a boost, ahead of Wednesday nights game at home to Penrith, another team who find themselves towards the foot of the table.

Aycliffe will be well aware after the struggles of the previous two years that they need to pick up points quickly. The game with Shildon kicks off at the AuxAudio.co.uk Stadium at 3pm. The Club wish to thank Tekmar, who are the match sponsors for the game. Admission costs just £6 for adults, £4 concessions. Under 12s are free and the affiliate scheme for junior players associated with NAYFC and NAJFC is in operation.

UPCOMING FIXTURES
4/10 Shildon (h) 3pm
8/10 Penrith (h) 7.45pm
11/10 Durham City (a) 3pm
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TOWN'S WATERPOLO PLAYERS WIN JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

Sedgefield Water Polo Club won "Junior Sports Club of the Year" last week at the Sedgefield Sports Awards and now go forward to the County Finals on 10th October. All the members and parents are over the moon that all their hard work, dedication and determination has paid off. After a year that saw the club host a mini water polo tournament for 6 primary schools in Newton Aycliffe we are now looking for new members to come along and try out this exciting sport. They can learn to be a team player, enjoy being part of a winning team and improve their health by building and maintaining their personal

fitness levels.
If your child is aged between 6-18 and enjoys swimming you should strongly consider bringing your child for a free taster session any Saturday night at 5pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The club will not only improve your child's overall swimming, but will also teach them the exciting and highly competitive game of Water Polo. This well established club runs between the pools at Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Leisure Centre and Woodham Academy providing 6 sessions per week for more information telephone 07818 554449 or email sedgefieldpolo@hotmail.com



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Coach of the Year for Fourth Time



John Moore, Chief Coach for Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club was awarded Coach of the Year at a ceremony held at Shildon Civic Centre. John has won this three times before but this did not diminish the pride and pleasure felt when presented with the trophy by DCC Councillor Maria Plews. John goes forward to the County Final held at Ramside Hotel in October.

Although his name is on all these trophies John makes the point they are the outcome of hard work put in by a team of dedicated volunteers and coaches not forgetting the success of the swimmers at local, national and international level.

The staff at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre have always played a major part in the success of the club along with the continued support of Cllrs. Joan Gray, John Clare and Mike Dixon. Nick Ruddick former national coach to the GB Junior Womens Gymnastic Team gave an inspirational talk. The talent and potential of the athletes from a huge variety of sports at the ceremony was absolutely breathtaking.

One of the most exciting developments within the county is the creation of Durham County Institute of Sport. Sedgefield 75 have two swimmers who are currently going through the selection process. Sincere thanks to Livin who supported the event.

Woodham Golf Course Gets the Green Treatment

As part of the extensive improvements and investment at Woodham Golf Club all 18 greens are being treated with sand injection. A specialist machine has been used to first scarify the greens then inject a mixture of kiln dried sand and grass seed into them.

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Pictured are Gary Egerton and Mark Hodgson, head greenkeeper monitoring the process.

Mark said he is delighted the owners have invested in the treatment which will ensure an improvement in the quality of the greens and enhance everyone's playing experience of this fantastic golf course.



GREENFIELD - COUNTY'S LEAD SCHOOL FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING

Well done to Greenfield Community College for being named County Durham's lead school for health & wellbeing! The school is delighted to receive this award after achieving Sedgefield & County Durham's Contribution to Sport and Physical Activity award last year. In addition, Greenfield is the only Secondary school in Sedgefield to gain the School Games Gold Kite mark for the second year running.

Following this wonderful announcement, Greenfield's extensive programme of sport and activity for students and the community has been given a real boost. Year 7 students have already been enjoying numerous activities and will hopefully continue to take advantage of the fantastic academy and club opportunities which support all of our students in achieving their full sport potential. Congratulations also go this week to Greenfield's gifted & talented netball players. Anna Cialis-Hodgson (Year 7), Ebony O'Donnell, Molly Clark, Adara Natrass (Year 8) and Millie Foster (Year 9) have all been selected for County Durham training. Thanks go to their Greenfield PE teacher, Ellie Barnes, who has coached them with enthusiasm and skill.

In addition to the full range of traditional sports Greenfield offers plenty of contemporary activities including: basketball with the Durham Wild Cats; table tennis with County Coach Matthew Porter; cheerleading with Nemesis All Stars and dance with our fantastic Performing Arts team. Greenfield also offers a wide range of sporting and fitness opportunities to the local community, for more information contact the new manager of Greenfield Sport Lee Boynton on 07879 117224.

Free Cycling Sessions at PCP



A new free cycle session has been added to the already popular weekly sessions ran by Durham County Council from the Pioneering Care Centre. The class is every Saturday starting from the 4th October 10-12noon. It will replace the 6-8pm session on Wednesday evening due to the start of the dark nights.

The class is at an intermediate and advanced level and led by trained cycle marshals and first aiders. This activity is great to help build up cycle and road confidence and all equipment is provided. Please arrive 15 mins before the start.

The other weekly sessions are on Mondays:

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Aycliffe Lose Their Way

Newton Aycliffe Rugby travelled to Houghton for their latest Durham and Northumberland Division 3 match buoyed up by the previous week's victory. On the downside though, injuries and unavailabilities meant that Aycliffe travelled with a weakened team.

The early exchanges were close between the teams, with Houghton's backs being put under great pressure by scrum-half Warren Parsonage and flanker Drew Gibson, who pounced upon any attempt to break the gain line. Aycliffe took the lead through a penalty by David Gibson, but Houghton soon responded in kind. With the last play of the first half Gibson potted his second penalty and the two teams broke with Aycliffe 6 - 3 ahead.

The second half was, for the most part, much the same as the first. David Judge was involved

in most of Aycliffe's good play, but the scrummage was a cause for concern. With 15 minutes to go, Houghton finally scored a try, when they found a gap out wide. There were still only 2 points in it as the game entered its final 15 minutes, but Aycliffe were now tiring and Houghton scored another try. With the game about to end, Aycliffe, now 9 points behind, were awarded a kickable penalty which would have given them a losing bonus point, but they chose to go for the try; Houghton gained possession and scored another try with the last play of the game which gave a lob-sided look to the scoreline as again, Aycliffe faded in the closing stages.

The result leaves Aycliffe in the bottom half of the table. After a week off, Aycliffe's next game is at home to Jarrovians on 11th October. Kick-off is 3pm. The club is sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service and S Cars.

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Editor: For those readers who don't speak Polish the above is a letter from local councillor Derek Atkinson offering his services to Polish residents should they have any problems. His wife Dorota has moved to Newton Aycliffe and they are making themselves available as contacts to assist Polish residents.

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Family Tree House



Competition: Each family decorates and fills a box in a way that best describes their family. The contents can include an illustrated family tree, small toys or gifts, family photos and mementoes. The boxes will tell their 'family story'. The boxes will be exhibited and the best family

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'Colour your Life' is a social prescribing project funded through Durham County Council Public Health. It aims to provide access to activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing amongst participants. Why not call today to find out more or book your place at the family sessions. Pioneering Care Centre, tel: 01325 321234 email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net Or find us on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Community Art Project at Greenfield Gallery

A fantastic new exhibition has opened in Greenfield Gallery. The Community Art Project is exhibiting a colourful and creative collection of recent work until Wednesday 8th October.

The project provides an opportunity for people with learning disabilities to try out and pursue various visual arts activities with guidance and encouragement from a professional artist. Currently around thirty five individuals attend the CAP over its five operating days.

The sorts of activities involved are; oil, acrylic and watercolour painting, drawing, sculpting, pottery, screenprinting, lino-cut and monoprinting, photography and digital art but the CAP aims to facilitate as far as possible, whatever ideas people generate and express. The exhibition at Greenfield Arts includes new works in various media.

As well as numerous exhibitions at The Arts Centre in Darlington where the CAP was previously based, service users have had work exhibited in London, Glasgow, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe and Billingham. Twenty nine artists have been selected for the past three Dover Prize competitions (open to application from all artists in the North East) and five artists formed part of the Earth Vision project that toured

various venues in Germany, Austria and Italy. The CAP also has work on display in Pizza Express restaurant in Darlington.

Artwork from the CAP can be viewed online within the Arts section of the Darlington Borough Council website with an online gallery section showing examples of work (www.darlington.gov.uk/communityart).

The Community Art Project is based at The Bridge in Darlington and is part of Darlington Borough Council's Services for People and is funded and managed as part of the Adult Learning Disability Service. The Greenfield Gallery is open Monday to Thursday 10am - 9pm, and Fridays 10am to 4pm. For more information visit website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

No Consultation on New Fences

The Lakes and Dales Residents' meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October at 6pm at Silverdale House. We would like as many residents to attend to voice their opinions once again about the low fences that are apparently going to be replaced in Langdale Place without any consultation. Ring 01325 308094

Coffee Morning at The Cubby

The Cubby hold their annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Wednesday 8th October from 9am - 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Births

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A beautiful baby girl Bobbi-Lea born 28/9/14. A little sister for Georgia, Callum and Morgan xxx
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Birthday Remembrance

ANDY WOODHEAD
Precious angel, I remember dear brother, For all of us this special day. How we miss you, always love you. May you have a happy birthday. Lots of love, Mandy & John xxx
GRAEME COOPER 4th October 1965. It doesn't take this special day, to bring you back to mind. A day without the thought of you, is very hard to find. Happy birthday Bro. Love, Clive and Grace xxx

Thank You

John Henry Jones

Freda Jones and family would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for all the sympathy cards, flowers and messages of support received following the sad loss of John. Special thanks to: Andrea McFadden and the District Nurses, Bewick Crescent Doctors, The Butterwick and Macmillan Cancer Support Nurses. Jan Carr and Pam Lovelass for the lovely Funeral Service, Bryan Shepherd, Steve Cummins of Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue, Jean Thompson, Pat Henderson, Mike Dixon, Viv & Geoff, Jojo Coward, David Watson, Dave & Tracy Robinson, Darren Shaw, Jackie Latue, The Staff at the Royal British Legion, The Howarth Family, Friends in Rotary, Barry Knevit, Ann & Bob Robson, Sid & Enid, Margaret & Nat, David & Gail Anderson. Following the Church collection for Mcmillan Cancer Support, which was John's chosen charity, we are pleased to announce to date we have £1200.00 ~ an amazing achievement. The family would like to thank everyone who contributed for their fantastic generosity ~ John would be overjoyed.

In Memoriam

Avril Alderson

3rd October 2013

Treasured memories of my darling wife, taken from me one year ago, never forgotten, always in my thoughts. With all my love forever Jimmy xxx

Mam, it's a year since you were taken, not a day goes by when we don't think of you. We miss you, we have so many special memories, you are always in our hearts and thoughts. With love, Michelle & Laurence xxx

Treasured memories of a very special Nanna, we miss you loads. Love from Thomas & Katherine xxx

AVRIL ANDERSON 3rd October. Loving memories of a dear Sister, Sister-in-Law and Aunt. Love from Neil, Ann and family

GRAEME COOPER 6th October 2006. Another year passes by, since the day we said goodbye. You are always in our hearts and minds. Miss you Brother, you were one of a kind. Love, Clive and Grace xxx

ANDREW WOODHEAD The years have passed since our beloved son was taken away, but in our hearts and minds you will always stay. Love and miss you always, Mam & Dad xxx

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Congratulations

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Happy 30th Birthday 4th October 2014

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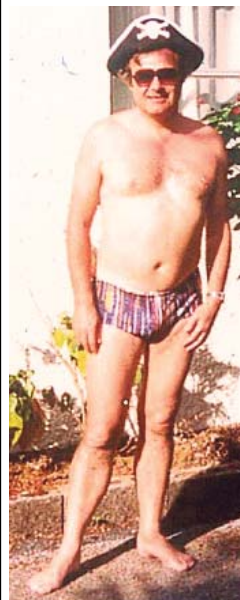
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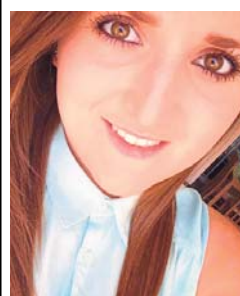
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Last year the young footballers from our local primaries asked if they could have larger goals for their matches. Despite having a range of different sized goals on offer to support the range of football activity at Greenfield (including 5-a-side, and 9 & 11-a-side goals) another set of the 7-a-side goals for this league has expanded and supported this offer.

The Primary school pupils involved in this fantastic league were delighted when local Councillors offered their support and funded a 2nd set of goals for their tournaments. Thank

you to the following who made a very kind contribution from their Member Initiative fund: Councillors Mike Dixon, Joan Gray, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Eddy Adam, Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary, to support local children, football development and healthy active lifestyles.

A big congratulations is in order for all of the Newton Aycliffe Schools who made an excellent start to the league this past week, using their fantastic new goals, and are standing in 1st, 2nd & 3rd position after the 1st week; with Stephenson Way A in 1st place, Woodham Burn 2nd & Byerley Park 3rd. Over the coming weeks five other Newton Aycliffe teams will start their league matches, to be played on Greenfield Sports' site with the brand new goals, as well as events and activities for the Martin Gray Football Academy and lots more activities for young people of all ages – good luck to all!

COMFORTABLE WIN FOR WILDCATS AT AYCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE

Behind the fast-break play of guards Chris Jones and Panos Mayindombe, the Durham Wildcats defeated visiting Leeds Force in the home opener 80-46 on Sunday evening at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

Mayindombe led all scorers with 19 points, while Jones delivered 10 assists to his teammates, with Tom Knight collecting nine rebounds.

The Wildcats set a new club record for fewest points conceded in a match, beating the previous number of 55 versus Surrey United on 24th January 2014.

Head Coach Lee Davie had been emphasising high tempo and aggressive defence all throughout pre-season to his players in order to limit the opposition's possession of the ball, and his team executed this style of play throughout much of the game. The pace of Durham's game on Sunday evening was too much for Leeds Force, playing in their first BBL match in club history. "Our defence was good," Davie said after the match, "even with the limited practices we have had. Our guards were disruptive, and that's all we can ask for. When we make things as difficult as possible for the opposition to move the ball on each and every possession, that's success for us."

Durham's aggressive defence forced Leeds to take difficult shots all throughout the night. The Force shot 17-51 (33 percent) from the field and were limited to nine assists. Meanwhile the Wildcats shot 31-61 (51 percent) from the field and four players scored in double digits. Behind Mayindombe's 19, Knight scored 12, Ralph Bucci had 11 points and John Puk added 10 points.

The first half was a relatively low-scoring affair. With the score 20-12 to start the second quarter, Durham's defence really began to create problems for Leeds offensively, who managed to only score seven points before half-time. The Wildcats had a 12-0 run through the first and second quarters and had runs of 9-0 and 14-0 in the second half. Jones led the team in steals with four, to go with his eight points. Odiba Attah and Sam Martin each had nine points, while Joel Madourie had one basket to go with his three rebounds. New signing David Buchberger sat the game out with a minor injury but is

expected to play some part next weekend.

Mayindombe, the game's MVP as voted for by Wildcats fans, enjoyed a high-percentage shooting night, making 7-9 of his field goals. He shot a perfect 4-4 from within the three-point line and was 3-5 from beyond. The new signing from Greece also had the second-most assists in the game with six.

Mayindombe credited the front court of Knight, Puk, Attah and Madourie for making stops and getting the ball out and running to the guards. Knight had three steals within the paint, Puk blocked two shots and Attah had two steals to spark Durham's transition game which Leeds had no answer for.

"The big men were really great today," Mayindombe said. "They played tremendously on defence and helped us get the ball out into transition."

Davie said of his guards: "Panos is really good in transition and getting his way into the lane. If he draws somebody then he is finding the open man. Chris is really crafty on the offensive side of the ball and his basketball IQ is fantastic."

The Wildcats, now 1-1 in the BBL Championship, have a week to prepare for the local derby and play-off rematch against neighbours Esh Group Eagles Newcastle (0-1) on Sunday 5th October. The home match at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre tips-off at 4:00pm.

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Film Show

St Clare's Church Feel Good Film Shows will feature Irving Berlin's "There's No Business Like Show Business" on Tuesday 7th October. Marilyn Monroe leads a glittering cast of stars including Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Dan Dailey, Johnnie Ray and Mitzi Gaynor who sing and dance their way through a delightful musical saga of a show biz family.

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, and tables too so you can bring a spot of lunch to eat. Everyone is most welcome to join us and watch this real feel good film in friendly company. Further details from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

Autumn Half Term

Futsal

Monday 27th October

9.00am - 10.00am

8 - 15 years

With Stephen

£1.00 members

£1.50 non members

Archery

Tuesday 28th October

9.30am - 11.00am

8 - 15 years

With Chris

£3.20 members

£3.70 non members

Racquet Sports

Wednesday 29th October

10.00am - 11.00am

8 - 15 years

With Stephen

£1.00 members

£1.50 non members

Mini Activity Session

Thursday 30th October

9.30am - 11.00am

4 - 7 years

With Kirri, Cyd & Chris

£2.40 members

£2.75 non members

Crafty Kids

Friday 31st October

9.30am - 11.00am

8 - 15 years

With Kirri & Cyd

£2.40 members

£2.75 non members



To book your place or for further details ask at Reception

Booking Essential

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

